



INSHORE LIZARDFISH

Synodus foetens

Description:

- ◇ cigar shaped
- ◇ shades of brown to olive on top
- ◇ yellow to white on belly
- ◇ about 8 diamond shaped marks along the side
- ◇ pointed snout
- ◇ large and wide mouth
- ◇ upper jaw extends beyond the eye
- ◇ 10-14 anal fin rays
- ◇ juveniles have blotchy sides which fade as they age

Size:

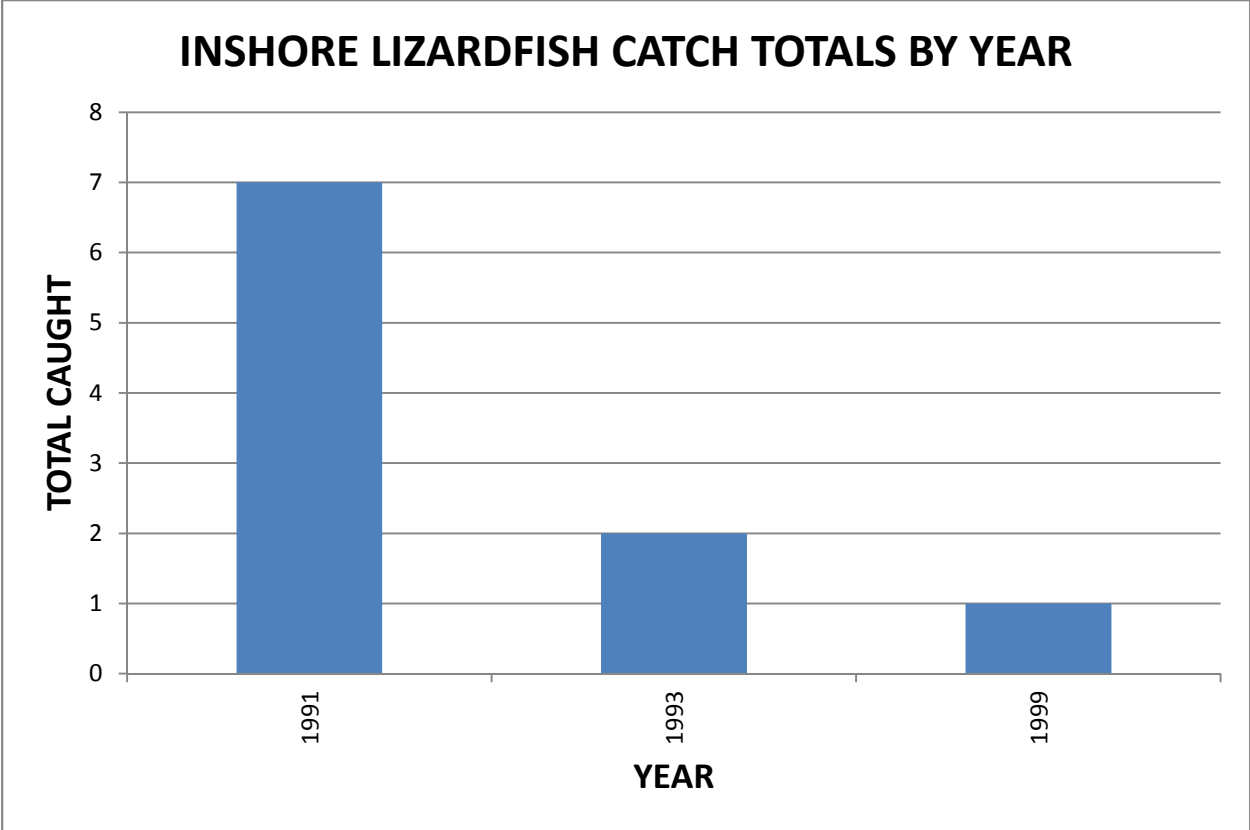
- ◇ up to 18 inches, average is 11 inches

Range:

- ◇ Massachusetts south to Brazil and the Gulf of Mexico

Facts:

- ◇ bottom dwelling species
- ◇ like water over sandy or muddy bottom
- ◇ burrows into sediment



*inshore lizardfish were only caught during the years shown

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