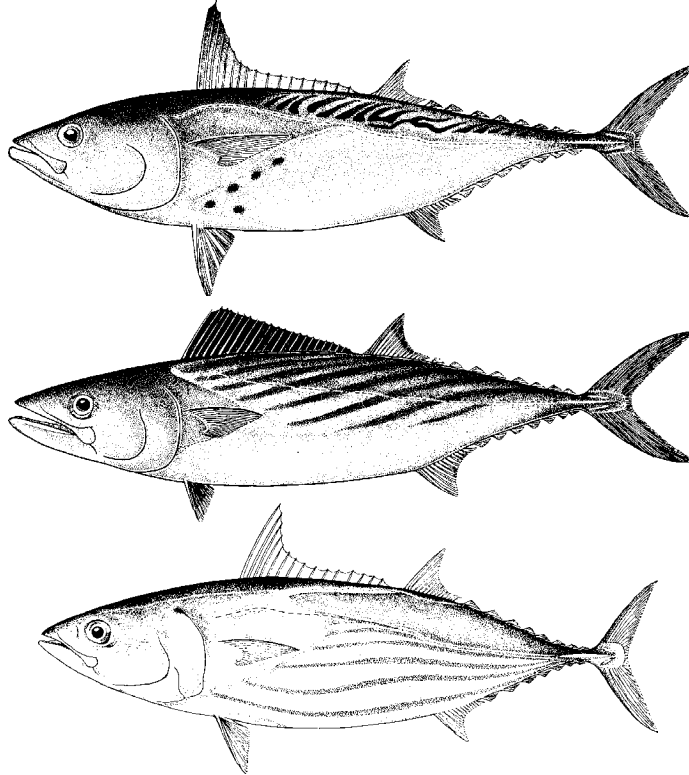


The key characteristics for distinguishing these 3 species are the body markings.



**LITTLE TUNNY\* *Euthynnus alletteratus***  
**(False albacore)**

- markings: a series of dark, wavy lines above the lateral line
- 4-5 dark spots below pectoral fin

\*note that the name 'little tuna' may also be used by fishermen to refer to other *Euthynnus* species

VS.

**ATLANTIC BONITO *Sarda sarda***

- markings: a series of dark, longitudinal stripes on the upper half of the fish

VS.

**SKIPJACK TUNA *Euthynnus pelamis***

- markings: a series of dark, longitudinal stripes on the lower half of the fish

**Figure 47.** Little tunny (top), Atlantic bonito (middle) and skipjack tuna (bottom). Source: *FAO species catalogue. Vol. 2. Scombrids of the World. An annotated and illustrated catalogue of tunas, mackerels, bonitos and related species known to date* by B.B. Collette & C.E. Nauen, UNFAO.

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