

## SPECIES INFORMATION SHEET

*Zeus faber*

English name: <b>John dory</b>	Scientific name: <b><i>Zeus faber</i></b>	
Taxonomical group: Class: Actinopterygii Order: Zeiformes Family: Zeidae	Species authority: Linnaeus, 1758	
Subspecies, Variations, Synonyms: –	Generation length: Not known	
Past and current threats (Habitats Directive article 17 codes): –	Future threats (Habitats Directive article 17 codes): –	
IUCN Criteria: –	<b>HELCOM Red List Category:</b>	<b>NA Not Applicable</b>
Global / European IUCN Red List Category: NE/NE	Habitats Directive: –	
Previous HELCOM Red List Category (2007): EN		
Protection and Red List status in HELCOM countries: Denmark –/–, Estonia –/–, Finland –/–, Germany –/–, Latvia –/–, Lithuania –/–, Poland –/–, Russia –/–, Sweden –/NA		

**Distribution and status in the Baltic Sea region**

The John-Dory is a rare visitor to the HELCOM area but has a worldwide distribution including the coastal areas of Northeast-Atlantic, the Mediterranean, the Indian Ocean and the western Pacific.



John dory. Photo by Vivica von Vietinghoff, Deutsches Meeresmuseum.

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### Habitat and ecology

The John-Dory is a marine species living solitary and mainly close to the bottom from shallow waters down to 400m depth. It feeds mainly on schooling fish but also cephalopods and crustaceans. It reaches maturity at an age of 4 years and length of 29–35cm. Maximum reported length is 90 cm, maximum reported age 12 years.

### Description of major threats

No major threats identified.

### Assessment justification

No reproduction and no regular occurrence in the HELCOM area, and hence considered as Not Applicable (NA) in the assessment.

### Recommendations for actions to conserve the species

No protection actions currently needed in the HELCOM area.

### Common names

D -Heringskönig; ES -; GB - ; DK -Sanktpetersfisk; FIN -Pietarinkala; LV -parastā dorija ; LT -Paprastoji saulažuvė; PL -Piotrosz japoński; RU -; S -Sanktpersfisk

### References

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