



Atlantic mackerel *Scomber scombrus* *SCOMBRIDAE*

Size: up to 55 cm (2.3 kg)

Peculiarities: a very slim caudal peduncle (1) two dorsal fins, the first spinous, the second soft and followed by 4 to 6 finlets (2); body with 23 to 33 dark wavy bands stopping above midline (3)

Habitat: one of the more active migratory species living in open water.

Food: plankton (algae, euphausiids, crabs larvae, fish eggs ad fry...)

Enemies: predaceous sea animals (whales, dogfish, tunas, cod, sea birds..)

Relation to man: important commercial species. Consumed fresh, frozen or salted.