

MULLETS, FAMILY MUGILIDAE

The mullets are represented by 5 species in the Black Sea; the golden mullet (*Liza aurata*), the leaping grey mullet (*Lisa saliens*) and the grey mullet (*Mugil cephalus*), are the three main species having a commercial importance. However, the catches have not been separated by species (**Table 88**), except for the former USSR as well as the Bulgarian catches during certain years. Because of this, an accurate assessment of their stocks is impossible.

From **Table 88**, it is evident that the Turkish mullet catches represent 87.99% of their total catches in the Black Sea. They are caught primarily along the eastern Anatolian coast, east of Sinop (76.40%).

TABLE 88. Mullet catches (in tonnes) by countries in the Black Sea during the period 1967-1992

Years	Bulgaria	Romania	former USSR	Turkey *	Turkey **	Turkey Total	Grand total
1967	47.9	-	900.0			3018.3	3966.2
1968	27.8	-	700.0			2312.1	3039.9
1969	12.7	-	400.0			2530.4	2934.4
1970	8.1	-	300.0	4473.8	227.2	4701.0	5009.1
1971	8.9	-	200.0	2006.4	225.8	2232.2	2441.1
1972	18.7	-	300.0	1114.0	144.8	1258.8	1577.5
1973	5.3	-	400.0	600.8	141.2	742.0	1147.3
1974	12.1	1.0	400.0	872.5	144.8	1017.3	1430.4
1975	10.0	1.0	400.0	721.0	272.5	993.5	1404.5
1976	14.7	5.0	320.0	901.8	145.0	1046.8	1386.5
1977	5.7	2.0	270.0	1030.2	399.4	1429.6	1707.3
1978	7.8	2.0	110.0	712.8	499.9	1212.7	1332.5
1979	19.5	1.0	280.0	2759.2	1082.9	3842.1	4142.6
1980	6.3	1.0	90.0	2317.0	310.0	2627.0	2724.3
1981	10.1	15.0	280.0	1258.0	441.0	1699.0	2004.1
1982	2.7	2.0	250.0	2122.0	444.0	2566.0	2820.7
1983	26.1	0.0	310.0	2285.0	573.0	2858.0	3194.1
1984	5.6	0.0	420.0	1013.0	829.0	1842.0	2267.6
1985	1.5	0.0	300.0	1606.0	781.0	2487.0	2788.5
1986	4.9	2.0	360.0	870.0	525.0	1395.0	1761.9
1987	9.3	0.0	170.0	1034.0	624.0	1658.0	1837.3
1988	2.5	0.0	170.0	1636.0	700.0	2336.0	2508.5
1989	3.1	8.0	400.0	1842.0	1001.0	2843.0	3254.1
1990	0.5	0.0	30.0	1173.0	576.0	1749.0	1779.5
1991	-	0.0	20.0	2113.0	1913.0	4026.0	4046.0
1992	-	0.0	20.0	1478.0	880.0	2358.0	2378.0
Average	10.5	1.5	286.1			2183.9	2482.0
%	0.42	0.06	11.53			87.99	100.00

* - Turkish catches in the eastern part of the Black Sea

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