

ANARHICHADIDAE

atlantic wolffish

Anarhichas lupus

Linnaeus, 1758

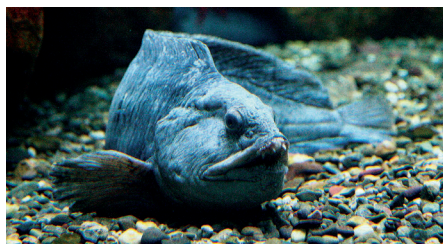


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HABITAT AND ECOLOGY

Demersal, mainly on rocky bottoms. Feeds on hard shelled organisms such as molluscs, crabs and echinoderms. Pelagic larvae settle to the substrate when 5-6 cm.

DISTRIBUTION

Mediterranean record: a single record from Varazze, Italy (Tortonese, 1958).

Original distribution: northern Atlantic Ocean from White Sea, North Sea to Cape Cod.

KEY REFERENCE

- Tortonese E. 1958. Primo ritrovamento di *Anarhichas lupus* L. (Piacis) nel Mediterraneo (Golfo di Genova). *Doriana*, 2(94): 1-4.

MURAENIDAE

moray eels

Gymnothorax reticularis

Bloch, 1795



Photo: N. Stern

HABITAT AND ECOLOGY

Inhabits rocky and open benthic soft substrate. Feeds on fish and large invertebrates. Eggs and larvae planktonic.

DISTRIBUTION

Mediterranean record: a single specimen was collected from Israel (Stern and Goren, 2013).

Original distribution: Indo-Pacific including the Red Sea.

KEY REFERENCE

- Stern N. and Goren M. 2013. First record of the moray eel *Gymnothorax reticularis*, Bloch, 1795 in the Mediterranean Sea, with a note on its taxonomy and distribution. *Zootaxa*, 3641(2): 197-200.