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Minimum Fish Sizes July 2025

Common English Name	Common Spanish Name	Scientific Name	Min. sizes (cm or Kg)
African Striped Grunt	Boca de Oro	<i>Pomadasys incisus</i>	21
Albacore	Atún Blanco	<i>Thunnus Alalunga</i>	15*
Angler Fish	Rape	<i>Lophius piscatorius</i>	40
Annular Seabream	Raspallon	<i>Diplodus annularis</i>	18
Atlantic Bluefin	Atún Rojo	<i>Thunnus Thynnus</i>	30*/130
Atlantic Bonito	Bonito	<i>Sarda Sarda</i>	40
Atlantic Mackerel	Caballa	<i>Scomber scombrus</i>	22
Atlantic Horse Mackerel	Jurel Negro	<i>Trachurus trachurus</i>	22
Atlantic Sailfish	Pez Vela	<i>Istiophorus albicans</i>	100
Atlantic Saury	Salton	<i>Scomberesox saurus</i>	20
Atlantic White Marlin	Aguja Blanca	<i>Tetrapturus albidus</i>	100
Axillary Wrasse	Vagueta	<i>Symphodus mediterraneus</i>	No take
Baillon's Wrasse	Bodion Bailloni	<i>Symphodus bailloni</i>	No take
Ballan Wrasse	Maragota	<i>Labrus bergylta</i>	No take
Barracuda	Espeton	<i>Sphyraena sphyraena</i>	21
Bastard Grunt	Besugo Roncador	<i>Plectorhinchus mediterraneus</i>	21
Big eye tuna	Atún Ojo	<i>Thunnus obesus</i>	40*
Black Goby	Chaparrudo	<i>Gobius niger</i>	No take
Black Scorpionfish	Rascacio	<i>Scorpaena porcus</i>	22
Black Seabream	Chopa	<i>Spondylusoma cantharos</i>	23
Blackfish	Romerillo	<i>Centrolophus niger</i>	30
Blacktail Comber	Cabrilla	<i>Serranus atricauda</i>	21
Blotched Picarel	Churla	<i>Spicara maena</i>	19
Blue Mouth	Alcantarillo	<i>Helicolenus dactylapterus</i>	25
Blue Shark	Tiburón Azul	<i>Prionace glauca</i>	No take
Blue spotted seabream	hurta pluma	<i>Pargus caeruleostictus</i>	30
Bluntnose Sixgill Shark	Cañabota gris	<i>Hexanchus griseus</i>	No take
Bogue	Boga	<i>Boops boops</i>	12
Boxlip Mullet	Caluga	<i>Odeachilus labeo</i>	32
Brill	Rombo	<i>Scophthalmus rhombus</i>	30
Bronze Seabream	Besugo	<i>Pagellus acarne</i>	20
Brown Comber	Vaquilla	<i>Seranus hepatus</i>	No take
Brown Meagre	Corvallo	<i>Parapristipoma octlineatum</i>	No take
Brown Ray	Raya de espejos	<i>Raja miraletus</i>	No take
Brown Wrasse	Merlo	<i>labrus merula</i>	No take





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Bullet Tuna	Melva	<i>Auxis rochei</i>	30
Cardinal Fish	Salmonete real	<i>Apogon imberbis</i>	No take
Chub Mackerel	Estornino	<i>Scomber japonicus</i>	22
Chub Mackerel	Jurel Azul	<i>Trachurus picturatus</i>	22
Comb Grouper	Gitano	<i>Mycteroperca rubra</i>	45
Comber	Serrano	<i>Serranus cabrilla</i>	19
Common Dentex	Denton	<i>Dentex dentex</i>	35
Common Eagle Ray	Aguila Marina	<i>Myliobatis aquila</i>	No take
Common Pandora	Breca	<i>Pagellus erythrinus</i>	28
Common Seabream	Pargo	<i>Pagrus pagrus</i>	28
Common Sole	Lenguado	<i>Sole solea</i>	25
Corkwing Wrasse	Porredana	<i>Symphodus melops</i>	No take
Cuckoo Wrasse	Gallano	<i>Labrus (bimaculatus) Mixtus</i>	No take
Damsel fish	Castanuela	<i>Chromis chromis</i>	No take
Doderleini Wrasse	Bodion Doderleini	<i>Symphodus doderleini</i>	No take
Dogtooth Grouper	Cherna denton	<i>Epinephelus caninus</i>	45
Dorado	Lampuga	<i>Corphaena hippurus</i>	51
Dusky Grouper	Mero	<i>Epinephelus marginatus</i>	50
Electric Ray	Tremolina	<i>Torpedo nobiliana</i>	No take
European anchovy	Boqueron	<i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i>	10
European Conger	Safio	<i>Conger conger</i>	120
European Eel	Anguila	<i>Anguils anguila</i>	No take
European Hake	Merluza	<i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	25
European Pilchard	Sardine	<i>Sardine pilchardus</i>	12
European Seabass	Lubina	<i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i>	38
Five Spotted Wrasse	Planchita	<i>Symphodus roissali</i>	No take
Flathead Grey Mullet	Pardete	<i>Mugil cephalus</i>	35
Flounder	Platija	<i>Platichthys flesus</i>	25
Flying Gurnard	Golonorina	<i>Dactylopterus volitans</i>	25
Forkbeard	Moya de Roca	<i>Phycis phycis</i>	30
Foureyed Sole	Lenguado de Pintas	<i>microchirus ocellatus</i>	15
Garfish	Aguja	<i>Belone belone</i>	32
Gilthead Seabream	Dorada	<i>Sparus aurata</i>	32
Golden Grey Mullet	Galupe	<i>Liza aurata</i>	35
Golden Grouper	Falso Abadejo	<i>Epinephelus alexandrinus</i>	45
Goldshiny Wrasse	Taberero	<i>Ctenolabrus rupestris</i>	No take
Greater Amberjack	Pez de Limon	<i>Seriola dumerili</i>	35
Greater Forkbeard	Moya de Fango	<i>Phycis blennoides</i>	25
Greater Weaver	Escorpion	<i>Trachinus draco</i>	22





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Green Wrasse	Bodion Verde	<i>Labrus viridis</i>	No take
Grey Gurnard	Borracho	<i>Eutrigala gurnadus</i>	22
Grey Trigger fish	Pez escopeta	<i>Balistes capricus</i>	28
Grey Wrasse	Bodi6n	<i>Symphodus cinereus</i>	15
Hurta Seabream	Hurta	<i>Pagrus auriga</i>	40
John Dory	Gallo	<i>Zeus faber</i>	30
Large-Scaled Gurnard	Cabete	<i>Lepidotrigla cavillone</i>	20
Leerfish	Palometon	<i>Lichia amia</i>	30
Little Tunny	Bacoreta	<i>Euthynnus Alleteratus</i>	45
Long Finned Gurnard	Arete Aleton	<i>Chelidonichthys cuculus</i>	20
Luvar	Emperador	<i>Louvar imperialis</i>	50
Meagre	Corvina	<i>Argyrosomus regius</i>	50
Mediterranean Flying Fish	Volador	<i>Cheilopogon herterurus</i>	20
Mediterranean Horse Mackerel	Jurel Blanco	<i>Trachurus mediterraneus</i>	22
Mediterranean Spearfish	Aguja	<i>Tetrapturus belone</i>	100
Megrim	Gallo	<i>lepidorhombus whiffiagons</i>	25
Moray Eel	Morena	<i>Moraena helenae</i>	No take
Nursehound	Alitan	<i>Scyliorhinus canicula</i>	No take
Oceanic Puffer fish	Tamboril	<i>Lagocephalus lagocephalus</i>	20
Ornate Wrasse	Fredi	<i>Thalassoma pavo</i>	No take
Painted Comber	Serrana	<i>Serranus scriba</i>	21
Painted eel	Congrio Pintado	<i>Echelus myrus</i>	No take
Peacock Wrasse	Tordo	<i>Symphodus tinca</i>	No take
Picarel	Picarel	<i>Spicara flexuosa</i>	19
Picarel	Caramel	<i>Spicara smaragdina</i>	19
Pilot Fish	Pez Piloto	<i>Naucratus doctor</i>	No take
Pink Dentex	Sama de Pluma	<i>Dentex gibbosus</i>	32
Piper Gurnard	Garneo	<i>Trigla lyra</i>	25
Plaice	Solla	<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>	22
Pointed Snout Wrasse	Grieta	<i>Symphodus rostratus</i>	No take
Pompano	Palometa Blanca	<i>Trachinotus ovatus</i>	24
Poor Cod	Capellan	<i>Trisopterus minutus</i>	25
Pouting	Faneca	<i>Trisopterus luscus</i>	16
Rainbow Wrasse	Doncella	<i>Coris julis</i>	No take
Red Gurnard	Pez Murcielago	<i>Aspitrigla obscura</i>	22
Red Mullet	Salmonete de Fango	<i>Mullus barbatus</i>	21
Red Scorpionfish	Cabracho/ Capon	<i>Scorpaena scorpa</i>	22
Red Seabream	Voraz	<i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i>	25
Rock Goby	Bobi	<i>Gobius paganellus</i>	No take





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Round Sardinella	Alacha	<i>Saldinella aurita</i>	15
Round Scale Spearfish	Marlin Peto	<i>Tetrapturus georgi</i>	100
Rubber Lip Grunt	Boriquete	<i>Sciaena umbra</i>	21
Saddled Seabream	Oblada	<i>Oblada melanura</i>	22
Salema Sea Bream	Salema	<i>Sarpa salpa</i>	22
Sand Sole	Lenguado de Arena	<i>Solea lascaris</i>	25
Scabbard Fish	Pez Sable	<i>Lepidopus caudatus</i>	52
Serpent eel	Culebra de Mar	<i>Ophisurus serpens</i>	No take
Sharpnose Sevengill Shark	Cañabota bocadulce	<i>Heptranchias perlo</i>	No take
Sharpsnout Seabream	Sargo Picudo	<i>Diplodus puntazzo</i>	24
Shortfin Mako	Marrajo	<i>Isurus oxyrinchus</i>	No take
Skipjack Tuna	Alistado	<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>	45
Small eyed Hammerhead	Cornuda Ojichica	<i>Sphyrna tudes</i>	No take
Small Red Scorpionfish	Escorпора	<i>Scorpaena notata</i>	22
Smooth Hammerhead	Cornuda Cruz	<i>Sphyrna zyaena</i>	No take
Soldier Seabream	Sargo Soldado	<i>Diplodus cervinus cervinus</i>	24 cm
Sphinx Blenny	Dormilaga de roca	<i>Aidablennius sphinx</i>	No take
Spotted Seabass	Baila	<i>Dicentrarchus punctatus</i>	30
Spotted Weaver	Araña	<i>Trachinus araneus</i>	22
Spurdog	Mielga	<i>Squalus acanthias</i>	No take
Stargazer	Rata	<i>Uranoscoper scaber</i>	20
Starry Weaver	Vibora	<i>Trachinus radiates</i>	22
Stone Bass	Cherna	<i>Polyprion americanus</i>	60
Streaked Gurnard	Rubio	<i>Trigloporus lastoviza</i>	20
Striped Red Mullet	Salmonete de Roca	<i>Mullus Surmuletus</i>	21
Striped Seabream	Herrera	<i>Lithognathus mormyrus</i>	21
Sun Fish	Mula	<i>Mola mola</i>	No take
Swallowtail Sea Perch	Tres colas	<i>Anthias anthias</i>	No take
Swordfish	Pez Espada	<i>Xiphias Gladius</i>	100
Thicklip Grey Mullet	Lisa	<i>Chelon labrosus</i>	35
Thornback Ray	Raya de clavos	<i>Raja clavata</i>	No take
Thresher Shark	Zorro	<i>Alopias vulpinus</i>	No take
Tope Shark	Cazón	<i>Galeorhinus galeus</i>	No take
Tub Gurnard	Bejel	<i>Trigla lucerna</i>	25
Turbot	Rodoballo	<i>Scophthalmus maximus</i>	30
Twaite Shad	Saboga	<i>Allosa Fallax</i>	30
Two-Banded Seabream	Sargo Mojarra	<i>Diplodus vulgaris</i>	23
Undulate Ray	Ray Mosaica	<i>Raja undulata</i>	No take
Velvet Belly	Negrito	<i>Etmopterus spinax</i>	No take





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Wedge Sole	Acedia	<i>Dicologlossa cuneata</i>	20
West African Goatfish	Salmonete de Africano	<i>Pseudupeneus prayensis</i>	21
White Grouper	Cherna de Ley	<i>Epinephelus aneaus</i>	45
White Seabream	Sargo	<i>Diplodus sargus sargus</i>	23

Notes:

1. Fish to be measured from the tip of the nose to the outer most tip or edge of the tail fin.
2. *Indicates minimum weight.
3. **Excluding the sword.

