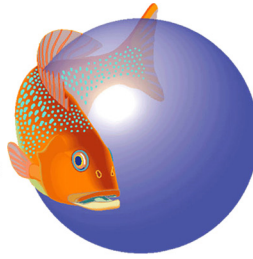


## What is FishBase? ([www.fishbase.org](http://www.fishbase.org))



- A global Biodiversity Information System on finfishes, accessed online for free and available in different languages and non-Roman scripts
- Designed to support the management of aquatic natural resources from conservation and exploitation perspectives
- A relational database with data recorded in more than 60 tables
- As of January 2019, FishBase covers over 34,000 described freshwater and marine species with 59,400 pictures. FishBase contains detailed information on: 1) common names (324,100 records in 348 languages), 2) species distribution defined by 189,590 country and 152,760 ecosystem records, 3) ecology rendered in 54,886 food items, 4) population dynamics described by 11,481 growth and 17,110 fish length-weight records. These information have been compiled from 55,700 references and from a network of 2,330 collaborators all over the world.

## Use of FishBase

FishBase can be utilized by researchers, academia, NGO community, policy makers, divers, among others.

- Information in the database can be utilized to generate and customize reports such as country and ecosystem checklists, species profiles, field identification guides, length at maturity posters and rulers, species information gap analysis and others.

