



TROUT FACTS

Some fascinating facts about trout.

Genetics & Evolution

- 1 | Brown trout (including sea trout) belong to a single, polytypic, species. They are, however, so variable and adaptable that attempts have been made to assign them to at least 50 separate species.
- 2 | Brown trout are one of the most genetically diverse vertebrates known. There is far more genetic variation present across British populations of wild brown trout than between any populations in the entire human race.
- 3 | Brown trout have between 38 and 42 pairs of chromosomes. Humans have only 23 pairs.
- 4 | Genetically different trout are capable of spawning together and producing viable offspring but many have remained distinct for thousands of years. This happens because they



