

BONY FISHES

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***Pentheroscion mbizi* (Poll, 1950)**

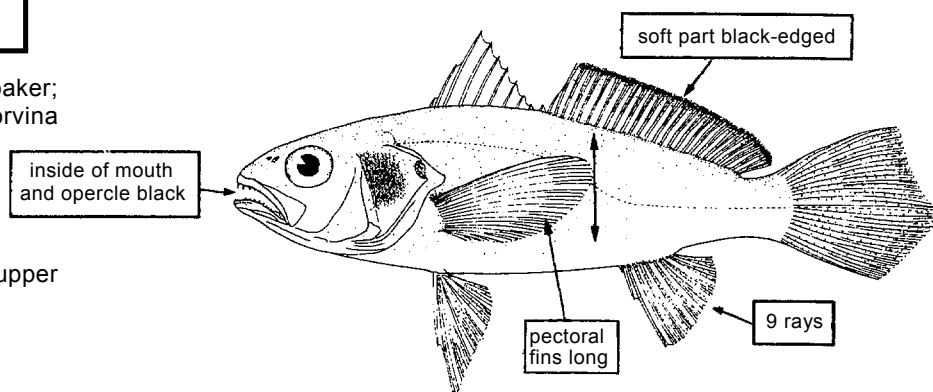
FAO names : **En** - Blackmouth croaker;
Fr - Courbine à bouche noire; **Sp** - Corvina bocanegra.

Size : 40 cm, common to 25 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls.

Habitat : continental shelf and upper slope, from 50 to at least 350 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :

***Pseudotolithus (Pseudotolithus) brachygnathus* Bleeker, 1863**

FAO names : **En** - Law croaker; **Fr** - Otolithe gabo;
Sp - Corvina reina.

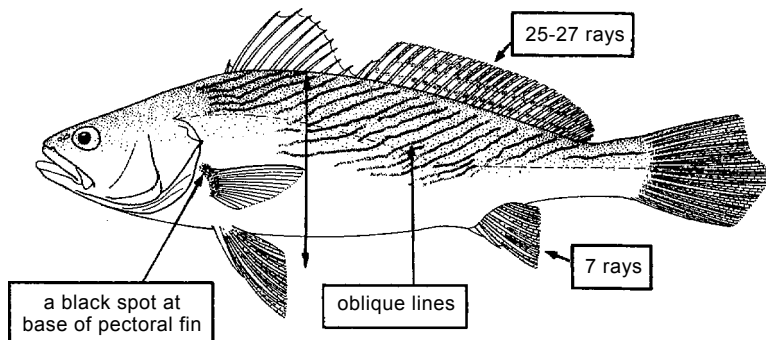
Size : 230 cm, common to 85 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, bottom set nets, line gear.

Habitat : on sandy and muddy bottoms to-about 75 m depth; also in estuaries.

Remarks : often confused with *Pseudotolithus Senegalensis*.

Loc.name(s) :

***Pseudotolithus (Fonticulus) elongatus* (Bowdich, 1825)**

(see Plate IX, 64)

Synonyms : *Corvina nigrita* Cuvier, 1830.

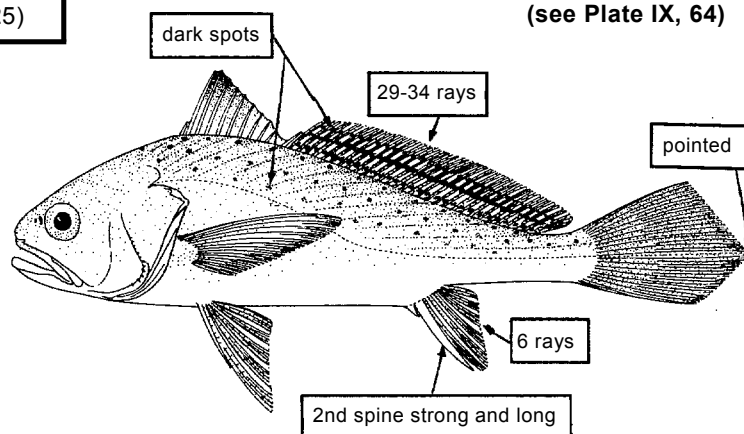
FAO names : **En** - Bobo croaker; **Fr** - Otolithe bobo;
Sp - Corvina bobó.

Size : 45 cm, common to 30 cm.

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

Habitat : found in brackish waters and estuaries.

Loc.name(s) :

***Pseudotolithus (Pinnacorvina) epipercus* Bleeker, 1863**

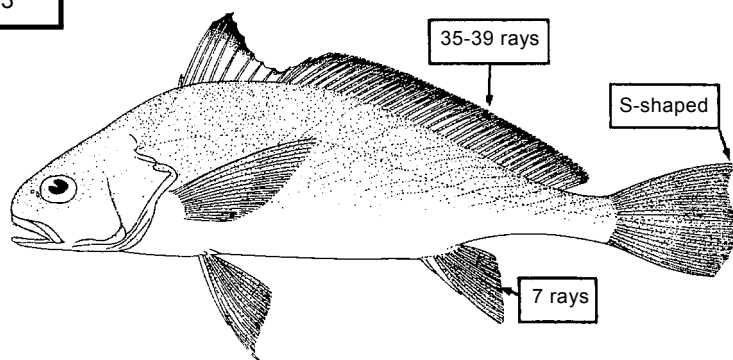
FAO names : **En** - Guinea croaker; **Fr** - Otolithe guinéen; **Sp** - Corvina de Guinea.

Size : 60 cm, common to 35 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, line gear.

Habitat : muddy bottoms, from the coastline to about 70 m depth.

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***Pseudotolithus (Hostia) moorii* (Günther, 1865)**

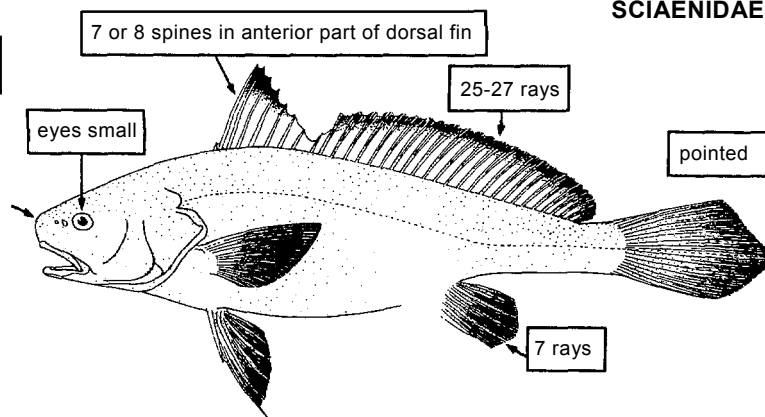
FAO names : **En** - Cameroon croaker; **Fr** - Otolithe camerounais; **Sp** - Corvina de Camerún.

Size : 50 cm, common to 25 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, line gear.

Habitat : muddy bottoms from about 15 to 70 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :

***Pseudotolithus (Pseudotolithus) senegalensis* (Valenciennes, 1833)**

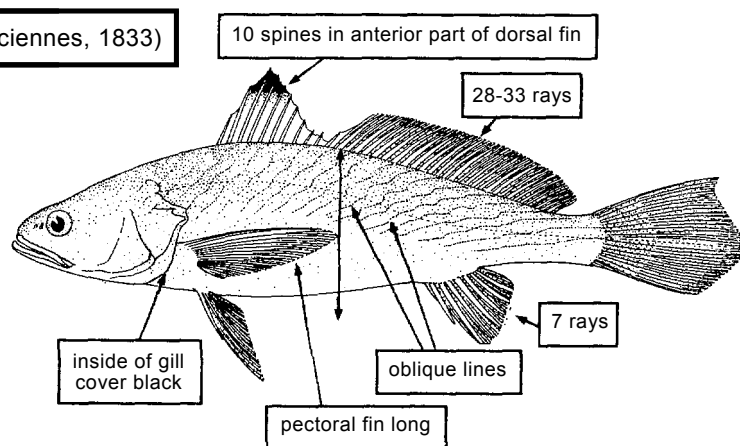
FAO names : **En** - Cassava croaker; **Fr** - Otolithe sénégalais; **Sp** - Corvina casava.

Size : 100 cm, common to 50 cm.

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

Habitat : in shallow waters, on muddy, sandy or rocky bottoms.

Loc.name(s) :



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***Pseudotolithus (Pseudotolithus) typus* Bleeker, 1863**

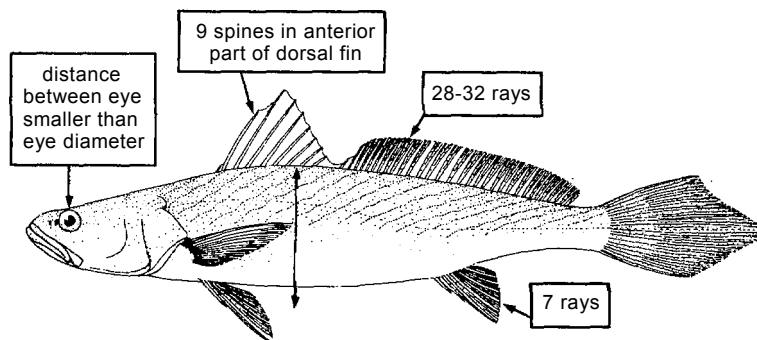
FAO names : **En** - Longneck croaker; **Fr** - Otolithe nanka; **Sp** - Corvina bosoro.

Size : 100 cm, common to 70 cm.

Fishing gear :

Habitat : muddy and sandy bottoms, to about 150 m depth; often found in estuaries.

Loc.name(s) :



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easily distinguished from *P. senegalensis* by its more elongated body and more slender, slightly upturned head

***Pteroscion peli* (Bleeker, 1863)**

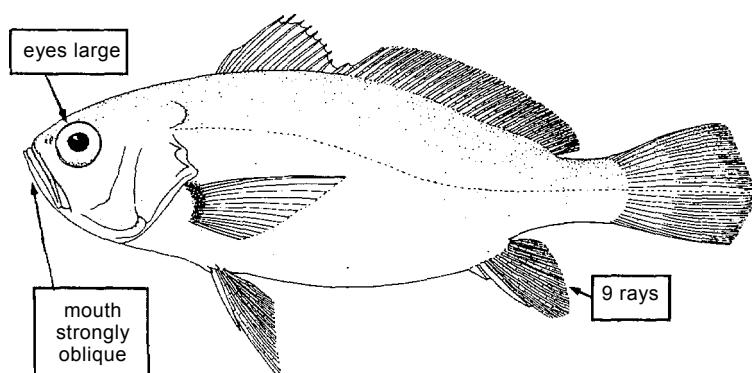
FAO names : **En** - Boe drum; **Fr** - Courbine pélin; **Sp** - Bombache boé.

Size : 35 cm, common to 18 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, bottom set nets, line gear.

Habitat : coastal waters to about 200 m depth, but more common between 30 and 60 m.

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Sciaena umbra Linnaeus, 1758

FAO names : En - Brown meagre; Fr - Corb commun; Sp - Corvallo.

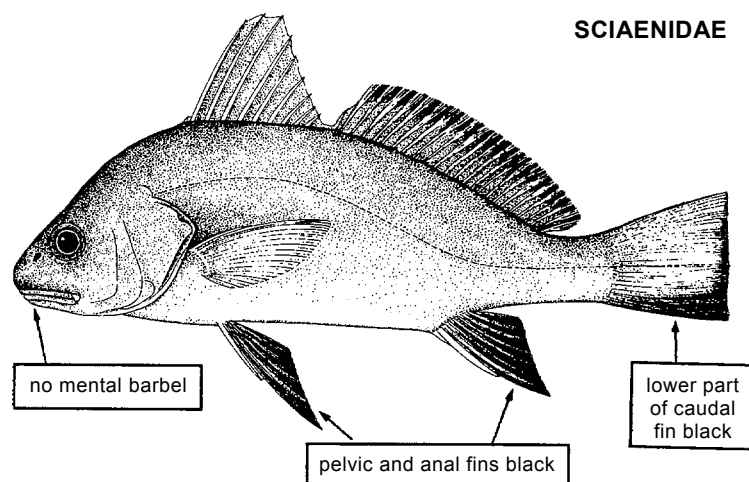
Size : 50 cm, common to 35 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, gillnets, beach seines.

Habitat : sandy and rocky bottoms from 20 to 180 m depth; very active at night.

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

Loc.name(s) :

***Umbrina canariensis*** Valenciennes, 1843

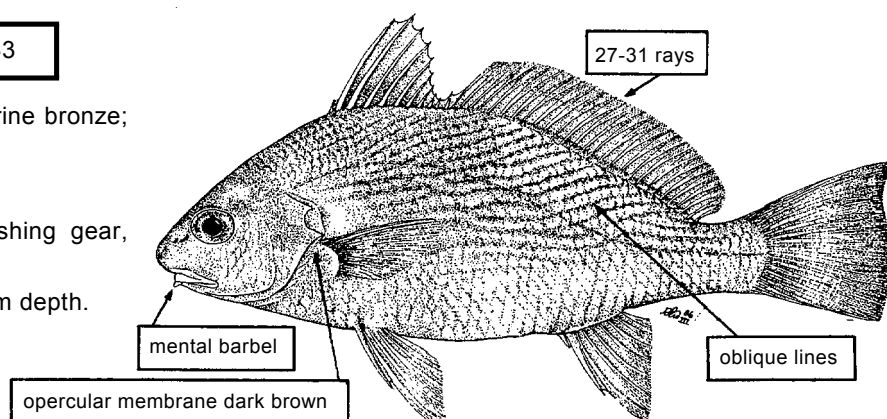
FAO names : En - Canary drum; Fr - Ombrine bronze; b - Verrugato de Canarias.

Size : 63 cm, common to 35 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, artisanal fishing gear, mainly hook-and-line.

Habitat : sandy mud bottoms from 15 to 75 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :



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Umbrina cirrosa (Linnaeus, 1758)

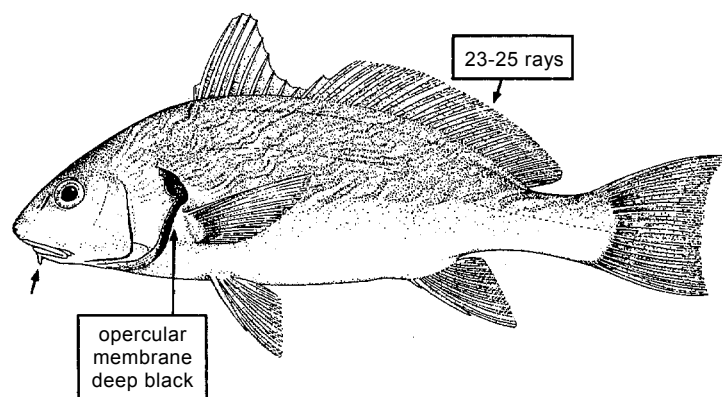
FAO names : En - Shi drum; Fr - Ombrine c ti re; Sp - Verrugato com n.

Size : 70 cm, common to 40 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, beach seines, set nets.
Habitat : sandy mud bottoms from 30 to 70 m depth.

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

Loc.name(s) :

***Umbrina ronchus*** Valenciennes, 1843

Synonyms: *Umbrina fusca* Dardignac, 1961

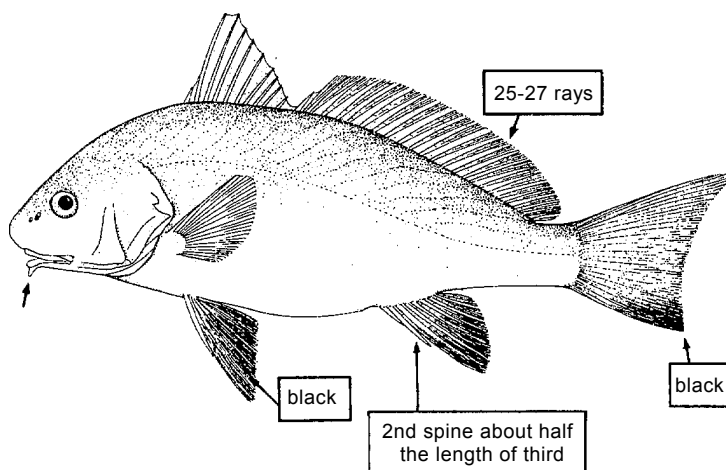
FAO names : En - Fusca drum; Fr - Ombrine fusca; Sp - Verrugato fusco.

Size : about 80 cm, common to 40 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, line gear.

Habitat : on rocky and sandy bottoms, from 20 to 200 m depth.

Loc.name(s) :



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Umbrina steindachneri Cadenat, 1950

ground colour golden-yellow with undulating blue lines bordered by black

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Synonyms : *Umbrina cirrosa* (non Linnaeus, 1758) [Bellemans et al., 1988]:

FAO names : **En** - Steindachner's drum; **Fr** - Ombrine de Steindachner, **Sp** - Verrugato de Steindachner.

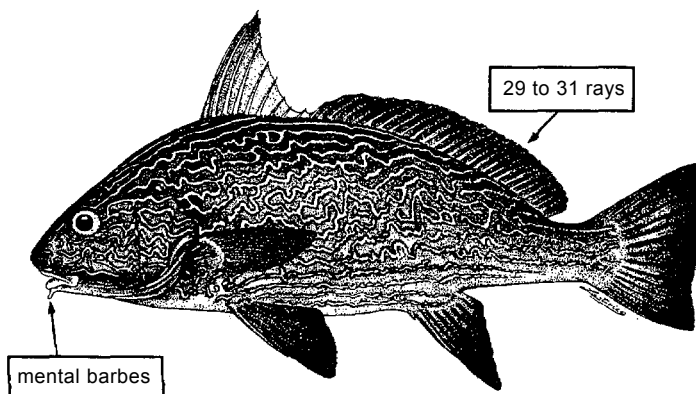
Size : 45 cm.

Fishing gear : bottom trawls, gillnets and beach seines.

Habitat : sandy mud bottoms; caught at a depth of 30 m.

Remarks : obviously a rare species, often confused with *Umbrina cirrosa*.

Loc.name(s) :



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Acanthocybium solandri (Cuvier, 1831)

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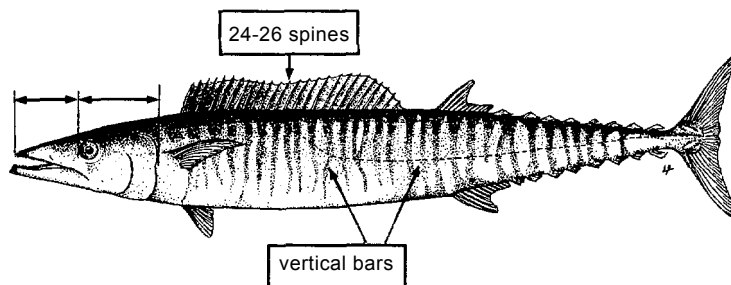
FAO names : **En** - Wahoo; **Fr** - Thazard-bâtard; **Sp** - Peto.

Size : 210 cm, common to 100 cm.

Fishing gear : seines, hook-and-line, sportfishing gear.

Habitat : found in coastal surface waters, more abundant during the warm season.

Loc.name(s) :



Auxis rochei (Rossi, 1810)

Synonyms : *Auxis thynnoides* Bleeker, 1855; *Auxis maru* Kishinouye, 1923.

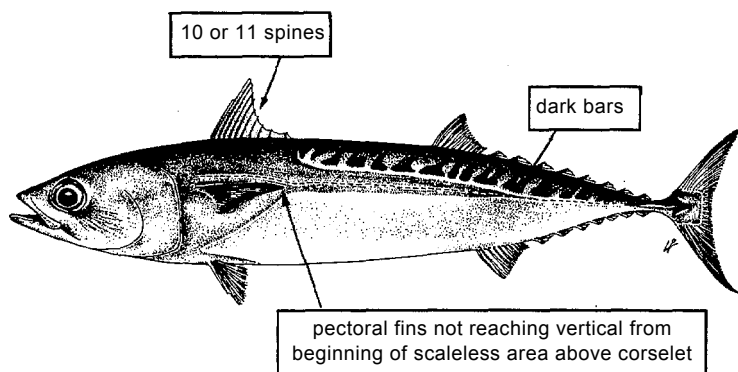
FAO names : **En** - Bullet tuna; **Fr** - Bonitou; **Sp** - Melvera.

Size : to 40 cm fork length, common to 35 cm.

Fishing gear : beach seines, purse seines (poli), drift nets, trolling lines, liftnets.

Habitat : a cosmopolitan species, found in warm waters.

Loc.name(s) :



Auxis thazard (Lacepède, 1800)

(see Plate IX, 69)

Synonyms : *Auxis tapeinosoma* Bleeker, 1854.

FAO names : **En** - Frigate tuna; **Fr** - Auxide; **Sp** - Melva.

Size : 55 cm, common to 40 cm.

Fishing gear : beach seines, purse seines, driftnets, trolling lines, liftnets.

Habitat : coastal waters.

Loc.name(s) :

