

Echelidae

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- 84.1 ***ECHELUS* Rafinesque, 1810** Gender: M
 Caratt. Gen. Spec. Sicil. : 63 (type: *E. punctatus* Rafinesque, 1810, by subs. design. of Bleeker, 1864).
Myrus Kaup, 1856, Cat. Apod. Fish : 31 (type: *M. vulgaris* Kaup, 1856, by monotypy).
- 84.1.1 ***Echelus myrus* (Linnaeus, 1758)**
Muraena Myrus Linnaeus, 1758, Syst. Nat., ed. X : 245 ('*Habitat in Mari Mediterraneo*'). Type lost.
Muraena myrus: Brännichius, 1768 : 12 | Bonnaterre, 1788 : 35 | Schneider *apud* Bloch, 1801 : 488 | Lacepède, 1803, 5 : 265 | Risso, 1810 : 90.
Anguilla myrus: Shaw, 1803, 4 : 24 | Jenyns, 1835 : 478.
Conger myrus: Cuvier, 1817, 2 : 231 | Risso, 1826, 3 : 202 | Costa, 1844–1845, 3 (48–49) : 11, pl. 33 | Bonaparte, 1845: no. 324 | Guichenot, 1850 : 113 | Canestrini, 1875 : 200.
Congrus myrus: Richardson, 1844–1848 : 108.
Myrus vulgaris Kaup, 1856, Cat. Apod. Fish : 31, fig. 14 ('Bay of Naples'). Substitute name.
Myrus vulgaris: Kaup, 1860 : 270, pl. 3 (fig. A) | Günther, 1870, 8 : 50 | Moreau, 1881, 3 : 572 | Carus, 1893 : 543 | Šoljan, 1948 : 127.
Echelus myrus: Ancona, 1930: pl. 137 (fig. 1) | Lozano Rey, 1947 : 536, pl. 8 (fig. 1) | Ben Tuvia, 1953 : 8 | Dieuzeide *et al.*, 1954 : 97 | Postel, 1959–1960 : 149, 250 | Tortonese, 1960 : 233, fig. 1; 1963 : 165 | Blache, 1968b : 1503 | Maurin, 1968 : 78 | Tortonese, 1970 : 340, fig. 137.
Myrus myrus: Šoljan, 1963 : 395.
 Eggs, larvae and young stages. Kaup, 1860 : 270, pl. 3 (fig. A) (*Leptocephalus kefersteini* part.) | Sanzo, 1905 : 315 | Lo Bianco, 1909 : 731 | Schmidt, 1912b: pl. 4 | Grassi, 1913 : 25, 124, pl. 7 (fig. 14–21 & 25–30), pl. 14 (fig. 10–11) | Grassi, 1915 : 704, pl. 2 (fig. 8) | Bertin, 1926: tab. 6 | Ancona, 1930: pl. 137 (fig. 2); 1931 : 125, fig. 104–109 | Sparta, 1940 : 3 | Blache, 1968b : 1531, fig. 16.
 Otoliths (sagitta). Frost, 1926 : 99 | Bauzá-Rullán, 1957 : 35.
 Habitat, distribution and abundance. Benthic, burrowing, in sand or mud on the continental shelf. Mediterranean and Eastern Atlantic (from Gulf of Gascogne to Benguela, Angola). Not very common.