

# Mapping the distribution of scale-rayed wrasse *Acantholabrus palloni* in Swedish Skagerrak using angling records

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## 29 BACKGROUND

30 Records of rare species and their natural history can constitute important information for future  
31 research on these species and the ecosystems they occur in, e.g. with respect to human impacts  
32 (Boero 2013; Able 2016). Obtaining records of rare species is, however, time consuming and  
33 professional biologists are often active within projects limited in time and space, making  
34 alternative sources for information important (Devictor, Whittaker & Beltrame 2010; Bradter et  
35 al. 2018). This is particularly true for records from aquatic environments, where the occurring  
36 species rarely can be observed directly, but rather have to be obtained by indiscriminant techniques  
37 such as trawls, nets, and dredges, which are also limited in their areal coverage at any given point  
38 in time. To achieve a larger spatial and temporal coverage, there is typically need for larger efforts  
39 and manpower than normally possible within a normal research project. Non-professional experts  
40 can help in the collection of species occurrence data, a feature which has been widely utilized for  
41 a long time within the scientific field of ornithology (Silvertown 2009; Dickinson, Zuckerberg &  
42 Bonter 2010; Bradter et al. 2018). However, non-biologists well versed in taxonomy, as well as  
43 species ecology and distribution, exist not only for birds, but also for fishes in the form of anglers  
44 (e.g. Granek et al. 2008). Angling is a common leisure activity in large parts of the world  
45 (Arlinghaus, Tillner & Bork 2015; Hyder et al. 2018) and anglers often document (photographs  
46 and personal journals; e.g. Banha, Ilhéu & Anastácio 2015; Skov, Jansen & Arlinghaus 2017) and  
47 report their catches (public or closed databases; e.g. Venturelli, Hyder & Skov 2017; this paper:  
48 Materials and Methods). Some anglers are also specializing in ‘collecting’ different species [a  
49 similar concept to ‘twitching’ in the bird-watching community; see e.g. the Swedish online angling  
50 community ‘50-klubben’ (‘The club of 50 species’), <http://www.50klubben.se/>]. Information about  
51 rare species’ occurrence is also commonly spread openly within the angler community (Lundgren

52 & Waje 2015) Hence, anglers' records and notes are excellent sources for confirmatory qualitative  
53 data on presence of species in certain areas and can be a useful and important, but underutilized,  
54 auxiliary source for mapping distributions of data-deficient species. In this paper, the aim is to  
55 present a desktop study where citizen-generated data, in the form of private and publicly available  
56 angling records, are used to map out a tentative distribution map for a data-deficient species, the  
57 scale-rayed wrasse *Acantholabrus palloni* (Risso, 1810), in Swedish waters.

58 *Acantholabrus palloni* is a labrid fish inhabiting the eastern Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean  
59 Sea, with a known latitudinal range from Gabon in western Africa to mid- Norway, including areas  
60 around some of the eastern Atlantic offshore islands, like Madeira and the Canary Islands  
61 (Debelius, 1997; Muus, Nielsen & Svedberg, 1999; Pollard, 2010; Kullander et al. 2012). The full  
62 range of the species is continuously being mapped out, with relatively recent documented records  
63 from e.g. the Azores and Cape Verde Islands (Santos, Porteiro & Barreiros, 1997; Wirtz et al.  
64 2013). The species is considered rare throughout its known range, but since its typical habitat  
65 (coralline and rocky offshore reefs) are seldom trawled, its population may be underestimated due  
66 to lack of capture records (Swaby & Potts 1990; Pollard 2010). Little is known about its ecology;  
67 it is considered to live solitarily or in small groups, and the diet mainly consists of benthic  
68 invertebrates (Pollard 2010). It is light brown in colour and characterized by one black blotch on  
69 the posterior part of the dorsal fin, a black blotch on the dorsal part of the trunk and several lighter  
70 blotches on the back, below the dorsal fin. By these characteristics, the species is well distinguished  
71 from other wrasse species in Swedish waters. In the Mediterranean Sea it is often found on rocky  
72 bottoms at depths below 80 m (Sartoretto *et al.* 1997). In the northern parts of its range, however,  
73 it has been found at shallower depth (from 18 m; Debelius, 1997; Kullander *et al.*, 2012). In  
74 Norway, the species has been considered rare, but recent evidence suggest that there are larger

75 concentrations of the species in e.g. the Hardangerfjord, and anecdotal reports from scuba-divers  
76 suggest it is more common than previously thought (Espeland *et al.*, 2010). The species is regularly  
77 captured by anglers in the Norwegian part of northern Skagerrak, just south of Langesund, on  
78 rocky bottoms at 40 to 60 m depth, elevating from deeper soft bottoms (Fig. 1., position 1; M.  
79 Lundgren, personal observations; also documented in the catch-records of the Langesund Seafood  
80 and Fishing Festival; <http://www.lsff.no/>; data accessed 2014-04-23). Three preserved specimens  
81 from Norwegian parts of the eastern Skagerrak (captured in 1966, 1968 and 1985), around the  
82 southern parts of the Oslofjord area (Fig. 1., one specimen at position 2, and two specimens at  
83 position 3), are also available at the Natural History Museum, University of Oslo, according to the  
84 Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) database (<https://www.gbif.org/>). The eastern  
85 limits in the Skagerrak are however not well established for *A. palloni*. On the one hand, the species  
86 has been noted as not being native to Swedish waters (Pethon & Svedberg, 2004; Pollard, 2010;  
87 Craig & Pollard 2015), or alternatively, only being present in the Koster Fjord area (Nilsson, 1997;  
88 Fig. 1, position 4). On the other hand, the FishBase database (<http://www.fishbase.org/>; Froese &  
89 Pauly 2018) lists the species as native, based on the Swedish checklist of fishes (Kullander 1999);  
90 this checklist, however, lists all species recorded in Swedish waters, including sporadic visitors.  
91 In an updated checklist, the occurrence of *A. palloni* is noted as “sporadic” (Kullander 2002). The  
92 FishBase-associated AquaMaps project (<http://www.aquamaps.org/>; Kaschner *et al.*, 2016) has a  
93 predicted occurrence probability of 0.60-0.79 in Swedish waters (Kesner-Reyes *et al.*, 2016), based  
94 on a single verified and a few unverified records in GBIF (the single verified record, from southern  
95 Skagerrak, is noted here in the Results section). Recently, the distribution of the species has been  
96 suggested to be wider than previously thought in Swedish waters, based on multiple reports of  
97 angled specimens.

## 98 MATERIALS AND METHODS

99 *Swedish non-angling records (1993-2016)*

100 Non-angling records were sourced from the scientific literature (Cedhagen & Hansson 1995;  
101 Hallberg 2011), the Swedish Species Observation System (SSOS; <http://www.artportalen.se/>), and  
102 the GBIF-Sweden Data Portal (<http://www.gbif.se/>).

103 *Swedish angling records (1995-2016)*

104 The majority of the angling records were obtained from the curated specimen registry  
105 (*Storfiskregistret*) of the Swedish Anglers Association (SAA; <http://www.sportfiskarna.se/>), where  
106 anglers can report catches of fish specimens above a certain species-specific mass-limit, which  
107 then gets validated based on photographs, accessory information, and, if needed, expert  
108 assessment. The SAA records contains additional information about capture location, depth,  
109 habitat, and capture method. The mass-limit for recording an *A. palloni* in the SAA specimen  
110 registry is 250 g (effective since 2012; before that it was 300 g, but no registered records exist  
111 from this time-period).

112 Additional records, were supplied by Swedish anglers, located through posts on internet blogs or  
113 through personal communication. A number of records are also direct personal observations by  
114 the authors (e.g. specimens in Figure 2). Furthermore, some records in the SAA registry had less  
115 than ideal specificity regarding the exact capture location. In such cases, the angler was contacted  
116 for further information.

117 All records from the SAA database in Table 1 have been verified by the authors from photographs.  
118 SAA carries digital copies of all fish in their records. Personal communications were obtained

119 from experienced sea anglers; some of these records are unverified (see Table 1) and should  
120 therefore be used mainly as auxiliary information. While misidentification of the species is  
121 possible, specimen sea anglers are typically examining their catch closely when resembling a rare  
122 species. Hence, the unverified angling records are judged to be highly likely to be valid.

## 124 RESULTS

125 *Swedish non-angling records*

126 The occurrence of *A. palloni* in Swedish waters is rarely reported prior to 2010, with a first record  
127 of a juvenile specimen from year 1993 from somewhere between 50 and 115 m depth in the mouth  
128 of the Singlefjord, northeastern Skagerrak (Cedhagen & Hansson, 1995; Fig. 1., position 5). The  
129 species has also been previously reported from the Koster Fjord area around the Koster Islands,  
130 northeastern Skagerrak, (Fig. 1, position 4; Hallberg, 2011) and 6 km west of Rörö Island (Fig 1.,  
131 position 6), southern Skagerrak in 2008 (data provided by Swedish Museum of Natural History,  
132 Stockholm; accessed through GBIF-Sweden Data Portal, 2014-04-25). Only two unverified  
133 observations were found in SSOS (as of 2018-05-22). The first record comes from Persgrunden  
134 (Fig. 1, position 7), stemming from a scientific transect investigation using a remotely operated  
135 vehicle in 2007; the second is a questionable record from the harbor of Kåringön. The latter record  
136 (record 54966014 in SSOS) is not reported in Table 1, due to the species not being a typical species  
137 seen in the shallow waters in harbors [in contrast to the similar looking goldsinny wrasse  
138 *Ctenolabrus rupestris* (Linnaeus 1758)].

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140 *Angling records*

141 Between the first Swedish record in 1993 (Cedhagen & Hansson 1995) and 2011, a few angling  
142 records of *A. palloni* were noted from different sites on the Swedish west coast (Table 1). Between  
143 2011 and 2016, several records of *A. palloni* have been provided by leisure anglers (Table 1).  
144 Repeated captures of the species have been made across years, at least at a few positions (e.g.  
145 position 9; Table 1).

146 Most angled specimens are reported to be caught on, or directly above, rocky bottom at depths of  
147 28-50 m. Another specimen standing out from the rest is record #16 which is the only one caught  
148 inshore (in the Gullmarn Fjord, Fig 1, Position 11), apart from the first Swedish record by  
149 Cedhagen & Hansson (1995).

## 151 DISCUSSION

152 The presented records extend the knowledge about the marine ichthyofauna of eastern Skagerrak,  
153 which is a generally well documented area regarding fish species distributions (Kullander *et al.*,  
154 2012).

155 The records of *A. palloni* presented here are, to the authors' knowledge, the first documentation of  
156 several individuals of this species being repeatedly caught in the same general location in Swedish  
157 waters, outside of the Koster Fjord area, in the scientific literature. It should be noted that number  
158 of angled specimens at any given position are likely related to the specific fishing pressure at that  
159 site, and data are limited to adult specimens as a consequence of the size-restrictions in the SSA  
160 database (see Materials and Methods). Still, these repeated captures across several years indicate  
161 that *A. palloni* could be established in, at least some, areas of eastern Skagerrak. Hence, it should  
162 no longer be considered only an occasional visitor. Speculatively, the recent surge in records could  
163 be an indication of a range extension, perhaps due to changing climate as has been indicated in  
164 other places in European marine waters, including the North Sea which is adjacent to Skagerrak  
165 (Hiddink and ter Hofstede, 2008; Nicolas *et al.*, 2011). Even though the angling records are located  
166 south of the northern range limit, the eastern Skagerrak is still at the edge of the population  
167 distribution. Hence, a climate-related population increase at the northern distribution range may  
168 cause spillover effects southwards into the Swedish national waters of Skagerrak. However,  
169 general lack of appropriate historical data makes it impossible to determine whether this is the case  
170 or not. It is also impossible to distinguish climate effects from other effects such as fishing or meta-  
171 population dynamics (Brander and Havenhand, 2016). The three specimens captured in the  
172 Oslofjord area between 1966 and 1984 provide a weak indication that the species may have just  
173 been an overlooked rare, but native, species in eastern Skagerrak.

174 The angled specimens are all captured between May and October, which represents the time when  
175 the angling activity is highest. Therefore, we still cannot exclude that the species is a seasonally  
176 migratory species in this geographic area. An additional unverified underwater observation was  
177 made in November during a scientific expedition at Persgrunden (record #4; Table 1); but  
178 November-temperatures at >25 m depth largely matches spring- to early-summer temperatures  
179 (Svansson 1975), so such an observation does not indicate a non-migratory behaviour. However,  
180 given the apparent strong reef-association, the small body size, and the labriform swimming mode,  
181 which is relatively inefficient for long-distance swimming (Sfakiotakis, Davies & Lane, 1999), a  
182 seasonal migratory life-style seems unlikely. Notably, Craig and Pollard (2015) states that it is not  
183 a migratory species; however, without explicit support from data or references. It is also possible  
184 that Skagerrak acts as a sink for the *A. palloni* population, with young individuals drifting into the  
185 Skagerrak area from the North Sea and then settling on suitable rocky reefs. Currents from the  
186 North Sea bring higher-salinity water into the southern Skagerrak, which thereafter mainly follows  
187 the Swedish coast northwards in a counter-clockwise fashion (Svansson 1975). This current  
188 pattern, along with the depth interval of 40-80 m, largely matches the Swedish distribution of *A.*  
189 *palloni* as currently described. However, until spawning and viable fry can be demonstrated from  
190 Skagerrak, it is not possible to know whether the Skagerrak population is self-reproducing.  
191 Systematic investigations of angled specimens (e.g. in association with marine angling  
192 competitions) could provide information about spawning activity, as well as feeding habits and  
193 parasite fauna – all of which are largely unknown for the species (Kullander *et al.*, 2012). Studies  
194 on population genetics may provide further insights into the population structure of the species  
195 (see e.g. Faust *et al.*, 2018). Hence, such investigations could be encouraged to extend the  
196 knowledge of this data-deficient species.

197 The present study shows that *A. palloni* is generally captured over off-shore rocky reefs. Smaller-  
198 sized marine fish species, such as *A. palloni*, have historically not been targeted by off-shore  
199 anglers to the same extent they currently are (Lundgren & Waje, 2015). While coastal anglers use  
200 a wide variety of hook-sizes, off-shore anglers have, until recently, mainly used larger hooks  
201 targeting larger species. With the relatively small gape-size of *A. palloni*, this may effectively have  
202 eliminated the species from being caught, even though the capture sites reported here have been  
203 commonly targeted reefs for angling (Lundgren & Waje, 2015). In addition, the typical rocky reef  
204 habitat is likely seldom trawled by commercial fishermen, probably leading to few specimens  
205 being caught in fisheries overall (Pollard, 2010). While clearly distinguished at closer inspection  
206 (which is typically what specimen sea anglers do), it also resembles the common goldsinny wrasse  
207 and young female cuckoo wrasse *Labrus mixtus* Linnaeus 1758 in coloration, which may lead to  
208 misidentification and oversight by e.g. fishermen not interested in the species for commercial  
209 purposes. These facts may have limited the number of captures and historical reports from Swedish  
210 waters.

211 Despite its relatively small size, *A. palloni* has value for marine specimen angling, e.g. in marine  
212 angling competitions where the number of species caught is rewarded. In fact, the angling records  
213 being presented in this article are largely a consequence of this species being acknowledged as a  
214 target for specimen anglers, who are specifically targeting large specimens of different species  
215 (e.g. Hellenberg, 2014a,b; Lundgren & Waje, 2015). In commercial fisheries, however, it has  
216 generally little value (Machias *et al.*, 2001), although it has been noted among the targeted species  
217 in some Mediterranean countries (e.g. Alegre, Leonart & Veny, 1992; Economidis & Koutrakis  
218 2001). Smaller wrasse species are fished commercially in Scandinavia for sea lice control in  
219 salmon farms (Espeland *et al.*, 2010), but *A. palloni* is not suited for such fishery as it is deeper-

220 living than most of the other smaller wrasses (e.g. corkwing wrasse *Symphodus melops* and  
221 juvenile ballan wrasse *Labrus bergylta*) and, thus, generally subjected to severe barotrauma when  
222 hauled, resulting in inflated swim-bladders and bulging eye-balls (see e.g. Fig. 2).

223 This study presents a case where citizen generated data can be used for increasing the knowledge  
224 about a rare species. It is possible that recognition of the angler community as a valuable source  
225 of information may increase anglers' interest in continuing and increasing the frequency and detail  
226 of their reports. Anglers are often keen to participate in the management of fish stocks, and this  
227 type of recognition may lead to a further increased interest in fish conservation issues (Granek et  
228 al. 2008). From a conservation and management perspective, the current data provides a coarse  
229 picture of the distribution, and data reliable enough to make e.g. quantitative habitat suitability  
230 models (HSM), as has been done for some bird species based on citizen observations (Bradter et  
231 al. 2018), is hard to come by, mainly due to the scarcity of data about habitat conditions at capture  
232 sites. Bradter et al. (2018) constructed HSMs for Siberian Jays in Sweden, utilizing data from the  
233 SSOS. As compared to e.g. birds, for which the SSOS reporting system is run in collaboration with  
234 BirdLife Sweden (the Swedish Ornithological Society), fish appear to be under-reported in SSOS.  
235 Hence, the SAA database appears to be substantially more informative and reliable for  
236 observational reports of fish at the present point in time, despite having a lower mass-limits for  
237 reports, which limits the number of reports in general and completely eliminates reports of juvenile  
238 specimens.

239 Finally, it is worth noting that the current list of records (Table 1) is not a complete record of  
240 angled *A. palloni*, as several other specimens (typically smaller ones) have been verbally described  
241 to the authors by anglers, without any specific information being noted by the angler.

242 CONCLUSIONS

243 In this article, we summarize the present knowledge about the current distribution of *A. palloni* in  
244 Swedish waters, at the edge of the distribution range of the species. The records of *A. palloni*  
245 presented here in particular highlight the importance of citizen-generated data in the form of  
246 anglers' reports and angling records as useful contributions for ichthyological investigations of  
247 presence and distribution of non-commercial fish species.

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253 ETHICAL APPROVAL

254 This article does not contain any direct studies with animals performed by any of the authors.

255 SAMPLING AND FIELD STUDIES

256 Fish specimens reported were caught following Swedish or Norwegian angling regulations. All  
257 cases where the authors captured recorded specimens were part of non-scientific angling  
258 expeditions, conducted prior to the conception of the study.

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## 377 FIGURE LEGENDS

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379 **Figure 1.** Positions for records of *Acantholabrus palloni* in Skagerrak. Red dots represent non-  
380 angling records, showing the previously documented occurrence, and blue dots represent angling  
381 records reported in this paper. Red arrows show the large-scale current patterns in the area, and  
382 dotted lines delineate approximate 40- and 80-m depth curves. 1: S. Langesund city, Norway; 2:  
383 Ferder Lighthouse, Oslofjord, Norway; 3: S. Missingen Islands, Oslofjord, Norway; 4: Koster  
384 Fjord area, Sweden; 5: Singlefjord mouth, Sweden; 6: W. Stora Pölsan lighthouse, Sweden; 7:  
385 Persgrunden, Sweden; 8: Grisbådarna, Sweden; 9: Kullarna (S.W. Måseskär lighthouse), Sweden;  
386 10: N.W. Hunnebostrand city, Sweden; 11: Gullmarn Fjord, Sweden; 12: Svaberget, Sweden; 13:  
387 Väderöarna (Weather Islands), Sweden; 14: W. Ursholmen Island. Names of areas of angling  
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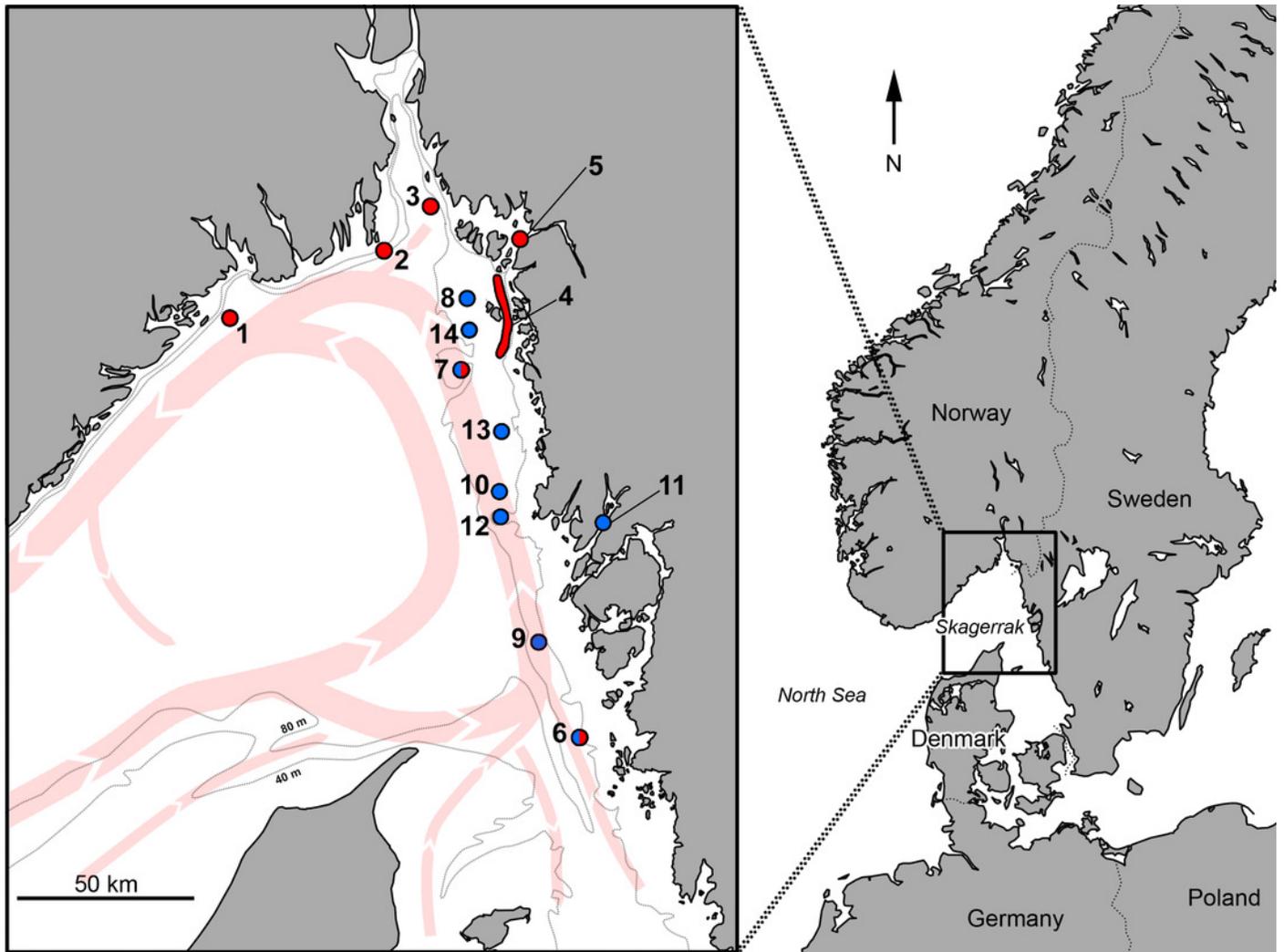
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391 **Figure 2.** Pictures of *Acantholabrus palloni* from Swedish waters (Position 9 in Fig. 1). (A)  
392 Record #8, Table 1; (B) Record #9, Table 1. Published with permission (Photo credit: M.  
393 Lundgren).

# Figure 1

Distribution map.

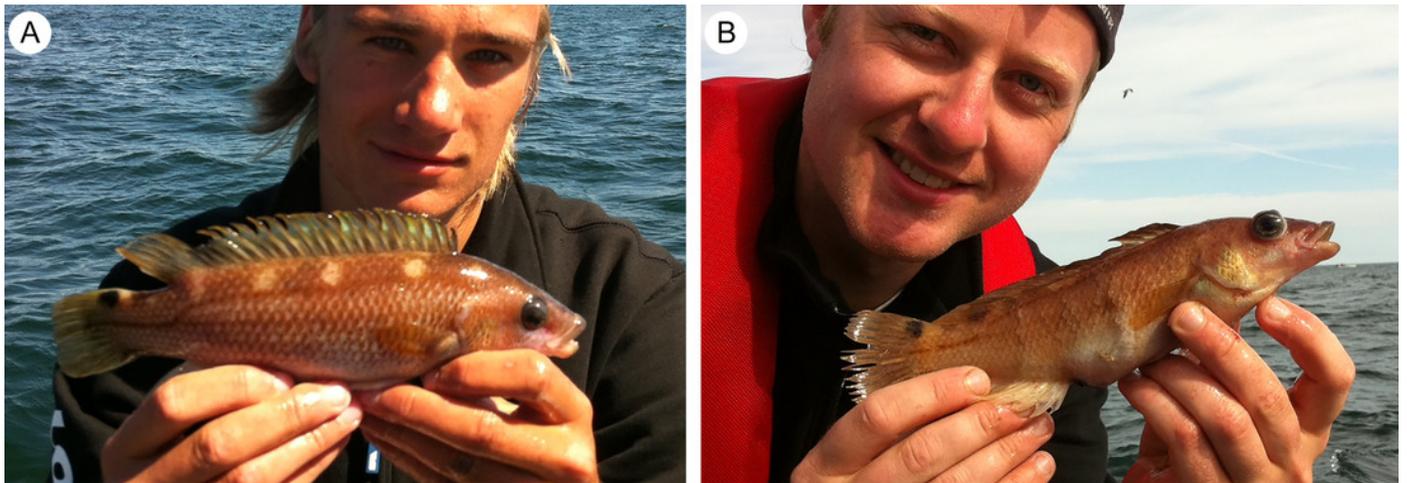
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## Figure 2

Examples of angled specimens of scale-rayed wrasse.

Pictures of *Acantholabrus palloni* from Swedish waters (Position 9 in Fig. 1). (A) Record #8, Table 1; (B) Record #9, Table 1. Published with permission (Photo credit: M. Lundgren).



**Table 1** (on next page)

Swedish scale-rayed wrasse specimens

Records of *A. palloni* in Swedish waters. L = Total length, M = wet mass.

1 **Table 1.** Records of *A. palloni* in Swedish waters. L = Total length, M = wet mass.

Record number	Date	Size	Capture method	Location (Fig 1)	Notes	Information source
1	1993	Juvenile	Dredge haul	Pos 5	First record from Swedish waters, first inshore record	Cedhagen & Hansson 1995
2	1995-07	L: 23 cm M: 142 g	Angling	Pos 8		Hanefors 1995
3	2007-07-09	L: No record M: 265 g	Angling	Pos 7	Verified by M. Lundgren	Records of Kungsbacka Angling Club
4	2007-11-16	L: No record M: No record	Filmed, Remotely Operated Vehicle	Pos 7	50 m depth. Reported by A. Tullot (record #61250199). Unverified.	<a href="https://artportalen.se/">https://artportalen.se/</a>
5	2008	L: No record M: No record	Unknown	Pos 6	Verified by S.O. Kullander, Swedish Museum of Natural History in GBIF	<a href="http://www.gbif.se/">http://www.gbif.se/</a>
6	No info. (Pre-2011)	L: No record M: No record	Filmed, Remotely Operated Vehicle	Pos 4		Hallberg 2011
7	2010	L: No record M: No record	Angling	Pos 9	Verified by M. Lundgren, direct observation	M. Durell, pers. comm.
8	2011-06-04	L: No record M: 220 g	Angling	Pos 9	Figure 2.	M. Lundgren, pers. obs.
9	2011-06-05	L: No record M: 180 g	Angling	Pos 9	Figure 2.	M. Lundgren, pers. obs.

10	2011-06-05	L: No record M: 160-180 g (estimated)	Angling	Pos 9		M. Lundgren, pers. obs.
11	2012-05-26	L: No record M: 120 g	Angling	Pos 9		<a href="http://www.sg-zander.se/">http://www.sg-zander.se/</a>
12	2014-06-01	L: 26 cm M: 275 g	Angling	Pos 9	12.5 m depth <sup>1</sup> , rocky bottom	<a href="http://www.sportfiskarna.se/">http://www.sportfiskarna.se/</a> , Hellenberg 2014a,b
13	2014-07-26	L: 26 cm M: 260 g	Angling	Pos 10	44 m depth, rocky bottom	<a href="http://www.sportfiskarna.se/">http://www.sportfiskarna.se/</a> , Hellenberg 2014b
14	2014-08-16	L: 26 cm M: 250 g	Angling	Pos 10	47 m depth, rocky bottom	<a href="http://www.sportfiskarna.se/">http://www.sportfiskarna.se/</a> , Hellenberg 2014b
15	2014-08-16	L: 27.5 cm M: 282 g	Angling	Pos 10	46 m depth, rocky bottom	<a href="http://www.sportfiskarna.se/">http://www.sportfiskarna.se/</a> , Hellenberg 2014b
16	2015-07-13	L: No record M: 200 g	Angling	Pos 11	First record from the fjord Gullmarn, second inshore record from Swedish waters. Verified by M. Lundgren, direct observation	M. Jonsson, pers. comm.
17	2015-07-17	L: 29 cm M: 296 g	Angling	Pos 12	26 m depth, rocky bottom	<a href="http://www.sportfiskarna.se/">http://www.sportfiskarna.se/</a>
18	2015-08-06	L: 28 cm M: 293 g	Angling	Pos 10	50 m depth, rocky bottom	<a href="http://www.sportfiskarna.se/">http://www.sportfiskarna.se/</a>
19	2015-08-06	L: 28 cm M: 285 g	Angling	Pos 10	50 m depth, rocky bottom	<a href="http://www.sportfiskarna.se/">http://www.sportfiskarna.se/</a>
20	2015-08-06	L: 27 cm M: 267 g	Angling	Pos 10	50 m depth, rocky bottom	<a href="http://www.sportfiskarna.se/">http://www.sportfiskarna.se/</a>

21	2015-08-09	L: 27.5 cm M: 260 g	Angling	Pos 13	35 m depth, rocky bottom	<a href="http://www.sportfiskarna.se/">http://www.sportfiskarna.se/</a>
22	2015-08-20	L: 26.5 cm M: 260 g	Angling	Pos 9	42 m depth, rocky bottom	<a href="http://www.sportfiskarna.se/">http://www.sportfiskarna.se/</a>
23	2015-08-20	L: 26 cm M: 250 g	Angling	Pos 9	41 m depth, rocky bottom	<a href="http://www.sportfiskarna.se/">http://www.sportfiskarna.se/</a>
24	2015-08-21	L: 27 cm M: 260 g	Angling	Pos 13	32 m depth, rocky bottom	<a href="http://www.sportfiskarna.se/">http://www.sportfiskarna.se/</a>
25	2015-08-22	L: 27 cm M: 280 g	Angling	Pos 10	40 m depth	<a href="http://www.sportfiskarna.se/">http://www.sportfiskarna.se/</a>
26	2015-08-22	L: 27.5 cm M: 267 g	Angling	Pos 10	38 m depth, rocky bottom	<a href="http://www.sportfiskarna.se/">http://www.sportfiskarna.se/</a>
27	2015-08-22	L: 28 cm M: 270 g	Angling	Pos 10	40 m depth, rocky bottom	<a href="http://www.sportfiskarna.se/">http://www.sportfiskarna.se/</a>
28	2015-08-22	L: 28.5 cm M: 300 g	Angling	Pos 10	45 m depth, rocky bottom	<a href="http://www.sportfiskarna.se/">http://www.sportfiskarna.se/</a>
29	2015-10-04	L: 27 cm M: 270 g	Angling	Pos 6	28 m depth, rocky bottom	<a href="http://www.sportfiskarna.se/">http://www.sportfiskarna.se/</a>
30	2016-07-24	L: 26 cm M: 260 g	Angling	Pos 8	37 m depth, rocky bottom Verified from photograph by J. Näslund	A. Enemar, pers. comm.
31-36	2016-09	L: No record M: 70-200 g	Angling	Pos 14	5 individuals. 35-50 m depth, rocky bottom	A. Enemar, pers. comm.
37	2016-08-19	L: 28.5 cm M: 320 g	Angling	Pos 9	42 m depth, rocky bottom	<a href="http://www.sportfiskarna.se/">http://www.sportfiskarna.se/</a> Anonymous 2017a

38	2016-08-25	L: 26.5 cm M: 270 g	Angling	Pos 12	41 m depth, rocky bottom	<a href="http://www.sportfiskarna.se/">http://www.sportfiskarna.se/</a> Anonymous 2017b
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<sup>1</sup>: Possibly an error in the report of depth

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