



## WHITE MULLET

*Mugil curema*

### **Description:**

- ◆ bluish-green color above
- ◆ silvery elsewhere
- ◆ no distinct stripes
- ◆ bluish black blotch at pectoral-fin base
- ◆ sometimes 2 bronze blotches on each side of the head
- ◆ anal fin has 3 spines and 9-10 soft rays  
(young have 2 spines and 10-11 soft rays)

### **Size:**

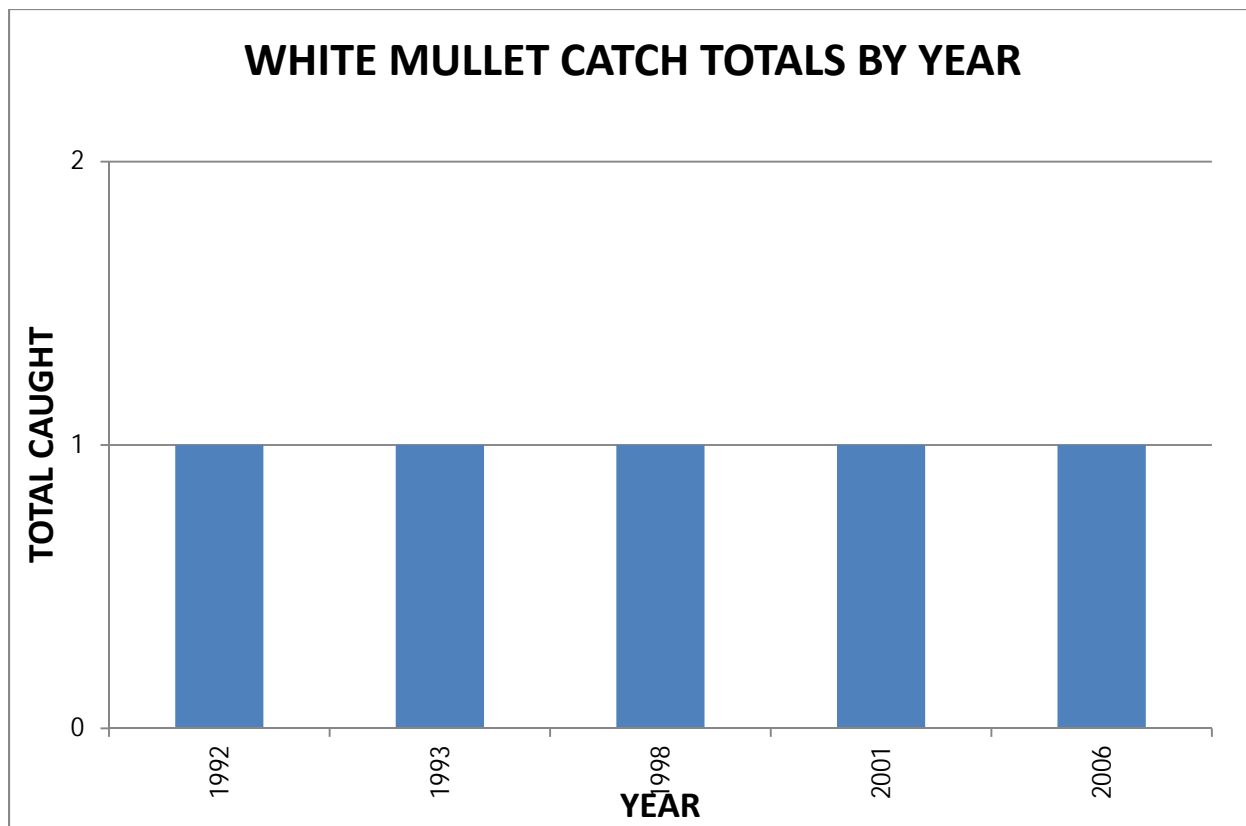
- ◆ up to 15 inches

### **Range:**

- ◆ Massachusetts to Bermuda and northern Gulf of Mexico to southeastern Brazil

### **Facts:**

- ◆ like muddy bottoms of brackish water and sandy coasts
- ◆ juveniles will find way to estuaries and coastal lagoons
- ◆ adults form schools
- ◆ valuable as bait in the billfish sport fishery



\*white mullet were only caught during the years shown

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