

## New record of the black-spotted rockskipper blenny in Singapore

**Subject:** Black-spotted rockskipper blenny, *Entomacrodus striatus* (Teleostei: Blenniidae).

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

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Strait, Kusu Island; 5 June 2015; 0621 hrs.

**Habitat:** Marine. Coral reef flat, in intertidal zone during morning low tide, in water of about 10 cm depth.

**Observer:** Marcus F. C. Ng.

**Observation:** An example of about 10 cm total length was observed on the coral-sand substrate.

**Remarks:** The black-spotted rockskipper is similar in appearance to the stellar rockskipper *Entomacrodus lighti* which was recently observed at the Big Sister Island (Yeo & Lim, 2014: 86), but differs most notably in having clusters of blackish spots on the sides of its body and a dark mark on the side of the head behind the eye. *Entomacrodus striatus* inhabits intertidal reef flats of the Indo-west Pacific from East Africa eastwards through Indonesia to the Line and Pitcairn Islands, and from tropical Australia north to the Ryukyu and Ogasawara Islands of Japan (Allen & Erdmann, 2012: 823). However, this appears to be the first record of *Entomacrodus striatus* from Singapore waters (Herre & Myers, 1937; Fowler, 1938; de Beaufort & Chapman, 1951).

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