



Get to know more about me.....!

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Sardinella aurita, (Valenciennes, 1847)

 Round sardinella



Size

I am one of the largest species of sardinella, averaging 23 to 28cm in length. My maximum reported length is 33 cm.



Habitat

I am a coastal water species that prefers saline waters, usually with maximum temperatures above 20 °C.

I live near the surface of coastal waters down to 350 m deep. I am gregarious, I like to move in schools that carry out seasonal migrations, following the water temperature. I come to the surface during the night.



The Atlantic is my home

I am found from the Mediterranean to the bay of Saldanha in South Africa. I am common along the African coasts, from Mauritania to the Gulf of Guinea. In the western Atlantic, my distribution stretches from New York to Argentina, including Mexico and the Caribbean.



Diet

I mainly eat plankton, in particular copepods, crustacean larvae (e.g. *mysidaceae*) and more rarely certain algae.

Source: FAO, Fishbase



Tasting!

I am sold fresh, frozen, salted, canned, or in the form of oil or fishmeal. Humans are not the only ones who like me; therefore, I am also widely used as bait for longline fishing ...