

PRESS RELEASE

Adenia II hand in a “cable-biter” for identification

A strange fish caught the eye of the crew of the *Adenia II* during a blue-whiting trip this February. The fish, which was caught in deep water northwest of the Porcupine Bank around 150 mile west of Ireland, was brought to the NAFC Marine Centre for identification. It has been identified as *Sudis hyalina*, a species belonging to the family Paralepididae (the Barracudinas). It does not have a common name.



The fish has a curved lower jaw and is well armed with large teeth with serrated edges. There is not a great deal of information available about the biology of the species. Based on reconstructions from teeth found embedded in submarine cables this species has been suspected to be one of the “cable-biters” and is thought to be able to grow to around one metre in length. The one caught by the *Adenia II* would however, at 32 cm in length, have been a juvenile.

The specimen is currently being preserved prior to going on display at the Marine Centre.



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NOTE TO EDITORS:

In view of the increasing range and scope of the work being undertaken by NAFC, the decision was taken in September 2005 to change the institute's name from the North Atlantic Fisheries College to the NAFC Marine Centre.

Please note our correct title is now 'NAFC Marine Centre'. The 'NAFC' in our title identifies us with, and provides continuity from, our previous name – North Atlantic Fisheries College. In conversation 'NAFC' should be spelt out as 'N-A-F-C'. Similarly, we are no longer just a 'college', but a marine centre - providing education, research and commercial services to the marine sector.