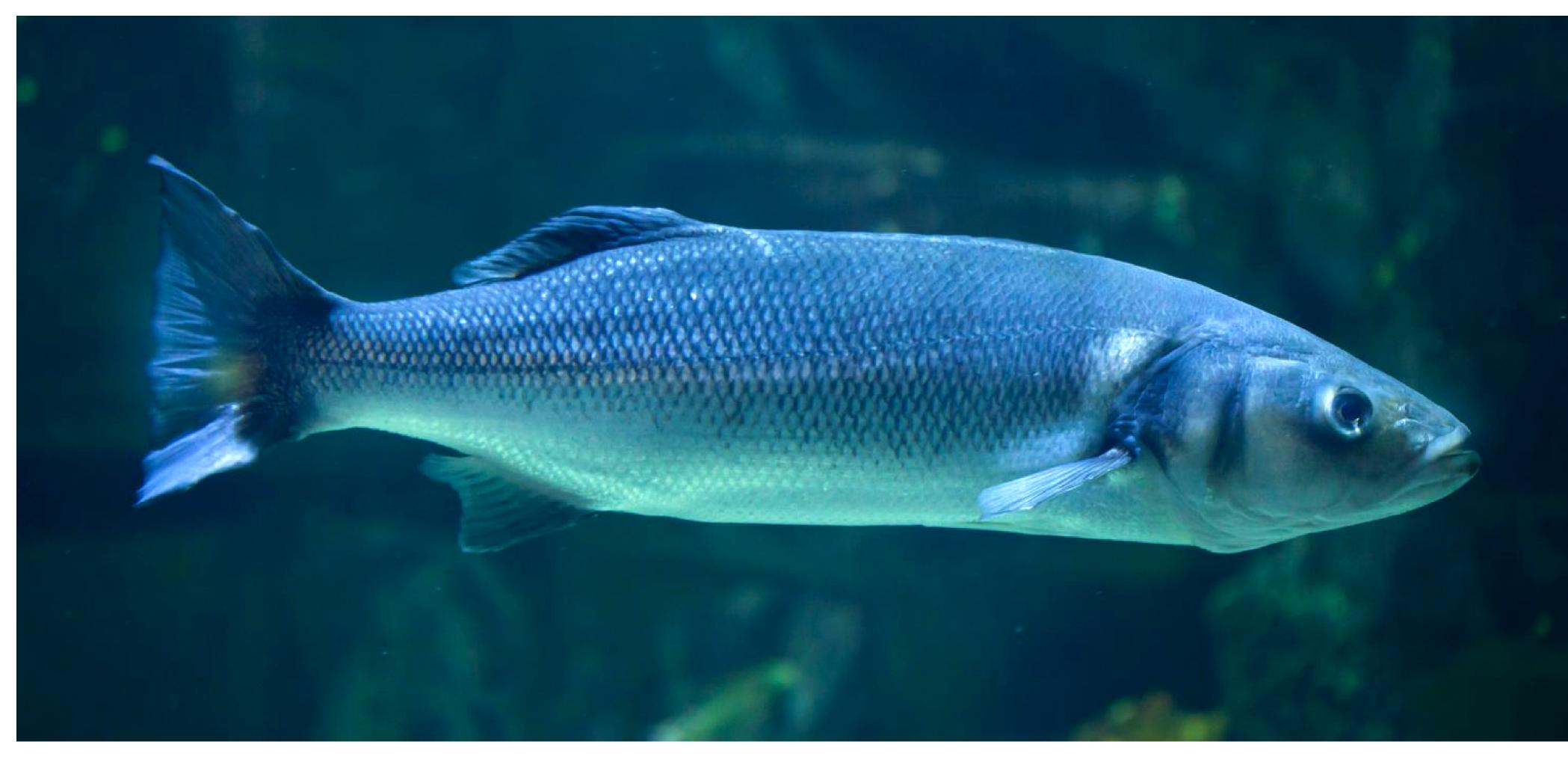# Who is the sea bass?

Sea bass are often considered as saltwater fish only, but they can be found in estuaries and freshwater

European sea bass have an lifespan of 15-30 years but in commercial production are slaughtered at 2-3 years old, so they do not reach adulthood during their lifetime in most cases. Sea bass are harvested at 0.4-0.5 kg

What does the sea bass want?

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1 to live in good quality water

2 to hunt and access food

3 to have space to swim

4 to choose the size of their school

5 to escape dominant fish

6 to respond to environmental cues

7 to be able to migrate

8 to have shelter and natural substrate

9 to interact and explore the substrate

10 to be undisturbed

What can sea bass do?

Sea bass are strong swimmers rarely affected by currents and tides

They can have a shy or bold personality

They can learn to avoid fishermen

They can bury themselves in the sand, likely to hide from predators and fishermen

They can migrate great distances or spend their whole life in one area

How do sea bass spend their day?

Swimming

Exploration

Foraging

Protection from predators

Swimming
Sea bass shoals range in size from a handful of individuals to large groups with thousands of fish and they can remain in the same groups for years. Adults can also be solitary

Protection from predators
Schooling protects from predators and when they encounter a predator, sea bass can defend themseves with the spines on their fins

Foraging
Sea bass use multiple foraging techniques including active persuit of prey, school persuit of prey, and pecking through sand and mud. In captivity, sea bass can learn to use self-feeders
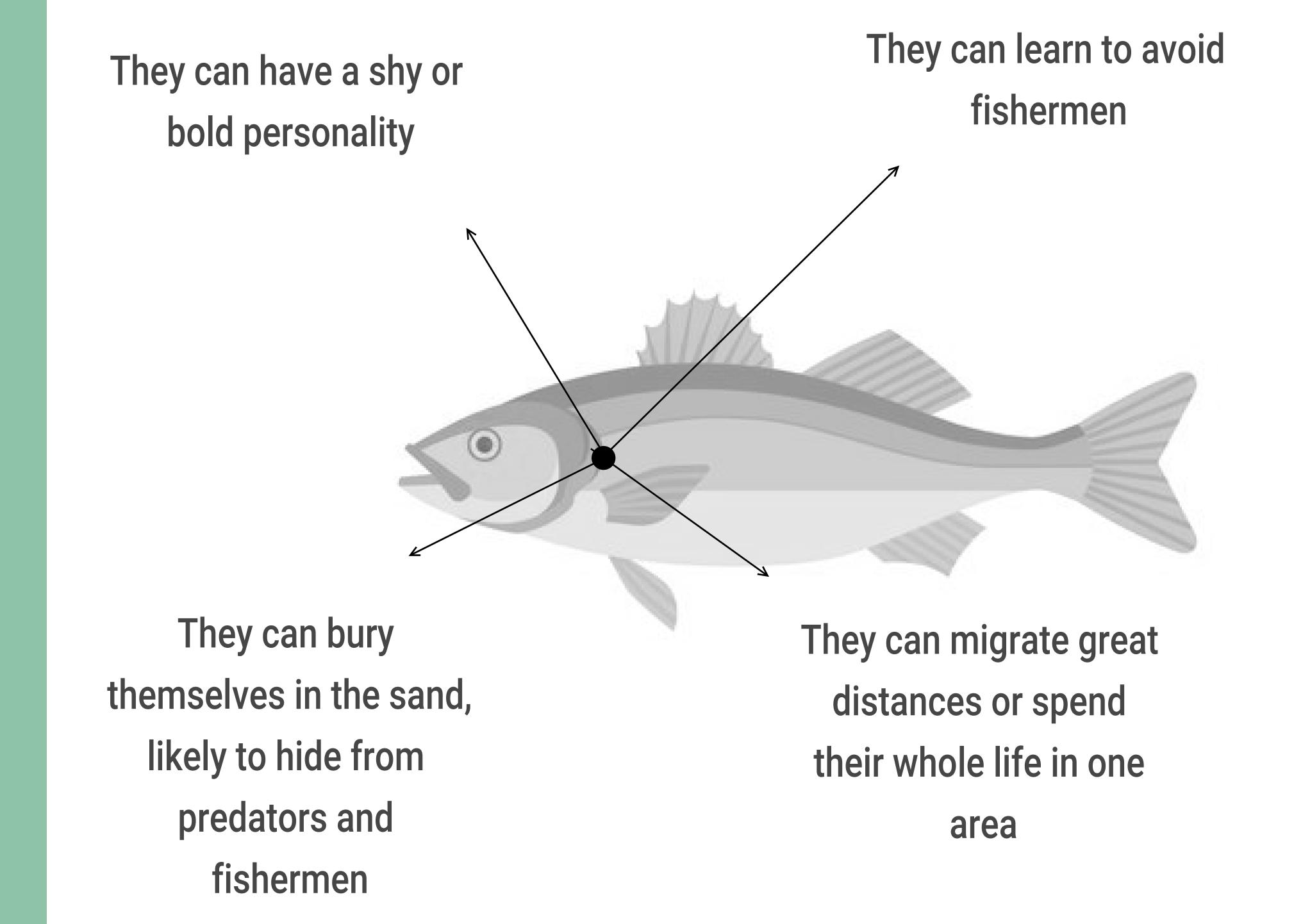
Eating
Sea bass are carnivorous fish who feed on small fish, prawns, crabs, and cuttlefish

Exploration
Sea bass, particularely shy individuals, seek shelter. Sea bass also explore the substrate

How can we provide sea bass with a good quality life?

Give them nutritious food

Give them good quality water

Give them a life that is free from pain and stress: no fin clipping

Give them shelter and natural substrate

Give them enough space to swim, explore, and escape dominant fish

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