

Russell's lionfish at Pulau Hantu

Subject: Russell's lionfish, *Pterois russellii* (Teleostei: Scorpaenidae).

Subject identified by: Contributor & Kelvin K. P. Lim.

Location, date and time: Singapore Straits, north-western part of Pulau Hantu Besar; 9 August 2014; 0538 hrs.

Habitat: Marine, on the intertidal zone of a fringing coral reef at early morning low tide.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: A large adult example of about 15 cm total length was observed swimming in shallow water less than 30 cm deep. The accompanying picture illustrates the dorso-lateral view of the fish.

Remarks: The Russell's lionfish has been encountered by divers in the deeper waters of the Singapore Straits (Tan & Lim, 2014). It is, however, rarely observed in the shallow waters of intertidal areas.

Reference: Tan H. H. & K. K. P. Lim, 2014. Russell's lionfish in the Singapore Straits. *Singapore Biodiversity Records*. 2014: 11.



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