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The Distribution and Fishing of two Mediterranean *Eledone* spp. (Octopoda: Cephalopoda) in the Aegean Sea

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Abstract: The spatial distributions of *Eledone cirrhosa* (Lamarck, 1798) and *Eledone moschata* (Lamarck, 1798) were examined based on four seasonal trawl surveys carried out between 1991-1992 covering 20-500 meters of the Turkish and international waters in the Aegean Sea. It was found that *E. cirrhosa* inhabits all depth ranges examined in the northern part, but it was seldom observed in the south. *E. moschata*, on the other hand, has a basin-wide distribution and solely inhabits the upper 200-meter depth range.

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