

Biodiversity Record: A record of the trumpetfish, *Aulostomus chinensis*, in Singapore

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Subject: Trumpetfish, *Aulostomus chinensis* (Teleostei: Syngnathiformes: Aulostomidae).

Subject identified by: Eric R. Alfred.

Location and date: Singapore, from an unspecified location; presumably in January 1957.

Habitat: Unknown, presumably marine.

Observer: Specimen presented to the National Museum of Singapore by Phey Tian Seng on 14 January 1957.

Observation: One preserved example (Fig. 1) of 39 cm standard length (tip of snout to caudal base), was accessioned as ZRC 2123 in the Zoological Reference Collection (ZRC) of the Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum, at the National University of Singapore. The zoological collection of the National Museum of Singapore was transferred to the National University of Singapore in the 1970s, and is a part of the ZRC (see Tan, 2016).



Fig. 1. Lateral view of the preserved *Aulostomus chinensis* [ZRC 2123]. (Photograph by: Kelvin K. P. Lim).

Remarks: This seems to be hitherto the only record of *Aulostomus chinensis* obtained in Singapore. The trumpetfish is a distinctive species that was previously not recognised as a component of Singapore's fish fauna (see Fowler, 1938; Ng et al., 2011). However, its occurrence in Singapore waters is to be expected because of its wide range throughout the Indo-Pacific, from East Africa and the Red Sea eastwards through Indonesia, north to Japan and further to the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean (Allen & Erdmann, 2012).

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