

*Illex coindetii* (Verany, 1837)  
Southern Shortfin Squid

Class Cephalopoda  
Order Teuthoidea  
Family Ommastrephidae

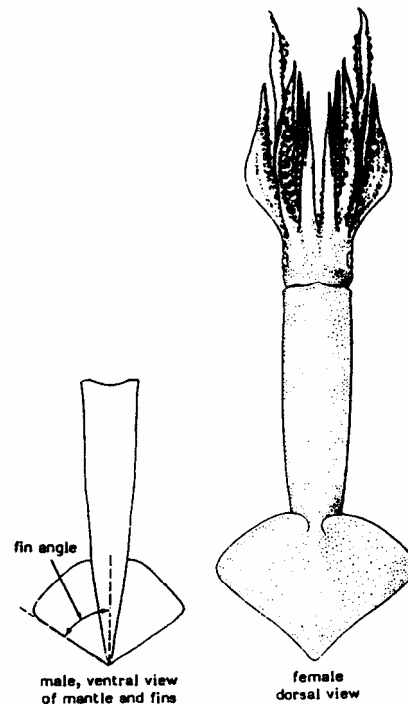
Classification according to Roper *et al.* (1984)

References used: Roper, Sweeney and Nauen (1984), Roper, Lu and Mangold (1969)

**Diagnostic characters:** Funnel locking cartilage an inverted T-shape; funnel groove smooth, without side pockets or foveola; mantle widest at anterior end (except in fully ripe females), moderately long and narrow; tail pointed; fin angle broad, exceeding 50°, fin width greater than fin length; ratio of fin length to fin width is 1:1.5; head large and robust; dactylus of tentacular club with 8 longitudinal rows of small suckers.

**Habitat:** Oceanic and neritic species occurring from the surface to about 1000 meters.

**Range:** Eastern Atlantic; Mediterranean and Black seas; western Atlantic, Caribbean; Gulf of Mexico.



Taken from Roper *et al.* (1984)