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## PREPARATION OF THIS DOCUMENT

Nemipterid fishes (threadfin breams, whiptail breams, monocle breams, dwarf monocle breams and coral breams) are of significant interest to fisheries throughout the Indo-West Pacific region. Despite their economic importance, however, the classification of this group of fishes is confused, and because of difficulties with the correct identification of species, information on their biology and fisheries also is rather scanty.

The author of the present catalogue is undertaking a worldwide revision of the family Nemipteridae. This work is near completion, but final publication may take several more years. Because of their importance to fisheries, and to avoid undue delay to fishery workers who require this basic information for their daily work, taxonomic information to date on nemipterid fishes is presented here.

This catalogue is based on a comprehensive review of the literature; on the study of type specimens kept in the major museum collections throughout the world; and on extensive collection and examination of fresh material, particularly from the southeast Asian region.

In view of the importance of colour patterns as diagnostic characters for identification, colour plates for most species have been included.

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### ABSTRACT

This is the twelfth issue in the FAO series of world-wide annotated and illustrated catalogues of major groups of organisms that enter marine fisheries. The present volume on the family Nemipteridae includes 62 species belonging to 5 genera. It comprises an introductory section with general remarks on the systematics, habitat and fisheries of the family, a glossary of technical terms used, illustrated keys to genera and species, and detailed accounts on all species. Species accounts include drawings, scientific and vernacular names, information on habitat, biology and fisheries, and a distribution map. Lists of nominal species in the family, a table of species by major marine fishing areas, and colour plates follow the species accounts. The work is fully indexed and there is comprehensive reference to pertinent literature.

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