

*Acantholabrus palloni*

1. Common Name (English) – Scale-rayed wrasse
2. Common Name (Maltese) – Tirda rara
1. Depth range - 30 – 100 m
3. Range - Eastern Atlantic: Norway south to Cape Lopez, Gabon and including Madeira, Azores and the Canary Islands. Also in the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas.
4. Habitat – reefs (rocky or sandy)
5. Diet – benthic invertebrates
6. Red list status LC
7. Features – brownish or reddish purple with pale underside. Dark blotches on hind dorsal and above tail. 15-20 cm
8. Side notes - Oviparous, distinct pairing during breeding. Males build dish shaped nests and guard the eggs



*Ctenolabrus rupestris*

1. Common Name (English) – Goldsinny-wrasse
2. Common Name (Maltese) –
3. Depth range – 1-50m
4. Range Eastern Atlantic: Norway to Morocco. Also known from the Mediterranean and Black Sea.
5. Habitat - reefs
6. Diet - bryozoans, crustaceans and gastropods
7. Red list status LC
8. Features – Dark spot on caudal peduncle and front end of dorsal fin, 11-18cm
9. Side notes



*Labrus merula*

1. Common Name (English) – Brown wrasse
2. Common Name (Maltese) – Mirli
3. Depth range – 1-50m
4. Range Eastern Atlantic: Portugal to Morocco and Azores. Also in the Mediterranean.
5. Habitat - reef
6. Diet - sea urchins, ophiuroids, molluscs, crabs and worms
7. Red list status - LC
8. Features – brownish to greenish, blue or purplish with some pale blue spots, blue edged fins, 25-40 cm
9. Side notes



*Labrus mixtus*

1. Common Name (English) – Cuckoo wrasse
2. Common Name (Maltese) – Parpanjol
3. Depth range 2-200m
4. Range Eastern Atlantic: Norway south to Senegal, Azores and Madeira. Also in the Mediterranean.
5. Habitat rocky algal reef
6. Diet crustaceans fishes molluscs
7. Red list status LC
8. Features – colour variable males blue head and shoulders and rest bright orange. Green markings around head and streaks on the rest of the body. Females reddish or orange yellow with large dark spots along the base of dorsal tail alternating white spots.



*Labrus viridis*

1. Common Name (English) – Green wrasse
2. Common Name (Maltese) – Tirda
3. Depth range – 3-20m
4. Range Eastern Atlantic: Portugal to Morocco, and the Mediterranean and Black Sea.
5. Habitat littoral zone, near rocks and eel-grass beds
6. Diet
7. Red list status - Vulnerable
8. Features - green body, underside lighter and reflective, golden in larger specimens with longitudinal pale line on side. 37cm



*Lappanella fasciata*

1. Common Name (English) – Ash coloured wrasse
2. Common Name (Maltese) – Debba
3. Depth range 35-200m
4. Range Eastern Atlantic: Including Madeira and the Mediterranean
5. Habitat deep rocky areas
6. Diet - crabs, gastropods and polychaetes
7. Red list status LC
8. Features – greyish body (or greenish brown, yellowish green or rosy brown), marked paler beginning of dorsal base of caudal have a black spot, males lighter coloured with blue streak
9. Side notes



*Symphodus cinereus*

1. Common Name (English) – Grey wrasse
2. Common Name (Maltese) –
3. Depth range
4. Range Eastern Atlantic: Mediterranean Sea and from Arcachon basin to Gibraltar.
5. Habitat littoral areas, in eel-grass beds, sometimes on soft bottoms
6. Diet shrimps, amphipods, isopods, small gastropods and bivalves
7. Red list status LC
8. Features - A large black urogenital papilla in adult females, papilla colourless in males which have more brilliant colours and habitually some blue stripes on head during spawning season. 8-16cm
9. Side notes



*Symphodus doderleini*

1. Common Name (English) – white-striped wrasse
2. Common Name (Maltese) – Tirda tar-rig abjad
3. Depth range 2 – 20m
4. Range Mediterranean Sea and Marmara Sea: Except Golfe du Lion.
5. Habitat inhabit eel-grass beds
6. Diet bryozoans, worms, small molluscs, and amphipods
7. Red list status LC
8. Features – very variable colour – brownish, reddish, yellow orange, 2 dark lines with a white strip on sides, a black spot on tail. 10cm



*Symphodus melanocercus*

1. Common Name (English) – Black Tailed wrasse
2. Common Name (Maltese) – Tirda denbha iswed
3. Depth range 1-25m
4. Range Mediterranean Sea: including the Sea of Marmara.
5. Habitat rocky areas and sea grass beds
6. Diet worms, small amphipods, copepods, bryozoans and hydrozoans
7. Red list status LC
8. Features males: reddish or light brown with blue/green spots, elongated spot around the eyes. Females: yellowish, brownish or reddish, caudal black edge white based yellow. 10-13cm
9. Side notes



*Symphodus melops*

1. Common Name (English) – Corkwing
2. Common Name (Maltese) – Tirda rasa hamra
3. Depth range 1-30m
4. Range Eastern Atlantic: Norway to Morocco and the Azores. Also known from the western Mediterranean and Adriatic seas.
5. Habitat - littoral zone, near rocks and eel-grass beds, also in lagoons.
6. Diet - Feed on molluscs, hydroids, bryozoans, worms and various crustaceans
7. Red list status LC
8. Features – variable colours but brownish, reddish, greyish with 4-5 spots on the dorsal side, dark bands on sides. Dark spot behind eyes. 14-25cm



*Symphodus ocellatus*

1. Common Name (English) – rose checked wrasse
2. Common Name (Maltese) – tirda tal warda
3. Depth range – 1-30m
4. Range - Eastern Atlantic: throughout the Mediterranean, Black Sea and Sea of Azov.
5. Habitat - near rocks and eel-grass beds
6. Diet - bryozoans, hydroids, tubicolous, worms, shrimps, amphipods and molluscs.
7. Red list status - LC
8. Features – variable colour. dark blotch on operculum. Reddish or brownish spot on caudal base. Males greenish brownish orange with other colours around the eyes. Females brownish yellow with 2-3 dark bands on back and sides. 6-9cm



*Symphodus rostratus*

1. Common Name (English) – long snouted wrasse
2. Common Name (Maltese) – buxih ahdar
3. Depth range – 1-50m
4. Range - Eastern Atlantic: throughout the Mediterranean and western part of Black Sea.
5. Habitat - near rocks, mainly in eel-grass beds.
6. Diet
7. Red list status
8. Features – very variable colour brownish, reddish, greyish, green, botched or marked or unmarked. Yellow or whitish band along mouth to forehead 18-20cm

