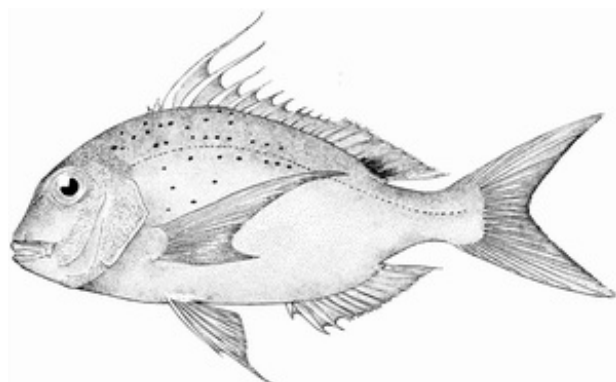


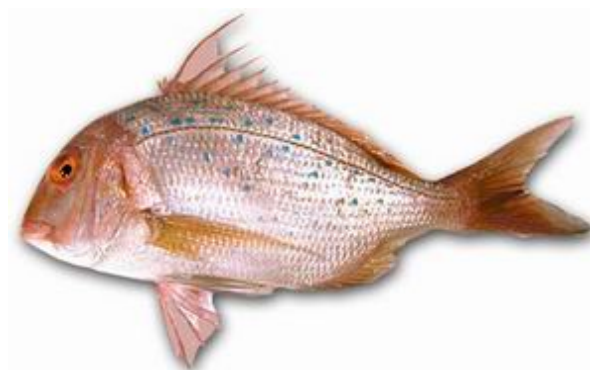


Species Fact Sheets

Pagrus caeruleostictus (Valenciennes, 1830)



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Synonyms

- *Semapagrus auriga* non Valenciennes, 1843: Chabanaud and Monod, 1927: 269.
- *Pagrus ehrenbergii* Valenciennes, 1830, in Cuv. and Val., Hist. Nat. Poiss. v. 6; 155 (eastern Mediterranean). 3 syntypes: MNHN 4598 (Egypt).
- *Pagrus bertheloti* Valenciennes, 1843, in Webb and Berthelot, Hist. nat. Canaries, 2: 33 (Canary Islands). Holotype: MNHN A7750.
- *Pagrus auriga* non Valenciennes, 1843: Günther, 1859, partim: 471.
- *Pagrus bocagei* Günther, 1860. Proc. Zool. Soc. London: 391, pl. 11 (Lisbon).
- *Pagrus caeruleostictus* Steindachner, 1868, 57: 973 (Tenerife).
- *Pagrus careuleostictus* Fowler, 1936, 2: 822, fig. 355.
- *Evynnis ehrenbergii* Akazaki, 1974: 178, fig.
- *Sparus ehrenbergi* Lloris and Rucabado, 1979: 100, fig. 8.

FAO Names

En - Bluespotted seabream, Fr - Pagre à points bleus, Sp - Hurta(=Zapata).
3Alpha Code: BSC Taxonomic Code: 1703919101

Scientific Name with Original Description

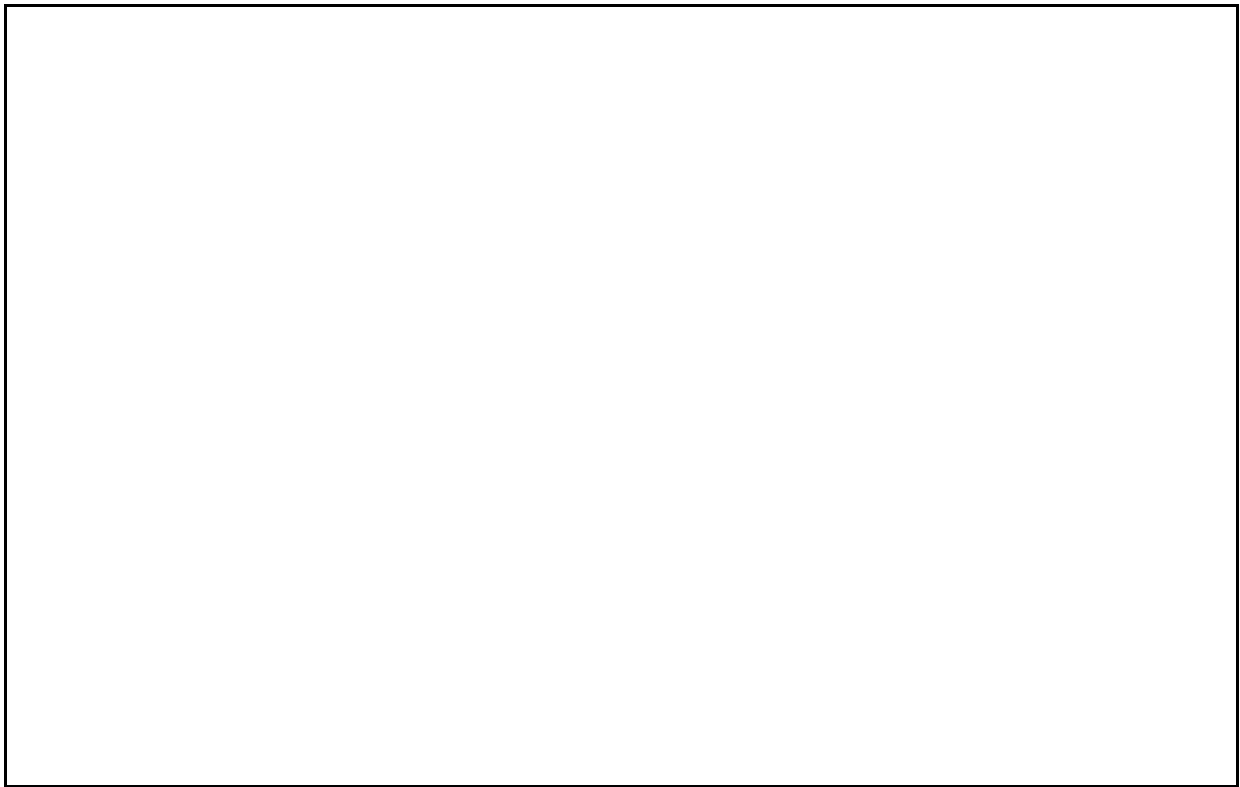
Chrysophrys caeruleosticta Valenciennes, 1830, in Cuv. and Val., Hist. Nat. Poiss., v. 6; 110 (Gorée, Senegal; Sainte Croix de Tenerife). Syntype: MNHN 8666 (1) Gorée.

Diagnostic Features

Body oval, rather deep and compressed. Head profile regularly convex above, becoming abruptly steeper below eye. Mouth low, slightly oblique. Jaws very strong, lips thick. Anterior teeth canine-like, 4 in upper and 6 in lower jaw, followed by blunter teeth that become progressively molar-like and are arranged in 2 or 3 rows. Behind the row of large canine-like there are some smaller teeth. Gill rakers on first arch 10 to 13 lower and 6 or 7 upper. Dorsal fin with 11 or 12 spines and 9 to 11 soft rays; the first 2 spines always very short, the third to fifth longest, filamentous in the young. Anal fin with 3 spines and 8 or 9 soft rays. First soft ray of

pelvic fins filamentous. Preopercle unscaled or with a few scattered, small scales. Scales along lateral line 51 to 54. Colour pink with silvery reflections and large bluish black spots on back and sides. Head darker, particularly on the interorbital space. A dark spot at bases of last dorsal soft rays extending on to the sheath of the fin, but becoming lighter with age. Caudal fin pinkish, the fork edged with black; other fins bluish or pinkish. Old individuals very often with numerous irregular dark spots on head and back; old males with yellow on the head during the reproduction season.

Geographical Distribution



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Eastern Atlantic, from Gibraltar to Angola, including the Canary Islands. Also in the Mediterranean and northward to Portugal.

Habitat and Biology

Demersal species. Inhabit hard bottoms (rocks and rubble) down to about 150 m depth, the older individuals in the deeper part of this range, the young in inshore areas.

Sexual maturity is attained at the age of 2 years. Spawning migrations occur parallel to the coast, with intermittent spawning activity taking place over soft bottoms in shallow water to the north of Cape Verde, throughout the hot season (particularly at its beginning and end). Carnivorous, feeding chiefly on bivalves which it crushes with its powerful jaws. Also crustaceans and fish.

Size

Maximum 95 cm; common to 50 cm.

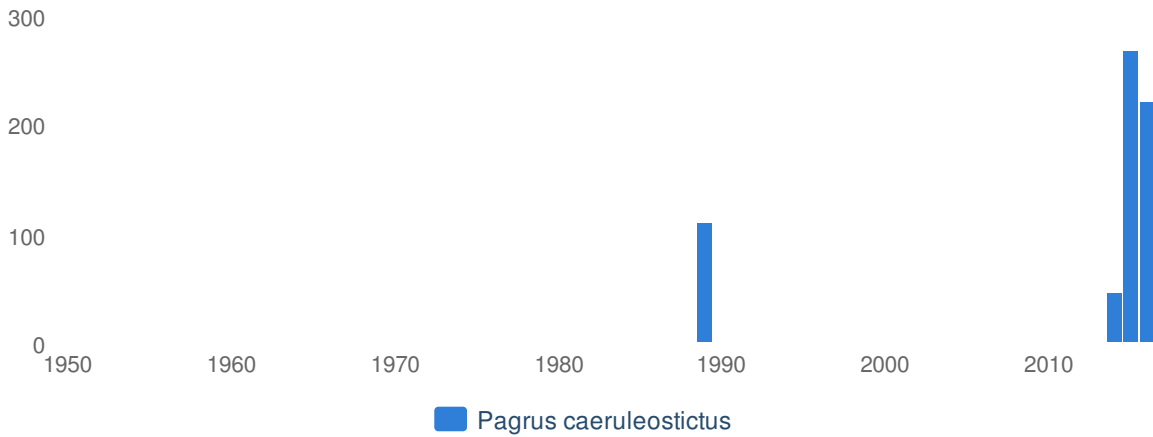
Interest to Fisheries

A seasonal fishery, particularly during the times of spawning concentrations, mainly in the southern part of its range. Less abundant to the north of Agadir and around the Canary Islands. Caught on **line gear**, with **bottom trawls** and **seines**, and in **traps** (Canary Islands). Separate statistics are not reported for this species.

Flesh esteemed, marketed fresh, frozen or smoked. Also used for fishmeal and oil.

Global Capture Production for species (tonnes)

Source: FAO FishStat



Local Names

ANGOLA : Pargo-ruço , Pargo boi , Ruço .

EGYPT : Morgan horr .

FRANCE : Pagre á points bleus .

GERMANY : Blaufleckenbrasse .

GHANA : Sikasika .

GREECE : Fagrí .

ISRAEL : Shefarnun mazuy .

ITALY : Pagro reale maschio .

LEBANON : Farrydy .

MALTA : Pagru rar .

MAROCCO : Zougah .

MAURITANIA : Daurade rose , Kibaro , Tamendept .

POLAND : Pagrus pregacz , Pagrus zapata .

PORTUGAL : Pargo-amargo , Pargo-boio , Pargo-de-pintas-azuis , Pargo-enxofre , Pargo-ruço , Pargo-zapata , Ruço .

TUNISIA : Jeghalí .

TURKEY : Trança .

UNITED KINGDOM : Bluespotted seabream .

UNITED STATES : Bluepointed porgy , Goldenhead porgy .

YUGOSLAVIA : Pagar , Pagar bajaktar .

Remarks

Frequently misidentification with *Pagrus auriga* Valenciennes, 1843.

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