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Lessepsian Fishes Spreading Along the Coasts of the Mediterranean and the Southern Aegean  
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**Abstract:** The taxonomy and biological characters of 22 Lessepsian fishes living on the coasts of the Eastern Mediterranean and Aegean Sea were examined and 8 species were determined to have commercial importance. Of these, *Upeneus moluccensis* and *Saurida undosquamis* have become economic fishes of the Eastern Mediterranean trawl fisheries, having significant stocks. The species previously misidentified as *Upeneus asymmetricus* was determined to be *Upeneus pori*. It has been pointed out that new species can be added to the recorded ones by the consequent influx of Red Sea biota into the Levant.

**Key Words:** Lessepsian, Mediterranean, southern Aegean Sea, taxonomy

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