Scrawled filefish, *Aluterus scriptus*, in the Singapore Strait

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**Subject**: Scrawled filefish, *Aluterus scriptus* (Teleostei: Tetraodontiformes: Monacanthidae).

**Subject identified by**: Karenne Tun.

**Location, date and time**: Singapore Strait off Pulau Satumu; 25 April 2019; 1945 hrs.

**Habitat**: Marine. Fringing coral reef at around 3.5 m depth.

**Observers**: Karenne Tun and others.

**Observation**: One example of about 50 cm total length was observed on the reef during a coral spawning event. The attached photograph shows a lateral view of the fish in-situ.

**Remarks**: The scrawled filefish seems to be uncommon in Singapore waters, and the featured sighting may only be the second record of this species there. A 50 cm example was photographed under the main jetty of Saint John’s Island in June 2010 (Ng & Lim, 2014). This species grows to a maximum size of 75 cm total length, and inhabits coastal waters from lagoons to outer reefs, from 2 to 80 m. It occurs throughout the Indonesian Archipelago and is present in tropical seas worldwide (Allen & Erdmann, 2012: 1070).

**References**:
