

Biodiversity Record: Jewel damselfish, *Plectroglyphidodon lacrymatus*, at Marina South

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Subject: Jewel damselfish, *Plectroglyphidodon lacrymatus* (Teleostei: Cichliformes: Pomacentridae).

Subject identified by: Jiayuan Lin.

Location, date and time: Singapore Strait, seawall between Marina South Pier and Marina Cruise Centre; 15 January 2024; 1524 hrs.

Habitat: Marine. Rocky reef edge around 2 m depth at foot of seawall.

Observer: Que Bowen.

Observations: One example (Fig. 1) of about 11 cm total length was caught with hook and line baited with tiger prawn (*Penaeus monodon*) meat. It was released after photography.



Fig. 1. Lateral view of *Plectroglyphidodon lacrymatus* freshly landed and alive. Note the diagnostic blue specks on the anterior back and spinous dorsal fin (Photograph by: Que Bowen).

Remarks: *Plectroglyphidodon lacrymatus* was first recorded in Singapore based on a specimen photographed on the reef flat of Pulau Satumu in May 2023 (Tan & Jaafar, 2023). The present record is the second for the country, the first off Singapore Island, and in an environment with artificial structures.

Literature cited:

Tan CZM & Jaafar Z (2023) Biodiversity Record: New Singapore records of damselfishes of the genus *Plectroglyphidodon*, Nature in Singapore, 16: e2023094.