



FACT SHEET

John Dory

Zeus faber

Family: Zeidae

Other common names: Jandorie

Description

A strange-looking, oval-shaped fish, which is strongly compressed and has a large, highly protrusible mouth. They have a silvery bronze colour with a distinctive dark round blotch surrounded by a lighter ring situated centrally on each flank below the lateral line. The dorsal fin has 9-11 very elongated spines. Similar to the Cape dory, *Zeus capensis*, which has a fainter spot on or above the lateral line.

Distribution

Has a global distribution in temperate waters and is found right around southern Africa.

Habitat

A solitary, bottom dwelling species generally found on the continental shelf and upper slope in depths of 50-400 m. Occasionally found in shallower water following cold water upwellings.

Feeding

Juveniles feed on zooplankton and adults feed on fish, crustaceans and squid. Foraging is assisted by the highly protrusible mouth.

Movement

Unknown.

Reproduction

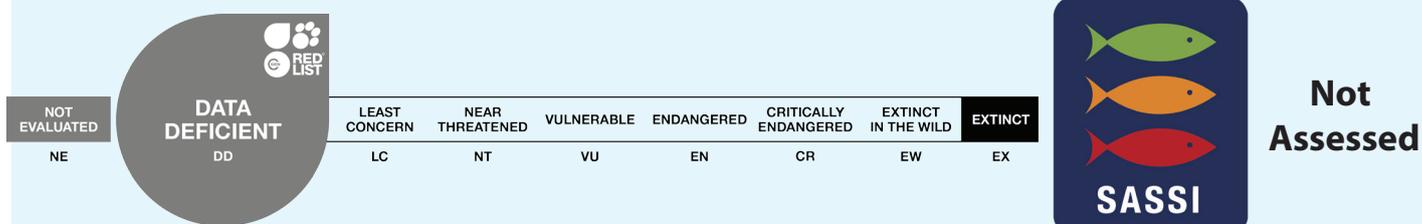
Males mature at about 26 cm and females at about 35 cm total length, equivalent to an age of 2-3 and 3-4 years respectively. Females grow larger than males. Spawning occurs in late winter and spring and they are known to form spawning aggregations.

Age and growth

They can reach a maximum size of 90 cm total length and a weight of 8.2 kg. Females have been aged up to a maximum of 15 years.

Current status

Not assessed in South Africa. They have been evaluated as Data Deficient on the IUCN Red List (2015).
South African Sustainable Seafood Initiative (SASSI) List: Not assessed (the similar Cape dory is listed as Orange).



Capture

Occasionally caught by ski-boat anglers fishing in deep water. Most are taken in demersal trawl nets.

Current recreational fishing regulations

Daily bag limit: 10 per person per day
Minimum size limit: None
Closed Season: None
Other regulations: None
Marine protected areas (MPAs): It is likely that this species receives protection within offshore no-take areas with suitable habitat throughout its distribution.

Reference

Information from the ORI Fish App. www.saambr.org.za



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