

BONY FISHES

MURAENESOCIDAE

Cynoponticus ferox Costa, 1846

Synonyms : *Muraenesox ferox* (Costa, 1846); *Phyllogramma regani* Pellegrin, 1934.

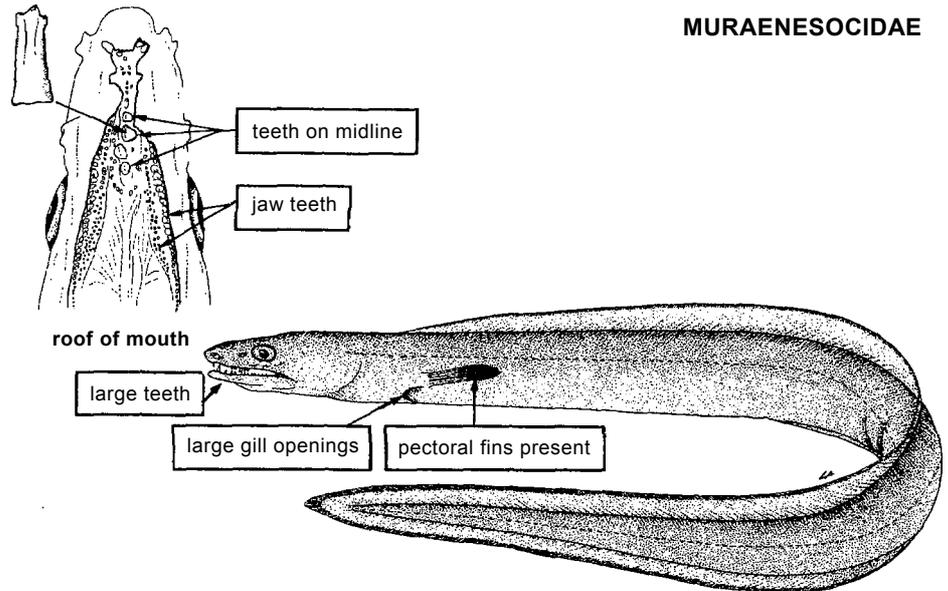
FAO names : **En** - Guinea pike conger; **Fr** - Murénésoce de Guinée; **Sp** - Murenocio de Guinea.

Size : 200 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, hook-and-line.

Habitat : sandy and muddy bottoms, from 10 to 100 m depth.

Loc. Name(s) :



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Channomuraena vittata (Richardson, 1844)

FAO names : **En** - Broadbanded moray; **Fr** - Murène anneau; **Sp** - Morena franjeada.

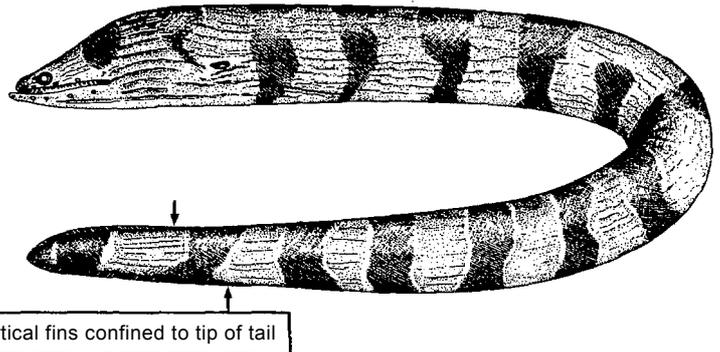
Size : 120 cm.

Fishing gear : hook-and-line, traps.

Habitat : an insular demersal species, to 40 m depth; not common.

Loc.name(s) :

pale-edged yellowish bars alternating with dark brown bars



Echidna peli (Kaup, 1856)

FAO names : **En** - Pebbletooth moray; **Fr** - Murène serpent; **Sp** - Moreneta.

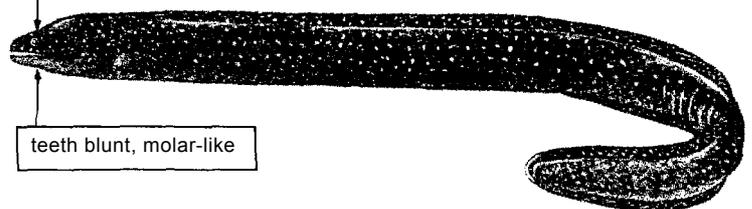
Size : 90 cm.

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

Habitat : rocky bottoms in shallow waters.

Loc.name(s) :

pores on laws bordered with white



colour dark, with small, irregular pale spots, disappearing with age

Enchelycore nigricans (Bonnaterre, 1788)

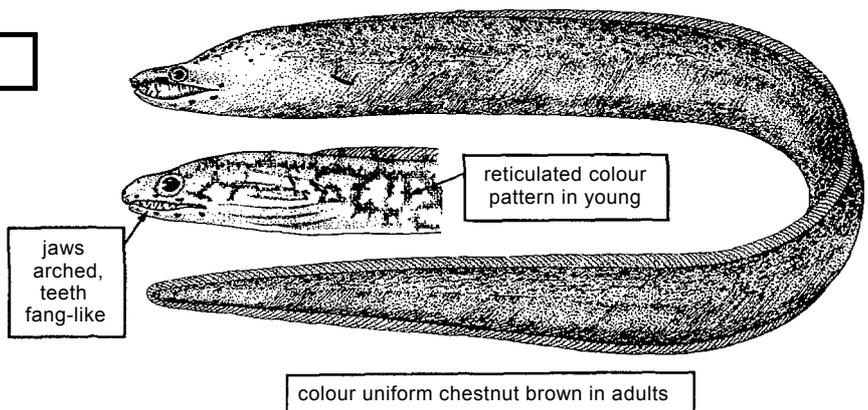
FAO names : **En** - Viper moray; **Fr** - Murène noire; **Sp** - Morena negra.

Size : 100 cm.

Fishing gear : hook-and-line, traps.

Habitat : rocky and coralline bottoms to 12 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :



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Gymnothorax maderensis (Johnson, 1862)

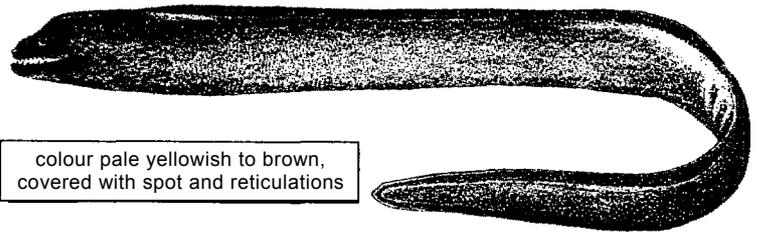
FAO names : En - Sharktooth moray; Fr - Murène de Madère; Sp - Morena de Madeira.

Size : 100 cm.

Fishing gear : hook-and-line, deep traps.

Habitat : deep waters around islands.

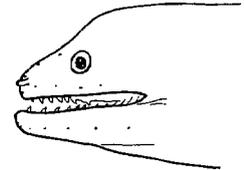
Loc.name(s) :



colour pale yellowish to brown, covered with spot and reticulations



upper tooth



shark-like serrated teeth

Lycodontis afer (Bloch, 1795)

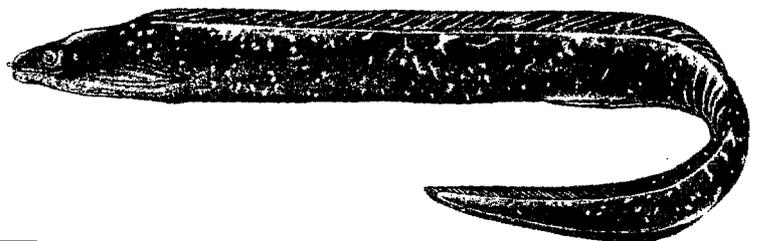
FAO names : En - Dark moray; Fr - Murène obscure; Sp - Morena oscura.

Size : 130 cm, common to 90 cm.

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

Habitat : rocky bottoms from 10 to 45 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :



colour dark brown or greenish with irregular yellow spots and blotches; fins edges with black

Lycodontis mareei (Poll, 1953)

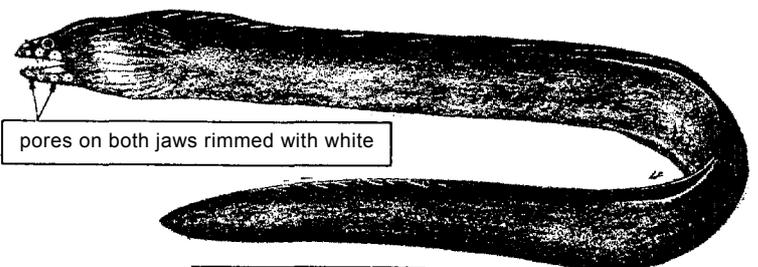
FAO names: En - Spotjaw moray; Fr - Murène cobra, Sp - Morena boca manchada.

Size : 40 cm.

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

Habitat : in coastal waters between 15 and 25 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :



pores on both jaws rimmed with white

colour uniform brown

Lycodontis vicinus (Castelnau, 1855)

Synonyms : *Gymnothorax vicinus* (Castelnau, 1855)

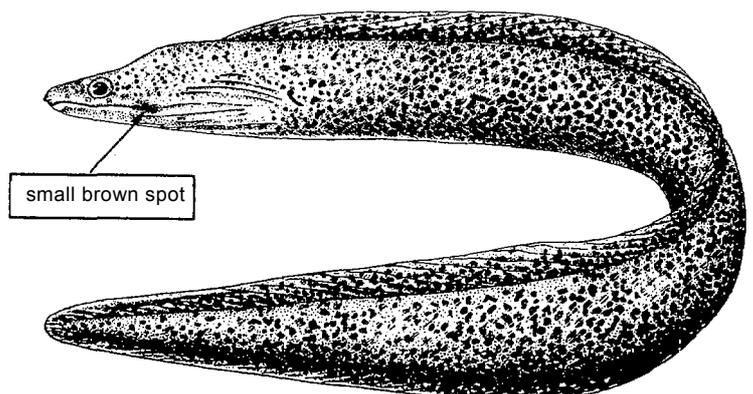
FAO names : En - Purplemouth moray; Fr - Murène jaune; Sp - Morena amarilla.

Size : 122 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, hook-and-line, fish traps and other artisanal fishing gear.

Habitat : rocky bottoms and coral reefs, also on vegetated grounds to 40 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :



small brown spot

2 types of coloration: one with distinct marbling, the other almost uniform brown with small dark specks

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Muraena helena Linnaeus, 1758

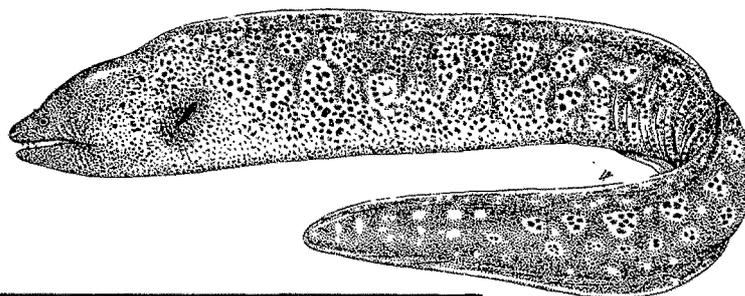
FAO names : **En** - Mediterranean moray; **Fr** - Murène de Méditerranée; **Sp** - Morena mediterránea.

Size : 130 cm.

Fishing gear : hook-and-line, traps.

Habitat : rocky bottoms from 15 to 50 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :



colour yellowish brown, with large pale blotches including a rosette pattern of small brown dots

(see Plate VII, 54)

Muraena melanotis (Kaup, 1859)

FAO names : **En** - Honeycomb moray; **Fr** - Murène à pois; **Sp** - Morena de lunares.

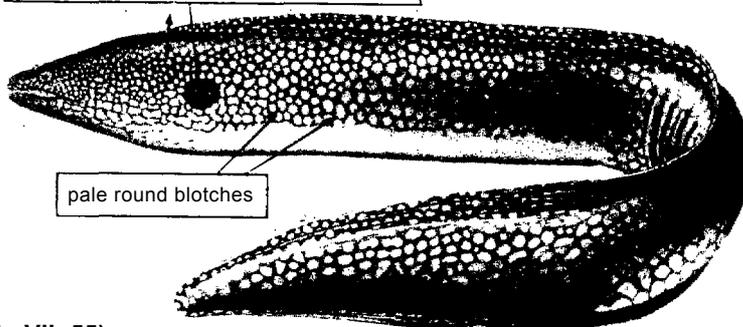
Size : 80 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, hook-and-line.

Habitat : rocky bottoms from the coastline to 45 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :

gill opening surrounded by a black blotch



pale round blotches

(see Plate VII, 55)

Muraena robusta Osorio, 1909

FAO names : **En** - Stout moray; **Fr** - Murène robuste; **Sp** - Morena robusta.

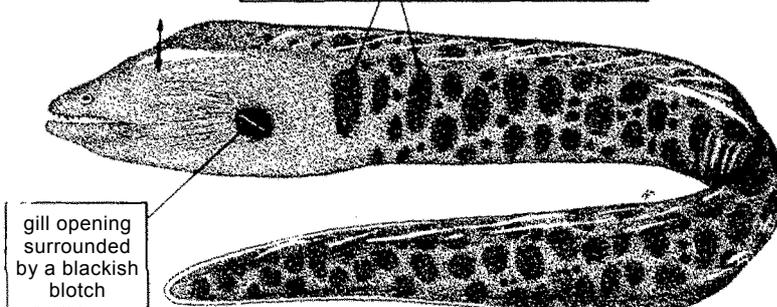
Size : 140 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, hook-and-line.

Habitat : rocky bottoms from the coastline to 45 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :

large dark blotches on light background



gill opening surrounded by a blackish blotch

(see Plate VIII, 56)

Echelus myrus (Linnaeus, 1758)

FAO names : **En** - Painted eel; **Fr** - Serpanton miro; **Sp** - Tieso miro.

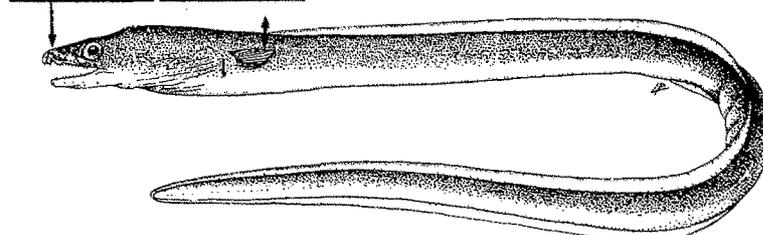
Size : at least 80 cm.

Fishing gear : hook-and-line.

Habitat : taken occasionally on muddy and sandy bottoms in estuaries and coastal lagoons from 3 to 12 m depth; buries in sand with only the head protruding.

Loc.name(s) :

2 supra-orbital pores no infra-orbital pores



white sensorial papillae on dark background

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Echiophis creutzbergi (Cadenat, 1956)

Synonyms : *Mystriophis creutzbergi* Cadenat, 1956.

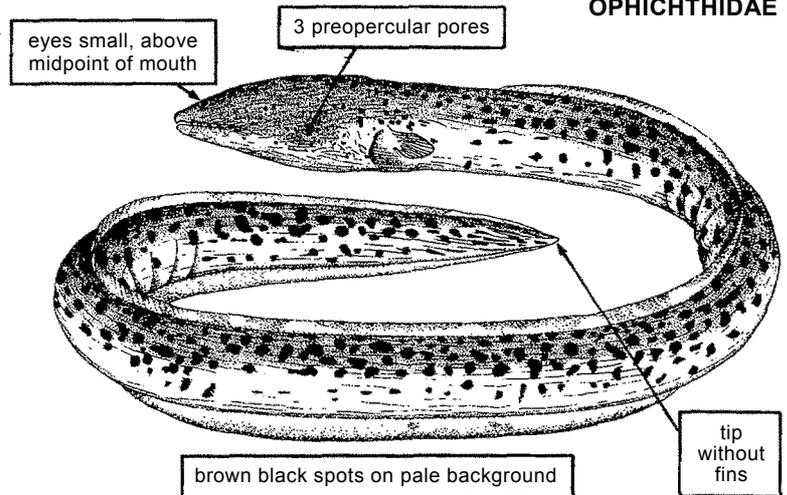
FAO names : **En** - Spoon-nose eel; **Fr** - Serponton tiyeux; **Sp** - Tieso culebrón.

Size : 170 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, hook-and-line.

Habitat : littoral and coastal waters and lagoons, to 40 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :

***Myrichthys pardalis*** (Valenciennes, 1835)

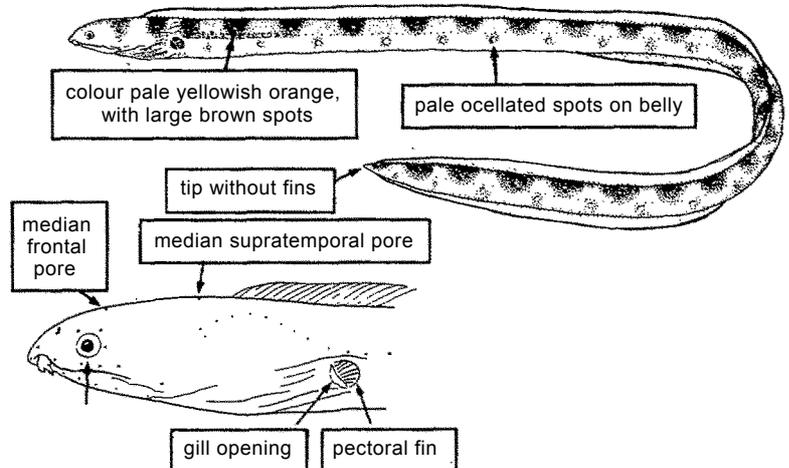
FAO names : **En** - Leopard eel; **Fr** - Serponton leopardo; **Sp** - Tieso leopardo.

Size : 65 cm.

Fishing gear : trawls, traps.

Habitat : deep waters on rocky and muddy bottoms.

Loc.name(s) :

***Mystriophis rostellatus*** (Richardson, 1844)

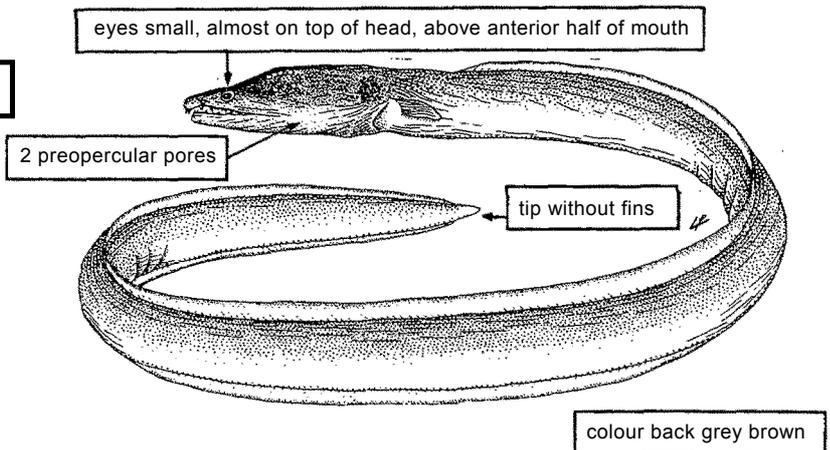
FAO names : **En** - African spoon-nose eel; **Fr** - Serponton gris; **Sp** - Tieso gris.

Size : 140 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, hook-and-line.

Habitat : lagoons and coastal waters to 40 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :

***Ophichthus ophis*** Linnaeus, 1758

FAO names : **En** - Spotted snake eel; **Fr** - Serponton tacheté; **Sp** - Tieso pintado.

Size : 140 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, hook-and-line.

Habitat : coastal waters to 50 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :

