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Andaman Sea



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#### **FOREWORD**

he economies of the countries in ASEAN are largely agriculture-based with significant contribution from the fisheries sector. Over the last ten years there has been significant developments in the fishing industry in the region. In 1992, the ASEAN countries landed 7.3 million tonnes of fish, of which about 54% were sold as processed fisheries products. In the same year about 2.3 million tonnes of fish and fisheries products valued at US\$4.5 billion were exported from the region.

In parallel with the dynamic growth of the fishing industry, there has also been an increase in international trade in fish and fisheries products from the ASEAN region and also intra-regional trade amongst the ASEAN countries.

The Marine Fisheries Research Department (MFRD), of the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center first published this 'Colour Guide to the Fishes of the South China Sea and the Andaman Sea' in 1982 as a reference for the fisheries trade and industry. Since then, the demand for this publication has led to a second revised edition in 1989.

Recognising the usefulness of this publication to the fisheries industry in ASEAN, the MFRD in collaboration with the Seafood Industries Association, Singapore (SIAS) have now produced this third revised edition. This edition has included marketing information and additional fish species (tuna and billfishes) of importance to the fisheries trade in the region.

Through this mechanism of collaboration with the SIAS, the MFRD is able to generate and transfer information relevant to the industry effectively to the fisheries industry, fish processors and traders.

I would like to congratulate and thank the staff of MFRD and the committee members of SIAS for their dedication and effort in providing this useful information for the benefit of the fisheries industry in the ASEAN region.

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## **Explanatory Notes**

The colour of a fish is not usually considered as a character in its identification. However, it is helpful, especially in the field, where it is often difficult to go through elaborate keys and descriptions. The photographs reproduced in this book have, in fact, been taken for our own use. With the kind permission from the Aquaculture Department, Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center illustrations of prawns on page 45, 46 and 47 were taken from:

Legaspi J. — Important penaeid prawns/shrimps of the Philippines (Poster). Aquaculture Department, SEAFDEC and Japan International Cooperation Agency.

The 215 species belonging to 59 families described are mostly demersal species although some pelagic and midwater species are also included. For each species, the type of gear, area and depth of the sea where the fish were caught is given at the end of description. This serves to give an idea of the locality from where the fish is caught and not as a indication of the extent of its distribution. The local indigenous names obtained with the help of fish dealers and fishermen include the local Malay name and Chinese script followed by its hanyu pinyin equivalent. Each specimen is identified by a catalogue number which coincides with MFRD checklist publication. In accordance to usual taxonomic practice, all the fishes are placed facing left, except for *Psettodes erumei*(Indian halibut) on page 43 which has a blind side.

In the descriptions following each species, use of technical terms have been restricted to a minimum. However, certain standard technical terms and abbreviations were used for brevity and to conserve space. These terms are explained below:-

#### Abbreviations:—

D = dorsal fin

 $D_1$  = first dorsal fin

 $D_0^1 = 2nd dorsal fin$ 

e.g. D<sub>1</sub> II, 8-9 = First dorsal fin with two spines and 8 to 9 soft rays.

A = anal fir

e.g. A II, I, 17:18 = Anal fin with two detached spines followed by one spine and 17 to 18 soft rays.

P = pectoral fin

e.g.  $P_1$ , 17-18 = Pectoral fin with one detached spine and 17 to 18 soft rays.

BL = body length (standard length) — see fig. 1.

TL = total length; measured from the tip of the jaw to the tip of the upper lobe of caudal fin.

#### Technical terms:-

Adipose fin = fleshy fin with no rays, usually between the dorsal and caudal fins.

Adipose tissue = fatty tissue, sometimes partially covering the eye.

Axillary scale = modified scale found in the axil of fins (usually pelvic fin).

Barbel = an elongate fleshy tentacle-like projection, usually on chin.

Caudal pit = a small depression on dorsal or ventral part of caudal penduncle.

Cranial crest = a protuberance on the top of the skull (in region of cranium bone).

Deciduous = easily shed.

Depth = number of times the maximum depth of the body goes into the body length.

Finlet = detached fin, usually behind dorsal or anal fins.

Headshield = bony shield on head, usually exposed or covered by a thin skin, prominent in catfishes

(Fam. Ariidae).

Interorbital = Space on top of head between the eyes.

Isthmus = Narrow fleshy projection of the body on the ventral part of head, separating the gill

openings on each side.

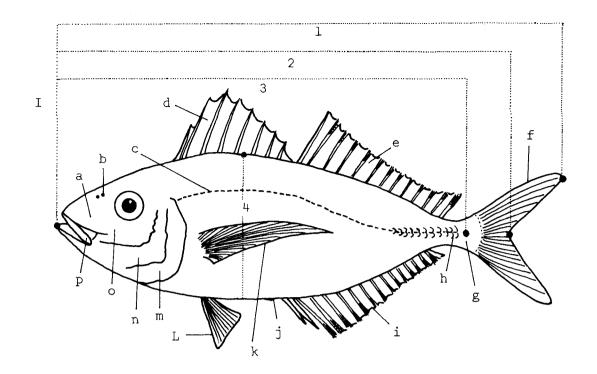
Palate = roof of mouth.

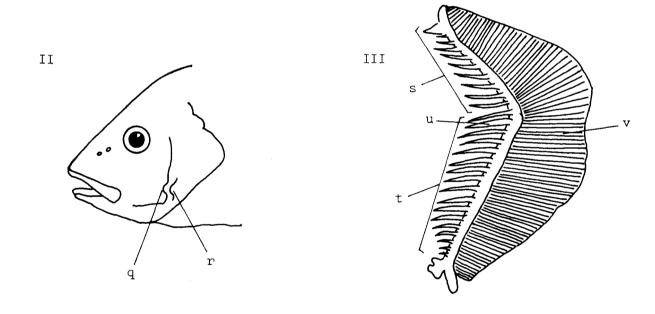
Protractile = capable of being drawn out or extended.

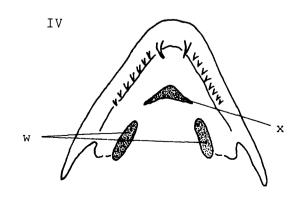
Nomenclature of external and anatomical morphology based on a hypothetical species Fig. 1

- I. External features of fish.
- II. Position of preopercular notch and interopercular knob
- Parts of a gill
- IV. Upper jaw showing palate (roof of mouth)
- 1. Total length
- 2. Fork length
- 3. Body length
- Depth of body 4.
- preorbital
- lateral line c.
- 2nd dorsal fin
- caudal peduncle
- anal fin
- pectoral fin k.
- m. operculum
- o. suborbital
- q. preopercular notch
- upper gill arch
- u. gill raker
- w. palatines

- b. nostril
- d. 1st dorsal fin
- upper lobe of caudal fin
- h. scutes
- anus
- pelvic fin 1.
- n. preoperculum
- p. maxillary
- r. interopercular knob
- t. lower gill arch
- v. gill filaments
- vomer X.







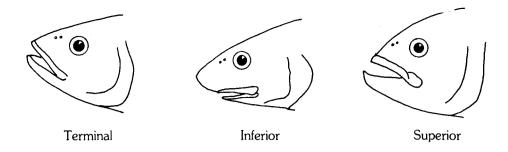


Fig. 2 Terminology for description of position of mouth

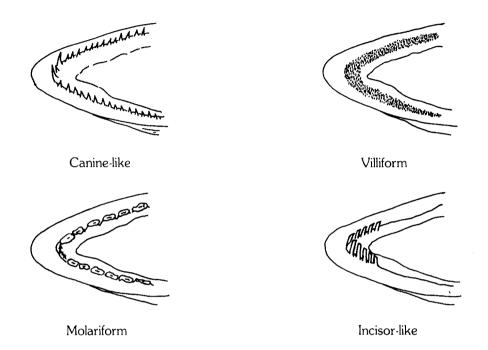


Fig. 3 Terminology to describe that types of mouth

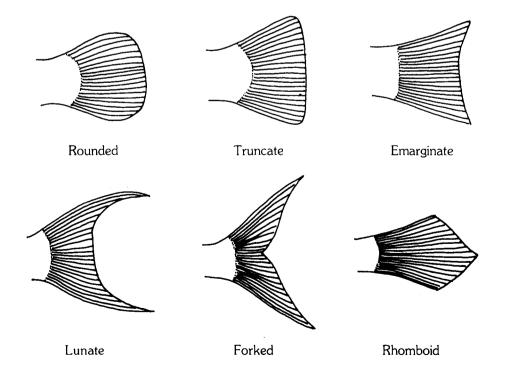


Fig. 4 Terminology to describe the shapes of caudal fin

## Class Chondrichthyes Sub-Class Elasmobránchii

(Sharks & Ray)

Fam. Sphyrnidae Sphyrna Iewini (Griffith)

RD 7209001

BL = 64.1 cm

Hammer-head shark

Body elongate, subcylindrical, lateral expansions of head hammer-shaped. 1st dorsal much larger than pectorals and behind pectoral axil. 2nd dorsal base much less than anal base. Anal base equal to pectoral base. Hind tip of 2nd dorsal reaches upper caudal pit. Ash-grey above and yellowish below. Ovo-viviparous. Found in coastal water and open seas, the most common species in the region. Large specimens can be dangerous. Reaches 450 cm. Specimen caught by trawl, South China Sea, 30-40 m.

Indigenous names: Yu songgul, Yu parang; 小生沙 (xiǎo shēng shā);

状元沙 (zhuàng yuán shā)

Fam. Rhinobatidae Rhynchobatus djiddensis (Forskal)

BL = 80 cm

RD 7209004

Shovel-nose ray

Body elongate, depressed, snout pointed, head broad and depressed. Spiracles large, close to eyes, behind which are single rows of backwardly directed tubercles. A row of tubercles along midline of back, 2 short rows on each shoulder. Teeth blunt, modified for crushing its food, mainly crustaceans. Common, often caught in shallow water and trawling grounds. Fins valued as shark's fin. May reach 400 cm in length. Trawl, South China Sea, 30-40 m.

Disc very broad and depressed. Tail about as long as length of disc, white with 9-12

black bands. A serrated spine close to base of tail. Usually caught by trawl. Usual size 22-36

Indigenous names: Yu kemejan; 犁笨沙 (lí bèn shā)

cm wide. Attains 180 cm in width. Trawl, South China Sea, 30-40 m.

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Fin (High commercial value), meat-fillet (commonly used)

Usage:

Soup, dumpling, omelette, fish & chips

China, Taiwan, HongKong, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Philippine, Brunei, Singapore, Australia, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, UE & USA

**Seasonality:** 

Whole year round

Products presentation:

Fin (High commercial value), meat-fillet (commonly used)

Usaae:

Soup, dumpling, omelette, fish & chips Market:

China, Taiwan, HongKong, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Philippine, Brunei, Singapore, Australia, Greece, Cyprus,

Turkey, UE & USA

Fam .Dasyatidae Gymnura poecilura Shaw

BL = 38.0 cm

Indigenous names: Pari tembikar; 弼方 (bì fāng)

RD 7209005

Whole year round Long-tailed butterfly ray

Products presentation: Skin, fillet or cutlet

Usage:

Seasonality:

Skin can be used for making handbag, wallet & other leather products. BBQ, curry soup, fried with chilli

Market:

USA, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei & Singapore

Fam . Dasyatidae Dasyatis kuhlii (Muller & Henle)

RD 7210030

BL = 22.9 cm

Spotted stingray

Disc rhombic, broader than long. Tail about as long as disc, with black tip and 2 blackish cross-bands. Adults with large blue ocelli. It is a small ray, growing to about 150 cm in width. Buries itself in the sand in coral areas. Trawl, off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea, 60-

Indigenous names: Pari lalat; 花点金方 (huā diǎn jīn fāng)

Seasonality:

Whole year round

Products presentation:

Skin, fillet or cutlet

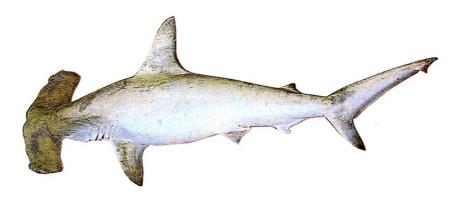
Usage:

Skin can be used for making handbag, wallet & other leather products. BBQ, curry soup, fried with chilli

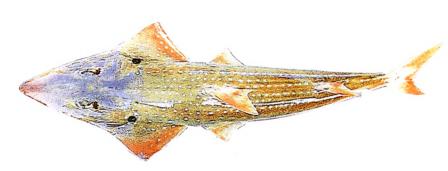
Market:

USA, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei & Singapore





Rhynchobatus djiddensis (Forskal)



Gymnura poecilura Shaw



*Dasyatis kuhlii* (Muller & Henle)



## Class Osteichthyes Sub-Class Teleostomi

(Bony fishes)

Fam. Megalopidae Megalops cyprinoides (Broussonet)

D 17-20, A 23-28,

BL = 41.3 cm

RD 7209025 Tarpon, Ox-eye Seasonality: Rare species

Product presentation:

Body oblong, slightly compressed. Depth 3.5-5. Lower jaw prominent. Villiform teeth in

Whole

Usage:

Soup, curry, asam

Market:

Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia & Singapore (mainly consumed by Malays)

Indigenous names: Bandang; 海龙 (hǎi lóng)

Fam. Clupeidae Dussumieria hasseltii Bleeker

Trawl, off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea, 62-64 m.

D 18-19, A 16

BL = 17.0 cm

RD 7210072

Sprat, round herring

Around April-September

**Products presentation:** 

Whole or headless

Seasonality:

Usage:

Deep fried, fish & chips, pet food, canning

Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia &

Australia

Elongate, with rounded belly and small terminal mouth. Depth 4-5. No scutes on belly. Dorsal origin nearer to caudal than to snout tip. Origin of anal far behind dorsal. Origin of pelvic below middle of dorsal. Caudal deeply forked. Teeth on jaws, palatines and tongue. Scales very deciduous. Upper half dark greenish, silvery below, a golden lateral band from opercle to caudal. First ray of dorsal and pectoral vath dark spot. Very common market fish, caught in coastal waters by drift nets, lift-nets and trawl. Usual market size 16-17 cm. Trawl, off Irrawaddy area, North Andaman Sea, 40-44 m.

jaws, vomer, palatines and tongue. Last dorsal ray produced into a long filament. Anal

concave, much longer than dorsal. In seas and estuaries, preferring brackish water and

penetrating into fresh water. Not abundant locally, Large specimens may attain 100 cm.

Fam. Clupeidae

Anodontosoma chacunda (Hamilton-Buchanan)

D 17-18, A 19-20,

BL = 13.3 cm

Indigenous names: Tamban jeboh; 暹冬 (xián dōng)

RD 7209011

Gizzard shad

Small fish with deep compressed bodies and small inferior mouths. Depth 2-2.5. Ventral border of abdomen with scutes. Stomach gizzard-like. Silvery, upper half darker with faint longitudinal rows of brown dots. Distinct black spot on shoulder, Common in coastal water.

Usual size 15-16 cm. Trawl, South China Sea, 30-40 m.

Indigenous names: Selangat; 黄鱼 (huáng yú)

Seasonality:

Rare species

Products presentation:

Whole or fish paste (for making fish ball,

otak-otak)

Usage:

Cooked with asam

Market:

Malaysia, Indonesia (low value), Thailand

& Philippine

Seasonality: February - October

Fam. Chirocentridae Chirocentrus dorab (Forskal)

D 16-18, A 32-36

BL = 42.0 cm

RD 7209006

Wolf-herring, dorab

Products presentation:

Whole, Fish paste or headless or cutlet

<u>Usage:</u>

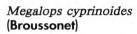
Deep-fried, making of fish ball, otak-otak, fillet for raw eating

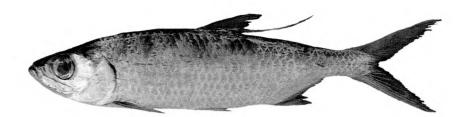
Market:

HongKong, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore & Brunei

Body elongate, compressed, scales small and deciduous. Depth 6-7. No lateral line. Mouth large and oblique with large teeth. Carnivorous. Maxilla reaches front half of eye. Dorsal above anterior part of long anal. Pelvics small. Caudal deeply forked. Blue above. bright silvery below. Very popular and common in market, caught by floating lines (pelontang) trawl and drift nets. Usual size about 45 cm, may attain 150 cm. Trawl, South China Sea, 30-40 m.

Indigenous names: Parang-parang; 西刀 (xī dāo)

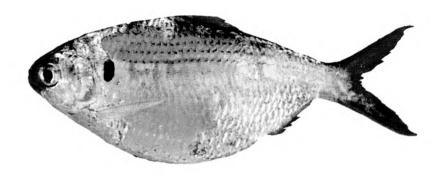




Dussumieria hasseltii Bleeker



Anodontosoma chacunda (Hamilton-Buchanan)



Chirocentrus dorab (Forskal)



Fam. Clupeidae Pellona ditchela Valenciennes

Indigenous names: Beliak mata; 阔目 (kuò mù)

D 13-16, A 36-39

BL = 19.0 cm

RD 7212062 Shad

Indian pellona

**Product presentation:** 

Seasonality:

Rare species

Fish paste, pet food

Usage:

Making of fish ball, otak-otak, animal

Market:

Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia &

Singapore

Fam. Clupeidae

Ilisha elongata (Bennet)

influence. Trawl, off Irrawady area, North Andaman Sea, 38-39 m.

D 18-20, A 38-44

BL = 37.8 cm

Elongate ilisha

Body compressed but elongate. Depth 31/2-4, abdominal scutes present. Pelvic fins

very small, anal fin long, dorsal fin short, originates behind mid-point of body. Lower jaw

very prominent. Usual size 15-20 cm, but attains 40 cm. Common in coastal waters but not

Body very compressed, ventreal profile very convex. Depth 2.5-3. 26-28 abdominal

scutes. Pelvic fins present but small. Lower jaw prominent. Attains 20 cm. Common but

landed in small numbers. Caught by trawl in shallow waters, especially in areas with river

RD 7212063 Seasonality: Slender shad Rare species

> **Products presentation:** Fish paste, pet food

Usage:

Making of fish ball, otak-otak, animal

feed Market:

Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia &

Singapore

abundant. Trawl, off Irrawady area, North Adaman Sea 40-44 m. Indigenous names: Beliak mata; 目力 (mù lì)

Fam. Clupeidae Opisthopterus tardoore (Cuvier)

D 15-17, A 57-60

BL = 19.6 cm

Body very compressed and elongate, with convex ventral profile. Depth 3-3.5. Abdominal scutes present. Pelvic fins absent, anal fin very long, originates well before short dorsal fin. Dorsal fin originates well behind midpoint of body. Lower jaw very prominent, mouth points upwards. Usual size 18-20 cm. Common in coastal waters but not abundant. Trawl, off Sarawak, South China Sea, 32-34 cm.

Indigenous names: Nipis; 剃头刀 (tì tóu dāo); 刀铁 (dāo tiě)

Seasonality:

Rare species

**Products presentation:** Fish paste, pet food

Usage:

Making of fish ball, otak-otak, animal

Market:

Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia &

Singapore

Fam. Engraulidae Stolephorus indicus (Van Hasselt)

D 16, A 18-21

RD 7209017 Indian anchovy

RD 7310051

Tardoore

Long-finned herring

Body elongate, nearly cylindrical, Depth 5-5.5. 4-5 ventral scutes between pectoral and pelvic. Dorsal originates in midpoint of body. Snout prominent, mouth inferior. Pelvics nearer to pectoral than to anal. Conspicuous mid-lateral silvery band. Usual size 14 cm but attains 17 cm. Schools in coastal waters, mainly caught by bamboo stake traps, incidentally in trawl. Marketed fresh, cooked in brine or dried. Trawl, South China Sea, 30-40 m.

Indigenous names: Bilis; 大柴江 (dà chái jiāng)

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, whole dried or dried fillet boneless

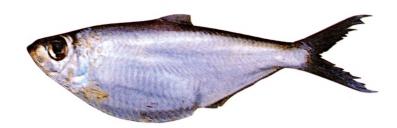
Usage:

Soup, deep-fried with salt or sugar raw eating

Market:

China, Japan, Thailand, Taiwan, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Korea, HongKong

## Pellona ditchela (Valenciennes)



### Ilisha elongata (Bennet)



# Opisthopterus tardoore (Cuvier)



Stolephorus indicus (Van Hasselt)



Fam. Synodontidae Saurida undosquamis (Richardson)

D 11-12; A 10-12; P 14-15

Body very elongate and cylindrical, Depth 6-8, Adipose fin present, Pelvic with 9 rays.

Mouth large, numerous sharp canine teeth. About 7-9 faint dark blotches along lateral line.

Anterior edge of first dorsal and upper caudal lobe with several distinct dark dots. Common in shallow muddy areas. Caught with bottom trawl. Marketed fresh, used in making fish

balls. Usual size 25-30 cm, attains 40 cm. Trawl, South China Sea, 62-74 cm.

BL = 22.0 cm

RD 7209068 Lizardfish

Seasonality: Whole year round

**Product presentation:** 

Whole, headless, or paste

Surimi, fish ball, fish cake, any fish based products

Market:

China, HongKong & Southeast Asia

Indigenous names: Ubi; 来哥 (lái gē)

Fam. Synodontidae Saurida tumbil (Bloch)

D 11-13; A 10-11; P 14-15

BL = 26.5 cm

RD 7206007 Lizardfish

Whole year round

Seasonality:

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, headless, or paste

Surimi, fish ball, fish cake, any fish based products

Market:

China, HongKong & Southeast Asia

Body cylindrical and elongate. Depth 6-8. Adipose fin present. Pelvic with 9 rays. Teeth strong, sharp and pointed. Second dorsal ray longest, filamentous. Upper edge of caudal without dark spots. Common in shallow muddy areas, and in trawl catch. Usually made into fish balls. Usual size 20-30 cm, attains 45 cm. Trawl, South China Sea, 49 m.

Body elongate and cylindrical. Adipose fin present, pelvics with 8 rays, inner ones about

twice length of outer. Head depressed, snout triangular, rather pointed. 8-9 brown blotches

on lateral side of body. Coastal species, not abundant, of little commercial value, usually

included in trash fish of trawl catch. Size around 20-25 cm. Trawl, South China Sea, 63-65 m.

Indigenous names: Ubi; 红来哥 (hóng lái gē)

Fam. Synodontidae Synodus hoshinonis Tanaka

D 12-13: A 8-10: P 12-13

BL = 12.4 cm

Indigenous names: Ubi; 花点来哥 (huā diǎn lái gē)

RD 7209047 Lizardfish

Seasonality: Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, headless, or paste

Usage:

Surimi, fish ball, fish cake, any fish based products

Market:

China, HongKong & Southeast Asia

Fam. Synodontidae Trachinocephalus myops

(Bloch & Schneider)

D 11-13; A 15-16; P 12-13

BL = 17.6 cm.

RD 7206042 Bluntnose lizardfish

Seasonality: Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, headless, or paste

Surimi, fish ball, fish cake, any fish based products

Market:

China, HongKong & Southeast Asia Malaysia

Body elongate, head bluntly rounded, snout shorter than eye diameter, eyes near to tip of snout. Mouth large with small close-set teeth. Pelvics with 8 rays, inner ones more than twice longer than outer. Oblique black blotch on shoulder. Two brown-edged Hue stripes along sides when fresh. Coastal species not abundant, of little commercial value, Size 20-30 cm, attains 40 cm. Trawl, South China Sea, 47-49 m. Indigenous names: Ubi; 黄来哥 (huáng lái gē)

# Saurida undosquamis (Richardson)



### Saurida tumbil (Bloch)



### Synodus hoshinonis Tanaka



Trachinocephalus myops (Bloch & Schneider)



Fam. Ariidae

Arius argyropleuron (Valenciennes)

D17, A 19-20

BL = 29.1 cm

Elongate, depth 4.5-5, head more than 3 times in length, broader than high, headshields present with rough and granulated lines. Snout rounded, slightly prominent. 3 pairs of barbels. Dorsal spine weak. Adipose fin small. Teeth on palate granular. Attains 46 cm. Common in sea around estuaries and rivers. Caught by trawl in the North Andaman Sea, depth 35-38 m.

Indigenous names: Duri; 乌皮成 (wū pí chéng)

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Product presentation:** 

Whole, headless, or fillet

Usage:

Salted fish, soup, fish burger, breaded products

Market:

Saudi Arabia, Middleast, India, Blangadesh, Pakistan, Thailand,

Malaysia, Brunei & Singapore

Fam. Ariidae

Arius thalassinus (Ruppell)

D 17, A 15-18 BL = 34.0 cm

RD 7209028 Giant catfish

RD 7401012

Catfish

Whole year round Products presentation:

Seasonality:

Whole, headless, or fillet

Salted fish, soup, fish burger, breaded products

Market:

Saudi Arabia, Middleast, India, Blangadesh, Pakistan, Thailand, Malaysia, Brunei & Singapore

Indigenous names: Jahan, Goh, Duri; 占茨成 (zhān cí chéng); 白成 (bái chéng)

Body elongate, head strongly depressed, with projecting upper jaw. Depth 5.5-6, head about 3.5 times in length. One pair of stiff, bony maxillary barbels, extending to the base of

the pectorals. Base of adipose fin about equal to that of dorsal. Teeth on palate conical, in two longitudinal, semi-oval patches. Coastal waters and trawling grounds, around estuaries

and tidal rivers. Attains 35 cm. Common in the trawl catch from the North Andaman Sea,

Elongate depth 4.5-5. Head 4 to more than 4 times in length, much broader than high.

Snout obtuse when young, when adult, pointed and projecting much beyond the lower jaw. However specimens caught show that this character does not necessarily vary with size, and

that there may be two closely related species involved. 3 pairs of barbels, maxillary barbels

reaching to base of pectoral. Adipose fin small, its base shorter than high, equal to half

length of dorsal. Teeth on palate villiform, in three groups on each side, forming a large

triangular patch. Most common catfish in the trawl catch from coastal waters. Attains 100

Fam. Ariidae

Osteogeneiosus militaris (Linnaeus)

DI7, A 19-21, PI9-10

BL = 32.7 cm

cm. Trawl, bottom-long-line, South China Sea, 47-70 cm.

RD 7401014 Soldier catfish

Products presentation:

Whole year round

Whole, headless, or fillet

Usage:

Seasonality:

Salted fish, soup, fish burger, breaded products

Market:

Saudi Arabia, Middleast, India, Blangadesh, Pakistan, Thailand, Malaysia, Brunei & Singapore

depth 35-38 m.

Indigenous names: Duri monchong; 黄枝成 (huáng zhī chéng)

Fam. Plotosidae Plotosus anguillaris (Bloch)

D 1 I4-5, D 2 80-100, A 70-77

TL = 14.2 cm

RD 7210042 Striped catfish eel

Whole, headless, or live fish

<u>Usage:</u>

Soup, fried with chilli

**Products presentation:** 

Market:

Southeast Asia

Seasonality:

Whole year round

Body elongate, tail tapering and pointed, head depressed. Depth 7-9. Upper lip prominent, 4 pairs of barbels. First dorsal short, with well developed spine. Second dorsal and anal confluent with caudal. Common in coastal waters, around estuaries and rivers. Dorsal and pectoral spines with poison glands. Young with 2-3 longitudinal white stripes. Usual size 17-23 cm. Trawl, South China Sea, 62-64 m.

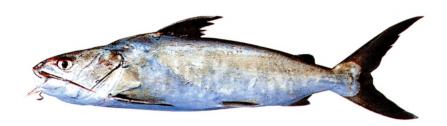
Indigenous names: Usat; 沙麻 (shā má)

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# Arius argyropleuron (Valenciennes)



# Arius thalassinus (Ruppell)



# Osteogeneiosus militaris (Linnaeus)



Plotosus anquillaris (Bloch)



Fam. Muraenesocidae Congresox talabonoides (Bleeker)

TL = 96.2

Trawl, botton-long-line, South China Sea, 74-92 m.

RD 7209085 Pike-conger eel

Whole year round

**Seasonality:** 

**Product presentation:** 

Whole, headless, or fillet & paste

Usage:

Soup, surimi, BBQ with seasoning, salted

seasoned cutlet

Market:

Japan, China, Korea, HongKong, Thailand, Mynmar, Vietnam, Malaysia &

Singapore

Seasonality:

Indigenous names: Malong; 麻鱼 (má yú)

Fam. Sphyraenidae Sphyraena langsar Bleeker

D<sub>1</sub> V D<sub>2</sub> I, 8-9; A II, 8-9

BL = 20.0 cm

RD 7209034 Barracuda

April to September

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, headless, or butterfly cut

Usage:

Surimi, tempura, fish ball & fish based products

Market:

Japan, HongKong, Malaysia, Singapore

Body much elongate, somewhat compressed, snout large and pointed. Mouth large, strong teeth in both jaws. Depth 6.5-7, Head about 3 times in length of body. Angle of preoperculum rectangular, Lateral lines scales 82-87. Eye about 5 times in head, Caught with trawls, trolling lines and set nets. Attains 30 cm. Trawl, South China Sea, 62-64 m. Indigenous names: Kachang-kachang; 幼鳞沙君 (yòu lín shā jūn)

Body cylindrical, eel-shaped without scales. Outer teeth in lower jaw sharp and pointed,

directed horizontally outwards. Vomerine teeth large and conical. Dorsal and anal fins confluent with caudal. Pectorals well developed about 4 times in length of head. Caught by

longlines, sometimes occuring in trawl catch. Used mainly for fish balls but swim-bladder is

considered a delicacy amongst Chinese. Usual size 150 cm, attains 200 cm in total length.

Fam. Sphyraenidae Sphyraena jello (Cuvier)

D<sub>1</sub> V, D<sub>2</sub>I, 8-9; A II 8

BL=98.0 cm

RD 7209024 Barracuda Banded barracuda

Whole year round Products presentation:

Seasonality:

Whole, fillet or cutlet

Usage:

Soup, fish & chips

Market:

Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia, India Indonesia & Singapore

Body elongate, slightly compressed, Depth 6.5-9, head about 3-3.5 times in length of body. Snout pointed with lower jaw projecting beyong the upper. Angle of preoperculum rounded. Lateral line scales 120-135. All fins except pelvic black. Very common in coastal waters, caught with trawl, trolling lines and set nets. Sometimes appear in large schools near the surface. Reputed to be dangerous, attacking swimmers in coastal waters. Usual size 50-100 cm, attains 150 cm. Trawl, South China Sea, North Andaman Sea, 62-64 m, 40-44m respectively.

Indigenous names: Alu-alu; 粗鳞沙君 (cū lín shā jūn)

D1 V, D21,9; A II-III, 8-9

RD 7212051 Obtuse barracuda

April to August

Seasonality:

Products presentation:

Whole, headless & butterfly cut

Surimi, tempura, fish ball, fish based products

Market:

Japan, Taiwan, HongKong, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia & Singapore

Fam. Sphyraenidae Sphyraena obtusata Cuvier

BL = 21.5 cm

Body elongate, slightly compressed. Depth about 6; head 2.8-3.4 times in length. Angle of preoperculum rectangular, lateral line with 80-90 scales. Eye about 4.5 times in head. Lower jaw projecting beyond upper, with a slight fleshy knob at end. Caught in shallow waters by trawl, drift nets. Usual size 20-30 cm, attains 40 cm. Trawl, Andaman Sea 40-48 m. Indigenous names: Kachang-kachang; 沙君仔 ( shā jūn zǎi)

# Congresox talabonoides (Bleeker)



Sphyraena langsar Bleeker



Sphyraena jello (Cuvier)



Sphyraena obtusata Cuvier



Fam. Polynemidae Polynemus sextarius Bloch

 $D_1 \ VIII, \ D_2I, \ 12\text{-}14; \ A \ II\text{-}III, \ 12\text{-}13$ 

Body oblong, compressed. Depth 3-3.2 Snout prominent, projecting well beyond the

mouth. Mouth moderately large, upper lip feebly developed, lower lip well developed. Eyes

large 3.0-3.8 in head, covered by adipose tissue. Pectorals moderate, upper rays divided,

with six free filamentous rays. A large black blotch at beginning of lateral line. Very common

but small fish of coastal waters and estuaries. Caught by trawl. Usual size 13-20 cm, maximum

BL = 14.6 cm

RD 7212043
Blackspot threadfin

Rare species

**Product presentation:** 

Whole

Usage:

Steamed fish

Seasonality:

Market:

HongKong

30 cm. North Adaman Sea, 38-39 m. Indigenous names: Senangin; 午荀 (wǔ xún)

Fam. Polynemidae Polynemus indicus Shaw

D<sub>1</sub> VIII,D<sub>2</sub>I, 13-14; AII-III 11-12

BL = 51.0 cm

RD 7509001 Threadfin

Whole year round

Seasonality:

Products presentation:

Whole, headless, fillet, maw, head & tail

<u>Usage:</u>

Fish & chips, curry fish head, steamed tail, maw for soup

Market:

HongKong, Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore

Body elongate, slightly compressed. Depth 3.3 Snout prominent. Upper lip absent, lower lip well developed. Eyes very small, 7 times in head, with adipose tissue. Pectorals moderate most of upper rays divided, with 5 free pectoral filaments, longest reaching to anal fin origin. Large specimens body colour purple/black, with faint dark longitudinal stripes on body and tail, all fins yellowish. Common especially on west coast of West Malaysia and North Adaman Sea, in shallow muddy and sandy bottoms not more than 60 m deep. Caught by bottom drift nets, traps and trawls. Size 70-80 cm, maximum 140 cm. Trawl, North Andaman Sea, 34-40 m.

Body slightly compressed, tapering. Depth 3.54. Head longer than body depth Moouth

large, oblique. With adipose eyelid. Jaws with fine pointed teeth, palate without teeth. 30-

46 long gill rakers on first gill arch. 2nd dorsal and anal fins followed by 5 finlets. Caudal

deeply forked. Very common and abundant fish, caught mainly by purse-seines and bamboo stake traps (kelongs), incidentally by trawl. Marketed fresh or cooked in brine. popular food

Indigenous names: Kurau, Senangin; 顺风午 (shùn fēng wǔ); 钓午 (diào wǔ)

Fam. Scombridae Rastrelliger kanagurta (Cuvier)

D<sub>1</sub>VIII-XI, D<sub>2</sub>11-12; A11-12

BL = 17.8

RD 7209010 Indian mackerel

March to September

Seasonality:

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, or gilled & gutted

Usage:

Cooked, steamed, deep-fried, curry &

Market:

Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Saudi & Middle East countries & Brunei

Indigenous names: Kembong; 甘望 (gān wàng)

fish. Trawl, South China Sea, 30-40 m.

Fam. Scombridae Rastrelliger brachysoma (Bleeker)

D1 VIII-XI, D2 10-13; A 9-12

BL = 203 cm

RD 7212035 Short-hodied mackers

Short-bodied mackerel March to September

Products presentation:

Whole, or gilled & gutted

**Usage:** 

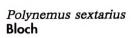
**Seasonality:** 

Cooked, steamed, deep-fried & asam

Market:

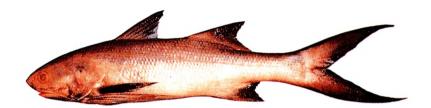
Middle East countries, Thailand, Malaysia, Brunei & Singapore

Body slightly compressed. Depth 2.8-3.5. Head equal to or less than body depth. Mouth large, oblique. Adipose well developed. Jaws with fine teeth, no teeth on palate. Gill rakers long, 30-48 on first gill arch. 5 finlets each behind 2nd dorsal and anal fins. Caudal deeply forked. Common fish, caught by purse-seines and kelongs, incidentally by trawls. Marketed fresh or cooked in brine. Usual size 15-20 cm. Trawl, North Andaman Sea, 38-39 m. Indigenous names: Kembong; 巴林 (bā zhū); 巴都 (bā dōu)





Polynemus indicus **Shaw** 



Rastrelliger kanagurta (Cuvier)



Rastrelliger brachysoma (Bleeker)



Fam. Scombridge Scomberomorus guttatus (Bloch & Schneider)

D<sub>1</sub>XV-XVI, D<sub>2</sub>IV, 14-16; A 14-18

Body elongate, compressed. Head pointed nearly equal to depth. Depth 4-4.5. Dorsal and anal with 8-9 finlets. Upper jaw reaching to almost below hind margin of eye. Lateral

line almost straight. 3 rows of dark spots along sides of body. Very common pelagic coastal

fish, in good demand. Caught with drift nets, trawls, bamboo stake traps (kelongs). Usual

BL = 28.0 cm

RD 7209007 Spotted spanish mackerel Indo-Pacific spanish mackeral

February to October **Product presentation:** 

Whole, headless, or fillet

Usage:

Seasonality:

Deep-fried, fish ball, fish paste for "Yong tau foo" & otak-otak

Market:

HongKong, China, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore & Taiwan

size 35-55 cm. Trawl, South China Sea, 30-40 m. Indigenous names: Tenggiri papan; 马鲛 (mǎ jiāo)

Fam. Scombridae Scomberomorus commerson (Lacepede)

D<sub>1</sub> XV-XVII, D<sub>2</sub> 14-17; A 14-17

BL = 62.5 cm

RD 7301002 Barred spanish mackerel

February to October

Seasonality:

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, headless, fillet, or cutlet

Deep-fried, fish paste for otak otak, & curry

Market:

China, HongKong, Taiwan, USA, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore

Body elongate, moderately compressed. Depth 4.5-6. Dorsal and anal with 8-10 finlets. Upper jaw reaching to posterior margin of eye. Lateral line wavy with abrupt bent below anterior dorsal finlets. Sides with numerous wavy vertical bands extending low to ventral. Very common locally often caught in great numbers. Very popular food fish. Usual size 60-90 cm, attains 235 cm. Caught with drift nets, trawls, bamboo stake traps (kelongs). Trawl, South China Sea, North Andaman Sea (34-38 m).

Indigenous names: Tenggiri batang; 峇冬 (bā dōng)

Fam. Trichiuridae Trichiurus lepturus Linnaeus

D 127-133; A75-80

TL = 78.5 cm

RD 7210007 Hairtail, Ribbonfish Body very elongate and strongly compressed, ribbon like, tapering to a hair-like tail.

Seasonality: Whole year round **Products presentation:** 

Whole or cutlet

Usage:

Surimi, deep-fried

Market:

China, Hongkong, Taiwan, Japan, Korea

Depth 14-15.5, mouth large, teeth fang-like. Pelvic and caudal fins absent. Lateral line descends in pectoral region and continues to tail along lower part of sides. Coastal waters and trawling grounds. Common and popular food fish. Usual size 70-90 cm, attains 110 cm. Trawl, off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea, 55-64 m.

Indigenous names: Timah, Selayur, Langai; 黄鳍白带 (huáng gí bái dài)

Fam. Trichiuridae Tentoriceps cristatus (Klunzinger)

DV, 126-144; A I 82-91

RD 7210006 Crested hairtail

Body ribbon-like, elongated. Depth 17-24. Upper profile of head convex, a steep continous curve from the tip of the snout to the origin of dorsal, crania] crest present. Pectoral fins short does not reach lateral line when stretched upwards. Pelvic fins rudimentary. Common in trawl catch but not in market as it has little commercial value. Usual size 35-60 cm. Trawl, off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea, 64-67 m.

Indigenous names: 白带仔(bái dài zǎi)

**Seasonality:** 

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole

Usage:

Surimi

Market:

China, Korea, Japan

# Scomberomourus guttatus (Bloch & Schneider)



# Scomberomorus commerson (Lacepede)



#### Trichiurus lepturus Linnaeus



Tentoriceps cristatus (Klunzinger)



Fam. Carangidae Decapterus russelli (Ruppell)

D<sub>1</sub>VIII, D<sub>2</sub>I 30-31; A II, I 24-27

Body elongate, subcylindrical, more or less compressed. Depth 4.5-5.5. Curved part

of lateral line longer than straight part, which has 40-45 scutes. Dorsal and anal fins end

in a finlet each. Pelagic, coastal, common throughout the year but occuring in abundance

during certain seasons. Caught by lift net in East Coast of West Malaysia, also with trawl.

Popular food fish. Usual size 15-30 cm, attains 45 cm. Trawl, off Pulau Tioman, South

BL = 18.2 cm

RD 7209044 Round scad

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Product presentation:** 

Whole or headless

<u>Usage:</u>

Canning, fish bait

Market:

Thailand, China, Philippine, Middle East

Countries

Indigenous names: Selayang; 吊景 (diào jǐng)

China Sea, 63-65 m.

Fam. Carangidae Decapterus macrosoma Bleeker

 $D_1I_1VIII_2I_1$ , 31-34; A II, I 27-30

BL = 17.8 cm

RD 7209045

Round scad

Whole year round **Products presentation:** 

Seasonality:

AND I II

Whole or headless

<u>Usage:</u>

Canning, fish bait

Market:

China, Thailand, Philippine & Middle East

Elongate somewhat compressed. Depth nearly 6. Anterior part of lateral line slightly arched, longer than straight part which has 28-30 scutes. Dorsal and anal fins with a finlet each. Pectoral fins short, ending below the end of first dorsal. Usual size 15-25 cm, attains 30 cm. Trawl, off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea, 63-65 m.

Indigenous names: Selayang; 吊景 (diào jǐng)

Fam. Carangidae Megalaspis cordyla (Linnaeus)

 $D_1I_1VIII_1D_2I_1$ , 10-11; A II, I, 8-10

BL = 24.0 cm

RD 7212033

RD 7209042

Big eye scad

Torpedo, Hard-tail

Whole year round **Products presentation:** 

Whole

Seasonality:

<u>Usage:</u>

Salted fish, BBQ

Market:

Thailand, Malaysia, Middle East Countries

Body torpedo-shaped, compressed. Depth 4-4.5, about equal to length of head. Anterior curved part of lateral line short, terminating below the spinous dorsal, the straight portion with 53-58 scutes, the posterior ones with a strong spine. Dorsal with 7-9 finlets, anal with 6-8 finlets. Pectorals sickle-shaped, longer than head. Caudal peduncle hard and strong. One of most common fishes in the market, caught in great numbers along the coasts of West Malaysia, mainly by drift nets, lift nets and purse seines. Popular food fish. Usual size 25-30 cm. Attains 50 cm. Trawl, North Andaman Sea, 38-39 m.

Indigenous names: Chencharu; 硬尾 (yìng wěi)

Fam. Carangidae Selar crumenophthalmus (Bloch)

D<sub>1</sub>I, VIII,D<sub>2</sub>I, 23-26; A II, I 20-23

BL = 20.0 cm

Body oblong, moderately compressed. Depth 3.3-3.8. Curved part of lateral line equal to straight part, which has 32-38 scutes, scutes rather low. Lower margin of gill opening with a deep furrow. Eyes large, 3 times in head length. Common food fish, caught by trawls and traps. Common size 20 cm, attains 30 cm. Trawl, off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea, 63-65 m. Indigenous names: Selar puchat, Pelata, Selar papan; 金神 (jīn shén); 大目龙 (dà mù lóng)

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

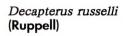
Whole, gutted, or butterfly cut

Usage:

Cooked, deep-fried

Market:

Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore & Middle East countries





Decapterus macrosoma Bleeker



Megalaspis cordyla (Linnaeus)



Selar crumenophthalmus (Bloch)



Fam. **Carangidae** Alepes (= Selar) kalla (Cuvier)

D11,VIII,D2I 23-34; A II, 18-20

Body oval, tapering posteriorly, ventral profile more convex than dorsal. Eyes large 3-4

times in head. Anterior portion of eye not covered by adipose tissue. No furrow on lower

part of gill opening. Anterior part of lateral line moderately curved, straight part twice longer

than curved part. Breast scaly, pectoral sickle-shaped, much longer than head. Coastal waters,

caught occassional with trawl and bamboo stake traps (kelongs). Size around 20 cm. Trawl,

BL = 12.2 cm

RD 7209012 Scad, crevalle

Seasonality: Rare species

Product presentation:

Whole

<u>Usage:</u>

Deep fried, salted fish

Market:

Thailand, Malaysia & Middle East

Countries

Indigenous names: Pelata; 臭青仔 (chòu qīng zǎi)

South China Sea, 30-40 m.

Fam. Carangidae Alepes (=Selar malam) melanoptera Swainson

D<sub>1</sub>I,VIII,D<sub>2</sub>I 23-34; AII, I 20-21

BL = 19.2 cm

RD 7209008 Blackfin crevalle, scad

Whole year round

Products presentation:

Whole, gutted

Seasonality:

<u>Usage:</u>

Fried or asam

<u>Market:</u>

Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore

Body oblong, compressed, ventral and dorsal profile equally convex. Depth 2.8-3. Eye 4-4.5 times in head. Anterior portion of eye not covered by adipose tissue. No furrow in lower part of gill opening. Lateral line strongly arched anteriorly, about half of the length of straight posterior part which has 48-56 scutes. Breast fully scaled, spinous dorsal black. Common but not abundant, caught with bamboo stake traps and trawls. Coastal waters, common size around 20 cm, maximum 30 cm. Trawl, South China Sea, 30-40 cm. Indigenous names: Betong, Songsong arus, Selar papan; 文中仔 (wén zhōng zǎi)

Fam. Carangidae Atule (=Selar) mate (Cuvier)

D11, VIII, I-22-24; A II, I 19-21

BL = 19.0 cm

RD 7209043 One-finlet scad

RD 7209013

Yellow-banded scad

Whole year round

Products presentation:

Whole, gutted

Seasonality:

<u>Usage:</u>

Fried

Market:

Thailand, China, Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore, Middle East

Body oblong compressed, dorsal and ventral profile equally convex. Depth 3-3.5. Eye 3.5-4 in head. Adipose tissue covers all but central slit of eye. Lateral line anteriorly weakly arched, slightly shorter than posterior straight part, which has 40-45 scutes. Breast totally scaled. Last dorsal and anal ray longest and finlet like. Very common fish in coastal waters and trawling grounds. Usual size 15-17 cm, attains 25 cm. Trawl, off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea, 63-65 m.

Indigenous names: Selar gelek; 勿勝色腊 (wù láo sè là)

Fam. Carangidae Selaroides leptolepis Valenciennes

D11,VIII,D2I, 24-25; A II, I, 20-21

BL = 12.9 cm

Body oblong compressed, depth 3.2-3.5 Eyes large 3.2-3.5 in head. Lateral line scarcely arched, straight portion one-third of lateral line, with 25-34 weak scutes. Breast with small, but conspicuous scales. No teeth in upper jaw. Characteristic golden lateral band on sides. One of most abundant and popular small-sized fish. Caught in the east coast of West Malaysia by lift nets and seines in large quantities. Marketed fresh or dried. Excellent food fish and as bad for larger fishes. Usual size 15 cm, maximum 20 cm. Trawl, South China Sea, 30-40 cm. Indigenous names: Selar kuning; 君冷 (jūn lěng)

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, Butterfly cut

Usage:

Tempura, Nasi Lemak, Fried Satay Fish

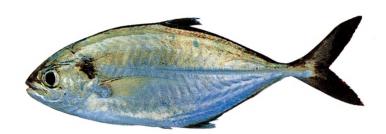
Market:

Japan, Malaysia, Korea, Singapore, Korea

Alepes (= Selar) kalla (Cuvier)



Alepes (=Selar malam) melanoptera Swainson



Atule (=Selar) mate (Cuvier)



Selaroides leptolepis Valenciennes



Fam. Carangidae Alectis indicus (Ruppell) D<sub>1</sub>,VI,D<sub>2</sub>I,19;A II, I, 16

BL = 7.6 cm (juvenile)

RD 7209016 Threadfin trevally

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Product presentation:** 

Whole, fillet, steak

Usage:

Steamed, fried, soup, curry

Market:

Asian countries

Body deep and very compressed. Head profile almost vertical with a marked hump above eyes. In young the body is as deep as long and pentagonal in shape with the anterior dorsal and anal rays produced into threadlike above the upper jaw. Scales on body minute, embedded and inconspicuous. Lateral line curved anteriorly becoming straight below 10th dorsal ray, 5-12 weak scutes on caudal peduncle. Good food fish, seasonally common in markets but not abundant. Caught with gill nets and trawls Usual sice 30 cm, maximum 100 cm. Trawl, South China Sea, 30-40 m.

Indigenous names: Chermin; 照明仔 (zhào míng zǎi); 正镜鱼 (zhèng jìng yú)

Fam. Carangidae Aletis ciliaris (Bloch)

D<sub>1</sub>VI,D<sub>2</sub>I 19-22; A II, I, 15-17

BL = 10.2 cm (juvenile)

RD 7210059

Threadfin trevally

Whole year round Products presentation:

Seasonality:

Whole, fillet, steak

Usage:

Steamed, fried, soup, curry

Market:

Asian countries

Body deep and compressed. Head profile more convex than angular. In young, body is an deep as long and diamond-shaped with anterior dorsal and anal rays produced into thread-like filaments. Body becomes more elongated when adult and loses the ray filaments. Eye close to upper jaw, one eye diameter away. As in Alectis indicus it is a good food fish, although not so abundant. Trawl, off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea, 66-77 m. Indigenous names: Chermin; 照明仔(zhào míng zǎi)

Fam. Carangidae Atropus atropus (Bloch)

D<sub>1</sub>I, VIII, D<sub>2</sub>21-222; A II, I, 17-18

BL = 12.3 cm

RD 7206054 Kuweh trevally

Whole year round

Products presentation:

Whole, fillet, steak

Seasonality:

Usage:

Steamed, fried, soup, curry

Market:

Asian countries

Body deep, oval-sharped, strongly compressed. Depth 2-2.5. Eye about 3 times in head without adipose tissue. Pectorals sickle-shaped, longer than head. Breast without scales. Pelvic fin long and black, fits into an abdominal groove. Lateral line arched anteriorly, 30-35 weak scutes on posterior part. Coastal waters, caought with trawls and traps. Usual size 20 cm, maxumum 30 cm. Trawl, off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea 47-48 m.

Indigenous names: Rambai; 白鱼 (bái yú); 水晶 (shuǐ jīng)

Fam. Carangidae Uraspis carangoides Bleeker

D<sub>1</sub>I,VIII,D<sub>2</sub>I 28; A II, I, 21

BL = 13.3 cm

RD 7210058 White tongue crevalle

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole

Usage:

Fried, curry

Seasonality:

Market:

Asian countries

Body oblong, compressed. Depth about 2.5, scales minute, breast without scales. Characterised by the distinctive colour pattern of close set dusky black bands and black fins. Tongue milky white, sharply contrasting with the surrounding black membrane. Caught by trawls, not common. Trawl off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea, 66-70 m.

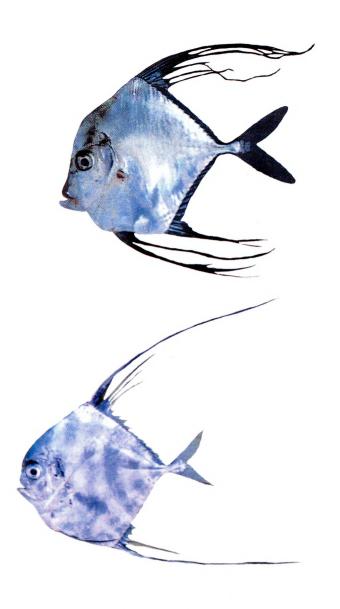
Indigenous names: 针姑 (zhēn gū); 乌水晶 (wū shuǐ jīng)

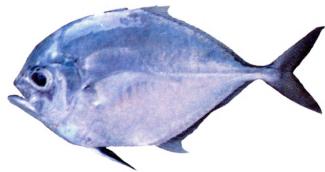
Alectis indicus (Ruppell)

Aletis ciliaris (Bloch)

Atropus atropus (Bloch)

Uraspis carangoides Bleeker







Fam. Carangidae Carangoides malabaricus (Bloch & Schneider)

D<sub>1</sub>I, VIII, D<sub>2</sub>I, 21-22; A II, I, 18-19

BL = 18.4 cm

RD 72060370 Malabar cavalla, Malabar trevally

Seasonality: Whole year round **Product presentation:** 

Whole, steak

Usage:

Steamed, fried, soup, curry

Market:

Asian countries

Body oblong much compressed, head profile steep. Depth 2-2.3. Eye 2.5-4 times in head. Breast naked from above base of pectoral fin to anus. Pectoral fins sickle-shaped, longer than head. Curved part of lateral line longer than straight part. 10-28 feeble scutes on caudal peduncle. Common in coastal waters, caught by trawl. Usual size 25-30 cm, attains 60 cm. Trawl, South China Sea and North Andaman Sea, 47-49 m, and 50-55 m respectively. Indigenous names: Rambai, chupak; 水真 (shuǐ zhēn)

Fam. Carangidae Carangoides armatus (Forskal)

D<sub>1</sub>I, VIII,D<sub>2</sub>I, 20-22; A II, I, 16-18

BL = 18.4 cm

RD 7212004 Long-finned trevally

Seasonality: Whole year round Products presentation:

Whole, steak

Usage:

Steamed, fried, soup, curry

Market:

Asian countries

Body ovate, strongly compressed. Snout profile steep. Depth 2-2.5. Bands of villiform teeth in jaws. Anterior rays of second dorsal and anal much prolonged. Some of middle rays prolonged into free filalments. Breast naked anterior to line from pectoral base to behind pelvics. Coastal waters. Not abundant. Trawl, Andaman Sea, 46-48 m.

Indigenous names: Rambai, chupak; 白水真 (bái shuǐ zhēn)

Fam. Carangidae Carangoides chrysophrys Valenciennes

D<sub>1</sub>I,VIII,D<sub>2</sub>I, 18-21; A II, I, 15-17

BL = 47.0 cm

RD 7209075 Longnose cavalla, Longnose trevally

**Seasonality:** Whole year round **Products presentation:** 

Whole, headed-gutted, fillet, steak

Usage:

Fried, soup, curry

Market:

Asian countries

Body compressed oval, dorsal profile more convex than ventral. Depth 2-2.5. Eye 4.5-5 times in head. Teeth in jaws in villiform bands. Breast naked from base of pectoral to pelvic. Anterior part of lateral line with low curve, longer than straight part. 17-26 feeble scutes. Pectoral sickle-shape, much longer than head. Opercle wiht diffuse black spot. When caught, edges of head and body turns black. Coastal to deep waters, caught by trawl, longline, gill nets, Usual size 30 cm, maximum 60 cm. Botton long-line, off Sarawak, South China Sea, 68-70 m, vertal handline, Adaman Sea and South China Sea.

Indigenous names: Sagai; 乌脚靴 (wū jiǎo xuē); 白肉青针 (bái ròu qīng zhēn)

Fam. Carangidae Carangoides gymnostethoides Bleeker

D<sub>1</sub>I, VII-VIII,D<sub>2</sub>I, 28-31; A II, I, 24-26

BL = 61.0 cm

RD 7206070 Bludger trevally

Whole year round

Products presentation:

Whole, steak

Seasonality:

Usage:

Steamed, fried, soup, curry

Market:

Asian countries

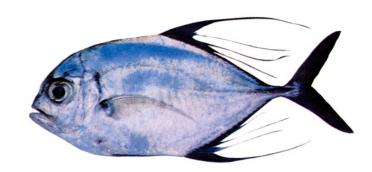
Body elongate, compressed. Depth 3-4. Bands of villiform teeth in jaws. Head naked except for fine scales on cheeks and temporal region. Breast naked to line joining bases of pectorals and pelvics. Anterior part of lateral line slightly curved, a little longer than straight part, 20-25 small and low scutes. Coastal to deep waters, caught by trawls, longlines, gill nets. Usual size 30 cm, maximum 60 cm. Common. Trawl, bottom long-line, South China Sea,47-52 m.

Indigenous names: 青针 (qīng zhēn)

Carangoides malabaricus (Bloch & Schneider)



Carangoides armatus (Forskal)



# Carangoides chrysophrys Valenciennes



Carangoides gymnostethoides Bleeker



Fam. Carangidae Scomberoides (=Chorinemus) tol Cuvier

D<sub>1</sub>I, VII, D<sub>2</sub>I, 19-21; A II, I, 18-20

BL = 18.4 cm

Queenfish Slender leatherskin

RD 7210075

**Product presentation:** 

Whole year round

Whole

Seasonality:

Usage:

Salted fish

Market:

Asian countries

Body elongate, compressed. Depth 4.5. Head with a concave frontal profile, longer than high. Upper jaw extends at most to below hind border of eye. Scales needle-like, giving the skin a leather-like appearance, lateral line indistinct, almost straight. No scutes. Pectorals short, lower gill rakers 17 to 20. Tip of secong dorsal with black spot. 5-8 oval vertically oblong dusky blotches on sides. Coastal waters, caught by trawl and gill nets. Not eaten by local chinese for religous reasons. Trawl, off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea, 64-67 m.

Indigenous names: Talang; 亚参鱼 (yà cān yú); 乌参 (wū cān); 皮刀 (pí dāo)

Fam. Carangidae Scomberoides (=Chorinemus) commersonianus

Lacepede

D<sub>1</sub>I, VII,D<sub>2</sub>I, 19-20; A II, I, 18

BL = 45.5 cm

RD 7212030 Talang queenfish Spotted leatherskin

Whole year round **Products presentation:** Whole

Usage:

Dried salted fish

Seasonality:

Market:

Asian countries

Body elongate, compressed. Depth about 3. Upper jaw extends well beyond eye. Scales small, lanceolate. Lateral line wavy anteriorly. No scutes present. Pectorals short, lower gill rakers 7 to 12. Tip of second dorsal without black spot. 6-8 dark round spots above and along lateral line. (Differs from Scomberoides lyson which has 15-20 lower gill rakers, double row of black spots on sides of body, upper jaw extends only to hind margin of eye and tip of second dorsal pigmented). Coastal waters, caught by gill nets and trawls. Marketed fresh or dried. Usual size 30-35 cm. Maximum 100 cm. Trawl, North Andaman Sea, 50-55 m. Indigenous names: Talang; 三保公鱼 (sān bǎo gōng yú); 白参 (bái cān)

Fam. Carangidae Seriolina (=Zonichthys) nigrofasciata (Ruppell)

D<sub>1</sub>I,V-VII,D<sub>2</sub>I,31-35; A II, I, 15-17

BL = 22.0 cm

RD 7206072 Black-banded trevally, Kingfish

Seasonality: Whole year round Products presentation:

Whole, steak Usage: Fried, curry

Market:

Asian countries

Body oblong, somewhat compressed, rounded abdomen. Depth 3-4. Head profile rounded in young, less obtuse in adults. Broad bands of villiform teeth in jaws. Gill rakers rudimentary, 5 knobs on lower gill arch. Lateral line slightly arched anteriorly, without scutes. Scales minute, rudimentary. 5-7 dusky oblique bands on body and head, disappearing with age. Coastal and open seas, caughy with trawl and longlines. Fairly common, usual size 20-30 cm, maximum 60 cm, Trawl, South China Sea, cm, maximum 60 cm.

Indigenous names: Aji-aji; 香鱼 (xiāng yú)

Fam. Carangidae Elagatis bipinnulatus (Quoy & Gaimard) D<sub>1</sub>VI,D<sub>2</sub>I, 24-27; A II, I, 15-17

BL = 48.6 cm

RD 7304003 Rainbow runner

Seasonality: Whole year round

Products presentation:

Whole

Usage:

Not commonly used

Market:

Limited

Body long and slender, subcylindrical, abdomen rounded. Depth 3-5. Head long and pointed, mouth small, upper jaw not reaching to reaching to below eye. Jaws with small villiform teeth. Gill rakers 25-26. Lateral line slightly curved anteriorly, no scutes present. One 2-rayed finlet behind dorsal and anal fins. Pectorals short. Characteristic 2 narrow blue bands on sides with a broad yellow band between. Large pelagic fishes, prefering open tropical oceans, especially around coral and rocky reefs. Mostly caughy by handlines. Occasionally seen amongst longline catch in market. Not in demand, probably unfamiliar to consumers. Common size 50-60 cm, maximum 90 cm. Vertical handline, Vanguard Bank area, South China Sea, 96-108 m. Indigenous names: Pisang-pisang; 虫素 (chóng sù); 金丝 (jīn sī)

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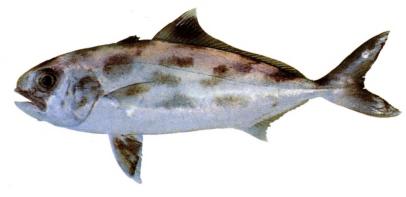
Scomberoides (=Chorinemus) to1
Cuvier



Scomberoides (=Chorinemus) commersonianus Lacepede



Seriolina (=Zonichthys) nigrofasciata (Ruppell)



Elagatis bipinnulatus (Quoy & Gaimard)



Fam. Leiognathidae Leiognathus elongatus (Gunther)

D VIII. 15-16' A II 14

BL = 9.3 cm

RD 7509005 Slender ponyfish Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Product presentation:** 

Whole

Usage:

Fish meal and trash fish

Market:

Limited

Indigenous names: Kekek; 青花莲 (qīng huā lián)

Tioman, South China Sea, 49 m.

Fam. Leiognathidae Leiognathus smithursti (Ramsay & Ogilby)

D VIII, 15-16; A III 14

BL = 12.7 cm

RD 7212013

Smithursti's ponyfish

Whole year round

Seasonality:

**Products presentation:** 

Whole

Usage:

Steamed, curry asam

Market:

Asian countries

Seasonality:

Body oval, moderately compressed. Depth 1.8-2. Nuchal spine present. Head naked. Scales minute, none on breast. Mouth protractile, directed downwards. 2nd dorsal and 2nd anal spine greatly elongated. Common in swallow inshore waters, caught with beach seines, and trawl. Large ones of some commercial value as food, smaller specimens included as trash fish. Usual size 8-12 cm, maximum 16 cm. Trawl, off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea, 63-65 m.

Body ovate, deeply compressed. Depth 1.8-2. Nuchal spine present. Head naked, breast

with small scales. Mouth protractile, directed forwards. Head profile slightly concave above

eye. tTis of spinous dorsal and anal with conspicuous orange spot. Pectoral axil with fine

dark dots. Abundant in inshore waters, caught with trawls and beach seine. Included as

trashfish, used as fish meal and duck food. Usual size 5-10 cm, maximum 11 cm, Trawl, off

Body rather elongate, slightly compressed. Depth 2.3-2.5. Head naked, nuchal spine

present. Mouth protractile, directed downwards. 2nd dorsal spine elongated, reaching almost

to caudal. 2nd anal spine slightly elongated. Common in coastal waters and trawling grounds.

Included as trash fish. Usual size 6-10 cm, maximum 12 cm. Trawl, Andaman Sea, 46-48 m.

Body elongate, slender, slightly compressed. Depth 3. A backward directing spine (nuchal

spine) on forehead (characteristich of genus). Head naked, small scales on cheek and breast.

Mouth protractile, directed downwards. No cannie teeth. Abundant in coastal waters. Caught

with trawls, beach seines. Of little commercial value because of its size. Included as trash

fish, used for fish meal and duck food. Usual size 6-10 cm, attains 12 cm. Trawl, off Pulau

Indigenous names: Kekek; 格格 (gé gé)

Fam. Leiognathidae Leiognathus bindus (Valenciennes)

D VIII, 16-17; A III 14

BL = 7.9 cm

RD 7209067

Orangefin ponyfish

Whole year round **Products presentation:** 

Whole

Usage:

Fish meal

Market: Limited

Indigenous names: Kekek; 金钱花 (jīn gián huā)

Fam. Leiognathidae Leiognathus leuciscus (Gunther)

D VIII, 15-16; A III 14

Pulau Tioman, South China Sea (66-67 m) and North Andaman Sea.

BL = 20.0 cm

RD 7212011

Whipfin ponyfish

Whole year round

Products presentation:

Whole

**Seasonality:** 

Usage:

Fish meal

Market:

Limited

**Seasonality:** 

Fam. Leiognathidae Leiognathus equulus (Forskal)

Indigenous names: Kekek; 白花莲 (bái huā lián)

D VIII, 16; A III 14

BL = 15.5 cm

RD 7212012

Whole year round Common ponyfish

**Products presentation:** 

Whole

Us<u>age:</u>

Steamed, curry asam

Market:

**ASEAN** countries

Body ovate, moderately compressed. Depth 1.7-1.8. Head naked, nuchal spine present. Mouth protractile, directed downwards. Common in coastal and brackish waters. Caought by trawls. Largest of the leiognathids. Common food fish. Usual size 12-16 cm, maximum 22 cm. Trawl, Andaman Sea, 46-48 m.

Indigenous names: Kekek; 深水格格 (shēn shuǐ gé gé)

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## Leiognathus elongatus (Gunther)



Leiognathus smithursti (Ramsay & Ogilby)



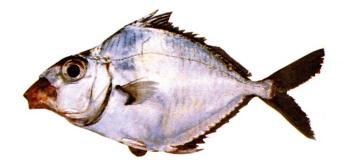
Leiognathus bindus (Valenciennes)



Leiognathus leuciscus (Gunther)



Leiognathus equulus (Forskal)



Fam. Rachycentridae Rachycentron canadus (Linnaeus)

D<sub>1</sub>VII-IX, D<sub>2</sub>III-IV, 30-33; A II-III, 23-25

BL = 66.8 cm

RD 7209077 Black Kingfish, Cobia

Whole year round

Seasonality:

**Product presentation:** 

Whole, steak, fillet

Usage:

Not commonly used

Market:

Limited

Body elongate, subcylindrical, Depth 6-7. Head depressed, broad, Mouth terminal, large, with bands of villiform teeth, spines of 1st dorsal free, depressible into a groove. No finlets, Caudal truncate in young but becomes lunate in adults. Colour brown with two silvery bands on flanks, Pelagic, common off east coast of West Malaysia, also around shallow coral reefs and off rocky shores. Caught mainly with trawls, handlines and traps. Not popular food fish. Botton long-line, off Sarawak, South China Sea, 70 m.

Indigenous names: Aruan tasek; 海鳈 (hǎi lèi)

Fam. Lactaridae Lactarius (Bloch)

D<sub>1</sub>VII-VIII, D<sub>2</sub>I, 20-22; A III, 25-28

BL = 14.7 cm

RD 7212037

Whitefish,

False trevally

Body oblong compressed. Depth 2.5-3. Head compressed, mouth large, strongly oblique, lower jaw with prominent chin. Pectorals pointed, a little shorter than head. Ana] fin base longer 2nd dorsal fin base. Caudal fin forked. Scales large and deciduous. Seasonally

abundant but not very popular food fish. Coastal waters, caught with trawls. Usual size 15-30 cm, attains 40 cm. Trawl, North Andaman Sea, 38-39 m. Indigenous names: Shrumbu, Selemah; 安南鱼 (ān nán yú)

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole Usage:

Not commonly used

Market:

Limited

Fam. Menidae

Mene maculata (Bloch)

D III-IV, 40-43; A,30-33

BL = 13.2 cm

RD 7212066 Moonfish

Whole year round

Seasonality:

**Products presentation:** 

Whole Usage:

Not commonly used

Market: Limited

Trawl, North Andaman Sea, 40-44 m. Indigenous names: Gedabang, Kapak; 阔剃刀 (kuò tì dāo)

Body strongly compressed, nearly triangular. Depth 1.4. Dorsal profile slightly rounded,

Body elongate oval, compressed. Depth 2.3-2.5. Mouth small, oblique, not protractile. Dorsal fin deeply notched, almost separated into two fins. Caudal forked. Caught by trawl,

sometimes in large numbers, usually in deep tropical waters. Of minor commercial importance.

nearly horizontal; ventral profile steep and angular. Scales very minute. Anal rays short

embedded. Pectorals small, caudal forked. Pelvics with 1st ray filamentous. Not common, caught by purse seines. Found around reefs in deep waters, as well as in coastal waters.

Fam. Nomeidae Ariomma (= Psenes) indica (Day)

D<sub>1</sub>X,D<sub>2</sub>I 14-16; A III,13-15

Attains 23 cm. Trawl, off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea, 62-64 m.

BL = 12.0 cm

RD 7209032 Butterfish

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole

Seasonality:

Usage:

Pan fried

Market: Limited

Indigenous names: Memtimah; 肉鱼 (ròu yú)

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## Rachycentron canadus (Linnaeus)



Lactarius lactarius (Bloch)



Mene maculata (Bloch)



Ariomma (= Psenes) indica (Day)



Fam. Stromateidae Psenopsis anomala (Temminck & Schlegel)

D VI, 27-32; A III 25-29

BL = 10.2 cm

RD 7210047

Japanese butterfish

Whole year round

Seasonality:

**Product presentation:** 

Whole

Usage:

Pan fried

Market:

Asian market

Indigenous names: Memtimah; 肉鱼 (ròu yú)

Fam. Formionidae Formio niger (Bloch)

D<sub>1</sub>IV,D<sub>2</sub>I,41-46; All 35-40

BL = 16.5 cm

RD 7509012 Black pomfret

Seasonality:
Whole year round
Products presentation:

Whole, frozen

Usage:

Pan fried

Market:

Asian market

Body fairly deep and compressed. Depth 1.8-2.2. Gill openings extend to underside of head. Dorsal and ana] fins about equal. Pectoral fin long, sickle-shaped. Pelvics well developed in juveniles, absent in adults. Caudal deeply forked. Caudal rwdunde with acutes. Coastal waters. Feeds on crustaceans and small fish. Common and popular. Large specimens about 30 cm. Trawl, off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea, 47-48 m.

Body elongate-oval, compressed. Snout short, anterior bluntly rounded, equal to eye diameter. Body with round deciduous scales. Dorsal fin not notched, 10-12th rays longest.

Caudal forked. Mouth small, Caught by trawls in deep waters, More common in sub-tropical

areas, near South Vietnam, Taiwan, Usual size 15 cm, maximum 30 cm. Trawl, South China

Indigenous names: Bawal hitam; 乌鲳 (wū chāng)

Fam. Stromateidae Pampus argenteus (Euphrasen)

DI, 37-43; A I 35-38

BL = 19.6 cm

RD 7401019 Silver pomfret, White pomfret Seasonality:
Whole year round
Products presentation:
Whole, fillet, frozen

Usage:

Steamed, fish soup, fish porridge

<u>Market:</u>

Asian market

Body oval, strongly compressed. Depth 1.3-1.5. Gill openings restricted to a slit in front of pectoral fin base. 5-7 embedded spines in front of dorsal and anal fins. Anterior part of dorsal and anal fins falcate, posterior part low, consisting of rays of equal length. Caudal fin deeply forked, lower lobe longer. No pelvic fins. Occurs in shoals in coastal waters especially muddy areas, caught mainly-with trawls and traps. Feeds predominantly on larger planktonic invertebrates and small fish. Very common fish in market and always in great demand.

Trawl, off Sarawak, South China Sea and North Andaman Sea, 35-38 m.

Indigenous names: Bawal puteh; 长鳍鲳 (cháng qí chāng); 白鲳 (bái chāng)

Fam. Stromateidae Pampus chinensis (Euphrasen)

D 43-50; A 39-42

 $BL = 24.1 \ cm$ 

RD 7401016 Chinese pomfret, White pomfret

Body very deep and compressed. Depth 1-1.3. Gill opening restricted to a vertical slit in front of pectoral fin base. No embedded spines in front of dorsal and anal fins. Anterior part of dorsal and anal moderately falcate, the posterior part with rays decreasing in length gradually. Caudal fin emarginate or feebly forked. No pelvic fins. Coastal, especially muddy areas, caught with trawls and traps. Feeds on larger planktonic invertebrates, salps and small fish. Very comman and very popular amongst local Chinese, especially as a restaurant dish. Highly esteemed, most expensive fish in the market. Trawl, off Irrawaddy area, North Andaman, 35-36 m.

Indigenous names: Bawal tambak; 斗鲳 (dòu chāng); 斗底 (dòu dǐ)

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, fillet, frozen

Usage:

Steamed, fish soup, fish porridge

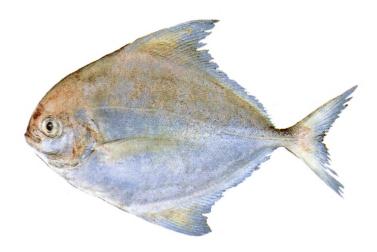
Market:

Asian market

# Psenopsis anomala (Temminck & Schlegel)



### Formio niger (Bloch)



## Pampus argenteus (Euphrasen)



Pampus chinensis (Euphrasen)



Fam. Mullidae

Upeneus (Pennon) bensasi Temminck & Schlegel RD 7209019

Body elongate and slender. Depth 3.8-4.2. One pair of sensory barbels on chin. No

spine on operculum. Teeth in both jaws, vomer and palatines. 4 vertical rows of scales on

space between 1st and 2nd dorsal fins, 10 vertical rows of scales from 2nd dorsal to base of

upper caudal fin. Red stripes on dorsal fins and caudal fin, more on lower lobe of caudal. Anal fin without stripes. Common in trawl catch, but considered as trash fish due to its small

size. Abundant in coastal waters. Usual size 10-15 cm, maximum 24 cm. Trawl, off Pulau

D<sub>1</sub>VIIID<sub>2</sub>I, 8; A I, 6

BL = 9.8 cm

Whole year round Red mullet, Goatfish

**Product presentation:** 

Seasonality:

Whole Usage:

Fish meal and trash fish

Market:

Limited

Tioman, off Sarawak, South China Sea, 30-50 m.

Indigenous names: Biji nangka; 红鱼 (hóng yú)

Fam. Mullidae

Upeneus (Pennon) tragula Richardson

D<sub>1</sub>VIII,D<sub>2</sub>I, 8; A I, 6-7

BL = 15.0 cm

RD 7210003 Red mullet, Goatfish

Whole year round Products presentation:

Whole

Seasonality:

Usage:

Fish meal, little commercial value

Market: Limited

Body elongate and slender. Depth 4-4.2. One pair of yellow sensory barbels on chin. No spine on operculum, Teeth and scales as in Upeneus bensasi, Caudal fin deeply forked. Body colour light brown, with a dark red band from snout to caudal peduncle. Dorsal and caudals fins with reddish stripes. Scales with red spots, forming regular longitudinal lines. Found in trawl catch from coastal waters not exceeding 40 m. Not very abundant, little commercial value, Usual size 15-20 cm, attains 28 cm. Trawl off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea, 55-64 cm.

Body elongate and slender. Depth 3.8-4.2. One pair of sensory barbels on chin. No

spine on operculum. Teeth in both jaws, vomer and palatines. 5 vertical rows of scales

between 1st and 2nd dorsal fins, 12 rows between 2nd dorsal and upper part of caudal peduncle, one bright golden band on sides. Both dorsal fins and upper lobe of caudal with

dusky stripes. Common in reawl catch from coastal waters. Included in trash fish. Usual size

Body elongate, slender. Depth 3.2-3.8. One pair of white barbel on chin. Teeth, scales as in Upeneus Moluccensis. Two narrow yellow bands on sides. Upper lobe of caudal fin dusky

but without stripes. Base of pelvic and ana] fins yellow. Very common and abundant in trawl catch in coastal and deep waters (60 m). Included in trash fish. Usual size 10-15 cm, attains

23 cm. Trawl, off Pulau Tioman, off Sarawak, South China Sea and NorthAdaman Sea.

Indigenous names: Biji nangka; 花点红鱼 (huā diǎn hóng yú); 正红鱼 (zhèng hóng yú)

Fam. Mullidae

Upeneus moluccensis Bleeker

D<sub>1</sub>VIII. D<sub>2</sub>I. 8: A I. 6

BL = 16.0 cm

RD 7209062

Gold-banded Goatfish

Seasonality:

Whole year round **Products presentation:** 

Whole

Usage:

Fish meal, satay fish

Market: Limited

Indigenous names: Biji nangka; 红鱼 (hóng yú)

Fam. Mullidae

Upeneus sulphureus Cuvier

15 cm, maximum 25 cm. Trawl pff Pulau Tioman, South China Sea, 66-67 m.

D<sub>1</sub>VIII,D<sub>2</sub>I, 8; A I, 6

BL = 13.0 cm

RD 7209063 Yellow goatfish Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole

Usage:

Fish meal, satay fish

Market:

No actual market

Fam. Mullidae

Parupeneus heptacanthus Lacepede

D<sub>1</sub>VIII, D<sub>2</sub>I,8-9; A I, 6-7

BL = 17.0 cm

Indigenous names: Biji nangka; 红鱼 (hóng yú)

RD 7209029 Red mullet, Goatfish

Seasonality:

Whole year round

Products presentation:

Whole, frozen

Usage:

Steamed, pan-fried

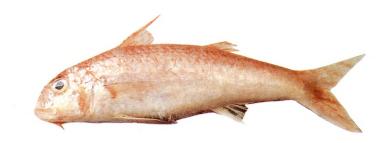
Market:

England, Spain, Italy

Body oblong, compressed. Dorsal profile strongly arched from tip of snout to 1st dorsal. Depth 3.2-3.5. Chin with two barbels. Teeth in both jaws, none on vomer and palatines. 3 vertical rows of scales of scales between the dorsal fins, 9 vertical rows along upper part of caudal peduncle. Red "pleural" spot below 1st dorsal. Common in trawl catch. Usual size about 20 cm, maximum 30 cm. Trawl, off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea, 30-64 m. Indigenous names: Biji nangka; 粗鳞红鱼 (cū lín hóng yú); 木头红鱼 (mù tóu hóng yú);

红鱼 (hóng yú)

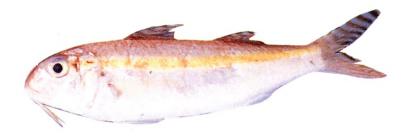




Upeneus (Pennon) tragula Richardson



Upeneus moluccensis Bleeker



Upeneus sulphureus Cuvier



Parupeneus heptacanthus Lacepede



Fam. Lobotidae

Lobotes surinamensis (Bloch) D XI-XII, 15-16; A III 11

BL = 14.2 cm

RD 7212001 Dusky perch Triple-tail

Seasonality: Whole year round **Product presentation:** 

Whole Usage:

Not commonly used

Market: Limited

upper jaw. Villiform teeth in jaws, none on vomer and palatines. Soft dorsal, anal and caudal fins rounded terminally. Pectorals short and rounded. Carnivorous, inhabits brackish and coastal waters, attains 100 cm. Not common locally. Caught with gill nets and handlines.

dorsal profile. Depth about 2. Eyes small, 5-8 times in head. Lower jaw projecting beyond

Body oblong, moderately compressed. Head with a prominent short snout and a concave

South China Sea, 38 m.

Indigenous names: Sepak karang; 乌郭 (wū guō); 打铁泊 (dǎ tiě pō)

Fam. Kyphosidae Kyphosus lembus (Cuvier)

D X-XI, 14, A III 12-13

BL = 13.0 cm

RD 7303006 Drummer

Not seasonal

**Products presentation:** 

Whole Usage:

Seasonality:

Not commonly used

Market: Limited

Body oval and moderately compressed. Depth 2.3-2.5. Soft dorsal base slightly longer than spinous dorsal base. 50-55 scales on lateral line. Body uniform grey, sides with alternating darker and lighter longitudinal bands. Herbivores feeding on algae and seaweeds around reefs. Not often seen in market. Attains 36 cm. Off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea, 60-64

Indigenous names: Beras beras; 旧鸪 (jiù gū); 油甘 (yǒu gān)

Fam. Priacanthidae Priacanthus tayenus Richardson

DX, 12; A III 13

BL = 21.0 cm

RD7209026

Bigeye snapper

Whole year round **Products presentation:** 

Whole

Seasonality:

Usage:

Surimi

Market:

Asian market

Body oblong and compressed. Depth about 3. Eyes very large. Scales rough and firmly attached. Pelvics attached to body by a membrane, with distinct blackish-red spots. Caudal fin lunate. Soft dorsal and anal fins pointed. Deeper coastal waters, occuring frequently in trawl catch. Landed in substantial numbers, but low-priced. Used mainly for making fish balls or as fish meal. Usual size 15-20 cm, attains 25 cm. Trawl, South China Sea.

Indigenous names: Temenggong; 红目龙 (hóng mù lóng)

Fam. Priacanthidae Priacanthus maracanthus Cuvier

DX, 13-14; A III 13-15

BL = 21.0 cm

RD 7209026 Bigeye snapper

Whole year round

Seasonality:

**Products presentation:** 

Whole <u>Usage:</u>

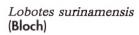
Surimi

Market:

Asian market

Body oblong and compressed. Depth about 3. Eyes very large. Scales rough and firmly attached. Pelvics attached to body by a membrane. Pelvic, dorsal and anal fins with yelloworange spots. Caudal truncate or slightly emarginate. Soft dorsal and anal fins rounded. Deeper coastal waters, common in trawl catch, together with Priacanthus tayenus, but less abundant. Usual size 15-20 cm, attains 30 cm. Trawl, South China Sea. Indigenous names: Temenggong; 红目龙 (hóng mù lóng)

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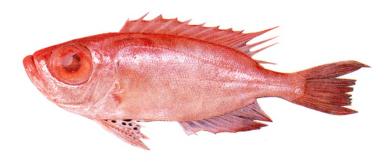




Kyphosus lembus (Cuvier)



Priacanthus tayenus Richardson



Priacanthus maracanthus Cuvier



Fam. Apogonidae Apogon quadrifasciatus Cuvier

D<sub>1</sub>VII, D<sub>2</sub> 1. 9; A 11 8

Body oblong, moderately compressed. Depth 2.5-3. Head large, mouth vade. Soft dorsal higher than spinous dorsal. Villiform teeth in jaws, vomer and palatines. Two dark longitudinal

Body rather elongate. Depth 2.9-3.3. Mouth somewhat oblique. A dark brown lateral

band from snout to caudal. Base of caudal with a dark spot. Membranes between anterior

lines on upper half of sides. Small fishes in coastal and brackish waters. Usual size 7-9 cm.

BL = 5.7 cm

RD 7209053 Four-band cardinal fish

Whole year round

Seasonality:

**Product presentation:** 

Whole

Usage:

Fish meal

Market:

Limited

Sebekah; 白册 (bái cè) Indiaenous name:

Fam. Apogonidae Apogon frenatus Valenciennes

D<sub>1</sub>VII, D<sub>2</sub>I 8-9; A II, 8

BL= 6.9 cm

RD 7210009

Cardinal fish

Whole year round

Seasonality:

**Products presentation:** 

Whole

Usage:

Fish meal

Market:

Limited

spines of 1st dorsal brown. Small fish in coastal and brackish waters. Included in trash fish. Trawl, off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea, 54-64 m.

Included in trash fish. Trawl, off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea, 63-65 m.

Indigenous name: Sebekah; 白册 (bái cè)

Fam. Apogonidae Apogonichthys ellioti (Day)

D<sub>1</sub> VII, D<sub>2</sub> I, 9; A II 8

BL = 10.2 cm

RD 7210008

Cardinal fish

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** Whole

Seasonality:

Usage:

Not commonly used

Market:

Limited

vomer and pala tines. Caudal rounded or sub-truncate, 4-5 faint cross bars on sides. Upper edge of dorsal fins and caudal black. 2nd dorsal and ana] with a black medium band. Small fish in coastal and brackish waters. Trawls, off Pulau Tioman, South China Seam 54-64 m.

Body elongate, compressed. Depth 3-3.2. Mouth very oblique. Villiform teeth on jaws,

Indigenous name: Sebekah; 白册 (bái cè)

Fam. Apogonidae Apogonichthys poecilopterus (Cuvier)

D<sub>1</sub> VII, D<sub>2</sub> I 8-9; A II 8

BL = 8.8 cm

RD7212053

Cardinal fish

Whole year round

Seasonality:

**Products presentation:** 

Whole

Usage:

Not commonly used

Market:

Limited

Body oblong, compressed. Depth 2.6-3. Lower jaw prominent. Caudal rounded, almost truncate. 4-5 faint vertical bars on sides. Upper part of 1st dorsal dark, 2nd dorsal sometimes spotted. Small fish in coastal and brackish waters. Trawl, South China Sea and North Andaman Sea.

Indigenous name:

Sebekah; 白册 (bái cè)

Fam. Centropomidae Lates calcarifer (Bloch)

D VII-IX, 10-11; A III, 7-8

BL = 30.5 cm

Seabass, Cock-up,

Barramundi

Body elongate, compressed with a deep caudal peduncle. Mouth large, slightly oblique, upper jaw reaching to behind eye. Head pointed with a concave profile, more prominent in males. Dorsal fin with a deep notch almost separating soft part of fin. Colour either olive brown with silver sides and belly or green/blue with silver sides. Juveniles with a prominent pale line from snout to top of head. Common in Indo-Pacific region, especially near coastal waters, estauries and lagoons, including brackish water. Caught mainly with handlines, gillnets and traps. Considered a very good sport fish. Usual size 25-100 cm, maximum size of 200 cm. Very popular culture species especially in floating cage-nets in Southeast Asia. Indigenous names: Siakap, Kakap; 金目鲈 (jīn mù lú)

Apogon quadrifasciatus Cuvier



Apogon frenatus Valenciennes



Apogonichthys ellioti (Day)



Apogonichthys poecilopterus (Cuvier)



Lates calcarifer (Bloch)



Fam. Serranidae Diploprion bifasciatum Kulh & van Hasselt

D VIII, 12-15; A II 12-13

BL = 12.2 cm

RD 7210034

Two-banded seaperch Whole year round

**Product presentation:** 

Whole

Seasonality:

Usage:

Not commonly used

Market:

Limited

Body oblong-oval, much compressed, anteriorly elevated. Depth 2-2.5. Mouth large, strongly oblique. Lateral line strongly arched. Caudal rounded. Golden yellow with 2 dark vertical bands one through the eye, the other broader, from 1st dorsal to beginning of anal. 1st dorsal black. Fairly common in coastal waters but not an important food fish. Size about 24 cm. Trawl, off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea 59-60 m.

Indiaenous name:

Sebakah laut; 花点册 (huā diǎn cè)

Fam. Serranidae Anyperodon leucogrammicus (Valenciennes)

D XI, 14-15; A III 9

BL = 27.0 cm

RD 7303001

White-lined rock-cod

Products presentation:

Whole, fillet

Seasonality:

Whole year round

Usage:

Steamed, cooked, pan-fried

Market: Asian market

**Seasonality:** 

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Body elongate, compressed, covered with small ciliated scales. Depth about 3.5. Mouth large, lower jaw projecting. Villiform teeth in jaws, a pair of small canines in upper jaw. Palatines and tongue toothless. Caudal rounded. Orange-red spots on body, dorsal and caudal fins, 3-5 white stripes on body, may disappear in adults. Coral reefs. Not common. Indigenous name: Kerapu; 花点猴 (huā diǎn hóu); 赤猴 (chì hóu); 石斑 (shí bān)

Fam. Serranidae Cromileptes altivelis (Valenciennes)

around coral reefs. Usual size 3040 cm, maximum 70 cm. Esteemed food fish.

DX, 18-19; A III 10

BL = 17.1 cm

RD 7407001

Humpback seabass

Polka-dot grouper

Whole, live Body oblong, strongly compressed. Depth 2.6-3. Head Profile concave, mouth large,

**Usage:** 

Delicacy & delicious meal for steam

cooking Market:

HongKong, Malaysia, Singapore

Indigenous name:

Kerapu tikus; 老鼠猴 (lǎo shǔ hóu), 糯米猴 (nuò mǐ hóu)

Body elongate, compressed. Depth 3.3-4. Scales very small, 83-86 on lateral line. Mouth large with canines in jaws. Caudal weekly emarginate. Colour variable, brilliant orange or

dull brown, with bright elongated blue spots. Coastal water around coral reefs. Common in market, easily sold. Usual size 40-50 cm, attains 100 cm. Trawl, off Sarawak, off Pulau

oblique. Jaws with villiform teeth, no canines. Caudal fin rounded. Body greyish brown with

numerous black spots on head, body and all fins. Fairly common, caught by handlines, traps

Fam. Serranidae Plectropomus maculatus (Bloch)

D VII-VIII, 10-12; A III 7-8

BL = 48.0 cm

RD 7206029

Spotted coral-trout

**Products presentation:** 

**Seasonality:** 

Whole year round

Whole, fillet

Usage:

Steam cooked, pan-fried, fish & chips

Asian countries, Australia, USA &

European countries

Indigenous name:

Kerapu sonoh; 金猴 (jīn hóu)

Tioman, South China Sea, 47-49 m.

Fam. Serranidae Plectropomus leopardus (Lacepede)

D VIII, 10-12; A III, 7-8

BL = 54.2 cm

RD 7209054

Blue-spotted seabass

Leopard coral trout

Body elongate, slightly compressed. Depth 3.2-3.8. Scales small, 73-81 on lateral line. Caudal emarginate. Colour variable, brown or reddish brown, with numerous round blue spots, edged with black, on head body and fins (except pectoral and pelvic). Not as common as Plectropomus maculatus. Usual size 60-80 cm, attains 120 cm. Trawl, off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea, 66-67 m.

Indigenous name:

Kerapu bara; 红猴 (hóng hóu)

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

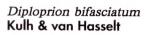
Whole, fillet

Usage:

Steam cooked, pan-fried, fish & chips

Market:

Asian countries, Australia

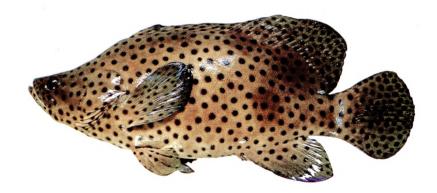




Anyperodon leucogrammicus (Valenciennes)



Cromileptes altivelis (Valenciennes)



Plectropomus maculatus (Bloch)



Plectropomus leopardus (Lacepede)



Fam. Serranidae Cephalopholis sonnerati (Valenciennes)

DIX, 14-15; AIII 8-9

BL = 25.0 cm

RD 7302035 Red grouper Red coral trout

**Product presentation:** 

Whole, gilled, gutted, live fish, ice-chilled

& frozen

Seasonality: Whole year round

Usage:

Steamed, & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia, mediterranean countries,

Seasonality: Whole year round

Kerapu merah; 红猴 (hóng hóu) Indigenous name:

Vertical handline, Andaman Sea, 82-94 m.

Fam. Serranidae Cephalopholis miniatus (Forskal)

DIX 15-16; AIII 9

BL = 24.5 cm

RD 7303004

Vermilion seabass (grouper)

**Products presentation:** 

Body oblong, stout. Depth 2.7-3. No enlarged canines at sides of jaws. Caudal fin rounded. 9 dorsal spines. Colour red, with numerous small round blue spots, edged with brown, on head, body and fins. Caught by handlines and traps around coral reefs. Not

Body oblong, robust. Depth 2.6-2.8. Lateral line scales 40-55, soft dorsal, anal and

caudal fins rounded. No enlarged canies at side of jaws. 9 dorsal spines. Head, body and fins orange-red, fins sometimes fringed with black. Head and front of back often with numerous

blue or golden spots. Caught by handlines in rocky areas of around 80m depth. Not common.

common in market. Common size 30-40 cm.

Kerapu bara; 花点红猴 (huā diǎn hóng hóu) Indiaenous name:

Whole/round, whole/gilled, gutted, live fish, ice-chilled & frozen

Usage:

Steamed

Market:

Southeast Asia

Fam. Serranidae Cephalopholis argus (Bloch & Schneider)

DIX 16; AIII 8

BL = 27.5 cm

RD 7303002 Blue-spotted seabass (grouper)

Products presentation:

Whole year round

Body robust. Depth 2.5-3. No enlarged canines at sides of jaws. 9 dorsal spines. Caudal

fin rounded. Body brown with 6 darker indistinct broad crossbars. Head, body and fins covered with small light blue ocelli. Caught by handlines and traps around coral reefs. Not

Body oblong, robust. Depth 2.5-2.9. No canines at sides of jaws. 9 dorsal spines. Caudal fin rounded. Body dark or light brown, 8 more or less distinct darker vertical bands. Distinct

round spot on operculum. Soft dorsal, anal and caudal with narrow white margins. Small

groupers 15-20 cm, attains 30 cm. Common in shallow coastal waters, caught by traps and

common.

Kerapu bunga; 乌猴 (wū hóu); 石猴 (shí hóu); 古猴 (gǔ hóu) Indigenous name:

Whole/round

**Seasonality:** 

Usage:

Steamed & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Seasonality:

Fam. Serranidae Cephalopholis boenak (Bloch)

DIX 15-17; AIII 8

BL = 19.8 cm

RD 7209082

Brown-banded seabass (grouper)

Products presentation:

Whole/round, whole/gilled/gutted,

ice-chilled & frozen

Whole year round

Usage:

Steamed & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Indigenous name: 金边猴 (jīn biān hóu); 石猴 (shí hóu); 古猴 (gǔ hóu)

Fam. Serranidae Variola Iouti (Forskal)

S IX 13-14: A III 8

handlines. Trawl, off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea, 63-64 m.

BL = 14.6 cm

RD 7506015

Moontail seabass

Whole/round

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Usage:

Deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Body oblong, compressed. Depth 2.8-2.9. Jaws with villiform teeth, outer row enlarged. 1.2 curved. Canines on each side of upper jaw, lower jaw with a canine anteriorly and 2-3 laterally. Soft dorsal, anal and pelvic fins ending posteriorly in a point. Caudal deeply lunate. Body red with blue spots. Common size 40 cm, maximum 60 cm. Caught by handlines and traps around coral reefs. Vertical handline, Grainger Bank, South China Sea, 67-130 m. Indigenous name: 深水金猴 (shēn shuǐ jīn hóu)

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Cephalopholis sonnerati (Valenciennes)



Cephalopholis miniatus (Forskal)



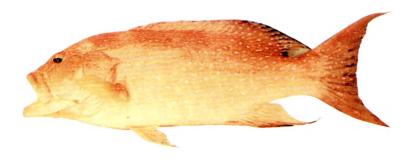
Cephalopholis argus (Bloch & Schneider)



Cephalopholis boenak (Bloch)



Variola louti (Forskal)



Fam. Serranidae Epinephelus coioides (Hamilton)

D XI,15-16; A III 8 BL = 51.0 cm

RD 7206030 Greasy grouper Seasonality: Whole year round

**Product presentation:** 

Whole/round, whole/gilled/gutted, fillets, live fish ice-chilled & frozen

Steamed, deep-fried, pan-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia, Japan, USA & Australia

convex. 27-30 gill rakers on lower gill arch, pyloric caeca about 50. Dorsal with 11 spines. Caudal rounded. Body light grayish brown with numerous brownish orange spots the size of pupil; 5 slightly diagonal graylish brown bars. Previously confused with E. tauvina and E. suillus. This grouper is highly esteemed as a restaurant'live' fish and is widely cultured in floating cages in Southeast Asia. The young occur in shallow coastal waters and are caught by traps and handlines. Larger individuals are caught offshore by trawl and longline. Trawl. off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea, 47-49 m.

extends well behind hind margin of eye. Upper edge of preoperculum serrated and slightly

Body elongate, robust. Depth 3.3-3.7, varing with size. Mouth very large, upper jaw

Indigenous name: Kerapu, Keretang; 赤猴 (chỉ hóu); 花盾猴 (huā dùn hóu)

Fam. Serranidae Epinephelus malabaricus (Bloch & Schneider)

D XI, 14-16; A III, 8

BL = 97.4 cm

Body moderately elongate, robust. Depth 3.0-3.6 in SL. Gill rakers 8-11 + 15-18. Eye relatively small. Pyloric caeva numerous, more than 80. Caudal rounded. Body light grayish to yellowish brown with 5 slightly oblique broad dark brown bars on body, bifurcating ventrally and may contain pale areas. Head and body with numerous small well-separated black spots and scattered pale spots and blotches. This grouper is also reared in floating cages but not as popular as E. coiodes. Occurs on protected reefs and adjacent habitats and readily penetrates estuarine areas. Larger individuals caughy offshore by trawls and longlines. Trawl, off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea.

Indigenous name: Kerapu, Keretang; 赤猴 (chì hóu); 花盾猴 (huā dùn hóu)

Fam. Serranidae Epinephelus areolatus (Forskal)

D XI, 15-16; A III 8

BL = 20.0 cm

RD 7206074

Malabar grouper

Areolated grouper

Body slender, moderately compressed. Depth 3-3.5. Dorsal with 11 spines. Caudal truncate to emarginate. Ground colour brown covered by large hexagonal dark spots, usually darker on fins. Soft dorsal, anal and caudal with a white margin. Common and popular in market. Coastal to deep waters, caught by trawls, traps, and handlines. Common size 20-30 cm, maximum 40 cm. Trawl, South China Sea, 47-49 m.

Kerapu ekor puteh; 花猴 (huā hóu); 胶支猴 (jiāo zhī hóu) Indigenous name:

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole/round

Usage:

Steamed & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Fam. Serranidae Epinephelus sexfasciatus (Valenciennes)

D XI. 14-15: A III 8

BL = 18.5 cm

RD 7505001

Six-banded grouper

Body elongate, robust. Depth 3.3-3.8. Caudal rounded. Dorsal with 11 spines. Last dorsal spine much shorter than 3rd dorsal spine (longest). Pectorals as tong as head without snout. Ground colour light brown with six vertical dark brown bands. Soft dorsal and caudal pale with distinct black dots. Coastal waters, very common species in market. Caught by trawl. Usual size 15-25 cm.

Indigenous name: Kerapu; 鲁古猴 (lǔ gǔ hóu)

Seasonality:

Whole year round

Products presentation:

Whole/round, whole/gilled/gutted,

& fillets. Ice-chilled & frozen

Usage:

Steamed & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Seasonality:

Fam. Serranidae Epinephelus heniochus Fowler

D XI, 15; A III 8

BL = 10.7 cm

RD 7210060

Banded-cheek arouper

Whole year round

Products presentation:

Whole/round, Ice-chilled & frozen

Usage:

Steamed & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Body oblong compressed. Depth 3-3.2. Snout moderately pointed. Three spines on operculum. Scales small and ciliated. Caudal rounded becoming sub-truncate in adults. Colour golden brown with three oblique black lines on cheek. Small fine well-spaced black dots on upper part of body, soft dorsal and caudal fins. Common but not abundant, caught by trawl from coastal waters. Not very popular food fish. Usual size 20-25 cm. Trawl, off Pulau Tioman, South China Sea, 64-66 m.

Indigenous name: Kerapu; 鲁古猴仔 (lǔ gǔ hóu zǎi)

Epinephelus coioides (Hamilton)



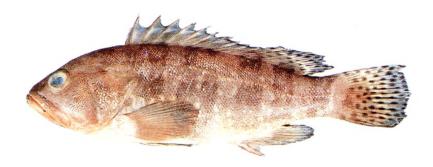
Epinephelus malabaricus (Bloch & Schneider)



Epinephelus areolatus (Forskal)



Epinephelus sexfasciatus (Valenciennes)



Epinephelus heniochus Fowler



Fam. Serranidae Epinephelus morrhua (Valenciennes)

D XI, 14-15; A III, 8

BL = 33.0 cm

RD 7302013 Curve-banded grouper

Whole year round

Seasonality:

**Product presentation:** 

Whole/round, Ice-chilled & frozen

Usage:

Steamed, deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Vanguard Bank area, South China Sea, 80-120 m. Indigenous name: Kerapu; 鲁古猴 (lǔ gǔ hóu)

Fam. Serranidae Epinephelus poecilonotus (Temminck & Schlegel) RD 7507013

Body oblong, robust. Depth 3-3.3. Dorsal with 11 spines. Caudal fin rounded. Three

subspecies are recognised by some scientists, based on differences in colour patterns. The

specimen shown is the darker variety with curved brown bands running from head to caudal

depuncle, Common, caught in deeper waters, especially coral areas by handline and longline.

Occassionally caught by trawl. Usual size 30-40 cm. Vertical handline, Andaman Sea and

D XI, 14-15; A III, 8

Dot-dash grouper

BL = 32.2 cm.

Body depth 2.6-3.1 in SL, gill rakers 8-10 + 15-18. Differ from E. morrhua based on colour pattern. E. poecilonotus has large dark spot on back beneath the spinous portion of dorsal fin and extending into the fin; the curved dark bands below the spot are arranged semiconcentrically. Incised part of membranes of spinous dorsal fins bright yellow to orangeyellow. Usually found in deep water, especially in coral areas, caught by handline and longlines. Vertical handline, Vanguard Bank, South China Sea, 80-120m.

Body oblong, robust. Depth 3-3.5. Dorsal with 11 spines. Caudal fin truncate. Generally

Body elongate, robust. Depth 3-3.5. Dorsal with 11 spines. Caudal fin truncate. Ground

colour brown with golden spots on head body and fins. Only upper half of caudal spotted.

Rather common but not abundant. Mostly caught with handline and longline, sometimes with

trawl. Usual size 30-40 cm, attains 70 cm. Trawl, off Sarawak, South China Sea, 32-36 m,

brownish with numerous close-set dark hexagonal or round spots, greater than inter-space,

on head, body and fins. Common, caught in deeper waters, especially in coral areas by

handline and longline. Usual size 40-50 cm. Vertical handline, Andaman Sea and Vanguard

Indigenous name: Kerapu; 鲁古猴 (lǔ gǔ hóu)

RD 7302012

Brown-spotted grouper

D XI, 16-17; A III 8

Fam. **Serranidae** Epinephelus chlorostigma Valenciennes

BL = 40.3 cm

Bank area, South China Sea, 80-120 m.

Whole year round

Products presentation:

Whole/round, whole/gilled/gutted. Ice-

chilled & frozen

Seasonality:

Steamed & deep-fried & fillets

Market:

Usage:

Southeast Asia

**Seasonality:** 

Indigenous name: Kerapu minyak; 鲁古猴 (lǔ qǔ hóu) Fam. Serranidae Epinephelus bleekeri (Vaillant & Bocourt)

D XI, 16; A III, 8

BL = 18.0 cm

RD 7310011 Bleeker's grouper

**Products presentation:** 

Whole year round

Whole/round, Ice-chilled & frozen

Usage:

Steamed & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Vertical handline, Andaman Sea, 104 m. Indigenous name: Kerapu; 胶支猴 (jiāo zhī hóu); 赤猴 (chì hóu); 花猴 (huā hóu)

Fam. **Serranidae** Epinephelus amblycephalus (Bleeker) D XI, 16; A III, 8

BL = 40.5 cm

RD 7302032

Banded grouper

Body oblong, Rout Depth about 3. Head large. Dorsal with 11 spines. Caudal fin rounded. Ground colour light brown with tinge of pink, especially on belly, 7 broad dark brown bands running vertically on head, body and caudal peduncle, each edged with fine black dots. Common but not abundant in handline catches from deep rocky areas and coral reefs. Not a popular grouper in the market. Usual size 30-40 cm. Vertical handline, Andaman Sea and South China Sea, 80-120 m.

Indigenous name: Anak keretang; 鲁古猴 (lǔ gǔ hóu)

Seasonality:

Whole year round

Products presentation:

Whole/round, whole/gilled/gutted. Ice-

chilled & frozen

Usage:

Steamed & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Fam. **Serranidae** Epinephelus fasciatus (Forskal)

RD 7506024

Red-banded grouper

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole/round, Ice-chilled & frozen

Usage:

Steamed & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

D XI, 16; A III, 8

BL = 24.2 cm

Body ablong robust. Depth 2.8-3. Mouth large, with canines at front of jaws. Preoperculum with convex serrated edge. Colour orange or red, with 6-7 broad transverse bands. Edge of spinous dorsal black. Caudal rounded. Not common, caught with handlines in rocky areas. Usual size about 20 cm. Vertical handline, Vanguard Bank area, South China Sea, 80-120 m. Indigenous names: Kerapu bara; 鲁古猴 (lǔ gǔ hóu)

Epinephelus morrhua (Valenciennes)



Epinephelus poecilonotus (Temminck & Schlegel)



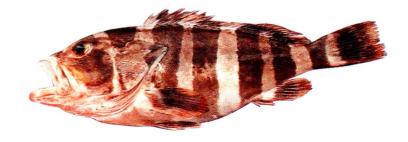
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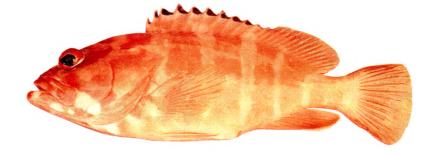
Epinephelus bleekeri (Vaillant & Bocourt)



Epinephelus amblycephalus (Bleeker)



Epinephelus fasciatus (Forskol)



Fam. Serranidae Epinephelus fasciatomaculatus (Peters)

D XI, 15; A III, 8

RD 7308005 Rock grouper

Whole year round

Seasonality:

BL = 18.4 cm

Product presentation:

Whole/round, Ice-chilled & frozen

Body oblong. Depth 3-3.5. Dorsal with 11 spines. Caudal fin rounded to subtruncate.

Ground colour light brown; body, head and medium fins covered with reddish-brown spots, extending to caudal fin. Six dark-brown vertical bands, 3rd-5th incline backwards with basal portions forked. Seldom seen in market. Occassionally caught with trawl. Usual size

15-20cm attains 30 cm. Trawl, off Sarawak, South China Sea, 32-36 m.

Indigenous name: Kerapu; 胶支猴 (jiāo zhī hóu); 赤猴 (chì hóu) Usage:

Steamed, deep-fried Market:

Southeast Asia

Fam. Serranidae Epinephelus undulosus (Quoy & Gaimard)

D XI, 18-19; A III, 8

Brown-lined grouper

RD 7304028

BL = 44.6 cm

Body oblong, rather deep. Depth 2.8. Dorsal with 11 spines. Caudal fin truncate. Pectorals short. Ground colour greyish with tinge of pink. Head with longitudinal series of dark brown spots confluent into wavy lines on upper part of body and tail, disappear in larger specimens. Seldom seen in market. Caught by trawl in deeper waters. Trawl, off Sarawak, South China

Body oblong somewhat stout. Depth 3-3.5. Caudal fin truncate. Dorsal with 11 spines

and about 12 rays. Ground colour greyish with 3 white broad lateral band, each edged with

black. In larger specimens, the broad bands disappear, leaving the black lines against a pale

background. Caught by trawl, longline and handline in rocky coastal waters, smaller fish

Sea, 65-77 m.

Indigenous name: Kerapu; 古猴 (gǔ hóu) Whole year round Products presentation:

Seasonality:

Whole/round, Ice-chilled & frozen

Usage:

Steamed & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Fam. Serranidae Epinephelus Iatifasciatus (Temminck & Schlegel) RD 7304026

D XI, 11-12; A III, 8

Laterally-banded grouper

BL = 19.0 cm

Seasonality:

Whole year round

Products presentation:

Whole/round, Ice-chilled & frozen

Usage:

Deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Seasonality:

living on muddy sea-bed. Rarely seen in market. Trawl, off Sabah, South China Sea, 44-50

Indigenous name: Kerapu; 古猴 (gǔ hóu)

Fam. Serranidae Epinephelus grammicus (Day)

D XI, 12-13; A III, 8

BL = 24.5 cm

RD 7401021

Lined grouper

Whole year round

Products presentation:

Whole/round, Ice-chilled & frozen

Usage:

Steamed & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Seasonality:

Body oblong, robust. Depth 3-3.5. Caudal fin slightly rounded. Upper jaw reaches to below posterior margin of eye. Colour of body golden brown with three thin horizontal black lines on upper half of body, extending to head. Caudal with round black spots. Seldom caught in trawl, in coastal waters around coral reefs. Specimen caught by trawl in North Andaman Sea, Usual size 25-35 cm, Trawl, North Andaman Sea, 36-39 m; Vertical handline, Vanguard Bank area, South China Sea, 80-120 m.

Indigenous name:

Kerapu; 古猴 (gǔ hóu)

Fam. Serranidae Epinephelus erythrurus (Valenciennes)

D XI, 14-16; A III, 8-9

BL = 18.4 cm

RD 7503002

Grouper

**Products presentation:** 

Whole year round

Whole/round, Ice-chilled & frozen

Usage:

Steamed & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Body oblong, robust Depth 3-3.5. Caudal fin rounded. Ground colour olive green when young, brownish in larger specimens. Body with brown honeycombed network, Coastal waters and coral reefs. Not abundant. Usual size 20-25 cm. Caught by traps, handlines. Indigenous name: Kerapu; 古猴 (gǔ hóu)

Epinephelus fasciatomaculatus (Peters)



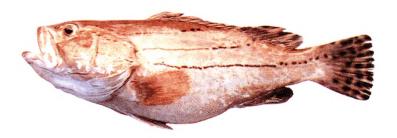
Epinephelus undulosus (Quoy & Gaimard)



Epinephelus latifasciatus (Temminck & Schlegel)



Epinephelus grammicus (Day)



Epinephelus erythrurus (Valenciennes)



Fam. Nemipteridae Nemipterus peronii (Valenciennes)

D X 9; A III 7

BL = 16.1 cm

RD 7509007 Rosy threadfin bream Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Product presentation:** 

Whole/round, Ice-chilled & frozen

Usage:

Raw material for surimi. Steamed &

deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Fam. Nemipteridae Nemipterus tolu (Valenciennes)

Indigenous names: Kerisi; 粗鳞哥里 (cū lín gē lǐ)

D X 9; A III 7

BL = 19.0 cm

RD 7308002 Notched threadfin bream Seasonality: Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole/round, Ice-chilled & frozen

Raw material for surimi. Steamed &

deep-fried Market:

Southeast Asia

Body slender. Depth 3.3-3.7. Head without spines. Pelvic fin with axillary scale. Dorsal spines longer than rays, 5th and 8th dorsal spines lognest, interspinous membrane deeplu notched. No filaments in fins. Ground colour pinkish with 8-9 saddle like blotches on back when fresh. A red spot on lateral line above pectoral fin base. Dorsal fin with orange margin. Pelvic and anal fins white. Caudal rosy. Common but not abundant in trawl catch from the South China Sea. Usual size 15-25 cm, attains 35 cm. Trawl, South China Sea, 63-64 m. Indigenous names: Kerisi; 钓里 (diào lǐ); 哥里 (gē lǐ)

Body oblong, robust. Depth 3.2-3.8. No spines on head. Base of pelvic fin with an

axillary scale. Fins not filamentous. Generally rosy in ground colour with 9 saddle-like reddish

blotches on back. One reddish spot on lateral line, above pectoral fin base. Dorsal and

caudal fins rosy, pelvic and anal white. Abundant in trawl catch, especially from the South

China Sea. Usual size 15-25 cm. Very common in market. Trawl, South China Sea, 49m.

Fam. Nemipteridae Nemipterus tambuloides (Bleeker)

D X 9: A III 7

BL = 19.7 cm

RD 7309016 Five-lined threadfin bream

Seasonality: Whole year round

Products presentation:

Whole/round, Ice-chilled & frozen

Raw material for surimi. Steamed &

Deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Body elongate, slightly compressed. Depth 3.4-3.7. Head without spines. Pelvic fin with axillary scale. No filaments in fins. Groung colour light pink with 5 bright yellow lateral lines on body. A curved yellow band on snout from eye to eye. Throat to lower caudal peduncle yellow. Dorsal fin with yellow margin. Caudal rosy, tip of upper lobe yellow. Anal white with a thin yellow line near the base. Common in trawl catch from South China Sea and Andaman Sea. Usual size 16-25 cm, attains 30 cm. Trawl, South China Sea, 67m. Indigenous names: Kerisi; 金丝哥里 (jīn sī gē lǐ); 钓里 (diào lǐ)

Fam. Nemipteridae Nemipterus bleekeri (Day)

D X 9; A III 7

BL = 19.5 cm

RD 7304027 Threadfin bream

Seasonality: Whole year round

Products presentation:

Whole/round, Ice-chilled & frozen

Usage:

Steamed & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Body elongate, slightly compressed. Depth 3.1-3.3. Head without spines. Pelcics with axillary scale. No filaments in fins. Caudal large, with sharply pointed lobes. Ground colour rosy, with 2 broad pale yellowish longitudinal lines. Belly eith a yellow line on each side, ruuning from throat to lower caudal peduncle, joining at anal. Anal fin white. Dorsal fin edge yellow. Caudal rosy with tip of upper lobe yellow. Not common. Caught by trawl in deeper waters, Trawl, South China Sea, 63-64 m.

Fam. Nemipteridae Nemipterus delagoae Smith

D X 9; A III 7

Indigenous names: Kerisi; 黄尾哥里 (huáng wěi gē lǐ)

BL = 23.5 cm

RD 7312003 Delagoa threadfin bream

Whole year round

Seasonality:

Products presentation:

Whole/round, Ice-chilled & frozen

Usage:

Raw material for surimi. Steamed & deepfried

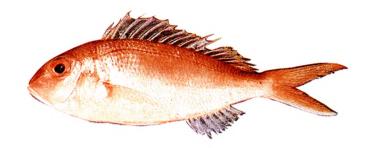
Market:

Southeast Asia

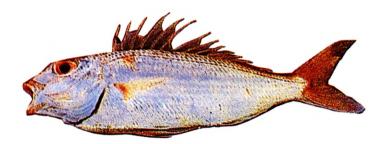
Body slender, slightly compressed. Depth 3.7-3.9. Head without spines. No filaments in fins. Pelvic base with axillary spine. Scales on sides vertically elongated. Ground colour rosy on head and back, silvery on belly. Sides with 5 greenish-yellow longitudinal upward curved stripes. No spots on lateral line. Dorsal fin rosy with yellow/orange margin. Anal white 3-4 yellow stripes. Pelvis fins long reaching to anal origin. Not common, caughy by trawl in South China Sea. Trawl, off Penang, Straits of Malacca, 61-63 m.

Indigenous names: Kerisi; 幼鳞哥里 (yòu lín gē lǐ); 红哥里 (hóng gē lǐ)

### Nemipterus peronii (Valenciennes)



Nemipterus tolu (Valenciennes)



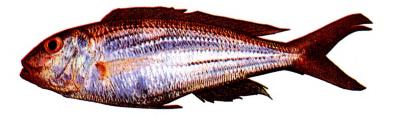
Nemipterus tambuloides (Bleeker)



Nemipterus bleekeri (Day)



Nemipterus delagoae Smith



Fam. Nemipteridae Nemipterus marginatus (Cuvier & Valenciennes) RD 7309020

D X 9; A III 7

BL = 18.2 cm

Pate-finned threadfin bream Whole year round

Seasonality:

**Product presentation:** 

Whole/round, Ice-chilled & frozen

Usage:

Raw material for surimi. Steamed &

deep-fried

Southeast Asia

Abundant in trawl catch from the South China Sea. Common size 15-25 cm.. Trawl, South Market:

Indigenous name: Kerisi; 哥里 (gē lǐ)

China Sea, 67 m.

Fam. Nemipteridae Nemipterus mesoprion (Bleeker)

D X 9; A III 7

BL = 12.7 cm

RD 7309024

Red-filament threadfin bream

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, Ice-chilled & frozen

Raw material for surimi. Steamed &

deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

**Seasonality:** 

lobe of caudal fin prolonged, filamentous. Generally pink with 2 broad pale lines on sides. A red spot just below origin of lateral line. Dorsal fin with yellow margin and a broad yellow median band. Anal pinkish with 2 yellow bands. Caudal red, middle rays on each lobe yellow, filament red. Smallest species, about 10 cm, treated as trash fish. Common. Trawl, South China Sea, 67 m.

Body slender. Depth 3.5-3.8. Head without spines. Pelvic with an axillary scale. Upper

Body elongate, slightly compressed. Depth 3.5-3.8. Head without spines. Pelvic with an

axillary scale. Upper lobe of caudal prolonged, filamentous. Body pinkish with 2 broad

yellow lines on sides. Dorsal fin yellowish, a red spot on tip of membrane between 1st and

2nd spine. Anal fin white with a row of yellow spots. Caudal pink, filament yellow. Caught

with trawl in deeper waters, common but not abundant. Usual size 12-18 cm, attains 25 cm.

Body slender, slightly compressed. Depth 3.2-3.3. Head without spines. Pelvic with an axillary scale. No filaments in fins. Ground colour rosy with two main yellow bands on sides.

Head without yellow lines. Dorsal and anal high, without basal longitudinal bands. Dorsal

fin margin yellow with blue line immediately below. Caudal pink, upper lobe tipped yellow.

Indigenous names: Kerisi; 哥里 (gē lǐ)

Indigenous names: Kerisi; 哥里 (gē lǐ)

Fam. Nemipteridae Nemipterus nemurus (Bleeker)

D X 9: A III 7

BL = 17.0 cm

RD 7308003

Redspine threadfin bream

Whole year round

Products presentation:

Whole, Ice-chilled & frozen

Usage:

Raw material for surimi. Steamed &

Deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Fam. Nemipteridae Nemipterus nematophorus (Bleeker)

D X 9; A III 7

BL = 15.2 cm

RD 7309013

Double-whip threadfin bream

Seasonality:

Whole year round **Products presentation:** 

Whole, Ice-chilled & frozen

Usage:

Steamed & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

scale. 1st and 2nd dorsal spines prolonged into a long filament. Upper lobe of caudal filamentous. Body pinkish with 4 yellow lines on sides below lateral line. A yellow spot on origin of lateral line. Both filaments yellow. Dorsal fin rosy with yellow margin. Anal white with a yellow stripe. Caudal rosy. Medium sized, 12-18 cm. Common but not abundant in trawl catch. Trawl, South China Sea, 67 m.

Body slender, slightly compressed. Depth 3.2-3.5. Head without spines. Pelvic with axillary

Indigenous names: Kerisi; 哥里 (gē lǐ)

Fam. Nemipteridae Nemipterus japonicus (Bloch)

D X 9; A III 7

RD 7310032 Japanese threadfin bream

BL = 17.0 cm

Body deep, slightly compressed. Depth 3-3.2. Head without spines. Pelvic with axillary scale. Upper lobe of caudal prolonged, filamentous. Body pinkish, with 7-8 yellow lines on sides. A red saddle on forehead. A large semi-circular red spot at origin of lateral line. Dorsal fin margin orange, a broad yellow band at base. Anal pale blue with 3-4 wavy yellow lines. Caudal filament yellow. Widely distributed from South China Sea to the North Andaman Sea where it is the only species caught with trawl. Large sized, 12-25 cm attains 32 cm. Very abundant in coastal waters.

Indigenous names: Kerisi; 哥里 (gē lǐ)

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, Ice-chilled & frozen

Usage:

Raw material for surimi. Steamed & deep-

fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

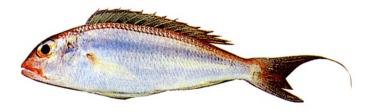
## Nemipterus marginatus (Cuvier &Valenciennes)



Nemipterus mesoprion (Bleeker)



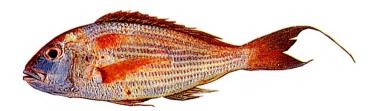
Nemipterus nemurus (Bleeker)



Nemipterus nematophorus (Bleeker)



Nemipterus japonicus (Bloch)



Fam. **Sciaenidae** Pennahia argentata (Houttuyn)

D<sub>1</sub>|X-X,D<sub>2</sub>|, 25-28; A || 7-8

BL = 21.0 cm

Silver pennah croaker **Jewfish** 

RD 7209074

**Product presentation:** 

Whole, frozen & ice-chilled

Usage:

Raw material for surimi, steamed &

deep-fried Market:

Seasonality:

Whole year round

China and Southeast Asia

Body oblong, slightly compressed. Depth 3-3.3. Mouth large, terminal, slightly oblique. Large and small teeth in both jaws but no outstanding canines. Lower gill rakers 8-9. Swim bladder carrot-shaped with 25-28 pairs of appendages, the anterior ones not entering head. Caudal fin rhomboid. A dark blotch on operculum. Caught by trawl in coastal waters, occasionally by gill-nets and handlines. These small sized species are of economic importance in view of the abundance and availability. Marketed fresh or dried. Trawl, off Sarawak, South China Sea, North Andaman Sea. 30-40 m.

Indigenous names: Gelama; 乌点牛那妈 (wū diǎn niú nà mā); 赤翅 (chì chì); 老鼠画 (lǎo

shǔ huà); 浅水白画 (qiǎn shuǐ bái huà)

Fam. **Sciaenidae** Pennahia macrophthalmus (Bleeker)

D<sub>1</sub>IX-X,D<sub>2</sub>23-25; A II 7-8

BL = 17.0 cm

RD 7212048 Bigeye croaker

**Jewfish** 

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, frozen & ice-chilled

Seasonality:

Whole year round

Raw material for surimi, steamed & deep-fried

Market:

China and Southeast Asia

Body oblong, slightly compressed. Depth 3-3.2. Mouth large, terminal, oblique. Large and small teeth in both jaws, no outstanding canines. Lower gill rakers 10-12. Swim bladder carrot-shaped with 18-22 pairs of appendages, the anterior ones not entering head. A notch on dorsal fin. Caudal fin truncate. Very abundant in trawl catch from coastal muddy water, especially off Sarawak in the South China Sea and the North Andaman Sea. Usual size 13-15 cm. Maximum 17 cm. Small specimens are considered as trashfish.

Indigenous names: Gelama; 有头 (mǎo tóu); 深水白画 (shēn shuǐ bái huà)

Fam. Sciaenidae Pennahia pawak (Lin)

D<sub>1</sub>X,D<sub>2</sub>23-25; A II 7

BL = 15.7 cm

RD 7310020 Pawak croaker Jewfish

Body oblong slightly compressed. Depth about 3.2. Mouth large, terminal oblique. Teeth in both jaws large and small, no outstanding canines. Lower gill rakers 9. Swim bladder carrot-shaped with 24-27 pairs of appendages, none entering head. Dorsal fin notched, spinous part with a dark blotch posteriorly. Caudal fin bluntly rhomboid. A dark spot on operculum. Very abundant in trawl catch from coastal muddy waters. Usual size 18-20 cm. Indigenous names: Gelama; 乌点冇头 (wū diǎn mǎo tóu)

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, frozen & ice-chilled

Usage:

Raw material for surimi, steamed &

deep-fried Market:

China & Southeast Asia

Fam. Sciaenidae Pennahia macrocephalus (Tang)

D<sub>1</sub>X,D<sub>2</sub>I 27-29; A II 7

BL = 13.3 cm

RD 7310025

Big-head pennah croaker

Body oblong, slightly compressed. Depth about 3. Mouth large, terminal, oblique. Jaws with large and small teeth, no outstanding canines. Lower gill rakers 12-13. Swim-bladder carrot-shaped with 18 pairs of appendages none entering head. Dorsal fin with a low notch. Caudal fin bluntly rhomboid. Abundant in coastal muddy waters. Caught by trawl and handline.

Indigenous names: Gelama; 白画 (bái huà); 白月 (bái yuè)

Seasonality:

Whole year round

Products presentation:

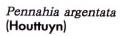
Whole, frozen & ice-chilled

Usage:

Raw material for surimi, steamed & deep-fried

Market:

China & Southeast Asia countries





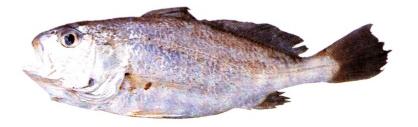
Pennahia macrophthalmus (Bleeker)



Pennahia pawak (Lin)



Pennahia macrocephalus (Tang)



Fam. Sciaenidae Johnius belangerii (Cuvier)

D<sub>1</sub>IX-X,D<sub>2</sub>I, 27-31; A II 7-8

Indigenous names: 蜘蛛仙 (zhī zhū xiān); 老鼠画 (lǎo shǔ huà)

BL = 16.8 cm

RD 7310016 Belanger's croaker

Whole year round

Seasonality:

**Product presentation:** 

Whole, frozen & ice-chilled

Usage:

Raw material for surimi, steamed &

deep-fried

Market:

China and Southeast Asia

Fam. **Sciaenidae** Johnieops vogleri (Bleeker)

D<sub>1</sub>X, D<sub>2</sub>I 27-30; A II 7

BL = 16.4 cm

RD 7212046

Sharp-toothed hammer croaker

Whole year round

Seasonality:

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, frozen & ice-chilled

Usage:

Raw material for surimi, steamed &

deep-fried

Market:

China and Southeast Asia

Body oblong, compressed. Depth 3.3-3.4. Snout rounded, mouth slightly inferior. No canine teeth. Inner lateral teeth of lower jaw enlarged. Lower gill rakers 9-12. Swimbladder hammer-shaped with 14-16 pairs of appendages, the first entering head. Dorsal fin deeply notched. Caudal fin rhomboid. Caught by trawls in shallow coastal areas. Usual size 15-20 cm. Trawl, North Andaman Sea, 38-39 m.

Body oblong posteriorly compressed. Depth about 3.3-3.6, equal to head. Snout rounded,

mouth inferior, no barbet on chin. No canine teeth. Teeth of lower iaw sub-equal. Lower aill

rakers 8-10. Swimbladder hammer, shaped with 11-13 pairs of appendages, the first entering

head. Dorsal fin with a deep notch. Caudal fin rhomboid. Caught by trawls in coastal waters.

Usual size 15-20 cm. Trawl, off Sarawak, South China Sea, North Andaman Sea, 30-40 m.

Indigenous names: 深水老鼠画(shēn shuǐ lǎo shǔ huà)

Fam. **Sciaenidae** Otolithoides biauritus (Cantor)

D<sub>1</sub>VIII-IX, D<sub>2</sub>I 27-32; A II 7-8

BL = 49.8 cm

RD 7401018 Bronze croaker

Whole year round

Seasonality:

**Products presentation:** Whole, frozen & ice-chilled

Usage:

Raw material for surimi, steamed &

Market:

China & Southeast Asia

Body elongate, cylindrical, dorsal and ventral profile nearly horizontal. Depth 4.5-5.5. Mouth terminal, large upper jaw reaches beyong eye. No canine teeth. Lower fill rakers 11. Swimbladder carrot-shaped, with one pair of appendages originating from end of bladder and running forward into head. Dorsal fin with a low notch. Caudal fin pointed. Large, good food fish, size 100 cm. Caught by trawl in coastal and inshore waters. Trawl North Andaman Sea, 37 m.

Indigenous names: Gelama merojol; 双牙 (shuāng yá)

Fam. Sciaenidae Pterotolithus maculatus (Cuvier)

D<sub>1</sub>IX, D<sub>2</sub>I 31; A II 10-11

BL = 43.7 cm

RD 7401010

Blotched tiger-toothed croaker

**Products presentation:** 

Whole year round

Whole, frozen & ice-chilled

Raw material for surimi, steamed &

deep-fried

Seasonality:

Market:

China & Southeast Asia

Body elongate, slightly compressed. Depth 4-5.5. Mouth large, oblique, terminal, lower jaw prominent. One pair of canines each in upper and lower jaws. Lower gill rakers 8-9. Swimbladder with more than 50 branches appendages. Dorsal fin deeply notched. Caudal fin rhomboid. Coastal species, caught by trawl and gill-nets. Usual size 30-40 cm. Trawl, North Andaman Sea, 35-38 m.

Indigenous names: 花点双牙 (huā diǎn shuāng yá)

Johnius belangerii (Cuvier)



Johnieops vogleri (Bleeker)



Otolithoides biauritus (Cantor)



Pterotolithus maculatus (Cuvier)



Fam. Gerridae

Pentaprion longimanus (Cantor) DIX-X, 15-16; A V-VI, 12-14

BL = 9.4 cm

Body oblong, compressed. Depth 2.2-2-5. Mouth strongly protractile downwards. Pectorals long, reaching beyond anal origin. Anal fin longer than soft dorsal. Scales easily shed. Common and abundant in trawl catch from shallow coastal areas, Treated as fish meat and duck feed. Usual size 7-12 cm. Trawl, South China Sea, 66-67 m.

Indigenous names: Kapas-kapas; 玻璃鱼 (bō lí yú)

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Product presentation:** 

Whole, frozen & ice-chilled

Usage:

Steamed & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Fam. Gerridae

Gerres filamentosus Cuvier

DIX, 10; AIII 7

BL = 17.0 cm

Body oblong, slightly compressed, rather deep. Depth 2-2.3. Mouth protractile downwards. Fine teeth in both jaws. 2nd Dorsal spine greatly elongated. Common in trawl catch from coastal waters. Also caught with traps. Good food fish, usual size 15 cm. Trawl, Andaman Sea, 46-48 m.

Body strongly compressed, very deep. Depth 1.8-2.0. Upper profile of head almost vertical. Single dorsal fin, first two spines small 3rd spines elongated. First anal spine short,

2nd and 3rd subequal. Caudal fin emarginate. Occasionally present in trawl catch, usually 20-35 cm. Adults caught in deeper water. Trawl, vertical handline, South China Sea.

Indigenous names: Kapas-laut; 胶把 (jiāo bǎ);

Seasonality:

Whole year round

Products presentation:

Whole, frozen & ice-chilled

Usage:

Steamed & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

**Seasonality:** 

Fam. Sparidae

Argyrops spinifer (Forskal)

D XI-XII, 10; A III, 8-9

BL = 20.6 cm

RD 7206059

RD 7209066

RD 7212006

Long-rayed silver biddy

Long-finned silver-biddy

Red seabream

Whole year round

Products presentation:

Whole, frozen & ice-chilled

Usage:

Steamed & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Seasonality:

Fam. Theraponidae Therapon theraps (Cuvier)

Indigenous names: 烛鱼 (zhú yú); 红菊 (hóng jú)

D XII, 10; A III, 8-9

BL = 16.4 cm

RD 7212039 Large-scaled banded grunter

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, frozen & ice-chilled

Usage:

Steamed & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Body oblong, compressed. Depth 2.5-2.8. Mouth slightly oblique, villiform teeth in jaws, aill membranes free from isthmus. Vomer and palatines toothless. Dorsal deeply notched, large dark blotch on spinous dorsal. 4 dark longitudinal bands on sides. 5 dark bands on caudal. Very common coastal species, caught mainly with traps and handlines. Usual size 15-20 cm. Trawl, North Andaman Sea, 38-39 m.

Indigenous names: Mengkerong; 家隆蛆 (jiā lóng qū)

Fam. Theraponidae Therapon jarbua (Forskal)

D XI-XII, 10; A III, 8-9

BL = 23.6 cm

RD 7209071 Crescent perch Jarbua therapon Seasonality:

Whole year round

Whole, frozen & ice-chilled

Usage:

Steamed & deep-fried

**Products presentation:** 

Market:

Southeast Asia

Body oblong, compressed. Depth 2.6-3.0. Mouth slightly oblique. Vomer and palatines toothed. Dorsal deeply notched; large blotch on spinous part. 3 curved longitudinal bands on sides. Caudal tips dark, 3 bands on middle portion. Common but not abundant coastal species. Caught with traps and handlines. Trawl, South China Sea.

Indigenous names: Mengkerong balak; 幼鳞家隆蛆 (yòu lín jiā lóng qū)

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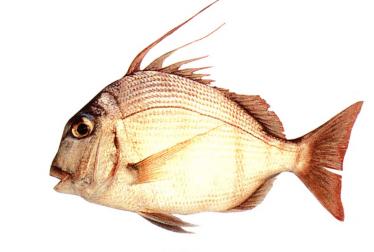
Pentaprion longimanus (Contor)



Gerres filamentosus Cuvier



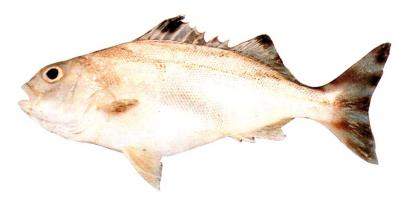
Argyrops spinifer (Forskal)



Therapon theraps (Cuvier)



Therapon jarbua (Forskal)



Fam. Lethrinidae Lethrinus nematacanthus Bleeker

D X 9: A III 8

BL = 18.6 cm

RD 7206068

Pigface bream

Longspine emperor

Whole year round Products presentation:

Seasonality:

Whole, fillets, frozen & ice-chilled

Usage:

Steamed & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Body elongate, slightly compressed. Depth about 3. Head and cheek scaleless. Mouth reaches to below posterior nostrils, 2nd dorsal spine filamentous. Inner base of pectoral fin densely scaled. A dark blotch on sides just below lateral line above pectoral fin base. Several longitudinal orange band on sides. A small-sized species (usually 15-20 cm) caught mainly with handlines and trawls in coral and coastal areas. Trawl, South China Sea, 50-59 m. Indigenous names: Landok, Asoh-asoh; 青龙占 (gīng lóng zhàn)

Fam. Lethrinidae Lethrinus miniatus (Bloch & Schneider)

D X 9; A III 8

BL = 45.2 cm

RD 7206020

Long-nosed pigface breann Longface emperor

Body slender, compressed. Depth 2.8-3.2. Snout distinctively long and narrow. Head and cheeks scaleless. Lips very thick and fleshy, Lips and inside of mouth orange or scarlet. 2-3blue stripes may be present on suborbital. Inner base of pectoral fin without scales. Commonin hand line and bottom trawl catches from sandy coastal areas. Usual size 25-70 cm. Fairly good food fish. Trawl, South China Sea, 47-49 m; vertical handline, Andaman Sea.

Indigenous names: Asoh-asoh; 乌龙占 (wū lóng zhàn); 深水龙占 (shēn shuǐ lóng zhàn)

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, whole gutted, fillets, frozen & ice-chilled

Usage:

Steamed & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Fam. Lethrinidae Lethrinus Ientjan (Lacepede)

D X 9; A III 8

BL = 24.0 cm

RD 7206032

Redspot emperor

Body fairly deep, compressed. Depth 2.5-2.8. Mouth reaches to anterior nostril. Head and cheeks scaleless. Dorsal fin not notched. Inner base of pectoral fin with few scales. Posterior teeth in jaws molariform, Posterior edge of operculum with red spot. Also on pectoral fin base. Common in handline and trawl catch from sandy coastal waters. Usual size 25-35 cm. Trawl, South China Sea, 47-49 m.

Indigenous names: Mempinang; 正龙占 (zhèng lóng zhàn)

Seasonality:

Whole year round

Products presentation:

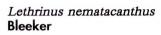
Whole, whole gutted, fillets, frozen & ice-chilled

Usage:

Steamed & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia





Lethrinus miniatus (Bloch & Schneider)



Lethrinus lentjan (Lacepede)



China Sea, 47-49 m.

Fam. Lutjanidae Lutjanus sanguienus (Cuvier)

Body deep, compressed. Depth 2.5-2.8. Head profile sloping gently, slightly concave in

front of eye. Pre opercular notch shallow, interopercular knob inconspicuous. Scales above lateral line in oblique rows, below lateral line horizontal but tums obliquely upwards posteriorly.

Soft dorsal and anal fins rounded. Young with black saddle preceded by white patch, on

upper caudal peduncle. Very common and abundant in trawl catch from South China Sea,

dominant species caught. Popular and common food fish, landed in considered quantities.

Also caught with handlines and bottom longlines. Usual size about 50 cm. Trawl, South

D XI 13-15; A III 8-9

BL = 54.6 cm

RD 7206025 Red snapper

Whole year round

Seasonality:

#### **Products presentation:**

Whole, whole gutted, fillets, steak, frozen & ice-chilled

#### Usage:

Steamed, pan-fried, or deep-fried

#### Market:

USA, EU, Japan, Australia, Asia and world wide

Indigenous names: Ikan merah puchat; 深海红鸡 (shēn hǎi hóng jī)

Fam. Lutjanidae Lutjanus sebae (Cuvier)

D XI, 15-16; A III 10-11

BL = 47.0 cm

RD 7206028

Emperor red snapper

#### **Products presentation:**

Whole year round

Seasonality:

Whole, whole gutted, fillets, frozen & ice-chilled

### Usage:

Steamed, pan-fried & deep-fried

USA, EU, Australia, Asia and many parts of the world

Body deep, much compressed. Depth 2.2-2.5. Dorsal profile pronouncedly arched. Preopercular notch and interopercular knob distinct. Pattern of scale rows as in L. sanguineus. Soft dorsal and anal fins pointed. Young with 3 dark red bands on head and body. Common in trawl catch from South China Sea. Also caught with handlines. Attains larger size than L. sanguineus. Common size about 50 cm. Trawl, South China Sea, 47-49 m. Indigenous names: Ikan merah boreng; 狮头红鸡 (shī tóu hóng jī)

Body oblong, compressed. Depth 2.5-2.8. Head profile gently concave. Preopercular

notch shallow, inter opercular knob indistinct. Body scales arranged in oblique rows above

and below lateral line. Soft dorsal and anal fins rounded. Common and abundant in trawl

catch from South China Sea, occuring in large schools. Common and popular fish in market.

Also caught with bottom longline. Usual size about 45 cm. Trawl, South China Sea, 4749 m.

Fam. Lutjanidae Lutjanus altifrontalis Chan

Indigenous names: Ikan merah; 春鸡 (chūn jī)

D XI, 14; A III 9

BL = 36.0 cm

RD 7206024 Red snapper

Seasonality:

Whole year round

#### **Products presentation:**

Whole, whole gutted, fillets, frozen & ice-chilled

#### Usage:

Steamed, pan-fried & deep-fried

#### Market:

USA, EU, Australia, Asia and many parts of the world

Fam. Lutjanidae Lutjanus malabaricus (Bloch & Schneider)

D XI, 14-15; A III 8-9

BL = 35.4 cm

RD 7312002

Malabar red snapper

Whole year round

Seasonality:

#### **Products presentation:**

Whole, whole gutted, fillets, frozen & ice-chilled

### Usage:

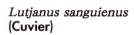
Steamed, pand-fried, & deep-fried

USA, EU, Australia, Asia and many parts of the world

Body deep, compressed. Depth 2.2-2.5. Head profile sloping gently. Preoperculum notch shallow, inter opercular knob distinct. Scales rows above and below lateral line obliquely ascending. Soft dorsal and anal fins pointed. Inner base of pectoral fin dark purple. Not common in South China Sea. Specimens caught with handline in Andaman Sea and northern part of South China Sea.

Indigenous names:

lkan merah; 浅海正红鸡 (qiǎn hǎi zhèng hóng jī); 內港红鸡 (nèi gǎng hóng jī)





Lutjanus sebae (Cuvier)



Lutjanus altifrontalis Chan



Lutjanus malabaricus (Bloch & Schneider)



Fam. Lutjanidae Lutjanus argentimaculatus (Forskal)

D X 13-14; A III 8-9

BL = 52.0 cm

RD 7206026 Mangrove red snapper

Whole year round

**Seasonality:** 

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, whole gutted, fillets & steak

Usage:

Steamed, pan-fried & deep-fried

Market:

USA, EU, Australia, Asia and many parts

of the world

Caudal truncate. Generally a coastaol species, amongst mangroves but also found in deeper waters. Occasionally caught with trawl and bottom longline. Usual size about 60 cm. Trawl, off Sarawak, South China Sea, 47-49 m.

Indigenous names: Ikan Jenehak; 粗鳞红皂 (cū lín hóng zào); 深水红皂 (shēn shuǐ hóng

Body oblong, compressed. Depth 2.8-3. Head profile sloping gently. Preopercular notch shallow, inter-opercular knob small. Scale rows above and below lateral line horizontal.

Caudal slightly emarginate. Very common coastal species. Popular food fish, common in

market. Occasionally caught in large schools with trawl in shallow areas in North Andaman

Sea and South China Sea. A black blotch between soft dorsal and lateral line present in

Body oblong, compressed. Depth about 2.5-3. Head profile almost straight. Preopercular

notch shallow, inter-opercular knob indistinct. Scale rows above lateral line horizontal

anteriorly but rise obliquely below soft dorsal. Scale rows below lateral line horizontal.

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Fam. Lutjanidae Lutjanus johni (Bloch)

DX, 13-14; A III 8

BL = 48.0 cm

RD 7206027 Golden snapper John's snapper

Seasonality: Whole year round **Products presentation:** 

> Whole, whole gutted, fillets, frozen & ice-chilled

Usage:

Steamed, pan-fried, & deep-fried

USA, EU, Australia & Asia

young. Each scale with a dark spot forming longitudinal rows. Indigenous names: Ungar; 红皂 (hóng zào)

Fam. Lutjanidae Lutjanus janthinuropterus (Bleeker)

D X 13-14; A III 8

BL = 38.4 cm

RD 7209055

Yellow-streaked snapper

**Products presentation:** 

Whole year round

**Seasonality:** 

Whole, whole gutted, fillets frozen & ice-chilled

Usage:

Steamed, pan-fried & deep-fried

Market:

USA, EU, Australia, Asia

Body oblong, compressed. Depth 2.5-2.7. Head profile concave in front of eye. Preopercular notch very shallow, no inter opercular knob. Vomerine teeth in an inverted V. Scale rows above lateral line olique, horizontal below lateral line. Numerous thin yellow lines along scale rows, fades after death. Caudal emarginate. Not common. Occasinally in trawl catch from shallow waters. Size usually around 35-40 cm. Trawl, South China Sea, 66-67 m.

Indigenous names: Ikan merah; 浅水乌色红皂(qiǎn shuǐ wū sè hóng zào); 红皂记(hóng

zào jì)

Fam. Lutjanidae Lutjanus bohar (Forskal)

RD 7304008

D X 14; A III 9

BL = 36.6 cm

Body oblong, compressed. Depth 2.8-3. Head profile almost straight. Preopercular notch and interopercular knob present. Vomerine teeth in an inverted V. Scale rows oblique above lateral line, horizontal below. Caught with handlines in coral reefs and shoals. Not common. May be poisonous at certain seasons. Vertical handline, Vanguard Bank area, South China Sea, 80-120 m.

Indigenous names: 红甲 (hóng jiǎ)

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, whole gutted, fillets, frozen & ice-chilled

Usage:

Steamed, pan-fried, & deep-fried

Market:

USA, EU, Australia & Asia

Lutjanus argentimaculatus (Forskal)



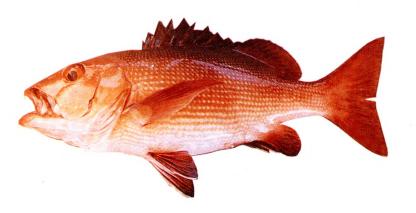
Lutjanus johni (Bloch)



Lutjanus janthinuropterus (Bleeker)



Lutjanus bohar (Forskal)



Fam. Lutjanidae Lutjanus lineolatus (Ruppell)

D XI 11-12; A III 8

BL = 17.8 cm

RD 7509008 Golden-striped snapper

Whole year round

Seasonality:

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, frozen and ice-chilled

Usage:

Steamed, pan-fried & deep-fried

Market:

EU. Asia

Indigenous names: Kunyit-kunyit, Serunai; 素莲记鱼 (sù lián jì yú)

Fam. Lutjanidae Lutjanus vitta (Quoy & Gaimard)

D X 13; A III 7-8

BL = 20.0 cm

RD 7206004

Brown-striped snapper

Products presentation:

Whole, frozen & ice-chilled

Usage:

Seasonality: Whole year round

Steamed, pan-fried, & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Seasonality:

Body elongate, compressed. Depth 2.8-3. preopercular botch shallow. Vomerine teeth triangular. Suborbital broad. Predorsal scales begin in interobital. Scale rows oblique above lateral line, horizontal below. A brownish band from eye to caudal. Caudal emarginate. Common small-sized lutianid caught with handlines and trawls in coastal waters. Trawl, South China Sea, 49 m.

Body elongate, compressed. Depth about 2.8-3.2. Head profile slightly concave. No preopercular notch and interopercular knob. Vomerine teeth arrowhead-shaped. Eyes large,

suborbital narrow. Scales extend into interobital. Scale rows oblique above lateral line,

horizontal below. A golden band from snout through eye to caudal fin. Caudal slithyly

forked. Small-sized lutjanid (usually 18 cm). Caught mainly with handlines and trawls in

coastal and coral areas. Very common, often caughy in considerable quantities. Trawl, South

Indigenous names: Kunyit-kunyit, Serunai; 记鱼 (jì yú)

Fam. Lutianidae Lutianus spilurus (Bennet)

D X 14: A III 8

BL = 18.8 cm

RD 7210037

Blue-and-yellow snapper

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** Whole, frozen & ice-chilled

Steamed, pan-fried & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Seasonality:

Body elongate, compressed. Depth 2.5-3. Preopercular notch deep, interopercular knob well developed. Vomerine teeth in an inverted V. Predorsal scales begin in interorbital. Scale rows oblique above lateral line, horizontal below. Body colour yellow with 5 distinct blue logitudinal stripes. (A similar species L. basmira has 4 stripes) Common and popular smallsized lutjanid, caught with trawl and handline. Trawl, South China Sea, 58.60 m.

Indigenous names: Kunyit-kunyit, Serunai; 红素莲 (hóng sù lián)

China Sea, 56-60 m.

Fam. Lutjanidae Lutjanus (Bloch)

D X 13-14; A III 8

BL = 20.8 cm

RD 7209081 Rosy snapper

Whole year round

Products presentation:

Whole, frozen & ice-chilled

Usaae:

Steamed, pan-fried, & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Seasonality:

Body oblong, moderately compressed. Depth 2.6-3. Preopercular notch and interopercular knob slightly developed. Vomerine teeth in an arrowhead. Predorsal scales begin in interorbital. Scale rows with narrow rosy lines, oblique above lateral line, horizontal below. Common small-sized species, caughy with trawl and handlines. Trawl, South China Sea, 66-67 m. Indigenous names: Kunyit-kunyit, Serunai; 记鱼 (jì yú)

Fam. Lutjanidae Lutjanus monostigma (Cuvier)

D X 13; A III 8

BL = 21.4 cm

RD 7310041

One-spot snapper

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, frozen & ice-chilled

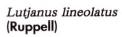
Steamed, pan-fried, & deep-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Body oblong, compressed. Depth 2.8-3. Preopercular notch indistinct. Vomerine teeth in an inverted V. Predorsal scales begin behind eye. Scale rows oblique above lateral line, horizontal below. A large dusky blotch below soft dorsal, bissected by lateral line. Common, medium-sized species. Caught with trawl and handlines in coastal shallow areas. Trawl, off Sarawak, South China Sea, 31-33 m.

Indigenous names: Tanda-tanda; 乌点记鱼 (wū diǎn jì yú); 红皂记 (hóng zào jì)





Lutjanus vitta (Quoy & Gaimard)



Lutjanus spilurus (Bennet)



Lutjanus lutjanus (Bloch)



Lutjanus monostigma (Cuvier)



Fam. **Lutjanidae** Pristipomoides multidens (Day)

D X 11; A III 8

BL = 39.4 cm

RD 7506033

White snapper

Sharp-toothed snapper

Whole year round **Products presentation:** 

Whole, whole gutted, fillets, frozen & ice-chilled

Usage:

Seasonality:

Steamed, pan-fried & deep-fried

Market:

Asia

snout and cheek. Interorbital region with transverse brownish yellow vermiculations. Caudal forked, last dorsal and anal rays elongated. Common in trawl catch from South China Sea and Andaman Sea in deep waters (around 60 m). Important species in the handline and bottom longline catch. Popular food fish. Usual size from handline catch about 50 cm. Specimens from trawl catch usually smaller.

Body oblong moderately compressed. Depth 3-3.3. Pored scales on lateral line 48-52.

No teeth on tongue, vomerine teeth in triangular-shaped patch. Suborbital broad. Body

colour yellowish-pink, with 6 longitudinal yellow lines. 2 golden bands, edged with blue on

Indigenous names: Kerisi bali; 深水红哥里 (shēn shuǐ hóng gē lǐ); 深水钓里 (shēn shuǐ

diào li)

Fam. Lutjanidae Pristipomoides typus Bleeker

D X 11; A III 8

BL = 55.0 cm.

RD 7507009

White snapper

Sharp-toothed snapper

Body oblong, moderately compressed. Depth 3-3.3. Pored scales on lateral line 48-52. No teeth on tongue, vomerine teeth in triangular-shaped patch. Suborbital narrow. Body colour rosy, no golden bands on snout and cheeks. Interorbital region with longitudinal brownish-yellow vermiculations. Caudal forked, upper lobe elongated in small specimens. Last dorsal and anal rays elongated. Important species and popular food fish caught together with P. multidens with trawl, handline and bottom longline in South China Sea and Andaman Sea. Usual size from handline catch about 45 cm.

Indigenous names: Kerisi bali; (Ang-koh-li); 涨里 (zhàng lǐ); 大钓里 (dà diào lǐ)

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, whole gutted, fillets, frozen & ice-chilled

Usage:

Steamed, pan-fried, & deep-fried

Market:

Asia

Fam. Lutjanidae Pristipomoides filamentosus (Valenciennes)

DX11; A III 8

BL = 43.1 cm

RD 7302015

White snapper

Whole year round **Products presentation:** 

Seasonality:

Whole, whole gutted, fillets, frozen & ice-chilled

Usage:

Steamed, pan-fried & deep-fried

Market:

Asia

Body oblong moderately compressed. Depth 3-3.3. Pored scales on lateral line 61-65. No teeth on tongue. Vomerine teeth in a triangular patch. Lower edge of preorbital straight. Interorbital with small dark spots. Caudal forked, last dorsal and anal rays elongated. Caught mainly with handline along the continental slopes and shoals of the South China Sea and Andaman Sea in depth of 80-120 m. Dominating species in the handline catch. Size caught range from 40-50 cm.

Indigenous names: Kerisi bali (Ang-koh-li); 红哥里 (hóng gē lǐ)

Fam. Lutjanidae Pristipomoides flavipinnis Shinohara

DX11; A III 8

BL = 34.4 cm

RD 7304001

White snapper

**Products presentation:** 

Whole year round

Seasonality:

Whole, whole gutted, fillets, frozen & ice-chilled

Usage:

Steamed, pan-fried, & deep-fried

Market:

Asia

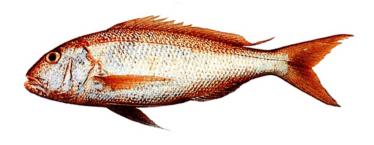
Body oblong, moderately compressed. Depth 3-3.3. Pored lateral line scales 62-67. No teeth on tongue. Vomerine teeth in a broad triangular patch. Irregular light yellow streaks on interorbital and snout. Body colour yellowish-brown. Caudal forked, last dorsal and anal rays elongated. Occasionally caught with handline along the shoals of the South China Sea only. Usual size 30-40 cm.

Indigenous names: 红哥里 (hóng gē lǐ)

Pristipomoides multidens (Day)



Pristipomoides typus Bleeker



Pristipomoides filamentosus (Valenciennes)



Pristipomoides flavipinnis Shinohara



Fam. Lutjanidae Pristipomoides sieboldii (Bleeker)

> D X 11: A III 8 BL = 37.8 cm

RD 7506006 White snapper Seasonality: Whole year round

Products presentation:

Body oblong, subcylindrical. Depth 3-3.3. Pored lateral line scales 71-74. Tonque with oval patch of villiform teeth. Vomerine teeth in a diamond-shaped patch. Lower edge of preorbital slightly curved. Caudal forked, last dorsal and anal rays elongated but not reaching

ice-chilled

Whole, whole autted, fillets, frozen &

Usage:

Steamed, pan-fried & deep-fried

Market: Asia

base of caudal fin. Body colour light purple, pale ventrally. Medium sized species, (about 35 cm) caught mainly from the shoals and banks in the South China Sea by handline in depths of about 80-120 m.

Indigenous names: 红哥里 (hóng gē lǐ)

Fam. **Lutjanidae** Pristipomoides auriculla (Jordan, Evermann & Tanaka) RD 7506001

> DX11; A III 8 BL = 28.0 cm

White snapper

RD 7304005

RD 7506025

Body oblong, subcylindrical Depth 3-3.3. Pored lateral line scales 70-74. Tongue without teeth. Vomerine teeth in a triangular patch. Caudal forked, last dorsal and anal rays elongated. Body colour light purplish and yellow. Dorsal, pectoral and caudal yellow. Small species (about 30 cm) caught with handline from the shoals and banks in the South China Sea in depths of 80-120 m.

Indigenous name: 红哥里 (hóng gē lǐ) Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, frozen & ice-chilled

Steamed, pan-fried, & deep-fried

Market: Asia

Fam. Lutianidae Paracaesio kusakarii Abe

> D X 10: A III 8 BL = 39.4 cm

Body deep, compressed. Depth 2.5-2.8. Pored lateral line scales 48-50. Interorbital space convex, last dorsal and rays not elongated. Small teeth on vomer and palatines. Dorsal spines strong. Caudal emarginate. Common in the handlines catch from the shoals and banks in the South China Sea, occupying about 20% of the catch. Size about 40 cm.

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, whole gutted, fillets, frozen & ice-chilled

Usage:

Steamed, pan-fried & deep-fried

Market: Asia

Fam. Lutjanidae Paracaesio xanthurus (Bleeker)

D X 10; A III 8

BL = 31.8 cm

Body oblong moderately compressed. Depth 2.8-3. Pored lateral line scales 70-72. Interorbital space convex, last dorsal and anal rays not extended. Small teeth on vomer and palatines. Dorsal spines feeble. Caudal forked. Head and body light purple, pale ventrally, back and upper surfaces yellow, fading after death. Smaller species occasionally caught with handline in the shoal and banks in the South China Sea. Usual size 30-35 cm.

蕃茨鱼姑 (fán cì yú gū); 乌姑 (wū gū) Indigenous name:

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, fillets, frozen & ice-chilled

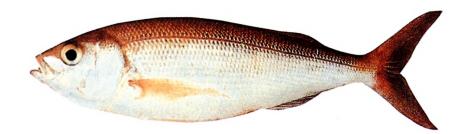
Usage:

Steamed, pan-fried, & deep-fried

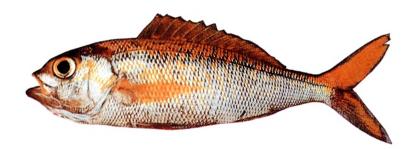
Market:

Asia

Pristipomoides sieboldii (Bleeker)



Pristipomoides auriculla (Jordan, Evermann & Tanaka)



Paracaesio kusakarii **Abe** 



Paracaesio xanthurus (Bleeker)



Fam. Lutjanidae Etelis carbunculus Cuvier

> D X 11; A III 8 BL = 39.0 cm

Body oblong, slightly compressed. Depth 3.3-3.5. Interorbital space flat. Small teeth on vomer and palatines. Dorsal fin deeply botched. Canine teeth in jaws fairly small. Caudal deeply forked, upper lobe much elongated. Occasionally caughy with handline along the shoals and banks in the South China Sea in depths of 80-120 m.

Seasonality:

RD 7304004

RD 7312003

RD 7506028

Green jobfish

Small-toothed jobfish

Rare species, no seasonability

Products presentation:

Whole, whole gutted, fillets, headless

Usage:

Steamed, deep-fried, curry, breading

Market:

No demand, no definite market

Fam. Lutianidae Aphareus rutilans Cuvier

DX11; A III 8

BL = 64.2 cm

Body elongaate, slightly compressed. Depth 3.3-3.7. Interorbital space flat, vomer and palatines toothless. Mouth large and oblique, lower jaw prominent, teeth in jaws minute, no canines. Last ray of dorsal and anal fins prolonged. Pectoral fins long. Caudal deeply forked. Large-sized species common in handline catches from the shoals and banks in the South China Sea and Adaman Sea.

Seasonality:

Rare species, no seasonability

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, fillets, whole gutted, headless

Steamed, fried, curry, breading

Market:

No demand, no definite market

Fam. Lutjanidae Aprion virescens Valenciennes

D X 11; A III 8

BL = 45.0 cm

Body elongate, sllightly compressed. Depth 3.8-4. Interorbital space flat. Doral fin not notched. Jaws with villiform teeth with pair of enlarged canines anteeriorly and small ones laaterally. Last dorsal and anal rays elongated. Pectoral fins short. A deep groove in front of eye. Caudal deeply forked. Larged-sized species occasionally in handline catches from shoals and banks in the South China Sea.

Seasonality:

Rare species, no seasonability

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, whole gutted, fillets, headless

Usage:

Steamed, fried, curry, breading

Market:

No demand, no definite market

Fam. Lutjanidae Pinjalo pinjalo (Bleeker)

D XI 14; A III 10

BL = 18.4 cm

RD 7309008 Pinjalo snapper

Seasonality: Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, gutted, fillet

Usage:

Steamed, pan-fried, & BB-Q

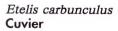
Market:

EU, USA, Japan

Body rather deep, compressed. Depth 2.3-3. Mouth small and oblique. Interorbital space convex. Soft parts of dorsal and anal scaled. Scale rows above and below lateral line run obliquely upwards. Eye at mid-level of head behind tip of snout. Caudal fin lunate. Coastal waters down to depths of 60 m. Not common, caught with trawls and handlines. Usual size about 50 cm.

Indigenous name:

春鸡 (chūn jī)





Aphareus rutilans Cuvier



Aprion virescens Valenciennes



Pinjalo pinjalo (Bleeker)



Fam. Lutjanidae Caesio tile Cuvier & Valenciennes

DX 19-22; A III 12-13

BL = 21.4 cm

Body fusiform and compressed. Depth 3.9-4.5. Mouth small oblique. Fine teeth in one series in jaws. Caudal deeply forked. Golden line extending from above eye to base of upper caudal lobe. Caught around coral and rocky reefs. Usual size 10-20 cm, maximum 25cm. Specimen collected from local fish market.

Indigenous name:

青姑 (qīng gū)

Seasonality: RD 7509015

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, whole fillet

Usage:

Surimi, fish paste, yong tau foo, fish ball,

fish cake

Market:

Southeast Asia

Fam. **Lutjanidae** Caesio Iunaris Cuvier & Valenciennes

DX 13-14; A III 11

BL = 22.2 cm

RD 7510014 Rising moon fusilier

RD 7509016

Whole year round Products presentation:

Whole, fillet

Seasonality:

Usaae:

Surimi, fish ball, fish cake, pan-fried

Southeast Asia

Body compressed, head profile convex above eye. Depth 2.4-2.8. Villiform teeth in both jaws, center row enlarged, minute teeth in vomer. Caudal forked, lobes dark blue ending in blackish tips. Colour bluish with greenish tinge, pinkish ventrally spinous. Dorsal and pelvic fins pinkish. Found in schools around coral reefs. Good material for making fish cakes. Usua size 20 cm, maximum 40 cm.

Indigenous names: 蕃茨姑 (fán cì gū); 乌尾 (wū wěi)

Fam. Lutjanidae Caesio xanthonotus Bleeker

DX - XI; A III 12

BL = 23.2 cm

Body compressed, depth 3.2-3.4. Single row of fine conical teeth, in jaws, rof of mouth with narrow band of minute teeth. Caudal forked, yellow with pink margin. Back and dorsal fin yellow, mid lateral with broad blue band tapering towards base of caudal ventral and paired fins pinkish. Usual size 13-23 cm, maximum 35 cm.

Indigenous names: 蕃茨鱼 (fán cì yú); 金尾 (jīn wěi)

Seasonality:

Whole year round **Products presentation:** 

Whole, whole fillet

Usage:

Surimi, fish ball, fish cake, pan-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia

Fam. Lutjanidae Caesio caerulaureus Lacepede

DX 14-15; A III 11-13

BL = 18.9 cm

RD 7509011 Blue-and-gold fusilier

Whole year round

Seasonality:

Products presentation:

Whole, fillet

Usage:

Surimi, fish paste, yong tau fu, fish ball,

fish cake

Market:

Southeast Asia

3.0-3.6. Single row of conical teeth in jaws, no teeth on roof of mouth. Caudal forked each lobe with broad black band. Back and head metallic blue, silvery pink below, a broad silvery yellow band from head to caudal fin. Upper base of pelvic fin with a distinct black mark. Usual size 20-25 cm.

Body slender, fusiform, compressed, dorsal and ventral profiles equally convex. Depth

Indigenous names: 红条 (hóng tiáo)

Caesio tile
Cuvier & Valenciennes



Caesio lunaris Cuvier & Valenciennes



Caesio xanthonotus Bleeker



Caesio caerulaureus Lacepede



Fam. **Lutjanidae** 

Caesio erythrogaster Cuvier

gill nets and traps. Usual size 30-40 cm. Trawl, South China Sea, 66-67 m.

D X 15: A III 11

BL = 37.5 cm

RD 7509013 Yellow tail fusilier

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole & fillet

Seasonality:

Usage:

Fish ball, fish cake, fish paste

Market:

Singapore, Malaysia

Indiaenous name:

Delah; 正黄尾 (zhèng huáng wěi); 蕃茨鱼 (fán cì yú)

Body elongate, slightly compressed. Depth 3.4-3.7. Dorsal and ventrall profile gently

Body moderately deep, oval, compressed. Depth 2.3-2.5. Mouth small, oblique. Head

profile slightly concave in front of eye. Fine teeth on vomer and palatines. Caudal deeply

forked, lobes pointed. Common in coastal waters especially around coral and rocky reefs.

Sometimes landed in fairly large numbers. Used mostly for making fish cakes. Caught with

Fam. Lutjanidae Caesio chrysozona Cuvier

D X1 14-15; A III 11-12

BL = 21.8 cm

RD 7509017 Goldband fusilier

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole & fillet

**Seasonality:** 

Usage:

Fish ball, fish cake, fish paste

Market:

Singapore & Malaysia

curved. No teeth on vomer and palatines. Caudal deeply forked, lobes with black tips. A golden longitudinal band along lateral line. Common but not important market fish due to small size. Used for making fish cakes. Usual size 15 cm. Inhabits shallow coral and rocky areas. Trawl, South China Sea, 47-49 m.

Indigenous names: Delah jantan; 白条 (bái tiáo)

Fam. Lutjanidae Caesio diagramma Bleeker

D X 14-15; A III 12

BL = 18.8 cm

RD 7509009

Dark-banded fusilier

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole & fillet

Seasonality:

Usage:

Fish ball, fish cake, fish paste

Market:

Singapore & Malaysia

Body elongate, slightly compressed. Deph 3.3-3.7. Dorsal and ventral profile gently curved. No teeth on vomer and palate. Caudal deeply forked, with black-tipped lobes. Two narrow brown longitudinal bands. Not common, usual size about 15 cm. Found around shalow coral and rocky areas.

Indigenous names: 红条 (hóng tiáo)

BL = 14.8 cm

RD 7210028 Painted sweetlip

Whole year round but rare species

Products presentation:

Whole, fillet

Seasonality:

Pan fried, portion cut, sliced for sweet

& sour fish

Market:

Taiwan, Southeast Asia

Fam. Pomadasyidae Plectorhynchus pictus (Thunberg)

D IX-X, 23-26; A III 6-8

Body oblong, compressed. Depth 2.3-2.8. Dorsal profile steep. Chin with 6 pores. Mouth small, lips thick. No canine teeth, palate without teeth. Head and sides with longitudinal black bands in juveniles, becoming spotted in adults. Adults blue grey and yellowish spots. Caudal and dorsal fins with black spots. Common and popular market fish. Caught with trawl and handlines in coastal waters down to 80m. Trawll, South China Sea, 61-64 m.

Indigenous names: Kachi; 胶结仔 (jiāo jié zǎi)

Caesio eythrogaster Cuvier



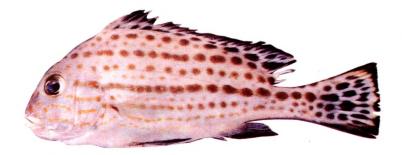
Caesio chrysozona Cuvier



Caesio diagramma Bleeker



Plectorhynchus pictus (Thunberg)



Fam. Pentapodidae Gymnocranius griseus (Schlegel)

D X 10; A III 9

BL = 31.4 cm

RD 7206022

Grey large-eye bream

Naked-headed sea bream Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole & fillet

Seasonality:

Usage:

Breading, deep-fried, soup, pan fried

Australia, Middle east, Japan, Taiwan

& Southeast Asia

Indiaenous name: 大白菊鱼 (dà bái jú yú)

China Sea.

Fam. Pentapodidae Gymnocranius elongatus Senta

D X 10: A III 10

BL = 16.0 cm

RD7206053

Elongated large-eye bream

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole & fillet

Seasonality:

Usaae:

Deep fried, pan fried, breading

Australia, Japan, Taiwan, Middle East,

Southeast Asia

Body oblony compressed. Depth about 2.4. Surface of maxilla smooth. Eyes large, pearlike. Mouth moderate, slightly oblique. Suborbital width narrow Pelvic fins reaching to 1st anal spine. Caudal fin deeply forked, median rays shorter than eye diameter, with red hind margin. Occasionally caught with trawl in the Souh China Sea (especially off Sarawak) and Andaman Sea in depths of 40-70 m.

Body oblong, compressed. Depth 2.3-2.8. Surface of maxilla smooth, without denticulations. Each jaw with 6 canines anteriorly, others conical. Hind margin of

preoperculum scaleless. Scales on head begin behind level of eyes. Caudal fin forked. Common

in trawl catch from coastal waters up to 80 m occupying 2.5-4% of the catch from the South

Incdigenous name: 乌白菊 (wū bái jú)

Fam. Pentapodidae Gnathodentex mossambicus Smith

D X 10; A III 10-11

BL = 27.3 cm

RD 7302011

Mozambique large-eye bream

Seasonality:

Rare species, no seasonability

**Products presentation:** 

Whole & fillet

Usage:

Pan-fried

Market:

China, Middle East, Saudi

Body deep, rhomboid, compressed. Depth 1.9-2.2. Maxilla with a strongly denticulated ridge. Jaws with canine teeth anteriorly, outer lateral series of concial teeth and inner series of villiform teeth. Caudal fin slightly forked, lobes rounded. Common in handline catch along continental slopes of Andaman Sea and along shoals and banks in the South China Sea, occupying about 10-20% of the catch.

Fam. Pentapodidae Pentapodus setosus (Valenciennes)

D X 9; A III 7

BL = 13.1 cm

RD 7510002

Threadfin bream

Rare species, no seasonability

Products presentation:

Fillet

Fish paste, surimi, fish ball, fish cake

& Yong Tau Fu

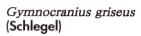
Seasonality:

Market:

Southeast Asia, Korea & Japan

Body elongate, slightly compressed. Depth 3.4-3.6. A blunt suborbital spine below eye. Preoperculum without serrations, its corner rounded. Caudal fin forked, upper lobe produced into a long filament. Common coastal species, sometimes landed in fair numbers but of little importance.

Indigenous names: Anjang-anjang, Seninching; 唐丝 (táng sī)





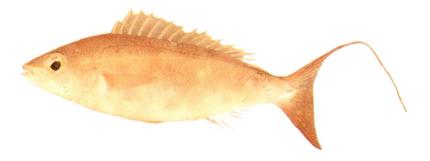
Gymnocranius elongatus Senta



Gnathodentex mossambicus Smith



Pentapodus setosus (Valenciennes)



Fam. Scolopisdae Scolopsis vosmeri (Bloch)

D X 9-10; A III 7-8

Caught with trawls in shallow coastal waters. Usual size around 15 cm.

BL = 17.9 cm

RD 7310040 White-cheek monocle bream

Whole year round (rare species)

**Product presentation:** 

Whole

Seasonality:

<u>Usage:</u>

Material fish for surimi

Market:

No specific market

Indigenous names: Puyu laut; 白头库 (bái tóu kù)

Fam. **Scolopsidae** Scolopsis taeniopterus (Valenciennes)

D X 9; A III 7 BL =17.0 cm RD 7209036
Lattice monocle bream

RD 7210015

RD 7310013

RD 7310062

Whole year round **Products presentation:** 

Whole

Seasonality:

<u>Usage:</u>

Material fish for surimi

Market:

No specific market

Body elongate, moderately compressed. Depth 3. Head blunt, dorsal profile slightly rounded. A conspicous backward-directed spine below eye. Body greyish yellow, with a distinct blue band between eye and a blue line on suborbital. Sides with faint blue and yellow vertical lines. A bright red spot on upper pectoral base. Common small-sized fish, often landed with trawl catch. Of little commercial value. Usual size about 15 cm. Indigenous names: Mempasir; 白头库 (bái tóu kù)

Body oval, strongly compressed. Depth 2-2.3. Dorsal profile convex. Eyes large, with a

strong spine below it. Pale reddish-brown with a crescentic white vertical band on operculum.

Sometimes a white band below lateral line. Occasionally seen in market but of little value.

Fam. Parapercidae Parapercis pulchella (Temminck & Schlegel)

D V1 21-22; A I 16-17

BL = 12.6 cm

Body elongate, cylindrical, with small scales. Depth about 5. Mouth fairly-large, jaws and palate with small teeth. Caudal rounded. Small-sized species living in shallow and deep coastal waters. Usually considered as trash fish from trawl catch.

Indigenous names: 九母仔 (jiǔ mǔ zǎi)

Seasonality:

Whole year round (rare species)

**Products presentation:** 

Whole

Usage:

Material for surimi

Market:

No specific market

Fam. Parapercidae Parapercis xanthozona (Bleeker)

D V1 21; A 18

BL = 13.2 cm

Body elongate, cylindrical. Depth about 6. Mouth slightly oblique, lower jaw projecting. Villiform teeth on jaws, no teeth on palatines. Caudal slightly rounded. Body colour brownish with a light longitudinal band from pectoral base to caudal. 9 indistinct cross bars on sides. White longitudinal band in middle of caudal fin. Small-sized, occasionally caught with trawl in coastal waters. Considered as trash fish.

Indigenous names: 九母仔 (jiǔ mǔ zǎi)

**Seasonality:** 

Whole year round (rare species)

**Products presentation:** 

Whole

Usage:

Material for surimi

Market:

No specific market

Fam. Parapercidae Parapercis filamentosa (Steindachner)

D V1 21-22; A 17-18

BL = 13.4 cm

Body elongate, cylindrical. Depth 5.5-6. Mouth slightly oblique, lower jaw projecting slightly. No teeth on palatines. Caudal slightly rounded. The first 5-6 dorsal rays filamentous. Most common species. Usually found in trash fish from trawl catch. Little commercial value. Indigenous names: 九母仔 (jiǔ mǔ zǎi)

**Seasonality:** 

Whole year round (rare species)

**Products presentation:** 

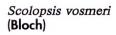
Whole

Usage:

Material fish for surimi

Market:

No specific market





Scolopsis taeniopterus (Valenciennes)



Parapercis pulchella (Temminck & Schlegel)



Parapercis xanthozona (Bleeker)



Parapercis filamentosa (Steindachner)



Fam. Callionymidae Dactylopus dactylopus (Cuvier)

D<sub>1</sub>IV,D<sub>2</sub> 8; A 7 BL = 12.5 cm

RD 7210041 Dragonet

Seasonality:

Whole year round (rare species)

**Product presentation:** 

Whole

Usage:

Material fish for surimi

Market:

No actual market

Indigenous name: 海鸟 (hǎi niǎo)

as trash fish.

Fam. Pomacentridae Daya jerdoni (Day)

D XIII 12-13; A II 14

BL = 7.8 cm

RD 7310015

Damsel-fish

Whole year round **Products presentation:** 

Whole

Seasonality:

Usage:

Material fish for surimi

Market:

No actual market

Body oblong, compressed. Depth 2.8. Mouth oblique, lips thick. Opercle and subopercle edge finely serrated. No scaly sheath at base of dorsal and anal fins. Scales on sides with a dark blue basal spot. Dark spot on upper pectoral base. Caudal deeply forked, lobes pointed. Small fishes attaining 12 cm, occasionally occurring in trash fish from trawl catch. Indigenous names: Gombing

Body elongate, subcylindrical, Depth 5.3-5.6. Head and anterior part of body somewhat

depressed. No scales. Mouth small, protractile, slightly oblique. Gill opening reduced to a

small slit. Spines of 1st dorsal long and filamentous. Spine and first ray of pelvic fin separated

from the rest of fin. Small fishes common in trawl catch but of no commercial value. Considered

Fam. Labridae

Choerodon schoenleini (Valenciennes)

D XIII 7-8; A III 9-10

BL = 52.0 cm

RD 7206019 Tusk fish

Whole year round **Products presentation:** 

Whole gutted, fillet

Seasonality:

Usage:

Delicacy & delicious as steamed fish, fish porridge & deep fried

Market:

HongKong, Thailand, Taiwan &

Singapore

Seasonality:

Body oblong, compressed. Depth 2.4-2.6. Mouth slightly oblique, upper lip strongly plated. Teeth in jaws coalesced into serrated ridge, 4 curved anterior canines in each jaw. Dorsal and anal with scaly sheath. Pelvic fins not reaching to anal fin. Caudal truncate. A large light patch between soft dorsal and lateral line. Blue ring around eye when fresh. Occasionally landed but not popular food fish as the flesh is said to be poisonous at certain seasons.

Indigenous names: Tokak, bechok; 青英哥 (qīng yīng gē)

Fam. Labridae

Xiphocheilus typus Bleeker

D XII 7-8; A III 10

BL = 10.4 cm

RD 7210024 Sword-lipped wrasse

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole

Usage:

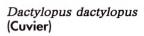
Material fish for surimi

Market:

No actual market

Body oblong, slightly compressed. Depth 3.2-3.4. Mouth large, upper lip thin, swordlike covered by preorbital when mouth is closed. Teeth in both jaws coalesced into ridges. 4 anterior canines in each jaw. Dorsal and anal fin without scaly sheath. Scales on body large, small scales on cheeks. Caudal truncate, head with light bands radiating from eye to snout. Small, common in trash fish of trawl catch. No commercial value. Indigenous names: Jampong; 英哥仔 (yīng gē zǎi)

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Daya jerdoni (Day)



Choerodon schoenleini (Valenciennes)



Xiphocheilus typus Bleeker



Fam. **Ephippidae** Ephippus orbis (Bloch)

DIX 19-20; AIII 15-16

BL = 16.2 cm

RD 7212O56 Spadefish

Seasonality: No seasonality

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, headless

Usage:

Deep fried, salted

Market:

No actual market

palate. 1st dorsal spine small, directed not protractile. No teeth om palate. 1st dorsal spine small, direct forward, embedded in older specimens, 4th-6th spines longest. Pectorals very short, rounded. Occurs occasionally in the trawl catch from shallow coastal water of about 30 40 m. depth. Common but not abundant in market.

Body oval, deep, strongly compressed. Head higher than long. Mouth very small, on

Indigenous names: Kereping; 荷包鲳 (hè bāo chāng); 油甘鱼 (yóu gān yú)

Fam. Drepanidae Drepane punctata (Linnaeus)

D VIII-IX 19-22; A III 17-19

BL = 12.0 cm

RD 7209033 Spotted sicklefish

Seasonality: No seasonality

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, headless

Usaae:

Deep fried, salted

Market:

No actual market

Body rhombic, deep, strongly compressed. Head short, with elevated profile. Mout protractile downwards. No teeth on palate. 1st dorsal spine small, directed forward, embedded in older individuals. Other dorsal spines shorter than median dorsal rays. Pectoral fins sickleshaped and long, reaching to base of caudal peduncle. Adults often with a protuberance between the eyes. Upper half of sides with-several vertical rows of small black spots. Some individuals with vertical stripes have been described as D. longimana (Bloch). Fairly common though not abundant in the trawl catch from coastal waters up to 70 m. Frequently seen in market but not very popular.

Indigenous names: Berbaharu; 白草扇 (bái cǎo shàn)

Fam. Platacidae Platax batavianus Cuvier

D VII, 29-32; A III 22-23

BL = 36.0 cm & 10.7 cm

RD 7206051

RD 7210032

**Batfish** 

Body rhomboid in young, rounded in adults. Dorsal profile angular in young but less so with age. Head very high and short. Mouth small, not protractile. Teeth with three cusps, middle one longest. Vomer and palatine with teeth. Dorsal spines short, hidden in scaly sheath, continuous with soft rays. Dorsal and anal rays greatly prolonged in young becoming shorter in adults. Pectoral fins short. Common reefs and rocky areas, occasionally caught with trawl. Not valued as food, but young are popular aquarium fishes.

Indigenous names: Tudong periok; 乌草扇 (wū cǎo shàn); 草扇仔 (cǎo shàn zǎi)

Seasonality:

No seasonality

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, headless, gutted

Usage:

Deep fried, steamed, salted

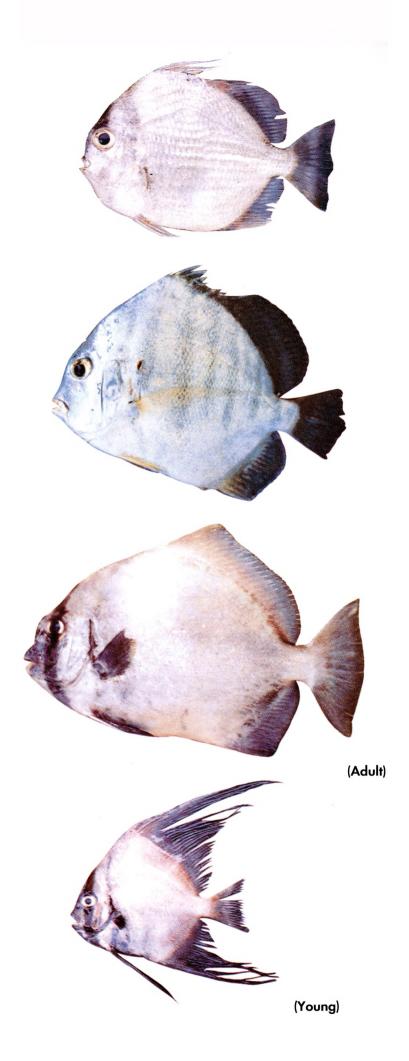
Market:

No actual market

Ephippus orbis (Bloch)

Drepane punctata (Linnaeus)

Platax batavianus Cuvier



Fam. Siganidae

Siganus canaliculatus (Park)

(=S. oramin) D XIII 10; A VII 9

BL = 17.8 cm

RD 7210013

Rabbitfish

White spotted spinefoot

Dec.-Feb.

Seasonality:

Product presentation:

Whole year but large quantities in

Whole

Usage:

Steamed

Market:

Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, Malaysia & Singapore (high prices during Chinese

New Year)

Seasonality:

Indigenous name:

Dengkis (Peh-tor); 白肚 (bái dǔ)

Chinese New Year period (January - February), Usual size 10-15 cm.

Fam. Siganidae

Siganus javus (Linnaeus)

D XIII 10: A VII 9

BL = 19.7 cm

RD 7310037 Rabbitfish

Streaked spinefoot

Whole year round **Products presentation:** 

Whole Usage:

Deep fried with soya sauce

Market:

Hong Kong, Malaysia & Singapore

Body oval, strongly compressed. Depth 1.8-2.3. Mouth small, jaws with close-set teeth. Scales small, minute. A small forward-directed spine in front of spinous dorsal. Pelvic fins with two spines. First dorsal spine shorter than the last. Spots on lower part of sides elongated and wavy. Common but not very popular species. Attains larger size than S. canaliculatus usually about 20 cm.

Body oval, compressed. Depth 2.4-2.8. Mouth small, with close-set teeth in jaws. Scales

on body small, embedded, body smooth. A small forward directed spine in front of spinuous

dorsal. Spines with poison glands. Pelvic fins with two spines. First and last dorsal spines

subequal in length. A dark blotch behind upper part of gill cover (below lateral line). Common

and abundant species, occurring in large schools in shallow and coastal waters. Caught by

trawl and traps. Schools of young feeds by nibbling at algae and seaweeds along the shore.

Generally little demand in the market but fetches a very high price when ripe during the

Indigenous names: Gelibas; 知县 (zhī xiàn); 老爹鱼 (lǎo diē yú)

Fam. Psettodidae Psettodes erumei (Schneider)

D 50-56; A 36-43

BL = 25.4 cm

RD 7206031 Indian halibut

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, fillet

Seasonality:

Usage:

Fish & chips

Market:

USA, Europe, Asia & Southeast Asia (widely accepted in most countries)

Body elongate-oval, strongly compressed. Depth 2.3-2.6. Both eyes on same side, either left or right. Mouth large, with 2-3 rows of large pointed canines. Vomer and palatine with fine teeth. Dorsal fin originates well behind eyes, first few rays spinous. Dorsal and anal fins not connected to caudal. Caudal fin truncate. Colour uniform brown, pale on blind side. Young may have about 4 transverse bars. Common but not abundant. Caught occasionally with trawl from muddy and sandy areas. Usual size 20-40 cm and may attain 60 cm. Indigenous names: Sabelah; 左口午 (zuǒ kǒu wǔ); 咀午 (jǔ wǔ)

Fam. Bothidae

Grammatobothus polyopthalmus (Bleeker)

RD 7206008

Three-spot flounder

D 80-86; A 61-68 BL = 12.5 cm

Body oval, flat. Depth 1.5-1.7. Both eyes on left sides, separately by a narrow space only. Mouth small, upper jaw ending below lower eye. Base of pelvic fin longer on eyed side. Lateral line distinct on both sides, forked in region above eye. Colour brown with three dark blotches ringed with black. Dorsal, anal and caudal fins with dark blotches. Common in trawl catch from shallow muddy or sandy names: Little commercial value.

Indigenous names: Sabelah; 剃补 (tì bǔ)

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, fillet

Usage:

Pan-fried

Market:

USA, Europe, Australia & New Zealand

Siganus canaliculatus (Park)



Siganus javus (Linnaeus)



Psettodes erumei (Schneider)



Grammatobothus polyopthalmus (Bleeker)



Fam. Balistidae

Abalistes stellaris (Bloch & Schneider)

Body oval, deeply compressed. Depth 2.3. Body covered with moderately large

bony scales in regular rows. A longitudinal groove before each eye. 1st dorsal spine can

be locked in erect position by 2nd spine. Dorsal and anal rays branched. Caudal

peduncle almost round sometimes depressed, being wider than deep. Most common member

of family sometimes caught in large numbers with trawl. Flesh is reputed to resemble

Body elongate, strongly compressed. Depth about 2.6. Body smooth, with minute scales. Mouth small, pointed. Gill opening an oblique slit. 1st dorsal spine erectile, above center of eye. 2nd spine small, hidden below skin. Soft rays of dorsal and anal not branched.

Pelvic hidden below the skin, without spine. Caudal fin rounded to truncate. Fairly

common in market, sold without skin. Caught with trawl in coastal waters up to 65 m.

D III 26-27: A 23-26

BL = 26.0 cm

RD 7206002 Starry triggerfish Seasonality:
Whole year round

Product presentation:

Product presentation

Fillet, minced Usage:

Deep fried

Market:

No specific market

Indigenous names: Jebong, Ayam laut; 仙公狄 (xiān gōng dī); 皮狄 (pí dī)

Fam. **Balistidae** Alutera monceros (Linnaeus)

D<sub>1</sub>II; D<sub>2</sub>48-50; A 50-51

chicken, but not very popular in market. Usual size around 30 cm.

BL = 36.2 cm

RD 7209059

Unicom filefish

RD 7304018

Triggerfish, Filefish

Products presentation:

Seasonality:

riodocis presenianon.

Fillet and headless gutted-skinless

Jan to April and Aug to Nov.

<u>Usage:</u>

Fish & chips, sweet and sour fish, porridge

Market:

China, Hongkong, Australia, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and Japan

Fam. **Balistidae** Monacanthus curtorhynchus Bleeker

Subfam. D₁II; D₂ 27; A 26

Indigenous names: Barat-barat; 石狄 (shí dí)

Monacanthinae BL = 9.3 cm

Body oblong, compressed. Depth about 3. Body with small rough scales, not in regular rows. Mouth terminal, snout not produced. 1st dorsal spine erectile, locked by 2nd rudimentary spine. Soft rays of dorsal and anal not branched. Pelvic shield present with slender, movable spine. First dorsal originates behind middle of eye. Caudal rounded, with upper and lower rays produced into a yellow filament. Small sized species, of little commercial value, usually regarded as trash fish.

Indigenous names: Barat-barat

Seasonality:

Rare species

**Products presentation:** 

Fillet and headless gutted-skiffless

<u>Usage</u>:

Fish & chips, sweet & sour fish, fish porridge

<u>Market:</u>

China, Hongkong, Australia, Malaysia,

Thailand, Singapore & Japan

Fam. **Belistidae** Monacanthus macrurus Bleeker RD 721005

Subfam. D<sub>1</sub>II, D<sub>2</sub> 29-30; A 27-30

Monacanthinae BL = 14.6 cm

Body oblong, compressed. Depth 2.5-2.8. Body with small rough scales not in regular rows. Mouth small, terminal, snout not produced. Gill opening before middle of eye. Dorsal spin over middle of eye, not in groove when depressed. Soft dorsal and anal rays unbranched. Pelvic spine not movable. Caudal rounded. Medium-sized species occasionally caught with trawl in coastal waters.

Indigenous names: Barat-barat; 狄仔 (dí zǎi)

Seasonality:

Rare species

Products presentation:

Headless, gutted-skinless

**Usage:** 

Stir fried, soya-sauce fried

Market:

Thailand, Malaysia & Singapore

Fam. **Balistidae** Monacanthus chinensis (Bleeker) RD 7509005

Subfam. D<sub>1</sub>II, D<sub>2</sub> 28-30; A 27-30

Monacanthinae BL = 16.6 cm

Body oblong compressed. Depth 1.7-2. Dorsal profile ascending from snout to origin of second dorsal. Mouth small, terminal, snout not produced. Chin slightly prominent. Gill opening oblique below posterior part of eye. Dorsal spine above middle of eye, 2nd spine minute. Soft dorsal and anal rays unbranched. Pelvic spine movable. Caudal rounded, peduncle with 4-6 backward-directed spines. Very common species, frequently seen in market, quite popular.

Indigenous names: Barat-barat; 正撕皮狄 (zhèng sī pí dí)

Seasonality:

Rare species

Products presentation:

Headless, gutted-skinless

<u>Usage:</u>

Stir fried, soya-sauce fried

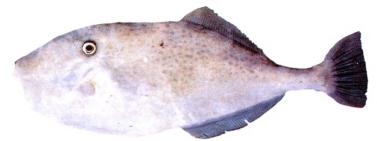
Market:

Thailand, Malaysia & Singapore





Alutera monceros (Linnaeus)



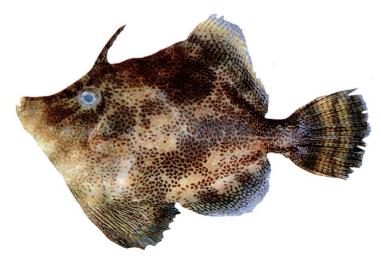
Monacanthus curtorhynchus Bleeker



Monacanthus macrurus Bleeker



Monacanthus chinensis (Bleeker)



## Class Crustacea Sub-Class Malacostraca Order Decapoda

Fam. Penaeidae Penaeus japonicus Bate

Kuruma prawn

Seasonality:

Smooth carapace. Horizontal rostrum with 8-10 teeth on top, 1-2 teeth under rostrum. Movable lateral spines on telson. Maximum length and body weight is 225 mm and 80 grams, respectively. Distributed in South Africa, Southeast Asia, Northern Australia, Korea and Japan. Lives on sandy mud and sand bottoms. A very important commercial species in Japan, Similar to P. Canaliculatus.

**Products presentation:** 

Whole year round

Whole, and Headless-shell on

Usage:

Barbecue, and Japanese cuisines like Teppan-yaki

Market:

USA, Japan, E.U. and Southeast Asia

Indigenous names: Udang harimau; 老虎虾 (Iǎo hǔ xiā)

Fam. Penaeidae Penaeus monodon Fabricius

Giant tiger prawn

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, Headless-shell on, peeled - tail-on, and peeled (P&D, and PUD)

Usage:

Steam/boiled, barbecued, sashimi, sushi, & teppan-yaki.

Market:

USA, Japan, China, Taiwan, Southeast Asia and E.U.

7-8 teeth on top of rostrum, 3-4 teeth under rostrum. Pereiopods may be red, never white. Grooved telson on lateral spines. Maximum length and body weight is 330 mm and 250 grams, respectively. Found in Indo-West Pacific, East and Southeast Africa, Arabian Gulf, Indian Subcontinent, Southeast Asia, Northern Australia and Japan. Lives on mud or sand bottoms. An important aquaculture species in Asia. The meat is firm with good flavor.

Indigenous names: Udang harimau; 老虎虾 (lǎo hǔ xiā); 九节虾 (jiǔ jié xiā)

Fam. Penaeidae Penaeus semisulcatus de Haan

Green tiger prawn

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, Headless - shell-on and peeled - tail-n

<u>Usage:</u>

Barbecued, teppan-yaki

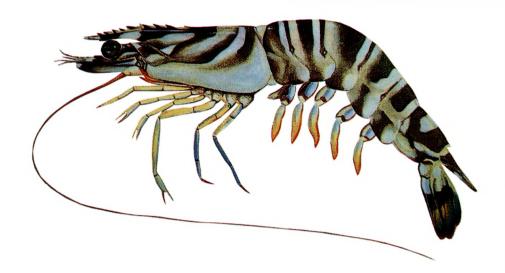
Market:

USA, EU and Southeast Asia

Long groove in carapace. Teeth behind rostrum, 7-8 teeth on top of rostrum, 3 below. Bands on abdomen. Pereiopods are white. Maximum length and body weight is about 228 mm and 130 grams respectively. Found in Indo-West Pacific region, Southeast Africa, Indian Subcontinent, Malay Archipelago, Japan and Northern Australia. A very important commercial species. Known as flower shrimp in Taiwan and other Asian countries. In northern Australia, it is mixed with P. esculentus in catches or in marketing. It looks similar to P monodon. An aquaculture species in Thailand and Taiwan. The meat is firm and fairly mild.

Indigenous names: Udang harimau; 细脚 (xì jiǎo)

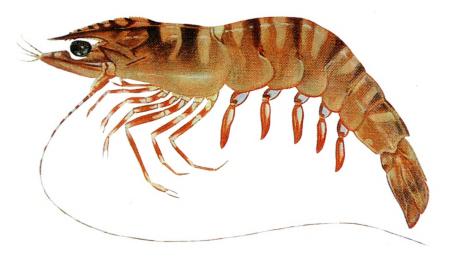
Penaeus japonicus Bate



Penaeus monodon Fabricius



Penaeus semisulcatus de Haan



Fam. Penaeidae Penaeus indicus H. Milne Edwards

imported shrimp in Japan. Good quality and flavored shrimp.

Indian white prawn

Seasonality:

Whole year round

Products presentation:

Whole, and Headless-shell on, & peeled (P&D and PUD)

<u>Usage:</u>

Steamed/boiled, deep-fried, & pan-fried

Market:

USA, Japan, E.U., China, Australia and Southeast Asia

Indigenous names: Udang putih; 白刺 (bái cì)

Fam. Penaeidae Penaeus latisulcatus Kishinouye

Western king prawn

10-12 teeth on top of rostrum, 1 tooth below. No cross bands on carapace or abdomen. Crest extends along most of carapace. There is groove on carapace. Short, black-brown bars on the body. Maximum length and body weight is 200 mm and 60 grams, respectively. Distributed in Indo-West Pacific region, Southeast Africa, Arabian Gulf, India, Southeast Asia, Japan, Korea and South Australia. Lives on sand bottoms and sandy mud. Popular in Japan and is a commercially important species in South Australia.

Crest mostly brown, low rostral crest. Well developed ridge. 7-8 teeth on top of rostrum,

5-6 below. Speckles on the segment. Legs often reddish. Maximum length and body weight

is 228 mm and 35 grams, respectively. Found in Indo-West Pacific, Southeast Asia, South

China and Northern Australia. Lives on mud or sandy mud bottoms. Most important commercial

species in India and East Afiica. Similar to P. merguiensis and P penicillatus. A popular

Indigenous names: Udang susu; 沙马 (shā mǎ)

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Wholed

Usage:

Steamed/boiled, pan-fried

Market:

China, Southeast Asia

Fam. **Penaeidae** Penaeus merguiensis de Mann

Banana prawn

Smooth carapace, almost no ridges. Rostrum high and triangular 7-8 teeth on top, up to 6 below rostrum. Maximum length and body weight is 240 mm and 50 grams, respectively. Lives on muddy bottoms. Found in Arabian Gulf, Pakistan, Malay Archipelago, South China Sea and Australia. It is one of the commercially important species. Similar to P. indicus and is sometimes called white shrimp. The meat is firm and with a fine flavor.

Indigenous names: Udang putih; 白刺红脚 (bái cì hóng jiǎo)

Seasonality:

Whole year round

Products presentation:

Whole

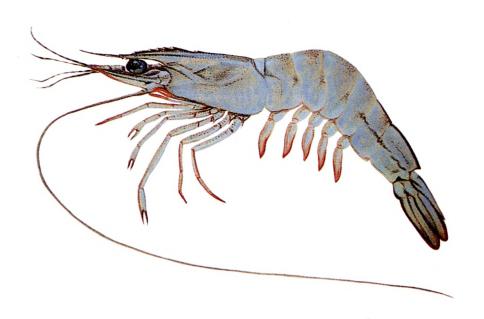
Usage:

Steamed/boiled, pan-fried

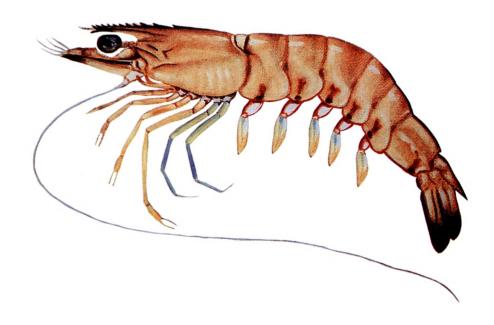
Market:

Australia, Japan, USA., EU & Southeast Asia

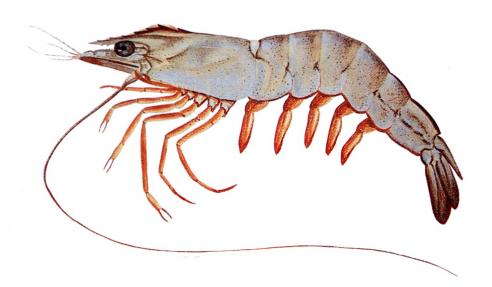
Penaeus indicus H. Milne Edwards



Penaeus latisulcatus Kishinouye



Penaeus merguiensis de Mann



Fam. Penaeidae Metapenaeus affinis H. Milne Edwards

Pink shrimp

<u>Seasonality:</u> Whole year round

Products presentation:

Whole, headless-shell on, & peeled

Usage:

Steamed/boiled, pan-fried & cooked

Market:

USA, Japan, E.U., China, and Southeast Asia

shrimp in Malaysia. The meat is firm and good tasting. Indigenous names: Udang merah ros; 沙卢(shā lú)

Fam. **Penaeidae** Metapenaeus brevicornis (H. Milne Edwards) Yellow shrimp

Groove on carapace. Rostrum with high crest. No teeth on short rostrum. 5-7 teeth on crest. Body hairless. Maximum length is 150 mm. Found in Indo-West Pacific region, Southeast Asia. A fast growing prawn, reaches its full size within four months time. An important commercial species in Pakistan and India.

Rostrum narrow with 7-8 teeth on crest. Wide, deep groove on telson. Colour of segments

grey-green to grey-blue. Maximum length is 170 mm. Distributed in Indian Ocean, Arabian

Sea, Southeast Asia, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Lives on muddy bottoms. Known as Indian

brown shrimp. An important commercial species in Pakistan, India and Southeast Asia.

Similar to M. moybei and M. ensis, In Chinese it is called middle prawn. A ponds cultured

Indigenous names: Udang kuning; 黄枝米 (huáng zhī mǐ); 花成 (huā chéng)

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole & peeled

<u>Usage:</u>

Steamed/boiled, pan-fried & cooked

Market:

Southeast Asia, E.U.

Fam. **Penaeidae** Metapenaeus ensis de Haan

Greasyback shrimp

Narrow rostrum with 8-10 teeth on crest. Red antennae. Broad groove telson. Maximum length and body weight is 160 mm and 18 grams, respectively. Distributed in Indo-West Pacific region, Southeast Asia, Southeast China, Japan and Western, Northern and Eastern Australia. Lives on mud or sandy mud bottoms. An important commercial species in this region. In Southeast Asia, it is traditionally cultured in ponds. It is called sand shrimp in Taiwan. In Australia, it is regarded as M. monoceros. A high quality and high valued prawn. Indigenous names: Udang merah ros; 青尾沙卢 (qīng wěi shā lú)

**Seasonality:** 

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

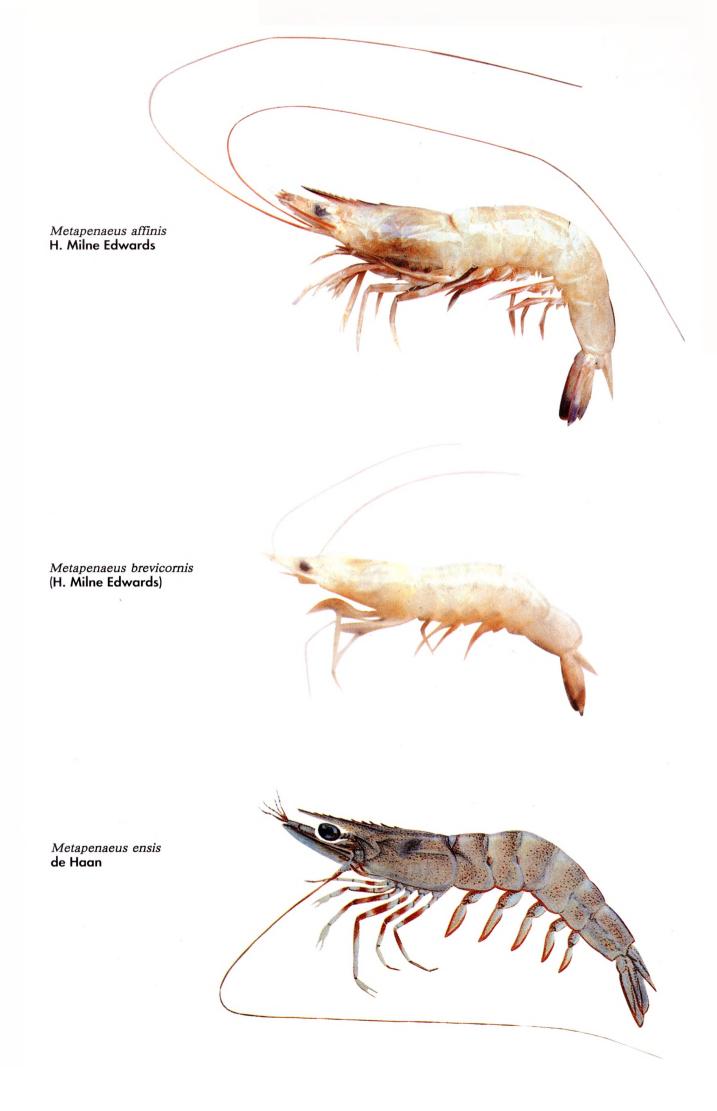
Whole, headless - shell-on & peeled

Usage:

Steamed/boiled, pan-fried & cooked

Market:

Japan, USA., EU, China & Southeast Asia



Fam. **Penaeidae** Metapenaeopsis barbata (de Haan)

Japan. Taiwan and Southeast Asia. A good flavored prawn.

Sand velvet shrimp

Whole year round Long, horizontal rostrum with 7-8 teeth on crest. 3 pairs of movable spines on telson plus Products presentation: 1 pair of fixed spines. Shell is hard. Maximum length is 108 mm. Found in Southeast Asia, China, Taiwan and Japan. Lives on muddy bottoms. An important commercial species in

Whole, and peeled

Usage:

Seasonality:

Pan-fried and cooked

Market:

Southeast Asia and E.U.

Indigenous names: Udang pasir; 泰哥虾 (tài gē xiā ); 鸡母虾 (jī mǔ xiā)

Fam. **Penaeidae** Parapenaeopsis hardwickii (Miers)

Spear shrimp

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, Headless-shell on and peeled

Usage:

Steam/boiled, pan-fried and cooked

Market:

Southeast Asia including Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand

Asia, Taiwan and China. Indigenous names: Udang minyak; 剑虾 (jiàn xiā)

Fam. Penaeidae Parapenaeopsis sculptilis (Heller)

Rainbow shrimp

Carapace smooth. Rostrum curved. 7-9 teeth on top of the rostrum. 3-4 pairs of laterally movable spines on telson. The four whitishbands on the shell are a distinguishing feature, separating pink and brown bands. Maximum length is 170 mm. Found in Indo-West Pacific region, Pakistan, India, Southeast Asia, Hong Kong, New Guinea and Northern Australia. Lives on coarse sand and fine mud bottoms. Not popular because of its large body and

Rostrum titted upwards. No teeth in front of carapace. 8-10 teeth on top of rostrum. A

small epigastric tooth behind the 10th rostral tooth. 3-5 pairs of movable spines on telson.

Maximum length is 135 mm. Found in Indo-West Pacific region, Pakistan, India, Southeast

relatively small tail, resulting in poor yield.

Indigenous names: Udang kulit keras; 乌花虾 (wū huā xiā)

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products presentation:** 

Whole, headless-shell on and peeled (PUD), Frozen raw or cooked

Usage:

Multiple usages, eg fried-rice, salad and so on.

Market:

EU and Southeast Asia

Note:

Also widely known as cat-tiger shrimp

Metapenaeopsis barbata (de Haan)



Parapenaeopsis hardwickii (Miers)



Parapenaeopsis sculptilis (Heller)



Fam. Portunidae Portunus pelagicus Linnaeus

Swimming crab Flower crab

Carapace usually wider than long, width ending with prominent large spine on both sides of antero-lateral margin. Carapace usually dark blue in male with distinct white mottling on the carapace and cheliped (claw). The female is dark green usually with less white mottling on carapace. The female has a broad abdomeno-thorax especially when mature. This species is an active swimmer with a pair of modified swimming legs and is common in the Indo-Pacific region in areas of sandy or muddy bottoms of 10- 30m depths, especially at. river mouths and estuaries. Caught with drift nets by coastal fishermen.

Indigenous names: Ketam renjong; 花蟹 (huā xiè)

Seasonality:

All year round

**Products Presentation:** 

Whole, live, chilled or frozen

<u>Usage:</u>

Steamed or stir-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia, eg Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Myanmar and Vietnam

Fam. Portunidae Scylla serrata Forskal

Mangrove crab

Carapace shining green and smooth except for curved transversed ridge across center of carapace. Large powerful pair of front cheliped (claw) used for burrowing, capture of prey and defence. Nine anterior-lateral teeth on each side of carapace of equal size. Females also distinguished by broad abdomeno-thorax. Last pair of legs flattened and modified for swimming. This is a large edible crab marketed live. Can survive out of water for several days. Commonly found in burrows in the mangrove swamps of Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, and Burma.

Indigenous names: Ketam bangkang; 蟹 (xiè); 螃蟹 (páng xiè)

**Seasonality:** 

Whole year round

**Products Presentation:** 

Whole and live

Usage:

Steamed or stir-fried

Market:

Southeast Asia, eg Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Myanmar, Vietnam & Indonesia.

## Portunus pelagicus Linnaeus



Scylla serrata Forskal



Fam. Palinuridae Palinurus polyphagus (Herbst)

Spiny lobster

Seasonality:

Whole year round

**Products Presentation:** 

Whole, tail, & meat, chilledd and frozen

<u>Usage</u>

Grilled & stir-fried

Market:

USA & Asia (eg, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Myanmar, Vietnam, Indonesia & Philippines.

Body long and cylindrical with distinct jointed abdomen and carapace sections. Carapace cylindrical and covered with tubercles of variable size but smooth for most part in large specimens. Antennae long, cylindrical and jointed, usually extending to more than twice the body length. Abdomen and tail-fan large. This species is the most abundant of the spiny lobsters found in the Indo-Pacific region, constituting at least 90% of the total commercial lobster landings in this area. It shows a specific preference for muddy-bottomed habitat although it also occurs commonly in coral reef areas. It is caught predominantly by bottom trawling and shows a wide range of depth distribution. It is a highly valued species, and has recently been cultured in floating cage-nets primarily for the live seafood market. Indigenous names: Udang kara; 龙虾 (lóng xiā)

Fam. Scyllaridae Thenus orientalis (Lund)

Shovel-nosed lobster Slipper lobster

Cephalothorax dorso-venerally depressed with prominent median ridge on dorsal. Antennae reduced to flat scales with eyes placed at the antero-lateral edge of the cephalothorax. Colour of exoskeleton light brown and is usually caught by bottom trawl in muddy areas. Strong demand by processors, usually frozen as lobster tails for export. Indigenous names: Udang kipas; 虾婆 (xiā pó)

**Seasonality:** 

Whole year round

**Products Presentation:** 

Whole, tail, live, chilled or frozen

Usage:

Steamed, grilled

Market:

USA, EU, Japan, Australia, Asia and many parts of the world.

Palinurus polyphagus (Herbst)



Thenus orientalis (Lund)



#### **Tuna and Billfishes**

Fam. Scombridae Thunnus alalunga (Bonnaterre)

Albacore

 $common\ size:\\$ 

60-100 cm, up to 120 cm

common size :

6-25 kgs, up to 40 kgs

Robust, spindle-shaped and round body with metallic blue on the back and silvery white belly; distinguished by very long pectoral fins and a thin, white margin on the tail fin;

Worldwide in offshore to oceanic waters; occurs in school; valued as premium whitemeat tuna with low oil contentj; normally caughy by long line fishing method with sanma, saba or squid baits; also caughy by pole & line. Seasonality:

whole year

**Product presentation:** 

whole, loin, steak or canned

<u>Usage:</u>

sashime, smoked, salad, sandwich,

barbecue

Market:

USA, E.U. Japan, Thailand, Malaysia

Fam. Scombridae Thunnus albacares (Bonnaterre)

Yellowfin tuna

common size :

60-150 cm, up to 200 cm

common weight: 6-80 kgs, up to 180 kgs

Robust, spindle-shaped body with metallic blue on the back and silvery white belly; bright yellow over-extended second dorsal and anal fins that becone elongayed with increased age:easily confused with big Eye Tuna or Blue fin; distinguished by hte longer pectoral, smaller eyes and slimmer body shape.

Worldwide in offshore to oceanic waters but absent from the mediterranean; occurs in school; found commonly swimming with Dolphin; normally caught by long line fishing method with saba, squid or milk fish baits; also caught by purse seine or pole & line.

Seasonality:

whole year

**Product presentation:** 

whole, GG, DWT loin, steak or canning as chunk lingt meat tuna

<u>Usage:</u>

sashimi, smoked, salad, samdwich or barbecue

Market:

USA, E.U., middle east, Japan, Thailand

Fam. Scombridae Thunnus obesus (Lowe)

Bigeye tuna

common size: common weight:

62-145 cm, up to 200cm 10-85 kgs, up to 195 kgs

Robust, fusiform body; its back is metallic blue; silvery white belly;can be mistaken for yellowfin; distinguished by shorter pectoral fin, larger eye; lacks clongated dorsal and anal rays.

Worldwide offshore to oceanic waters but absent from the Mediterranean; prefers very deep waters; occurs in schools; higher oil content and red meat than other tunas except bluefin; normally caught by long line fishing method with saba or sqid baits; also fish by pole & line.

Seasonality:

whole year

**Product presentation:** 

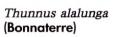
GG,SWT, loin or canned

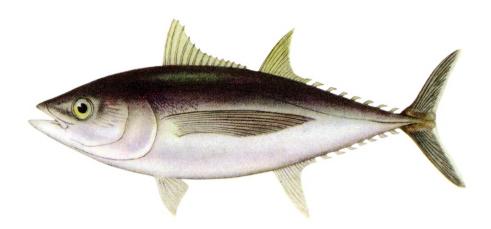
Usage:

sashimi, sandwich, barbecue

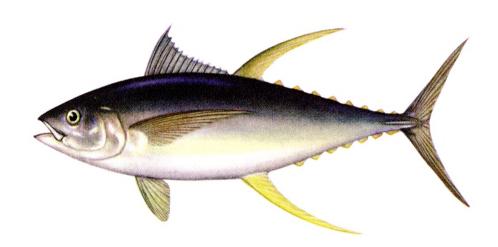
Market:

Japan and E.U.

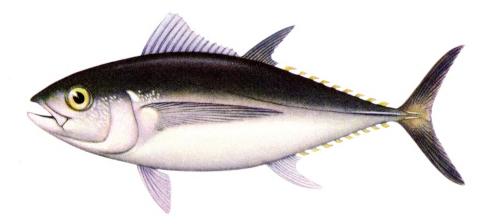




Thunnus albacares (Bonnaterre)



Thunnus obesus (Lowe)



Fam. **Scombridae** Thunnus thynnus (Linnaeus)

90-190 cm, up to 300~cm

common size: common weight:

16-140 kgs, up to 700 kgs

Robust body shape with small eye and relatively short pectoral fins; Dark bluish green back & silvery; side with light bars.

Inshore to offshore waters; high oil content and extreme red meat tuna fish; live in Southern oceans south of 30 degrees latirude, south of Australia in Tasman sea, eastern Indian Ocean, Gulf of Mexico through the North Atlantic Southern California; caught by longline fishing method with saba and squid baits; also fishing by pole & line.

Seasonality:

Bluefin tuna

Whole year

Product presentation:

whole,GG

Usage:

sashimu

Market:

Japan, Korea

Skipjack tuna

Fam. Scombridae Katsuwonus pelamis (Linnaeus)

36-60cm up to 90 cm

common weight:

common size:

1-6 kgs, up to 25 kgs

Body Torpedo shape round; back dark bluish violet; silvery white belly covered with the unique stripes; meat colour dark but relatively soft.

Worldwide inshore to oceanic shallow waters but absent from Black sea; generally well offshore; occurs in huge schools; normally caught by purse seine and pole & line.

**Seasonality:** 

whole year

Product presentation:

canned, smokde, smoked and dride for

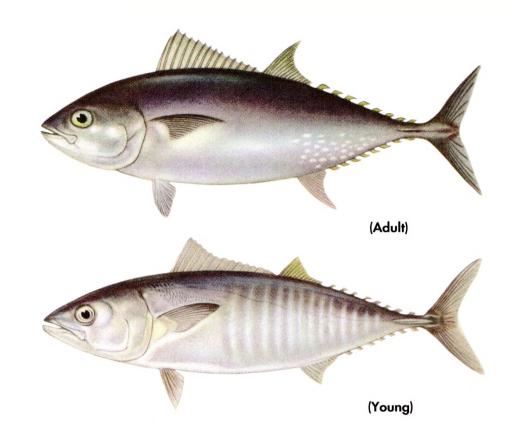
Katsuobushi production

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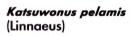
sashimi, Japanese soup, salad, sandwich

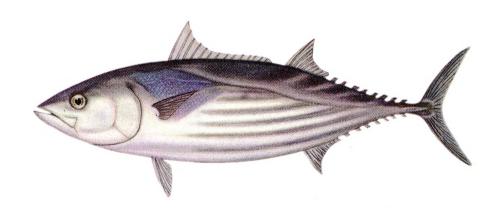
Market:

USA, E.U., Japan, Middle East, Thailand, Malaysia



Thunnus thynnus (Linnaeus)





Fam. Xiphiidae

Xiphias gladius Linnaeus 60-200cm up to 480 cm

common size: common weight:

10-220 kg, up to 550 kgs

Long Body and round; dark brown coloru back; brownish white belly; distinguished by high and sickled-shaped dorsal fin with long flattened sword on head; lacks pelvic fins; high oil content: creamy white meat colour.

worldwide offshore to oceanic waters; abundant in cooler waters off Peru, Chile and Southern Indian Ocean; caught by longline fishing method with saba and squid baits.

Seasonality:

whole year

Product presemtatopm:

whole, loin, fillet, steak, DWT

**SWORDFISH** 

(Broadbill)

Sailfish

STRIPED MARLIN

sashimi, smoked, salad, sandwich, bakde, broiled, breaded fried, BBQ

Market:

USA, E.U., Japan, Korea

Fam. Istiophoridae Istiophorus platypterus (Shaw & Nodder)

common size: common weight: 90-180 cm up to 300 cm 15-50 kgs, up to 80 kgs

Long and streamlined body with a long, spear-like snout; it has metallic blue body and cobalt-blue sail dottde with black markings; body is covered with tough and hide-like skin and the pointed scalds are well embedded; it is well distinguished by the huge sail-like dorsal fin.

Worldwide inshore to offshore; lives in shallow waters; caught by longline fishing method with saba and squid baits.

Seasonality:

whole year

**Product presentation:** 

DWT, fillet, loin

Usage:

sashimi, deep fried, BBQ, fish floss,

broiled Market:

Japan, Taiwan, Korea

Fam. Istiophoridae Tetraplurus audax Phillipi

common size:

160-220cm up to 380 cm

common weight:

20-90 kgs, up to 200 kgs

Long, streamlined body with a short, spear-like snout, colour is cobalt-blue and black with definite; lighter vertical stripes; sides are more compressed; the body is densely covered with pointed scales which well embedded in the tough skin, meat pinkish colour.

Worldwide offshore to oceanic waters; lives in shallow water; caught by longline fishing method with saba or squid baits.

Seasonality:

whole year

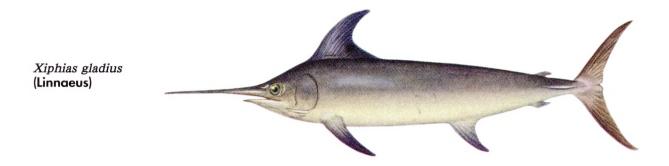
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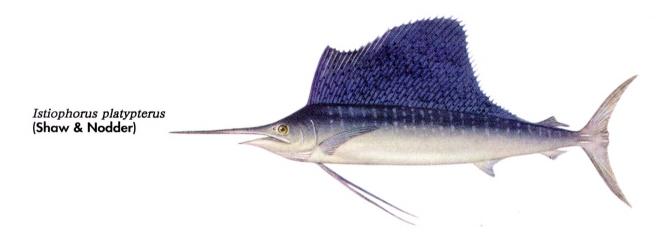
DWT, fillet, loin, steak

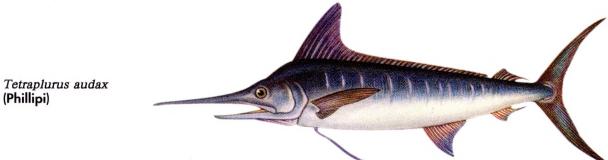
sashimi, deep fride, BBQ, broiled,

smoked Market:

Japan, Taiwan, E.U.







Fam. Istiophoridae Makaira indica (Cuvier)

common size:

common weight:

180-330 cm up to 460 cm

30-200 kgs, up to 700 kgs

Robust, long and well streamlined fish with a steep forehead and a long, sharp, spear-like snout; coloru is metallic blue-black and white belly, fish rapidly changes to an overall deep black once landed; thin, thorn-like scales cover the body which embedded in the tough skin.

Worldwide oceanic waters; lives in shallow waters; caught by longline fishing method with saba or squid baits.

**Scasonality:** 

whole year

**Product presentation:** 

DWT, fillet, loin, steak

<u>Usage:</u>

Black marlin

sashimi, deep fried, BBQ, broiled,

smoked

Market:

Japan, Taiwan, E.U. Korea

Blue marlin

Fam. Istiophoridae Makaira nigricans (Lacepede)

common size: 150-320 cm up to 440 cm

common weight: 20-190 kgs, up to 650 kgs

Robust, long and streamined fish; the bill is sharp and stout; body coloru of live specimens is cobalt-blue above; white belly, faint vertical bars on the flanks; death body turn to slate grey; body covered with tough skin, embedded in which are long, thin, thornlike scales.

Offshore to oceanic waters; lives in shallow water; caught by longline fishing method with saba or squid baits.

Seasonality:

whole year

**Product presentation:** 

DWT,fillet, loin, steak

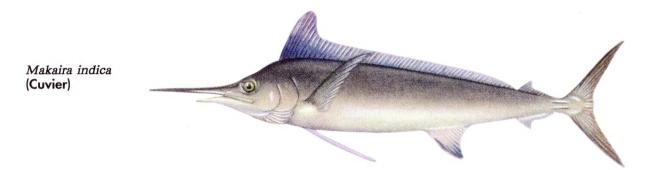
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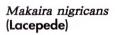
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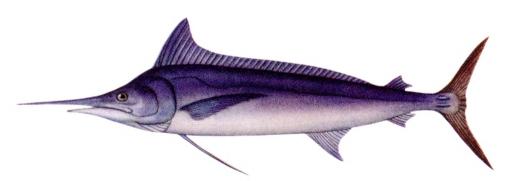
smoked

Market:

Japan, Taiwan, E.U. Korea







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