

BONY FISHES

Acanthurus monroviae Steindachner, 1876

FAO names : En - Monrovia doctorfish;
Fr - Chirurgien chas-chas; Sp - Navajón.

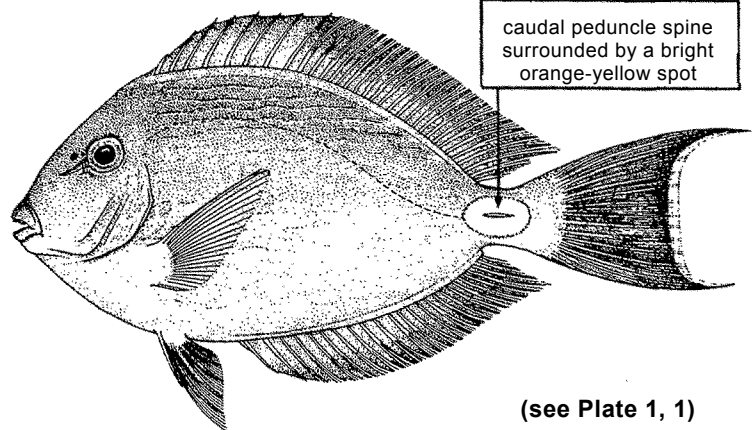
Size: 50 cm.

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

Habitat : on rocky and coral bottoms from 0 to 60 m.

Loc.name(s):

ACANTHURIDAE

***Prionurus biafraensis*** (Blache & Rossignol, 1961)

Synonyms: *Xesurus biafraensis* Blache & Rossignol, 1961.

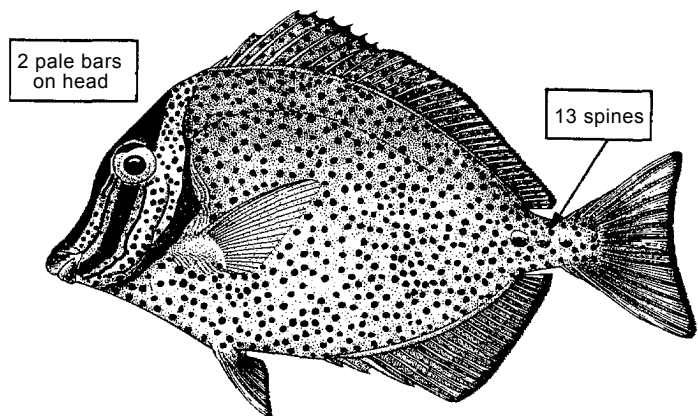
FAO names : En - Biafra doctorfish; Fr - Chirurgien biafra; Sp - Navajón de Biafra.

Size: 20 cm, common to 15 cm.

Fishing gear : gill nets, bottom trawls.

Habitat : demersal, in coastal waters.

Loc.name(s) :

***Albula vulpes*** (Linnaeus, 1758)

ALBULIDAE

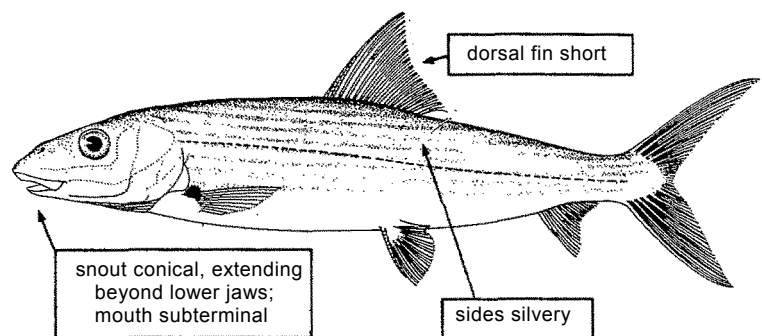
FAO names : En - Bonefish; Fr - Banane de mer; Sp - Macabí.

Size : 70 cm, common to 35 cm.

Fishing gear : purse seines, beach seines.

Habitat : sandy and muddy bottoms in coastal waters, estuaries and bays.

Loc.name(s) :

***Pterothrissus belloci*** Cadenat, 1937

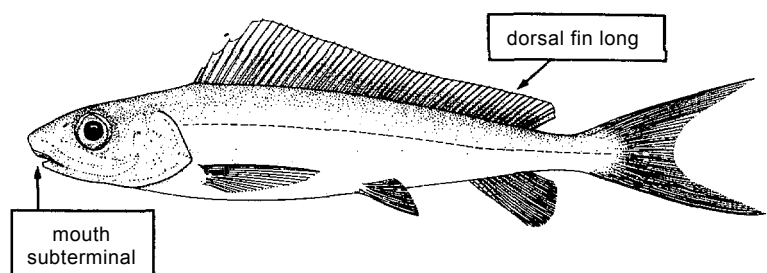
FAO names : En - Longfin bonefish; Fr - Banane gisu; Sp- Macabí badejo.

Size : about 45 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, set nets.

Habitat : found from 70 to 500 m depth, more common on the continental slope.

Loc.name(s) :



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Arius gigas Boulenger, 1911

ARIIDAE

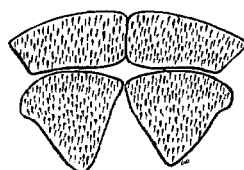
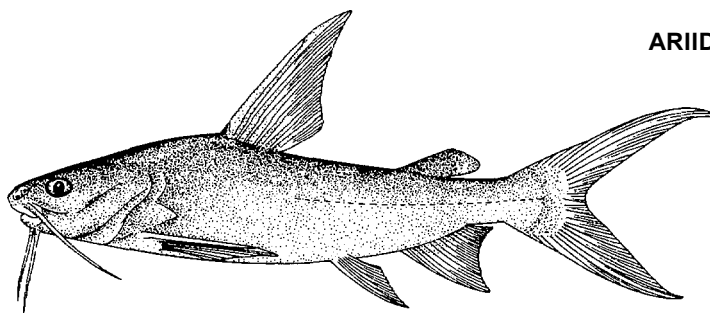
FAO names : **En** - Giant sea catfish; **Fr** - Mâchoiron géant; **Sp** - Bagre gigante.

Size : more than 120 cm.

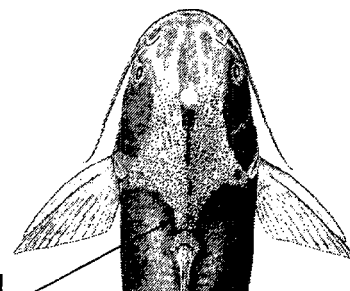
Fishing gear : artisanal fishing gear.

Habitat : known only from northern affluents of the Gulf of Guinea. Probably found in rivers, estuaries and adjoining coastal waters.

Loc.name(s) :



dental plates on
roof of mouth



dorsal view of head

base of supra-occipital
process moderately wide

Arius heudeloti Valenciennes, 1840

Synonyms: *Arius mercatoris* Poll, 1946.

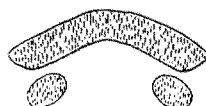
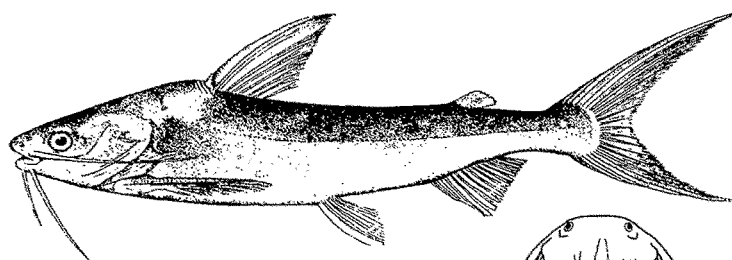
FAO names : **En** - Smoothmouth sea catfish; **Fr** - Mâchoiron banderille; **Sp** - Bagre bocalisa.

Size : about 70 cm, common to 35 cm.

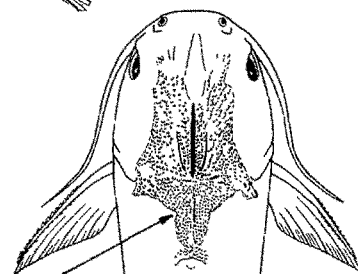
Fishing gear : bottom trawls, bottom set gillnets, surrounding purse seines, longlines.

Habitat : known only from northern affluents of the Gulf of Guinea. Probably found in rivers, estuaries and adjoining coastal waters.

Loc.name(s) :



dental plates on
roof of mouth



dorsal view of head

base of supra-occipital
process moderately narrow

Arius latiscutatus Günther, 1864

Synonyms: *Arius gambensis* Cadenat, 1950; *Tachysurus gambensis* Fowler, 1936; *Tachysurus lagoensis* Fowler, 1936.

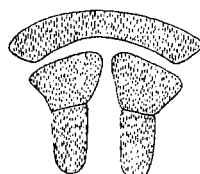
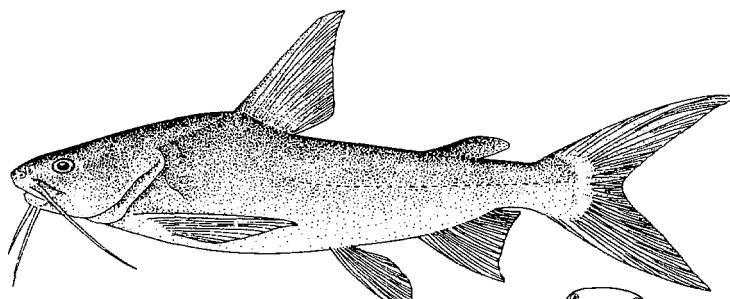
FAO names : **En** - Rough-head sea catfish; **Fr** - Mâchoiron de Gamble; **Sp** - Bagre de Gambia.

Size : about 70 cm, common to 40 cm.

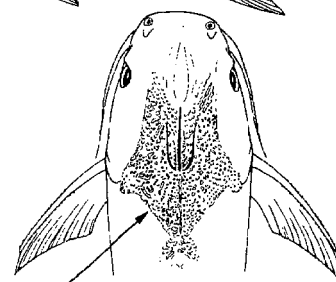
Fishing gear : bottom trawls, bottom set gillnets, surrounding purse seines.

Habitat : coastal marine and brackish waters, common during winter.

Loc.name(s) :



dental plates on
roof of mouth



dorsal view of head

base of supra-occipital
process wide

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***Arius parkii* Günther, 1864**

ARIIDAE

Synonyms: *Arius capellonis* Steindachner, 1867; *Arius heudeloti* [Boulenger, 1911] (non Valenciennes, 1840); *Tachysurus capellonis* [Fowler, 1936]; *Tachysurus heudelotii* [Fowler, 1936]; *Arius granulatus* Peters, 1868.

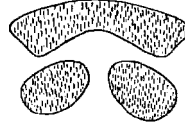
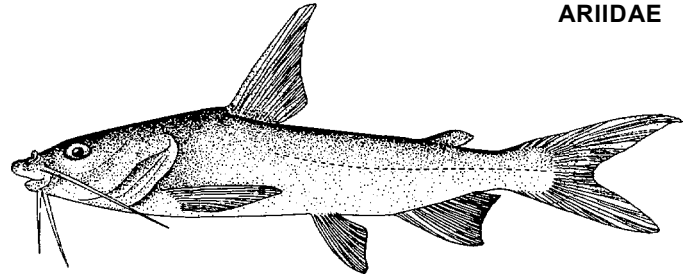
FAO names : **En** - Guinean sea catfish; **Fr** - Mâchoiron de Guinée; **Sp** - Bagre de Guinea.

Size: 60 cm, common to 40 cm.

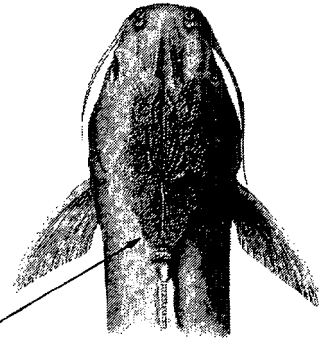
Fishing gear : bottom trawls, set gillnets, purse seines.

Habitat : shallow coastal waters and estuaries, prefers brackish and marine areas,

Loc.name(s) :



dental plates on
roof of mouth



base of supra-
occipital process wide
with median keel

dorsal view of head

***Ariomma bondi* Fowler, 1930**

ARIOMMATIDAE

Synonyms: *Paracubiceps ledanoisi* Belloc, 1937; *Cubiceps nigriargenteus* Ginsburg, 1954; *Ariomma ledanoisi* (Belloc, 1937).

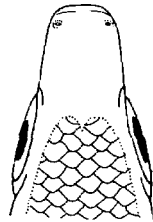
FAO names : **En** - Silver-rag driftfish; **Fr** - Ariomme grise ; **Sp** - Arioma lucia.

Size : 30 cm, common to 20 cm.

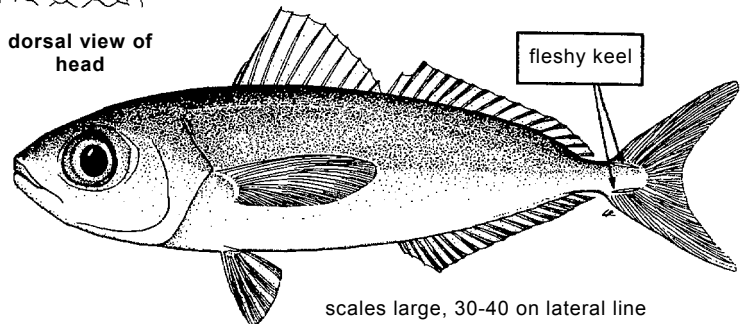
Fishing gear : bottom trawls.

Habitat : deep waters (100-300 m), mostly on muddy bottoms.

Loc.name(s) :



dorsal view of
head



fleshy keel

scales large, 30-40 on lateral line

***Ariomma melanum* (Ginsburg, 1954)**

Synonyms: *Paracubiceps multisquamis* Marchal, 1961; *Ariomma multisquamis* (Marchal, 1961)

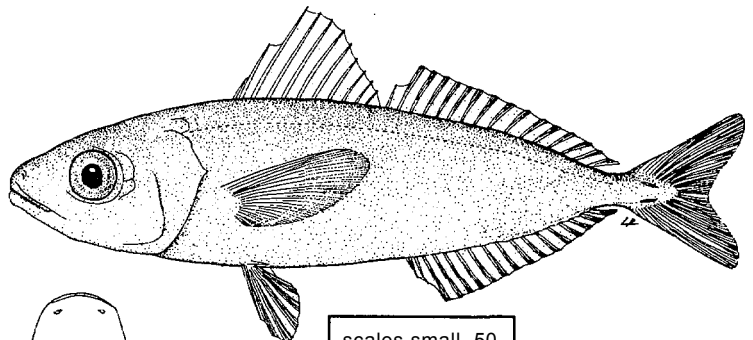
FAO names : **En** - Brown driftfish; **Fr** - Ariomme brune; **Sp** - Arioma parda.

Size : 25 cm, common to 20 cm.

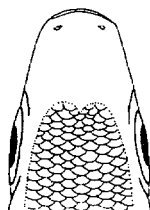
Fishing gear : bottom trawls.

Habitat : deep waters, from 200 to 600 m, on the continental shelf, usually on soft bottoms.

Loc.name(s) :



scales small, 50-
65 on lateral line



dorsal view of head

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***Aulopus cadenati* Poll, 1953**

FAO names : **En** - Guinean flagfin; **Fr** - Limbert guinéen; **Sp** - Lagarto real de Guinea.

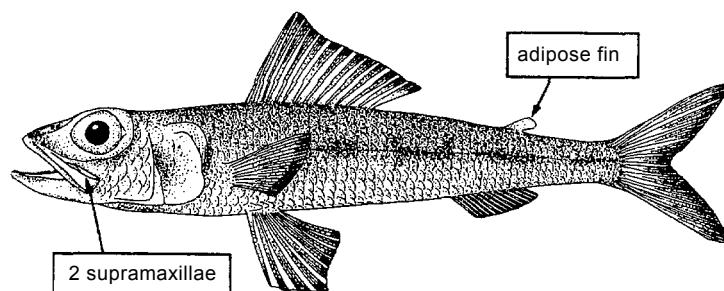
Size : 27 cm, common to 26 cm.

Fishing gear : trawls.

Habitat : benthic on outer continental shelf and upper slope, from 100 to 270 m (16 - 14.5°C).

Loc.name(s) :

AULOPODIDAE

***Abalistes stellatus* (Lacepède, 1798)**

FAO names : **En** - Starry triggerfish; **Fr** - Baliste étoilé; **Sp** - Pejepuerco estrellado.

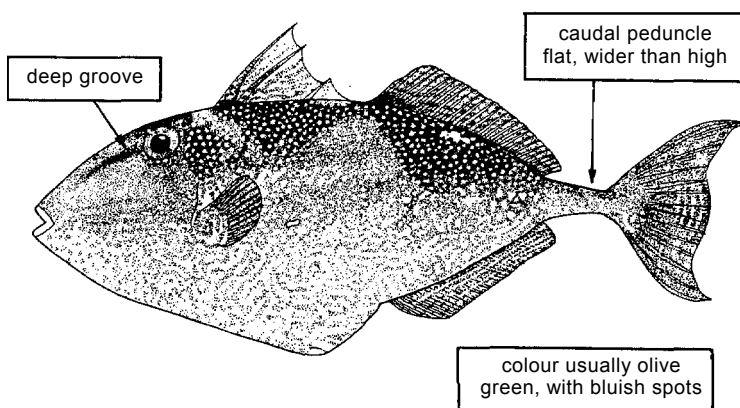
Size: 60 cm.

Fishing gear :

Habitat : on muddy and sandy bottoms, to 50 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :

BALISTIDAE

***Balistes capriscus* Gmelin, 1788**

Synonyms : *Balistes carolinensis* Gmelin, 1788; *Balistes forcipatus* Gmelin, 1788

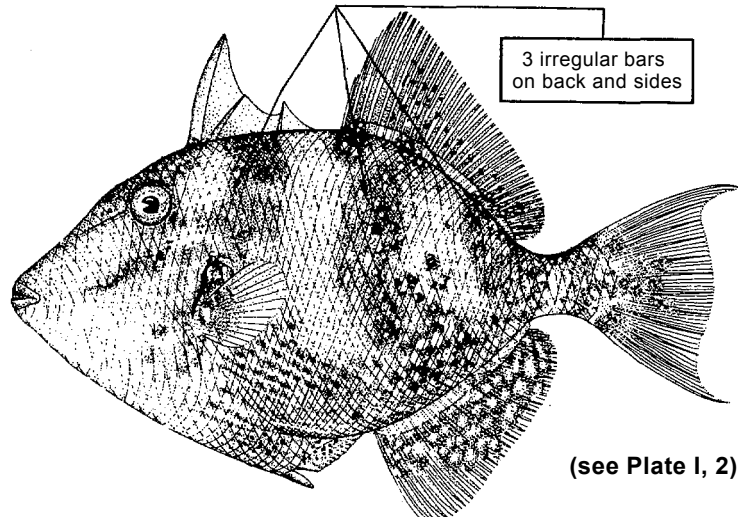
FAO names : **En** - Grey triggerfish; **Fr** - Baliste cabri; **Sp** - Pejepuerco blanco.

Size : about 50 cm, common to 20 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, traps, handlines, beach seines.

Habitat : on sandy and rocky bottoms, to 60 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :



(see Plate I, 2)

***Balistes punctatus* Gmelin, 1788**

Synonyms: usually misidentified as *Balistes forcipatus* Gmelin, 1788.

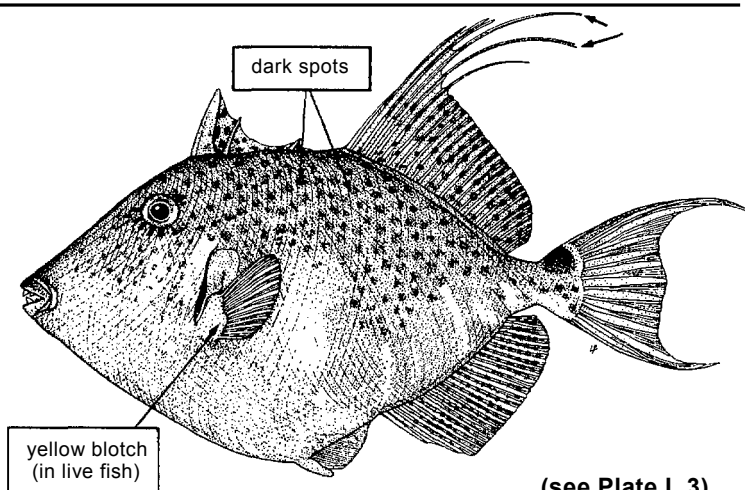
FAO names : **En** - Bluespotted triggerfish; **Fr** - Baliste à taches bleues; **Sp** - Pejepuerco moteado.

Size: about 60 cm, common to 25 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, traps, bottom set nets, handlines, beach seines.

Habitat : shallow coastal waters, mostly on sandy bottoms; a solitary species.

Loc.name(s) :



(see Plate I, 3)