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bot·tar·ga  (bō-tär gə)

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n.

The roe of mullet or tuna that is salted, dried, pressed, and usually served sliced or grated as a garnish. Also called *botargo*.

[Italian, from Arabic *baṭāriḥ*, pl. of *baṭraḥ*, ultimately from Greek *tarīkhos*, *tarīkhon*, dried salted fish, pickled fish (perhaps via Late Greek *botarikhon* : *bo-*; perhaps akin to Modern Greek *avgo*, egg from Greek *ōion*; see **awi-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + Greek *tarīkhon*, or alternatively via Coptic **pitarikhon*, *bottarga* : *pi-*, masculine sing. definite article + **tarikhon*, *bottarga*, from Greek *tarīkhon*).]

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