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Blue ling (*Molva dypterygia*)

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distribution map

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Other common names	-	Synonyms	-

Summary

Description

Molva dypterygia is a member of the cod-like family. It has a very elongate slender body, up to 1.5 m in length, and a small and narrow head. It has two dorsal fins, the first of which is short, the second is long and runs continuously from the beginning of the tail fin to two thirds of the body length. The anal fin is also long and continuous but shorter than the dorsal fin. The tail fin is concave to rounded in shape. The upper body is grey-brown in colour, grading to white underneath.

Recorded distribution in Britain and Ireland

Found off the west and south-west coasts of Ireland.

Global distribution

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Habitat

The blue ling is a demersal species usually found on the continental slopes at depths between 300-500 m, often on muddy bottoms.

↓ Depth range

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Q Identifying features

- Very elongate body up to 1.5 m in length.
- First dorsal fin is short.
- Second dorsal fin and anal fin long and continuous.
- No spiny rays on fins.
- Posterior portions of vertical fins have pale margins.
- Lower jaw projects beyond upper.
- Barbel shorter than the eye unlike *Molva molva*.

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