

Blackspot sergeant at Sisters Island

Subject: Blackspot sergeant, *Abudefduf sordidus* (Teleostei: Pomacentridae).

Subjects identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Strait, Sisters Islands; 16 August 2008; 0508 hrs.

Habitat: Marine. Coral reef. On the reef flat among rocks during morning low tide.

Observer: Contributor.

Observations: An example of about 10 cm total length was found on the reef flat. The accompanying picture shows a dorso-lateral view of the fish.

Remarks: Among members of the damselfish genus *Abudefduf* recorded in Singapore waters, the blackspot sergeant appears to be locally uncommon. It can be readily distinguished from its congeners there by a prominent black blotch on the top of its caudal peduncle. This species inhabits rocky shorelines throughout the Indo-Pacific from the Red Sea eastwards through the East Indies to the Hawaiian Islands (Allen & Erdmann, 2012: 564).

Reference: Allen, G. R. & M. V. Erdmann, 2012. *Reef Fishes of the East Indies. Volume II.* Tropical Reef Research, Perth, Australia. p. 425-856.



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