

New record of nosestripe sandperch in Singapore

Subject: Nosestripe sandperch, *Parapercis lineopunctata* (Teleostei: Pinguipedidae).

Subject identified by: Kelvin K. P. Lim.

Location, date and time: Singapore Strait off Pulau Hantu west; 26 July 2015, around 1600 hrs.

Habitat: Marine, coral reef at around 12 m depth.

Observer: Toh Chay Hoon.

Observation: One example of about 8 cm total length was observed on the substrate (see accompanying pictures).

Remarks: The subject in the present observation appears to be *Parapercis lineopunctata*. This species is whitish with a pair of dotted lines along the upper side, small brown spots on the gill covers, and a series of dark brown blotches along the lower side. It grows to a maximum known size of 10 cm total length, and has been recorded from Indonesia, the Philippines, New Guinea, Solomon Islands and eastern Australia (Allen & Erdmann, 2012: 755). This seems to be the first record of *Parapercis lineopunctata* in Singapore waters (see Fowler, 1938).



Parapercis lineopunctata from Pulau Hantu. Picture on the left shows a dorsal-lateral view of the fish except the tail. Picture on the right is a closeup of a dorso-lateral view of the head and first dorsal fin. Photographs by Toh Chay Hoon.

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