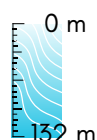
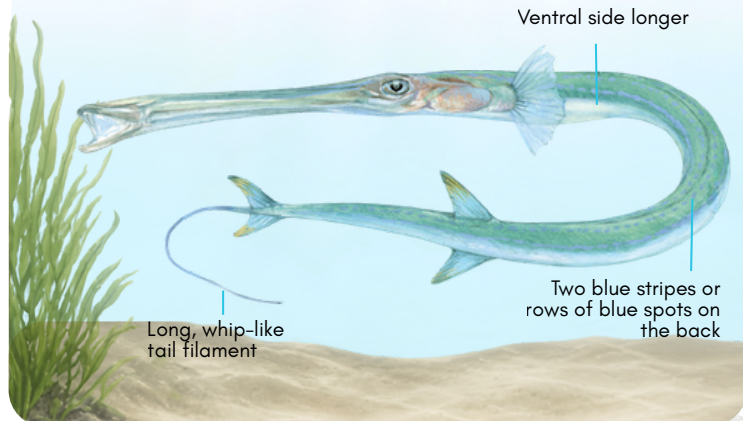
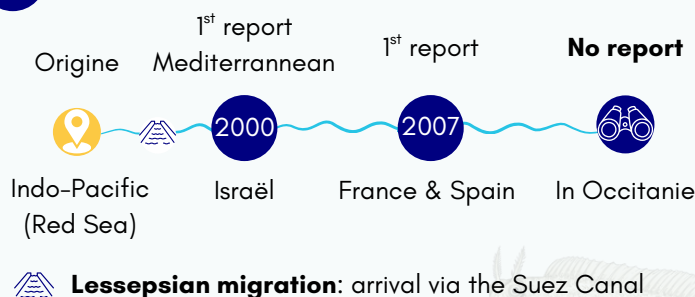


Bluespotted

cornetfish - *Fistularia commersonii*



ITS HISTORY



ECOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS

The bluespotted cornetfish is a **highly aggressive** and **voracious predator** that **competes directly** with native Mediterranean predatory fish (groupers, sea bass, amberjacks) for food resources. It exerts **strong predation pressure** on juveniles of commercially important species, such as sardines or bogues. Economically, it is occasionally caught as bycatch in trawl nets or fishing nets, but it has **low commercial value** in European markets, although its flesh is edible.

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In the **100 worst invasives** species list

Crossed the Mediterranean in **7 years**

Prey **suction** predation

IDENTIFICATION CRITERIA

Body shape: elongated and compressed, with an elongated head with a long tubular snout. Forked caudal fin, extended by a central white filament.

Color: olive-green to yellowish-brown, with aligned blue lines or spots, and a silvery-white belly.

Camouflage:

- **Stationary:**

Dark bands



- **In motion:**

Uniform silvery coloration

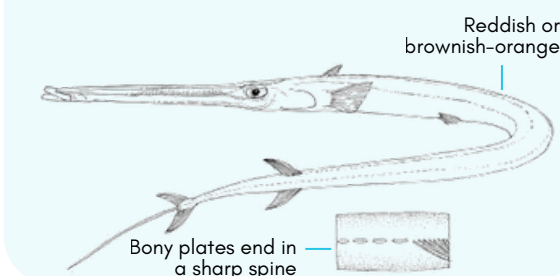


SIMILAR SPECIES

The very **elongated body shape** and **long caudal filament** of *F. commersonii* differentiate it from other similar species present in the Mediterranean (e.g., *Sphyræna* sp., *Belone belone*, or *Syngnathus* sp.).

Red cornetfish - *Fistularia petimba*

Other species of the same genus observed in the Alboran Sea, also non-indigenous



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