



Atlantic Croaker

Micropogonias undulatus

Description:

- ❖ Down turned mouth
- ❖ 3-5 small chin barbels
- ❖ Silvery body
- ❖ Slightly diagonal, thin dark lines on upper half of fish

Size:

- ❖ Up to 18 inches

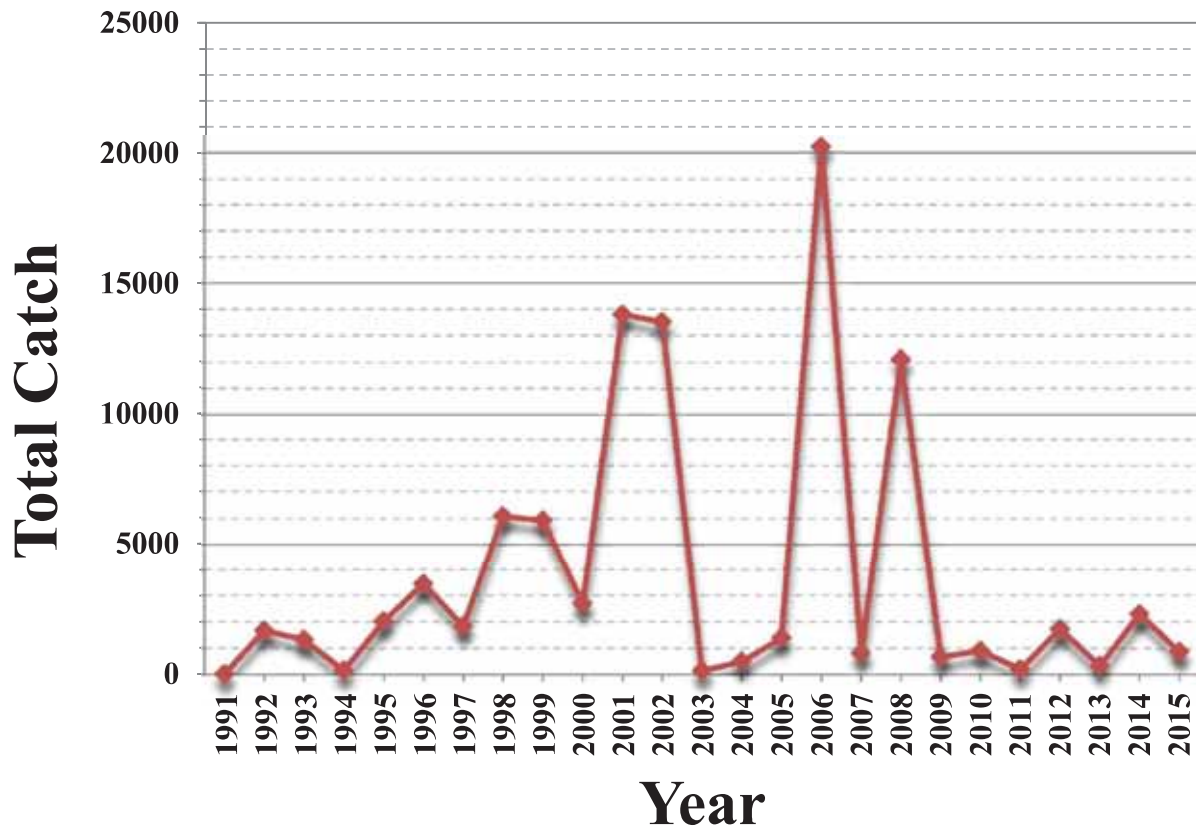
Range:

- ❖ Coastal waters from Cape Cod, Massachusetts to Florida and into the Gulf of Mexico around Texas
- ❖ South America from Brazil to Argentina

Facts:

- ❖ Spawn in offshore waters on the continental shelf during the fall
- ❖ Larvae ride tidal currents into coastal inlets
- ❖ Makes a loud croaking sound
- ❖ Bottom feeder that preys on bristle worms, mollusks, crustaceans, and small fish
- ❖ Loudest member of the drum family

Delaware Bay Trawl Atlantic Croaker Catch 1991-2015



For more information about Atlantic croaker, please check out this article:

Atlantic Croaker: A Profile

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