

Transparent goby

Aphia minuta, the **transparent goby**, is a species of the goby native to the northeastern Atlantic Ocean where it can be found from Trondheim, Norway to Morocco. It is also found in the Mediterranean, Black Sea and the Sea of Azov. It is a pelagic species, inhabiting inshore waters and estuaries. It can be found at depths of from the surface to 97 metres (318 ft), though it is usually found at 5 to 80 metres (16 to 262 ft), over sandy and muddy bottoms and also in eelgrass beds. This species can reach a length of 7.9 centimetres (3.1 in) TL. It is an important species to local commercial fisheries. It is currently the only known member of its genus.^[1]

Gastronomy

This fish is appreciated in Spain as part of the Andalusian, Catalan and Valencian cuisines,^[2] and in Italy as part of the Italian cuisine.^[3] In Andalusia where they are called *chanquetes*, they are traditionally served deep-fried, with fried eggs and roasted or fried bell pepper.^[4] Due to their relatively high price, they are often replaced by some species of East Asian noodlefishes, locally called *chanquete chino* (Chinese *chanquete*), *Neosalanx tangkahkeii* and *Protosalanx*.^[5]^[6] This replacement is often done openly, but sometimes it is done fraudulently.^[6]

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Scientific classification

Kingdom: Animalia

Phylum: Chordata

Class: Actinopterygii

Order: Gobiiformes

Family: Gobiidae

Genus: *Aphia*
Risso, 1827

Species: *A. minuta*

Binomial name

Aphia minuta
(A. Risso, 1810)

Synonyms

(for the genus)

- *Aphyogobius* Whitley, 1931
- *Boreogobius* T. N. Gill, 1863
- *Brachyochirus* Nardo, 1844
- *Latrunculus* Günther, 1861

(for the species)

- *Atherina minuta* A. Risso, 1810
- *Argentina aphia* Rafinesque, 1810 (Ambiguous name)
- *Gobius pellucidus* Nardo, 1824
- *Aphyia pellucida* (Nardo, 1824)

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External links

- *Brachyochirus pellucidus* (Nardo, 1824)
- *Aphia meridionalis* A. Risso, 1827
- *Gobius albus* Parnell, 1831-37
- *Gobius stuvitzii* Düben, 1845
- *Brachyochirus aphyra* Bonaparte, 1846
- *Gobius pellucidus* Kessler, 1859 (Ambiguous name)

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