

Animal Fact Sheet

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Blue whiting

Micromesistius poutassou

The Blue whiting is a small, slender fish found predominantly in the North-East Atlantic Ocean and parts of the Mediterranean Sea. It has a silvery-blue body with a slightly darker back and can form ...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Gadidae

Habitat: Deep offshore ocean waters

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 7-8 years

Weight: 30-200 grams

Scientific name: *Micromesistius poutassou*

Did you know?

- Despite their small size, blue whiting are among the most heavily fished species in the northeast Atlantic, with annual catches reaching over a milli...
- Blue whiting can form schools containing millions of individuals, making them a major biomass component in their range. Their eggs and larvae drift w...

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