

New record of bluefin trevally in Singapore

Subjects: Bluefin trevally, *Caranx melampygus* (Teleostei: Carangidae).

Subjects identified by: Contributors.

Location, date and time: Singapore Strait, off Pulau Satumu (Raffles Lighthouse); 9 April 2015; 1838 hrs.

Habitat: Marine, coral reef at about 3 m depth.

Observers: Contributors.

Observation: A group of five, each about 90 cm in total length, were observed swimming around the observers. One of them is shown in the attached picture.

Remarks: The bluefin trevally grows to about 1 m in total length and is common on coral reefs. It is widely distributed across the tropical Indo-Pacific from the Red Sea and East Africa to the Hawaiian Islands and the eastern Pacific, and from Japan to Australia (Allen & Erdmann, 2012: 434). Although Singapore is in the middle of its range, there appears to be no previous record from there (Fowler, 1938; Kelvin K. P. Lim, personal communication).

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