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BONY FISHES

GRAMMISTIDAE

Rypticus saponaceus (Bloch & Schneider, 1801)

FAO names : **En** - Greater soapfish; **Fr** - Grand savon; **Sp** - Jabonero.

Size : 32 cm, common to 25 cm.

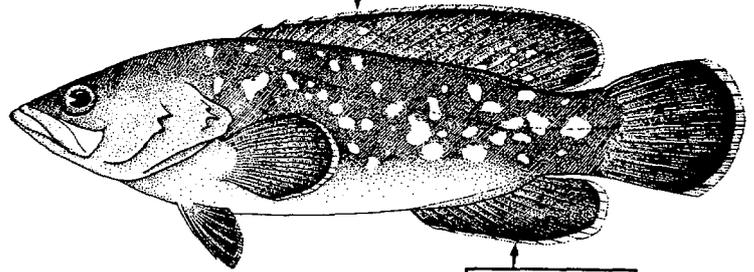**Fishing gear** : hook-and-line, traps, beach seines, bottom trawls.

Habitat : shallow waters (to 50 m depth), on chalky and rocky bottoms mixed with sand, often around coral reefs.

Loc.name(s) :

3 spines, 23-25 rays, height regularly increasing backwards

colour grey-brown with pale spots

1 spine, 15 rays

Rypticus subbifrenatus Gill, 1861

FAO names : **En** - Spotted soapfish; **Fr** - Savon tacheté; **Sp** - Jabonero machado.
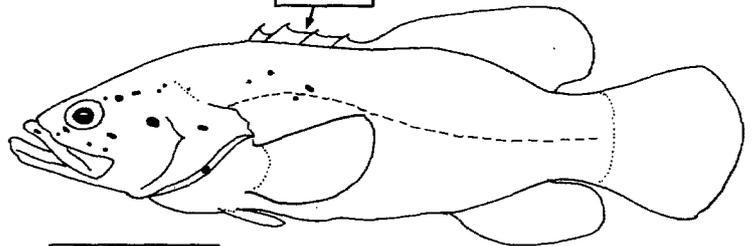
Size : 13 cm.

Fishing gear : no information available.

Habitat : coastal waters.

Loc.name(s) :

4 spines

head with red-brown spots

background colour of body pale olive green to pale red brown

Brachydeuterus auritus (Valenciennes, 1831)

HAEMULIDAE
(= POMADASYIDAE)

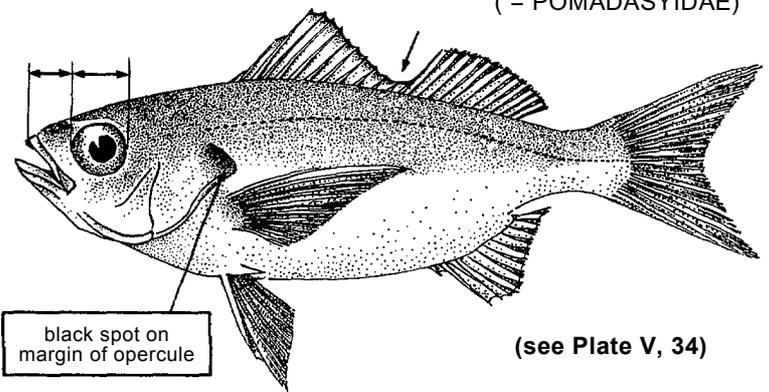**Synonyms** : _Otoperca aurita_ (Valenciennes, 1831).

FAO names : **En** - Bigeye grunt; **Fr** - Lippu pelon; **Sp** - Burro ojón.

Size : 27 cm, common to 20 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, beach seines, purse seines, set nets.

Habitat : coastal waters from 10 to 100 m depth, but more common between 15 and 40 m.

Loc.name(s) :

black spot on margin of opercule

(see Plate V, 34)

Parapristipoma humile (Bowdich, 1825)

Synonyms : _Pristipoma humilis_ Bowdich, 1825; _Pristipoma viridens_ Cuvier, 1830; _Diagramma aeneum_ Peters, 1869; _Diagramma (Diagramella) macrops_ Pellegrin, 1912; _Genyatremus latifrons_ Troschel, 1866; _Genyatremus angustifrons_ Troschel, 1866; _Parapristipoma latifrons_ [Fowler, 1936]; _Parapristipoma macrops_ [Poll, 1954].

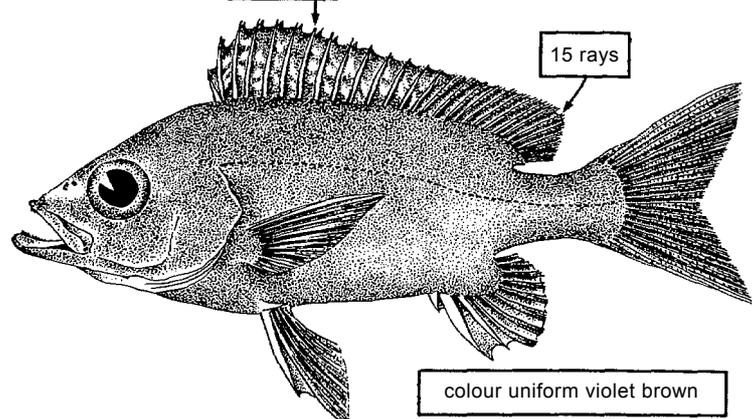**FAO names** : **En** - Guinea grunt; **Fr** - Grondeur bouche d'or; **Sp** - Burro boca de oro.

Size : 40 cm, common to 25 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls.

Habitat : sandy bottoms, from the coastline to 100 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :

13 spines

15 rays

colour uniform violet brown

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Parapristipoma octolineatum (Valenciennes, 1833)

HAEMULIDAE
(= POMADASYIDAE)

Synonyms : *Pristipoma octolineatum* Valenciennes, 1833; *Diagramma octolineatum* (Valenciennes, 1833)
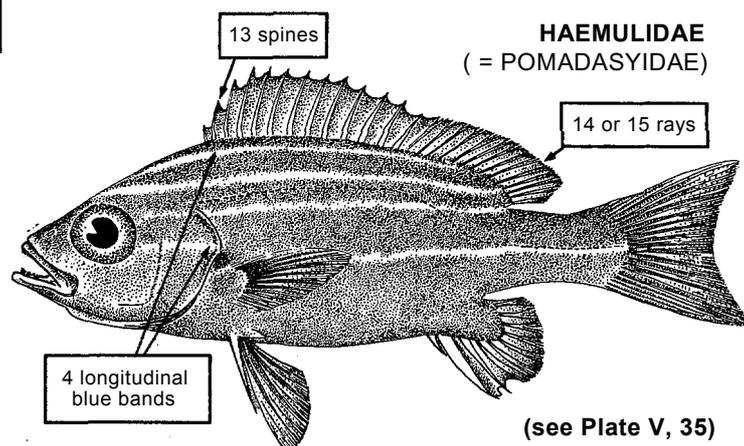
FAO names : **En** - African striped grunt; **Fr** – Grondeur rayé; **Sp** - Burro listado.

Size : 36 cm, common to 25 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, trammel nets, lone gear.

Habitat : rocky bottoms to about 60 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :

13 spines

14 or 15 rays

4 longitudinal blue bands

(see Plate V, 35)

Plectorhynchus macrolepis (Boulenger, 1899)

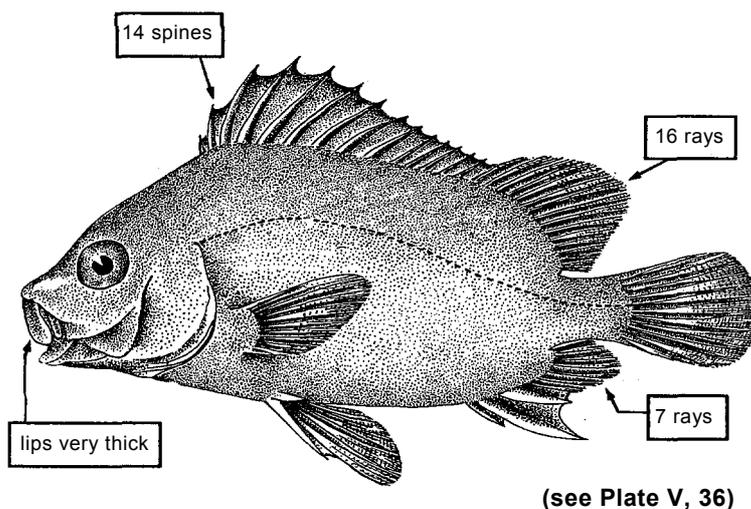**Synonyms** : *Diagramma macrolepis* Boulenger, 1899.

FAO names : **En** - Biglip grunt; **Fr** Diagramme à grosses lèvres; **Sp** - Burro labiogrueso.

Size : 45 cm, common to 30 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, set gill nets, lines.

Habitat : shallow coastal waters, estuaries and coastal lagoons.

Loc.name(s) :

14 spines

16 rays

lips very thick

7 rays

(see Plate V, 36)

Plectorhynchus mediterraneus (Guichenot, 1850)

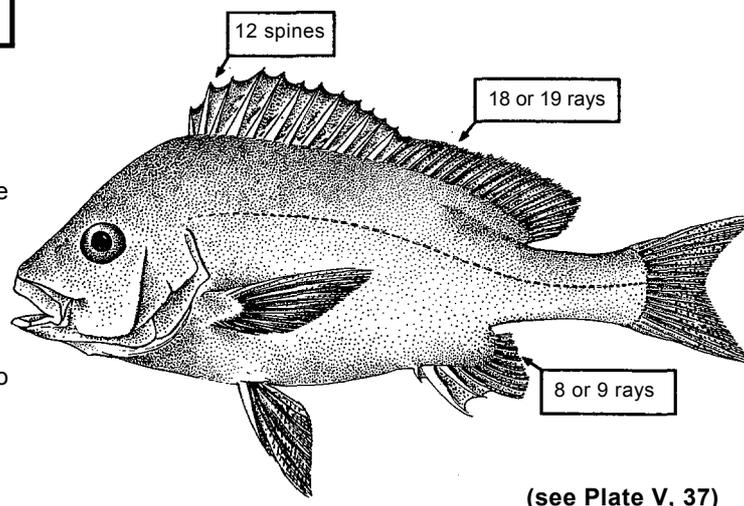**Synonyms** : *Diagramma mediterraneurn* Guichenot, 1850; *Parapristipoma mediterraneum* (Guichenot, 1850).

FAO names : **En** - Rubberlip grunt; **Fr** – Diagramme gris; **Sp** - Burro chiclero.

Size : 60 cm, common to 40 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom and pelagic trawls, bottom set nets, lines.

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

Loc.name(s) :

12 spines

18 or 19 rays

8 or 9 rays

(see Plate V, 37)

Pomadasys incisus (Bowdich, 1825)

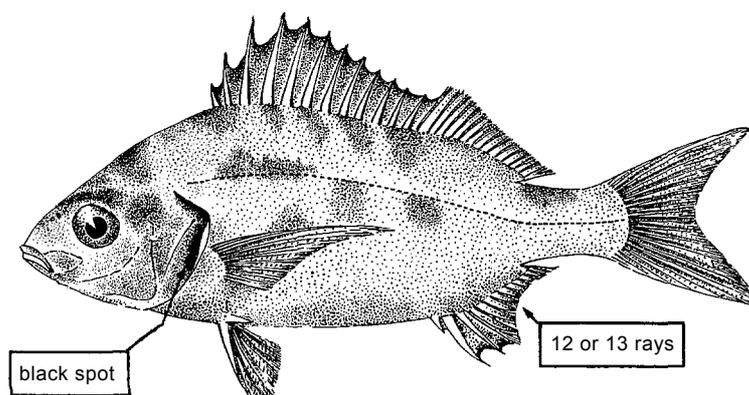**Synonyms** : *Pomadasys bennetti* Lowe, 1841.

FAO names : **En** - Bastard grunt; **Fr** - Grondeur métis; **Sp** - Ronco mestizo.

Size : 30 cm, common to 20 cm.

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

Habitat : hard bottoms from 1 to 50 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :

black spot

12 or 13 rays

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Pomadasys jubelini (Cuvier, 1830)

**HAEMUUDAE
(= POMADASYIDAE)**
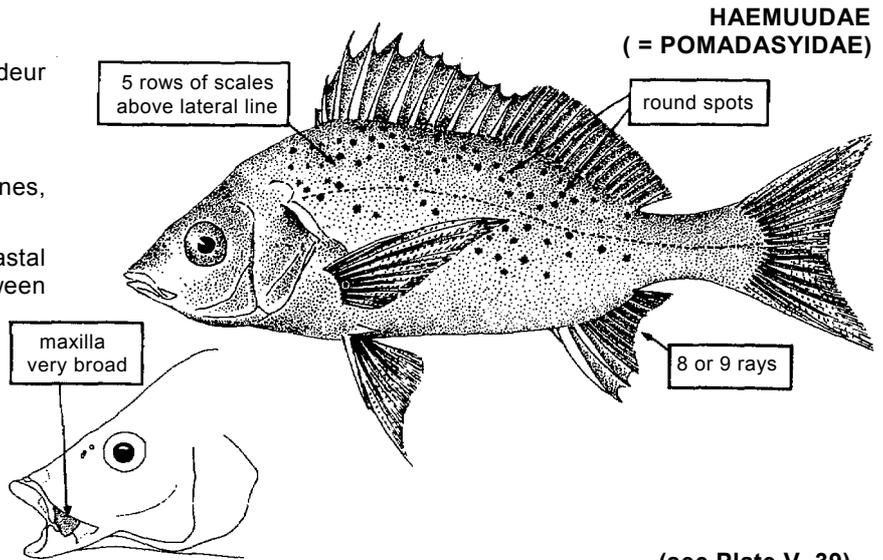
FAO names : **En** - Sompat grunt; **Fr** - Grondeur sompat; **Sp** - Ronco sompat.

Size : 60 cm, common to 40 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, beach seines, purse seines, lines.

Habitat : sandy and muddy bottoms in coastal waters and estuaries, most common between 20 and 50 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :

5 rows of scales above lateral line

round spots

maxilla very broad

8 or 9 rays

(see Plate V, 39)

Pomadasys peroteti (Cuvier, 1830)

Synonyms : *Pomadasys perotoei* (Cuvier, 1830).
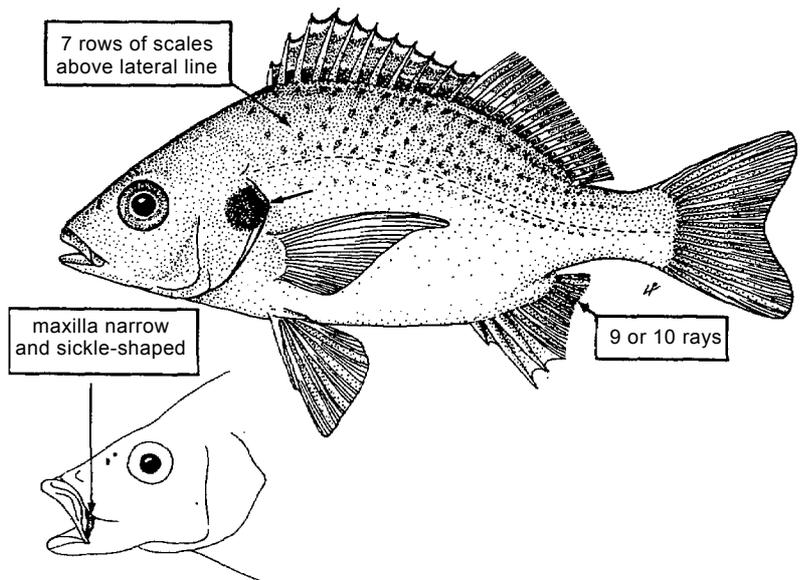
FAO names : **En** - Parrot grunt; **Fr** - Grondeur perroquet; **Sp** - Ronco loro.

Size : 40 cm, common to 25 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, beach seines, purse seines, lines.

Habitat : sandy and muddy bottoms in coastal waters; also in estuaries.

Loc.name(s) :

7 rows of scales above lateral line

maxilla narrow and sickle-shaped

9 or 10 rays

Pomadasys rogerii (Cuvier, 1830)

Synonyms : *Pomadasys suillus* (ou *P. suillum*) (Valenciennes, 1833).
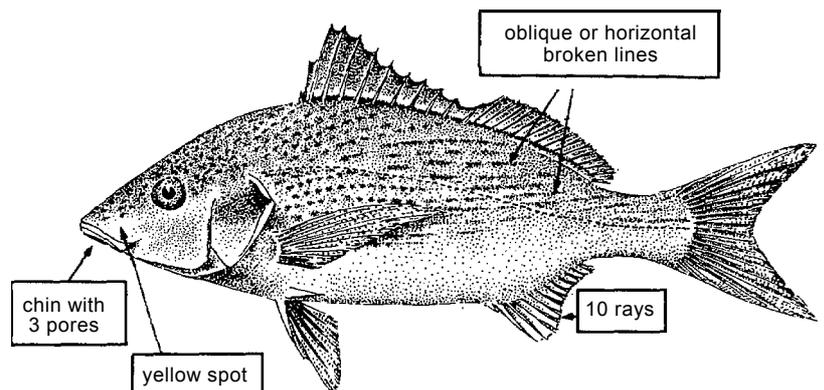
FAO names : **En** - Pigsnout grunt; **Fr** - Grondeur nez de cochon; **Sp** - Ronco trompudo.

Size : 60 cm, common to 45 cm.

Fishing gear : pelagic and bottom trawls, beach seines, set nets.

Habitat : demersal and pelagic in coastal waters to 60 m depth; also in estuaries.

Loc.name(s) :

oblique or horizontal broken lines

chin with 3 pores

yellow spot

10 rays

(see Plate V, 40)

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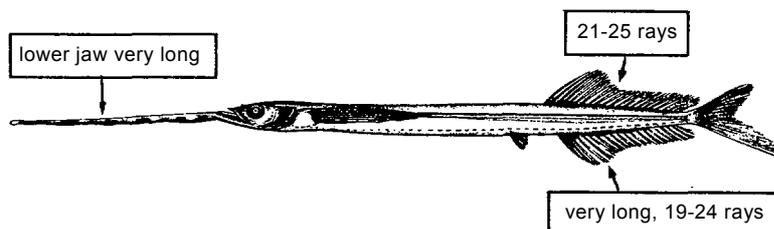

Euleptorhampus velox Poey, 1868

FAO names : **En** - Flying halfbeak; **Fr** - Demi-bec volant ; **Sp** - Agujeta voladora.

Size : common to 35 cm.

Fishing gear : pelagic trawls, beach seines, purse seines.

Habitat : pelagic in coastal and oceanic waters.

Loc.name(s) :

lower jaw very long

21-25 rays

very long, 19-24 rays

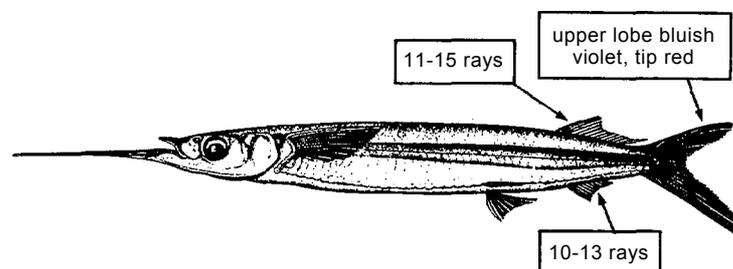---

Hemiramphus balao Le Sueur, 1825

FAO names : **En** - . Balao halfbeak; **Fr** - Demi-bec balaou; **Sp** - Agujeta balajú.

Size : at least 40 cm.

Fishing gear : pelagic. trawls, beach seines, purse seines.

Habitat : coastal surface waters, forming large schools.

Loc.name(s) :

11-15 rays

upper lobe bluish violet, tip red

10-13 rays
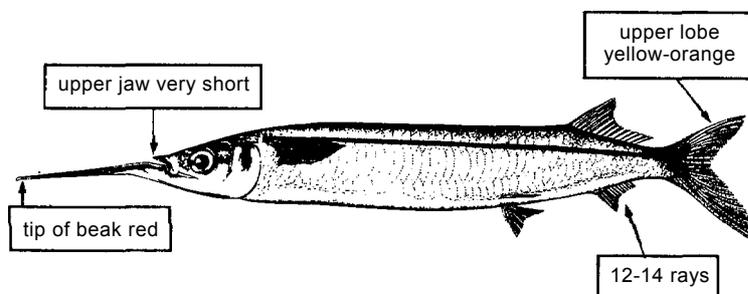

Hemiramphus brasiliensis (Linneaus, 1758)

FAO names : **En** - Ballyhoo half beak; **Fr** - Demi-bec Brésilien; **Sp** - Agujeta brasileña.

Size : 55 cm, common to 30 cm.

Fishing gear : pelagic trawls, beach seines, purse seines, set nets, line gear.

Habitat : coastal pelagic, forming schools.

Loc. name(s) :

upper jaw very short

tip of beak red

upper lobe yellow-orange

12-14 rays

(see Plate VI, 41)

Hyporhamphus picarti (Valenciennes, 1846)

Synonyms : *Hyporamphus unifasciatus* (non Ranzani, 1842) [Fowler, 1936].

FAO names : **En** - African halfbeak; **Fr** – Demi-bec africaine; **Sp** - Agujeta africana.

Size : 18 cm, common to 10 cm.

Fishing gear : pelagic trawls, beach seines, purse seines, set nets.

Habitat : pelagic in coastal waters, forming schools; often enters estuaries.

Loc.name(s) :

upper jaw scaled

preorbital crest strongly developed

13-17 rays