



THORNBACK RAY



The Thornback Ray can be recognised by the line of thorns on its back and tail, and the blotchy brown/grey pattern over its dorsal side.

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Raja clavata*

DIET: Crustaceans, sand eels and small fish.

DISTRIBUTION: One of the most abundant of the family rajidae in north European coastal waters. Present throughout the Eastern Atlantic to South Africa.

MAXIMUM SIZE: 1.2 m (total length)

HABITAT: A demersal, coastal species, inhabiting mud, sand, shingle and rocky areas. usually down to 60 m deep.

DISTRIBUTION MAP:



CONSERVATION STATUS:

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**Near
Threatened**