

## BONY FISHES

***Chaetodipterus lippei*** Steindachner, 1895

**Synonyms** : often confused with *Chaetodipterus gorensis* (Cuvier, 1831).

**FAO names** : **En** - West African spadefish; **Fr** - Chèvre de mer noire; **Sp** - Paguala negra.

**Size** : 30 cm, common to 20 cm.

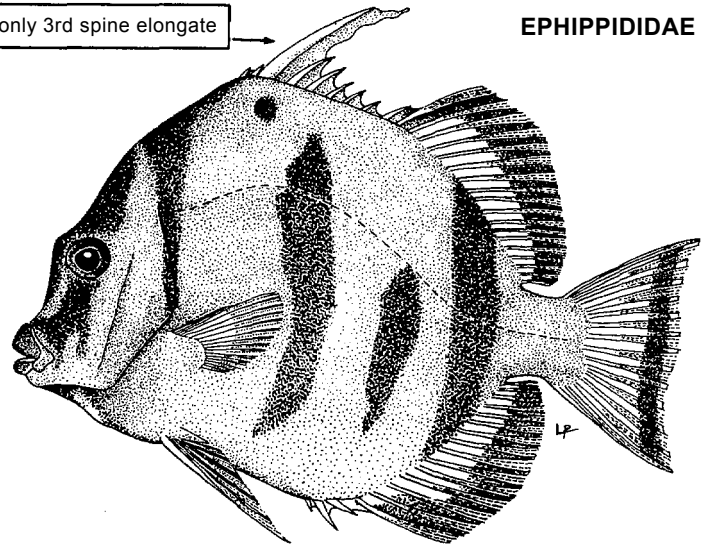
**Fishing gear** : bottom trawls, beach seines.

**Habitat** : on sandy or muddy bottoms in coastal waters from 10 to 45 m depth.

**Loc.name(s)** :

only 3rd spine elongate

EPHIPPIDIDAE

***Cypselurus cyanopterus*** (Valenciennes, 1846)

**Synonyms** : *Cheilopogon cyanopterus* (Valenciennes, 1846).

**FAO names** : **En** - Marginated flyfish; **Fr** - Exocet codène; **Sp** - Volador bordiblanco.

**Size** : 35 cm standard length.

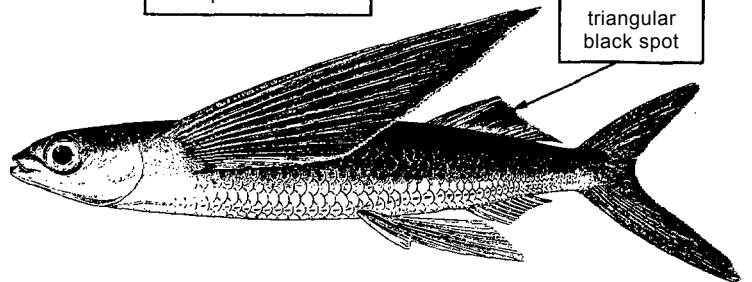
**Fishing gear** : purse seines, drift nets, pelagic trawls.

**Habitat** : pelagic in coastal waters.

**Loc.name(s)** :

33-41 predorsal scales

triangular black spot



EXOCOETIDAE

***Cypselurus melanurus*** (Valenciennes, 1846)

**Synonyms**: *Cypselurus lutkeni* (Jordan & Meek, 1896).

**FAO names** : **En** - Atlantic flyingfish; **Fr** - Exocet atlantique; **Sp** - Volador atlántico.

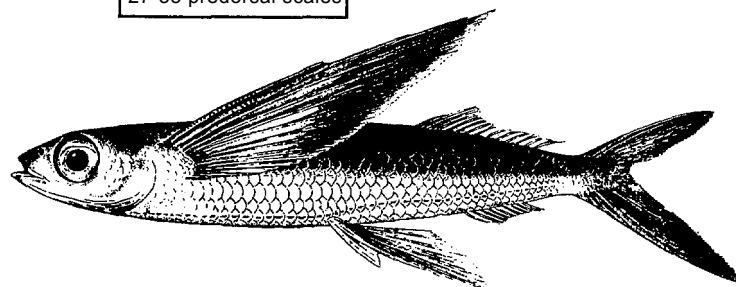
**Size** : 26 cm standard length.

**Fishing gear** : purse seines, driftnets, pelagic trawls.

**Habitat** : pelagic, mainly in coastal surface waters.

**Loc.name(s)** :

27-35 predorsal scales

***Cypselurus milleri*** Gibbs & Staiger, 1970

**FAO names** : **En** - Guinean flyingfish; **Fr** - Exocet de Guinée; **Sp** - Volador de Guinea.

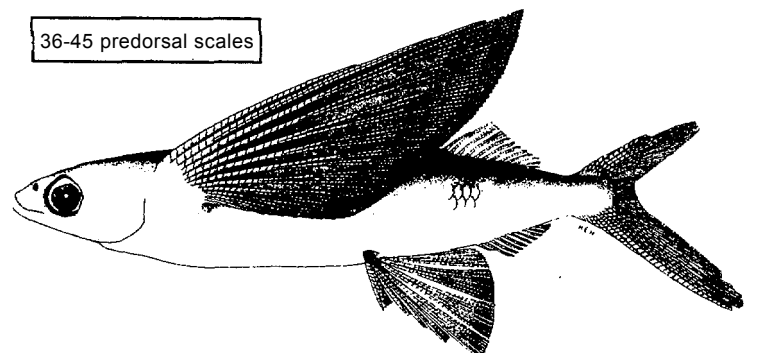
**Size** : 28 cm standard length.

**Fishing gear** : purse seines, driftnets, pelagic trawls.

**Habitat** : pelagic in oceanic and coastal surface waters.

**Loc.name(s)** :

36-45 predorsal scales



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***Cypselurus nigricans*** (Bennett, 1840)

**Synonyms** : confused with *Cypselurus exsiliens* (Linnaeus, 1771) before 1970; *Cheilopogon nigricans* (Bennett, 1840)

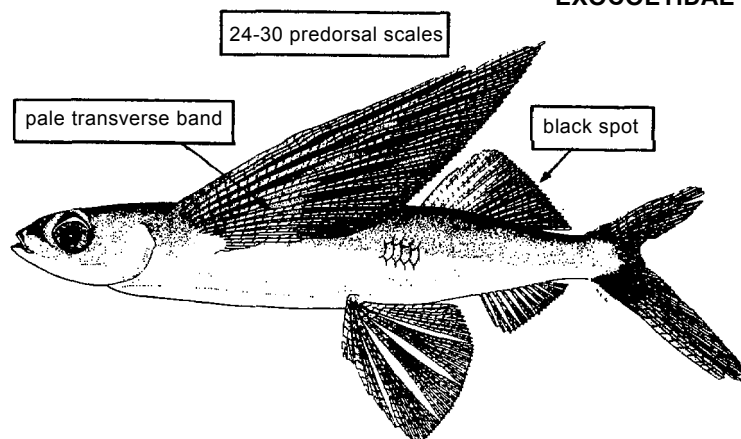
**FAO names** : **En** - African flyingfish; **Fr** - Exocet africain; **Sp** - Volador africano.

**Size** : 28 cm standard length.

**Fishing gear** : purse seines, pelagic trawls, driftnets.

**Habitat** : pelagic in oceanic surface waters.

**Loc.name(s)** :



## EXOCOETIDAE

***Cypselurus pinnatibarbatus*** (Bennett, 1831)

**Synonyms** : *Cypselurus lineatus* (Valenciennes, 1846).

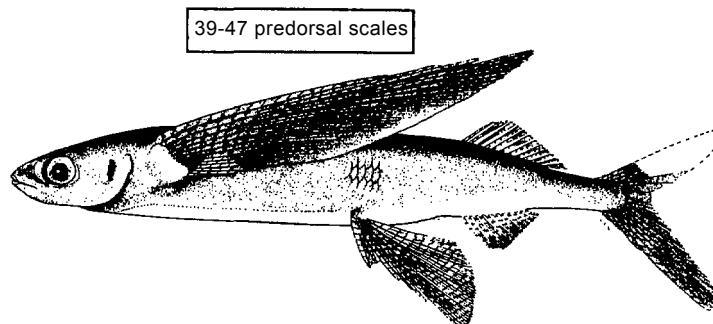
**FAO names** : **En** - Bennett's flyingfish; **Fr** - Exocet de Bennett; **Sp** - Volador de Bennett.

**Size** : 40 cm standard length

**Fishing gear** : purse seines, driftnets, pelagic trawls.

**Habitat** : pelagic in coastal surface waters.

**Loc.name(s)** :

***Exocoetus obtusirostris*** Günther, 1866

**FAO names** : **En** - Oceanic two-wing flyingfish; **Fr** - Exocet bouledogue; **Sp** - Volador fiato.

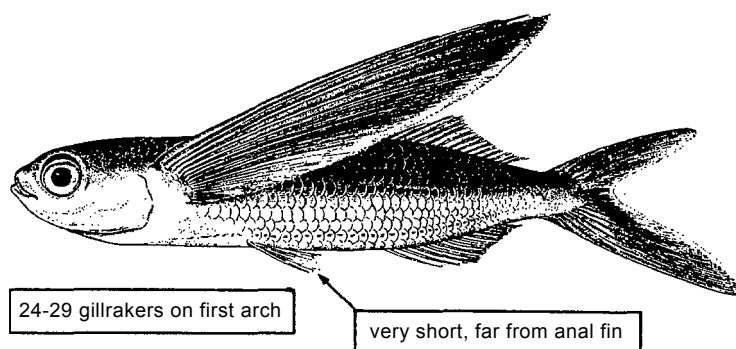
**Size** : 19 cm standard length.

**Fishing gear** : purse seines, driftnets, pelagic trawls.

**Habitat** : pelagic in surface waters.

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

**Loc.name(s)** :

***Exocoetus volitans*** Linnaeus, 1758

**FAO names** : **En** - Tropical two-wing flyingfish; **Fr** - Exocet volant; **Sp** - Volador.

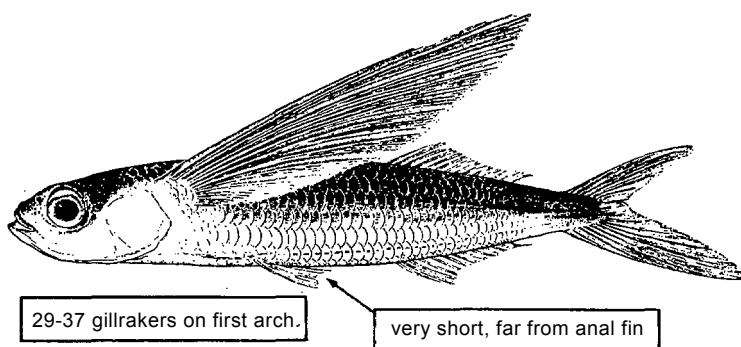
**Size** : 25 cm standard length.

**Fishing gear** : purse seines, driftnets, pelagic trawls.

**Habitat** : pelagic in surface waters.

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

**Loc.name(s)** :



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***Fodiator acutus*** (Valenciennes, 1846)

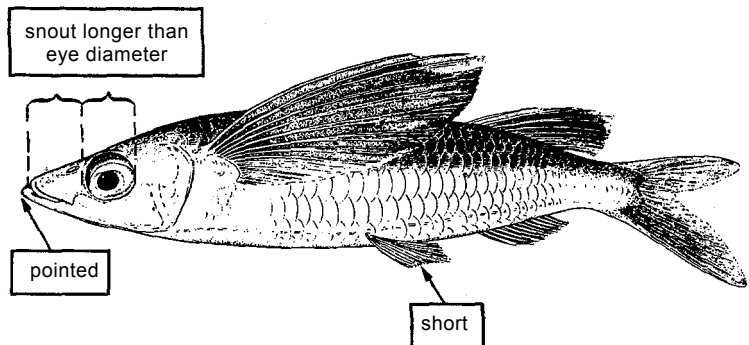
**FAO names** : **En** - Sharpchin flyingfish; **Fr** - Exocet bécune; **Sp** - Volador picudo.

**Size** : 15 cm.

**Fishing gear** : purse seines, driftnets, pelagic trawls.

**Habitat** : pelagic in surface waters.

**Loc.name(s)** :



***Hirundichthys affinis*** (Günther, 1866)

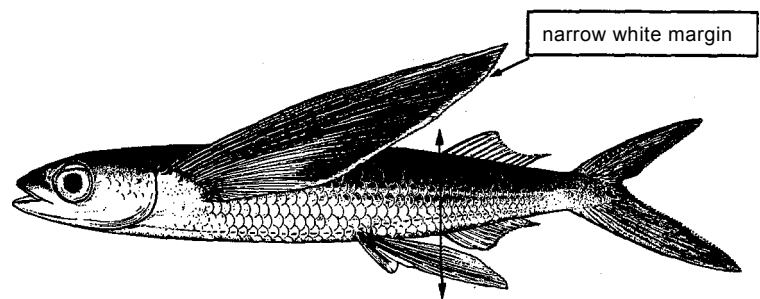
**FAO names** : **En** - Fourwing flyingfish; **Fr** - Exocet hirondelle; **Sp** - Volador golondrina.

**Size** : 25 cm standard length.

**Fishing gear** : purse, seines, driftnets, pelagic trawls.

**Habitat** : pelagic in coastal surface waters.

**Loc.name(s)** :



***Hirundichthys speculiger*** (Valenciennes, 1846)

**FAO names** : **En** - Mirrorwing flyingfish; **Fr** - Exocet miroir; **Sp** - Volador espejo.

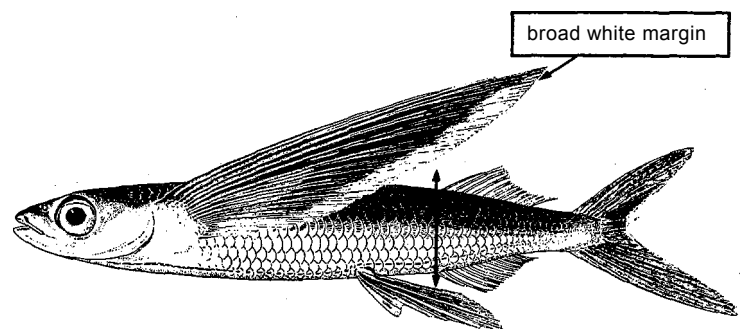
**Size** : 25 cm standard length.

**Fishing gear** : purse seines, driftnets, pelagic trawls.

**Habitat** : pelagic in coastal surface waters

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

**Loc.name(s)** :



***Parexocoetus brachypterus*** (Richardson, 1846)

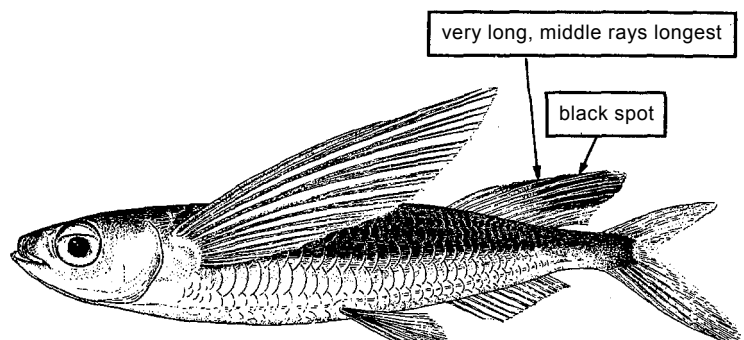
**FAO names** : **En** - Sailfin flyingfish; **Fr** - Exocet voilier; **Sp** - Volador aletón.

**Size** : 19 cm standard length.

**Fishing gear** : purse seines, driftnets, pelagic trawls.

**Habitat** : pelagic in surface waters.

**Loc.name(s)** :



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***Prognichthys gibbifrons*** (Valenciennes, 1846)

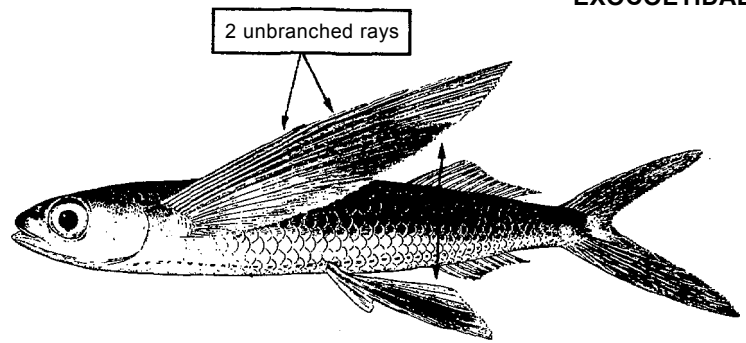
**FAO names :** En - Bluntnose flyingfish; Fr - Exocet jibeux; Sp - Volador jorobada.

**Size :** 20 cm standard length.

**Fishing gear :** purse seines, driftnets, pelagic trawls.

**Habitat :** pelagic in surface waters.

**Loc.name(s) :**



## FISTULARIIDAE

***Fistularia petimba*** Lacepède, 1803

**Synonyms:** *Fistularia serrata* Cuvier, 1817; *Fistularia villosa* Klunzinger, 1871.

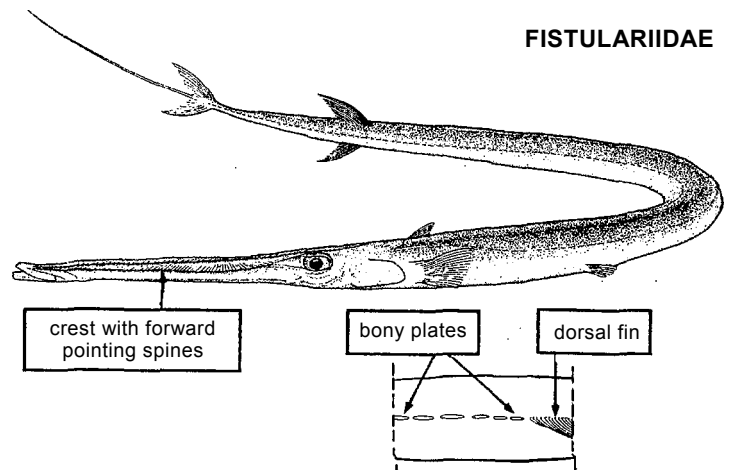
**FAO names :** En - Red cornetfish; Fr - Cornette rouge; Sp - Corneta colorada.

**Size :** 150 cm, common to 100 cm.

**Fishing gear :** bottom trawls, gillnets, line gear.

**Habitat :** demersal in coastal waters from 10 to 40 m depth.

**Loc.name(s) :**



sector of back in front of dorsal fin

***Fistularia tabacaria*** Linnaeus, 1758

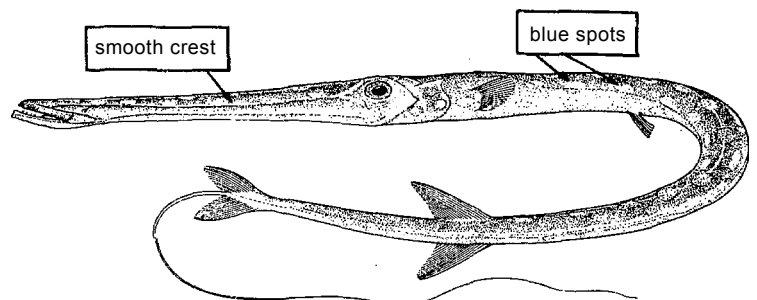
**FAO names :** En - Bluespotted cornetfish; Fr - Cornette à taches bleues; Sp - Corneta.

**Size :** about 180 cm, common to 100 cm.

**Fishing gear :** bottom trawls, artisanal gear, set gillnets.

**Habitat :** rocky, coralline and vegetated bottoms throughout the year.

**Loc.name(s) :**



(see Plate V, 33)

***Lepidocybium flavobrunneum*** (Smith, 1849)

**Synonyms :** *Xenogramma carinatum* Waite, 1904; *Nasogrammus thompsoni* Fowler, 1923.

**FAO names :** En - Escolar; Fr - Escolier noir; Sp - Escolar negro.

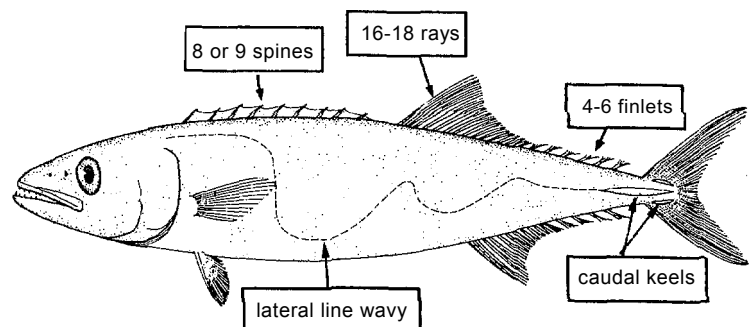
**Size :** 200 cm, common to 150 cm.

**Fishing gear :** longlines, pelagic trawls (bycatch).

**Habitat :** oceanic, in surface and mid-waters, to depths of at least 200 m.

**Loc.name(s) :**

## GEMPYLIDAE



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***Promethichthys prometheus*** (Cuvier, 1832)

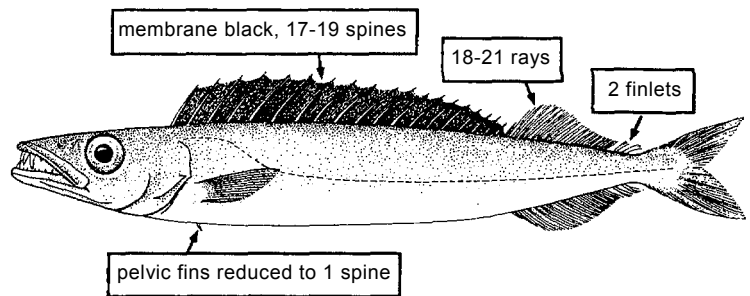
**FAO names :** **En** - Promethean escolar; **Fr** - Escolier clair; **Sp** - Escolar prometeo.

**Size :** 50 cm, common to 40 cm.

**Fishing gear :** bottom trawls.

**Habitat :** benthopelagic from 100 to 800 m depth.

**Loc.name(s) :**

***Ruvettus pretiosus*** Cocco, 1829

**Synonyms:** *Ruvettus tydemani*. Weber, - 1913; *Ruvettus whakari* Griffin, 1927.

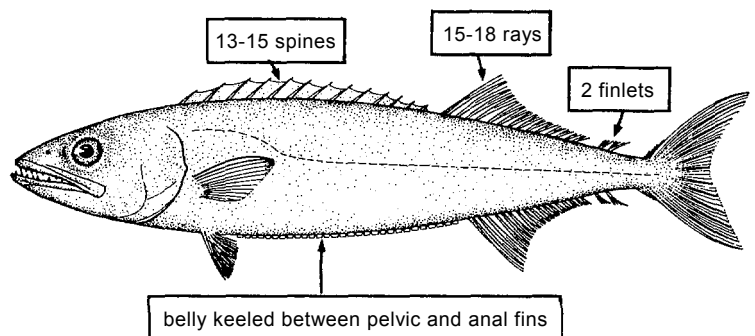
**FAO names :** **En** - Oilfish; **Fr** - Rouvet; **Sp** - Escolar clavo.

**Size :** 200 cm.

**Fishing gear :** bottom trawls, longlines.

**Habitat :** benthopelagic, mainly in coastal waters, sometimes oceanic, to depths of at least 200 m.

**Loc.name(s) :**

***Eucinostomus melanopterus*** (Bleeker, 1863)

**Synonyms:** *Gerres melanopterus* Bleeker, 1863.

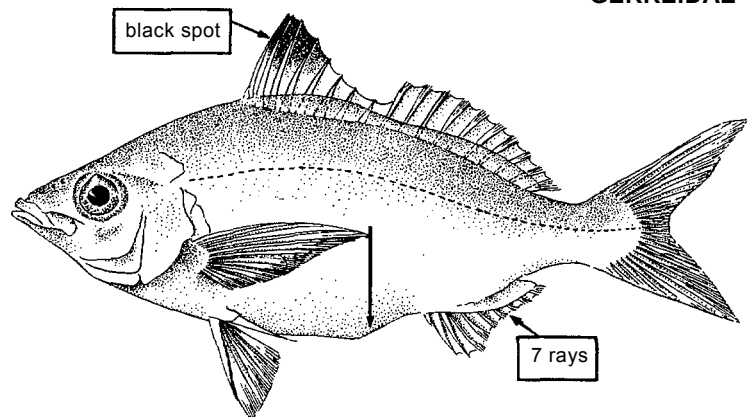
**FAO names :** **En** - Flagfin mojarra; **Fr** - Blanche drapeau; **Sp** - Mojarrita de ley.

**Size :** 30 cm, common to 23 cm.

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

**Habitat :** sandy and muddy bottoms in coastal waters, rarely beyond 25 m depth.

**Loc.name(s) :**



## GERREIDAE

***Gerres nigri*** Günther, 1859

**Synonyms :** *Gerres octatis* Bleeker, 1863.

**FAO names :** **En** - Guinean striped mojarra; **Fr** - Friture rayée; **Sp** - Mojarra guineana.

**Size :** 20 cm, common to 15 cm.

**Fishing gear :** trawls, artisanal fishing gear.

**Habitat :** coastal waters, estuaries and coastal lagoons.

**Loc.name(s) :**

