

# Atlantic salmon

The Atlantic salmon, which supports a world-renowned fishery in Scotland, has a fascinating life cycle.

Wild Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) are found in the temperate and arctic regions of the northern hemisphere. They occur in the rivers of the countries that border both sides of the North Atlantic Ocean, and the Baltic Sea. As an anadromous species, Atlantic salmon live in freshwater as juveniles but migrate to sea as adults before returning up river to spawn. Salmon may, of course, enter Scotland's rivers at any time of the year – which is not the case for Atlantic salmon observed elsewhere. It's one of the reasons why Scottish populations are so important from a biodiversity perspective. Wild Atlantic salmon are one of Scotland's most iconic species, present in more than 400 rivers throughout Scotland.

## Scottish Wild Salmon Partner.

Our Scottish Wild Salmon company partner has been established since 1960 and is one of the last salmon companies in Scotland operating several netting stations along the Angus Coast from Montrose to Arbroath (the birthplace of the famous 'Arbroath Smokie' ) as well as Murkle/Castlehill on the North Coast and Gardenstown in the Moray Firth.



They catch under prime condition wild salmon and sea trout in an environmentally friendly manner using traditional methods. The company operate both bag and jumper nets that help prevent damage to the fish and so ensure that the product we supply is of the highest quality. The wild salmon and seatrout they catch are the harvest of some of Scotland's finest East and North Coast rivers.

## TRADITIONAL PRODUCTS, TRADITIONAL QUALITY

The migrating wild salmon and sea trout are harvested on a maximum of five days per week throughout the season thereby ensuring sustainability of stock. The company personally supervise all aspects of production from catch to dispatch helping to ensure that the fish remain in optimum condition on arrival at their destination. Their family company exemplifies "quality without compromise".



## SAFEGUARDING THE FUTURE

The award of PGI status provides long overdue recognition for both the salmon and the few remaining Scottish salmon netters. PGI accreditation is fitting for a product of such unequalled quality and uniqueness. The Scottish Wild Salmon partner is bound by strict regulations imposed by the Scottish Government.