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MARINE BIORESOURCES
FORMS DATA ENTRY: FORMS DATA ENTRY: Form- 1(general) Ref. No.: (please answer only relevant fields; add additional fields if you require)

Fauna : √ Flora			Microorganisms	
General Category: Vertebrate (Zooplankton) Fish larvae				
Scientific name & Authority: Engyprosopon sechellensis (Regan) – 1908 - Adult				
Common Name ( if available):				
Synonyms:		Author(s)	Status	
Scaeops sechellensis		Regan	1908	
Engyprosopon sechellensis		Norman	1934	
		Nielsen	1984	
Classification:				
Phylum: Vertebrata	a Sub- Pl	nylum		
Super Class: Pisce	cs Class:	Osteichthyes	Sub- Class:	
Super Order: Tele	ostei Order:	Pleuronectiformes	Sub Order : Pleuronectoidei	
Super Family:	Family	: Bothidae	Sub-Family:Bothinae	
Genus: Engyprosopon Species: sechellensis				
Authority: Regan				
Reference No.				
Regan, C.T., 1908. Report on the marine fishes collected by Mr.J.Stanley				
GARDINER in the Indian Ocean. Trans. Linn. Soc. London. Zool., Second				
Ser., <b>12</b> (3), pp.217-225, pls.23-32.				
Geographical Location:				
The larvae of these species appeared to be more oceanic than other species. They				
were found in waters both north and south of equator. Also found very near the shore				
along the coast of Indian, Sri Lanka, Burma and near Sumatra.				
Latitude:	Place:			
Longitude: State:				

Eggs and larvae:

Characteristics:

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Larval body thin, transparent and asymetrical in midflexion and early postflexion stages. Eyes symmetrical and black. Intestine has a compact elliptical coil placed at the posterior end of the abdominal cavity. Rectal portion of the alimentary canal vertical in midflexion and in early postflexion stages, and the anus opens on the tenth vertebral segment. Ventral portion of the alimentary canal including the rectum and anus is pushed forwards and opens at the level of the eighth vertebral segment in advanced larvae. Liver massive occupying the space between pectoral girdle and intestinal loop as in other spp. with the anteroposterior axis shorter than the dorso-ventral axis. Swim bladder present, spherical in midflexion stage, but in advanced stages becoming oval and lies above the intestinal loop in the space between seventh and tenth vertebral segments.

There is no spination on cleithra whereas they are present in the urohyal (20-36) and posterior basipterygial processes (14-26). The number of spines increases as the larvae grow older. There are 81-91 dorsal, 57-70 anal rays and 10 + 24 - 26 vertebrae including urostyle.

#### Abundance:

Biochemical aspects:

Proximate analysis: moisture/ fat/ protein/ carbohydrate/ash Electrophoresis:

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### SPAWNING INFORMATION:

Locality:

Main Ref:

Season: Fecundity: Comment:

## MAJOR PUBLICATIONS (INDIAN):

(include review articles, monographs, books etc.)

Lalithambika Devi, C.B., 1986. Studies on the flat fish (Heterosomata) larvae of the Indian Ocean. Ph.D. Thesis, University of Kerala, India, 480 pp.

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Lalithambika Devi, C.B., 1999. Larvae of Bothidae (Pleuronectiformes-Pisces), Illustrated Key. Published by National Institute of Oceanography, Goa, pp. 35.

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