

## Les poissons de la famille Echeneididae (Remoras) de la Mer Ligure et de la Mer Tyrrhenienne



Five spp of Echeneididae are presently known in the Mediterranean: *Echeneis naucrates* L., *Remora remora* (L.), *R. brachyptera* (Lowe), *R. australis* (Benn) and *Rhombochirus osteochir* (Cuv). All of them may now be reported from the area comprising the Ligurian and the Tyrrhenian seas. Many mistakes occurred in the past, chiefly concerning *R. remora* a name too often wrongly applied to different spp. *Echeneis holbrooki* from the gulf of Genoa is really *E. naucrates*. Only 2 specimens of *R. brachyptera* were found, both in Sicilian waters. *R. australis* is here recorded from the Tyrrhenian sea. *Rh. osteochir* has been hitherto overlooked, but probably is the commonest Echeneid in the Mediterranean. A list is given of specimens from several localities (Gulf of Genoa, Elba, Naples and Sicily). Some of their variations are correlated with age, while others may express a taxonomic divergence: both need to be investigated.

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