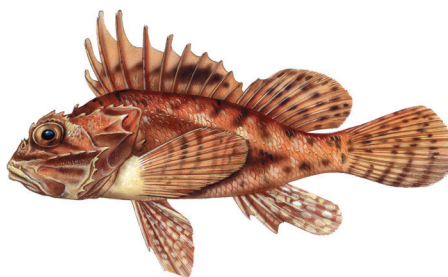


SCORPAENIDAE

scorpionfishes

Scorpaena stephanica

Cadenat, 1943



Drawing: Tuvia Kurz

HABITAT AND ECOLOGY

Inhabit rocky substrates between 40 and 200m of depth. Also found over sand and mud bottoms. Carnivorous, feeds on crustaceans and small fishes.

DISTRIBUTION

Mediterranean record: a single individual was recorded in 1977 from the northeastern Iberian coast (Allué *et al.*, 1981).

Original distribution: eastern Atlantic.

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PLATYCEPHALIDAE

flatheads

Elates ransonnettii

Steindachner, 1876



Photo: Ante Žuljević

HABITAT AND ECOLOGY

Inhabit sandy or muddy substrate to depth of 50 m. Feeds on benthic invertebrates and small fishes. Foraging method mainly by ambushing.

DISTRIBUTION

Mediterranean record: two records, from the Gulf of Taranto, Italy in 2005 (Mastratotaro *et al.*, 2007) and Kaštela Bay, near Split, Croatia (Adriatic Sea) in 2010 (Dulčić *et al.*, 2010). Mode of introduction of this species is probably by ballast water.

Original distribution: from South China Sea, Gulf of Thailand to northern Australia.

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