

CALLIONYMIDAE

dragonets

Diplogrammus randalli

Fricke, 1983



Photo: D. Seyhan

HABITAT AND ECOLOGY

Inhabits shallow sandy substrate. Biology and ecology are unknown.

DISTRIBUTION

Mediterranean record: a single specimen recorded from Fethiye, Turkey in 2016 (Seyhan *et al.*, 2017).

Original distribution: known from the northern Red Sea.

KEY REFERENCE

- Seyhan D., Irmak E. and Fricke R. 2017. *Diplogrammus randalli* (Pisces: Callionymidae), a new Lessepsian migrant recorded from the Mediterranean Sea. *Mediterranean Marine Science*, 18(1): 1-3.

SCOMBRIDAE

tunas and mackerels

Rastrelliger kanagurta

Cuvier, 1816



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HABITAT AND ECOLOGY

Pelagic fish, mainly in coastal waters. Schooling species. Planktivorous. Often observed swimming through plankton patches with open mouth. Eggs and larvae planktonic.

DISTRIBUTION

Mediterranean record: reported only from Israel in 1967 (Collette, 1970) and later by Golani (2010).

Original distribution: Wide Indo-Pacific. Red Sea, eastern Africa, southern Natal and Madagascar, to Japan, northern Australia and Samoa.

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- Collette B.B. 1970. *Rastrelliger kanagurta*, another Red Sea immigrant into the Mediterranean Sea, with a key to the Mediterranean species of Scombridae. *Bulletin of Sea Fisheries Research Station, Haifa*, 53: 3-6.