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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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