

Animal Fact Sheet

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Atlantic salmon

Salmo salar

The Atlantic salmon is a large, migratory fish known for its incredible journey from freshwater rivers to the open ocean and back. Sleek and silver with distinctive black spots, these fish can leap r...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Salmonidae

Habitat: Freshwater rivers and coastal North Atlantic Ocean

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern (global), but many wild populations are Vulnerable or Endangered locally

Lifespan: 3-8 years

Weight: 3.5–12 kg (7.7–26 lbs), occasionally up to 24 kg (53 lbs)

Scientific name: *Salmo salar*

Did you know?

- Atlantic salmon undergo dramatic physical changes, called smoltification, to adapt from freshwater to saltwater environments.
- Atlantic salmon can travel thousands of kilometers across the ocean and return to the exact river where they were born to spawn. They are able to jum...

What I learned
