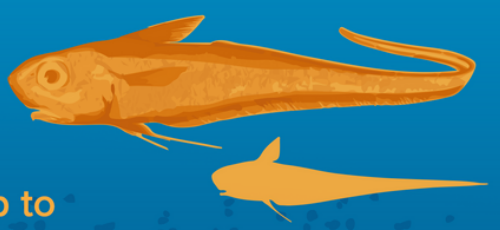


Roundnose grenadier

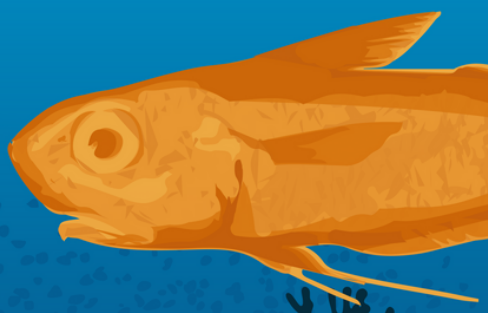
Roundnose grenadier is a deep-sea species that lives up to 2600 metres below the ocean's surface.



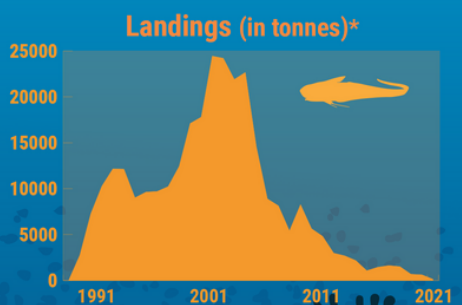
The roundnose grenadier population lives in the colder parts of the Atlantic Ocean.



Roundnose grenadiers can live up to 60 years, but only start reproducing after 11. This makes the species highly vulnerable to overfishing.

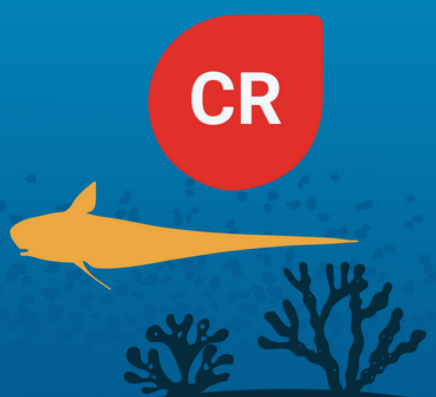


During the 1970s, grenadier fishing became profitable and fishing activities exploded. It is estimated that the grenadier population has decreased more than 90% in recent decades.

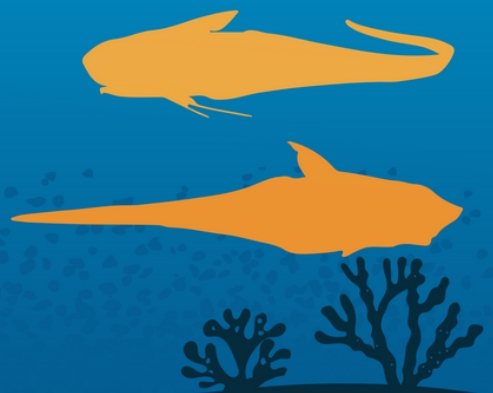


*ICES advice on fishing opportunities, 2022

In 2015, the roundnose grenadier was declared as **critically** endangered. The move highlighted the population's widespread collapse due to prolonged overfishing.



Today, the EU still allows targeted fishing of the roundnose grenadier. This impacts other vulnerable species, such as the roughhead grenadier, which shouldn't be caught at all.



To ensure the recovery of the roundnose grenadier population, we must stop targeting it in fishing activities. This move will also help reduce bycatch of other vulnerable deep-sea species.