

# The discovery of *Blennius inaequalis* Valenciennes in Adriatic Sea

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*Blennius inaequalis* was originally described from Cette in the Mediterranean [VALENCIENNES, in CUVIER et VALENCIENNES, 1836, II, p. 230]. The distribution of this species is poorly known. It has been reported from the western Mediterranean off Algeria [GUICHENOT, 1850, p. 71, fig. 3, pl. 4; DIEUZEIDE *et al.*, 1955]; from the European coasts of France [MOREAU, 1881, p. 135, fig. 96; CARUS 1889-93, p. 698]; and from off both the Mediterranean and the Atlantic coasts of Spain [LOZANO y REY, 1960]. It has also been recorded from off Lebanon [SLASTENENKO, 1965; NAFPAKTITIS, mss.]. Through the courtesy of Dr. Paul KÄHSBAUER of the Natural History Museum, Vienna, I have recently been able to examine three specimens of *B. inaequalis* 50-54 mm in total length from the Adriatic Sea—two from off Split and one from Lesina. These have been compared with seven specimens of *B. inaequalis*, 25 to 39 mm long, from off Lebanon (received through Dr. B. NAFPAKTITIS); and four, 45 to 58 mm long, from off Banyuls, France, received from Dr. F. TEROFAL (*Zoologische Sammlung des Bayerischen Staates, München*) and the lots are conspecific. *B. inaequalis* had never been reported from the Adriatic Sea it may have been confused there with the other morphologically similar species. The most important characteristics of *B. inaequalis* were reported by LOZANO y REY [1960 p. 163, fig. 70] and SLASTENENKO [1966, p. 544 and in mss.].

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