



Description

Squid are cephalopods, a class which comprises around 300 species. They are strong swimmers and certain species can 'fly' for short distances out of the water.

Squid are caught at night by attracting them with light.

Commercial name

Squid

Scientific name

Loligo vulgaris, Illex argentinus, Todarodes pacificus

Family

Loliginidae, Ommastrephidae

Catch area

Pacific Ocean

Catch method

Jig gear and trawling

Catch season

Loligo: December-March - *Illex*: April-June - *Todarodes*: September-December

Estimated volume/year

n/a

Available as

Cleaned tubes, tentacles or rings; chilled (cooked) and frozen (blanched or cooked) as part of a seafood mix.

Available sizes

Tubes: U-5 up to 5-7 pcs/kg - Tentacles: 60-80 pcs/kg - Rings: cut from tubes of 60-80 pcs/kg

Sustainability details

So far, there are no squid fisheries with a sustainability certification. Squid are a dynamic species and populations tend to fluctuate drastically from year to year. Pelagic jig gear fisheries have a low ecological impact.



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