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## Gannet Fact Sheet 2

### Feeding



Gannets forage for food during the day by diving into the sea or by scavenging from fishing vessels. They sometimes search for food near to the colony but have been known to search over 500km when searching for food for their young.

Their diet mainly consists of fish anywhere between 2cm and 30cm which shoal near to the surface of the sea and can include sardines, anchovies, haddock and cod. Nearly 80% of a Gannet's food is taken opportunistically such as small fish and pelagic (open water) species such as squid.