Stars-and-stripes pufferfish in Singapore Straits


**Subject identified by**: Kelvin K. P. Lim.

**Location, date and time**: Singapore Straits, on reef off Pulau Satumu (Raffles Lighthouse), facing Pulau Biola; 11 April 2012; 2005 hrs.

**Habitat**: Marine. Coral reef, in about 5 to 6 m depth.

**Observers**: Contributor and others.

**Observation**: This large pufferfish of about 60 cm total length, was observed hiding beneath overhanging table coral during a coral spawning event.

**Remarks**: Although the species is widespread in the central Indo-Pacific (Allen, 1997), *Arothron hispidus* has apparently not been recorded from Singapore previously. The photograph shows a frontal-lateral view of the individual’s head.


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*Photograph by Tan Heok Hui.*

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