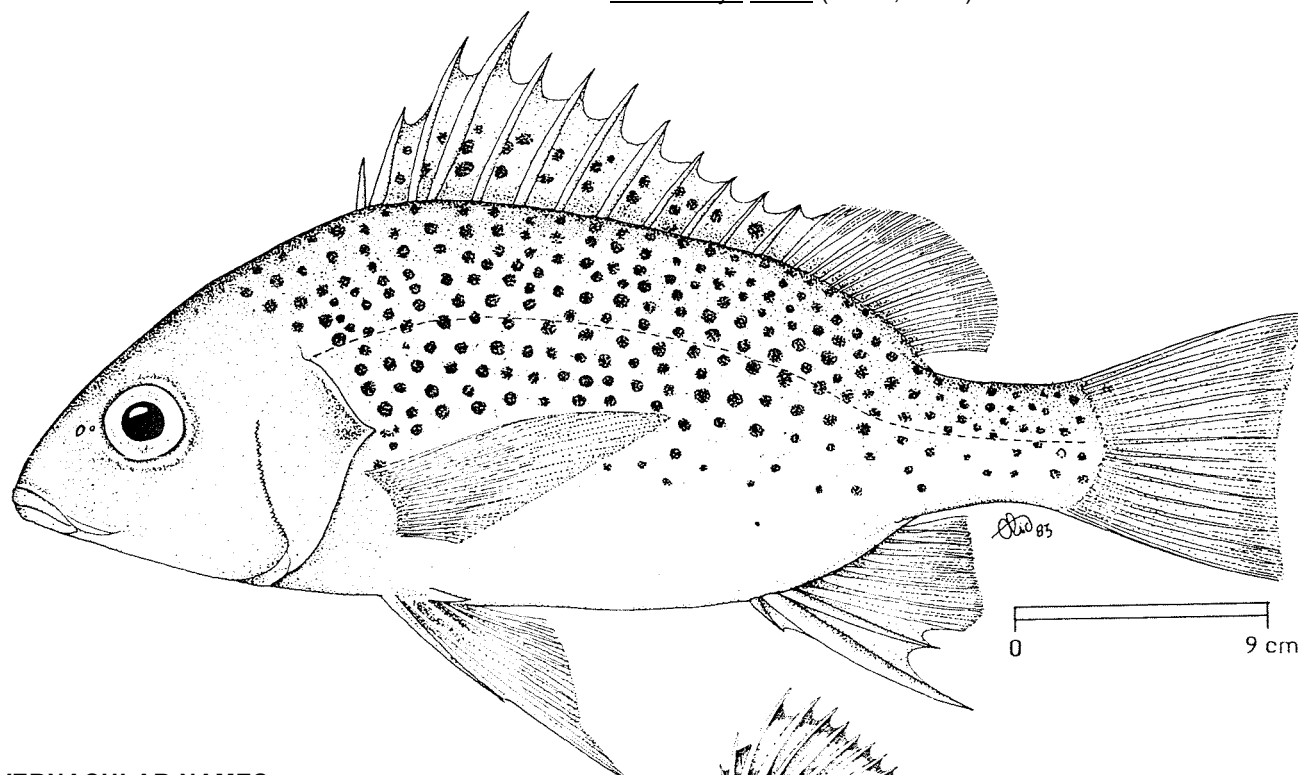


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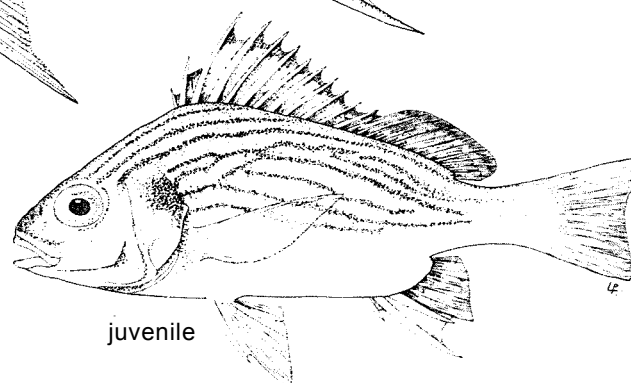
FAMILY: HAEMULIDAE

FISHING AREA 51
(W. Indian Ocean)*Pomadasys argenteus* (Forsskål, 1775)OTHER SCIENTIFIC NAMES STILL IN USE: *Pomadasys hasta* (Bloch, 1790)

VERNACULAR NAMES:

FAO : En - Silver grunt
Fr - Grondeur argenté
Sp - Corocoro plateado

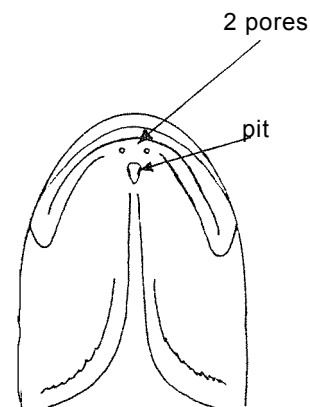
NATIONAL:



DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERS:

Body oblong and compressed, its depth contained 2.7 to 2.8 times in standard length. Head blunt, its upper profile convex; mouth small; maxilla reaching to eye; teeth in jaws arranged in villiform bands; two pores and a median pit on chin. Dorsal fin with 12 spines and 14 soft rays; anal fin with 3 spines and 7 soft rays. Scales ctenoid (rough to touch); lateral line with 45 scales; 5 scale rows between lateral line and dorsal fin origin.

Colour: in juveniles, body pale brownish, lighter below, back with irregular longitudinal streaks on alternate scale rows; dorsal fin with dusky membranes; a dark spot on gill cover. In adults, body silvery, with dark blotches on dorsal fin and numerous scattered dark brown to blackish spots on body.



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DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERS OF SIMILAR SPECIES OCCURRING IN THE AREA:

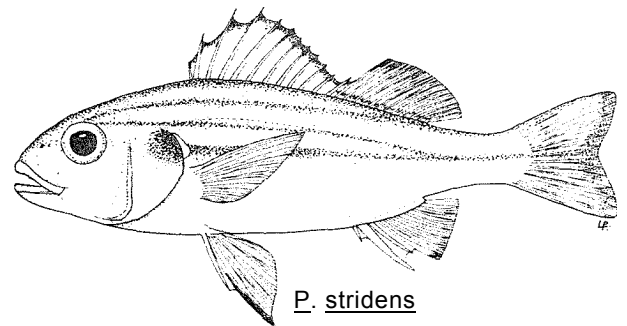
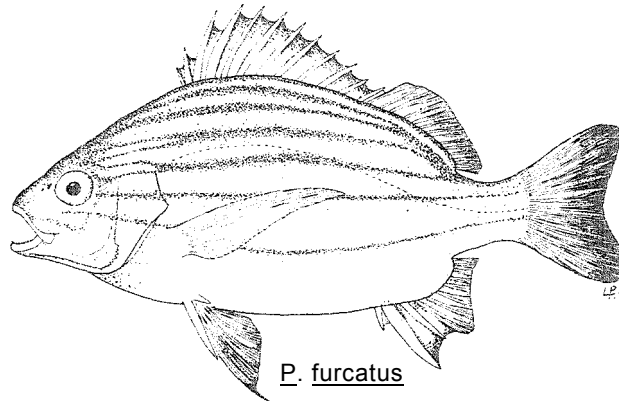
Pomadasys kakan; 7 scale rows between lateral line and dorsal fin origin (5 in P. argenteus); dark spots on body arranged in pairs, forming vertical bands in juveniles.

P. furcatus and P. stridens: longitudinal stripes on body running parallel.

P. auritus: gill cover greatly elongated (extremely rare species).

Other Pomadasys species: 6 or more scale rows between lateral line and dorsal fin origin (5 in S. argenteus).

Plectorhinchus species: 6 pores (2 in Pomadasys species, and no median pit on chin.



SIZE :

Maximum: 52 cm.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION AND BEHAVIOUR:

In the area, found from the Red Sea to Sri Lanka. Elsewhere eastward extending to the Philippines.

Inhabits coastal waters.

PRESENT FISHING GROUNDS:

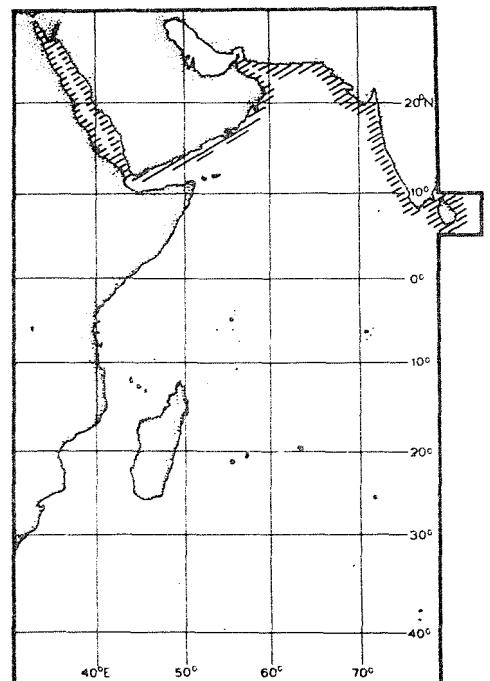
Throughout its range.

CATCHES, FISHING GEAR AND FORMS OF UTILIZATION:

Separate statistics are not reported for this species.

Caught with bottom trawls, bottom longlines, gillnets and traps.

Marketed fresh; also salted.

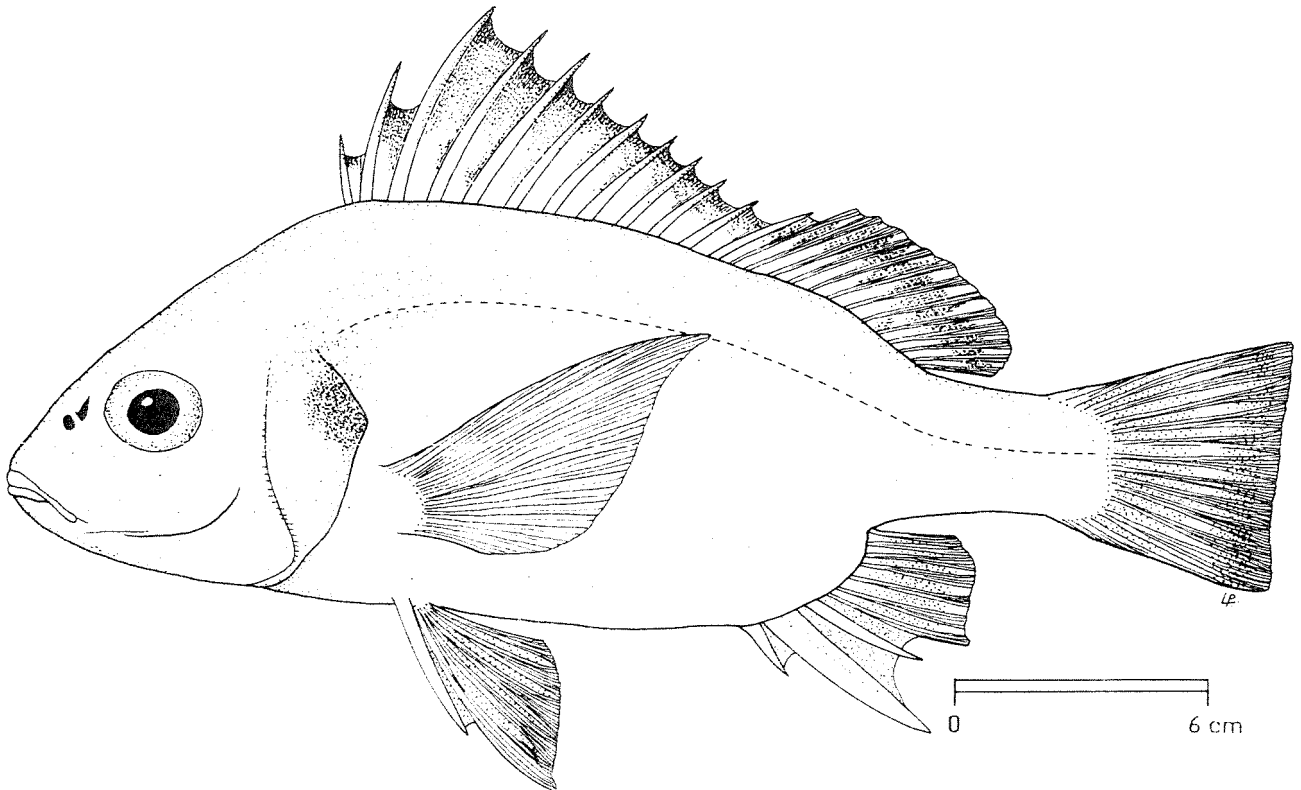


FAO SPECIES IDENTIFICATION SHEETS

FAMILY: HAEMULIDAE

FISHING AREA 51
(W. Indian Ocean)*Pomadasys argyreus* (Valenciennes, 1833)

OTHER SCIENTIFIC NAMES STILL IN USE: None



VERNACULAR NAMES:

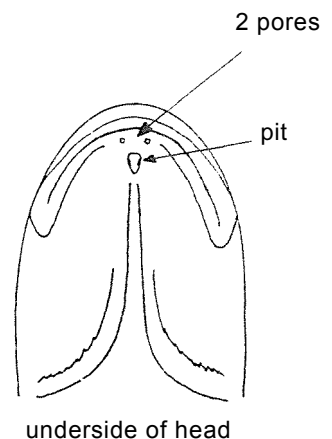
FAO : En - Bluecheek silver grunt
 Fr - Grondeur à joues bleues
 Sp - Corocoro mejilla azul

NATIONAL :

DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERS:

Body oblong and compressed, its depth contained 2.4 to 2.9 times in standard length. Head blunt, its upper profile convex; mouth small; maxilla reaching at most to below anterior margin of pupil; teeth in jaws in villiform bands, the outer row enlarged; two pores and a median pit on chin. Dorsal fin with 12 spines and 13 or 14 soft rays; anal fin with 3 spines and 7 or 8 soft rays. Scales ctenoid (rough to touch); lateral line with 44 to 50 scales.

Colour: body silvery; gill cover with a large blue-black blotch usually present in juveniles, becoming indistinct in adults.

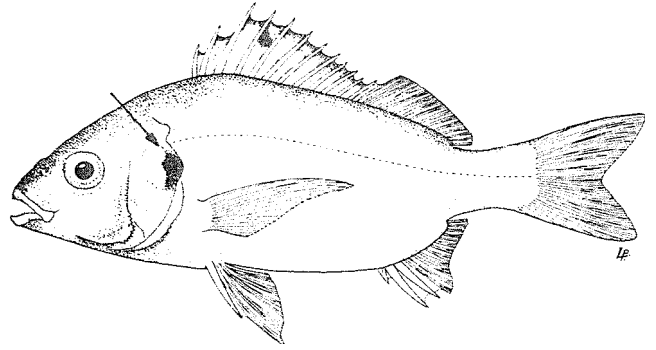


DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERS OF SIMILAR SPECIES OCCURRING IN THE AREA:

Pomadasys olivaceum: upper angle of gill cover with a large black blotch edged with yellow anteriorly; 11 or 12 soft anal fin rays (7 or 8 in P. argvreus).

Other Pomadasys species: body and dorsal fin with spots or stripes.

Plectorhinchus species: 6 pores (2 in Pomadasys species) and no median pit on chin.



Pomadasys olivaceum

SIZE:

Maximum: 40 cm.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION AND BEHAVIOUR:

In the area, found from Pakistan to Sri Lanka. Elsewhere, eastward extending to the Philippines.

Inhabits coastal waters and trawling grounds.

PRESENT FISHING GROUNDS:

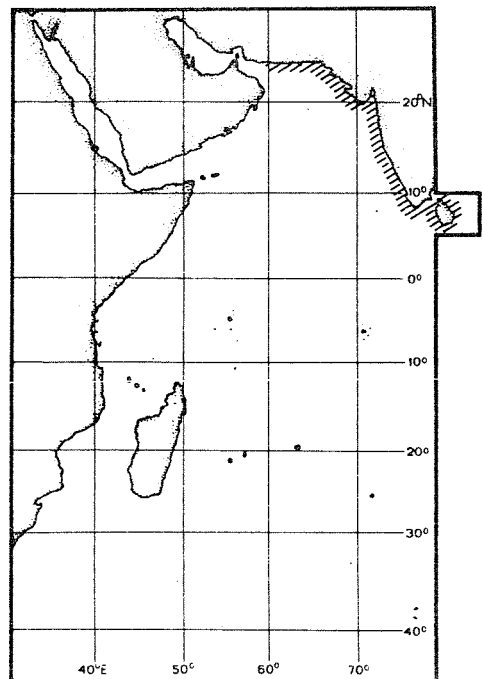
Throughout its range; locally common.

CATCHES, FISHING GEAR AND FORMS OF UTILIZATION:

Separate statistics are not reported for this species.

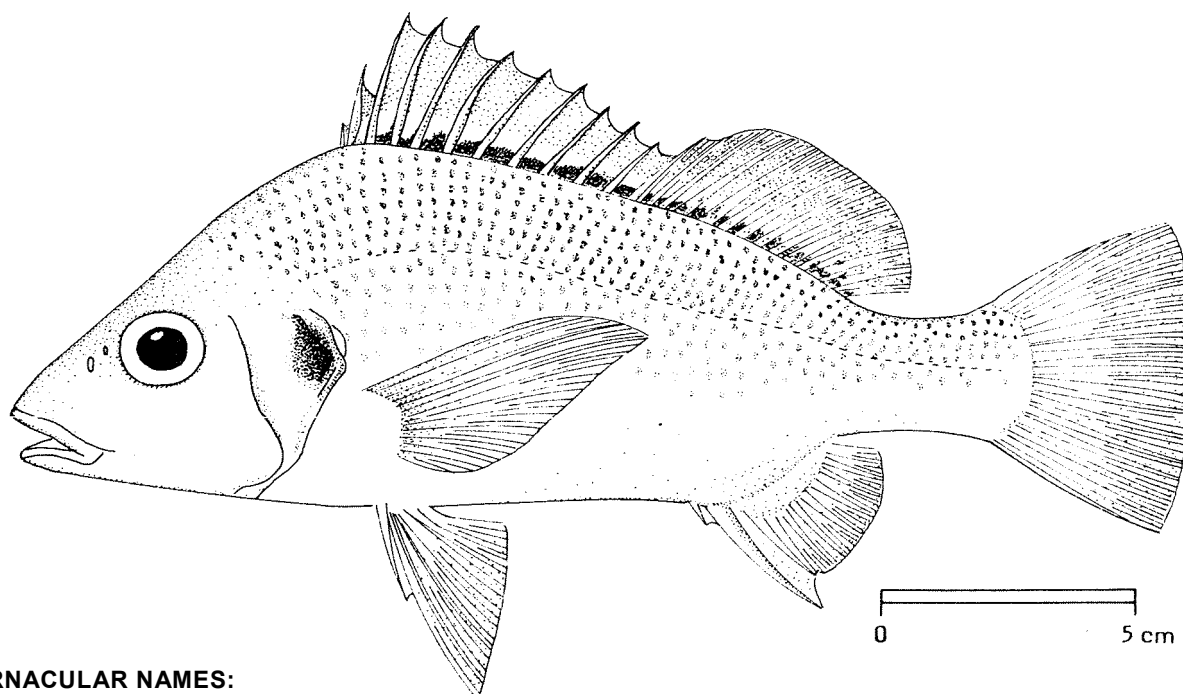
Caught with bottom trawls, bottom longlines, handlines, gillnets and traps.

Marketed fresh; also salted.



FAO SPECIES IDENTIFICATION SHEETS

FAMILY: HAEMULIDAE

FISHING AREA 51
(W. Indian Ocean)Pomadasys commersonni (Lacepède, 1802)OTHER SCIENTIFIC NAMES STILL IN USE : Pristipoma operculare Day, 1878
Pomadasys operculare Smith, 1949

VERNACULAR NAMES:

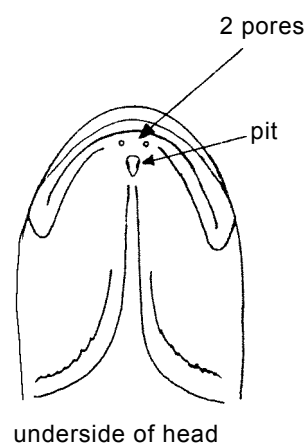
FAO: En - Smallspotted grunter
Fr - Grondeur moucheté
Sp - Corocoro arvejado

NATIONAL:

DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERS:

Body oblong and compressed, its depth contained 3 times in standard length. Head blunt, its upper profile straight or concave (large adults); mouth small, lips fairly thick; maxilla reaching to level of posterior nostril or eye; teeth in jaws small, pointed, in narrow bands, the outer series enlarged; two pores and a median pit on chin. Dorsal fin with 12 spines and 13 to 16 soft rays; anal fin with 3 spines and 8 to 10 soft rays. Scales ctenoid (rough to touch); lateral line slightly arched.

Colour: back grey/green shading to silvery white on belly; back and flanks with numerous small dark brown spots that extend also onto dorsal fin; a dark spot at edge of opercle; pelvic and anal fins dark.

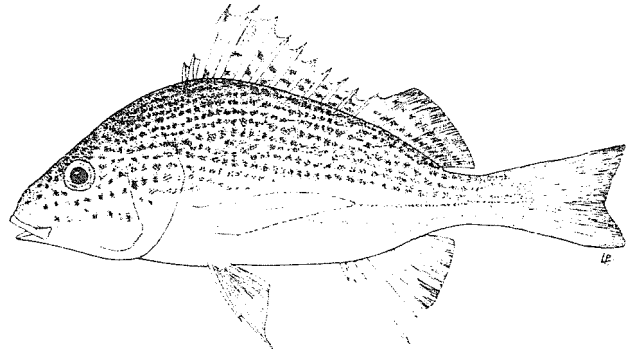


DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERS OF SIMILAR SPECIES OCCURRING IN THE AREA:

Pomadasys multimaculatum: spots on body extending to head and cheeks; i anal fin rays (8 to 10 in P. opercularis).

Other Pomadasys species: at most rather faint spots on body (in P. kaakan forming definite longitudinal lines) or large blotches (P. maculatum).

Plectorhinchus species: 6 pores (2 in Pomadasys species) and no median pit on chin.



Pomadasys multimaculatum

SIZE:

Maximum: 50 cm; common to 25 cm.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION AND BEHAVIOUR:

In the area, found along the east coast of Africa (including Madagascar), and from the Gulf of Aden to Pakistan, India.

Inhabits coastal waters, sheltered estuaries and tidal creeks.

Feeds on crustaceans and fishes.

PRESENT FISHING GROUNDS:

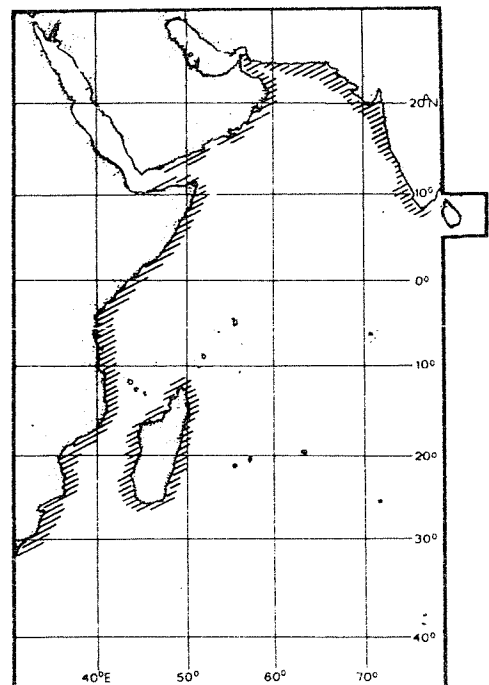
Throughout its range, but especially in South Africa.

CATCHES, FISHING GEAR AND FORMS OF UTILIZATION:

Separate statistics are not reported for this species.

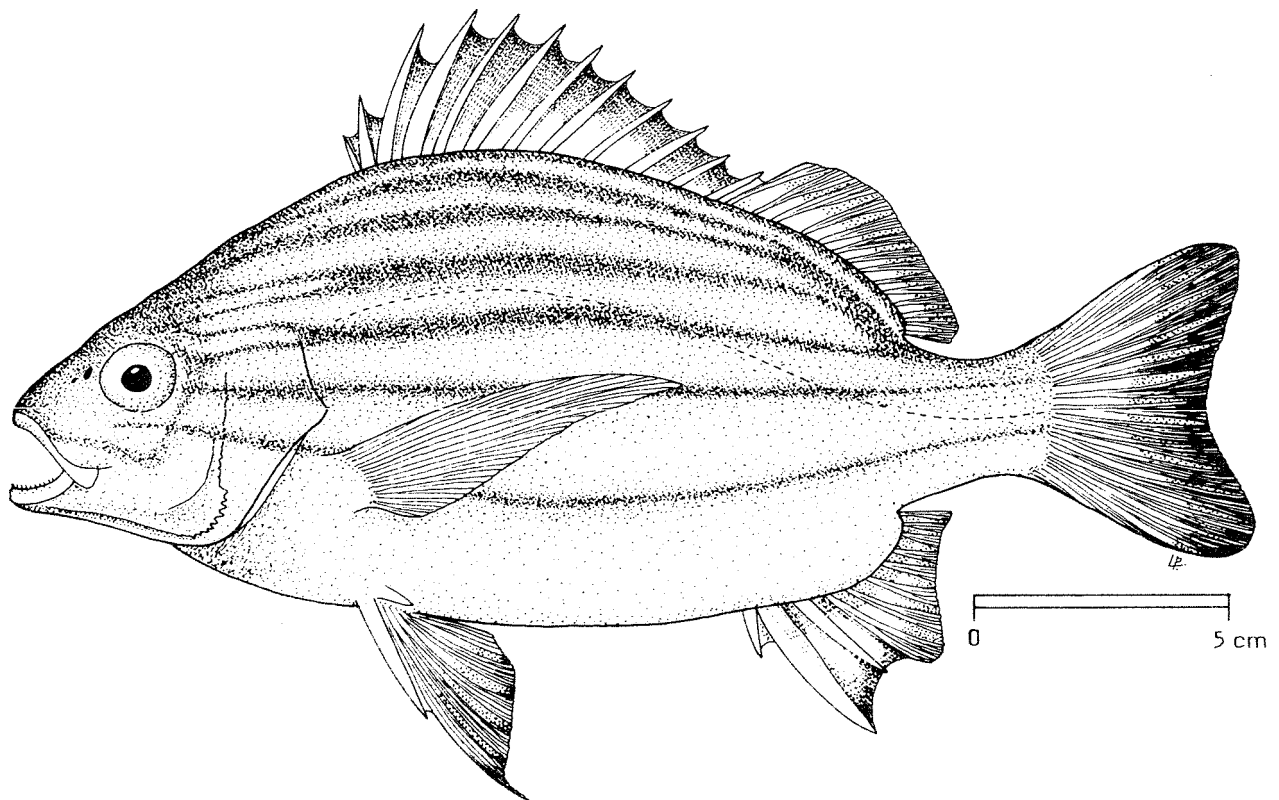
Caught with bottom trawls, bottom longlines, gill-nets and traps.

Marketed fresh, also salted; flesh excellent, tasty, improved by bleeding the fish.



FAO SPECIES IDENTIFICATION SHEETS

FAMILY: HAEMULIDAE

FISHING AREA 51
(W. Indian Ocean)Pomadasys furcatus (Schneider, 1801)OTHER SCIENTIFIC NAMES STILL IN USE: Rhonciscus furcatus (Schneider, 1801)
Rhonciscus anas (Valenciennes, 1862)

VERNACULAR NAMES:

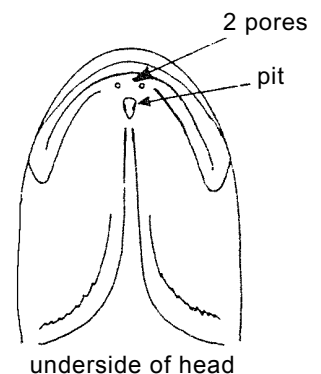
FAO : En - Banded grunt
Fr - Goret à six bandes
Sp - Ronco de seis bandas

NATIONAL :

DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERS:

Body elongate and compressed, its depth contained 2.9 to 3 times in standard length. Head rounded, its upper profile convex; mouth small; maxilla reaching to hind nostril or eye; teeth in jaws in villiform bands, the outer row enlarged; two pores and a median pit on chin. Dorsal fin with 12 spines and 14 soft rays; anal fin with 3 spines and 8 soft rays. Scales ctenoid (rough to touch); lateral line with 50 to 60 scales; 6 to 9 scale rows between lateral line and dorsal fin origin.

Colour: body purplish brown above, paler below, with about 6 longitudinal dark stripes that may be bifurcate anteriorly.

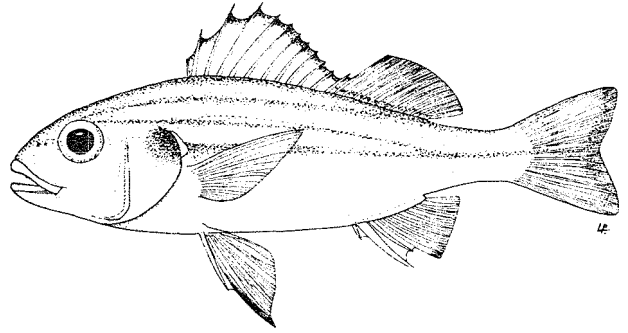


DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERS OF SIMILAR SPECIES OCCURRING IN THE AREA:

Pomadasys stridens: 3 longitudinal dark brown or golden stripes on body; 70 lateral line scales (50 to 60 in P. furcatus).

Other Pomadasys species: no distinct longitudinal stripes on body, although undulating lines of spots on scale rows may be present.

Plectorhinchus species: 6 pores (2 in Pomadasys species and no median pit on chin.



Pomadasys stridens

SIZE:

Maximum: 38 cm.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION AND BEHAVIOUR:

In the area, found along the east coast of Africa (including Madagascar), in the Red Sea, from the Gulf of Aden to Sri Lanka.

Inhabits coastal waters near reefs.

PRESENT FISHING GROUNDS:

Throughout its range.

CATCHES, FISHING GEAR AND FORMS OF UTILIZATION:

Separate statistics are not reported for this species.

Caught with handlines and gillnets.

Marketed fresh.

