

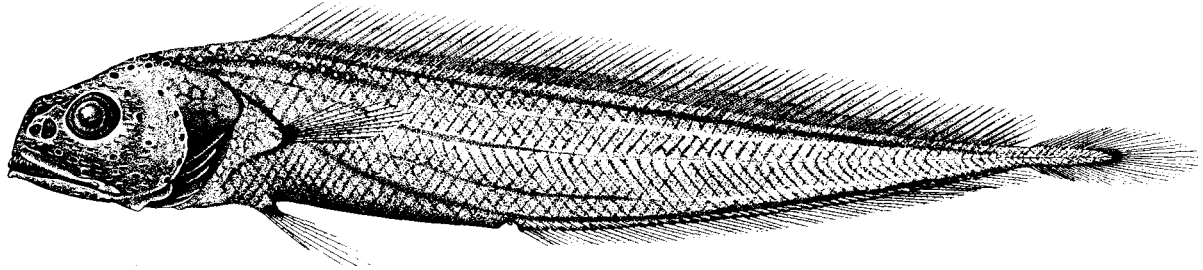
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FAMILY MELANONIDAE

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FAO Names : En - Pelagic cods.



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Melanonus gracilis

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General Features : Small fishes, not exceeding 15 cm in total length; body long and tapering. Head blunt, without chin barbel and covered with numerous small, fleshy ridges. A long-based, single dorsal fin, sometimes appearing as two; a single, long-based anal fin; both are separate from, but close to the caudal fin on the slender caudal peduncle. Colour: pale to dark.

Habitat, Distribution and Biology : Oceanic, meso- to bathypelagic, widely distributed in subantarctic, temperate and tropical waters.

Interest to Fisheries : None

Remarks : This family includes a single genus.

Melanonus Günther, 1878

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Genus with Reference : *Melanonus* Günther, 1878, Ann.Mag.Nat.Hist.(5), Vol. 2: 19.

Diagnostic Features : See family.

List of Species :

Melanonus gracilis Günther, 1878 (Southern Ocean, circumantarctic, rarely entering temperate waters)

Melanonus zugmayeri Norman, 1930 (Circumglobal in tropical and subtropical seas).