





THE ANGLER'S SEA FISH AROUND THE ISLE OF MULL






Coalfish (up to 80cm)
Straight, white lateral line


Pollack (up to 1m)
Long lower jaw. Curved lateral line




Spurdog (up to 1.2m)
Two spines on dorsal fins


Tope (up to 2m)
Notch in tail fin




Herring (up to 30cm)
Dark blue or green above silver below




Mackerel (up to 40cm)
Zebra type dark stripes on back



Thick-Lipped Grey Mullet (up to 60cm)
First dorsal fin has four sharp spines



BASS (up to 70cm)
Two short spines on gill case



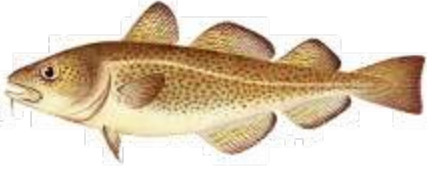

Common Skate (up to 2.4m)
Longish snout





There are many species of rays



Thornback Ray (up to 90cm)
Spines scattered on surface





Cod (up to 1m)
Single barbel. Curved, white lateral line







Haddock (up to 60cm)
Black "thumbprint" by pectoral fin


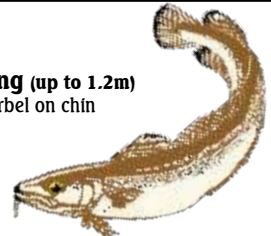
Conger Eel (up to 2m)
Colour varies grey to black




Turbot (up to 80 cm)
Skin without scales

Dab (up to 25cm)
Back rough to touch

Ling (up to 1.2m)
Barbel on chin




Halibut (up to 3m)
A huge flatfish



Basking Shark (up to more than 10m)
Not an angler's fish
World's second largest fish
A plankton feeder only
Great to see on the surface

All photos are from the sea around Mull

Some unusual fish and a species check list



Hake



John Dory



Spotted Ray



Red Gurnard



Cuckoo Wrasse



Ballan Wrasse

SALTWATER FISH	LOCAL NAME	FREQUENCY	BEST MONTHS	SPECIMEN	CONSERVATION
Anglerfish	Monk Fish	Occasional		20 lbs	Keep only to eat
Ballan Wrasse	Rockfish	Fairly Common		3 lbs	Return
Bass		Rare but Increasing	August to September	Any	Return if possible
Black Mouthed Dogfish		Scarce		1 lbs	Return
Blond Ray	Skate	Scarce		15 lbs	Return
Coalfish	Cuddy then Saith	Very Common	April to December	5 lbs	No limit
Cod	Red Cod	Common	August to November	10 lbs	Ten fish limit
Common Skate	Grannies	Fairly Common	April to June	120 lbs	Tag and return
Conger Eel		Common	August to October	20 lbs	Keep only to eat
Cuckoo Ray	Skate	Scarce		Any	Return
Cuckoo Wrasse		Common		2 lbs	Return
Dab	Flounder	Common	July to October	1 lbs	No limit
Flounder		Fairly Common		2 lbs	Keep only to eat
Grey Gurnard	Grunter	Fairly Common	June to October	1 lbs	Keep only to eat
Haddock		Scarce		Any	Keep only to eat
Hake		Very Scarce		Any	Return if possible
Halibut		Very Scarce	October	Any	Keep only to eat
Herring		Increasing	May to June	1 lbs	Keep only to eat
John Dory		Very Scarce		2 lbs	Keep only to eat
Lesser Spotted Dogfish	Huss or LSD	Very Common		2 lbs	Return
Ling		Very Common	July to November	10 lbs	No limit
Mackerel		Very Common	June to December	2 lbs	No limit
Plaice		Scarce		3 lbs	Keep only to eat
Pollack	Lythe	Very Common	May to December	8 lbs	No limit
Poor Cod		Fairly Common		1 lbs	Return
Porbeagle Shark		Very Scarce	September	Any	Return
Red Gurnard	Grunter	Occasional		2 lbs	Keep only to eat
Scad	Horse Mackerel	Occasional	September	1 lbs	Return
Spotted Ray	Skate	Scarce		6 lbs	Return
Spurdog	Rock Salmon	Common	August to October	10 lbs	Four fish limit
Thick-lipped Grey Mullet		Common	July to October	5 lbs	Two fish limit
Thornback Ray	Skate	Fairly Common		12 lbs	Keep only to eat
Tope	Blue Shark	Very Common	August to October	40 lbs	Return
Turbot		Occasional		15 lbs	Keep only to eat
Whiting		Fairly Scarce		2 lbs	Keep only to eat