



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

*Trachurus mediterraneus*, (Steindachner, 1868)



Mediterranean horsemackerel



## Size

My average length is between 15 and 30 cm, but I can reach up to 60 cm.



## Habitat

I share a lot with my peers and live in schools. I am a species called "benthopelagic", wandering from the bottom to the surface with a usually large amplitude (from 5 to 250 m). I am a very good swimmer in open water, while being able to adapt to brackish water. In winter, I move away from the coast and can live deeper (between 50 and 400 m).



## Diet

I mainly eat small crustaceans (copepods). My size also allows me to eat small fish, especially sardines or anchovies.

Source: FAO, Doris, wikipedia, fishbase



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## Origins

As suggested by my name, I was first observed in the Mediterranean. But I am also seen in the Black Sea and the North-East Atlantic, from the Bay of Biscay to Mauritania.



## Who prefers me...?

I am very little consumed by humans. Most of my catches are used in aquaculture, as fish meal.

My minimum allowed catch size, in European regulations, is 15 cm.

