

# Black Sea Non-Native Fish List



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### Abbreviations used:

-  BS states: **BG**- Bulgaria; **GE**- Georgia; **RO**- Romania; **RU**- Russian Federation; **TU**- Turkey; **UA**- Ukraine
-  **NA** - North America, **NE** - North Europe, **AO** - Atlantic Ocean, **MS** - Mediterranean Sea, **PO** - Pacific Ocean, **IO** – Indian Ocean, **EW** - European water bodies, **Co** – Cosmopolitan, **SE** - South-Eastern Asia, **Au** – Australia, **Af** - African water bodies, **CS** - Caspian Sea, **BS** - Black Sea

### Each species description includes the following information:

- Names: full scientific name, common names in English;
- Taxonomy: family, order;
- Year of the first occurrence in national waters;
- Place of the first occurrence in national waters;



1. *Carassius gibelio* (Bloch, 1782)

English: Prussian carp

Family: Cyprinidae

Order: Cypriniformes



2. *Gambusia holbrooki* (Girard, 1859)

English: Eastern mosquitofish

Family: Poeciliidae

Order: Cyprinodontiformes



3. *Gobius cruentatus* Gmelin, 1789

English: Red-mouth Goby

Family: Gobiidae

Order: Perciformes



4. *Gobius xanthocephalus* Heymer et Zander, 1992

**English:** Yellow headed goby  
**Family:** Gobiidae  
**Order:** Perciformes



5. *Millerigobius macrocephalus* (Kolombatovič, 1891)

**English:** Large-headed Goby  
**Family:** Gobiidae  
**Order:** Perciformes



6. *Tridentiger trionocephalus* Gill, 1859

**English:** Chameleon goby  
**Family:** Gobiidae  
**Order:** Perciformes



**7. *Pomatoschistus bathi* Miller, 1982**

**English:** Bath's goby  
**Family:** Gobiidae  
**Order:** Perciformes



**8. *Heniochus acuminatus* (Linnaeus, 1758)**

**English:** Pennant coralfish  
**Family:** Chaetodontidae  
**Order:** Perciformes



**9. *Lepomis gibbosus* (Linnaeus, 1758)**

**English:** Pumpkinseed  
**Family:** Centrarchidae  
**Order:** Perciformes



10. *Lithognatus mormyrus* (Linne, 1758)

**English:** Sand steenbras  
**Family:** Sparidae  
**Order:** Perciformes  
**Picture by** Patzner, R.



11. *Morone saxatilis* (Walbaum, 1792)

**English:** Striped bass  
**Family:** Moronidae  
**Order:** Gadiformes



12. *Liza haematocheila* (Temmnick et Schlegel, 1845)

**English:** So-iuy mullet  
**Family:** Mugilidae  
**Order:** Mugiliformes



13. *Parablennius incognitus* (Bath, 1968)

English: Pygmy blenny  
Family: Blenniidae  
Order: Perciformes



14. *Sardinella aurita* Valenciennes, 1847

English: Round sardinella  
Family: Clupeidae  
Order: Clupeiformes



15. *Sphyraena sphyraena* (Linnaeus, 1758)

English: European barracuda  
Family: Sphyraenidae  
Order: Perciformes





16. *Sphyraena pinguis* Günther, 1874

**English:** Red Barracuda  
**Family:** Sphyraenidae  
**Order:** Perciformes



17. *Micromesistius poutassou* (Risso, 1827)

**English:** Blue whiting  
**Family:** Gadidae  
**Order:** Gadiformes



18. *Syngnathus acus* Linnaeus, 1758

**English:** Greater pipefish  
**Family:** Syngnathidae  
**Order:** Syngnathiformes



19. *Sarpa salpa* (Linnaeus, 175)

**English:** Salema  
**Family:** Sparidae  
**Order:** Perciformes



20. *Umbra krameri* Walbaum, 1792

**English:** European mudminnow  
**Family:** Umbridae  
**Order:** Esociformes

Name of Species	Year of the first occurrence in national waters						Place of the first occurrence in national waters						Cited in	Don or area
	BG	GE	RO	RU	TR	UA	BG	GE	RO	RU	TR	UA		
1. <i>Carassius gibelio</i> (Bloch, 1782)						1987							(Salehova <i>et al.</i> , 1987; Boltachev <i>et al.</i> , 2009)	
2. <i>Gambusia holbrooki</i> (Girard, 1859)						2003			Danube Delta			Crimea: Sevastopol Bay	Manea, 1985; Aleksandrov <i>et al.</i> , 2007; TDA, 2007	NA
3. <i>Gobius cruentatus</i> Gmelin, 1789					2006	2002					BS coastal zone	Coast of Turkey; Bays of Sevastopol near Sevastopol Gulf	Engin <i>et al.</i> , 2007; Boltachev <i>et al.</i> , 2009	AO, MS
4. <i>Gobius xanthocephalus</i> Heymer et Zander, 1992 (initially identified as <i>Cabotia schmidtii</i> de Buen, 1930)		2000s				1967		Coast of Abkhazia				Coastal Zone of the Crimea	Boltachev <i>et al.</i> , 2009	AO, MS
5. <i>Millerigobius macrocephalus</i> (Kolombatovič, 1891)						2009						Crimea: Sevastopol Bay	Boltachev <i>et al.</i> , 2010	MS
6. <i>Tridentiger trigonocephalus</i> Gill, 1859						2006						Sevastopol Gulf	Boltachev, A and Karpova, E. 2010; Muammer Oral, 2010	PO
7. <i>Pomatoschistus bathi</i> Miller, 1982						2000						Crimea coast near Sevastopol	Boltachev, A and Karpova, E. 2010	MS

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8. <i>Heniochus acuminatus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)						2003						Crimea (Balaklava Bay)	Boltachev and Astachov, 2004;	
9. <i>Lepomis gibbosus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) fresh									Danube Delta			Danube Delta	Busnita, 1929; Aleksandrov <i>et. al.</i> , 2007; TDA, 2007	NA
10. <i>Lithognathus mormyrus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)			1980						Shelf area				Stanciu and Ilie, 1980; TDA, 2007	AO, MS
11. <i>Morone saxatilis</i> (Walbaum, 1792)		1965		+		1965		Coastal zone				NWBS: Dniester liman	Zaitsev and Öztürk, 2001; Aleksandrov <i>et. al.</i> , 2007; TDA, 2007	NA
12. <i>Liza haematocheila</i> Temminck et Schlegel, 1845		1975	1975		1992	1968	Shelf area	Shelf area	Shelf area	Shelf area	Shelf area	NWBS limans, Molochny liman in SA	Aleksandrov <i>et. al.</i> , 2007; TDA, 2007	PO
13. <i>Parablennius incognitus</i> (Bath, 1968)						2002						Crimea coast near Sevastopol	Boltachev <i>et al.</i> , 2009	AO, MS
14. <i>Sardinella aurita</i> Valenciennes, 1847					1997	1999						Crimea: Balaklava Bay	Aleksandrov <i>et. al.</i> , 2007	AO, PO
15. <i>Sphyraena sphyraena</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)			1905			1905	Coastal area		Coastal waters		Bosporus region	Odessa coast	Boltachev, 2009	AO

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	BG	GE	RO	RU	TR	UA	BG	GE	RO	RU	TR			UA
16. <i>Sphyraena pinguis</i> Günther, 1874						1999						Balaklava Bay	Boltachev and Yurakhno, 2002	PO
17. <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i> (Risso, 1827)						1999						Cape Aiya	Boltachev <i>et al.</i> , 1999	AO
18. <i>Syngnathus acus</i> Linnaeus, 1758					2006	2006					BS coastal zone	River mouth of Chernaya river	Boltachev <i>et al.</i> , 2009	AO
19. <i>Sarpa sarpa</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)					1998	1999					Sinop-Samsun rocky, vegetation	Crimea	Bat, L., Erdem, Y., Ustaoglu, S., Yardim, Ö., Satilmis, H., 2005	AO, MS
20. <i>Umbra krameri</i> Walbaum, 1792	2010												Raykov V. <i>et al.</i> , 2010	EW

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