



STRIPED ANCHOVY

Anchoa hepsetus

Description:

- ◇ yellow green iridescent above lateral line
- ◇ anal fins begin under last rays of dorsal fin
- ◇ yellowish head
- ◇ wide lateral silvery stripe
- ◇ pointed snout with inferior mouth

Size:

- ◇ up to 6 inches; more commonly 4 to 5 inches

Range:

◇ Massachusetts (rarely to Nova Scotia) through the West Indies and south Uruguay; rare in Florida Keys, but common on the gulf coast

Facts:

- ◇ larger and more robust than other anchovies
- ◇ tolerant of wide range of salinities
- ◇ swim in dense schools in shallow waters close to shore
- ◇ important forage fish due to abundance and small size

- ◆ spawn from April through July in harbors, estuaries and sounds
- ◆ eggs are elliptical and float near the surface
- ◆ eggs hatch within a few days after being released
- ◆ young mature in 3 to 4 years

STRIPED ANCHOVY CATCH TOTALS

YEAR	TOTAL CAUGHT
1982	1
1987	8
1988	4
1990	27
1991	64
1992	25
1993	7
1994	2
1995	27
1997	72
1998	7
1999	1768
2000	4
2001	33
2002	482
2005	13
2006	17
2007	236
2008	40
2009	6
2010	9
2011	5
2012	16
2014	6
Grand Total	2879

*striped anchovies were only caught during the years shown

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