

***Notothenia trigramma* (Pisces: Nototheniidae) in southern Argentina**

Notothenia trigramma was described by Regan (1913, *Trans. Roy. Soc. Edimburgh*, 49: 229-292) based on a specimen 280 mm total length from Puerto Stanley, Malvinas Islands. This report was mentioned by Thompson (1916, *Proc. U.S. Nat. Mus.*, 50: 401-476), López (1963, *Consejo Fed. Inv.*, 7 (3): 105-219) and Menni *et al.* (1984, Ed. Hemisf. Sur, 359 p.). A redescription of the holotype was made by Norman (1937, *Discovery Rept.*, 16: 1-150).

The species was not included in the generic revision by De Witt (1967, *Diss. Abstr.*, 278: 2541-2542). Baluskin (1976, *Publ. Zool. Inst. Acad. Sci. USSR*, 118-134) considers *N. trigramma* as a synonym of *N. canina*. This criterium is followed by Andersen and Hureau (1979, *Cybium*, 6: 47-53) and by Baluskin (1984, *Publ. Zool. Ins. Acad. Sci. USSR*, 1-140) in his revision of the nototheniids.

Moreno and Jara (1981, *Not. mens. Mus. Nac. Hist. nat.* Chile, 26 (301): 7-9) provide data of three specimens from Puerto Toro, in the eastern coast of the Navarino island, which are the first report of the species from Chile. The specimens were associated (Moreno and Jara, 1984, *Mar. ecol. progr. ser.*, 15: 99-107), with the giant kelp *Macrocystis pyrifera*.

Here we report the first specimen of the rare species *N. trigramma* from a coastal locality in the northern shore of the Beagle Channel. Radio-

graphic examination of the caudal structures support the present generic position (see Andersen and Hureau, op. cit.). Both Chilean material and our own show a much higher number of scales in the middle lateral line than reported by Regan (1913). We understand that both the possibility of a mistake in the original count or a case of intraspecific variation should be discarded in favor of a printing error.

Examined material. MLP 9139, 1 spec. Beagle Channel, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina. Captured with gillnet.

Measurements (mm). Total length 201; Standard length 176; Head length 47.6; Head width 32.1; Orbit diameter 11.4; Snout length 11.2; Prenarial 8.5; Internarial 7.8; Interorbital 10.6; Postorbital length 25.2; Upper jaw length 15; Caudal peduncle height 14.8; Predorsal I length 49.5; Predorsal II length 64.7; Preanal length 73.2.

Counts. First dorsal rays VI; Second dorsal rays 35; Anal rays 33; Pectoral rays 24; Ventral rays 6; Tubular scales: upper lateral line 70, midlateral line 47, lower lateral line 45.

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