

BONY FISHES

Balistes vetula Linnaeus, 1758

BALISTIDAE

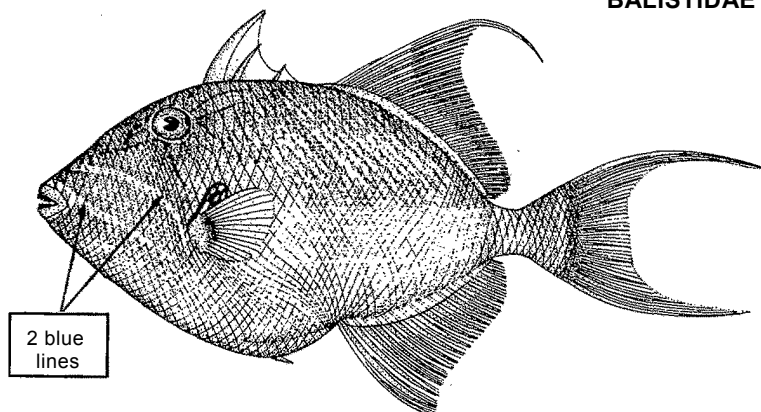
FAO names : **En** - Queen triggerfish; **Fr** - Baliste royale; **Sp** - Pejepuerco cachúo.

Size : about 50 cm, common to 25 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, traps, lines.

Habitat : adults near the bottom, especially around coral reefs and sand and vegetated grounds.

Loc.name(s) :

***Canthidermis maculatus*** (Bloch, 1786)

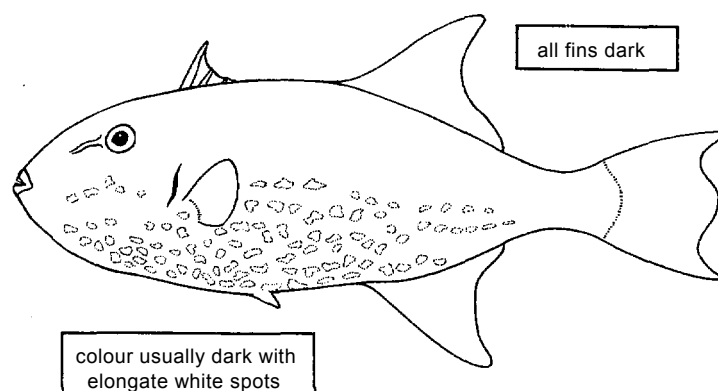
FAO names : **En** - Rough triggerfish; **Fr** - Baliste rude; **Sp** - Calafate áspero.

Size : more than 50 cm.

Fishing gear : trawls.

Habitat : coastal waters, but often found well offshore.

Loc.name(s) :

***Melichthys niger*** (Bloch, 1786)

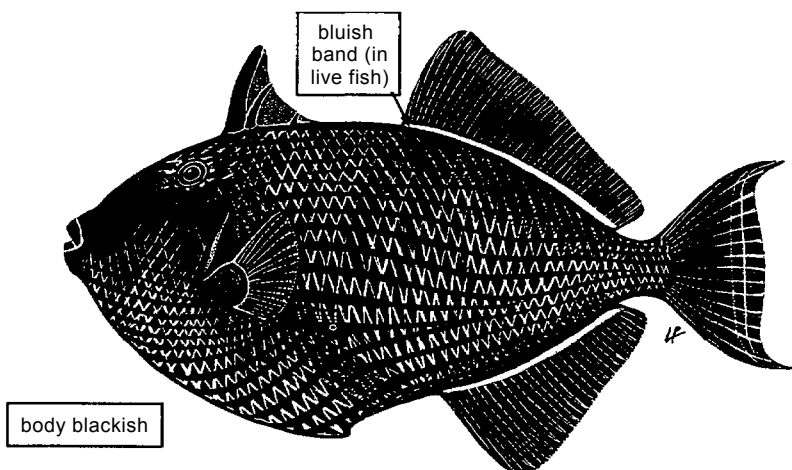
FAO names : **En** - Black triggerfish; **Fr** - Baliste noire; **Sp** - Calafate negro.

Size : 50 cm, common to 30 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, traps, lines.

Habitat : in shallow coastal waters to about 30 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :

***Batrachoides liberiensis*** (Steindachner, 1867)

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Synonyms: *Batrachus liberiensis* Steindachner, 1867; *Batrachoides beninensis* Regan, 1915.

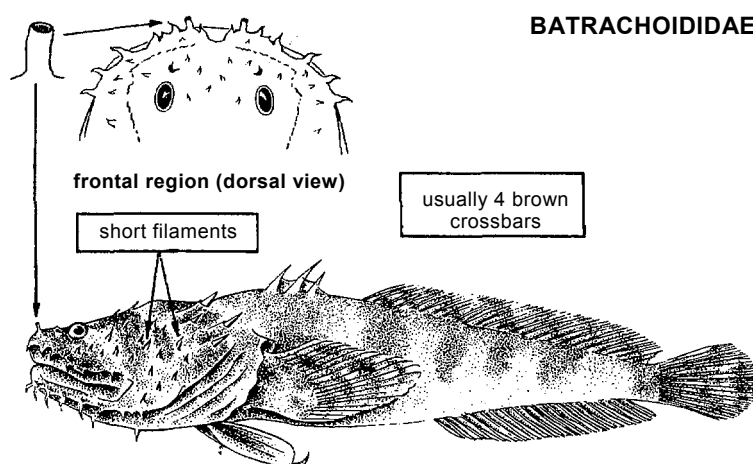
FAO names : **En** - Hairy toadfish; **Fr** - Crapaud poilu; **Sp** - Sapo peludo.

Size: at least 25 cm, perhaps a total length of 46 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, beach seines and other artisanal fishing gear.

Habitat : bottom-living, especially in littoral and coastal waters to about 30 m; also in brackish waters.

Loc.name(s) :



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Halobatrachus didactylus (Schneider, 1801)

Synonyms : *Batrachus didactylus* Schneider, 1801.

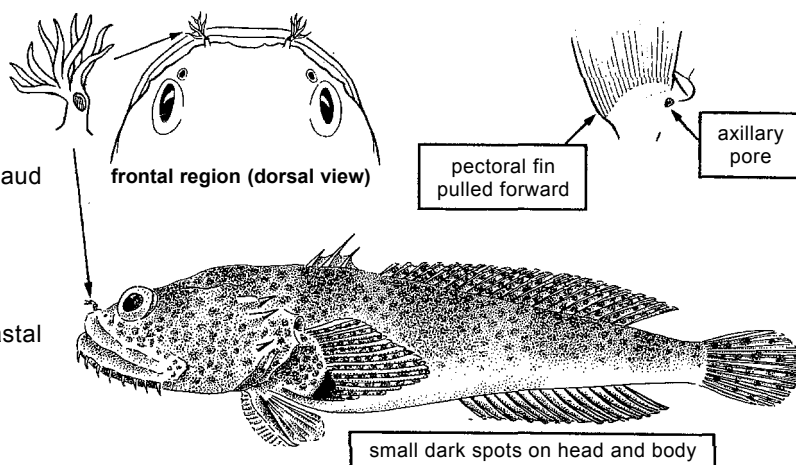
FAO names : **En** - Lusitanian toadfish; **Fr** - Crapaud lusitanien; **Sp** - Sapo lusitánico.

Size : 45 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, artisanal fishing gear.

Habitat : bottom-living, especially in shallow coastal waters, to about 50 m depth,

Loc.name(s) :

***Perulibatrachus elminensis*** (Bleeker, 1861)

Synonyms: *Batrachus elminensis* Bleeker, 1863; *Parabatrachus elminensis* (Bleeker, 1863); *Batrachus budkeri* Roux, 1957.

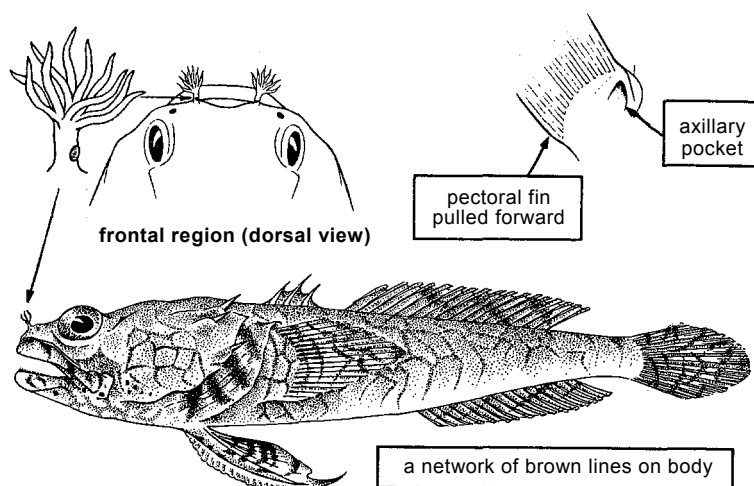
FAO names : **En** - Guinean toadfish; **Fr** - Crapaud guinéen; **Sp** - Sapo guineano.

Size : 35 cm, common to 20 cm.

Fishing gear : artisanal fishing gear, trawls.

Habitat : bottom-living, in coastal waters.

Loc.name(s) :

***Perulibatrachus rossignoli*** (Roux, 1957)

Synonyms : *Batrachus rossignoli* Roux, 1957.

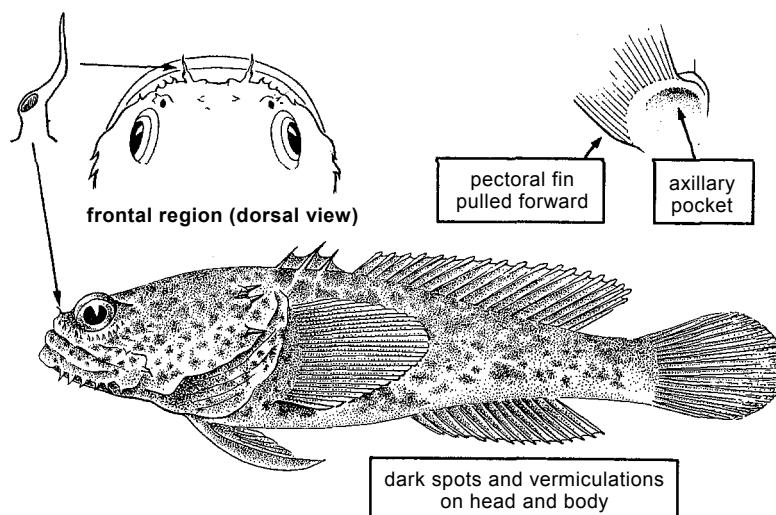
FAO names : **En** - Rossignol toadfish; **Fr** - Crapaud de Rossignol; **Sp** - Sapo de Rossignol.

Size : at least 30 cm (possibly 40 cm).

Fishing gear : artisanal fishing gear, trawls.

Habitat : bottom-living on the continental shelf.

Loc.name(s) :

***Ablennes hians*** (Valenciennes, 1846)

BELONIDAE

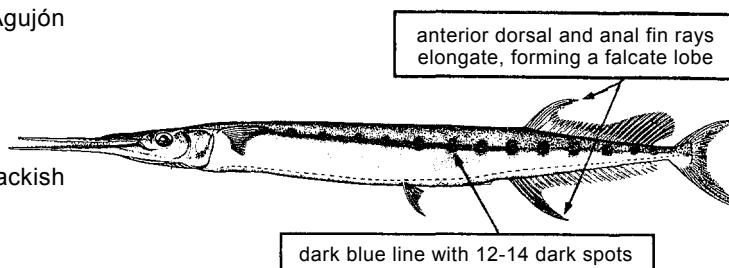
FAO names : **En** - Flat needlefish; **Fr** - Orphie plate; **Sp** - Agujón sable.

Size : about 105 cm, common to 90 cm.

Fishing gear : purse seines, lines, set nets.

Habitat : mainly in offshore surface waters, but also in brackish waters of estuaries and in backwaters of rivers.

Loc.name(s) :



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Platybelone argalus annobonensis Collete & Parin, 1970

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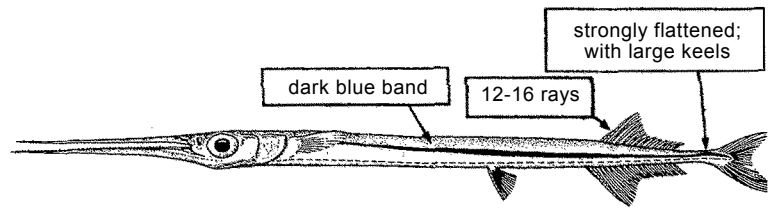
FAO names : **En** - Keeltail needlefish; **Fr** - Orphie carène; **Sp** - Agujón de quilla.

Size : standard length at least to 38.2 cm and body length (without beak and caudal): 25.6 cm. Common standard-length to 80 cm.

Fishing gear : cast nets, trolling gear, trammelnets.

Habitat : pelagic in surface waters.

Loc.name(s) :

***Strongylura senegalensis*** (Valenciennes, 1846)

Synonyms: often misidentified as *Strongylura marina* (Waldbaum, 1792).

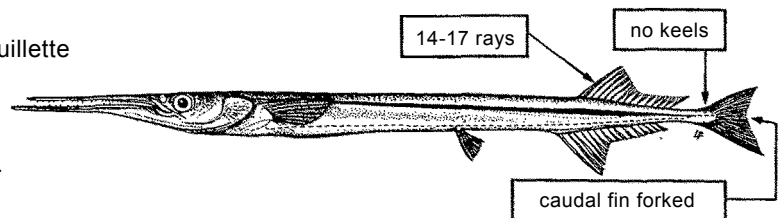
FAO names : **En** - Senegal needlefish; **Fr** - Aiguillette sénégalaise; **Sp** - Agujón senegalés.

Size : about 150 cm, common to 60 cm.

Fishing gear : cast nets, trolling gear, purse seines, lines.

Habitat : coastal and brackish waters.

Loc. name(s) :

***Tylosurus acus rafale*** Colette & Parin, 1970

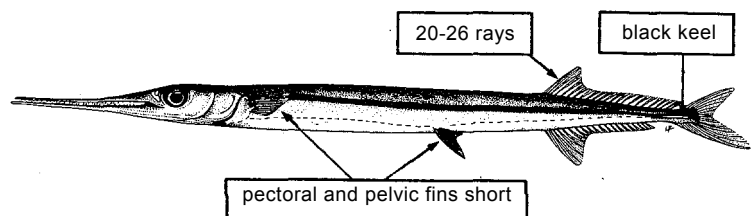
FAO names : **En** - Agujon needlefish; **Fr** - Aiguille voyeuse; **Sp** - Marao ojón.

Size : 140 cm.

Fishing gear : no exact data available.

Habitat : pelagic, inhabiting offshore waters, but also found in coastal waters.

Loc. Name(s) :

***Tylosurus crocodilus crocodilus*** (Peron & LeSueur, 1821)

Synonyms: *Tylosurus raphidoma* (Ranzani, 1842).

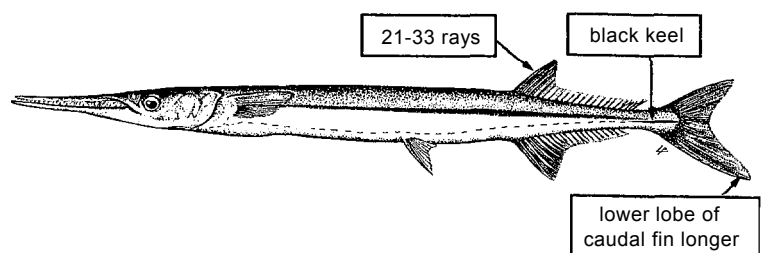
FAO names : **En** - Hound needlefish; **Fr** - Aiguille crocodile; **Sp** - Marao lisero.

Size : 100 cm.

Fishing gear : cast nets, trolling gear, purse seines, set nets, lines.

Habitat : pelagic in nearshore surface waters.

Loc.name(s) :



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BOTHIDAE

***Arnoglossus capensis* Boulenger, 1898**

Synonyms: *Arnoglossus entomorphynchus* Stauch, 1967?

FAO names : **En** - Cape scaldfish; **Fr** - Arnoglosse du cap; **Sp** - Peludilla del Cabo.

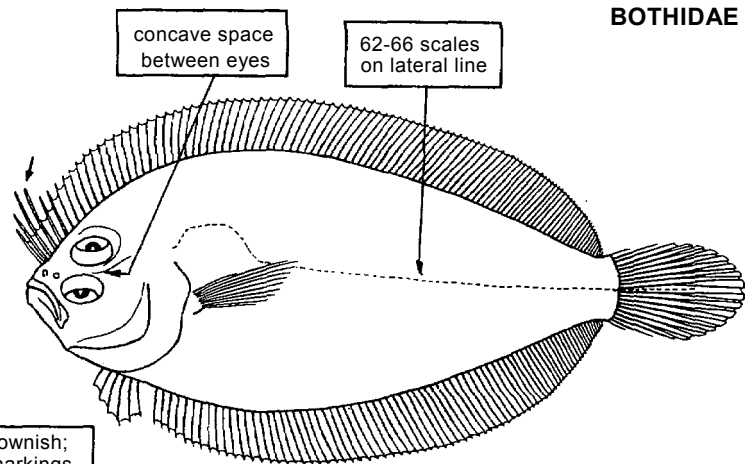
Size: 20 cm.

Fishing gear : beach seines, trawls.

Habitat : very little information available; taken at depths between 70 and 200 m on sandy or muddy bottoms.

Loc.name(s) :

eyed side brownish;
faint brown markings

***Arnoglossus imperialis* (Rafinesque, 1810)**

Synonyms: *Arnoglossus biachei* Stauch, 1965.

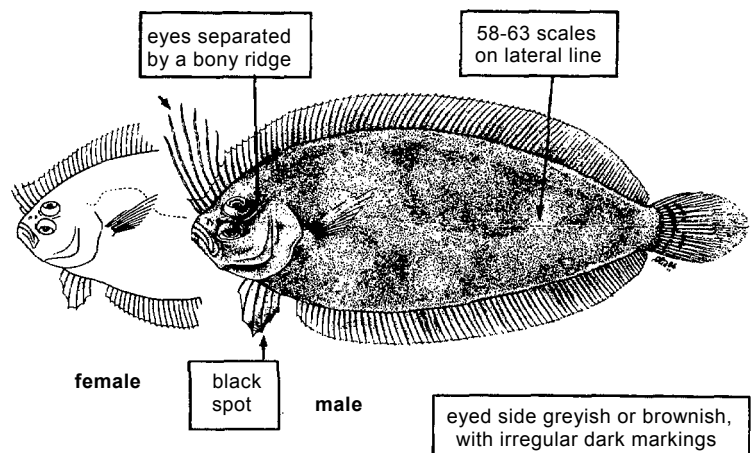
FAO names : **En** - Imperial scaldfish; **Fr** - Arnoglosse impérial; **Sp** - Serrandel imperial.

Size: 25 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom and pelagic trawls, beach seines.

Habitat : on mud, sand, shell and corals, taken between 40 and 200 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :

***Bothus guibei* Stauch, 1966**

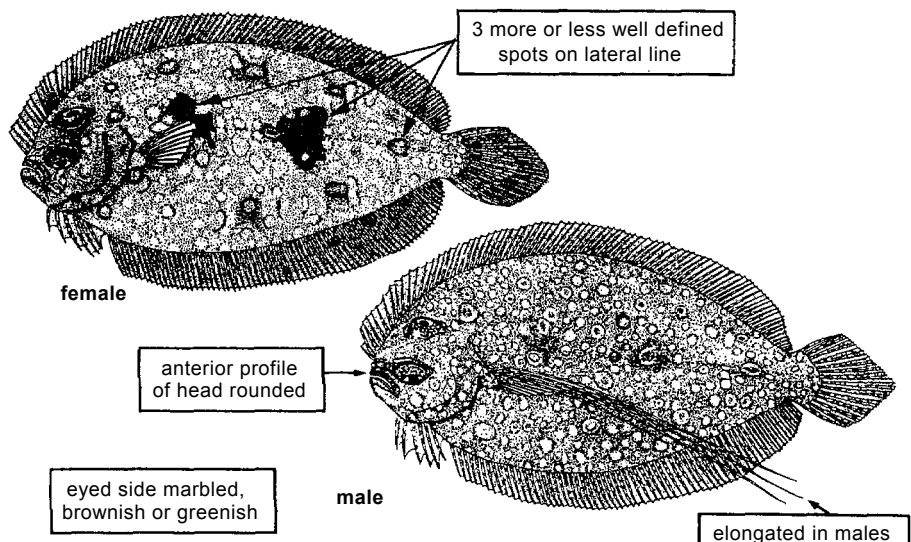
FAO names : **En** - Guinean flounder; **Fr** - Rombou de Guinée; **Sp** - Lenguado de Guinea.

Size: 28 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, beach seines, hook-and-line, hand-held fishing poles.

Habitat : bottom-living between 15 and 40 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :

***Bothus podas africanus* Nielsen, 1961**

FAO names : **En** - Wide-eyed flounder; **Fr** - Rombou podas; **Sp** - Podas.

Size : 45 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, beach seines, dipnets, set bottom nets, dredges.

Habitat : bottom-living on sand, mud shells and corals, from 15 to 200 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :

eyes widely separated

(see Plate I, 4)

