

TERAPONIDAE

terapons

Terapon theraps

Cuvier, 1829

HABITAT AND ECOLOGY

Inhabits shallow coastal waters; also found in brackish waters. Feeds on invertebrates and small fish.

DISTRIBUTION

Mediterranean record: recorded in 2007 from Piran Bay, Slovenia, northern Adriatic (Lipej *et al.*, 2008) and in 2008 in Thermaikos Gulf (Macedonia), Greece (Minos *et al.*, 2012). The species was probably transported by ships.

Original distribution: wide Indo-Pacific from east Africa and the Red Sea to Japan and northern Australia.

KEY REFERENCES

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PRIACANTHIDAE

bigeyes, glasseyes, bullseyes

Priacanthus arenatus

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HABITAT AND ECOLOGY

A relatively large species living near reefs and adjacent open sandy areas at depths of 20-200 m. Juveniles live in aggregations.

DISTRIBUTION

Mediterranean record: a single individual of 33.2 cm TL was caught in the Gulf of Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy in December 1979 (Tortonese and Cau, 1984).

Original distribution: tropical on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

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