

Gray Triggerfish

Balistes capriscus



OTHER NAMES:

**Common
Triggerfish
Common Turbot
Cucuyo**

RANGE: Gulfwide.

HABITAT: Mostly found around offshore reefs and wrecks in the northern Gulf, but also inhabits inshore areas, especially in the tropical and subtropical sectors.

DESCRIPTION: Uniform dark gray in color, sometimes with darker blotches on the sides, especially in smaller fish.

SIZE: Averages 1-3 pounds; may rarely top 10 pounds. World record 13 pounds, 9 ounces.

FOOD VALUE: Excellent.

GAME QUALITIES: Tough to hook but very game on light tackle.

TACKLE AND BAITS: Spinning, baitcasting and light ocean tackle. Small hooks are essential. Will bite any sort of cutbait and also nip voraciously at artificial lures, especially plastics.

FISHING SYSTEMS: Still Fishing; Drifting.