

Species composition and checklist of the demersal ichthyofauna of the continental slope off Western Australia (20–35°S)

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Abstract – The first regional collection of fishes from the continental slope off the west coast of Australia was taken between 1989 and 1991 during exploratory trawling. Collections were taken from 95 trawls completed during an exploratory fishing survey by a research vessel at latitudinally and depth-stratified stations, and from 56 trawls aboard commercial vessels. The region trawled was between latitudes 20–35°S in depths from 200 to about 1500 m.

The demersal slope fish fauna in this region is highly speciose: 388 species from 108 families were identified and these are presented in a checklist. Approximately 100 of these species are recorded from Australian waters for the first time and many represent undescribed taxa. We present criteria which establish the reliability of identifications in the checklist. Overall, the Macrouridae are the most speciose family with 50 species; 10 or more species were also recorded from the Squalidae (22 species), Alepocephalidae (17), Ophidiidae (17), Moridae (13), Triglidae (13), Scyliorhinidae (10) and Scorpaenidae (10).

The most abundant families (in numbers of individuals) in 200–600 m include the Acropomatidae, Trachichthyidae, Chlorophthalmidae and Scorpaenidae. Between 600 and 800 m, the Macrouridae, Bathyclupeidae, Chaunacidae and Neoscopelidae are most abundant, while the Macrouridae, Alepocephalidae, Oreosomatidae and Synaphobranchidae dominate depths below 800 m.

INTRODUCTION

In their recent treatment of the Australian fish fauna, Paxton *et al.* (1989) described the offshore waters of Western Australia as virtually unsampled from an ichthyological perspective. Fish collections had been made during an exploratory fishing survey by a Japanese trawler on the continental shelf and upper-continental slope to a depth of 600 m (Heald and Walker 1982). However, few specimens from that work are represented in museum collections and consequently species identifications cannot be verified. Similarly, few results from surveys undertaken by the Soviets in Western Australian waters between 1962 and 1974, (E. Nosov, TINRO, Vladivostok, Russia, pers. comm.) are available. Locality and depth of capture data in occasional descriptions of new species, e.g., Sazonov and Shcherbachev (1982) and Iwamoto and Shcherbachev (1991), indicated those cruises had fished on the western slope region. More recently, fish collections have been taken during exploratory fishing by Australian trawlers and foreign vessels in collaborative fishing ventures. These operations included a survey by the CSIRO Division of

Fisheries' research vessel, FRV *Southern Surveyor*, based around a series of stations stratified by depth and latitude. This paper is based on collections of demersal fishes taken during these operations between 1989 and 1991.

Collections of deep water fishes from the Australian region have expanded rapidly in recent years following the commercial exploitation of continental slope resources. Commercial fishing has occurred primarily on the slope region of southeastern Australia and the Great Australian Bight (GAB) where blue grenadier (*Macruronus novaezelandiae*), gemfish (*Rexea solandri*) and orange roughy (*Hoplostethus atlanticus*) were targeted. The demersal fish faunas of these regions were documented in preliminary checklists: the mid-slope (~700–1200 m) region off southeastern Australia by Last and Harris (1981) and Koslow *et al.*, (1994); the GAB by Newton and Klaer (1991), and the upper continental slope (~500 m) off southeastern Australia by May and Blaber (1989). Many of the 448 new Australian records in Paxton *et al.* (1989) were deep water species.

In this paper we provide an overview of the faunal composition of fishes from the upper and

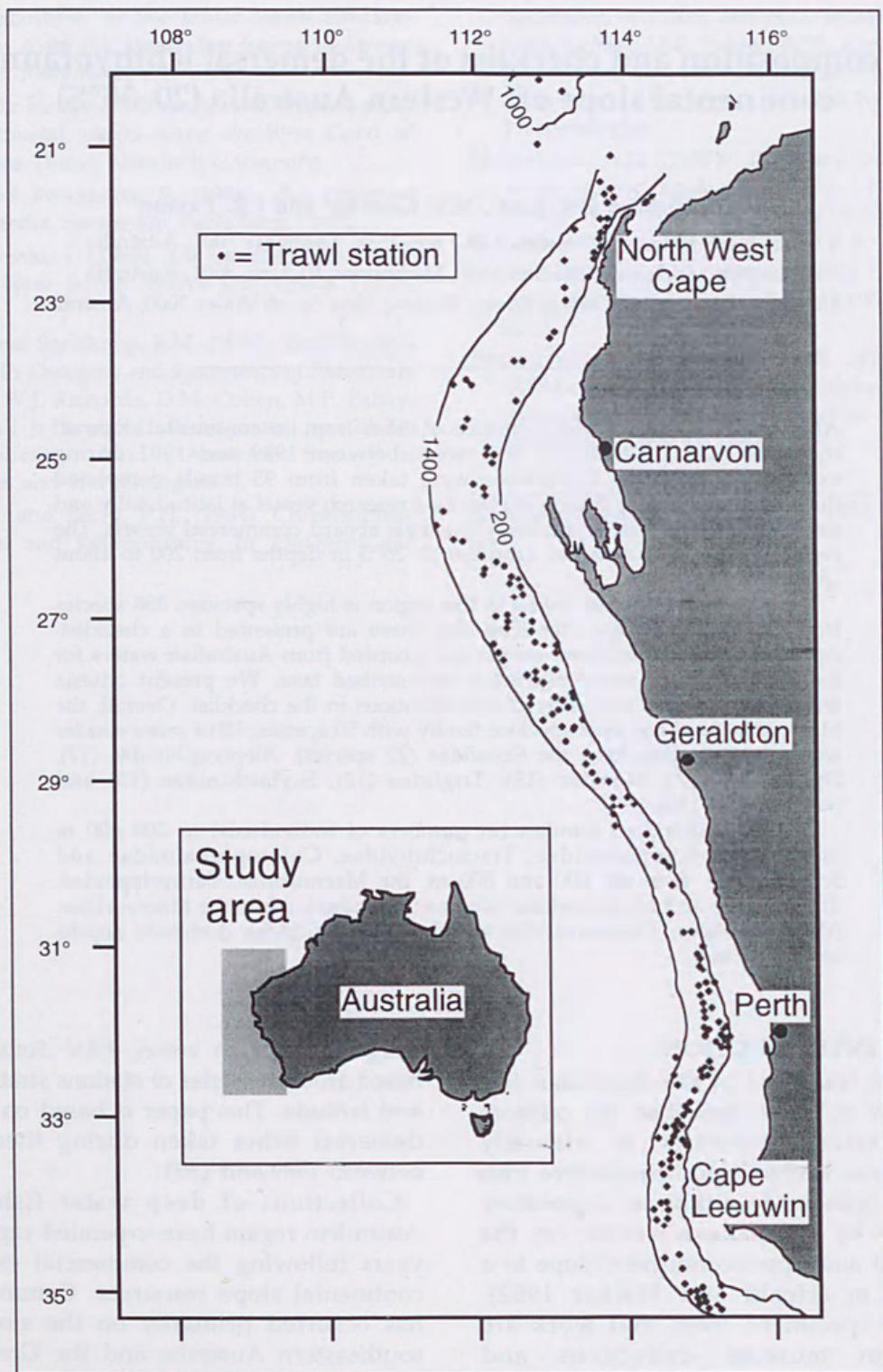


Figure 1 Map of the study area showing the approximate positions of the 200 m and 1400 m isobaths and the trawl stations from which fish collections were taken.

mid-slope region off the western coast of Australia, along with a checklist of species taken. Distributional range information and museum registration details are provided. The data are based primarily on a 30-day research survey undertaken in 1991, supplemented with collections from commercial fishing vessels. Samples were taken from an area between latitudes 20° and 35°S over a depth range of approximately 200–1500 m.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Data collection and analysis

Fishes were collected from 95 demersal trawl stations during an exploratory survey (CSIRO Division of Fisheries, FRV *Southern Surveyor* research cruise SS01/91) and from 56 commercial trawls. Details of trawl stations are given in Table 1 and their approximate positions shown in a

Table 1 Position and depths of stations sampled with demersal trawls during this study. Vessel code refers to the CSIRO research vessel (RV) or commercial fishing vessels (CV).

Vessel	Latitude (°S)	Longitude (°E)	Depth (m) (start)	Depth (m) (end)	Vessel	Latitude (°S)	Longitude (°E)	Depth (m) (start)	Depth (m) (end)
RV	20°16'	113°13'	913	914	RV	32°04'	115°09'	270	285
RV	20°07'	112°55'	868	854	RV	32°02'	115°08'	510	510
RV	20°55'	112°51'	1139	1128	RV	32°02'	114°52'	700	1200
RV	21°28'	113°38'	1022	1023	RV	32°14'	115°06'	286	287
RV	21°37'	113°55'	328	328	RV	32°10'	115°08'	225	230
RV	21°39'	113°58'	209	215	RV	32°19'	114°28'	1280	1310
RV	21°44'	113°52'	320	290	RV	32°34'	114°27'	1030	1140
RV	21°44'	113°52'	274	273	RV	32°40'	114°28'	880	960
RV	21°50'	113°46'	685	650	RV	33°17'	114°12'	982	982
RV	21°54'	113°40'	1158	1100	RV	33°18'	114°31'	220	220
RV	22°00'	113°08'	1460	~1500	RV	33°17'	114°30'	468	430
RV	22°28'	113°12'	1258	1305	RV	33°24'	114°31'	203	204
RV	22°47'	113°13'	880	910	RV	33°22'	114°29'	399	350
RV	22°59'	113°14'	482	544	RV	33°25'	114°21'	817	780
RV	23°25'	113°03'	297	311	RV	33°49'	114°17'	1050	1050
RV	23°25'	113°03'	300	302	RV	34°12'	114°07'	1240	1225
RV	23°46'	112°36'	576	587	RV	34°39'	114°15'	890	890
RV	23°44'	112°35'	612	620	RV	34°56'	114°29'	900	958
RV	23°44'	112°35'	612	623	RV	34°59'	114°43'	738	750
RV	24°00'	111°54'	1060	1064	RV	35°04'	114°59'	870	920
RV	23°59'	111°54'	1061	1071	CV	35°08'	115°01'	1003	—
RV	24°09'	111°39'	1293	1320	CV	35°07'	115°01'	945	—
RV	24°30'	111°50'	892	905	CV	35°02'	115°02'	673	—
RV	24°30'	111°50'	895	901	CV	34°59'	114°53'	712	—
RV	24°51'	112°07'	467	478	CV	34°45'	114°26'	727	—
RV	24°52'	112°07'	444	468	CV	34°15'	114°20'	825	—
RV	24°55'	112°11'	318	344	CV	34°10'	114°16'	1030	—
RV	25°07'	112°09'	306	319	CV	33°58'	114°22'	870	—
RV	25°07'	112°09'	312	312	CV	33°44'	114°22'	740	—
RV	25°19'	111°56'	612	610	CV	33°17'	114°13'	976	—
RV	25°41'	111°30'	1115	1125	CV	33°20'	114°30'	435	—
RV	25°52'	111°27'	1254	1277	CV	33°13'	114°31'	440	—
RV	26°02'	111°39'	1000	1005	CV	33°06'	114°30'	596	—
RV	26°05'	111°46'	882	874	CV	32°52'	114°35'	571	—
RV	26°14'	112°03'	690	691	CV	30°57'	114°48'	470	—
RV	26°35'	112°29'	508	500	CV	29°50'	114°21'	413	—
RV	26°40'	112°32'	478	456	CV	29°43'	114°18'	450	—
RV	26°42'	112°41'	200	194	CV	28°48'	113°37'	457	—
RV	26°42'	112°38'	285	285	CV	28°06'	113°27'	649	—
RV	26°45'	112°36'	346	367	CV	28°13'	113°07'	616	—
RV	26°57'	112°22'	666	688	CV	27°49'	113°01'	437	—
RV	27°06'	112°22'	714	713	CV	26°59'	112°38'	435	—
RV	27°22'	112°10'	1009	996	CV	26°36'	112°09'	760	—
RV	27°28'	112°13'	750	900	CV	25°36'	112°10'	435	—
RV	27°32'	112°15'	1107	1140	CV	26°25'	112°20'	565	—
RV	27°32'	112°15'	1104	1110	CV	32°06'	115°10'	244	—
RV	28°00'	112°41'	945	946	CV	31°59'	115°12'	230	—
RV	28°04'	112°42'	854	853	CV	32°29'	114°53'	385	—
RV	28°16'	113°17'	520	520	CV	32°21'	114°59'	362	—
RV	27°17'	112°45'	510	520	CV	32°20'	114°59'	360	—
RV	27°08'	112°44'	438	370	CV	32°21'	114°59'	348	—
RV	27°04'	112°44'	303	333	CV	20°40'	113°43'	225	—
RV	27°23'	112°51'	306	279	CV	22°30'	113°35'	250	—
RV	27°38'	113°00'	248	252	CV	22°22'	113°40'	225	—
RV	29°15'	113°56'	320	325	CV	21°35'	113°40'	240	—
RV	29°20'	113°58'	490	505	CV	22°13'	113°44'	270	—
RV	29°21'	113°46'	942	970	CV	31°34'	115°00'	213	—
RV	29°22'	113°42'	1160	1167	CV	31°12'	114°56'	213	—
RV	29°28'	113°42'	1160	1160	CV	32°38'	114°47'	376	—
RV	29°35'	113°44'	1132	1136	CV	32°55'	114°39'	373	—
RV	29°51'	114°11'	770	760	CV	32°41'	114°47'	342	—
RV	30°01'	114°29'	255	265	CV	32°18'	114°58'	350	—
RV	30°00'	114°27'	380	380	CV	35°05'	114°53'	989	—
RV	30°00'	114°27'	480	490	CV	35°03'	114°51'	900	—
RV	30°16'	114°30'	684	684	CV	29°14'	113°52'	556	—
RV	30°39'	114°27'	1058	1080	CV	27°53'	113°08'	225	—
RV	30°51'	114°37'	893	887	CV	31°31'	114°53'	470	—
RV	31°16'	114°50'	613	614	CV	28°03'	113°15'	204	—
RV	31°17'	114°52'	475	512	CV	27°33'	112°58'	218	—
RV	31°44'	114°59'	390	485	CV	27°29'	112°50'	250	—
RV	32°02'	114°54'	670	640	CV	34°57'	114°56'	201	—
RV	31°53'	115°05'	411	550	CV	28°30'	112°55'	960	—
RV	31°55'	115°10'	320	850	CV	31°20'	114°54'	390	—
RV	32°09'	115°02'	484	470	CV	31°49'	115°01'	390	—
RV	32°07'	115°06'	308	295	CV	31°31'	114°57'	390	—
					CV	31°29'	114°55'	390	—

diagram (Figure 1). In brief, sampling was carried out within the Western Deep Water Trawl Fishery (WDWTF), a management zone bounded in the north at 20°S by the 114°E meridian (North West Cape) and in the south at ~35°S by the 115°08'E meridian (Cape Leeuwin). Trawling operations involved the use of a variety of nets, although typically these nets had a large headline length (> 35.5 m) and heavy rubber-bobbin ground gear. Details of the net and trawl configuration used in the research survey are provided elsewhere (Williams *et al.*, submitted). A random-stratified sampling design was used for the survey based on six depth strata of 200 m within eight latitudinal strata of 100 nautical miles each. In addition, one trawl (#12) sampled in a depth range of 1460–1500+ m. Sixty five of the 95 stations were random-stratified; the remainder were targeted on fish schools detected by echosounder. About 90,000 fishes were caught during the research vessel survey, with the number of fish taken in the commercial catches unknown. About 90% of the fish species were recorded from survey operations.

Aboard the research vessel, fish specimens retained for museum collections were sorted on ice and placed in 10% formalin solution at the earliest opportunity. On commercial vessels specimens were frozen and preserved later in the laboratory. Most of the material retained is deposited in the I.S.R. Munro Ichthyological Collection at the CSIRO Division of Fisheries Laboratories in Hobart (CSIRO), at the Australian Museum in Sydney (AMS), and the Museum of Victoria, Melbourne (NMV). A few voucher specimens are also lodged at the Western Australian Museum, Perth (WAM).

Numerical abundances were calculated from numbers and weights, and standardised by the area swept and duration of trawls. Abundance data relate only to the 65 random stratified stations from the research vessel survey.

As the purpose of this paper is to present information on demersal fishes, pelagic species from the following taxa were excluded from the checklist: Serrivomeridae, Nemichthyidae, Eurypharyngidae, Bathylagidae, Opisthoproctidae, Gonostomatidae, Sternopychidae, Astronesthidae, Melanostomiidae, Malacosteidae, Chauliodontidae, Stomiidae, Idiacanthidae, Myctophidae, Notosudidae, Paralepididae, Omosudidae, Alepisauridae, Evermannellidae, Scopelarchidae, Rondeletiidae, Ogocephalidae (only *Coelophryns* sp.), Ceratoidea, Macrouridae (only *Hymenocephalus* species, *Mesobius* species, *Squalogadus modificus*), Melamphaidae, Anoplogastridae, Carangidae, Bramidae, Chiasmodontidae, Gempylidae (only *Lepidocybium flavobrunneum*, *Ruvettus pretiosus*, *Thyrsitoides marleyi*) and Trichiuridae.

Taxonomic identifications

As noted by Paxton *et al.* (1989), the taxonomic understanding of Australian fishes has only just begun for some groups. This is especially true for those occurring in the continental slope region. Many of the species encountered in this study are poorly known; indeed many are recorded from Australian waters here for the first time and many of these are yet to be described. A continuity in field identifications was ensured by the preparation of identification sheets for each taxon and by updating them on a station by station basis. Our family classification follows Nelson (1994).

The order of reliability of identification of each species was provided using a five level system presently in use at the CSIRO fish collection. It takes into consideration the taxonomic experience of the identifier, their knowledge of the group considered, and the amount of effort given to making the identification. In this scheme identifications below level 2 are not considered fully reliable; an explanation is given in Table 2.

Table 2 Criteria for assessing the reliability of identifications based on the taxonomic expertise of the identifier and their intentions as used in the checklist.

Level 1: *Highly reliable identification* – Specimen identified by (a) an internationally recognised authority of the group, or (b) a specialist that is presently studying or has reviewed the group in the Australian region.

Level 2: *Identification made with high degree of confidence at all levels* – Specimen identified by a trained identifier who had prior knowledge of the group in the Australian region or used available literature to identify the specimen.

Level 3: *Identification made with high confidence to genus but less so to species* – Specimen identified by (a) a trained identifier who was confident of its generic placement but did not substantiate their species identification using the literature, or (b) a trained identifier who used the literature but still could not make a positive identification to species, or (c) an untrained identifier who used most of the available literature to make the identification.

Level 4: *Identification made with limited confidence* – Specimen identified by (a) a trained identifier who was confident of its family placement but unsure of generic or species identifications (no literature used apart from illustrations), or (b) an untrained identifier who had/used limited literature to make the identification.

Level 5: *Identification superficial* – Specimen identified by (a) a trained identifier who is uncertain of the family placement of the species (cataloguing identification only), (b) an untrained identifier using, at best, figures in a guide, or (c) where the status and expertise of the identifier is unknown.

RESULTS

Faunal overview

A total of 388 fish species from 108 families are recorded from the western continental slope region between the 200 and 1500 m isobaths (Appendix 1). A high number, around 100 species, are recorded from Australian waters for the first time, and many are undescribed.

The most species-rich family is the Macrouridae with 50 species; in our collections it has about 2.5 times the number of species of any other family and accounts for about one seventh of all species caught. Other speciose families, in decreasing order of numbers of species taken, are the Squalidae (22 species), Alepocephalidae (17), Ophidiidae (17), Moridae (13), Triglidae (13), Scyliorhinidae (10) and Scorpaenidae (10). Of the remaining families, 44, or over 40% of the total, are represented by only a single species. The composition of dominant families changes markedly in the shallower strata (200–600 m) but is dominated in depths exceeding 800 m primarily by macrourids, alepocephalids and oreosomatids (Table 3).

Dominant taxa within depth strata

Within the shallow upper-slope depth range (200–400 m) the numerically dominant families are the Acropomatidae, Trachichthyidae, and Macrourocyttidae (Table 3). Acropomatids are primarily *Malakichthys* sp. A, *Acropoma japonicum*, *Apogonops anomalous* and *Synagrops philippensis* (~36%, 9%, 3% and 2% of total individuals, respectively). Trachichthyid representatives include *Gephyroberyx darwini* (23%) and a suite of small *Hoplostethus* species dominated by *H. latus*

(less than 1%). The Macrourocyttidae is represented by a single species, *Zenion* sp. A.

The Chlorophthalmidae is the dominant family in the 400–600 m stratum but represents only 20% of individuals. Of the five species collected, *Chlorophthalmus nigripinnis* and *Chlorophthalmus* sp. C are most numerous (13% and 6%, respectively) and, as with the other chlorophthalmid species, are restricted to the shallow and mid-depths of the upper-slope. The prevalence of the Acropomatidae in this depth range is due to *Apogonops anomalous* (13%) and *Malakichthys* sp. A (3%). The Scorpaenidae is among the most speciose families taken on the western slope region. It is represented by several species in this depth range with *Helicolenus barathri* accounting for about 7% of individuals. The most abundant macrourids in this depth range are *Caelorinchus* species, the most numerous being *C. maurofasciatus*, *C. mirus* and *C. parvifasciatus*.

Macrourids are numerically dominant in depths below 600 m. *Caelorinchus maurofasciatus* (11%), *Malacocephalus laevis* (8%), *Nezumia* sp. A (6%), *Ventrifossa macropogon* (6%) and *Lepidorhynchus denticulatus* (2%) have the highest numbers of individuals in 600–800 m. The species with the highest number of individuals is *Bathyclupea* sp. A (Bathyclupeidae), accounting for about 20% of the total catch. The Chaunacidae is represented mostly by *Chaunax* cf. *fimbriatus* (8%) and the Neoscopelidae by an unidentified species, *Neoscopelus* sp. A (4%).

In depths greater than 800 m the Macrouridae is the most speciose family, accounting for between 41% and 50% of the individuals in each of the three mid-slope strata. *Cetonurus globiceps*, *Gadomus* sp.

Table 3 Numerically dominant four families in each 200 m depth stratum. Figures are the percentage of the total number of individuals per stratum (based on survey data only).

Depth stratum (m)	200– 400	400– 600	600– 800	800– 1000	1000– 1200	1200– 1400
Acropomatidae (temperate sea basses)	50	17				
Trachichthyidae (sawbellies)	24					
Macrourocyttidae (dwarf dories)	5					
Gempylidae (snake mackerels)	3					
Chlorophthalmidae (greeneyes)		20				
Scorpaenidae (scorpionfishes)		10				
Macrouridae (grenadiers)		8	42	41	50	49
Bathyclupeidae (bathyclupeids)			19			
Chaunacidae (coffinfishes)			8			
Neoscopelidae (new lanternfishes)			6	10		
Oreosomatidae (oreo dories)				10	12	
Alepocephalidae (slickheads)				14	12	7
Synaphobranchidae (basketwork eels)					10	7
Ipnopidae (tripodfishes)						7
Mean number of fish per standard trawl	3229	510	223	202	157	160
Number of samples	12	12	10	15	11	5

B, three unidentified species of *Trachonurus* and *Bathygadus cottooides* have the greatest number of specimens; several species of the genera *Caelorinchus*, *Coryphaenoides*, *Nezumia* and *Ventrifossa* are also well represented. Several species account for the prominence of the Alepocephalidae. In 800–1000 m *Xenodermichthys copei* and *Rouleina guentheri* are the most abundant (10% and 3% respectively); in the two deepest strata *Alepocephalus triangularis*, *A. cf. productus* and *Narcetes lloydii* each make up between 1 and 4% of numbers. Oreosomatids are represented by four species, but *Allocyttus verrucosus* is the most abundant, making up 10% and 12% of numbers in the 800–1000 m and 1000–1200 m strata, respectively. The Synaphobranchidae, comprising four species, ranks fourth and third in the two deepest strata (1000–1200 m and 1200–1400 m). *Diastobranchus capensis* and *Synaphobranchus brevidorsalis* are most numerous with a combined proportion of about 7% of numbers in each stratum; *S. affinis* and *S. kaupi* contribute about 3% of the total number of individuals between 1000–1200 m. *Neoscopelus macrolepidotus* (Neoscopelidae) accounts for 10% of the total number of specimens taken in the 800–1000 m stratum and *Bathypterois ventralis* (Bathypteroidae) 7% of the numbers in the 1200–1400 m stratum.

Other groups are prominent in terms of species numbers or biomass but account for relatively few individuals. Overall, the Squalidae, with 22 species, ranks second in terms of numbers of species and, in the six strata sampled, ranks eleventh, sixth, ninth, seventh, eighth and eleventh, respectively, in numbers of individuals. *Squalus megalops* and *S. mitsukurii* are the dominant squalids on the upper-slope (1–3% and ~1% of numbers, respectively), with *Deania calcea* relatively common (~1%) on the shallow mid-slope, and *Zameus squamulosus* widespread and relatively common (~1%) in the 800–1500 m range. The Triglidae is represented by 13 species, dominated by members of *Lepidotrigla* and *Satyrichthys*. This family is restricted mainly to the shallow and mid-range of the upper-slope with only the distribution of *S. cf. investigatoris* extending below 500 m. Representatives of the Ophidiidae range from the upper-slope to the deep mid-slope. The upper-slope species, *Dannevigia tusca* and *Genypterus blacodes*, are relatively large but rare in this region, whereas several of the deep-dwelling species are more numerous and contribute to the prominent ranking of this family (fifth and seventh) in the two deepest strata. In these strata, the dominant species, *Monomitopus* sp. A, accounts for ~1–3% of total numbers of individuals.

Dominant taxa at different latitudes

The shallow upper-slope (~200–400 m) fauna

north of Shark Bay includes many tropical Indo-West Pacific species and species whose distributions include the outer shelf area of northwestern Australia (e.g., Sainsbury *et al.* 1985). The most abundant components in survey trawls include *Dentex tumifrons*, *Acropoma japonicum*, *Malakichthys* sp. A, *Synagrops philippensis* and *Nemipterus bathybius*; commercial catches from this region are dominated by the lutjanid *Etelis carbunculus* with a by-catch of other tropical lutjanids, serranids and priacanthids. The shallow upper-slope fauna south of Perth comprises mainly temperate fishes whose distributions also encompass the outer shelf. Dominant elements include *Dannevigia tusca*, *Neosebastes thetidis*, *Pterygotrigla polyommata*, *Neoplatycephalus conatus*, *Lepidoperca filamenta*, *Zanclistius elevatus*, *Oplegnathus woodwardi*, *Nemadactylus macropterus*, and *Nelusetta ayraudi*.

A similar overlap of warm and cool water species is evident on the deeper reaches of the upper-slope (~400–800 m), but the most abundant species are generally more widely distributed. Abundant tropical/sub-tropical species include *Synagrops japonicus*, *Setarches guentheri*, *Epigonus macrops*, *Bathyclupea* sp. A and *Champsodon* cf. *longipinnis*. The dominant temperate elements of the deeper upper-slope fauna include some species which did not occur further north than the southernmost section of the west coast, and others which ranged northward well into warm waters. The former group includes several species endemic to southern Australia (e.g., *Galeus boardmani*, *Urolophus expansus* and *Lepidoperca filamenta*), and other species with restricted southern Australian and New Zealand distributions (*Chlorophthalmus nigripinnis*, *Caelorinchus maurofasciatus*, *Lepidorhynchus denticulatus* and *Helicolenus* cf. *percoides*). Temperate species with distributions extending into waters north of Shark Bay (~26°S) include *Hoplostethus latus*, *Pentaceros decacanthus*, *Zenopsis nebulosus* and *Notopogon xenosoma*. Other abundant species have temperate/subtropical distributions: *Caelorinchus mirus*, *Apogonops anomalous*, *Rexea solandri*, *Euichthys polynemus*, *Tripterygion gilchristi* and *Malacocephalus laevis*.

Fishes from mid-slope depths (~800–1500 m) are typically wide ranging with southern circumglobal, Indo-Atlantic or cosmopolitan distributions. Some, however, exhibit restricted latitudinal ranges, primarily confined to the region between Cape Leeuwin and Shark Bay. Tropical mid-slope species that are both abundant and have restricted distributions include *Anacanthobatis* sp. A, *Bathypterois guentheri*, *B. ventralis*, *Lamprichthys* cf. *niger* and *Mataeocephalus acipenserinus*. The abundant, wide-ranging species are *Pavoraja* sp. B, *Synaphobranchus brevidorsalis*, *Aldrovandia affinis*, *A. phalacra*, *Alepocephalus triangularis*, *Xenodermichthys*

copei, *Monomitopus* sp. A and *Scombrolabrax heterolepis*. Slope fishes that are abundant on the southern temperate Australian mid-slope and widely distributed on the west coast (extending north beyond Shark Bay) include *Centroscymnus owstoni*, *Deania calcea*, *Diastobranchus capensis*, *Synaphobranchus affinis*, *S. kaupi*, *Alepocephalus cf. productus*, *Rouleina guentheri*, *Neoscopelus macrolepidotus*, *Antimora rostrata*, *Bathygadus cottoides*, *Cetonurus globiceps*, *Coryphaenoides serrulatus*, *Neocyttus rhomboidalis* and *Allocyttus verrucosus*.

Many other species which are abundant on the temperate Australian mid-slope did not appear to occur north of Cape Leeuwin ($\sim 35^{\circ}$ S). Conspicuous by their absence are the species which are commercially important in southeastern Australia. *Hoplostethus atlanticus* (orange roughy) and *Pseudocyttus maculatus* (smooth oreo) were even scarce in our more southern collections, whilst *Allocyttus niger* (black oreo) was not taken at all.

DISCUSSION

The high species richness is the most striking feature of the slope fish fauna in this region, and it is likely that further sampling with a variety of gears would substantially enlarge the number of species. Williams *et al.* (submitted) noted that sampling density during this study was low overall and that uncommon or aggregated species may have been missed. Furthermore, the selectivity of large-mesh trawls fitted with heavy ground gear most likely undersampled small species and groups which retain close contact with the bottom.

The great abundance of the Macrouridae (grenadiers) is also noteworthy. Despite their dominance, the group was poorly known in Australia at the time of the survey: only 32 of the 57 Australian species recorded by Paxton *et al.* (1989) were identified. It is apparent from our collections that at least 60 species are found on the Western Australian slope region (Iwamoto and Williams in prep.).

The west coast fish fauna is a mixture of warm and cold water species at all upper and mid-slope depths. However, latitudinal separation of tropical and sub-tropical species from temperate species is less evident as sampling depth increases. On the upper-slope (600–800 m) there is a change in the top-ranked families between 200 m depth strata, whereas on the mid-slope (800–1400 m) the Macrouridae, and to a lesser extent, Alepocephalidae, Oreosomatidae and Synaphobranchidae, are dominant throughout. In all strata, except for the 400–600 m stratum, the most abundant family accounts for 40–50% of individuals.

These ecological themes are developed in a

second paper. In that work, the patterns of diversity, biomass and assemblage structure of this slope fish fauna are discussed and compared to others from slope regions off southeastern Australia and the northern hemisphere (Williams *et al.* submitted).

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Appendix 1 Checklist of demersal fishes collected from the western Australian continental slope in 200–1500 m between 20°S and 35°S. ID level refers to the reliability criteria detailed in Table 2; new record (*) refers to the first record of a species in Australian waters (Aust). Distributional limits of species based on our collections are shown by minimum and maximum depths, latitudes and longitudes; registration numbers identify museum voucher specimens in the CSIRO (H-codes), AMS (I-codes), WAM (P-codes) collections; ‘–’ indicates no specimen was registered or retained; ‘photo’ indicates where non-retained specimens were photographed.

Species	ID level	New record (Aust)	Min. depth (m)	Max. depth (m)	latitude	longitude	Min. latitude	Max. longitude	Registration number
HEXANCHIDAE									
<i>Heptranchias perlo</i> (Bonnaterre, 1788)	1	318	484	24°53'	112°08'	32°10'	115°03'	H2013-02	
HETERODONTIDAE									
<i>Heterodontus zebra</i> (Gray, 1831)	1	221	229	22°22'	113°39'	22°22'	113°39'	P.30424-001	
ALOPIIDAE									
<i>Alopias pelagicus</i> Nakamura, 1935	3	240	240	21°35'	113°40'	21°35'	113°40'	photo	
PARASCYLLIIDAE									
<i>Parasyllium</i> sp. A (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	1	245	245	32°08'	115°08'	32°08'	115°08'	H2360-01	
SCYLIORHINIDAE									
<i>Apristurus longicephalus</i> Nakaya, 1975	1	685	685	21°51'	113°47'	21°51'	113°47'	H2549-08	
<i>Apristurus</i> sp. A (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	3	328	1060	21°38'	113°56'	34°57'	114°29'	H2592-02	
<i>Apristurus</i> sp. B (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	3	942	942	29°22'	113°47'	29°22'	113°47'	H2624-01	
<i>Apristurus</i> sp. D (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	1	1240	1240	34°13'	114°07'	34°13'	114°08'	H2623-03	
<i>Apristurus</i> sp. F (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	2	1030	1050	32°35'	114°27'	33°50'	114°27'	H2615-01	
<i>Apristurus</i> sp. G (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	1	684	942	26°15'	112°03'	30°17'	114°30'	H2573-01	
<i>Asymbolus</i> sp. F (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	1	225	400	32°10'	115°08'	33°23'	114°30'	H2613-01	
<i>Cephaloscyllium fasciatum</i> Chan, 1966	1	320	320	29°16'	113°57'	29°16'	113°57'	H2590-07	
<i>Galeus boardmani</i> (Whitley, 1928)	1	213	510	24°53'	112°08'	33°23'	111°54'	H2591-10	
<i>Galeus gracilis</i> Compagno and Stevens, 1993	1	467	467	24°51'	112°07'	24°51'	112°07'	–	
TRIAKIDAE									
<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	1	213	213	31°34'	114°59'	31°34'	114°59'	–	
<i>Iago garnicki</i> (Fourmanoir and Rivaton, 1979)	2	467	467	24°51'	112°07'	24°51'	112°07'	H2564-09	
<i>Mustelus antarcticus</i> Günther, 1870	1	225	225	32°10'	115°08'	32°10'	115°08'	H2613-15	
<i>Mustelus</i> sp. B (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	3	297	346	23°25'	113°04'	27°23'	112°32'	H2356-02	
CARCHARHINIDAE									
<i>Carcharhinus altimus</i> (Springer, 1950)	1	240	240	21°35'	113°40'	21°35'	113°40'	photo	
<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i> (Péron and Lesueur, 1822)	1	240	240	21°35'	113°40'	21°35'	113°40'	photo	
SQUALIDAE									
<i>Centrophorus granulosus</i> (Bloch and Schneider, 1801)	1	868	868	20°08'	112°55'	20°08'	112°55'	H2543-05	
<i>Centrophorus molluccensis</i> Bleeker, 1860	1	320	510	31°53'	115°06'	32°10'	115°03'	H2564-07	
<i>Centrophorus squamosus</i> (Bonnaterre, 1788)	1	882	882	26°05'	111°47'	26°05'	111°47'	H2572-01	
<i>Centrophorus nyato</i> (Rafinesque, 1810)	1	200	854	24°51'	112°07'	34°59'	114°44'	H2606-01	

Species	ID level	New record (Aust)	Min. depth (m)	Max. depth (m)	Latitude	longitude	Min. latitude	Max. longitude	Registration number
<i>Centroscyllium kamoharai</i> Abe, 1966	2	942	1254	23°60'	111°54'	33°18'	114°31'	114°31'	H2560-02
<i>Centroscyllium crepidater</i> (Bogachev and Capello, 1864)	1	870	880	32°40'	114°28'	35°05'	114°60'	114°60'	H1815-02
<i>Centroscyllium ovstoni</i> Garman, 1906	1	868	1254	20°08'	112°55'	35°05'	114°60'	114°60'	H2570-10
<i>Dalatias licha</i> (Bonnaterre, 1788)	1	373	508	26°36'	112°29'	32°55'	114°39'	114°39'	—
<i>Decania calcea</i> (Lowe, 1839)	1	738	900	30°52'	114°37'	35°05'	114°60'	114°60'	—
<i>Decania quadrispinosa</i> (McCulloch, 1915)	1	738	854	28°04'	112°43'	34°59'	114°44'	114°44'	H2357-04
<i>Etmopterus brachyurus</i> Smith and Radcliffe, 1912	1	475	612	25°19'	111°56'	31°17'	114°53'	114°53'	H2604-01
<i>Etmopterus lucifer</i> Jordan and Snyder, 1902	1	738	817	33°26'	114°21'	34°59'	114°44'	114°44'	H2625-04
<i>Etmopterus pusillus</i> (Lowe, 1839)	3	320	882	26°05'	111°47'	33°26'	114°21'	114°21'	H2621-04
<i>Etmopterus</i> sp. A (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	1	320	850	25°36'	112°10'	31°57'	115°09'	115°09'	H2572-02
<i>Etmopterus</i> sp. B (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	1	870	880	32°40'	114°28'	35°05'	114°60'	114°60'	H2616-10
<i>Euprotomericus bispinatus</i> (Quoy and Gaimard, 1824)	1	913	913	20°16'	113°13'	20°16'	113°13'	113°13'	H2541-01
<i>Squalius megalops</i> (Macleay, 1881)	1	203	510	24°53'	112°08'	33°24'	114°31'	114°31'	H2566-01
<i>Squalius mitsukurii</i> Jordan and Snyder, 1903	3	220	670	24°51'	112°07'	33°19'	114°32'	114°32'	H2564-01
<i>Squalius</i> sp. C (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	1	300	300	23°25'	113°04'	23°25'	113°04'	113°04'	H2014-01
<i>Squalius</i> sp. D (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	1	209	478	21°39'	113°58'	27°23'	112°52'	112°52'	H2547-06
<i>Squalius</i> sp. E (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	1	312	508	25°08'	112°09'	31°55'	115°10'	115°10'	H2032-01
<i>Zameus squamulosus</i> (Günther, 1877)	1	854	1254	20°08'	112°55'	32°35'	114°27'	114°27'	H2560-03
PRISTOPHORIDAE									
<i>Pristophorus cirratus</i> (Latham, 1794)	3	203	400	30°00'	114°28'	33°24'	114°31'	114°31'	H2620-05
SQUATINIDAE									
<i>Squatina tergocellata</i> McCulloch, 1914	1	203	400	29°16'	113°57'	33°24'	114°31'	114°31'	H3053-02
<i>Squatina</i> sp. B (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	1	312	312	25°08'	112°09'	25°08'	112°09'	112°09'	H2567-01
NARCINIDAE									
<i>Narcine</i> sp. B (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	1	209	346	21°39'	113°58'	32°05'	115°09'	115°09'	H3054-03
<i>Torpedo macroura</i> (Whitley, 1932)	1	490	490	29°21'	113°58'	29°21'	113°58'	113°58'	H2591-06
RAJIDAE									
<i>Notoraja</i> sp. C (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	1	508	690	26°15'	112°03'	26°36'	112°29'	112°29'	H2573-02
<i>Pavoraja allenii</i> McEachran and Fechhelm, 1982	1	200	475	24°51'	112°07'	31°55'	115°10'	115°10'	H3015-02
<i>Pavoraja</i> sp. B (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	1	520	1500	21°54'	113°41'	31°16'	114°50'	114°50'	H2603-03
<i>Raja gauderi</i> (Whitley, 1940)	1	468	490	29°21'	113°58'	33°18'	114°31'	114°31'	H2519-02
<i>Raja</i> sp. E (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	1	203	362	32°10'	115°08'	33°24'	114°31'	114°31'	H2619-02
<i>Raja</i> sp. F (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	1	200	510	26°43'	112°41'	32°02'	115°09'	115°09'	H2570-01
<i>Raja</i> sp. I (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	1	1254	1254	25°52'	111°27'	25°52'	111°27'	111°27'	H2611-02
<i>Raja</i> sp. N (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	1	203	490	27°09'	112°45'	33°24'	114°31'	114°31'	H2591-01
ANACANTHOBATIDAE									
<i>Anacanthobatis</i> sp. A (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	1	482	1115	22°60'	113°14'	25°41'	111°31'	111°31'	H2557-01
<i>Anacanthobatis</i> sp. C	1	1115	1158	21°54'	113°41'	25°41'	111°31'	111°31'	H2569-02

HEXATRYGONIDAE									
<i>Hexatrygon</i> sp. A (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	3	868	1115	20°08'	112°55'	25°41'	111°31'	H2543-07	
UROLOPHIDAE									
<i>Urolophus expansus</i> McCulloch, 1916	1	203	400	31°55'	115°10'	33°24'	114°31'	H2619-03	
<i>Urolophus flavomaculatus</i> Last and Gomon, 1987	1	200	306	26°43'	112°41'	27°23'	112°52'	—	H2590-04
<i>Urolophus viridis</i> McCulloch, 1916	1	200	380	26°43'	112°41'	30°00'	114°28'	—	H2590-10
<i>Plesiobatis daviesi</i> (Wallace, 1967)	1	508	508	26°36'	112°29'	26°36'	112°29'	—	
MYLIOBATIDAE									
<i>Myliobatis hamlyni</i> Ogilby, 1911	3	346	346	26°45'	112°37'	26°45'	112°37'	H2578-01	
CHIMAERIDAE									
<i>Chimaera</i> sp. A (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	3	670	854	28°04'	112°43'	32°02'	114°54'	H2621-02	
<i>Chimaera</i> sp. C (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	3	685	1293	21°51'	113°47'	24°10'	111°39'	H2549-06	
<i>Chimaera</i> sp. E (of Last and Stevens, 1994)	2	438	520	27°09'	112°45'	28°17'	113°18'	H2585-01	
<i>Hydrologus lemurensis</i> (Whitley, 1939)	2	286	510	23°25'	113°04'	33°23'	114°30'	H2590-10	
RHINOCHIMAERIDAE									
<i>Harriotta raleighana</i> Goode and Bean, 1895	2	1030	1030	34°10'	114°16'	34°10'	114°16'	H2367-01	
<i>Rhinochimaera pacifica</i> (Mitsukuri, 1895)	2	760	1293	22°29'	113°12'	34°10'	114°16'	H2552-02	
MURAENIDAE									
<i>Gymnothorax woodwardi</i> McCulloch, 1912	2	244	244	32°06'	115°10'	32°06'	115°10'	H3096-02	
NETTASTOMATIDAE									
<i>Hoplunnis</i> sp. A	4	*	312	312	25°08'	112°09'	25°08'	112°09'	H2567-02
<i>Nettastoma melanura</i> Rafinesque, 1810	2	*	612	612	23°45'	112°35'	23°45'	112°35'	H2557-02
<i>Venefica cf. multipora</i> Karrer, 1982	3	*	1254	1254	25°52'	111°27'	25°52'	111°27'	H2570-04
CONGRIDAE									
<i>Bassanago cf. bullocki</i> Whitley, 1948	3	701	870	33°03'	112°03'	35°02'	114°60'	—	
<i>Bassanago</i> sp. A	3	690	690	26°15'	112°03'	26°15'	112°03'	I.31170-007	
<i>Bathyuroconger vicinus</i> (Vauvillant, 1888)	2	*	854	1139	20°55'	112°51'	28°04'	112°43'	H2544-19
<i>Blachea xenobranchialis</i> Karrer and Smith, 1980	2	300	312	23°25'	113°04'	25°08'	112°09'	H2567-03	
COLOCONGRIDAE									
<i>Coloconger cf. raniceps</i> Alcock, 1899	3	*	892	892	24°30'	111°51'	24°30'	111°51'	H2562-03
<i>Coloconger</i> sp. A	3	*	760	892	24°30'	111°51'	26°36'	112°36'	H3041-10
SYNAPHOBRANCHIDAE									
<i>Diastobranchus capensis</i> Barnard, 1923	2	825	1280	25°52'	111°27'	35°05'	114°60'	H3010-01	
<i>Synaphobranchus affinis</i> Günther, 1877	2	*	854	1061	23°60'	111°54'	32°40'	114°28'	I.31157-003
<i>Synaphobranchus brevidorsalis</i> Günther, 1887	2	*	880	1500	20°55'	112°51'	34°57'	114°29'	H2544-20
<i>Synaphobranchus kaupi</i> Johnson, 1862	2	*	1030	1030	32°35'	114°27'	32°35'	114°27'	H2616-05
HALOSAURIDAE									
<i>Aldrovandia affinis</i> (Günther, 1877)	2	*	868	1500	20°08'	112°55'	32°40'	114°28'	H2544-04
<i>Aldrovandia phalaena</i> (Vaillant, 1888)	2	*	1022	1500	20°55'	112°51'	32°35'	114°27'	H2544-11
<i>Aldrovandia cf. rostrata</i> (Günther, 1887)	3	*	854	854	28°04'	112°43'	28°04'	112°43'	H2584-16

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<i>Halosaurus oovenii</i> Johnson, 1863	3	*	690	690	26°15'	112°03'	26°15'	112°03'	H2573-20
<i>Halosauropsis macrochir</i> (Günther, 1878)	3	948	948	35°25'	117°21'	35°25'	117°21'	H3008-03	
NOTACANTHIDAE									
<i>Notacanthus sexspinis</i> Richardson, 1846	2	870	982	33°18'	114°13'	35°05'	114°00'	photo	
ARGENTINIDAE									
<i>Glossanodon</i> sp. A	3	255	438	25°08'	112°09'	32°14'	115°06'	H2597-01	
LEPTOCHILICHTHYIDAE									
<i>Leptochilichthys microlepis</i> Machida and Shiogaki, 1988	1	*	1139	1158	20°55'	112°51'	21°54'	113°41'	H2544-23
ALEPOCEPHALIIDAE									
<i>Alepocephalus australis</i> Barnard, 1923	1	*	982	1030	33°18'	114°13'	34°10'	114°16'	H3017-02
<i>Alepocephalus australis</i> Tanaka, 1908	1	*	880	960	22°47'	113°13'	28°30'	112°55'	H3061-01
<i>Alepocephalus triangularis</i> Okamura and Kawanishi, 1984	1	*	1022	1132	21°28'	113°39'	29°35'	113°45'	H2541-11
<i>Alepocephalus cf productus</i> (Gill, 1890)	3	*	1030	1280	20°55'	112°51'	32°35'	114°27'	H2544-18
<i>Bajacalifornia californica</i> (Weber, 1913)	1	*	880	880	22°47'	113°13'	22°47'	113°13'	H2553-02
<i>Bathytrotes squamosus</i> Alcock, 1890	1	*	913	1139	20°16'	113°13'	20°55'	112°51'	H2541-10
<i>Conocara microlepis</i> (Lloyd, 1909)	1	*	1258	1258	22°29'	113°12'	22°29'	113°12'	H2552-07
<i>Leptoderra affine</i> Alcock, 1899	1	*	1280	1280	32°20'	114°29'	32°20'	114°29'	H2614-01
<i>Leptoderra cf. affinis</i> Alcock, 1899	3	*	913	913	20°16'	113°13'	20°16'	113°13'	H2541-20
<i>Leptoderra cf retrospina</i> Fowler, 1943	3	*	1139	1258	20°55'	112°51'	22°29'	113°12'	H2552-01
<i>Narcetes lloydii</i> Fowler, 1934	1	*	913	1258	20°16'	113°13'	32°35'	114°27'	H2552-05
<i>Rouleina attrita</i> (Vaillant, 1888)	1	*	1139	1258	20°55'	112°51'	25°52'	111°27'	H2570-05
<i>Rouleina guentheri</i> Alcock, 1892	1	*	685	1061	20°08'	112°55'	30°52'	114°37'	H2542-11
<i>Talismania antillarum</i> (Goode and Bean, 1896)	1	685	1009	20°08'	112°55'	28°00'	112°41'	H2543-04	
<i>Talismania longifilis</i> (Brauer, 1902)	1	913	913	20°16'	113°13'	20°16'	113°13'	H2541-09	
<i>Talismania mekistionema</i> Sulak, 1975	1	*	1115	1254	25°41'	111°31'	25°52'	111°27'	H2569-08
<i>Xenodermichthys copei</i> (Gill, 1884)	1		320	1030	21°51'	113°47'	34°57'	114°29'	H2549-02
PLATYTROCTIDAE									
<i>Maulisia acuticeps</i> Sazonov, 1976	1	*	1460	1500	21°58'	113°08'	21°58'	113°08'	H2551-12
<i>Maulisia microlepis</i> Sazonov and Golovan, 1976	1	*	1280	1500	20°01'	113°08'	32°20'	114°29'	H2614-02
PHOSICHTHYIDAE									
<i>Polymetme corythacola</i> (Alcock, 1898)	2	411	1115	22°60'					H3035-01
ATELEOPODIDAE									
<i>Atteleopus cf japonicus</i> Bleeker, 1853	3	457	684	26°40'	112°33'	30°17'	114°30'	H2019-01	
AULOPIDAE									
<i>Aulopus purpurissatus</i> Richardson, 1843	2	210	210	33°45'	114°28'	33°45'	114°28'	H2054-01	

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MERLUCCIDAE									
<i>Macruronus novaezelandiae</i> (Hector, 1871)	1		596	825	33°06'	114°30'	34°15'	114°20'	H3025-07
OPHIDIIDAE									
<i>Bassozetus</i> sp. A	3	*	1460	1500	22°01'	113°08'	22°01'	113°08'	H2551-01
<i>Danierigia tusa</i> Whitley, 1941	2		203	390	28°53'	113°41'	33°24'	114°31'	H3052-01
<i>Dicrolene</i> sp. A	2	*	435	945	25°59'	112°38'	30°52'	114°37'	H2583-11
<i>Dicrolene</i> sp. B	2	*	1158	1158	21°54'	113°41'	21°54'	113°41'	H2550-06
<i>Epetriodus freddyi</i> Cohen and Nielsen, 1978	2	*	714	892	24°30'	111°51'	27°07'	112°23'	H2562-02
<i>Eretmichthys</i> sp. A	3	*	1460	1500	21°50'	113°59'	21°50'	113°59'	H2559-09
<i>Genypterus blacodes</i> (Forster, 1801)	1		596	989	33°06'	114°30'	35°05'	114°33'	H3178-02
<i>Glyptophidium japonicum</i> Kamohara, 1936	2		437	478	26°40'	112°33'	27°49'	113°01'	H2575-05
<i>Hoplobrotula armata</i> (Temminck and Schlegel, 1847)	3	*	320	438	21°45'	113°52'	27°09'	112°45'	H2578-11
<i>Homostolus acer</i> Smith and Radcliffe, 1913	2	*	612	612	23°44'	112°35'	23°44'	112°35'	H2558-02
<i>Lamprigrammus</i> cf. <i>niger</i> Alcock, 1891	3	*	868	868	20°08'	112°55'	20°08'	112°55'	H2542-01
<i>Monomilopus</i> sp. A	2	*	868	1258	20°08'	112°55'	32°35'	114°27'	H2615-03
<i>Monomilopus</i> sp. B	2	*	1254	1254	25°52'	111°27'	25°52'	111°27'	H2544-15
<i>Monomilopus</i> sp. C	4	*	1254	1254	25°52'	111°27'	25°52'	111°27'	H2570-11
<i>Porogadus</i> sp. A	2	*	1104	1104	27°33'	112°15'	27°33'	112°15'	H2582-01
<i>Xyelacyba myersi</i> Cohen, 1961	2	*	1158	1158	21°54'	113°41'	21°54'	113°41'	H2550-07
Ophidiidae gen. sp.	4	*	913	913	20°16'	113°13'	20°16'	113°13'	H2541-08
BYTHITIDAE									
<i>Diplacanthopoma</i> sp. A	2	*	868	868	20°08'	112°55'	20°08'	112°55'	H2542-22
CARAPIDAE									
<i>Pyramodon ventralis</i> Smith and Radcliffe, 1913	2		346	510	25°36'	112°33'	33°18'	114°31'	1.31174-008
MACROURIDAE									
<i>Bathygadus cottooides</i> Günther, 1878	1	*	913	1280	20°16'	113°13'	34°10'	114°16'	H2571-02
<i>Bathygadus</i> sp. A	3	*	1030	1030	34°10'	114°16'	34°10'	114°16'	H3017-08
<i>Caelorinchus imnotabilis</i> McCulloch, 1907	1	*	510	1132	22°17'	112°45'	35°05'	114°60'	H3008-08
<i>Caelorinchus matamua</i> (McCann and McKnight, 1980) 1	1		770	1030	29°52'	114°12'	35°05'	114°60'	H3007-10
<i>Caelorinchus parvifasciatus</i> McMillan and Paulin, 1993	1		870	870	35°05'	114°60'	35°05'	114°60'	H3008-09
<i>Caelorinchus cf. argenteatus</i> (Smith and Radcliffe, 1912)	3	*	320	714	26°15'	112°03'	35°02'	115°02'	H2604-10
<i>Caelorinchus</i> sp. A	1	*	390	475	34°10'	114°16'	32°54'	114°39'	H3028-03
<i>Caelorinchus</i> sp. C	1	*	482	612	22°60'	113°14'	23°45'	112°35'	H1514-19
<i>Caelorinchus</i> sp. D	1	*	685	685	21°51'	113°47'	21°51'	113°47'	H2549-04
<i>Caelorinchus</i> sp. E	1	*	478	1104	22°60'	113°14'	30°17'	114°30'	H2024-01
<i>Caelorinchus</i> sp. F	1	*	685	1022	21°28'	113°39'	24°31'	111°50'	H2553-03

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OGCOCEPHALIDAE									
<i>Coelophrys</i> sp. A	3	*	1009	1139	20°55'	112°51'	27°22'	112°11'	H2544-07
<i>Dibranchus</i> sp. A	3	*	297	297	23°25'	113°04'	23°25'	113°04'	H2555-01
<i>Halieutaea cf. stellata</i> (Vahl, 1797)	3	*	435	1115	24°53'	113°13'	27°17'	112°45'	H3040-10
<i>Halieutopsis cf. micropus</i> (Alcock, 1891)	3	*	942	942	29°22'	113°47'	29°22'	113°47'	H2593-01
<i>Halieutopsis</i> sp. A	3	*	942	942	29°22'	113°47'	29°22'	113°47'	H2592-05
BARBOURISIIDAE									
<i>Barbourisia rufa</i> Parr, 1945	1		1139	1460	20°55'	112°51'	24°10'	111°39'	H2551-02
DIRETMIDAE									
<i>Diretmichthys parini</i> (Post and Quero, 1981)	2		740	1293	20°55'	112°51'	35°02'	115°01'	H3009-01
<i>Diretmus argenteus</i> Johnson, 1864	2		685	1139	20°08'	112°55'	21°51'	113°47'	H2542-07
TRACHICHTHYIDAE									
<i>Gephyroberyx darwinii</i> (Johnson, 1866)	2		274	490	21°44'	113°52'	33°13'	114°31'	H2044-01
<i>Hoplostethus atlanticus</i> Collett, 1889	1		812	870	33°58'	114°22'	35°05'	114°60'	H1251-01
<i>Hoplostethus intermedius</i> (Hector, 1875)	1		673	673	35°02'	115°02'	35°02'	115°02'	H3011-03
<i>Hoplostethus latus</i> McCulloch, 1914	1	*	320	510	24°53'	112°08'	33°18'	114°31'	H3023-06
<i>Hoplostethus cf. melanopus</i> (Weber, 1913)	3	*	435	760	18°14'	117°54'	27°07'	112°23'	H3041-01
BERYCIDAE									
<i>Beryx splendens</i> Lowe, 1833	2		209	670	21°38'	113°56'	32°02'	114°54'	H2599-02
<i>Centroberyx australis</i> Shimizu and Hutchins, 1987	2		203	380	26°42'	112°38'	33°24'	114°31'	H2577-01
<i>Centroberyx gerrardi</i> (Günther, 1887)	2		210	210	33°45'	114°28'	33°45'	114°28'	H2008-01
HOLOCENTRIDAE									
<i>Ostichthys japonicus</i> (Cuvier, 1829)	2		200	225	21°39'	113°58'	26°43'	112°41'	H2576-04
PARAZENIDAE									
<i>Parazen pacificus</i> Kamohara, 1935	2		297	478	21°45'	113°52'	27°23'	112°52'	H3045-03
MACROUROCYTTIDAE									
<i>Zenion</i> sp. A	3		306	735	21°45'	113°52'	27°23'	112°52'	H3040-01
ZEIDAE									
<i>Cyttopsis cypho</i> (Fowler, 1934)	2		297	510	21°45'	113°52'	32°02'	115°09'	H2556-08
<i>Cyttopsis roseus</i> (Lowe, 1843)	2		209	616	21°39'	113°58'	29°50'	114°21'	H2591-04
<i>Cyttus traversi</i> Hutton, 1872	1		490	1003	28°13'	113°07'	35°08'	115°01'	H3009-02
<i>Zenopsis nebulosus</i> (Temminck and Schlegel, 1845)	1		209	712	21°39'	113°58'	34°59'	114°53'	H2040-01
<i>Zenopsis</i> sp. A	2		209	392	16°54'	120°25'	21°45'	113°52'	H2046-01
<i>Zenus faber</i> Linnaeus, 1758	1		200	230	26°43'	112°41'	32°00'	115°13'	H2576-05
GRAMMICOLEPIDIDAE									
<i>Grammicolepis brachiusculus</i> Poey, 1873	2		565	612	25°19'	111°56'	26°25'	112°20'	H3046-04
<i>Xenolepidichthys dalgleishi</i> Gilchrist, 1923	2		405	612	17°00'	120°11'	31°31'	114°43'	H2079-01

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PLATYCEPHALIDAE								
<i>Bembra</i> sp. A	2	209	297	21°39'	113°58'	23°25'	113°04'	H2547-04
<i>Elates ransometti</i> (Steindachner, 1877)	3	221	221	22°22'	113°39'	22°22'	113°39'	H3055-02
<i>Neoplatycephalus conatus</i> Waite and McCulloch, 1915	1	201	413	28°53'	113°41'	33°24'	114°31'	H2610-08
<i>Ratibulus diversidens</i> (McCulloch, 1914)	2	209	209	21°39'	113°58'	21°39'	113°58'	H2547-15
HOPLICHTHYIDAE								
<i>Hoplichthys citrinus</i> Gilbert, 1905	2	300	612	23°25'	113°04'	27°09'	112°45'	H3045-09
<i>Hoplichthys haswelli</i> McCulloch, 1907	1	373	712	29°21'	113°58'	34°59'	114°53'	H1807-01
<i>Hoplichthys</i> sp. A	3	510	1058	30°39'	114°28'	34°59'	114°53'	H2601-01
EREUNIIDAE								
<i>Ereunias cf. grallator</i> Jordan and Snyder, 1901	3	*	565	760	26°25'	112°20'	28°13'	113°07'
PSYCHROLUTIDAE								
<i>Psychrolutes cf. inermis</i> (Vaillant, 1888)	3	435	565	26°25'	112°20'	26°25'	112°20'	H3046-05
<i>Psychrolutes cf. marcius</i> (McCulloch, 1926)	3	571	945	26°15'	112°03'	32°52'	114°35'	H3026-01
CYCLOOPTERIDAE								
<i>Paraliparis</i> sp. A	3	1030	1030	32°35'	114°27'	32°35'	114°27'	H2615-10
DACTYLOPTERIDAE								
<i>Dactyloptena petersoni</i> (Nyström, 1887)	3	250	250	27°29'	112°50'	27°29'	112°50'	H3066-03
SERRANIDAE								
<i>Callanthias</i> sp. A	2	*	203	270	27°39'	113°00'	33°24'	114°31'
<i>Caprodon</i> sp. A	2	*	212	373	22°22'	113°39'	32°54'	114°39'
<i>Epinephelus radiatus</i> (Day, 1868)	2	218	250	21°19'	113°42'	22°30'	113°35'	—
<i>Epinephelus septemfasciata</i> (Thunberg, 1793)	2	200	331	31°09'	114°52'	32°09'	115°10'	H2130-01
<i>Lepidoperca filamenta</i> Roberts, 1987	2	203	225	32°10'	115°08'	33°24'	114°31'	H2613-05
<i>Lepidoperca occidentalis</i> Whitley, 1951	2	203	225	32°10'	115°08'	33°24'	114°31'	H2613-04
<i>Plectranthias cf. japonicus</i> (Steindachner, 1884)	3	320	320	21°45'	113°52'	21°45'	113°52'	H2548-02
GLAUКОSOMATIDAE								
<i>Glaucozoma huergeri</i> Richardson, 1845	2	220	250	22°25'	113°37'	22°29'	113°36'	P.30423-001
BANJOSIDAE								
<i>Banjos banjos</i> (Richardson, 1846)	2	216	216	28°34'	113°29'	28°34'	113°29'	H2037-02
PRIACANTHIDAE								
<i>Cookeolus boops</i> (Forster, 1801)	2	200	300	23°25'	113°04'	27°53'	113°08'	H2575-03
<i>Priacanthus hamrur</i> (Forsskål, 1775)	2	218	250	21°19'	113°42'	22°30'	113°35'	—
<i>Priacanthus macracanthus</i> Cuvier, 1829	2	209	320	21°39'	113°58'	21°39'	113°58'	H2085-01
<i>Priacanthus fitchi</i> Starnes, 1988	2	297	297	23°25'	113°04'	23°25'	113°04'	—
<i>Pristigenys niphonia</i> (Cuvier, 1829)	2	220	250	22°25'	113°37'	22°29'	113°36'	—

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<i>Pentaceros decacanthus</i> Günther, 1859	2	306	712	25°08'	112°09'	34°59'	114°53'	H3069-04	
<i>Pseudopenitaceros cf richardsoni</i> (Smith, 1844)	3	376	596	28°48'	113°37'	33°13'	114°31'	H3025-01	
<i>Zanclostius elevatus</i> (Ramsay and Ogilby, 1889)	2	200	360	31°55'	115°11'	33°24'	114°31'	H2002-02	
OPLEGNATHIDAE									
<i>Oplegnathus woodwardi</i> (Waite, 1900)	2	203	380	29°57'	114°27'	33°24'	114°31'	H2608-05	
CHEILODACTYLIDAE									
<i>Nemadactylus macropterus</i> (Bloch and Schneider, 1801)	2	203	357	31°55'	115°10'	33°24'	114°31'	H2608-14	
<i>Nemadactylus valenciennesi</i> (Whitley, 1937)	2	203	203	33°24'	114°31'	33°24'	114°31'	H2619-05	
CEPOLIIDAE									
<i>Cepola</i> sp. A	3	300	300	23°25'	113°04'	23°25'	113°04'	H2556-01	
SPHYRAENIDAE									
<i>Sphyraena</i> sp. A	3	209	300	21°39'	113°58'	23°25'	113°04'	H2547-14	
LABRIDAE									
<i>Bodianus vulpinus</i> (Richardson, 1850)	1	218	218	27°33'	112°58'	27°33'	112°58'	H2065-01	
PINGUIPEDIDAE									
<i>Parapercis</i> sp. A	3	225	390	31°55'	115°10'	32°14'	115°06'	H2608-02	
<i>Parapercis</i> sp. B	3	220	318	23°25'	113°04'	33°19'	114°32'	1.31185-006	
<i>Parapercis</i> sp. C	3	220	297	23°25'	113°04'	33°19'	114°32'	H2556-09	
PERCOPHIDAE									
<i>Bembrops cf curvifrons</i> Ikada and Suzuki, 1952	3	320	320	21°45'	113°52'	21°45'	113°52'	-	
URANOSCOPIDAE									
<i>Gnathagonus australiensis</i> Kishimoto, 1989	2	290	320	21°45'	113°52'	21°45'	113°52'	H2548-04	
<i>Kathetostoma nigrofasciatum</i> Waite and McCulloch, 1915	2	201	320	30°01'	114°29'	34°57'	114°56'	H2597-05	
<i>Pleuroscopus pseudodorsalis</i> Barnard, 1927	2	435	435	33°20'	114°30'	33°20'	114°30'	H3023-04	
<i>Uraniogonus</i> sp. A	3	209	320	21°39'	113°58'	21°45'	113°52'	H2547-13	
CHAMPSODONTIDAE									
<i>Champsodon cf longipinnis</i> Matsubara and Amaoka, 1964	3	297	612	22°60'	113°14'	27°17'	112°45'	H3046-01	
<i>Champsodon nudivittis</i> (Ogilby, 1895)	2	306	478	24°51'	112°07'	27°23'	112°52'	H2575-03	
CALLIONYMIDAE									
<i>Synchiropus aprius</i> (McCulloch, 1926)	2	390	490	27°09'	112°45'	31°49'	115°01'	H2587-03	
SCOMBROLABRACIDAE									
<i>Scombrolabrax heterolepis</i> Roule, 1921	2	854	1293	20°08'	112°55'	35°07'	115°01'	H3010-05	
GEMPYLIDAE									
<i>Neopinnula orientalis</i> (Gilchrist and von Bonde, 1924)	1	435	510	24°51'	112°07'	27°17'	112°45'	H2564-03	
<i>Rexea antefurcata</i> Parin, 1989	2	225	435	22°22'	113°39'	25°36'	112°10'	H3058-01	

<i>Rexea bengalensis</i> (Alcock, 1894)	2	270	22°13'	113°44'	22°13'	113°44'	H3057-01
<i>Rexea prometheoides</i> (Bleeker, 1856)	1	297	21°45'	113°52'	23°25'	113°04'	1,31147-001
<i>Rexea solandri</i> (Cuvier, 1831)	1	216	23°25'	113°04'	33°20'	114°30'	H3023-05
CENTROLOPHIDAE							
<i>Hyperoglyphe antarctica</i> (Carmichael, 1818)	2	380	30°00'	114°28'	30°00'	114°28'	H2598-02
<i>Psenopsis obscura</i> Haedrich, 1967	2	868	20°08'	112°55'	20°08'	112°55'	H2543-02
NOMEIDAE							
<i>Cubiceps pauciradiatus</i> Günther, 1872	2	868	20°08'	112°55'	20°08'	112°55'	H2543-01
<i>Cubiceps squamiceps</i> (Lloyd, 1909)	2	467	24°51'	112°07'	24°51'	112°07'	H2564-23
ARIOMMATIDAE							
<i>Ariommia luridum</i> Jordan and Snyder, 1904	2	297	318	23°25'	113°04'	24°56'	112°11'
CITHARIDAE							
<i>Citharoides macrolepidotus</i> (Gilchrist, 1905)	3	297	435	23°25'	113°04'	31°55'	115°10'
BOTHIDAE							
<i>Chascanopsetta lugubris</i> Alcock, 1894	2	444	24°51'	112°07'	24°53'	112°08'	H2564-21
<i>Taenioptetta cf. ocellata</i> (Günther, 1880)	3	300	23°25'	113°04'	23°25'	113°04'	H2556-02
PARALICHTHYIDAE							
<i>Pseudorhombus megalops</i> Fowler, 1934	3	297	300	23°25'	113°04'	23°25'	113°04'
PLEURONECTIDAE							
<i>Poecilopsetta cf. proelonga</i> Alcock, 1894	3	312	21°45'	113°52'	25°08'	112°09'	H2548-15
<i>Pleuronectidae</i> gen. sp.	4	320	21°45'	113°52'	21°45'	113°52'	H2567-15
TRIACANTHODIDAE							
<i>Halimochirurgus alcocki</i> Weber, 1913	1	438	438	27°09'	112°45'	27°09'	112°45'
<i>Halimochirurgus centriscoides</i> Alcock, 1899	1	297	297	23°25'	113°04'	23°25'	113°04'
<i>Paratracanthodes retrospinis</i> Fowler, 193	1	467	482	22°60'	113°14'	24°51'	112°07'
<i>Tydemania navigatoris</i> Weber, 1913	1	482	482	22°60'	113°14'	22°60'	113°14'
MONACANTHIDAE							
<i>Eubalichthys bucephalus</i> (Whitley, 1931)	1	204	213	31°13'	114°56'	34°56'	114°59'
<i>Eubalichthys quadrispinis</i> Hutchins, 1977	1	213	270	31°13'	114°56'	32°10'	115°08'
<i>Nelusetta ayraudi</i> (Quoy and Gaimard, 1824)	1	200	360	29°20'	114°02'	32°28'	114°59'
<i>Parika scaber</i> (Bloch and Schneider, 1801)	1	203	203	33°24'	114°31'	33°24'	114°31'
<i>Thamnaconus tessellatus</i> (Günther, 1880)	1	250	250	27°29'	112°50'	27°29'	112°50'
OSTRACIIDAE							
<i>Anoplacryps lenticularis</i> (Richardson, 1841)	2	203	324	31°12'	114°56'	33°24'	114°31'
<i>Capropygia unistrigata</i> (Kaup, 1855)	2	203	203	33°24'	114°31'	33°24'	114°31'
TETRAODONTIDAE							
<i>Omegophora armilla</i> (McCulloch and Waite, 1915)	2	255	30°01'	114°29'	30°01'	114°29'	I.31186-002
<i>Sphoeroides pachygaster</i> (Müller and Troschel, 1848)	3	318	21°51'	113°47'	24°56'	112°11'	H2566-03



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