



Fig. 12.80 Schools of *Melichthys niger* above shelf edge reef at Peleliu Island, Palau (Photo: Patrick L. Colin)

Brad Erisman, personal observation). Commercial fishers target these aggregations using nighttime hookah fishing and gillnets (Chap. 8, Fig. 8.5).

Triggerfishes generally are of minor commercial importance. Many are good to eat, but ciguatera poisoning is a concern in some areas. They can be ecologically important, since many are very common and some eat algae and zooplankton, as well as preying on fish eggs.

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