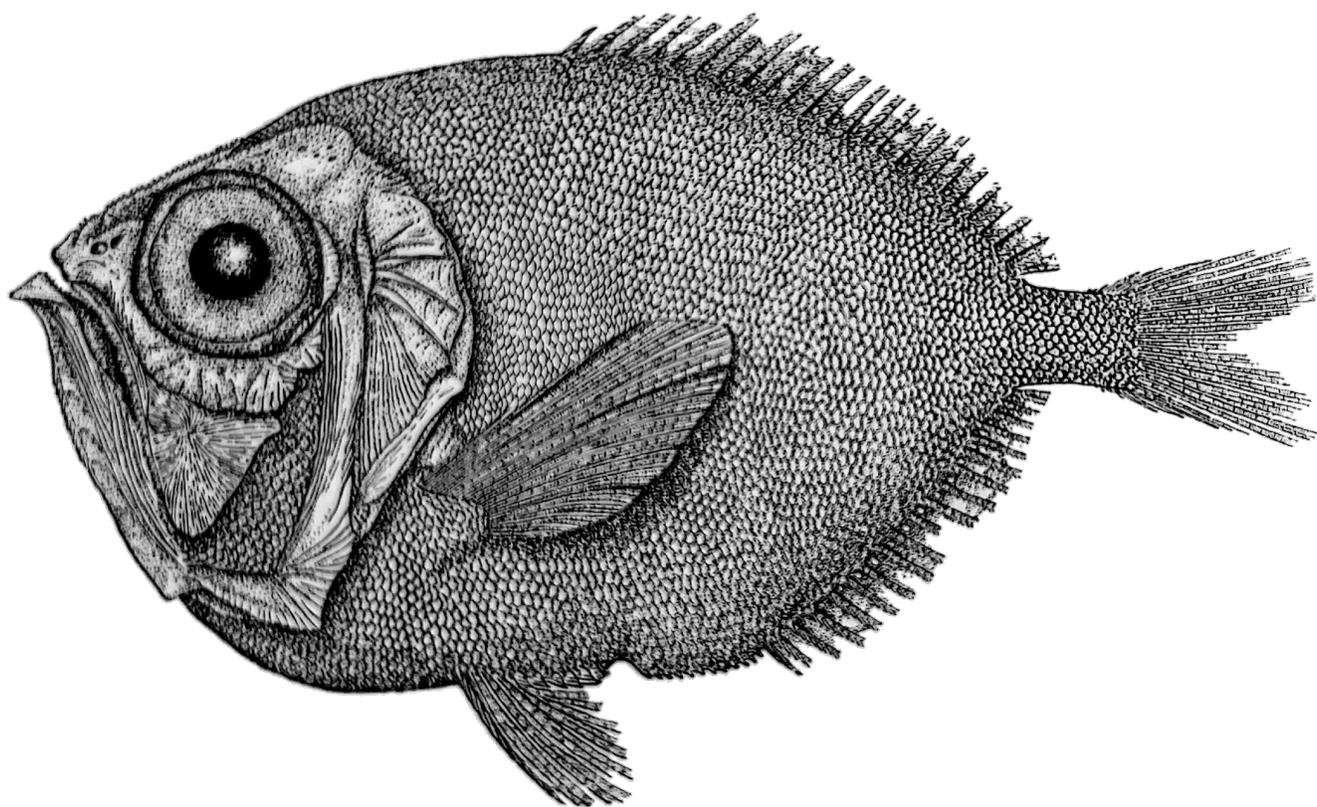


Order TRACHICTHYIFORMES

Spinyfins

Family **DIRETMIDAE**

Gill 1893



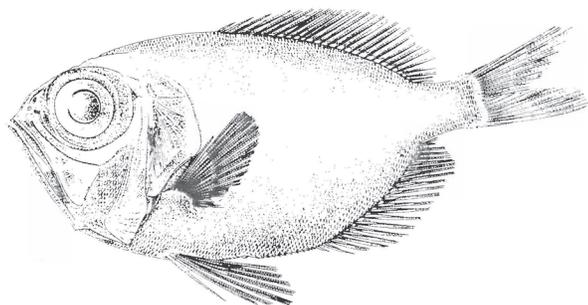
Diretmoides pauciradiatus, holotype, 124.5 mm SL. Illustration by Mary Ann Holloway. From: Woods, L. P. and P. M. Sonoda. 1973. Fishes of the western North Atlantic. Order Berycomorphi (Beryciformes). Memoirs of the Sears Foundation of Marine Research 1 (pt 6): 263–396, 66 figs, 10 tabs.

Diretmichthys

Kotlyar 1990

Diretmus, type genus of family, “close in sound to the names of other genera, which stresses the unity of the family Diretmidae” (translation); *ichthys* (ἰχθύς), fish

***Diretmichthys parini* (Post & Quéro 1981)** in honor of ichthyologist Nikolai Vasil’evich Parin (1932–2012), Russian Academy of Sciences, whose work revealed the existence of unnamed diretmid species



Diretmichthys parini, holotype, 250 mm SL. Illustration by Jean-Jacques Vayne. From: Post, A. and J.-C. Quéro. 1981. Révision des Diretmidae (Pisces, Trachichthyoidei) de l’Atlantique avec description d’un nouveau genre et d’une nouvelle espèce. Cybium 3e série. Bulletin de la Société Française d’Ichtyologie 5 (1): 33–60.

Diretmoides

Post & Quéro 1981

-oides, Neo-Latin from *eídos* (εἶδος), form or shape: *Diretmus*, its closest relative, a name the authors selected “in order to emphasize the homogeneity of the Diretmidae family” (translation)

***Diretmoides pauciradiatus* (Woods 1973)** *paucus* (L.), few or scanty; *radiatus* (L.) rayed, presumably referring to fewer dorsal-, anal- and pectoral-fin rays compared to *Diretmus argenteus*, its presumed congener at the time

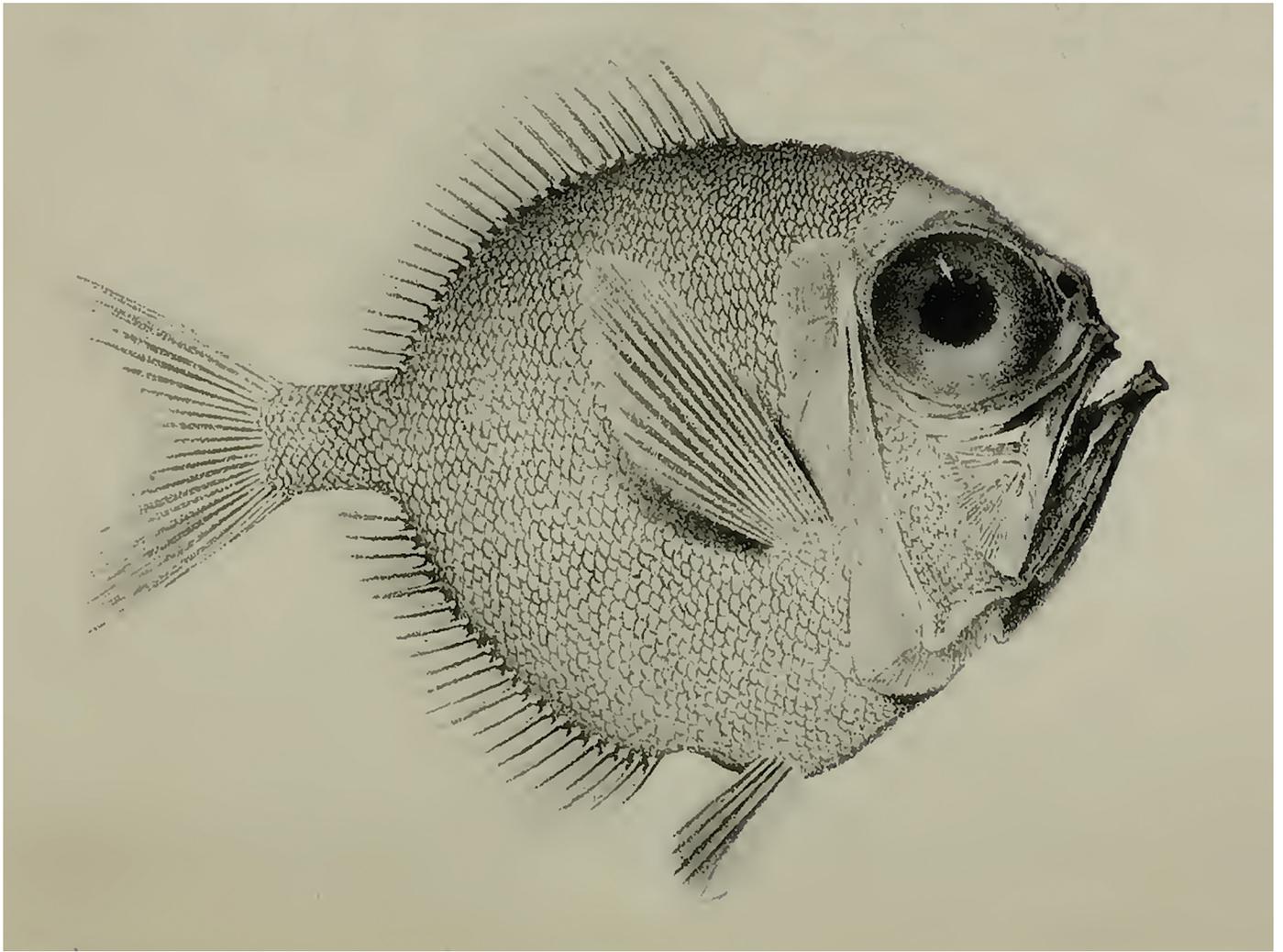
***Diretmoides veriginae* Kotlyar 1987** in honor of Inna Alexandrovna Verigina (b. 1931), curator of marine fishes, Zoological Museum, Moscow University, for helping Kotlyar over the course of many years

Diretmus

Johnson 1864

di-, from *dýo* (δύο), two; *-retmus*, from *eretmón* (ἐρετμόν), oar or paddle, presumably referring to bony appendages at root of ventral fins, “resembling in shape the wings of some insects”

***Diretmus argenteus* Johnson 1864** Latin for silvery, referring to its “silvery-grey colour, with darker grey near the dorsal and anal fins” [illustration on next page]



Dretmus argenteus. Illustration by J. Jury. From: Johnson, J. Y. 1864. Descriptions of three new genera of marine fishes obtained at Madeira. Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London 1863 (3): 403–410, Pl. 36.