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Atlantic Mackerel (Scomber scombrus)



Mackerel are streamlined and fast swimming fish. They grow rapidly as well, doubling in size between infancy and the age of two or three. The average size for adults is between 40 and 60cm long. The stock that is caught in Icelandic waters comes by way of the North Sea. During the mackerel season in Iceland the fat content increases from 15% by the end of June up to 28% by middle of September.

Main catching seasons:

Atlantic mackerel - *Scomber scombrus*

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
S	S	S	S	S	L	H	H	H	L	S	S

H = High season L = Low season S = Stop

Specification:

- W/R → 200-300g | 300-500g | 400-600g | 500g+ | 600g+ → IQF | Block frozen
- H/G → 150g+ | 200g+ | 250g+ | 300g+ | 350g+ → Block frozen
- Fillets → 60g+ | 70g+ | 80g+ | 100g+ → Block frozen
- Frozen at sea | Frozen at land

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Capelin (*Mallotus villosus*)



Capelin are a small fish between 13 and 20cm that live quite short lives. They spawn in late winter along the coast of Southwest Iceland and at temperatures that can drop as low as -7°C . The eggs drift north to the continental shelf of North Iceland or Greenland. As they grow, they tend to migrate further north to grow and feed before returning to Iceland to spawn.

Main catching seasons:

Capelin - *Mallotus villosus*

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
H	H	H	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

H = High season L = Low season S = Stop

Specification:

- W/R → 20-30 | 25-35 | 30-40 | 35-40 | 35-45 → pcs/kg → Block frozen
- Roes → A grade | Industrial → Blocks
- Frozen at sea | Frozen at land

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Atlantic Herring (*Clupea harengus*)



Herring is the most abundant fish in the North Atlantic. They typically measure between 30 and 50cm lengthwise. Herring is called “silver of the sea” and has played a major role in the Icelandic history throughout the centuries.

Main catching seasons:

Atlantic herring - *Clupea harengu*

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
L	L	L	S	S	L	L	L	L	H	H	H

H = High season L = Low season S = Stop

Specification:

- W/R → 100-200g | 200-300g | 250g+ | 300g+ | 350g+ → Block frozen
- Flaps → 4-7 | 4-8 | 5-8 | 6-10 | 8-12 | 10-16 → pcs/kg → Block frozen
- Fillets → 30-60g | 40-70g | 50-80g | 60-90g → Block frozen
- Frozen at sea | Frozen at land

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