

Animal Fact Sheet

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Atlantic herring

Clupea harengus

The Atlantic herring is a small, silvery fish found in the temperate waters of the North Atlantic Ocean. Known for forming enormous schools, these fish can number in the billions and play a crucial r...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Clupeidae

Habitat: Coastal and open ocean waters of the North Atlantic

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 12–20 years

Weight: 150–400 grams

Scientific name: *Clupea harengus*

Did you know?

- A single Atlantic herring female can lay up to 200,000 eggs in a single spawning season.
- Atlantic herring can form schools so dense that they appear as giant dark patches in the water, visible from above. They are known for their synchron...

What I learned
