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Length-Weight Relationship of Fishes from Yemen Waters (Gulf of Aden and Red Sea)

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The data for this study were gathered between 1993 and 1996 on board commercial trawlers from Somalia, China and Yemen and also from the research vessel *Ibn Magid* belonging to the Marine Science and Resources Research Centre, Aden, Republic of Yemen.

Fish were identified using FAO species identification literature (Fischer and Bianchi 1984). All fish were measured to the nearest mm (total length) and weighed to the nearest g. Sex was determined by dissection after the length and weight had been measured. The length-weight relationships were calculated using least-squares regression on log-transformed data and the parameters of the relationship of the form of $W = aL^b$ are summarized in Table 1. Maximum and minimum sizes of fish sampled are also given. Common names and recent changes in nomenclature were taken from FishBase (Froese and Pauly 1996).

Table 1. Length-weight relationship of fishes sampled in the Gulf of Aden (GA) and the Red Sea (RS).

Scientific name	Common name	Sex	a	b	r^2	N	Length range (cm) max	Length range (cm) min
Argyrops spinifer	King soldierbream	M	0.211	2.459	0.950	100	55.5	11.8
Argyrops spinifer	King soldierbream	F	0.112	2.650	0.984	98	51.5	12.1
Netuma thalassina	Catfish	M	0.124	2.467	0.883	52	61.8	24.0
Netuma thalassina	Catfish	F	0.090	2.566	0.936	59	64.1	18.1
Cheimerius nufar	Santer sea bream	M	0.078	2.659	0.989	144	52.0	13.3
Cheimerius nufar	Santer sea bream	F	0.083	2.641	0.978	148	55.5	14.4
Decapterus russelli	Indian scad	M	0.008	2.167	0.967	195	24.2	12.9
Decapterus russelli	Indian scad	F	0.011	2.033	0.986	168	23.5	7.9
Diaphus coeruleus	Lanternfish	M	0.019	2.831	0.832	93	14.0	7.2
Diaphus coeruleus	Lanternfish	F	0.029	2.678	0.849	84	15.2	8.3
Lepturacanthus savala	Savalani haretail	M	0.013	2.776	0.971	50	47.8	22.1
Lepturacanthus savala	Savalani haretail	F	0.011	2.841	0.967	32	50.2	22.0
Lethrinus nebulosus	Spangled emperor	M	0.067	2.708	0.967	180	70.5	22.2
Lethrinus nebulosus	Spangled emperor	F	0.095	2.619	0.974	120	73.5	23.0
Megalaspis cordyla	Torpedo scad	M	0.153	2.289	0.943	25	46.5	28.9
Megalaspis cordyla	Torpedo scad	F	0.300	2.104	0.923	38	69.0	31.4
Nemipterus japonicus	Japanese threadfin bream	M	0.058	2.666	0.953	457	26.1	7.6
Nemipterus japonicus	Japanese threadfin bream	F	0.059	2.664	0.930	435	23.5	8.8
Nemipterus japonicus	Japanese threadfin bream	M	0.042	2.692	0.928	130	25.4	9.0
Nemipterus japonicus	Japanese threadfin bream	F	0.042	2.682	0.905	132	23.5	9.5
Nemipterus japonicus	Japanese threadfin bream	Juv	0.132	2.072	0.690	27	12.0	5.5
Otolithes ruber	Tiger toothed croaker	M	0.158	2.334	0.967	24	42.5	21.8
Otolithes ruber	Tiger toothed croaker	F	0.355	2.118	0.944	18	42.0	22.7
Pagellus affinis	Natal pandora	M	0.038	2.886	0.985	151	42.1	6.8
Pagellus affinis	Natal pandora	F	0.039	2.871	0.993	103	43.7	7.1
Plectorhinchus pictus	Trout sweetlips	M	0.074	2.627	0.932	93	61.5	26.0
Plectorhinchus pictus	Trout sweetlips	F	0.044	2.786	0.932	132	72.1	23.4
Pomadasys argenteus	Silver grunt	M	0.009	3.138	0.891	214	39.2	13.5
Pomadasys argenteus	Silver grunt	F	0.015	2.999	0.873	200	38.4	14.5
Pomadasys argenteus	Saddle grunt	M	0.102	2.542	0.967	81	39.1	10.6
Pomadasys argenteus	Saddle grunt	F	0.178	2.349	0.930	89	35.0	14.2
Psenopsis cyanea	Indian ruff	M	0.014	3.121	0.958	204	18.1	7.7
Psenopsis cyanea	Indian ruff	F	0.013	3.140	0.988	147	20.4	8.3
Scomber japonicus	Chub mackerel	M	0.005	3.247	0.958	460	35.6	13.3
Scomber japonicus	Chub mackerel	F	0.004	3.307	0.960	233	35.2	14.2
Selar crumenophthalmus	Bigeye scad	M	0.013	3.024	0.815	23	12.6	15.7
Sphyraena barracuda	Great barracuda	M	0.050	2.517	0.929	26	98.7	49.0
Sphyraena barracuda	Great barracuda	F	1.234	1.769	0.715	30	86.0	48.5
Sphyraena jello	Pickhandle barracuda	M	0.019	2.721	0.981	38	85.0	21.6
Sphyraena jello	Pickhandle barracuda	F	0.020	2.706	0.997	32	93.2	21.6
Trachinotus blochii	Snub nose pompano	M	0.088	2.572	0.972	29	65.1	43.5
Trachinotus blochii	Snub nose pompano	F	0.352	2.252	0.891	42	80.0	41.0
Trachurus indicus	Arabian scad	M	0.021	2.859	0.959	164	34.5	13.1
Trachurus indicus	Arabian scad	F	0.019	2.890	0.974	150	36.0	16.4
Trachurus indicus	Arabian scad	Juv	0.015	2.962	0.954	25	13.7	6.5
Trichiurus lepturus	Largehead haretail	M	0.00006	3.611	0.935	81	110.2	37.5
Trichiurus lepturus	Largehead haretail	F	0.00002	3.813	0.891	103	122.0	43.0

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