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**Pocket identification guide of main vulnerable species incidentally caught in fisheries of Croatia, Italy, Morocco, Tunisia, and Turkey**



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## Note by the Secretariat

1. These pocket identification guides have been developed to support the monitoring of bycatch of vulnerable species in Mediterranean fisheries in Croatia, Italy, Morocco, Tunisia, and Turkey.
2. The guides have been produced within the context of the MedBycatch project (Phase 1 and 2) “Understanding Mediterranean multi-taxon ‘bycatch’ of vulnerable species and testing mitigation – a collaborative approach” funded by MAVA Foundation through a partnership between the Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and contiguous Atlantic area (ACCOBAMS), the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas of the United Nations Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan (SPA/RAC), International Union for Conservation of Nature – Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation (IUCN-Med), BirdLife Europe and Central Asia (BL ECA), the Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles (MEDASSET) and the Mediterranean World Wildlife Fund (WWF).
3. The compilation and final editing of these guides has been coordinated by IUCN-Med with the support of all the project’s partners and the Mediterranean experts involved within the MedBycatch Project.
4. These guides have been developed to provide the observers on board fishing vessels and fishers with identification assistance and general information about main vulnerable species potentially caught as bycatch in their country and act as a complementary tool to the most comprehensive ID guide of Mediterranean vulnerable species: “Guide of vulnerable species incidentally caught in Mediterranean fisheries” (UNEP/MED WG.502/Inf.7)
5. The present document includes the English version of the:
  - a. Pocket identification guide of main vulnerable species incidentally caught in Croatian fisheries (also available [Croatian](#))
  - b. Pocket identification guide of main vulnerable species incidentally caught in Italian fisheries (also available in [Italian](#))
  - c. Pocket identification guide of main vulnerable species incidentally caught in Moroccan fisheries (also available in [French](#) with Arabic species names)
  - d. Pocket identification guide of main vulnerable species incidentally caught in Tunisian fisheries (also available in [French](#) with Arabic species names)
  - e. Pocket identification guide of main vulnerable species incidentally caught in Turkish fisheries (also available in [Turkish](#))
6. These guides complement the document Monitoring the incidental catch of vulnerable species in Mediterranean and Black Sea fisheries - methodology for data collection (UNEP/MED WG.502/Inf.6)

# POCKET IDENTIFICATION GUIDE OF MAIN VULNERABLE SPECIES INCIDENTALLY CAUGHT IN CROATIAN FISHERIES

Simplified guide adapted for Croatia (GSA 17) from the Identification  
guide of vulnerable species incidentally caught in Mediterranean fisheries

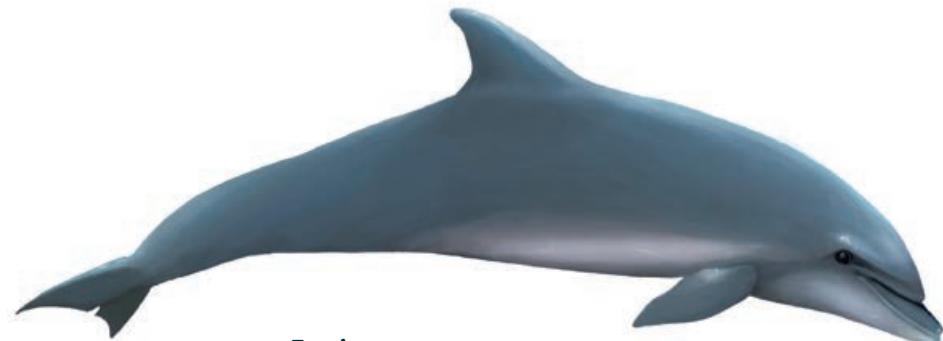


## MARINE MAMMALS



### *Stenella coeruleoalba*

Striped dolphin / prugasti dupin  
Ad: 1.8 – 2.6 m  
NB: 85 – 95 cm



### *Tursiops truncatus*

Common bottlenose dolphin / dobrí dupin  
♂: 2.5 – 3.9 m  
♀: 2.2 – 3.2  
NB: 1 – 1.2 m

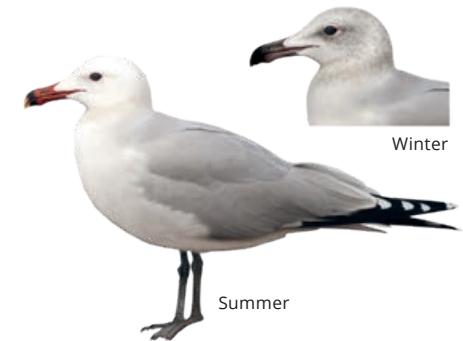


## SEABIRDS



Winter

**Larus michahellis**  
Yellow-legged gull / galeb klaukavac  
Wingspan: 120 – 140 cm

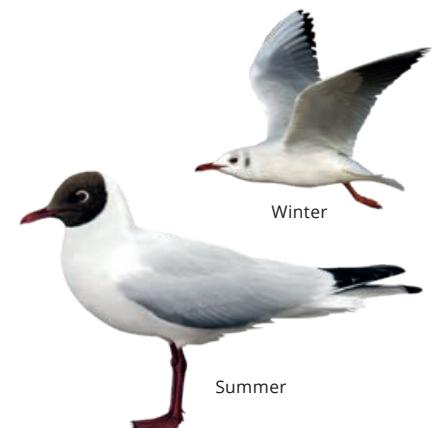


Summer

**Larus audouinii**  
Audouin's gull / sredozemni galeb  
W: 117 – 128 cm



**Calonectris diomedea**  
Scopoli's shearwater / kaukal  
W: 112 – 122 cm



Winter

Summer

**Larus ridibundus**  
Black-headed gull / riječni galeb  
W: 86 – 99 cm



## SEABIRDS



### **LC** *Gulosus aristotelis desmarestii*

European shag / morski vranac (sredozemna podvrsta)  
**Glo** W: 115 – 125 cm



### **LC** *Thalasseus sandvicensis*

Sandwich tern / dugokljuna čigra  
**Glo** W: 85 – 97 cm



### **LC** *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Great Cormorant / veliki vranac  
**Glo** W: 77 – 94 cm



### **LC** *Sterna hirundo*

Common tern / crvenokljuna čigra  
W: 70 – 80 cm

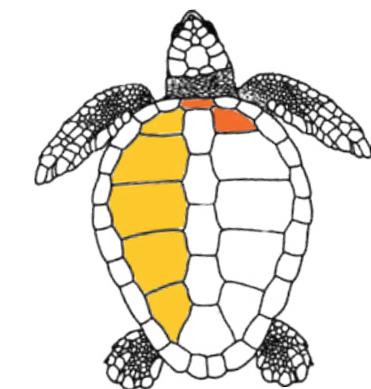


### **YU** *Puffinus yelkouan*

Yelkouan shearwater / gregula  
W: 70 – 84 cm



## SEA TURTLES



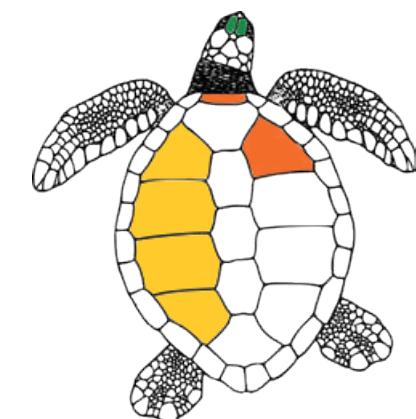
**VU** **LC**

**Glo** **Med**

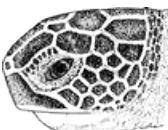


### **Caretta caretta**

Loggerhead turtle / glavata želva  
♂: 75 – 80 cm; ♀: 66 – 85 cm



**EN**   
**Glo**



### **Chelonia mydas**

Green turtle / zelena želva  
Ad (♂ and ♀): 80 – 120 cm

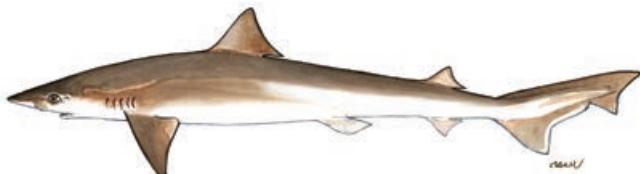
## CHONDRICHTYANS



**Alopias vulpinus – ALV**

Common thresher / pas lisica  
Ad: up to 6 m

VU EN  
Glo Med



**Galeorhinus galeus – GAG**

Tope shark / butor  
Ad: up to 1.6m

VU VU  
Glo Med



**Mustelus punctulatus – MPT**

Blackspotted smooth-hound /  
pas mekaš pjegavi  
Ad: up to 1.9 m

DD VU  
Glo Med



**Isurus oxyrinchus – SMA**

Shortfin mako / dugonosa psina  
Ad: up to 4.5m

VU CR  
Glo Med



**Hexanchus griseus – SBL**

Bluntnose six-gill shark / volonja  
Ad: up to 5 m

NT DD  
Glo Med



**Squalus acanthias – DGS**

Picked dogfish / kostelj piknjavac  
Ad: up to 2 m

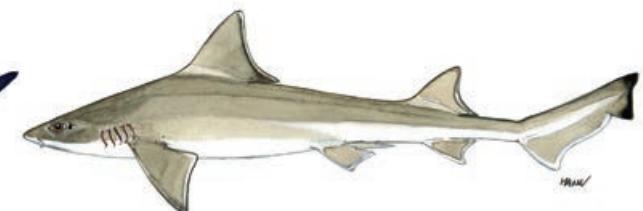
VU EN  
Glo Med



**Prionace glauca – BSH**

Blue shark / modrulj  
Ad: up to 4 m

NT CR  
Glo Med



**Mustelus mustelus – SMD**

Smooth-hound / pas mekaš  
Ad: up to 2 m

VU VU  
Glo Med



**Scyliorhinus canicula – SYC**

Small-spotted catshark / mačka bljedica  
Ad: up to 1 m (60 cm in Mediterranean)

LC LC  
Glo Med

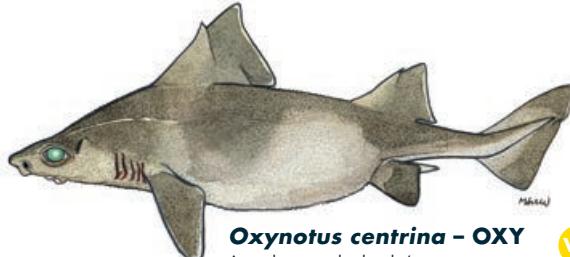


**Cetorhinus maximus – BSK**

Basking shark / golema psina  
Ad: up to 10 m

EN EN  
Glo Med

## CHONDRICHTYANS



**Oxynotus centrina - OXY**

Angular rough shark / pas prasac  
Ad: up to 1.5 m

VU CR  
Glo Med



**Raja asterias - JRS**

Mediterranean starry ray /  
raža zvjezdopjega  
Ad: up to 80 cm in total length

NT NT  
Glo Med



**Raja miraletus - JAI**

Brown ray / raža modropjega  
Ad: up to 70 cm in total length

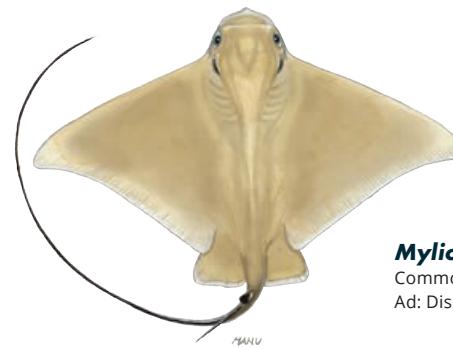
LC LC  
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**Squatina squatina - AGN**

Angelshark / sklat sivac  
Ad: up to 2.5 m total length

CR CR  
Glo Med



**Myliobatis aquila - MYL**

Common eagle ray / golub  
Ad: Disc wide up to 1.5 m

DD VU  
Glo Med



**Dasyatis pastinaca - JDP**

Common stingray / žutuga  
Ad: Disc wide up to 0.68m

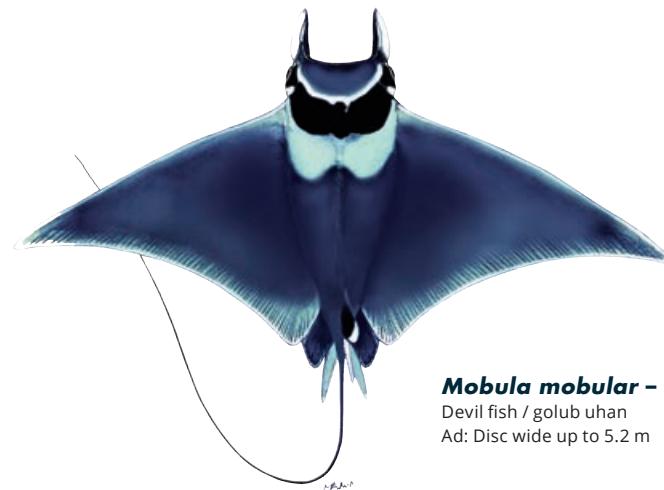
DD VU  
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**Raja clavata - RJC**

Thornback ray / raža kamenica  
Ad: up to 90-130 cm in total length

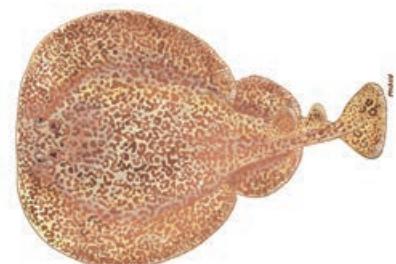
NT NT  
Glo Med



**Mobula mobular - RMM**

Devil fish / golub uhana  
Ad: Disc wide up to 5.2 m

EN EN  
Glo Med



**Torpedo marmorata - TTR**

Marbled elettric ray / drhtulja  
Ad: up to 1 m in total length

DD LC  
Glo Med

## SPONGES



### Massive keratose sponges – KERA



*Sarcotragus* sp.



*Sarcotragus* sp.



*Hippospongia communis*



*Ircinia variabilis*

### Globular sponges – GLOS



*Suberites domuncula*



*Tethya aurantium*



*Thenea* spp.

### Massive Mediterranean stony sponge – PETR



*Petrosia ficiformis* (burgundy morph) *Petrosia ficiformis* (white morph)



### Massive, (sub-) spherical hard sponges (*Geodia* spp.) – GEOD



*Geodia cydonium*

### Lamellate rock sponges (*Leiodermatium* sp.) – ROCK



*Leiodermatium pfeifferae*

### Lamellate to cup-shaped sponges – LAMS



*Spongia lamella*



*Calyx niceensis*

### Massive-tubular gold sponges (*Aplysina* spp.) – APLY



*Aplysina* spp.

### Other massive sponges (to be recorded as "Other massive") – OTHR



*Agelas oroides*

### Arborescent sponges – ARBS



*Axinella* sp.



*Axinella cannabina*

### Birds' nest glass sponge – BIRD



*Pheronema carpenteri*

### Felt vase glass sponge – FELT



*Asconema setubalense*

### Fan-shaped sponges – FANS



*Phakellia ventilabrum*



*Phakellia robusta*

## CORALS



### Soft corals - SOFT



*Alcyonium palmatum*

### Bright yellow or salmon-pink hard corals (*Dendrophyllia* spp.) - DEND



Dead dendrophyllids

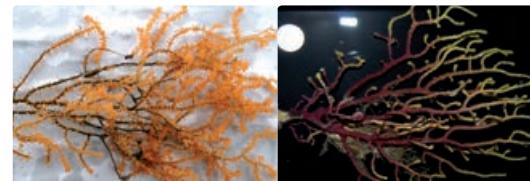
*Dendrophyllia* cornigera

EN

*Dendrophyllia* ramea

VU

### Thick and tall red, yellow fan-shaped gorgonians - FANG



*Acanthogorgia hirsuta*

*Paramuricea clavata*

VU

### Seapens - PENS



*Pteroeides spinosum* and  
*Pennatula* spp.

### Bamboo corals - BAMB



*Isidella elongata*

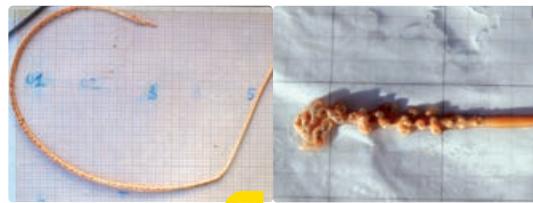
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### Salmon-pink, brittle fan-shaped gorgonians - CALL



*Callogorgia verticillata*

### White, stem-like sea pens - STEM



*Funiculina quadrangularis*

VU

*Kophobelemnon stelliferum*

### Candelabrum-shaped, red gorgonians - ELLP



*Ellisella paraplexauroides*

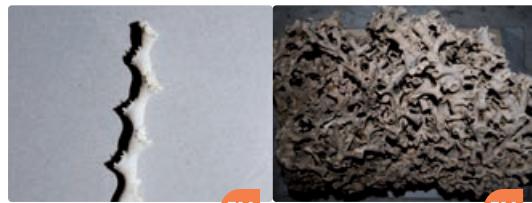
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### Tall, white or yellow whip gorgonians (*Viminella flagellum*) - VIMF



*Viminella flagellum*

### White corals - WHIT



*Madrepora oculata*

EN

*Lophelia pertusa*

EN

### Colonial hard corals - CLAD



*Cladocora caespitosa*

EN

### Arborescent black corals - BLAC



*Antipathella subpinnata*

*Parantipathes larix*

*Leiopathes glaberrima*

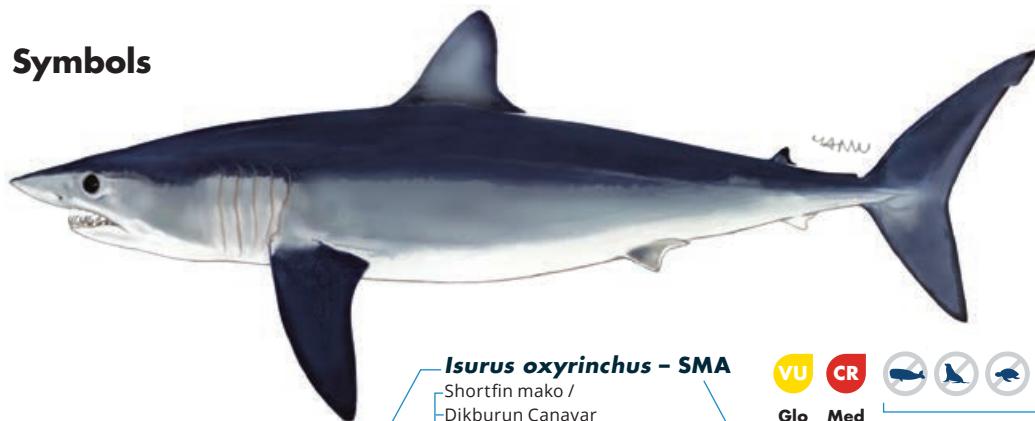
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*Antipathes dichotoma*

## Abbreviations

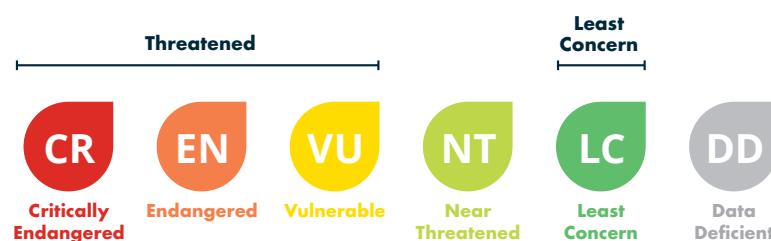
Ad: Adult  
♂: Male  
♀: Female  
NB: New Born  
W: Wingspan

## Symbols



## **Key to IUCN Red List category symbols**

For each species sheets, the IUCN categories relating to the conservation status both globally (Glo) and Mediterranean (Med) level are reported, according to the following scheme:



Geographical subarea (GSA) 17 refers to the Northern Adriatic Sea. If the incidentally caught species is not included in this guide, please refer to the **Identification guide of vulnerable species incidentally caught in Mediterranean fisheries**, which also provides detailed information on the conservation status, regulations and protection of each species (under ACCOBAMS, SPA/BD Protocol, CITES, CMS, GFCM, IUCN). Illustration source of sharks and rays: FAO Original scientific illustrations archive. Reproduced with permission.



QR Code

<b>Scientific name</b>	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus - SMA</i>								
<b>Common name in English and Croatian</b>	Shortfin mako / Dikburun Canavar Ad: up to 4,5m								
		Species size given as total length or wingspan for Adults (Ad) or Females (♀), Males (♂) and New Born (NB)							
				Shorthand ASFIS code					
					IUCN Red Data List status at Global and Mediterranean				
						The species have to be released alive, it cannot be retained on board, transshipped, landed, transferred, stored, sold or displayed or offered for sale*			

\* GFCM recommendations related to the management and conservation of vulnerable species in the GFCM area of application: seabirds (Rec. GFCM/35/2011/3); sea turtles (Rec. GFCM/35/2011/4); cetaceans (Rec. GFCM/36/2012/2; Res. GFCM/43/2019/2); sharks and rays (Rec. GFCM/36/2012/3; Rec. GFCM/42/2018/2) and corals (Res. GFCM/43/2019/6); Ordinance on strictly protected species (Official Gazette 144/2013)

# POCKET IDENTIFICATION GUIDE OF MAIN VULNERABLE SPECIES INCIDENTALLY CAUGHT IN ITALIAN FISHERIES

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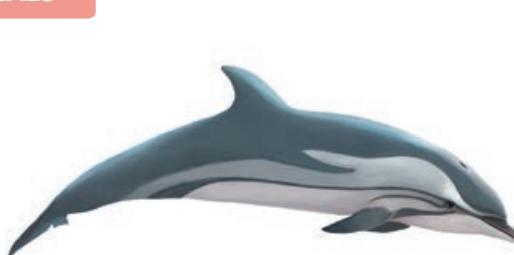
## MARINE MAMMALS



***Tursiops truncatus***

Common bottlenose dolphin /  
Tursiope  
♂: 2.5 - 3.9 m  
♀: 2.2 - 3.2 m  
NB: 1 - 1.2 m

LC VU  
Glo Med



***Stenella coeruleoalba***

Striped dolphin /  
Stenella striata  
Ad: 1.8 - 2.6 m  
NB: 85 - 95 cm

LC VU  
Glo Med



***Delphinus delphis***

Short-beaked common dolphin / Delfino comune  
♂: 2.0 - 2.6 m / ♀: 2.4 m /  
NB: 80 - 90 cm

LC EN  
Glo Med



***Ziphius cavirostris***

Cuvier's beaked whale /  
Zifio  
♂: up to 7.5 m  
♀: up to 7 m  
NB: 2 - 2.7 m

LC DD  
Glo Med



***Grampus griseus***

Risso's dolphin /  
Grampo o Delfino di Risso  
Ad: 3 - 4 m / NB: 1.2 - 1.5 m

LC DD  
Glo Med



***Globicephala melas***

Long-finned pilot whale /  
Globicefalo  
♂: 5.5 - 6.2 m / ♀: 4.5 - 5.5 m  
NB: 1.7 - 1.8 m

LC DD  
Glo Med



***Physeter macrocephalus***

Sperm whale / Capodoglio  
♂: 16 - 18 m / ♀: 11 - 12 m / NB: 3.3 - 4.2 m

VU EN  
Glo Med



***Balaenoptera physalus***

Fin whale / Balenottera comune  
♂: 18 - 20 m / ♀: 20 - 22 m / NB: 6 - 6.5 m

VU VU  
Glo Med

## SEABIRDS



**Larus michahellis**  
Yellow-legged gull / Gabbiano reale  
Wingspan: 120 – 140 cm



**Larus audouinii**  
Audouin's gull / Gabbiano corso  
W: 117 – 128 cm



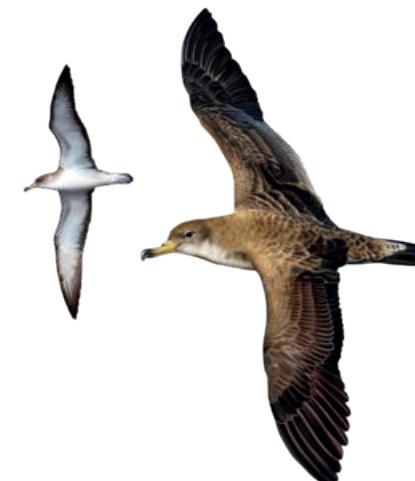
**Phalacrocorax carbo**  
Great Cormorant / Cormorano  
W: 77 – 94 cm



**Gulosus aristotelis desmarestii**  
European shag / Marangone dal ciuffo  
W: 115 – 125 cm



**Puffinus yelkouan**  
Yelkouan shearwater / Berta minore  
W: 70 – 84 cm



**Calonectris diomedea**  
Scopoli's shearwater / Berta maggiore  
W: 112 – 122 cm



## SEA TURTLES



**Caretta caretta**  
Loggerhead turtle / Tartaruga caretta  
♂: 75 – 80 cm; ♀: 66 – 85 cm

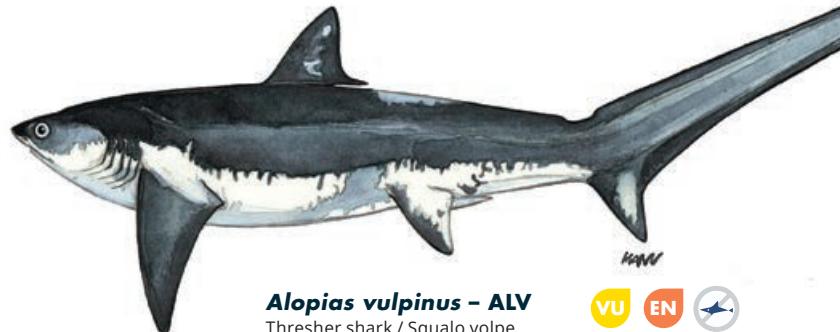


**Chelonia mydas**  
Green turtle / Tartaruga verde  
Ad (♂ and ♀): 80 – 120 cm



**Dermochelys coriacea**  
Leatherback sea turtle /  
Tartaruga liuto  
Average adult length 1.4 – 1.6 m

## CHONDRICHTYANS



**Alopias vulpinus - ALV**

Thresher shark / Squalo volpe  
Ad: up to 6 m

VU EN  
Glo Med



**Isurus oxyrinchus - SMA**

Shortfin mako / Squalo mako pinna corta  
Ad: up to 4.5 m

VU CR  
Glo Med



**Hexanchus griseus - SBL**

Bluntnose six-gill shark /  
Squalo capoipiatto  
Ad: up to 5 m

NT DD  
Glo Med



**Galeorhinus galeus - GAG**

Tope shark / Canesca  
Ad: up to 1.6 m

VU VU  
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**Mustelus punctulatus - MPT**

Blackspotted smooth-hound /  
Palombo punteggiato  
Ad: up to 1.9 m

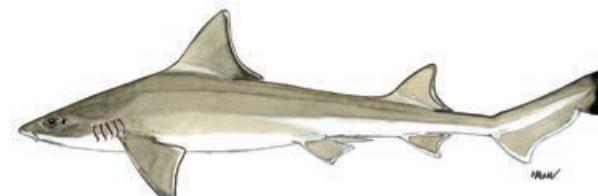
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**Mustelus asterias - SDS**

Starry smooth-hound shark /  
Palombostellato  
Ad: up to 1.4 m

LC VU  
Glo Med



**Mustelus mustelus - SMD**

Smooth-hound / Palombo  
Ad: up to 2 m

VU VU  
Glo Med

## CHONDRICHTYANS



**Galeus melastomus – SHO**

Blackmouth catshark / Gattuccio boccanera  
Ad: up to 90 cm

LC  
Glo Med



**Cetorhinus maximus – BSK**

Basking shark / Squalo elefante  
Ad: up to 10 m

EN  
Glo Med



**Scyliorhinus canicula – SYC**

Small-spotted catshark / Gattuccio  
Ad: up to 1 m (60 cm in Mediterranean)

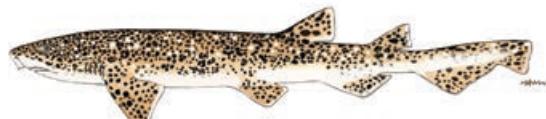
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**Carcharhinus plumbeus – CCP**

Sandbar shark / Squalo grigio  
Ad: up to 3 m

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**Scyliorhinus stellaris – SYT**

Nursehound / Gattopardo  
Ad: up to 1.7 m

NT  
Glo Med

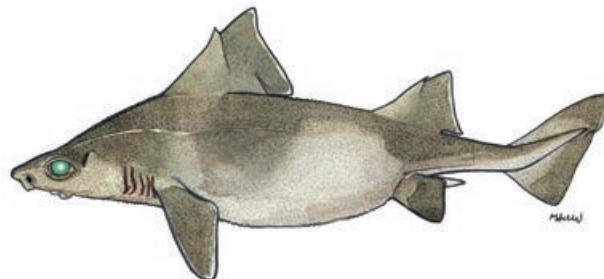


**Prionace glauca – BSH**

Blue shark / Verdesca  
Ad: up to 4 m

NT  
Glo Med

## CHONDRICHTYANS



**Oxynotus centrina - OXY**

Angular rough shark / Pesce porco  
Ad: up to 1.5 m

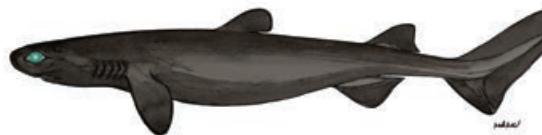
VU CR  
Glo Med



**Squalus acanthias - DGS**

Piked dogfish / *Squalus acanthias*  
Ad: up to 2 m

VU EN  
Glo Med



**Dalatias licha - SCK**

Kitefin shark / Zigrino  
Ad: up to 1.82 m

VU VU  
Med



**Squalus blainville - QUB**

Longnose spurdog / Spinarolo bruno  
Ad: 50 – 80 cm in total length,  
occasionally until 1.1 m

DD DD  
Glo Med



**Centrophorus cf uyato - GUP**

Gulper shark / Sagri  
Ad: up to 1.2 m

DD CR  
Glo Med



**Etmopterus spinax - ETX**

Velvet belly / Sagri nero o Moretto  
Ad: up to 60 cm

LC LC  
Glo Med



**Heptranchias perlo - HXT**

Sharpnose sevengill shark /  
Squalo manzo  
Ad: up to 1.4m

NT DD  
Glo Med

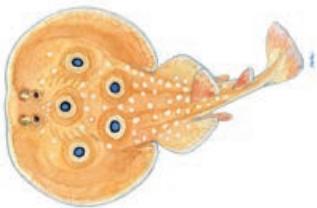
## CHONDRICHTYANS



**Torpedo marmorata - TTR**

Marbled elettric ray /  
Torpedine marezzata  
Ad: up to 1 m in total length

DD LC  
Glo Med



**Torpedo torpedo - TTV**

Common torpedo /  
Torpedine occhiuta  
Ad: 60 cm in total length

DD LC  
Glo Med

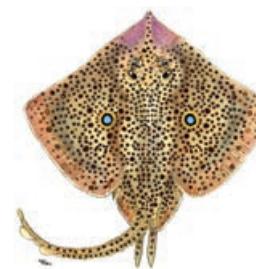


**Leucoraja circularis - RJI**

Sandy ray / Razza rotonda  
Ad: up to 1.2 m total length

EN CR  
Glo Med

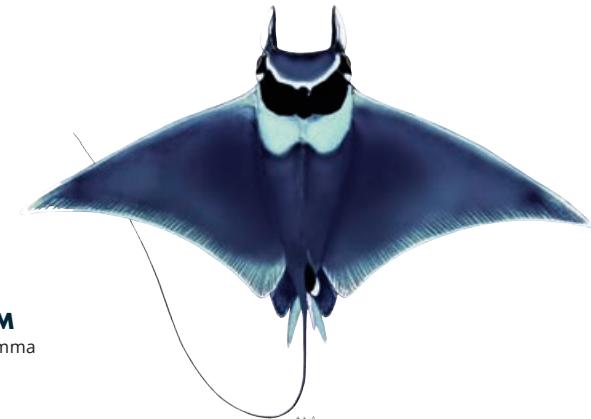
Glo Med



**Raja miraletus - JAI**

Brown ray / Razza quattrochi  
Ad: up to 70 cm in total length

LC LC  
Glo Med



**Mobula mobular - RMM**

Devil fish / Mobula o Diavolo di mare  
Ad: Disc wide up to 5.2 m

EN EN  
Glo Med



**Raja asterias - JRS**

Mediterranean starry ray /  
Razza stellata  
Ad: up to 80 cm in total length

LC LC  
Glo Med



**Dasyatis pastinaca - JDP**

Common stingray / Pastinaca  
Ad: Disc wide up to 68 cm

DD VU  
Glo Med



**Dipturus oxyrinchus - RJO**

Pocheteau noir /  
Razza monaca  
Ad: Disc wide up to 1.5 m

NT NE  
Glo Med



**Pteroplatytrygon violacea - PLS**

Pelagic stingray /  
Trigone viola  
Ad: up to 80 cm  
total length

LC LC  
Glo Med



**Tetronarce nobiliana - TTO**

Electric ray /  
Torpedine nera  
Ad: up to 1.8m

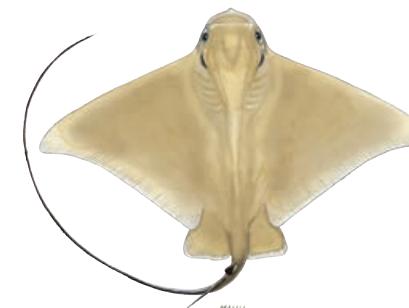
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**Raja clavata - RJC**

Thornback ray / Razza chiodata  
Ad: up to 90-130 cm in total length

NT NT  
Glo Med



**Myliobatis aquila - MYL**

Common eagle ray / Aquila di mare  
Ad: Disc wide up to 1.5 m

DD VU  
Glo Med



**Chimaera monstrosa - CMO**

Rabbit fish / Chimera  
Ad: up to 1 m

NT NT  
Glo Med

## SPONGES



### Massive keratose sponges – KERA



*Sarcotragus* sp.



*Sarcotragus* sp.



*Hippospongia communis*



*Ircinia variabilis*

### Globular sponges – GLOS



*Suberites domuncula*



*Tethya aurantium*



*Thenea* spp.

### Massive Mediterranean stony sponge – PETR



*Petrosia ficiformis* (burgundy morph) *Petrosia ficiformis* (white morph)



### Massive, (sub-) spherical hard sponges (*Geodia* spp.) – GEOD



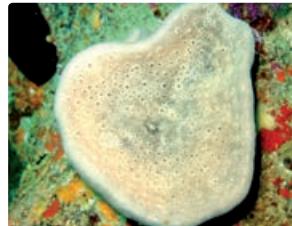
*Geodia cydonium*

### Lamellate rock sponges (*Leiodermatium* sp.) – ROCK



*Leiodermatium pfeifferae*

### Lamellate to cup-shaped sponges – LAMS



*Spongia lamella*



*Calyx niceensis*

### Massive-tubular gold sponges (*Aplysina* spp.) – APLY



*Aplysina* spp.

### Other massive sponges (to be recorded as "Other massive") – OTHR



*Agelas oroides*

### Arborescent sponges – ARBS



*Axinella* sp.



*Axinella cannabina*

### Birds' nest glass sponge – BIRD



*Pheronema carpenteri*

### Felt vase glass sponge – FELT



*Asconema setubalense*

### Fan-shaped sponges – FANS



*Phakellia* ventilabrum



*Phakellia* robusta

## CORALS



### Soft corals - SOFT



*Alcyonium palmatum*

### Bright yellow or salmon-pink hard corals (*Dendrophyllia* spp.) - DEND



Dead dendrophyllids

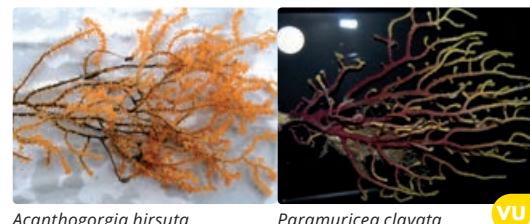
*Dendrophyllia* cornigera

EN

*Dendrophyllia* ramea

VU

### Thick and tall red, yellow fan-shaped gorgonians - FANG



*Acanthogorgia hirsuta*

*Paramuricea clavata*

VU

### Seapens - PENS



*Pteroeides spinosum* and  
*Pennatula* spp.

### Bamboo corals - BAMB



*Isidella elongata*

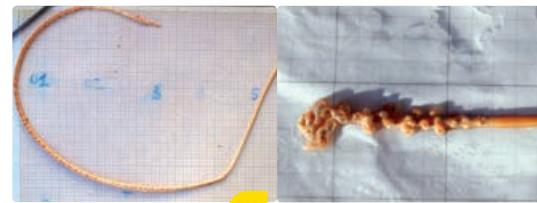
CR

### Salmon-pink, brittle fan-shaped gorgonians - CALL



*Callogorgia verticillata*

### White, stem-like sea pens - STEM



*Funiculina quadrangularis*

VU

*Kophobelemnon stelliferum*

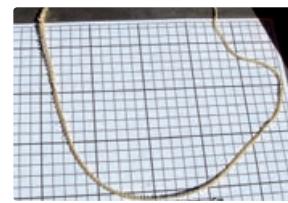
### Candelabrum-shaped, red gorgonians - ELLP



*Ellisella paraplexauroides*

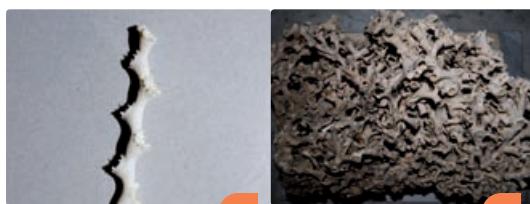
VU

### Tall, white or yellow whip gorgonians (*Viminella flagellum*) - VIMF



*Viminella flagellum*

### White corals - WHIT



*Madrepora oculata*

EN

*Lophelia pertusa*

EN

### Colonial hard corals - CLAD



*Cladocora caespitosa*

EN

### Arborescent black corals - BLAC



*Antipathella subpinnata*

*Parantipathes larix*

*Leiopathes glaberrima*

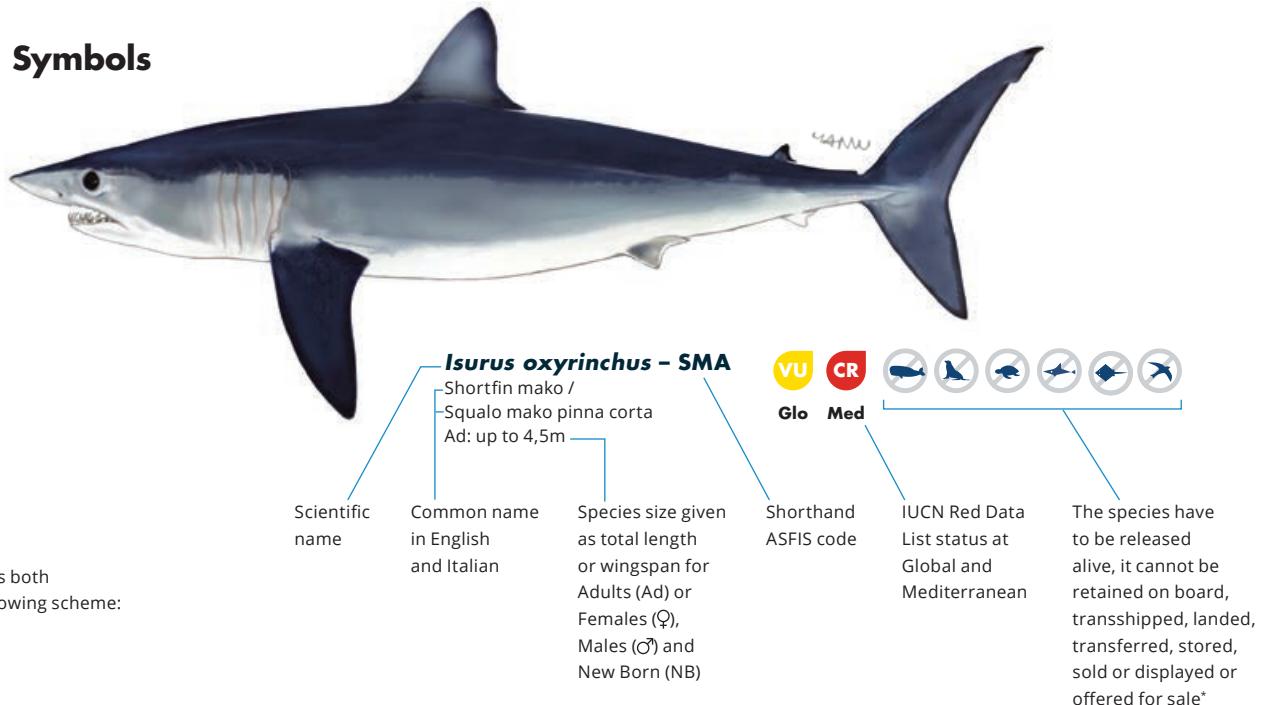
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*Antipathes dichotoma*

## Abbreviations

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♂: Male  
♀: Female  
NB: New Born  
W: Wingspan

## Symbols



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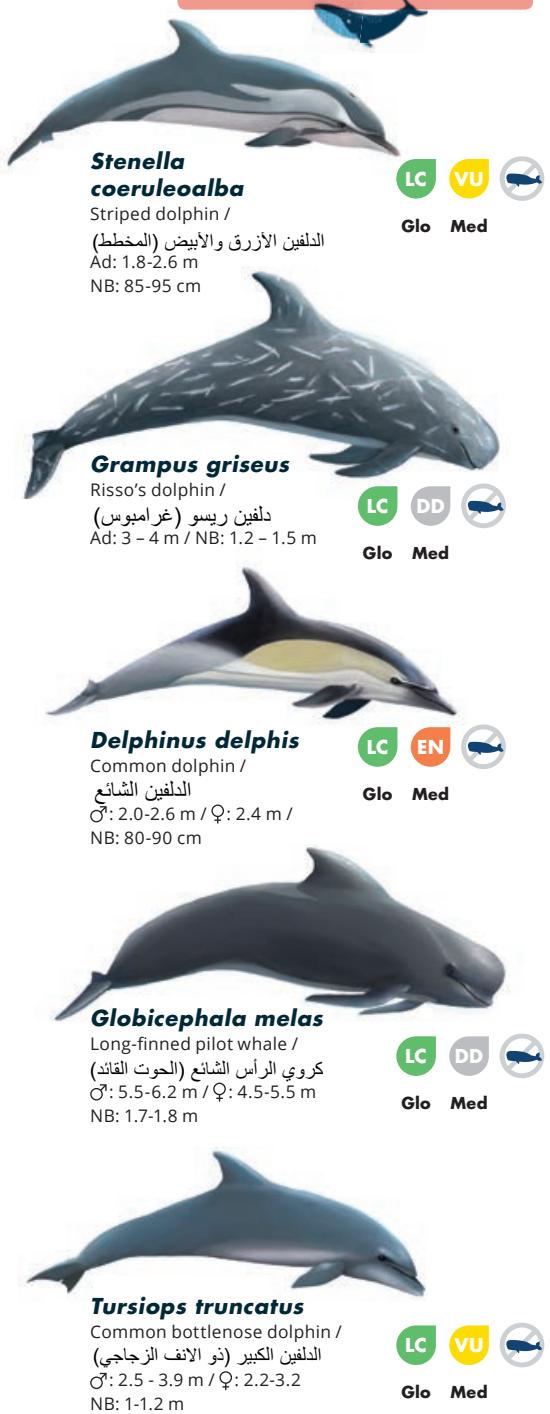
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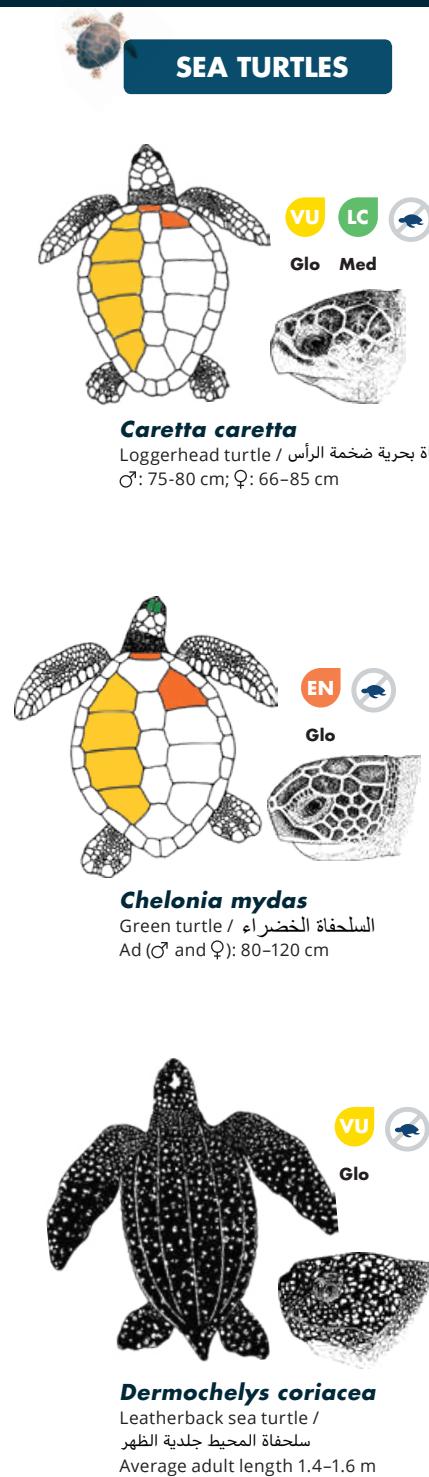
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## MARINE MAMMALS



## SEA TURTLES



## SEABIRDS



## SEABIRDS



**LC Phalacrocorax carbo**  
Great Cormorant / غاق كبير  
Glo W: 77 – 94 cm



**LC Gulosus aristotelis desmarestii**  
European shag / غاق أرسطو  
Glo W: 1.15 – 1.25 m



**LC Calonectris diomedea**  
Scopoli's shearwater / جلم ماء سكوبولي  
Glo W: 1.12 – 1.22 m



**LC Hydrobates pelagicus**  
European storm petrel / AR: NA  
Glo W: 37 – 41 cm



**LC Thalasseus sandvicensis**  
Sandwich tern / خرشنة ساندويتش  
Glo W: 85 – 97 cm



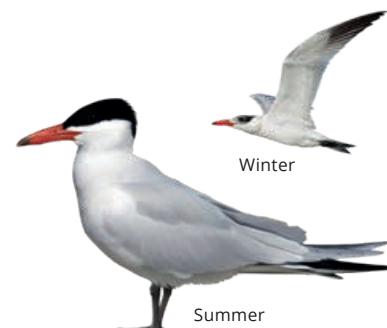
**LC Thalasseus bengalensis**  
Lesser crested tern / خرشنة البنغال  
Glo W: 76 – 82 cm



**YU Puffinus yelkouan**  
Yelkouan shearwater / جلم ماء متوسطي  
Glo W: 70 – 84 cm



**CR Puffinus mauretanicus**  
Balearic shearwater / جلم ماء موريطاني  
Glo W: 78 – 90 cm



**LC Hydroprogne caspia**  
Caspian tern / خرشنة قزوينية  
Glo W: 96 – 111 cm



**LC Sternula albifrons**  
Little tern / خرشنة صغيرة  
Glo W: 41- 47 cm



**LC Sterna hirundo**  
Common tern / خرشنة خطافية  
Glo W: 70 – 80 cm

## CHONDRICHTYANS



**Mustelus asterias - SDS**

Starry smooth-hound shark /  
كلب نجمي (قطاط)  
Ad: up to 1.4 m

LC VU  
Glo Med



**Prionace glauca - BSH**

Blue shark / قرش أزرق (كلب بحر)  
Ad: up to 4 m

NT CR  
Glo Med



**Galeorhinus galeus - GAG**

Tope shark / مُنسولة (قطاط)  
Ad: up to 1.6 m

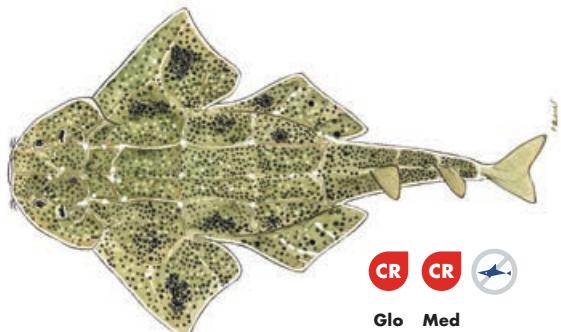
VU VU  
Glo Med



**Scyliorhinus canicula - SYC**

Small-spotted catshark (كتارلي / نمر) / قرش صغير مبرقش  
Ad: up to 1 m (60 cm in Mediterranean)

LC LC  
Glo Med



**Squatina squatina - AGN**

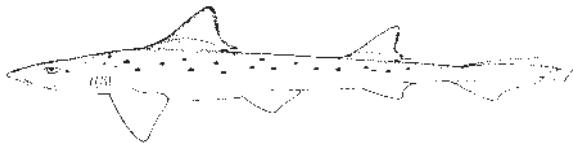
Angelshark / ملاك شائع (سفن وقاص)  
Ad: up to 2.5 m total length

CR CR  
Glo Med

**Mustelus punctulatus - MPT**

Blackspotted smooth-hound /  
كلب مُ نقط (قطاط)  
Ad: up to 1.9 m

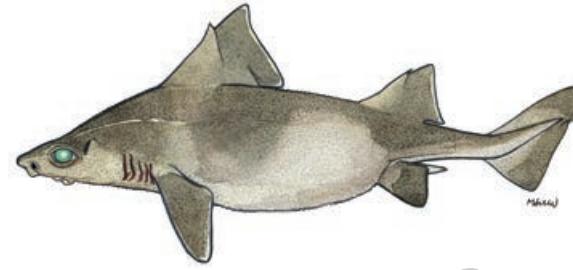
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**Carcharhinus plumbeus - CCP**

Sandbar shark / قرش رمادي (كلب بحر)  
Ad: up to 3 m

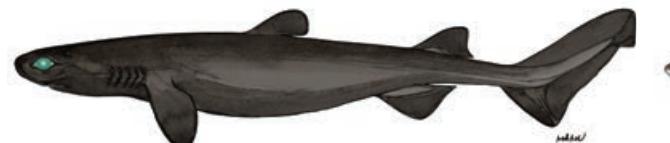
VU EN  
Glo Med



**Oxynotus centrina - OXY**

Angular rough shark /  
حمار البحر (نجة)  
Ad: up to 1.5 m

VU CR  
Glo Med



**Dalatias licha - SCK**

Kitefin shark / كوسج شراعي الزعنفة  
Ad: up to 1.82 m

VU VU  
Glo Med



**Isurus oxyrinchus - SMA**

Shortfin mako / زرقايا (زرقايا)  
Ad: up to 4.5 m

VU CR  
Glo Med



**Sphyrna zygaena - SPZ**

Smooth hammerhead / أبو مطرقة ناعم (قرش بومطرقة)  
Ad: up to 5 m

VU CR  
Glo Med



**Squalus blainville - QUB**

Longnose spurdog / كلب أبو شوكه مُائف (قطاط بوشوكة)  
Ad: 50 – 80 cm in total length,  
occasionally until 1.1 m

DD DD  
Glo Med

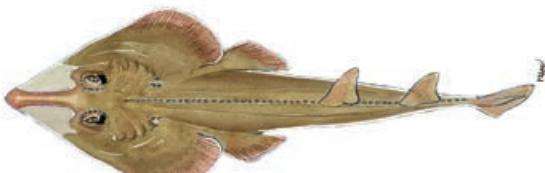


**Hexanchus griseus - SBL**

Bluntnose six-gill shark / كلب أبو ستة (الدودة)  
Ad: up to 5 m

NT DD  
Glo Med

## CHONDRICHTYANS



**Rhinobatos  
rhinobatos - RBC**

Common guitarfish /  
فيثارة شائعة (محرات / فرس)  
Ad: 1.5 m in total length

EN EN

Glo Med

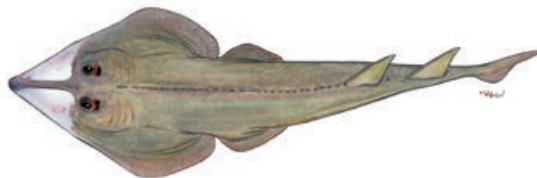


**Pteroplatytrygon  
violacea - PLS**

Pelagic stingray /  
رایة لاسعة بنفسجية (الزرقاب)  
Ad: Disc wide up to 80 cm

LC LC

Glo Med



**Glaucostegus halavi - RBH**

Halavi ray /  
فيثارة شائعة (محرات / فرس)  
Ad: 1.2 m in total length  
(probably up to 1.71 m)

VU

Glo



**Raja asterias  
- JRS**

Mediterranean  
starry ray /  
رایه میه (قرشلة)  
Ad: up to 80 cm in total length

NT NT

Glo Med



**Leucoraja circularis - RJI**

Sandy ray /  
رایة رملية /  
Ad: up to 1.2 m total length

EN CR

Glo Med

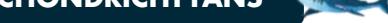


**Raja miraletus - JAI**

Brown ray / قرشلة)  
Ad: up to 70 cm in total length

LC LC

Glo Med



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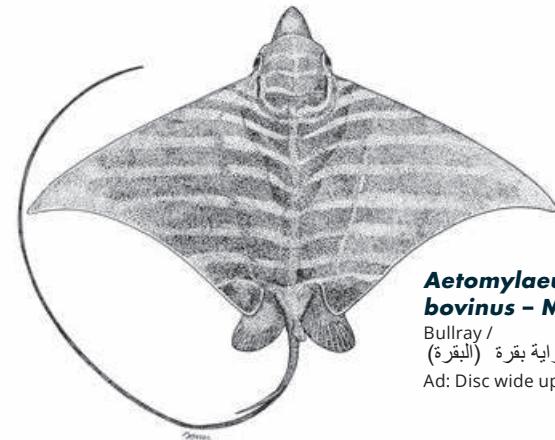


**Dasyatis pastinaca - JDP**

Common stingray /  
(حمام)  
Ad: Disc wide up to 68 cm

DD VU

Glo Med



**Aetomylaeus  
bovinus - MPO**

Bullray /  
رایة بقرة (البقرة)

Ad: Disc wide up to 2.2 m

DD CR

Glo Med

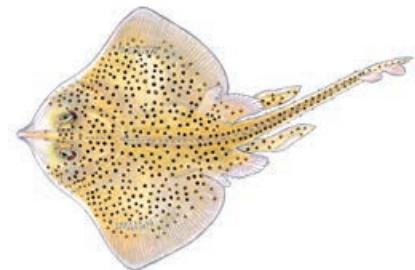


**Gymnura  
altavela - RGL**

Spiny butterfly ray /  
(حصيرة)  
Ad: Disc wide up to 4 m, common 2 m

VU CR

Glo Med



**Raja brachyura  
- RJH**

Blonde ray / AR: NA  
Ad: up to 1.2m  
in total length

NT NT

Glo Med



**Raja clavata - RJC**

Thornback ray /  
رایه مُسْوَكَة الظهر (قرشلة)  
Ad: up to 90-130 cm in total length

NT NT

Glo Med



**Raja montagui - RJM**

Spotted ray / رایه مبروشة  
Ad: up to 80 cm in total length

LC LC

Glo Med

## SPONGES



### Massive keratose sponges – KERA



*Sarcotragus* sp.



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*Hippospongia communis*



*Ircinia variabilis*

### Globular sponges – GLOS



*Suberites domuncula*



*Tethya aurantium*



*Thenea* spp.

### Massive Mediterranean stony sponge – PETR



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### Massive, (sub-) spherical hard sponges (*Geodia* spp.) – GEOD



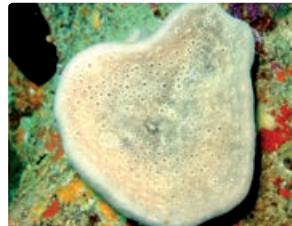
*Geodia cydonium*

### Lamellate rock sponges (*Leiodermatium* sp.) – ROCK



*Leiodermatium pfeifferae*

### Lamellate to cup-shaped sponges – LAMS



*Spongia lamella*



*Calyx niceensis*

### Massive-tubular gold sponges (*Aplysina* spp.) – APLY



*Aplysina* spp.

### Arborescent sponges – ARBS



*Axinella* sp.



*Axinella cannabina*

### Birds' nest glass sponge – BIRD



*Pheronema carpenteri*

### Fan-shaped sponges – FANS



*Phakellia ventilabrum*



*Phakellia robusta*

### Felt vase glass sponge – FELT



*Asconema setubalense*

## CORALS



### Soft corals - SOFT



*Alcyonium palmatum*

### Bright yellow or salmon-pink hard corals (*Dendrophyllia* spp.) - DEND



Dead dendrophyllids

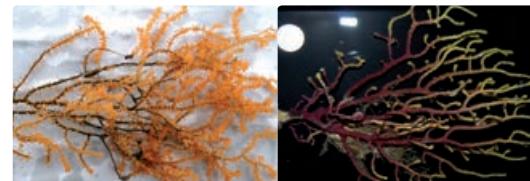
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### Thick and tall red, yellow fan-shaped gorgonians - FANG



*Acanthogorgia hirsuta*

*Paramuricea clavata*

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### Seapens - PENS



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### Bamboo corals - BAMB



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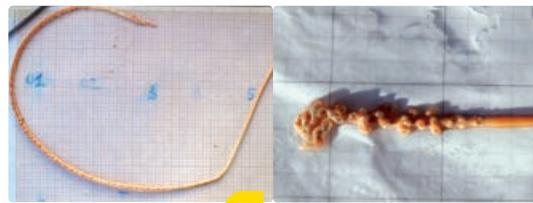
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### Salmon-pink, brittle fan-shaped gorgonians - CALL



*Callogorgia verticillata*

### White, stem-like sea pens - STEM



*Funiculina quadrangularis*

VU

*Kophobelemnon stelliferum*

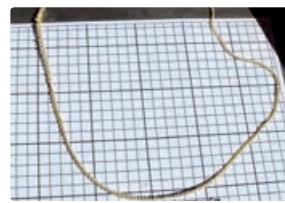
### Candelabrum-shaped, red gorgonians - ELLP



*Ellisella paraplexauroides*

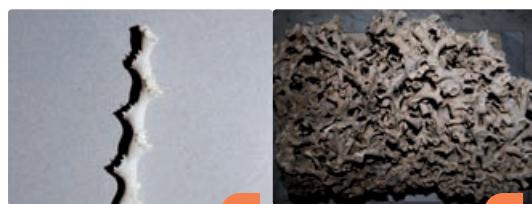
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*Viminella flagellum*

### White corals - WHIT



*Madrepora oculata*

EN

*Lophelia pertusa*

EN

### Colonial hard corals - CLAD



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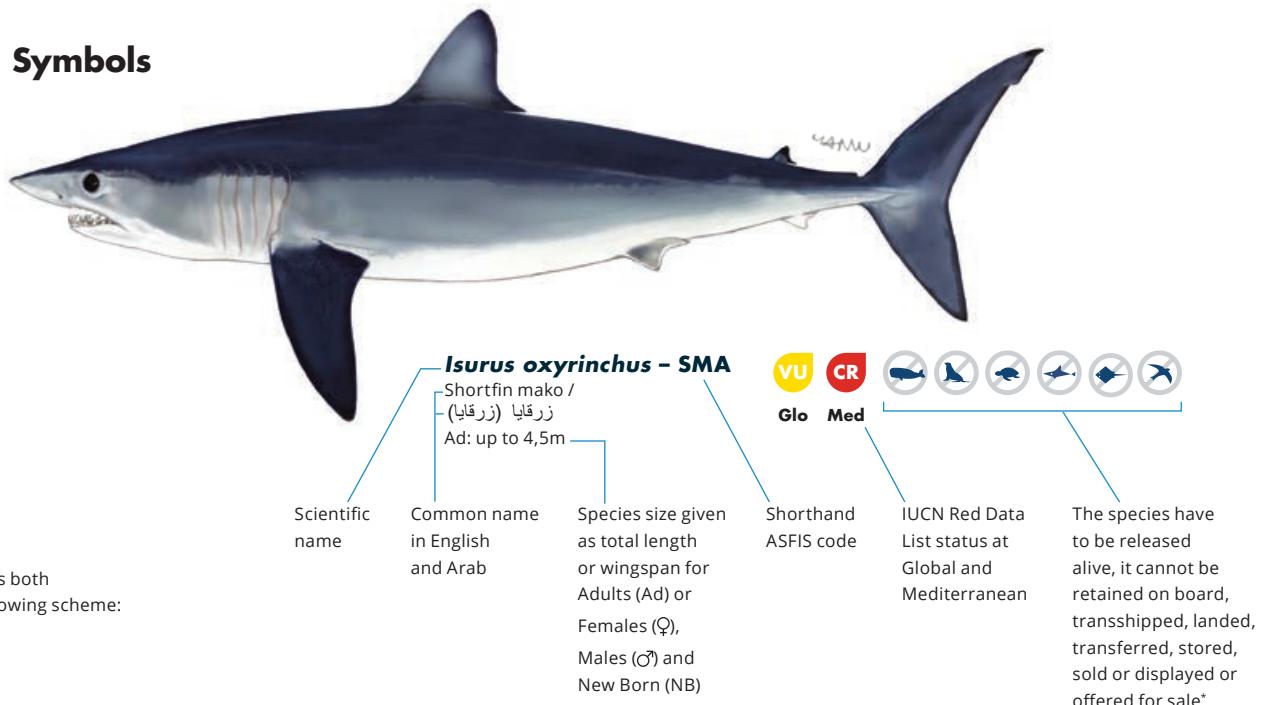
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*Antipathes dichotoma*

## Abbreviations

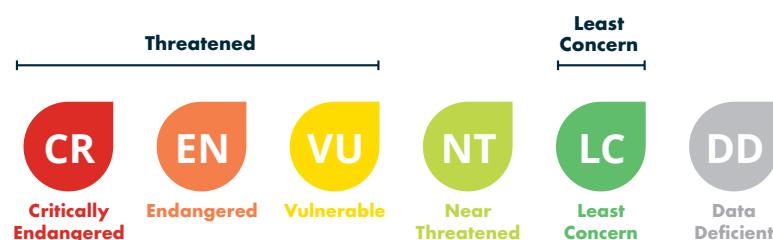
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Simplified guide adapted for Tunisia (GSA 12,13 & 14) from the Identification  
guide of vulnerable species incidentally caught in Mediterranean fisheries



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## MARINE MAMMALS



***Stenella coeruleoalba***

Striped Dolphin /  
Dauphin bleu et blanc /  
الدلفن الأزرق والأبيض (المخطط)

Ad: 1.8-2.6 m  
NB: 85-95 cm



***Delphinus delphis***

Common dolphin /  
Dauphin commun /  
الدلفين الشائع /  
♂: 2.0-2.6 m / ♀: 2.4 m /  
NB: 80-90 cm



***Tursiops truncatus***

Bottlenose dolphin /  
Grand dauphin, dauphin souffleur /  
الدلفين الكبير (ذو الانف الزجاجي)  
♂: 2.5 - 3.9 m / ♀: 2.2-3.2  
NB: 1-1.2 m



***Balaenoptera physalus***

Fin whale / Rorqual commun /  
الهوكول الشائع /  
♂: 18-20 m / ♀: 20-22 m / NB: 6-6.5 m



## SEABIRDS

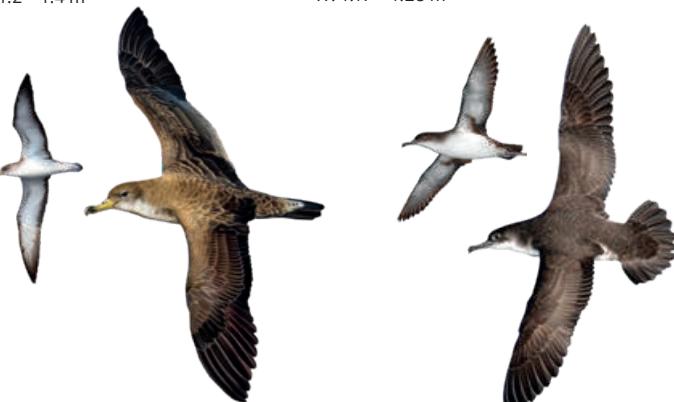


***Larus michahellis***

Yellow-legged gull / Goéland  
leucophée / نورس أصفر الساق /  
Wingspan: 1.2 - 1.4 m

***Larus audouinii***

Audouin's gull / Goéland  
d'Audouin / نورس أوودين /  
W: 1.17 - 1.28 m



***Calonectris diomedea***

Scopoli's shearwater /  
Puffin de Scopoli /  
جلم ماء سكوبولي  
W: 1.12 - 1.22 m

***Puffinus yelkouan***

Yelkouan shearwater /  
Puffin yelkouan /  
جلم ماء متوسطي  
W: 70 - 84 cm



***Phalacrocorax carbo***

Great cormorant /  
Grand Cormoran / غاق كبير  
W: 77 - 94 cm



## SEA TURTLES



***Caretta caretta***

Loggerhead / Tortue caouanne /  
سلحفاة بحرية ضخمة الرأس  
♂: 75-80 cm; ♀: 66-85 cm



***Chelonia mydas***

Green turtle / Tortue franche,  
Tortue verte / السلحفاة الخضراء  
Ad (♂ and ♀): 80-120 cm



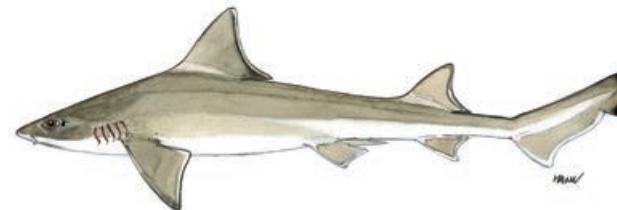
***Dermochelys coriacea***

Leatherback / Tortue luth /  
سلحفاة المحيط جلدية الظهر  
Average adult length 1.4-1.6 m

***Mustelus asterias* – SDS**

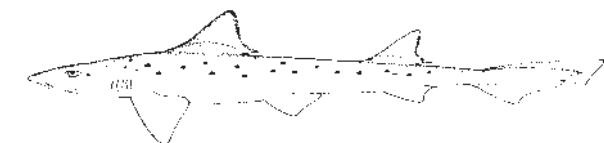
Starry smooth-hound shark / Émissole tachetée / كلب نجمي (قطاط) / قطبان (قطاط)  
Ad: up to 1.4 m

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***Mustelus mustelus* – SMD**

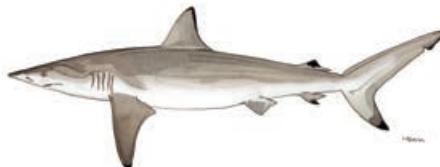
Smooth-hound / Émissole lisse / كلب ناعم (قطاط) / قطبان (قطاط)  
Ad: up to 2 m

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***Mustelus punctulatus* – MPT**

Blackspotted smooth-hound / Émissole pointillée / كلب مُ نقط (قطاط) / قطبان (قطاط)  
Ad: up to 1.9 m

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***Carcharhinus brevipinna* – CCB**

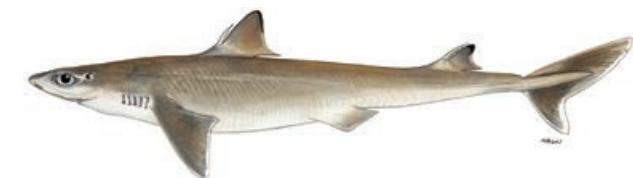
Spinner shark / Requin tisserand / قرش لولبي (وشة / بومفار)  
Ad: up to 28 cm

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***Squalus blainville* – QUB**

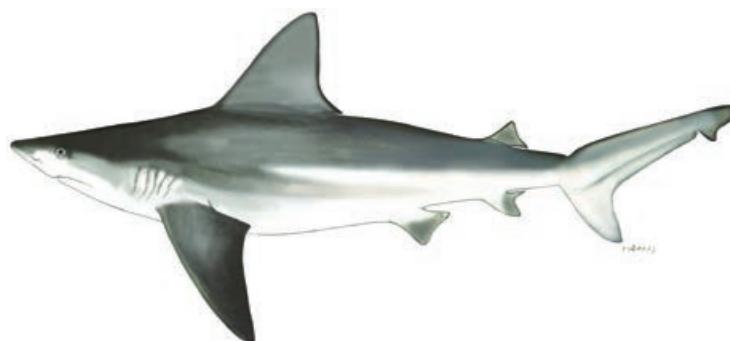
Longnose spurdog / Aiguillat- coq / كلب أبو شوكه مائف / قطباط بوشوكة  
Ad: 50 – 80 cm, occasionally until 1.1 m

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***Squalus megalops* – DOP**

Shortnose spurdog / Aiguillat nez court / قطباط بوشوكة  
Ad: less than 70 cm in total length (also 100 cm TL)

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***Carcharhinus plumbeus* – CCP**

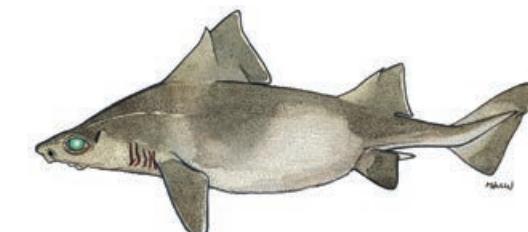
Sandbar shark / Requin gris / قرش رمادي (كلب بحر)  
Ad: up to 3 m

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***Isurus oxyrinchus* – SMA**

Shortfin mako / Requin-taupe bleue / زرقايا (زرقايا)  
Ad: up to 4.5 m

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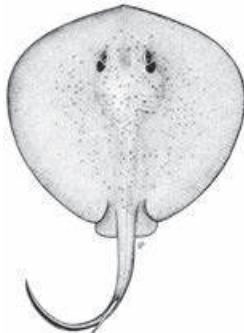
***Oxynotus centrina* – OXY**

Angular rough shark / Centrine commune / حمار البحر (نعجة)  
Ad: up to 1.5 m

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## CHONDRICHTYANS



**Taeniurrops grabata - RTB**  
Round fantail stingray / Pastenague africaine / (ترش)  
Ad: up to 80 cm in total length



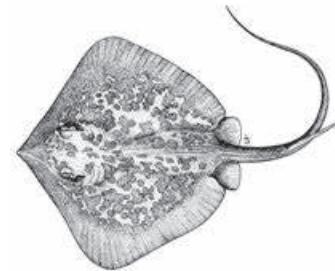
**Gymnura altavela - RGL**  
Spiny butterfly ray / Raie-papillon épineuse / راية الفراشة (حصيرة)  
Ad: Disc wide up to 4 m, common 2 m



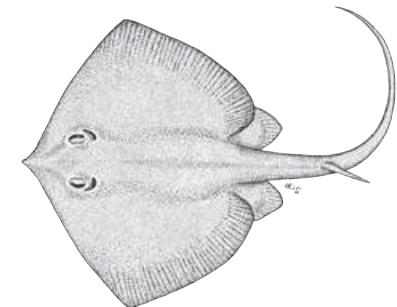
**Dasyatis pastinaca - JDP**  
Common stingray / Rina / راية لاسعة شائعة (حمام)  
Ad: Disc wide up to 68 cm



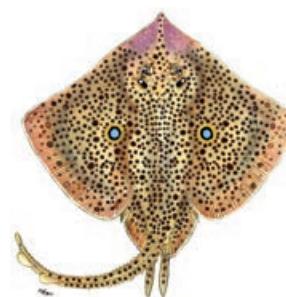
**Raja radula - JAR**  
Rough ray / Ange de mer commun / راية خشنة (قرشلة)  
Ad: up to 70 cm in total length



**Dasyatis marmorata - RDQ**  
Marble stingray / Pastenague marbrée / راية رخامية لاسعة  
Ad: Disc wide up to 60 cm



**Dasyatis tortonesei - JDP**  
Tortonese's stingray / Pastenague de Tortonese / (حمام)  
Ad: Disc wide up to 84 cm



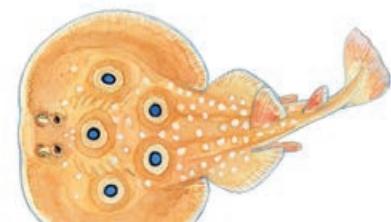
**Raja miraletus - JAI**  
Brown ray / Raie miroir / راية إم عيون (قرشلة)  
Ad: up to 70cm in total length



**Raja clavata - RJC**  
Thornback ray / Raie bouclée / قرشلا او قرداش  
Ad: up to 90-130cm in total length



**Myliobatis aquila - MYL**  
Common eagle ray / Aigle de mer / بقرة  
Ad: Disc wide up to 1.5 m



**Torpedo torpedo - TTV**  
Common torpedo / Torpille ocellée / راية حلقية (نعاس)  
Ad: 60 cm in total length



**Torpedo marmorata - TTR**  
Marbled elettric ray / Torpille marbrée / راية مرمرة (نعاس)  
Ad: up to 1 m in total length

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## SPONGES



### Massive keratose sponges – KERA



*Sarcotragus* sp.



*Sarcotragus* sp.



*Hippospongia communis*



*Ircinia variabilis*

### Globular sponges – GLOS



*Suberites domuncula*



*Tethya aurantium*



*Thenea* spp.

### Massive Mediterranean stony sponge – PETR



*Petrosia ficiformis* (burgundy morph) *Petrosia ficiformis* (white morph)



### Massive, (sub-) spherical hard sponges (*Geodia* spp.) – GEOD



*Geodia cydonium*

### Lamellate rock sponges (*Leiodermatium* sp.) – ROCK

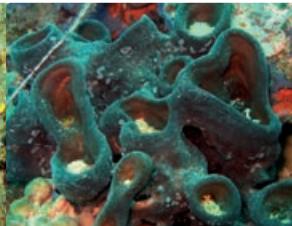


*Leiodermatium pfeifferae*

### Lamellate to cup-shaped sponges – LAMS



*Spongia lamella*



*Calyx niceensis*

### Massive-tubular gold sponges (*Aplysina* spp.) – APLY



*Aplysina* spp.

### Other massive sponges (to be recorded as "Other massive") – OTHR



*Agelas oroides*

### Arborescent sponges – ARBS



*Axinella* sp.



*Axinella cannabina*

### Birds' nest glass sponge – BIRD



*Pheronema carpenteri*

### Felt vase glass sponge – FELT



*Asconema setubalense*

### Fan-shaped sponges – FANS



*Phakellia ventilabrum*



*Phakellia robusta*

## CORALS



### Soft corals - SOFT



*Alcyonium palmatum*

### Bright yellow or salmon-pink hard corals (*Dendrophyllia* spp.) - DEND



Dead dendrophyllids

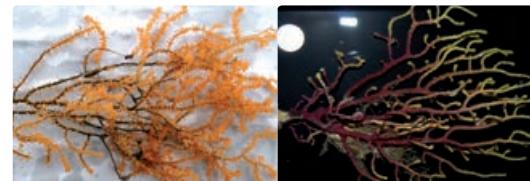
*Dendrophyllia* cornigera

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*Dendrophyllia* ramea

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### Thick and tall red, yellow fan-shaped gorgonians - FANG



*Acanthogorgia hirsuta*

*Paramuricea clavata*

VU

### Seapens - PENS



*Pteroeides spinosum* and  
*Pennatula* spp.

### Bamboo corals - BAMB



*Isidella elongata*

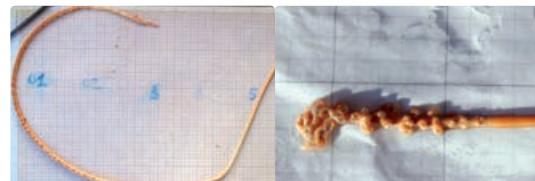
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### Salmon-pink, brittle fan-shaped gorgonians - CALL



*Callogorgia verticillata*

### White, stem-like sea pens - STEM



*Funiculina quadrangularis*

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*Kophobelemnon stelliferum*

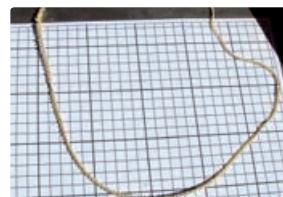
### Candelabrum-shaped, red gorgonians - ELLP



*Ellisella paraplexauroides*

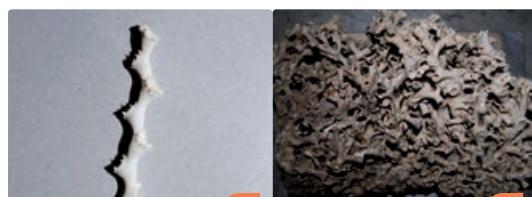
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### Tall, white or yellow whip gorgonians (*Viminella flagellum*) - VIMF



*Viminella flagellum*

### White corals - WHIT



*Madrepora oculata*

EN

*Lophelia pertusa*

EN

### Colonial hard corals - CLAD



*Cladocora caespitosa*

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### Arborescent black corals - BLAC



*Antipathella subpinnata*

*Parantipathes larix*

*Leiopathes glaberrima*

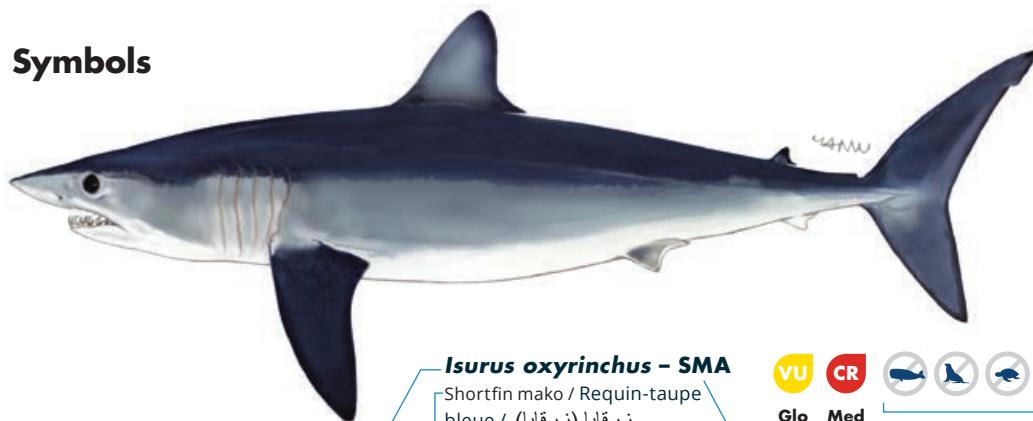
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*Antipathes dichotoma*

## Abbreviations

Ad: Adult  
♂: Male  
♀: Female  
NB: New Born  
W: Wingspan

## Symbols



***Isurus oxyrinchus - SMA***  
Shortfin mako / Requin-taupe bleue / زرقاء (زرقاب)  
Ad: up to 4,5m

Scientific name

Common name in English, French and Arab

Species size given as total length or wingspan for Adults (Ad) or Females (♀), Males (♂) and New Born (NB)

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IUCN Red Data List status at Global and Mediterranean

The species have to be released alive, it cannot be retained on board, transshipped, landed, transferred, stored, sold or displayed or offered for sale\*

## Key to IUCN Red List category symbols

For each species sheets, the IUCN categories relating to the conservation status both globally (Glo) and Mediterranean (Med) level are reported, according to the following scheme:



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# POCKET IDENTIFICATION GUIDE OF MAIN VULNERABLE SPECIES INCIDENTALLY CAUGHT IN TURKISH FISHERIES

Simplified guide adapted for Turkey (GSAs 22 and 24) from the Identification guide of vulnerable species incidentally caught in Mediterranean fisheries



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## MARINE MAMMALS



**Stenella coeruleoalba**  
Striped dolphin / Çizgili yunus  
Ad: 1.8-2.6 m / NB: 85-95 cm

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**Tursiops truncatus**  
Common bottlenose dolphin / Afalina  
♂: 2.5 - 3.9 m / ♀: 2.2-3.2 m / NB: 1-1.2 m

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**Grampus griseus**  
Risso's dolphin / Grampus  
Ad: 3 - 4 m / NB: 1.2 - 1.5 m

LC DD  
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**Delphinus delphis**  
Common dolphin / Tırtık  
♂: 2.0-2.6 m / ♀: 2.4 m / NB: 80-90 cm

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**Monachus monachus**  
Mediterranean monk seal / Akdeniz foku  
♂: 2,51-2,90m / ♀: 2,42m / NB: 100 cm

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**Physeter macrocephalus**  
Sperm whale / Kaşalot  
♂: 16-18 m / ♀: 11-12 m / NB: 3.3-4.2 m

VU EN  
Glo Med



**Ziphium cavirostris**  
Cuvier's beaked whale / Gagali balina  
♂: up to 7.5 m / ♀: up to 7 m / NB: 2-2.7 m

LC DD  
Glo Med



**Phocoena phocoena**  
Harbour porpoise / Mutur  
♂: 1,8 m / ♀: 2 m / NB: 50-70 cm

LC  
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**Balaenoptera physalus**  
Fin whale / Uzun Balina  
♂: 18-20 m / ♀: 20-22 m / NB: 6-6.5 m

EN VU  
Glo Med



**Steno bredanensis**  
Rough-toothed dolphin / Kabadişli yunus  
Ad: 2.2 - 2.5 m / NB: 1m

LC NE  
Glo Med



**Pseudorca crassidens**  
False killer whale / Yalancı katil balina  
Ad: 3,7-5,5 m / NB: 1,8-2,1m

NT



**Globicephala melas**  
Long-finned pilot whale / Siyah yunus  
♂: 5.5-6.2 m / ♀: 4.5-5.5 m / NB: 1.7-1.8 m

LC DD  
Glo Med



**Mesoplodon densirostris\***  
Blainville's beaked whale / Dişli gagalı balinat  
♂: 4,5m / ♀: 5,2m / NB: 2,1m

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## SEABIRDS



**LC** *Larus michahellis*  
Yellow-legged gull / Gümüş martı  
Wingspan: 120 – 140 cm



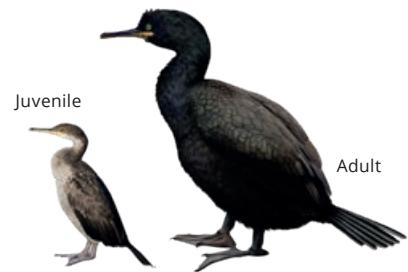
**LC** *Larus melanocephalus*  
Mediterranean gull / Akdeniz martısı  
W: 94 – 102 cm



**LC** *Larus audouinii*  
Audouin's gull / Ada martısı  
W: 117 – 128 cm



**LC** *Phalacrocorax carbo*  
Great Cormorant / Karabatak  
W: 77 – 94 cm



**LC** *Gulosus aristotelis desmarestii*  
European shag / Tepeli kaplumbağa  
W: 115 – 125 cm



**LC** *Larus ridibundus*  
Black-headed gull / Karabaş martı  
W: 86 – 99 cm



**LC** *Thalasseus sandvicensis*  
Sandwich tern / Karagagalı sumru  
W: 85 – 97 cm



**LC** *Sterna hirundo*  
Common Tern / Sumru  
W: 70 – 80 cm



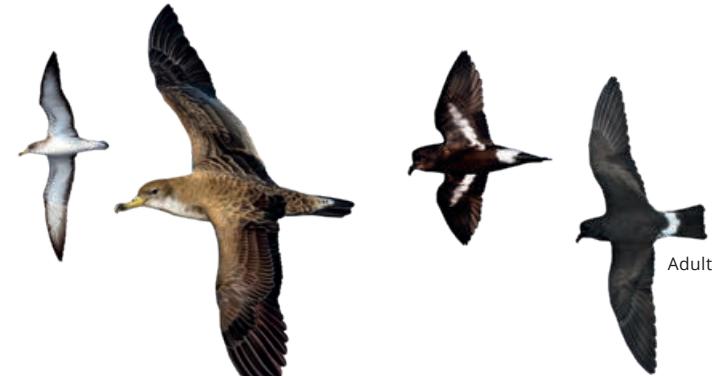
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**VU** *Puffinus yelkouan*  
Yelkouan shearwater / Yelkovan  
W: 70 – 84 cm



**LC** *Calonectris diomedea*  
Scopoli's shearwater / Boz yelkovan  
W: 112 – 122 cm



**LC** *Hydrobates pelagicus*  
European storm petrel / Fırtına kırlangıcı  
W: 37 – 41 cm



**Dermochelys coriacea**  
Leatherback sea turtle /  
Deri sırtlı deniz kaplumbağası  
Average adult length 1.4–1.6 m



**VU** *Trionyx triunguis*  
African softshell turtle /  
Nil kaplumbağası  
Ad: 50-95 cm



## CHONDRICHTYANS



**Alopias vulpinus – ALV**

Common thresher / Sapan  
Ad: up to 6 m

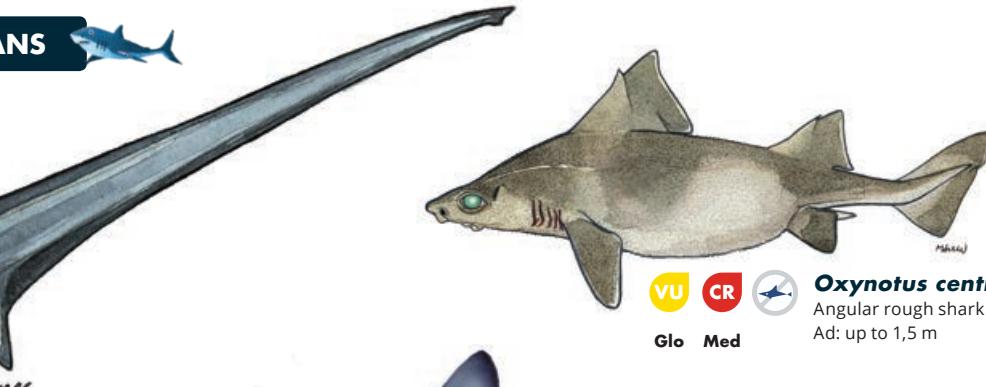
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**Centrophorus cf uyato – GUP**

Gulper shark / Yutucu köpekbalığı  
Ad: up to 1,2 m

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**Oxynotus centrina – OXY**

Angular rough shark / Domuz Balığı  
Ad: up to 1,5 m

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**Isurus oxyrinchus – SMA**

Shortfin mako / Sivri burun harharyas  
Ad: up to 4,5m

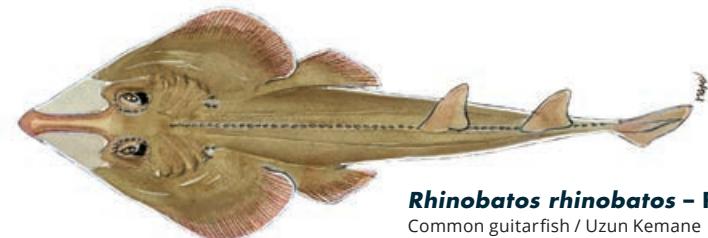
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**Galeorhinus galeus – GAG**

Tope shark / Camgöz balığı  
Ad: up to 1,6m

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**Rhinobatos rhinobatos – RBC**

Common guitarfish / Uzun Kemane  
Ad: up to 1,5m

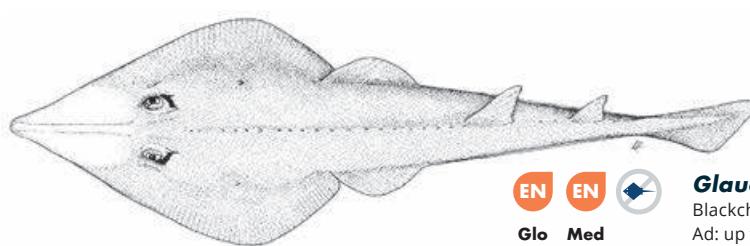
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**Heptranchias perlo – HXT**

Sharpnose sevengill shark /  
Yedi yarıklı boz camgöz  
Ad: up to 1,4m

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Glo Med



**Glaucostegus cemiculus – RBC**

Blackchin guitarfish / Kemane  
Ad: up to 2,42m

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Glo Med

## CHONDRICHTYANS



**Leucoraja  
fullonica - RJF**

Shagreen skate /  
Telatin vatoz  
Ad: up to 1,2m

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**Leucoraja naevus - RJN**

Cuckoo skate / Benli vatoz  
Ad: up to 0,81m

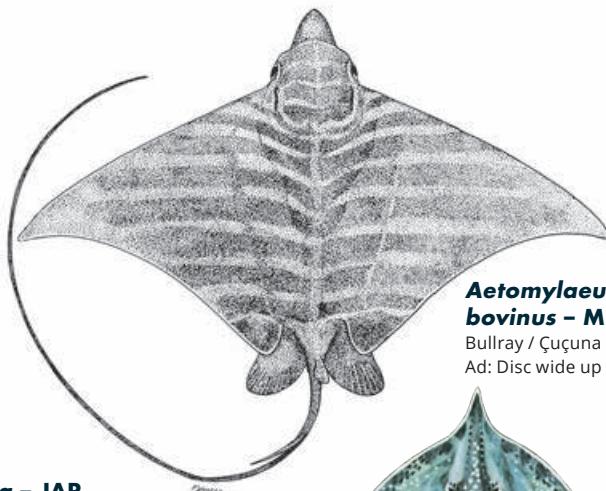
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**Aetomylaeus  
bovinus - MPO**

Bullray / Çuçuna  
Ad: Disc wide up to 2,2m

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**Raja radula - JAR**

Rough skate / Pürzülü vatoz  
Ad: up to 0,7m

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**Raja polystigma - RJM**

Speckled skate / Benekli Vatoz  
Ad: up to 0,7m

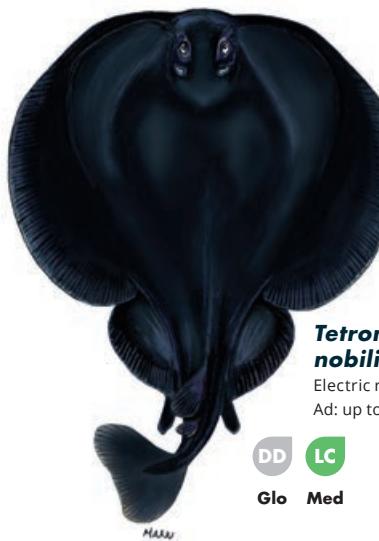
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**Dasyatis pastinaca - JDP**

Common stingray / Rina  
Ad: Disc wide up to 0,68m

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**Tetronarce  
nobiliana - TTO**

Electric ray / Çarpan  
Ad: up to 1,8m

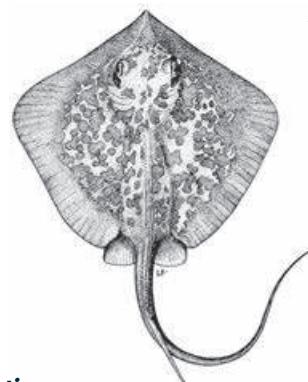
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**Raja  
undulata -  
RJU**

Undulate skate /  
Boyalı Vatoz  
Ad: up to 1,14m

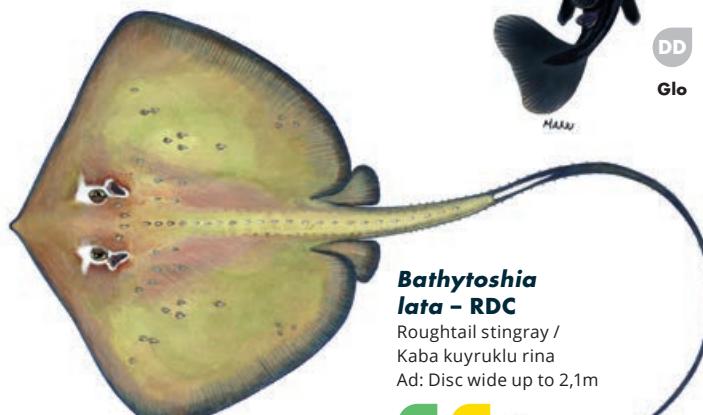
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**Dasyatis  
marmorata - RDQ**

Marbled stingray /  
Benekli rina  
Ad: Disc wide up to 60cm

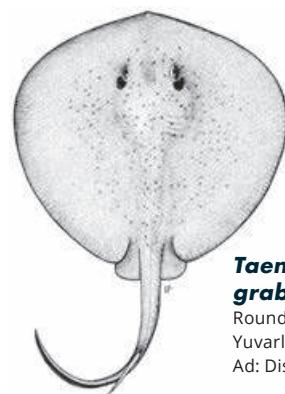
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**Bathytochia  
lata - RDC**

Roughtail stingray /  
Kaba kuyruklu rina  
Ad: Disc wide up to 2,1m

LC VU  
Glo Med



**Taeniurrops  
grabatus - RTB**

Round stingray /  
Yuvarlak Rina  
Ad: Disc wide up to 0,8m

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*Petrosia ficiformis* (burgundy morph) *Petrosia ficiformis* (white morph)



### Massive, (sub-) spherical hard sponges (*Geodia* spp.) – GEOD



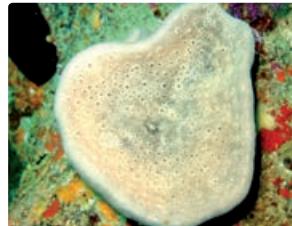
*Geodia cydonium*

### Lamellate rock sponges (*Leiodermatium* sp.) – ROCK



*Leiodermatium pfeifferae*

### Lamellate to cup-shaped sponges – LAMS



*Spongia lamella*



*Calyx niceensis*

### Massive-tubular gold sponges (*Aplysina* spp.) – APLY



*Aplysina* spp.

### Other massive sponges (to be recorded as "Other massive") – OTHR



*Agelas oroides*

### Arborescent sponges – ARBS



*Axinella* sp.



*Axinella cannabina*

### Birds' nest glass sponge – BIRD



*Pheronema carpenteri*

### Felt vase glass sponge – FELT



*Asconema setubalense*

### Fan-shaped sponges – FANS



*Phakellia ventilabrum*



*Phakellia robusta*

## CORALS



### Soft corals - SOFT



*Alcyonium palmatum*

### Bright yellow or salmon-pink hard corals (*Dendrophyllia* spp.) - DEND



Dead dendrophyllids

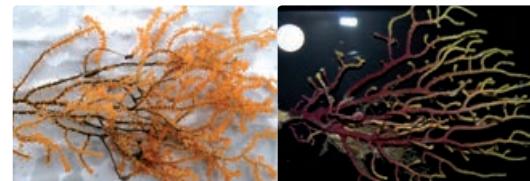
*Dendrophyllia* cornigera

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*Dendrophyllia* ramea

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### Thick and tall red, yellow fan-shaped gorgonians - FANG



*Acanthogorgia hirsuta*

*Paramuricea clavata*

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### Seapens - PENS



*Pteroeides spinosum* and  
*Pennatula* spp.

### Bamboo corals - BAMB



*Isidella elongata*

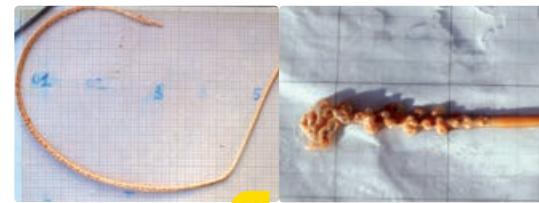
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### Salmon-pink, brittle fan-shaped gorgonians - CALL



*Callogorgia verticillata*

### White, stem-like sea pens - STEM

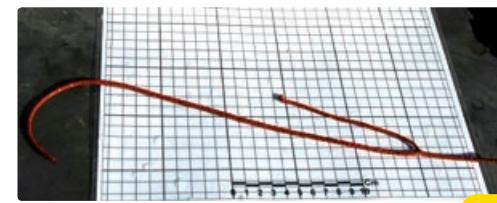


*Funiculina quadrangularis*

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*Kophobelemnon stelliferum*

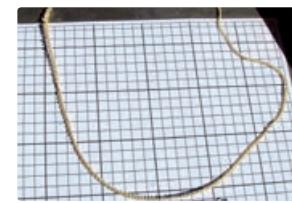
### Candelabrum-shaped, red gorgonians - ELLP



*Ellisella paraplexaurooides*

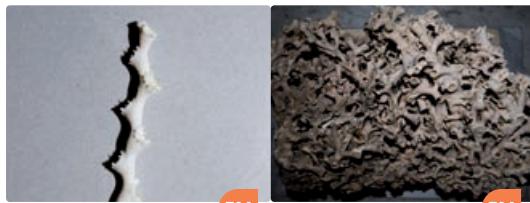
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### Tall, white or yellow whip gorgonians (*Viminella flagellum*) - VIMF



*Viminella flagellum*

### White corals - WHIT



*Madrepora oculata*

EN

*Lophelia pertusa*

EN

### Colonial hard corals - CLAD



*Cladocora caespitosa*

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### Arborescent black corals - BLAC



*Antipathella subpinnata*

*Parantipathes larix*

*Leiopathes glaberrima*

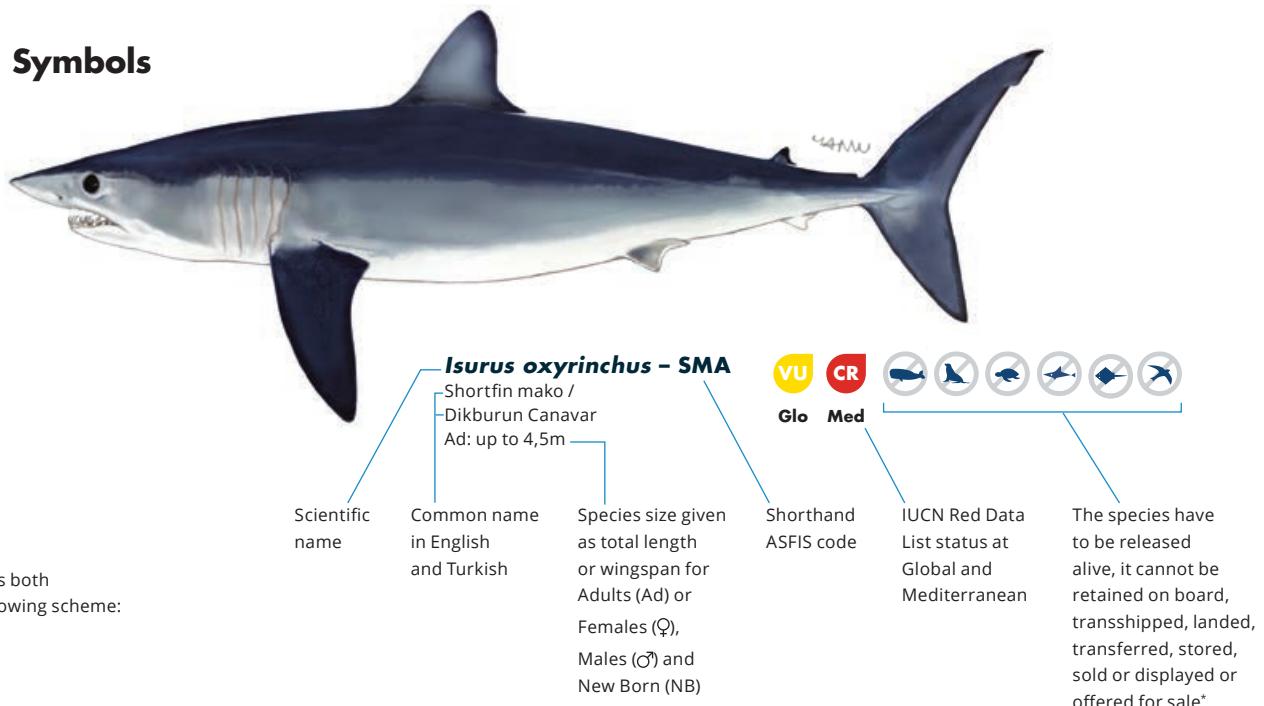
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*Antipathes dichotoma*

## Abbreviations

Ad: Adult  
♂: Male  
♀: Female  
NB: New Born  
W: Wingspan

## Symbols



## Key to IUCN Red List category symbols

For each species sheets, the IUCN categories relating to the conservation status both globally (Glo) and Mediterranean (Med) level are reported, according to the following scheme:



Geographical subarea (GSA) 22 refers to the Aegean Sea and GSA 24 to the Northern Levant Sea. If the incidentally caught species is not included in this guide, please refer to the **Identification guide of vulnerable species incidentally caught in Mediterranean fisheries**, which also provides detailed information on the conservation status, regulations and protection of each species (under ACCOBAMS, SPA/BD Protocol, CITES, CMS, GFCM, IUCN). Illustration source of sharks and rays: FAO Original scientific illustrations archive. Reproduced with permission.

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