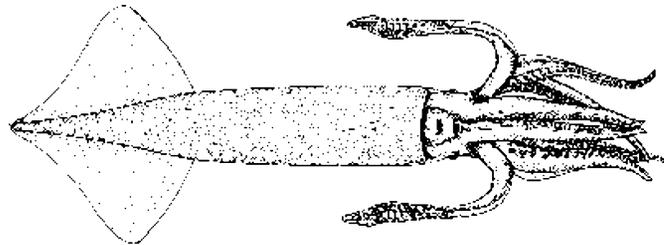


dorsal view



ventral view

**LOLIGO SQUID *Loligo pealei***  
**(Long-finned squid)**

Key characteristics:

- fins elongated, about 1/2 of mantle length
- color: white to purple, occasionally some reddish-brown, darker on dorsal side

VS.

**ILLEX SQUID *Illex illecebrosus***  
**(Short-finned or Boreal squid)**

Key characteristics:

- fins shortened, about 1/3 of mantle length
- color: reddish-brown, darker on dorsal side

**Figure 45.** Loligo squid (top) and illex squid (bottom). Source: *FAO Species Identification Sheets for fishery purposes. Western Central Atlantic (fishing area 31). Vol. 6*, UNFAO.

**SELECTED SPECIES ID'S: squid**