

CONGRIDAE

conger eels

**Rhynchoconger
trewavasae**

Ben-Tuvia, 1993



Photo: David Darom

HABITAT AND ECOLOGY

Inhabits benthic muddy and sandy substrate at 50 m in the Mediterranean (in the Red Sea at depths of 100 - 500 m). No data on its biology and ecology.

DISTRIBUTION

Mediterranean record: a single specimen collected in Israel (Ben-Tuvia, 1993).

Original distribution: endemic to the Red Sea.

KEY REFERENCE

- Ben-Tuvia A. 1993. A review of the Indo-West Pacific congrid fishes of genera *Rhynchoconger* and *Bathycongrus* with the description of three new species. *Israel Journal of Zoology*, 39: 349-370.

MURAENESOCIDAE

daggertooth pike-conger eels

**Muraenesox
cinereus**

Forsskål, 1775



Photo: David Darom

HABITAT AND ECOLOGY

Benthic species inhabiting muddy and sandy substrate; the Mediterranean specimen was collected at 50 m depth. (In the Red Sea at depths of 100 - 700 m.) Piscivorous. Eggs and larvae presumably planktonic.

DISTRIBUTION

Mediterranean record: a single specimen recorded from Israel (Golani and Ben-Tuvia, 1982).

Original distribution: Red Sea, Indian Ocean eastward to Indonesia, Japan and northern Australia. It is not clear whether the Malayan and Pacific populations belong to separate species.

KEY REFERENCE

- Golani D. and Ben-Tuvia A. 1982. First records of the Indo-Pacific daggertooth Pike-conger, *Muraenesox cinereus*, in the eastern Mediterranean and in the Gulf of Elat (Gulf of Aqaba). *Israel Journal of Zoology*, 31 : 54-57.