

Bay Anchovy

Anchoa mitchilli

Description:

- ❖ Silvery forage fish
- ❖ Short head and snout with long jaw
- ❖ Single dorsal fin above or just before anal fin
- ❖ Faint silvery stripe down sides of fish

Size:

- ❖ Up to 4 inches

Range:

- ❖ Gulf of Maine to Florida
- ❖ Gulf of Mexico to Yucatan

Facts:

- ❖ Spawn in late spring and summer
- ❖ Prefer shallow waters in bays and estuaries
- ❖ Live up to 3 years
- ❖ Tolerant of wide ranges of temperature and salinity

Comparison of snouts

bay anchovy



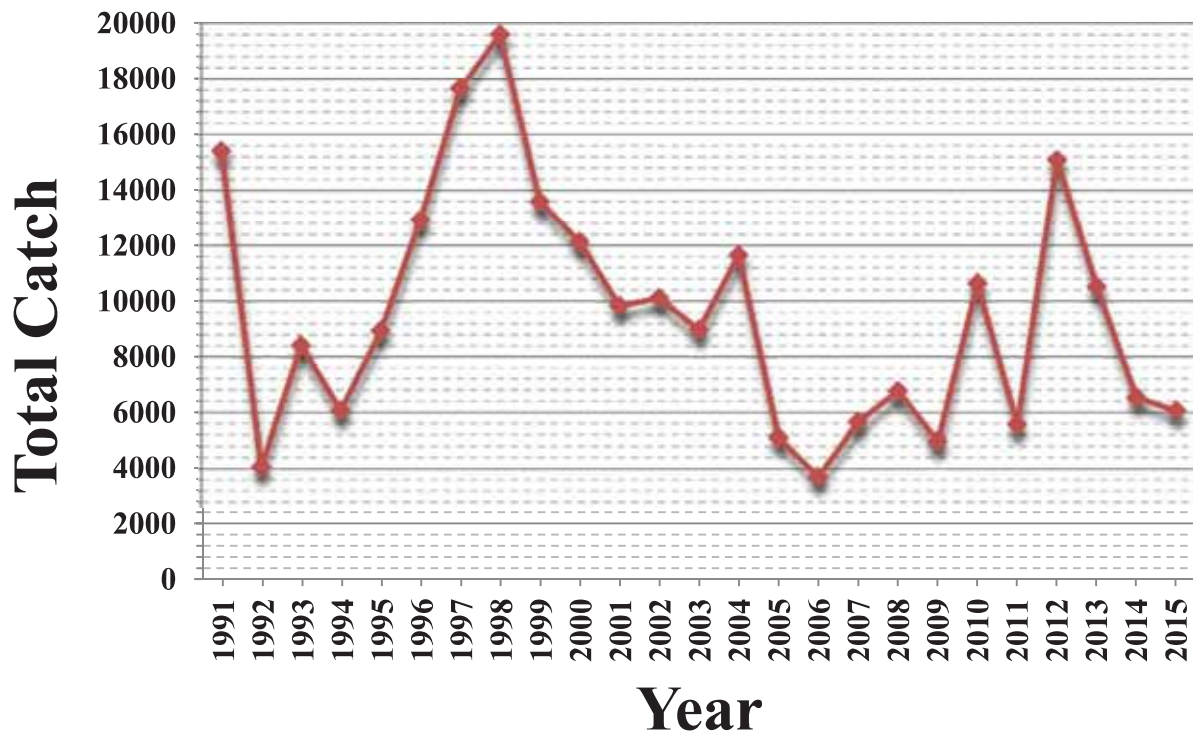
striped anchovy



longnose anchovy



Delaware Bay Trawl Bay Anchovy Catch 1991-2015



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