



Description

Giant squid are caught at night by attracting them with light. They can measure up to two metres (mantle). Fishermen gave them the nick name 'red devil' because they are very aggressive, even after being caught. Giant squid live in large schools and feed on krill, fish and eat their own weak or sick school companions. They can be found from Tierra del Fuego till California, but sometimes even occur in Alaska.

Commercial name

Giant squid or Humboldt squid

Scientific name

Dosicidus gigas

Family

Ommastrephidae

Catch area

Eastern Pacific Ocean - FAO 87 (landed in Peru, Mexico)

Catch method

Jig gear and trawling

Catch season

May-August

Estimated volume/year

n/a

Available as

Chilled cooked (as part of seafood mix) and frozen, blanched or cooked, as part of seafood mix.

Available sizes

Buttons

Sustainability details

So far, there are no giant squid fisheries with a sustainability certification. No big sustainability issues: stock is considered healthy and when caught with jig gear, fishing is selective with no impact on the seabed.



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