

Octopus vulgaris Lamarck, 1798
Common Octopus

Class Cephalopoda
Order Octopoda
Family Octopodidae

Classification according to Roper *et al.* (1984)
References used: Roper, Sweeney and Nauen (1984)

Diagnostic characters: Medium to large octopus, chunky in appearance; arms stout and about equal in length and thickness, dorsal pair of arms slightly shorter.

Habitat: Benthic, occurring over continental shelf to depth of 200 m.

Range: Widely distributed in world oceans.

