

New record of reticulated dascyllus in Singapore

Subject: Reticulated dascyllus, *Dascyllus reticulatus* (Teleostei: Pomacentridae).

Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Strait off Pulau Satumu; 27 April 2016; at around 1830 hrs.

Habitat: Marine. Fringing coral reef with silty substrate, at about 5 m depth.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: Three individuals were observed hovering over, and hiding between the branches of an *Acropora* coral. The largest of the three (shown in the accompanying picture) was approximately 6 cm in total length, while the other two measured approximately 4 cm in total length.

Remarks: This appears to be the first record of *Dascyllus reticulatus* in Singapore. The three-spot dascyllus (*Dascyllus trimaculatus*) is the only congener with confirmed records in Singapore waters (Sin et al., 1994: 53; Low, 2013: 34). As *Dascyllus reticulatus* is distributed in the tropical Indo-Pacific from the Cocos-Keeling Islands eastwards to Oceania and northwards to Japan (Allen & Erdmann, 2012: 597), its occurrence in Singapore waters is expected.

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