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*Trachurus trachurus*, (Linnaeus, 1758)



Atlantic horsemackerel



## Size

I measure between 30 and 40 cm in average.  
My maximum length is 70 cm!



## Habitat

I am a benthopelagic species, which means that I am found from the surface to depths of 100m. In winter I can live deeper, usually down to 300m, while in summer I swim closer to the coast.

I can form large schools with my peers, rather on sandy bottoms.



## Origins

You will find me all over the eastern Atlantic, from Norway to South Africa where I can stretch around the Cape of Good Hope and along the southern coast of the Indian Ocean to Maputo in Mozambique .

I am also present in the Mediterranean and Black Seas.



## Diet

My size allows me to vary my food. I eat fish, crustaceans and small cephalopods. I also have been observed carefully preying jellyfishes: I wait until they are weakened, when they come to shore.

I hunt in schools and I am more active at night than during the day.



## Regulations

The decree of March 19, 2007 from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries fixes at 15 cm the minimum legal catch size of Atlantic horsemackerel in France.

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