# DESCRIPTION

Fascinating and instantly recognizable, flatfishes are unique in their asymmetric postlarval body form. With over 800 extant species recognized and a distribution stretching around the globe, these fishes are of considerable research interest and provide a major contribution to commercial and recreational fisheries worldwide. This second edition of *Flatfishes: Biology and Exploitation* has been completely revised, updated and enlarged to respond to the ever-growing body of research. It provides:

- Overviews of systematics, distribution, life history strategies, reproduction, recruitment, ecology and behaviour
- Descriptions of the major fisheries and their management
- An assessment of the synergies between ecological and aquaculture research of flatfishes.

Carefully compiled and edited by four internationally-known scientists and with chapters written by many world leaders in the field, this excellent new edition of a very popular and successful book is essential reading for fish biologists, fisheries scientists, marine biologists, aquaculture personnel, ecologists, environmental scientists, and government workers in fisheries and fish and wildlife departments. *Flatfishes: Biology and Exploitation, Second Edition*, should be found in all libraries of research establishments and universities where life sciences, fish biology, fisheries, aquaculture, marine sciences, oceanography, ecology and environmental sciences are studied and taught.

**Reviews of the First Edition**
• A solid, up-to-date book that advanced students and research scientists with interests in fish biology will find interesting and useful. Aquaculture International

• A data-rich book that outlines much of what you might ever want to know about flatfishes. Fish & Fisheries

• Well presented with clear illustrations and a valuable source of information for those with a general interest in fish ecology or for the more specialist reader. You should make sure that your library has a copy. J Fish Biology

• An excellent and very practical overview of the whole, global flatfish scene. Anyone interested in flatfish at whichever stage of the economic food chain should invest in a copy immediately. Ausmarine

• Because of the high quality of each chapter, written by international experts, it is a valuable reference. Reviews in Fish Biology and Fisheries

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