

Trawl catches off the Western Greek Coast

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Information is provided on trawl catches in the gulfs of Patraikos and Korinthiakos and in the Ionian Sea, from September 1983 to June 1984.

Gadidae species predominated in the three areas, particularly in the Korinthiakos Gulf, where they reached 90% of the total number of individuals (Fig. 1). In the Patraikos and the Ionian, Centractanithidae and Sparidae came next throughout the year. Carangidae seemed to be numerous in September and December and Triglidae exhibited maxima in

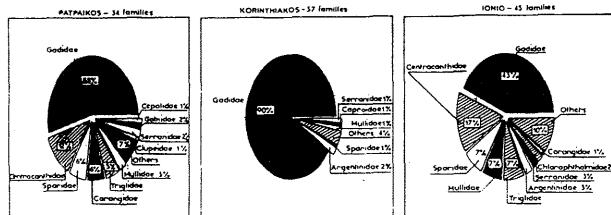


Fig. 1. Frequency of occurrence of the dominant fish families in the gulfs of Patraikos and Korinthiakos and in the Ionian Sea (1983-1984).

December in the Patraikos, while in the Ionian Mullidae, Triglidae, Argentiniidae and Serranidae appeared with a certain regularity. In the Korinthiakos, Mullidae, Sparidae, Argentiniidae, Caproidae and Macrouridae were also present, while all other families were represented by very few individuals.

During the summer there were 69 species in the Ionian and 50 in the Patraikos, while in the winter they became 36 and 37 respectively. In the Korinthiakos the number of species was between 47-52. The main species of the Patraikos (Fig. 2) was *Merluccius merluccius*, which predominated during all four cruises, diminishing from December till

