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Animal Fact Sheet

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Atlantic cod

Gadus morhua

Atlantic cod is the fish that built empires and then supplied the twentieth century's most notorious fisheries collapse. Basque and Portuguese boats were working the Newfoundland banks before Cabot f…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Gadidae
Habitat: Cold temperate coastal and offshore waters of the North Atlantic Ocean
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 10-20 years
Weight: 2-40 kg
Scientific name: Gadus morhua

Did you know?

- A single female Atlantic cod can produce several million eggs in a single spawning season.
- Cod "drum" by vibrating muscles against the swim bladder, and males produce distinct grunting sounds during spawning; hydrophones can be used to find…

What I learned

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