First Data for the Species Identification of Turbot Psetta maxima (L. 1758) (Pisces: Scophthalmidae) along the Bulgarian Black Sea Coast Based on Genetics-Biochemical Analyses

Angel Tsekov¹, Petya P. Ivanova^{2*} and Ivan Dobrovolov²

Abstract: On the basis of isoelectric focusing (IEF) of haemoglobin on thin polyacrilamide Ampholine gel two different species-specific spectra of the turbot along the Bulgarian Black Sea coast were found. Haemoglobin spectra, typical of two turbot species correspond with some of their morphological differences. The data obtained could be used for species identification of the turbot in the Black Sea.

Key words: turbot, haemoglobin, electrophoresis, isoelectric focusing

¹ University of Plovdiv "Paisii Hilendarski", Biological Faculty, Department of Ecology and Environmental Conservation, 24 Tsar Assen St., 4000 Plovdiv, Bulgaria, e-mail: a tsekov@abv.bg

² Institute of Fishing Resources, 4 Primorski Blvd., P.O. Box 72, 9000 Varna, Bulgaria