

Bluestreak cleaner wrasse off Big Sister Island

Subjects: Bluestreak cleaner wrasse, *Labroides dimidiatus* (Teleostei: Labridae).

Subjects identified by: Contributors.

Location, date and time: Singapore Strait, off Big Sister Island (Pulau Subar Laut); 31 January 2015; around 1400 hrs.

Habitat: Marine, coral reef at about 7 m depth.

Observers: Contributors and others.

Observation: Three individuals, each about 6 cm total length, were found frequenting one spot on the reef (see accompanying pictures showing the lateral views of two of the fish). One example was observed cleaning an unidentified damselfish (Pomacentridae) for a few seconds.

Remarks: Although a conspicuous and iconic fish on coral reefs from the Red Sea to the East Indian region and along the tropical western Pacific (Allen & Erdmann, 2012: 695), *Labroides dimidiatus* is apparently seldom observed in Singapore waters. It has previously been recorded at Pulau Salu (Khoo & Tay, 1990: 72).

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