

## Flagfin wrasse at Terumbu Semakau

**Subject:** Flagfin wrasse, *Pteragogus flagellifer* (Teleostei: Labridae).

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

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Strait, Terumbu Semakau; 1 August 2014; between 0630 and 0700 hrs.

**Habitat:** Marine, at intertidal zone of coral reef in ankle-deep water during morning low tide.

**Observer:** Contributor.

**Observation:** An individual of about 6 cm total length was found on the substrate. The accompanying pictures show its dorso-lateral aspect.

**Remarks:** The flagfin wrasse is often difficult to detect due to its cryptic habits and good camouflage colouration. It is widespread in the Indo-west Pacific from the Red Sea and East Africa eastwards through the East Indian region, the Philippines and Western Australia (Allen & Erdmann, 2012: 717). In Singapore, this species is sometimes encountered in weedy intertidal areas, but it has not been recorded from the Semakau Landfill area (Ng, 2012: 146).

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