

Table 1 Meristic characters of *Gerres limbatus* collected from Iraqi waters

Character	N=10
Dorsal fin	IX, 10
Anal fin	III, 6-8
Pelvic fin	I, 5
Pectoral fin rays	15-16
Pored lateral line scales	34-36
Scales above/below lateral line	4-4.5/7.5-9
Scale row between 5th dorsal fin spine base to lateral line	2.5-3
Gill rakers	5-6,1,7
Branchiostegal rays	6