

Rachycentron canadum

Linnaeus, 1766



RACHYCENTRIDAE

cobia

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HABITAT AND ECOLOGY

Pelagic species, often over continental shelf. Feeds mainly on crustaceans, small fishes and cephalopods. Often observed swimming among remoras. Eggs and larvae pelagic.

DISTRIBUTION

Mediterranean record: recorded in Haifa bay, Israel in 1978 (Golani and Ben-Tuvia, 1986), out off Marmaris, Turkey in 2013 (Akyol and Unal, 2013) and twice, in 2012 and 2014, in Lebanon (Crocetta and Bariche, 2015).

Note: Considering that mariculture experiments were conducted in the Levant, it is not clear whether the species has established a permanent population in the eastern Mediterranean or if the reported sightings should be considered as escapees.

Original distribution: worldwide, in warm waters (except the west coast of America).

KEY REFERENCES

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Chloroscombrus chrysurus

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CARANGIDAE

jacks

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HABITAT AND ECOLOGY

Adult distribution occurs over soft bottoms from coastal waters to open ocean. Larvae and juveniles may be dominant in shallow waters, especially near estuaries. Juveniles often observed in association with jellyfishes. Feeds on fish, cephalopods, zooplankton and detritus.

DISTRIBUTION

Mediterranean record: a single individual was recorded in Almuñécar (Granada), Spain, in 1997 (Peña Rivas *et al.*, 2013).

Original distribution: both sides of the Atlantic, from Massachusetts and Bermuda to Uruguay in the west and from Mauritania to Angola in the east.

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