**Size:** From 5 to 7 cm TL (10 cm TL).

**Habitat and biology:** Demersal, neritic over soft bottoms. Found usually between 5 and 50 m depth. Gregarious. Feeds on benthic invertebrates.

**Importance to fisheries:** None. Bycatch species. Caught occasionally with trawls and seines.

**Distribution:** Introduced via the Suez Canal. Common to occasional in eastern Mediterranean, not recorded from Libya to Morocco. Red Sea.