

COD SPOTLIGHT



THE BASICS

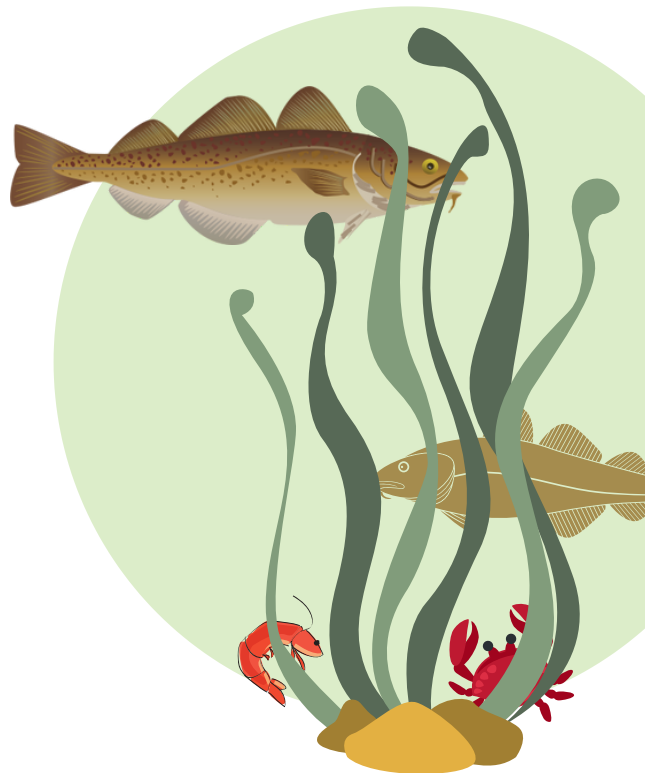
Cod is a cold water fish (Genus: *Gadus*) in the sea, which can weigh **up to 100 kg**, the same as a giant panda!

Three large dorsal fins can be used to identify them.

Worldwide there are **three types** of cod- Atlantic, Pacific and Greenland.

LIFESTYLE

Young cod use **seagrass** meadows as a **nursery** ground where there's lots of shellfish, crustaceans and other fish for them to **eat** and plenty of space for them to **hide** from bigger, predatory fish.



WEIRD AND WONDERFUL

Cod has small whiskers called **barbels**, which it uses to feel movement from its prey.

Little worms called **parasites**, live on cod's gills where they eat straight from the cod's blood stream.

MUST KNOW

Cod has been traded since the Vikings, that's **over 1000 years** ago! They used **salt** to preserve cod for long sea voyages.

It's often used to make **fish and chips**!



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