

STREAKED GURNARD

Chelidonichthys lastoviza lastoviza

Bonnaterre, 1788



CLASSIFICATION

Class: Actinopteri

Order: Perciformes

Family: Triglidae

1 other subspecies



NOT LISTED

VERY RARE



LEAST CONCERN

Identification: Adults can reach a maximum length of 40 cm. Big head with very short snout and steep forehead. Adults are bright red with brownish transversal bands on flanks. Lower flanks and belly pinkish to white. Blue margin on pectoral fins.

Range: The subspecies occurs in Eastern Atlantic Ocean from Baltic Sea to Angola. Other subspecies found down to South Africa then to Mozambique.

Habitat : Sandy and rocky bottoms, usually near coast, from 20 to 150 meters deep.

Behavior: The species lives in small groups. Juveniles are pelagic, adults live close to shore. Adults feed on invertebrates and fishes taken from the mud.

Status in the wild: The species seems to be fairly common, especially in the Atlantic part of its range. Occurs in protected areas, facing no current threats.

In captivity: This species is very rare in captivity and only occasionally displayed in European collections. Probably absent elsewhere. Currently known from 2 or 3 aquariums in Europe. Never bred in captivity so far.