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Little cuttlefish (*Sepiola atlantica*)

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Sepiola atlantica
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Distribution data supplied by the Ocean Biogeographic Information System (OBIS). To interrogate UK data visit the NBN Atlas.

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Authority	d'Orbigny [in Férussac & d'Orbigny], 1839–1842		
Other common names	-	**Synonyms**	-

Summary

Description
A plump, rounded cuttlefish small in size of up to 6 cm, with rounded fins that do not run along its entire length. The colour varies from black-brown to pale dorsally and pale ventrally. It is rarely striped.

Recorded distribution in Britain and Ireland
Found around much of the English and Scottish coastline and in a few locations in Wales. Also found to the east and south coasts of Ireland.

Global distribution
Northeast Atlantic Ocean; from Iceland and Norway to Northwest Africa.

Habitat
Often found in rockpools, subtidally and offshore. Swims over or burrows in sand and gravel.

Depth range
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Identifying features

- Dorsal mantle edge fused to head between eyes.
- Tentacular clubs with 8 suckers in transverse rows.
- Colour - very variable, black-brown to pale dorsally, usually pale ventrally.

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