

SCAMIT CODE: OC 41

Date Examined: July 9, 1984

Synonymy: None

Literature Cited: Coe, 1944; Corrêa, 1964

Diagnostic Characters:

Live: small, 10 cm length; color brownish red with two longitudinal lateral lines, one dorsomedian and a series of white rings (Corrêa, 1964). After preservation, a narrow brownish-red band appears in the esophageal region, followed by a dark purple band which gradually fades towards the posterior (Fig. 1). Body slender throughout. Head about as wide as rest of body. Head marked off from body by slight lateral constriction. Mouth and proboscis pore separate. No cephalic grooves or caudal cirrus present. Lateral sense organ fairly well developed. Lateral nerve cord external to circular muscle sor at base of epithelium.

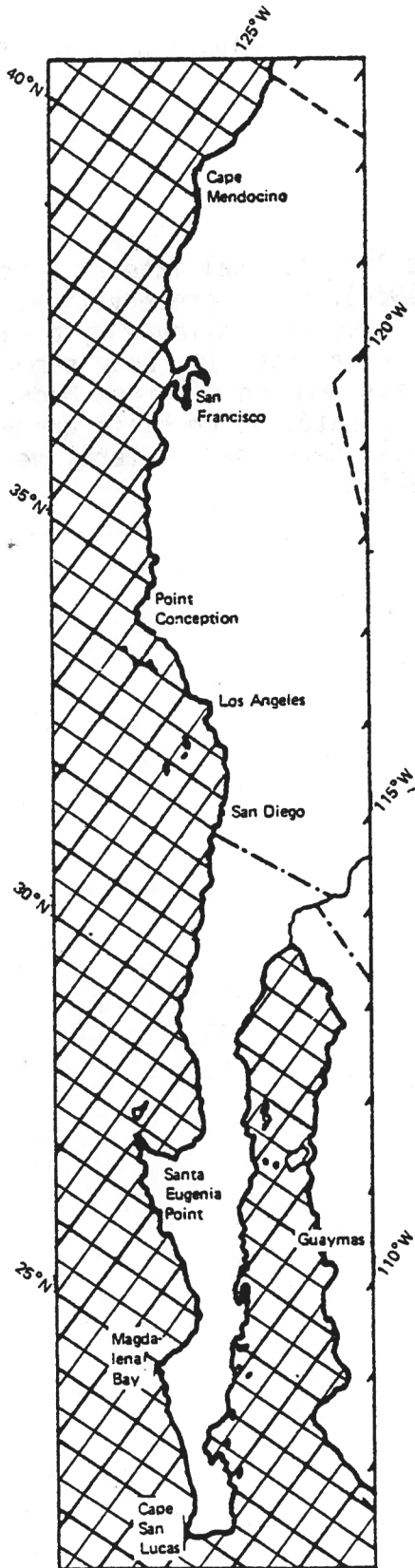
Variability:

Related Species and Character Differences:

DORSAL VIEW (PRESERVED)



Figure 1.



Depth Range:

Intertidal zone to 40 m (Burger 1892)
16-185 m (BLM Survey).

Distribution:

Coast of Alaska, South Africa, Mediterranean (Burger 1892). Southern California. (SCAMIT).

Ecology:

Additional Comments:

The non-pigmented mediodorsal stripe is faintly visible within the purple band. The series of white rings found in live specimens are not usually seen in preserved specimens