

BONY FISHES

PRIACANTHIDAE

Priacanthus arenatus Cuvier, 1829

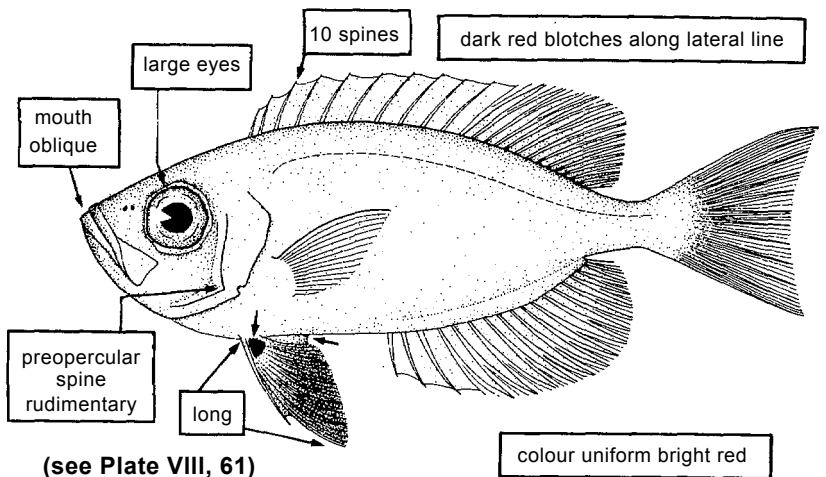
FAO names : En - Atlantic bigeye; Fr - Beauclaire soleil; Sp - Catalufa toro.

Size : 40 cm, common to 30 m.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, set nets, traps, hook-and-line.

Habitat : rocky bottoms from 2 to 100 m depth. Found more commonly in winter; mainly active at night.

Loc.name(s) :



PSETTODIDAE

Psettodes belcheri Bennett, 1831

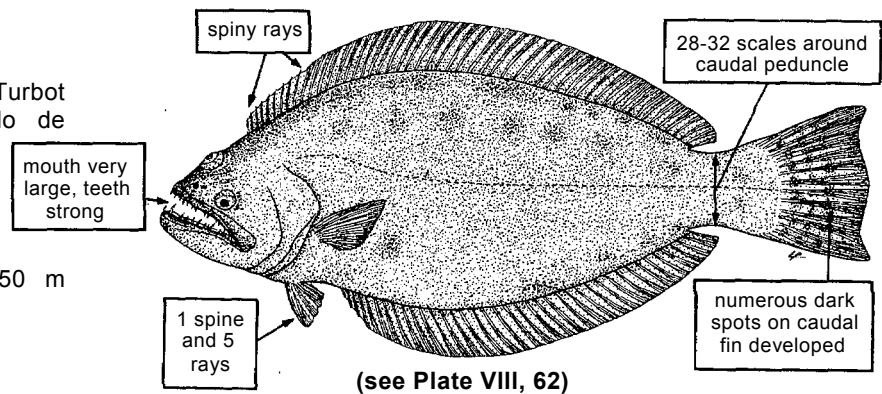
FAO names : En - Spottail spiny turbot; Fr - Turbot épineux tacheté; Sp - Lenguado espinudo de altura.

Size : 50 cm, common to 40 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, beach seines.

Habitat : sandy and rocky bottoms to 150 m depths; also in estuaries.

Loc.name(s) :



RACHYCENTRIDAE

Rachycentron canadum (Linnaeus, 1766)

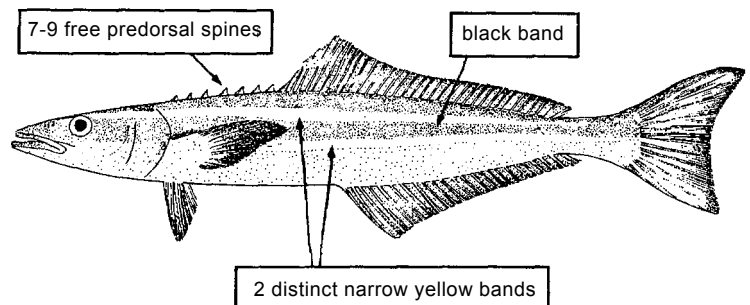
FAO names : En - Cobia; Fr - Mafou; Sp - Cobia.

Size : 200 cm, common to 100 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, handlines, longlines, set gillnets.

Habitat : mainly pelagic, also found in shallow coral reef areas.

Loc.name(s) :



SCARIDAE

Nicholsina usta (Valenciennes, 1839)

FAO names : En - Emerald parrotfish; Fr - Perroquet émeraude; Sp - Loro jabonero.

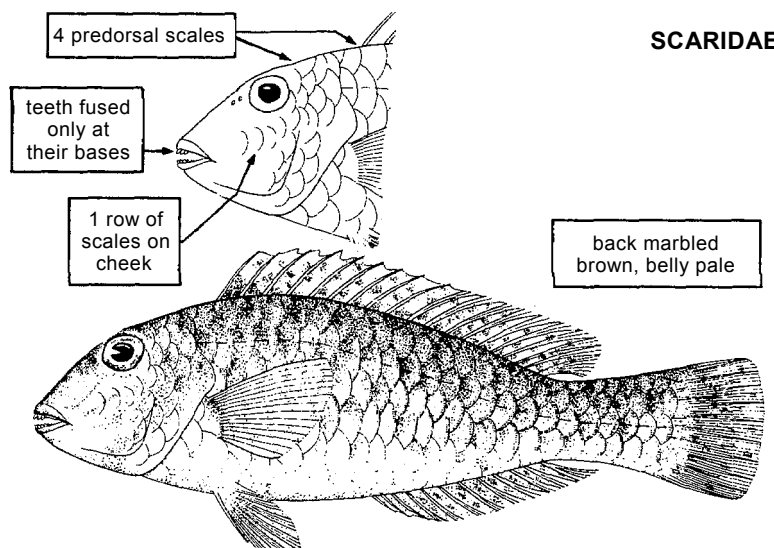
Size : 28 cm, common to 18 cm.

Fishing gear : trawls, gillnets.

Habitat : vegetated bottoms, from 20 to 50 m depth.

Remarks : specimens from the Gulf of Guinea belong to the subspecies *collettei* Schultz, 1968.

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Scarus hoefleri (Steindachner, 1882)

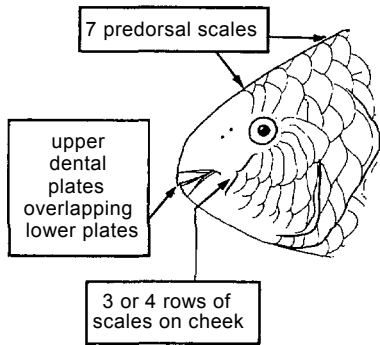
FAO names : En - Guinean parrotfish; Fr - Perroquet de Guinée; Sp - Loro de Guinea.

Size : 60 cm, common to 40 cm.

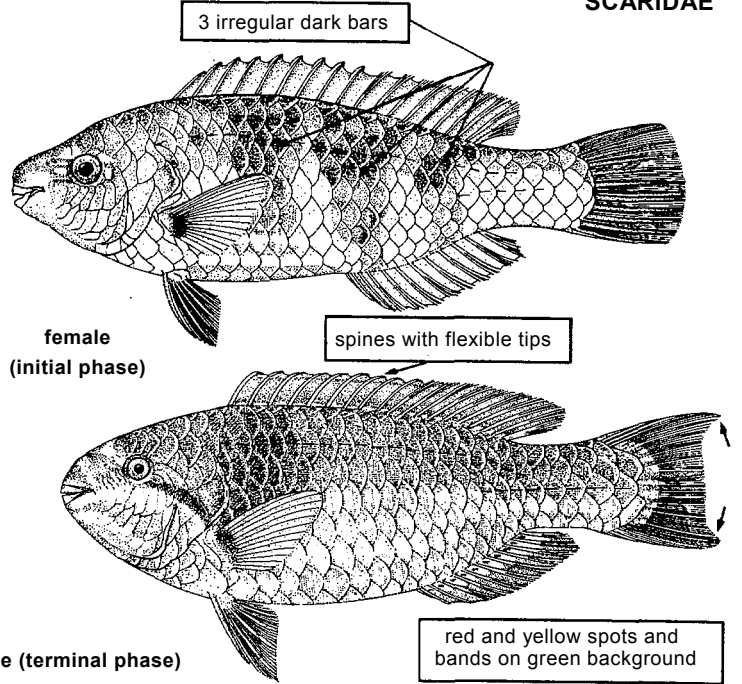
Fishing gear : bottom set gillnets, bottom trawls, traps, driftnets.

Habitat : rocky bottoms in shallow coastal waters.

Loc.name(s) :



(see Plate VIII, 63)



Sparisoma cretense (Linnaeus, 1758)

Synonyms : *Euscarius cretensis* (Linnaeus, 1758).

FAO names : En - Parrotfish; Fr - Perroquet vieillard; Sp - Loro viejo.

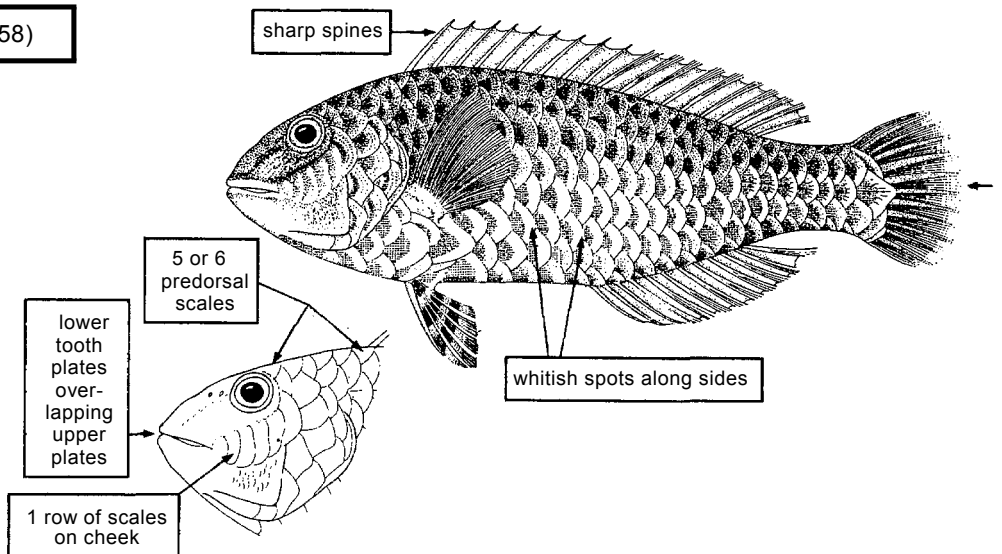
Size : 50 cm, common to 30 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, bottom set nets.

Habitat : shallow waters off rocky shores.

Remarks : presence in the Gulf of Guinea to be confirmed.

Loc.name(s) :



Sparisoma rubripinne (Valenciennes, 1839)

Synonyms : *Sparisoma flavescens* [Cadenat, 1950].

FAO names : En - Redfin parrotfish; Fr - Perroquet basto; Sp - Loro basto.

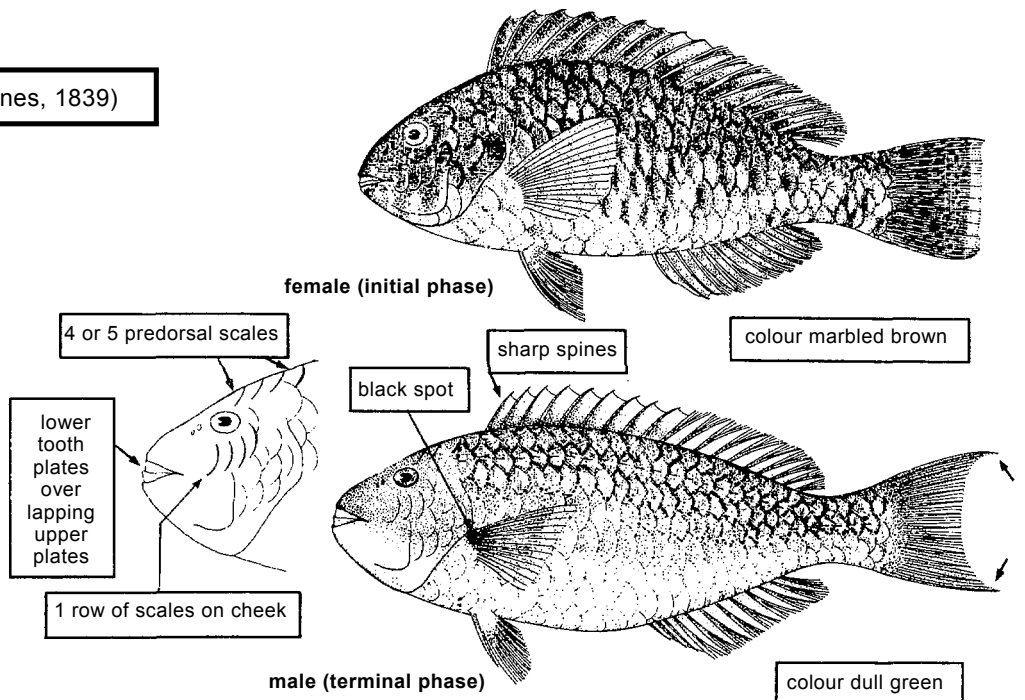
Size : 45 cm, common to 30 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, bottom set nets.

Habitat : a coastal species found in coral reefs and on rocky bottoms.

Remarks : presence in the Gulf of Guinea to be confirmed.

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SCIAENIDAE

Argyrosomus hololepidotus (Lacepède, 1802)

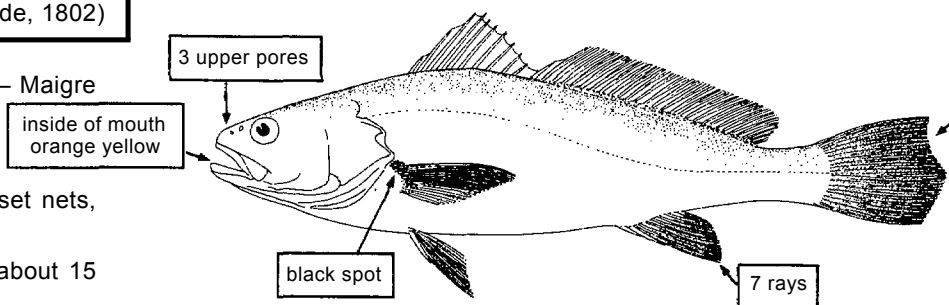
FAO names : En - Southern meagre; Fr - Maigre africain; Sp - Corvina africana.

Size : 200 cm, common to 50 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, longlines, set nets, beach seines, ringnets.

Habitat : found on muddy bottoms from about 15 to 150 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :

***Argyrosomus regius*** (Asso, 1801)

Synonyms : *Sciaena aquila* (Lacepède, 1803); *Argyrosomus regium* (Asso, 1801).

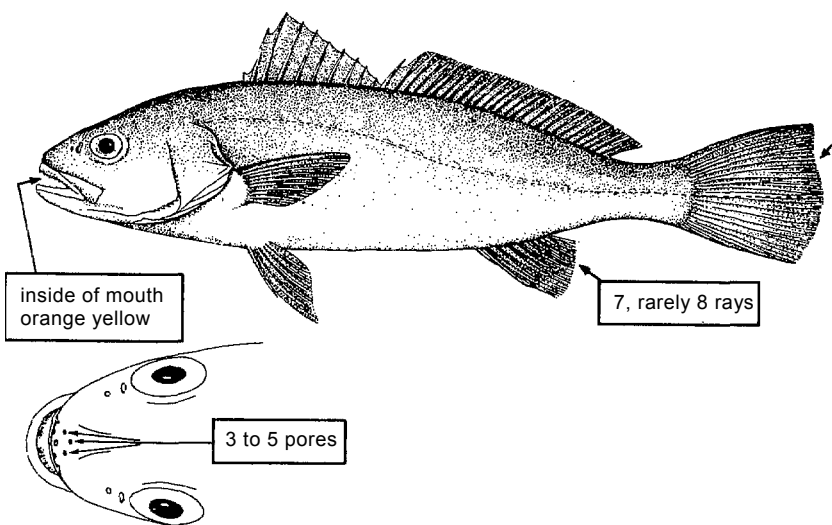
FAO names : En - Meagre; Fr - Maigre commun; Sp - Corvina.

Size : at least 150 cm, common to 100 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, purse seines, line gear.

Habitat : demersal, from 15 to 300 m depth; also found in estuaries.

Loc.name(s) :



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Atractoscion aequidens (Cuvier, 1830)

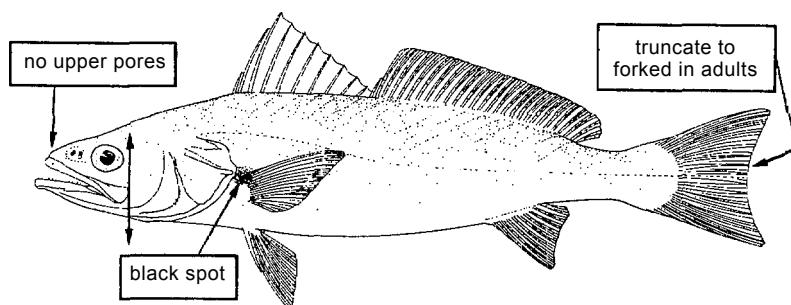
FAO names : En - African weakfish; Fr - Teraglin; Sp - Corvinata prieta.

Size : 120 cm, common to 50 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, longlines.

Habitat : on mud and sandy mud bottoms from about 15 to 200 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :

***Miracorvina angolensis*** (Norman, 1935)

FAO names : En - Angola croaker; Fr - Courbine de l'Angola; Sp - Corvina de Angola.

Size : 75 cm, common to 40 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls.

Habitat : on sandy and rocky bottoms from 50 to at least 300 m depth; apparently not abundant.

Loc.name(s) :

