

MSC Fishery Fact Sheet: EURONOR saithe

	Latin name	<i>Pollachius virens</i>
	Deutsch	Seelachs
	English	Saithe
	Español	Carbonero
	Français	Lieu noir
	Nederlands	Koolvis

Basic information

Location The North Sea and the Arctic Ocean (ICES subareas I, II and IV)

Fishing gear Standard demersal otter trawl

Season All year round

Quota / TAC 23 658 tonnes

Products

- Fresh: gutted
- Blocks of fillets PBO, block of fillets interleaved PBI & PBO, blocks of mince, blocks of roe

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Background information

Saithe is a large fish in the cod family (Gadidae). It is distributed across the North Atlantic in the Barents Sea, around Greenland and Iceland, in the North Sea and as far south as the Bay of Biscay and North Carolina (although rare on the edges of this range). It is gregarious, and is known to migrate ontogenetically and for spawning. Adult saithe are piscivorous, feeding on smaller fish.

In the eastern Atlantic, juvenile saithe are distributed in coastal waters – in the fjords on the coast of Norway, for example. They reach mature age around 3 years, and at the same time migrate offshore where they live as adults roughly between 200 and 400 m depth.

MSC webpage <http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/certified/north-east-atlantic/euronor-saithe/contacts>



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