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# Queensland Spearfishing Records 2024 & Field Guides

THIS BOOKLET IS DESIGNED TO BE PRINTED BACK-

TO-BACK SO GUIDES FACE THEIR RECORD LISTINGS.

## Eligible Species

*By the end of the sixties the AUF & AUFQ (under its early names) had made its own list of ineligible species, as it was felt that fisheries legislation of the times did not offer some species the necessary protection. That was added to over the years. Now that fisheries legislation is much more extensive and research based, the states and the national body have reverted to our original regulations, permitting the spearing of most finfish which are legal under government regulations. Sharks & rays are not eligible. (Some) invertebrate records were started in 2021... see Part V.*

### 31. Eligible Species:

Species of the sub-class Actinopterygii (ray-finned fishes) are eligible with the following exceptions:

- \* Order Syngnathiformes - Pipefish and allies, excluding the families Aulostomidae (Trumpetfishes) and Fistulariidae (Flutemouths)
- \* Order Tetraodontiformes - Toadfish, Boxfish, Sunfish and allies, excluding the families Monacanthidae (Leatherjackets) and Balistidae (Triggerfishes)

32. To be eligible for a Queensland Spearfishing Record a fish must not be protected under State or Federal Government regulations at the location where captured.

33. Fish must have a minimum weight of 500 grams. (Historical records weighing less than 500 grams have been retained for the sake of completeness.)

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## USING THIS BOOKLET

Use the **index (page a)** to link common names to a page. The fish are grouped on the page in family groups with related species. On the opposite page there may be notes, photos or diagrams to help with identification.

The fish is listed under an up-to-date **scientific name**, followed by a common name. Scientific names change as more research is done. It will usually help you find the fish in scientific books or online, but remember that most species have more than one scientific name back over the years.

**On line, you can search the scientific name.** This will give you a number of choices. "Fishes of Australia" is a quick and easy site. The scientific name should be correct on this site, but sometimes it has incorrect photos. The common names it lists may not be the ones we use.

The **common name** is the name in common useage in our area. Some common names are very widespread, while some fish have almost as many common names as places it is found. Common names that reflect an identification characteristic are used in this booklet in preference to others, e.g. Big-Nose Unicorn in preference to Vlaming's Unicorn. Uncommon fish sometimes don't have a common name but have been provided with one in this booklet. **Standard Marketing Names for Australian Fish** now exist, but are not always used here, as market interests seem to have influenced the selection of some names we don't use in real life.

**Below the name of the fish are listed, in order, the Qld Junior Record, the Qld Women's Record, the Qld Open Record, and the Australian Open Record.** (Room does not permit the listing of the Australian Women's and Junior Records. Consult the AUF website for these.) The Australian Record listings in the Queensland Record booklet have been updated as much as possible, but remember **this is not the official Australian Records list...** still, they provide an idea in the field as to whether the fish will also be an Australian Record.

## WHO CAN CLAIM A QLD SPEARFISHING RECORD?

The records are **NOT available to the general public**. The following points must be satisfied:

- \* **The spearo must be a member of the Australian Underwater Federation.** Membership of the relevant national federation of another country where the spearo lives, is acceptable.
- \* **The spearo must also be a member of a CLUB affiliated with the AUFQ.** Membership of a club affiliated with the appropriate AUF state branch, or of the relevant national federation of another country where the spearo lives, is acceptable. (NOTE: Club membership is not a requirement for a National Record, this is a Queensland requirement.)
- \* The fish capture must meet the requirements of AUFQ (and AUF) rules.
- \* The fish capture must comply with the relevant government requirements and legislation.
- \* The fish capture must be unassisted (see page d.)
- \* **The fish capture must occur in the area set out on page d.** If it occurs outside this area it will not be a Qld record, but may be a record for another Australian state, or an Australian record. Still send the claim to the AUFQ Records Officer who will progress it for you.

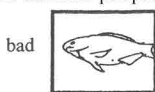
\* **You must fill in the Australian Spearfishing Claim Form IN FULL.** The fish must be weighed on certified **scales** or ones **that have a calibration report not more than 2 years old**, and the weighing must be witnessed.

Use some common sense with the **scales** you use. Don't weigh a small fish on scales designed for weighing very heavy things, e.g. don't weigh a 1.33 kg fish on scales that weigh up to 300 kg with an accuracy of 50 gm. Fish under 5 kg should not be weighed on scales with a maximum weight over 30 kg, and 10 kg or 15 kg scales should be used if possible.

\* **Location.** You must be prepared to list the exact location where it was speared, e.g. Dolphin Heads, not just Mackay. A copy of the claim form is included at the back of this booklet. All states now use the National form to avoid the need for duplication.

## **PHOTOS FOR THE RECORD CLAIM (GOOD PHOTOS!)**

Photo/s must accompany your claim. **The purpose of the photos are to permit species identification of the fish now and in the future.** This is because changes in scientific literature in the future may make a review necessary (some of the flathead are a prime example.) **It is the responsibility of the spearo to prove the identification to the Records Officer.** (If possible keep the fish until the record is passed as for some species the photo may not be enough, or at least photograph the identification points given in this booklet.) A statement by an "expert" does not replace the need for the photo, but may be useful. Photos of the weighing scales, and photos of the fish's girth and length showing the tape are not required, but are desirable. (The measurements, though, are required, as are details of the scales. A copy of the calibration certificate is desirable.) **Make sure you have a good side-on photo without a tape measure over the top of the fish.** A photo with the spearo in it can be included to add to the historical perspective.



## **WHAT IF MY PHOTOS DON'T COME OUT?**

Luckily you kept the fish! Sadly, if you don't have photos (or the actual fish) then the claim will not be successful. This includes fish taken at State Titles. If you are that starved for fish that you must eat it immediately, take photos on two different cameras.

## **DO RECORDS COST ANYTHING?**

There is no claim fee for state records. There is a \$10 claim fee for Australian Records. Detail of how to pay this fee is on the bottom of the Australian Record Claim form.

## **WHERE DO I SEND THE FORM?**

Scan the completed form. Email the form and photos to the Qld Records Officer. If everything is satisfactory, your capture will be added to the Qld Spearfishing Records and a certificate will be sent back to you. If the fish is large enough, the State Records Officer will also forward the form and photos to the Australian Records Officer. Transfer the fee direct to the Aust. Records Officer.

If you send the form directly to the Australian Records, make sure you copy the Qld Records Officer.

## **WHAT IF IT'S A WORLD RECORD?**

**World Records have nothing to do with the AUF or AUFQ.** You must make your own application for these. Two separate lists of World Spearfishing Records are available and information can be gained from the following web sites. Be warned that the requirements for World Records are different to AUF claims. These World Records are generally limited to "Game Fish".

www.freediver.net/jusa.html  
www.freedive.net/ibsrc/apply.htm

International Underwater Spearfishing Association  
International Bluewater Spearfishing Records Committee

## **TIED RECORDS.**

Tied records occur at times. It is a tied record if your fish **exceeds** the existing record by less than 50gm (for fish 0.5 kg up to 2 kg) or by less than 100 gm (for fish over 2 kg).

For example: Old record 1.3 kg... (a) new fish 1.29 kg = no record (b) new fish 1.3 kg = no record (c) new fish 1.33 kg = tied record (d) new fish 1.36 kg = clear record.

## **HOW SMALL CAN A RECORD FISH BE?**

If legal under fisheries legislation, the minimum record weight is now 0.5 kg. Originally it was 1 lb, which is actually less than 0.5 kg, hence the size of some of the older records in this booklet. These have been retained for historical purposes.

## **QLD RECORDS MUST BE SPEARED IN THIS AREA!**



## **ISN'T PART OF THIS AREA OVER THE NSW BORDER?**

Yes, it is! Note that Qld records can be claimed from the area down to (and including) Hastings Point in NSW. This was decided because there are Qld clubs on the Gold Coast with membership drawn from the border area. S.E. Qld spearos dive these reefs as their local reefs. They do dive further south, too, but a line had to be drawn somewhere, and Hastings Point was seen as reasonable. In NSW the capture must comply with NSW government regulations instead of the Qld government regulations.

**KEY TO CLUB ABBREVIATIONS (some no longer exist.)**

<b>AXT</b>	Aqua X-treme Free Divers (Bris.)	<b>MISC</b>	Magnetic Island Spearfishing Club
<b>BSC</b>	Bundaberg Skindivers Club	<b>MS</b>	Maryborough Skindivers
<b>CCSC</b>	Curtis Coast Spearfishing Club	<b>SS</b>	Sun City Skindivers (Townsville)
<b>CSC</b>	Capricorn Skindiving Club	<b>SCFD</b>	Sun Coast Free Divers
<b>CUA</b>	Cairns Underwater Association	<b>SCS</b>	Sunshine Coast Skindivers
<b>BD</b>	Brisbane Dolphins	<b>Sub.</b>	Submariners (Biloela)
<b>DC</b>	Dolphin Club (Townsville)	<b>THUC</b>	Tweed Heads Underwater Club
<b>DD</b>	Delta Divers (Ayr)	<b>THRAC</b>	Tweed Heads Rowing & Aquatic Club
<b>FD</b>	Freedom Divers	<b>TGCFD</b>	Tweed Gold Coast Free Divers
<b>IUC</b>	Innisfail Underwater Club	<b>TSC</b>	Townsville Skindivers Club
<b>MBBC</b>	Moreton Bay Boat Club	<b>UAC</b>	Underwater Adventurers Club (Brisbane)
<b>MDUSC</b>	Mackay Down Under Skindiving Club		

*List is not exhaustive.*



*(I can fit more logos here if you send me a high res copy.)*

**A SHORT HISTORY!**

- \* The USFAQ (the Underwater Skindivers and Fishermans' Association of Queensland) was the historic organisation that changed its name to the QUF (Queensland Underwater Federation,) to AUF Queensland Branch, then to AUFQ.
- \* The earliest Qld Record is from 1963, Aust record 1959.
- \* By the end of the sixties the AUF had made its own list of ineligible fish as it was felt that fisheries legislation of the times did not offer some species the necessary protection.
- \* The AUF & AUFQ moved to a commission structure in 1997 e.g. Spearfishing Commission.
- \* The AUFQ Spearfishing Commission AGM in 2006 moved a series of motions clarifying who can claim a record. **The claimant must be a member of a club** which is affiliated with the AUFQ Spearfishing Commission, and must also be a member of the AUF and AUFQ. Claimants from other states/countries are permitted provided they are members of club and federation from their home locality.
- \* The 2006 AGM also decided to remove part of the ineligible fish list that prevented the spearing of blue groper and some cod as it was felt that such species were now managed adequately by fisheries legislation.
- \* Time requirements on record applications were deleted.
- \* In 2015 AUFQ "A" Section Rules were updated to cover True Pairs and to explain "unassisted captures."
- \* All states and the AUF National Spearfishing Commission adopted the same revised claim form in 2017. A uniform list of eligible fish was adopted, permitting the spearing of most fish as permitted by law.
- \* AUFQ Spearfishing Commission fully revised its regulations and changed the State Titles to a True Pairs format in 2017.
- \* In 2021 AUF moved to open the records up to select invertebrate species. AUFQ agreed to follow this lead.

## **REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE RECORDS.**

These are relevant sections of the AUFQ Spearfishing Commission "A" Section Rules & By-Laws as revised 5/8/2017.

"A" Section Rules are set by the state. "B" Section Rules are those set for a specific purpose (for example a particular competition, usually set by the host club) but they must not contravene the "A" Section Rules. "B" Section Rules don't have anything to do with records.

### **RECORDS**

28. The State Records Officer shall be responsible for the recording of all records and the issuing of all certificates.
29. Fish weight records (spearfishing records) will be accepted from financial AUFQ Club members and financial out-of-state AUF Club members provided the fish are speared in the Australian Fishing Zone off Queensland and south to Hastings Point in NSW.
30. All applications shall be made on the appropriate AUF claim form and shall contain the following information:
  - Scientific name and common name of the fish.
  - Name, address, phone, email and Club of applicant.
  - Weight, girth & length of fish.
  - Date & locality of catch.
  - Type of equipment used.
  - Signature of applicant and witness to catch.
  - Name, signature and address of Weight Recorder.
  - Name, signature and address of Witness to Weighing.
  - Details of scales used.
  - Clear photo of the fish permitting identification.
  - Age if a junior (>18.)
31. Eligible Species:  
Species of the sub-class Actinopterygii (ray-finned fishes) are eligible with the following exceptions:
  - Order Syngnathiformes - Pipefish and allies, excluding the families Aulostomidae (Trumpetfishes) and Fistulariidae (Flutemouths)
  - Order Tetraodontiformes - Toadfish, Boxfish, Sunfish and allies, excluding the families Monacanthidae (Leatherjackets) and Balistidae (Triggerfishes)
32. To be eligible for a Queensland Spearfishing Record a fish must not be protected under State or Federal Government regulations at the location where captured.
33. Fish must have a minimum weight of 500 grams. (Historical records weighing less than 500 grams have been retained for the sake of completeness.)
34. All fish under 2 kg in weight must exceed the previous record by 50 grams, and fish over 2 kg must exceed the previous record by 100 grams. In the event of a claim at least equalling, but not exceeding, the record by the required amount, a tied record will be ruled.
35. All claims should be made within 12 months of capture. If the form cannot be fully completed an accompanying letter of explanation should state clearly the reason, or reasons, for the incomplete form. At the discretion of the Records Officer, in the case of minor omissions, the record claim may be accepted.
36. Fish taken with the aid of SCUBA, or any breathing aid other than a snorkel, shall be ineligible for record purposes.
37. Incorrect identification of the fish may render the application ineligible.
38. At no time is it the responsibility of the Records Officer to prove the identity of any fish.
39. The catch must be made in accordance with the Spearfishing Commission Rules of Competition where applicable.
40. All fish must be weighed on scales meeting the requirements as set out for AUF National Records.
41. Assisted captures are not eligible for records. The list below is a guide to assist the interpretation of "assisted capture". It does not cover all possible situations.

#### **Acceptable action.**

- Showing location of a fish.
- Burling for another spearfisher or group.
- Chasing sharks away from another spearfisher's speared fish.
- Accepting an unloaded gun from another spearfisher to use to place a second shot.
- Accepting a rig line from another spearfisher and attaching the rig line yourself to your rig during the act of playing a fish.
- The boat following as you swim after your float.
- The boat locating your float and giving you directions.



## REGULATIONS (cont.)

- The boat locating your float and giving you directions.
- Helping lift the subdued fish into the boat.
- Retrieving a stuck spear once the other spearfisher has removed his fish from the line.
- Placing your fish in another spearfisher's fish float (with permission.)

### Level of assistance rendering record claim ineligible.

- Loading the speargun for another spearfisher.
- Accepting a loaded speargun from another spearfisher to use to place a second shot.
- Placing a second shot in another spearfisher's fish.
- Helping pull the fish up or holding the other spearfisher's float before the fish has been subdued.
- Another spearfisher attaching a rig line to your rig line during the act of playing a fish.
- The boat picking you up and taking you over to your fish float.
- Picking up the rig line and pulling the other spearfisher's fish up to the boat.
- Getting into or holding onto the boat and playing the fish from there.
- Retrieving a stuck spear for another spearfisher while the fish is still on the line.
- "Sledding" is where one diver swims another diver down under the surface towards the bottom. The second diver then continues further down under his own effort. This allows divers to go deeper than they usually would be capable of diving on their own. Muscular power has been given by another person and therefore is considered assisting in the capture of the fish.
- A diver, after shooting a fish, is assisted to the surface by another diver, This is considered assisting in the capture of the fish.

42. Acceptable True Pairs record claims: Information for those diving in True Pairs, with both persons attached to one float simultaneously via separate float lines. In some situations the capture is still regarded as unassisted. The guidelines below do not cover all possible situations. (Also read in conjunction with 33 above.)

### Acceptable action by the second diver.

- Handing an unloaded gun to the other attached diver for a second shot.
- Be attached to the float via a second floatline, but not handle the other attached diver's floatline.
- Swim attached to the floatline to maintain visual contact with the other attached diver.
- Assist with placing the fish into a boat or float following it being subdued by the first diver.

### Level of assistance rendering record claim ineligible.

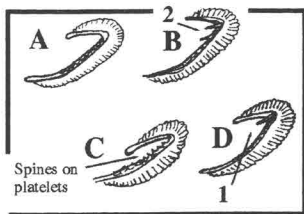
- Handing a loaded gun to the other attached diver.
- Placing a second shot into the other diver's fish.
- Hold or help pull up the other diver's floatline.
- Swim attached to the floatline in a manner where it gives muscular pull against a speared fish.
- Handling the fish, equipment or floatline between the float and the first diver while the fish has not been subdued.



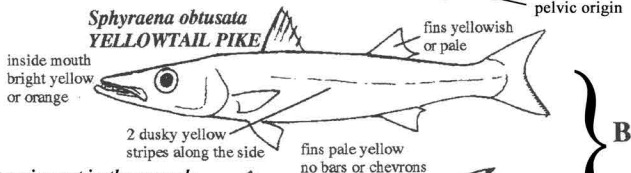
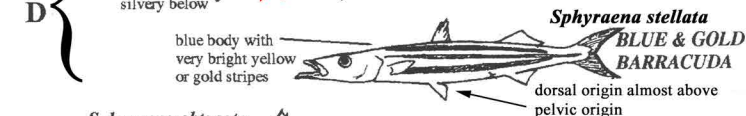
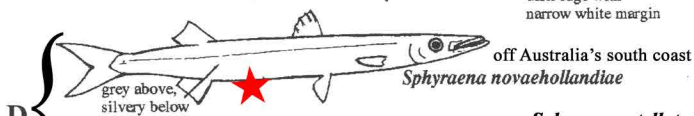
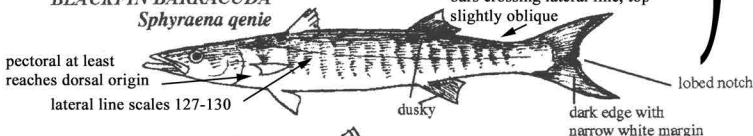
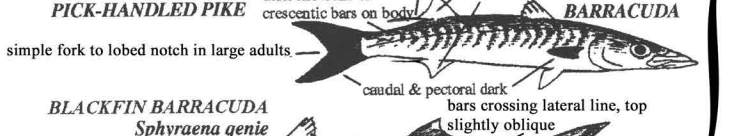
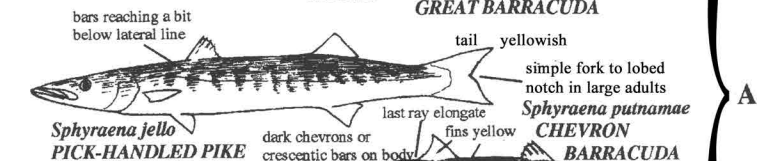
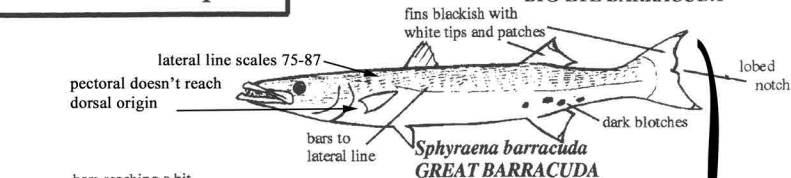
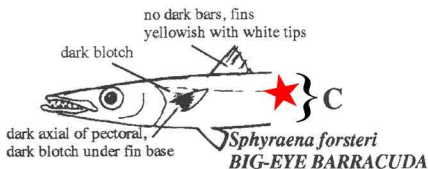
*Many of the photos used in the Field Guides come from the record claims. Some are photos of Capt. Vin Rushworth. Duncan Limpus has supplied some photos.*

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## Barracuda



★ = species not in the records.

dorsal origin well behind pelvic origin



**CHEVRON BARRACUDA**

*Sphyaena putnamae*

Clearly chevron shaped bars.

scales 123-136

Lasr ray of soft dorsal very elongate.

lobed in large adults

Lasr ray of anal elongate.

body with 2-3 gold stripes



scales small 140-150

**BLUE & GOLD BARRACUDA**

*Sphyaena stellata*



dusky blotch behind pectoral

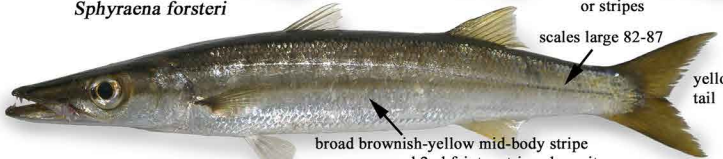
**BIG-EYE BARRACUDA**

*Sphyaena forsteri*

scales 112-133

no obvious bars or stripes

tail dark



**STRIPED SEA PIKE (YELLOW-TAIL PIKE)**

*Sphyaena obtusata*

scales small 130-140

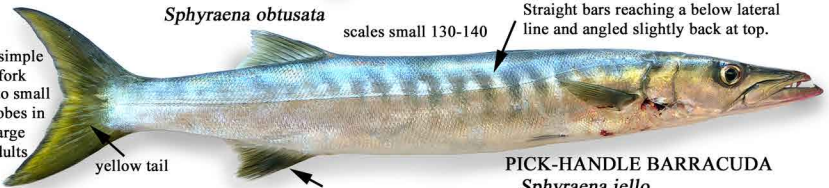
broad brownish-yellow mid-body stripe and 2nd fainter stripe above it

scales large 82-87

yellow tail

Straight bars reaching a below lateral line and angled slightly back at top.

simple fork to small lobes in large adults



yellow tail

**PICK-HANDLE BARRACUDA**

*Sphyaena jello*

dusky with white tip

many straight bars reaching well below lateral line

**BLACK-FIN BARRACUDA**

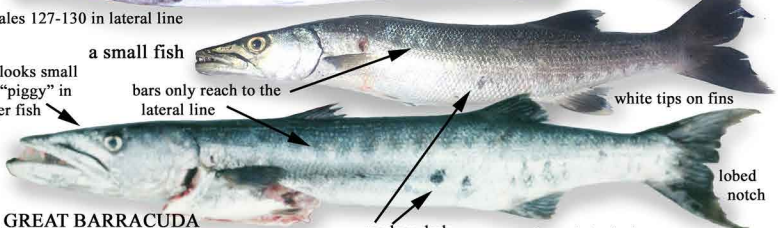
*Sphyaena qenic*

scales 127-130 in lateral line

lobed notch

eye looks small and "piggy" in larger fish

a small fish



bars only reach to the lateral line

white tips on fins

**GREAT BARRACUDA**

*Sphyaena barracuda*

random dark blotches

scales relatively larger 75-87 scales in lateral line

lobed notch

# BILLFISH

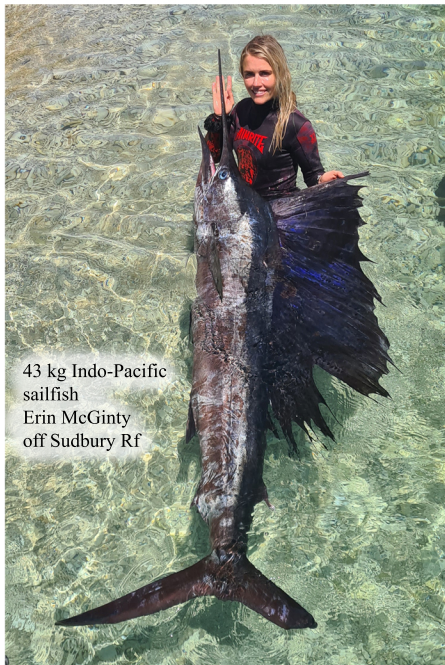
## INDO-PACIFIC SAILFISH

### *Istiophorus platypterus*

There is debate about whether there are one or two species of sailfish. There are differences between the juvenile fin and tail sizes of the Atlantic and the Indo-Pacific fish.

The Indo-Pacific fish have a maximum weight almost twice that of the Atlantic fish.

It is treated as two species here, hence the common name. Regardless of the outcome, the scientific name would remain unchanged for our species.



43 kg Indo-Pacific sailfish  
Erin McGinty  
off Sudbury Rf



190.6 kg black marlin  
Jason Jaffers 9 Mile, Tweed coast

## BLACK MARLIN

*Istompax indica*: Dorsal not as high as body depth. Lack of bars and pectoral not depressable (small fish may have bars and pec depressable.) Lateral line single but obscured in large adults.

## ★ INDO-PACIFIC BLUE MARLIN

*Makaira mazara*: Dorsal not as high as body depth. About 15 vertical bars and pectoral depressable. Lateral line system with simple loops, different from chicken wire shape in Atlantic blue marlin.

## STRIPED MARLIN

*Kajikia audax*: Dorsal higher than or equal to body depth. About 15 vertical bars and pectoral is depressable. Lateral line single. Tips of first dorsal, pectoral and anal pointed.



56.5 kg Indo-Pacific sailfish  
Andrew Sprenger  
off Double Island Point

**ANGELFISH POMACANTHIDAE*****Pomacanthus semicirculatus* (Cuvier)**

J	-	-
W	-	-
O	3.033 kg	Ray Jenkinson
A	3.033 kg	Ray Jenkinson

***Pomacanthus sexstriatus* (Cuvier)**

J	-	-
W	-	-
O	2.450 kg	L. Steindl
A	3.289 kg	Barry Paxman

***Pomacanthus xanthometopon* (Bleeker)**

J	-	-
W	-	-
O	1.077 kg	R. Hatch
A	1.077 kg	R. Hatch

**BLUE ANGELFISH**

-	-	-
-	-	-
UAC	1/6/69	Flinders Reef, S.E. Qld
Qld	1/6/69	Flinders Reef, Qld

**SIX-BANDED ANGELFISH**

-	-	-
-	-	-
CUA	18/1/72	Flinders Reef, S.E. Qld
WA	1/7/72	Cabbadaman Passage, WA

**YELLOW-MASK ANGELFISH, BLUE-FACED ANGELFISH**

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-	-	-
NSW	29/12/69	Aust. Titles, Mackay
NSW	29/12/69	Mackay, Qld

**BARRACUDA SPHYRAENIDAE*****Sphyaena barracuda* (Walbaum)**

J	11.700 kg	Scott Ellrott
W	0.865 kg	Jennifer Budworth
O	24.900 kg	Andrew Clough
A	28.850 kg	Barry Paxman

***Sphyaena stellata* Morishita & Motomura**

J	-	-
W	-	-
O	1.000 kg	Adam Smith
A	1.000 kg	Adam Smith

***Sphyaena jello* (Cuv. & Val.)**

J	7.650 kg	Darcey Davey
W	6.850 kg	Kate Saunders
O	15.250 kg	Jason Croton
A	15.250 kg	Jason Croton

***Sphyaena obtusata* (Cuvier)**

J	-	-
W	0.500 kg	Jennifer Budworth
O	0.650 kg	Alan Betts
A	1.191 kg	K. Wardrop

***Sphyaena putnamae* Jordan & Seale**

J	-	-
W	1.400kg	Kahlee Andrews
O	3.200 kg	Michael Greinke
A	3.200 kg	Michael Greinke

***Sphyaena genie* Klunzinger**

J	7.270 kg	Leeland Gieinke
W	-	-
O	29.200 kg	Tim Neilsen
A	29.200 kg	Tim Neilsen

**GREAT BARRACUDA, GIANT BARRACUDA**

MDUSC	24/12/01	Square Reef
TGCFD	4/2/18	Tweed River, Tweed Coast
MDUSC	13/6/98	Round Top Island, off Mackay
WA	16/4/93	Dorre Island, WA

**BLUE & GOLD BARRACUDA**

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-	-	-
TSC	9/12/06	Marion Reef, Coral Sea
Qld	9/12/06	Marion Reef, Qld

**PICKHANDLE BARRACUDA, PICKHANDLE PIKE**

BSC	22/3/05	Burkitts Rocks, Bundaberg Coast
UAC	30/12/08	Broomfield Reef, Capricorn Group
FD	12/6/05	Cape Moreton, S.E. Qld
Qld	12/6/05	Cape Moreton, Qld

**STRIPED SEA PIKE**

-	-	-
TGCFD	15/8/23	Tweed River, Tweed Coast
THRAC	12/6/93	Flinders Reef, S.E. Qld
NSW	28/5/67	Whale Beach, NSW

**CHEVRON BARRACUDA**

-	-	-
SCS	2/6/11	Lamont Reef, Bunker Group
UAC	11/8/99	Old Woman Island, Sunshine Coast
Qld	11/8/99	Old Woman Island, Qld

**BLACKFIN BARRACUDA**

UAC	26/9/10	Darley Reef
-	-	-
UAC	10.5.06	Cape Moreton, S.E. Qld
Qld	10.5.06	Cape Moreton, Qld

**BARRAMUNDI, SAND BASS LATIDAE*****Lates calcarifer* (Bloch)**

J	21.100 kg	Tim Shailer
W	10.500 kg	Ethel Everett
O	25.400 kg	Michael Greinke
A	25.400 kg	Michael Greinke

***Psammoperca datnioides* Richardson**

J	-	-
W	0.510 kg	Lakeesha Sermak
O	1.100 kg	Michael Greinke
A	1.100 kg	Kelvin Rushworth

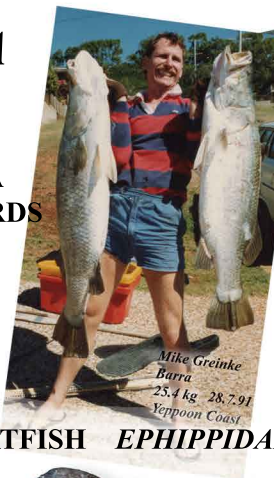
**BARRAMUNDI, GIANT PERCH**

MDUSC	26/9/13	Mackay area
MDUSC	9/4/95	Green Cape, Qld
CSC	28/7/91	Yeppoon Coast
Qld	28/7/91	Yeppoon, Qld

**SAND BASS**

-	-	-
SCS	21/8/23	Humpy Island, Kepples
CSC	5/9/87	Cairo Head, Yeppoon Coast
WA	15/4/22	Two Rocks, WA

**BARRA RECORDS**



Mike Greinke  
Barra  
25.4 kg 28.7.91  
Yeppoon Coast



Ethel Eves  
MDUSC  
Barra  
10.5 kg  
Green Cape  
9.4.95



Glen  
Hartwig  
BSC  
15.46 kg  
24.6.64

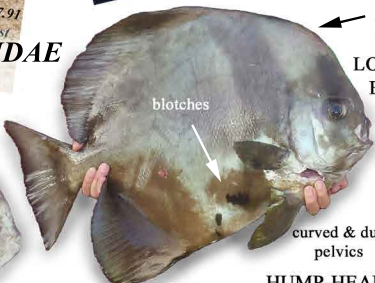
**BATFISH EPHIPPIDAE**



black tip

**ROUND BATFISH**

*Platax orbicularis*



distinct angle change in profile

**LONG-FINNED BATFISH**

*Platax teira*

grey pectoral

blotches

curved & dusky yellow pelvics

**HUMP-HEADED BATFISH**

*Platax batavianus*

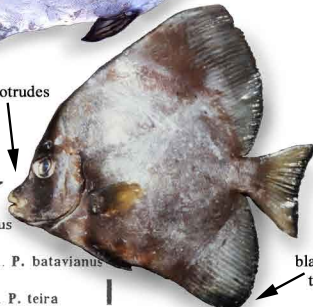
bump profile



**SILVER BATFISH**  
*Zabidius novemaculatus*

9 spines  
row of spots

snout protrudes



**LONG-SNOUT BATFISH**

*Platax pinnatus*

black tip

**KEY TO THE ADULT BATFISH**

1. 9 dorsal spines, row of silver spots on side... *Z. novemaculatus*  
4-7 dorsal spines, no silver spots... 2
2. Length of anal and pelvic about same as pectoral, 5 pores on jaw... *P. batavianus*  
Length of anal & pelvic longer than pectoral... 3
3. Usually a black blotch on stomach, pectoral grey, 5 pores on jaw... *P. teira*  
No black blotch on stomach, pectoral yellow... 4
4. Snout protrudes giving distinctive dorsal profile, 4 pores on jaw... *P. pinnatus*  
Snout not protruding, dorsal profile rounded... 5
5. Body usually with small black speckles, fins yellowish, 5 pores on jaw,  
dorsal rays 31 - 34... *P. orbicularis*  
Fins bright yellow, pelvics black, body with small black speckles, 5 pores on jaw,  
dorsal rays 34 - 39... *P. boersii* ★ = not expected in our area - keep any.

**BATFISH EPHIPPIDAE*****Platax batavianus* Cuvier**

J	5.400 kg	Leeland Greinke
W	4.700 kg	Kate Saunders
O	8.250 kg	Simon Baldwin
A	8.250 kg	Simon Baldwin

***Platax orbicularis* (Forsk.)**

J	-	-
W	-	-
O	4.750 kg	Michael Stoeckel
A	4.750 kg	Michael Stoeckel

***Platax pinnatus* (Linnaeus)**

J	2.350 kg	Michael N. Saunders
W	-	-
O	2.900 kg	Michael McDade
A	2.900 kg	Michael McDade

***Platax teira* (Forsk.)**

J	10.280 kg	Leeland Greinke
W	5.884 kg	Emma Pickstone
O	10.280 kg	Leeland Greinke
A	10.280 kg	Leeland Greinke

***Zabidius novemaculeatus* McCulloch**

J	1.100 kg	Michael N. Saunders
W	-	-
O	3.100 kg	William Kersey
A	3.100 kg	William Kersey

**HUMP-HEADED BATFISH**

UAC	12/12/09	Myall Island, Keppel Island Group
UAC	30/12/05	North West Island, Capricorn Group
TSC	27/10/86	Cape Cleveland
Qld	27/10/86	Cape Cleveland, Qld

**ROUND BATFISH, BLACK-TIP BATFISH**

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CUA	18/4/81	Telford Reef, off Cairns
Qld	18/4/81	Telford Reef, Qld

**LONG-SNOOT BATFISH**

BSC	7/1/02	Broomfield Reef, Capricorn Group
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UAC	7/1/02	Broomfield Reef, Capricorn Group
Qld	7/1/02	Broomfield Reef, Qld

**LONG-FINNED BATFISH, BLOTCHED BATFISH**

UAC	30/9/09	Yeppoon
BSC	27/7/15	Cochrane Artificial Reef, Bundaberg Coast
UAC	30/9/09	Yeppoon
Qld	30/9/09	Yeppoon

**SILVER BATFISH, SHORT-FINNED BATFISH, NINE-SPINED BATFISH**

BSC	2/7/02	Middle Creek, 1770 Coast
-	-	-
MDUSC	23/8/84	South Over Falls
Qld	23/8/84	South Over Falls, Qld

**BILLFISH ISTIOPHORIDAE*****Istiophorus platypterus* (Shaw & Nodder)**

J	-	-
W	43.000 kg	Erin McGinty
O	56.500 kg	Andrew Sprenger
A	63.200 kg	Gavin Smithers

***Istiompax indica* (Cuvier)**

J	-	-
W	-	-
O	190.600 kg	Jason Jaffers
A	190.600 kg	Jason Jaffers

***Kajikia audax* (Phillippi)**

J	75.200 kg	Ryan Springall
W	-	-
O	75.200 kg	Ryan Springall
A	76.000 kg	Mark Searle

**SAILFISH, INDO-PACIFIC SAILFISH**

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CUA	23/12/20	off Sudbury Reef, off Cairns
UAC	18/4/07	off Double Island Point
NSW	20/4/02	South Solitary Island, NSW

**BLACK MARLIN**

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TGCFD	24/4/15	9 Mile Reef, Tweed Coast
Qld	24/4/15	9 Mile Reef, NSW

**STRIPED MARLIN**

TGCFD	20/12/00	Marten Seamount
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TGCFD	20/12/00	Marten Seamount
NSW	19/3/98	Port Stephens, NSW

**BLACK KINGFISH (COBIA) RACHYCENTRIDAE*****Rachycentron canadum* (Linnaeus)**

J	42.000 kg	Reece Whalley
W	-	-
O	49.500 kg	Jake Limov
A	49.500 kg	Jake Limov

**COBIA, BLACK KINGFISH**

BSC	19/7/20	Un-named rocks off the Kolan, Bundaberg Coast
-	-	-
UAC	15/8/11	South of Hutchisons Shoal, S.E. Qld
Qld	15/8/11	South of Hutchisons Shoal, Qld

**BLACKFISH (BLACK DRUMMER & LUDEKICK) GIRELLIDAE*****Girella cyanea* MacLeay**

J	-	-
W	-	-
O	0.750 kg	Ray Inkpen
A	4.546 kg	J. Gillies

**BLUEFISH**

-	-	-
UAC	9/6/86	Flinders Reef, S.E. Qld
NSW	/56	Lord Howe Island

***Girella elevata* Macleay**

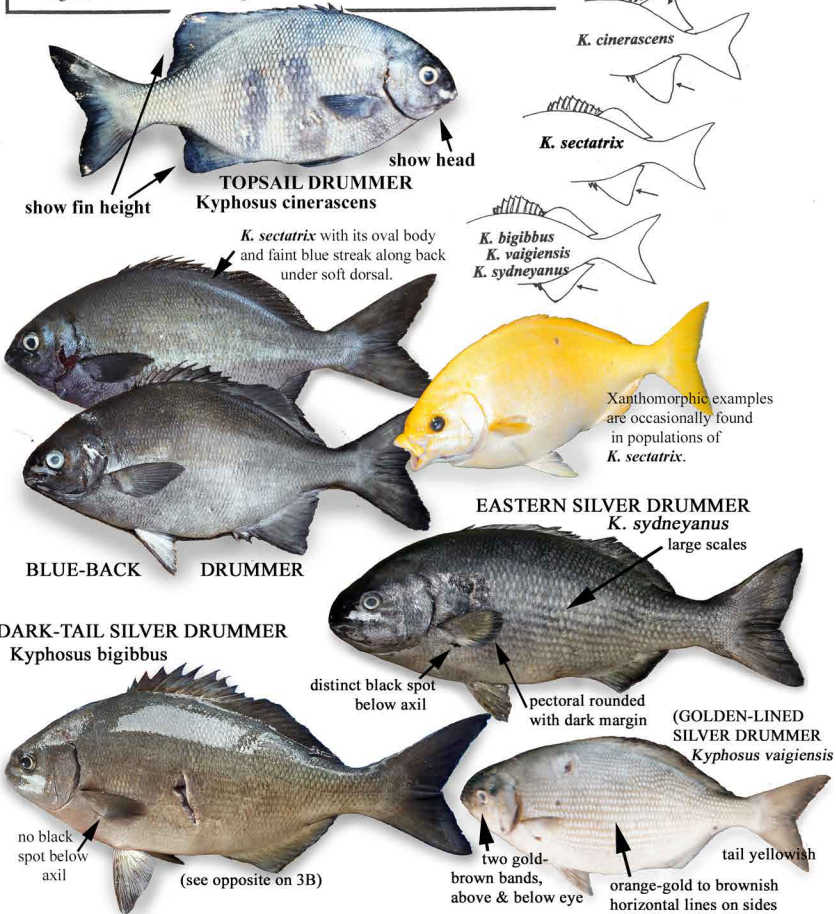
J	-	-
W	-	-
O	3.561 kg	Richard Batson
A	7.031 kg	W. Snowdon

**BLACK DRUMMER, ROCK BLACKFISH**

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SCS	17/12/67	Coolool, Sunshine Coast
NSW	/64	Frazer Park, NSW

**BLACKFISH (SILVER DRUMMER) KYPHOSIDAE**

1. Height of soft dorsal fin much higher than height of longest dorsal spine..... *K. cinerascens*  
Height of soft dorsal about the same or shorter than dorsal spines..... 2
2. Has pronounced narrow gold stripes along sides..... *K. vaigiensis*  
Does not have gold stripes..... 3
3. Brown colour, deeply forked tail, no silver bar under eye (WA only)..... *K. cornellii* ★ = not expected in our area - keep.  
Silver grey colour, tail slightly forked, usually silver bar under eye..... 4
4. Distinct black spot below axil of pectoral fin, scales large - scale rows 50-58, gill rakers 19-21  
large squareish head (S.E. Qld) .... *K. sydneyanus*  
No distinct black spot, scales small - scale rows 58+, gill rakers 21+, head normal..... 5  
(Last two even harder to tell apart in photo.)
5. Gill rakers 26-28, scale rows 62-72, mouth profile more beak-like, anal fin much higher than dorsal, outer edge of anal almost vertical .... *K. sectatrix*  
Gill rakers 21-24, scale rows 58-69, anal fin about same height as dorsal, outer edge of anal at about 45 degrees to vertical .... *K. bigibbus*





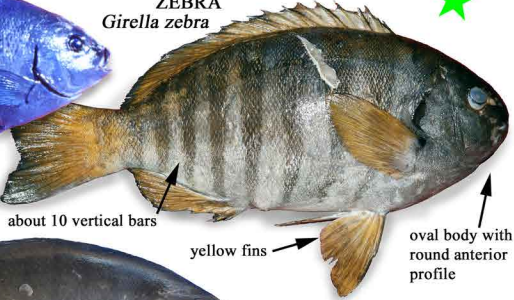
**BLUEFISH**  
*Girella cyanea*




Blue colour with gold spots quite distinctive. Record is the only known example from Qld. Found Lord Howe and coastal NSW.

**BLACKFISH GIRELLIDAE**

**ZEBRA**  
*Girella zebra*



only found in the southern half of Australia 

about 10 vertical bars

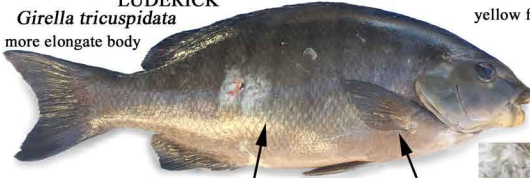
yellow fins

oval body with round anterior profile

**LUDERICK**

*Girella tricuspidata*

more elongate body



about 12 bars, but more indistinct and not extending onto stomach

dusky fins



Mike Greinke with a golden-lined silver drummer 12/12/79



top fish: **BLACK DRUMMER** *Girella elevata*  
blocky head and stocky body, grey fins, no scales on opercle (cheek), no bars

bottom fish: **BLACK / ZEBRA HYBRID**  
some scales on opercle, smaller body scales, in life had bars. A number of the hybrids were speared at the 1979 Aust Titles in Eden.

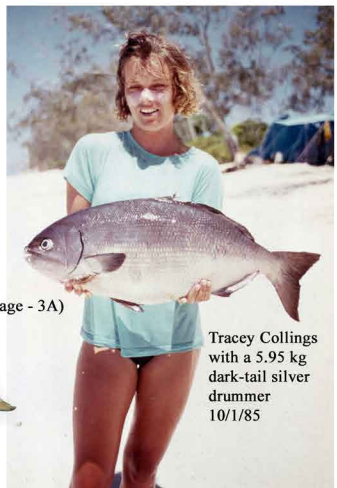
shows darker facial marking than most

(see opposite page - 3A)



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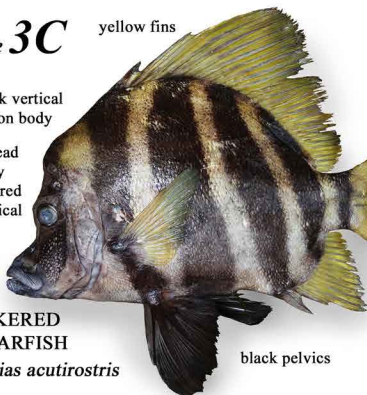
**GOLDEN-LINED SILVER DRUMMER**  
*Kyphosus vaigiensis*



Tracey Collings with a 5.95 kg dark-tail silver drummer 10/1/85

5 dark vertical bars on body

Widespread but rarely encountered anti-tropical species.



**WHISKERED BOARFISH**  
*Evistias acutirostris*

black pelvics



Tim McDonald with a Whiskered Boarfish.

**BOARFISH (ARMOURHEADS) PENTACEROTIDAE**



**GIANT BOARFISH** *Paristiopterus labiosus*

above: Brad Vayo's Qld record.

left: Russell Vayo with a giant boarfish showing small gold spots, which some males show. This example was mistakenly identified at first as a yellow-spotted boarfish (which is not found on the East coast.)

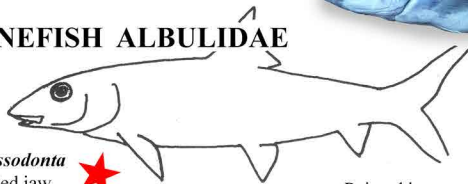
i.d. point: Giant boarfish only has two anal spines, while the yellow spotted boarfish and long-snout boarfish have three.

**BLANQUILLO**



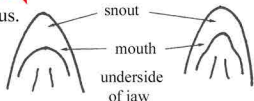
*Malacanthus latovittatus*

**BONEFISH ALBULIDAE**



*A. glossodonta* ★

Rounded jaw.  
Uncommon in Aus.  
If you get one please keep for the Museum.



Pointed jaw.  
*A. oligolepis*  
East coast.  
*A. argentea* ★  
West coast.

*Girella tricuspidata* (Quoy & Gaimard)

J	-	-
W	1.265 kg	Jennifer Budworth
O	1.265 kg	Jennifer Budworth
A	2.863 kg	J. Gillies

## LUDERICK, BLACK BREAM, NIGGER

-	-	-
TGCFD	25/7/17	Southport Seaway wall, Gold Coast
TGCFD	25/7/17	Southport Seaway wall, Gold Coast
NSW	20/11/71	North Head, NSW

**BLACKFISH (SILVER DRUMMER) *KYPHOSIDAE****Kyphosus bigibbus* Lacepede

J	5.950 kg	Tracey Collings
W	5.950 kg	Tracey Collings
O	5.950 kg	Tracey Collings
A	5.950 kg	Tracey Collings

## DARK-TAIL SILVER DRUMMER

UAC	10/1/85	North West Island, Capricorn Group
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UAC	10/1/85	North West Island, Capricorn Group
UAC	10/1/85	North West Island, Capricorn Group

*Kyphosus cinerascens* (Forsk.)

J	-	-
W	-	-
O	2.750 kg	Michael Greinke
A	2.750 kg	Michael Greinke

## TOPSAIL SILVER DRUMMER, HIGH-FIN SILVER DRUMMER

-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
CSC	27/9/83	Lady Musgrave Island, Bunker Group
Qld	27/9/83	Lady Musgrave Island, Qld

*Kyphosus sectatrix* (Linnaeus)

J	-	-
W	-	-
O	3.350 kg	Greg Hunt
A	3.350 kg	Greg Hunt

## BLUE-BACK SILVER DRUMMER, PACIFIC DRUMMER

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-	-	-
MBBC	12/6/93	Flinders Reef, S.E. Qld
Qld	12/6/93	Flinders Reef, Qld

*Kyphosus sydneyanus* (Günther)

J	-	-
W	-	-
O	6.700 kg	Andrew Sprenger
A	14.400 kg	J. Merlo

## EASTERN SILVER DRUMMER, LARGE-SCALE DRUMMER

-	-	-
-	-	-
UAC	15/4/07	Hutchisons Shoal, S.E. Qld
NSW	30/9/79	Boat Harbour, NSW

*Kyphosus vaiigiensis* (Quoy & Gaimard)

J	1.350 kg	Ned Randell
W	1.165 kg	Lakeesha Sermak
O	2.923 kg	Michael Greinke
A	2.923 kg	Michael Greinke

## GOLDEN-LINED SILVER DRUMMER, LOW-FINNED DRUMMER

MDUSC	11/9/24	St Bees Island
SCS	13/4/24	The Blinker, Maloolaba, Sunshine Coast
CSC	12/12/79	Broomfield Reef, Capricorn Group
Qld	12/12/79	Broomfield Reef, Capricorn Group

**BLANQUILLO***Malacanthus latovittatus* (Lacepede)

J	-	-
W	-	-
O	1.000 kg	Joe Ellrott
A	1.000 kg	Joe Ellrott

**MALACANTHIDAE**

## BLUE BLANQUILLO

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-	-	-
MDUSC	23/10/13	Eton Reef
Qld	23/10/13	Eton Reef, Qld

**BOARFISH***Paristiopaterus labiosus* (Günther)

J	-	-
W	-	-
O	4.130 kg	Bradford Vayo
A	12.247 kg	K. Colmer

**PENTACEROTIDAE**

## GIANT BOARFISH

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-	-	-
THRAC	2/11/86	Cook Island, Tweed Coast
NSW	21/5/61	Mona Vale

*Evistias acutirostris*

J	-	-
W	-	-
O	3.190 kg	Tim McDonald
A	3.190 kg	Tim McDonald

## WHISKERED BOARFISH, STRIPED BOARFISH

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-	-	-
THRAC	5/10/22	off Hutchisons Shoal, near Moreton Island
Qld	5/10/22	off Hutchisons Shoal, Qld

**BONEFISH***Albula oligolepis* Hadika, Iwatsaki & Randall

J	-	-
W	-	-
O	7.000 kg	Craig Whalley
A	7.000 kg	Craig Whalley

**ALBULIDAE**

## EASTERN BONEFISH

-	-	-
-	-	-
BSC	31/8/02	Sandy Cape, off Fraser Island
Qld	31/8/02	Sandy Cape, off Fraser Island

**PIKEY BREAM**  
*Acanthopagrus pacificus*



Pikey bream do not have a black spot at the base of the pectoral fin, the silverbream does.

no spot

**SILVER BREAM**  
*Acanthopagrus australis*

Photo must show fin shape and tail shape.

**BREAM & SNAPPER**

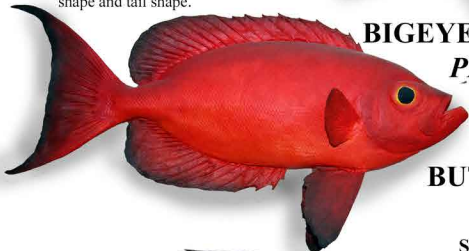
**SPARIDAE** TARWINE  
*Rhabdosargus sarba*



round profile

**BIGEYE, BULLSEYE**  
**PRIACANTHIDAE**

**LUNAR-TAILED BIGEYE**  
*Priacanthus hamrur*



spot

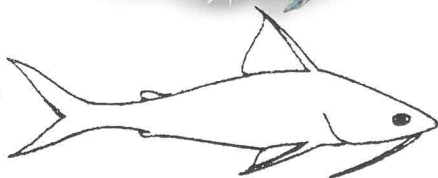
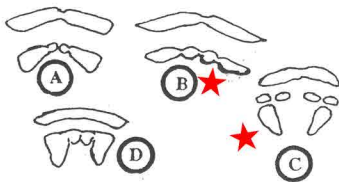
**BUTTERFISH, SCATS**  
**SCATOPHAGIDAE**

**SPOTTED SCAT** I.D. always easy.  
*Scatophagus argus*



**STRIPED BUTTERFISH**  
*Selenotoca multifasciata*

**CATFISH** **PLOTOSIDAE**  
& **ARIIDAE**



Palatal Tooth Patches of  
Some Fork-Tailed Catfishes  
(A) *Neourius graeffei* (B) *Sciades leptasis*  
(C) *Netuma thalassina* (D) *Netuma proxima*

It is almost impossible to identify most fork-tailed catfish from a photograph, so keep the fish. I.D. depends on tooth patches, etc.

★ = fish not on our records yet - keep fish.

**BREAM & SNAPPER SPARIDAE*****Acanthopagrus australis* (Gunther)**

J	0.950 kg	Matthew Johnston
W	1.045 kg	Ash Dragon
O	1.700 kg	Greg Hunt
A	3.657 kg	Michael Bray

***Acanthopagrus pacificus* Iwatsuki, Kume & Yoshino**

J	-	-
W	0.860 kg	Claire Holfier
O	0.978 kg	Brett Gamlin
A	0.978 kg	Brett Gamlin

***Chrysophrys auratus* (Forster)**

J	0.745 kg	Callum Green
W	1.330 kg	Lakeesha Sermak
O	0.9370 kg	Oliver Wady
A	13.720 kg	P. Clarkson

***Rhabdosargus sarba* (Forsk.)**

J	0.575 kg	Michael N. Saunders
W	1.720 kg	Jennifer Budworth
O	1.720 kg	Jennifer Budworth
A	1.980 kg	W. Carter

**YELLOW-FIN BREAM, SILVER BREAM**

BSC	16.7/00	Bustard Head, 1770 Coast
SCS	31/8/23	Raper Shoal, Currimundi, Sunshine Coast
MBBC	21/4/91	Fido Reef, Tweed Coast
NSW	11/7/69	Sydney Harbour, NSW

**PIKEY BREAM**

-	-	-
BSC	29/7/11	Elliott River, Bundaberg Coast
BSC	6/10/18	Elliott River, Bundaberg Coast
Qld	6/10/18	Elliott River, Bundaberg Coast

**SNAPPER, SQUIRE**

UAC	9/4/18	Hervey Bay
SCS	30/9/23	Mooloolaba, Sunshine Coast
CSC	22/4/96	Kingscliff Reef, Tweed Coast
NSW	28/3/65	Terrigal Reef, NSW

**TARWHINE**

BSC	30/9/09	Yeppoon
TGCFD	26/4/20	Cabarita, Tweed Coast
Qld	26/4/20	Cabarita, Tweed Coast
NSW	24/5/08	Cronulla, NSW

**BIGEYE, BULLSEYE PRIACANTHIDAE*****Priacanthus hamrur* (Forsk.)**

J	-	-
W	0.680 kg	Sandy Miller
O	1.280 kg	Michael McDade
A	1.280 kg	Michael McDade

**LUNAR-TAILED BIGEYE, LUNAR-TAILED BULLSEYE**

-	-	-
UAC	8/1/91	North West Island, Capricorn Group
UAC	2/1/99	North West Island, Capricorn Group
UAC	2/1/99	North West Island, Capricorn Group

**BUTTERFISH, SCATS SCATOPHAGIDAE*****Scatophagus argus* (Linnaeus)**

J	1.134 kg	Phillip Stehbens
W	-	-
O	1.960 kg	Andrew Clough
A	1.960 kg	Andrew Clough

**SPOTTED SCAT, SPOTTED BUTTERFISH**

MS	15/1/67	Hervey Bay
-	-	-
MDUSC	25/4/01	Pioneer River, Mackay
MDUSC	25/4/01	Pioneer River, Mackay

***Selenotoca multifasciata* (Richardson)**

J	1.060 kg	Daniel Mann
W	0.815 kg	Lakeesha Sermak
O	1.440 kg	Herman Scupin
A	2.013 kg	E. Smith

**STRIPED BUTTERFISH, SOUTHERN BUTTERFISH**

Qld	6/1/06	Tweed River, Tweed Coast
SCS	23/9/23	Tin Can Bay
UAC	17/11/85	Tweed River, Tweed Coast
NSW	18/3/73	Shoal Bay, NSW

**CATFISH PLOTOSIDAE & ARIIDAE*****Cnidoglanis macrocephalus* Val.**

J	-	-
W	-	-
O	1.020 kg	Duncan Limpus
A	2.625 kg	P. Howells

**ESTUARINE EEL-TAIL CATFISH**

-	-	-
-	-	-
BSC	29/4/18	Tweed River, Tweed Coast
NSW	14/5/84	Broughton Island, NSW

***Nearius graeffei* (Kner & Steindachner)**

J	1.650 kg	Scott Muskett
W	-	-
O	3.300 kg	Craig Whalley
A	3.300 kg	Craig Whalley

**SALMON CATFISH, BLUE CATFISH**

UAC	23/1/00	Redcliffe Point, S.E. Qld
-	-	-
BSC	29/6/02	Bundaberg
Qld	29/6/02	Bundaberg, Qld

***Netuma proxima* (Ogilby)**

J	-	-
W	-	-
O	1.606 kg	Don Norman
A	1.606 kg	Don Norman

**ARAFURA CATFISH**

-	-	-
-	-	-
UAC	25/4/81	Kingscliff Reef, Tweed Coast
Qld	25/4/81	Kingscliff Reef, NSW

- 1A Pectoral fin not heavily spotted..... 2
- 1B Pectoral fin heavily spotted..... 3
- 2A Bright red, with blue spots, but no darker bars/blotches... **C. miniata**
- 2B Bright red, with blue spots, and darker bars/blotches..... **C. sexmaculata**
- 2C Distinctive converging white stripes on tail..... **C. urodetata**
- 3A Pectoral with wide margin clear of spots, body spots clear and small..... **C. argus**
- 3B Pec with narrow margin clear of spots, body spots large and indistinct..... **C. cyanostigma**
- 3C Profuse red-brown spots, ..... **C. sonnerati**

**Key to Coral Cod**

**TOMATO CORAL COD**  
*Cephalopholis sonnerati*



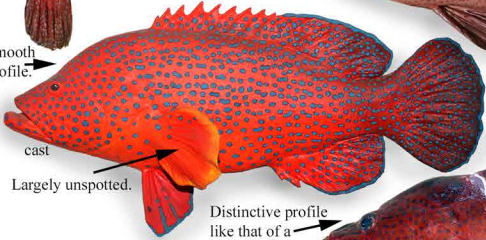
Profile of head distinctive, becoming more pronounced with age.



Pale reddish to yellowish brown. Body covered with small brownish-red spots often joining to form broken wavy lines.

**CORAL COD**  
*Cephalopholis miniata*

Smooth profile.



cast  
Largely unspotted.

Distinctive profile like that of a flowery cod.

**FRECKLED CORAL COD**  
*Cephalopholis sexmaculata*

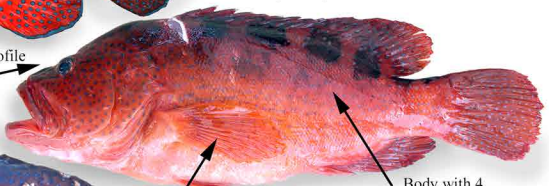
**BLUE-SPOTTED CORAL COD**  
*Cephalopholis cyanostigma*



Spots on head and chest are clear and black edged. Spots on body larger, fainter and not black edged. Pectoral heavily spotted. Only an exceptional fish could reach 38 cm.

Membrane at tips red-orange.

Sharp distinctive profile.



Pectoral largely unspotted. Body with 4 faint bars merging with blackish blotches along the back.

**FLAG-TAIL CORAL COD**  
*Cephalopholis urodetata*



Tail distinctive. Only an exceptional fish could reach 38 cm.

**PEACOCK CORAL COD**  
*Cephalopholis argus*



Fish dark brown covered with small black-edged blue spots.

Outer third of pectoral unspotted and a light colour, but rest of pectoral heavily spotted.



**CORONATION TROUT**

*Variola louti*

wide yellow margin

narrow white margin



**WHITE-MARGINED CORONATION TROUT**

*Variola albomarginata*

**WHITE-LINED ROCK COD**

*Anyperodon leucogrammicus*

horizontal white lines



**BARRAMUNDI COD**  
*Cromileptes altivelis*

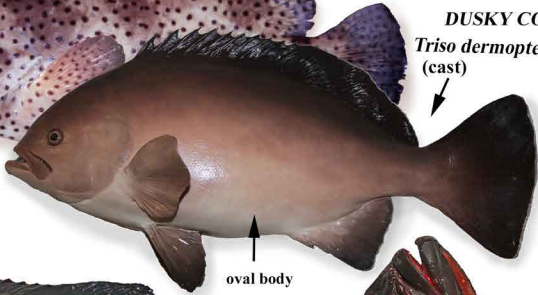


**DUSKY COD**

*Triso dermopterus*  
(cast)

white margin to tail

oval body



**RED-FLUSHED ROCK COD**

*Aethaloperca rogaa*

light blotch across stomach



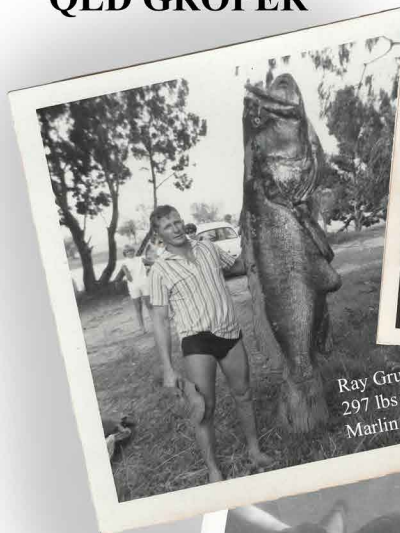
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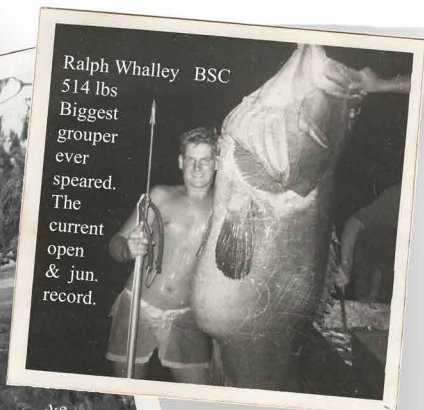
**NOTES ON GOLD-SPOTTED COD RECORDS**

On information from Bundaberg Skindivers as to the identity of the fish which held the Qld open category for gold-spotted cod (*E. coioides*), Brian Weiss (BSC) 26/8/51 at 98.885 kg, has been removed. At this time other records were also reviewed and the junior record was also removed. This left the women's record to also be the open record. Since then new Qld open, women's and junior records have been set which complied with current regulations, and were the correct species. Under current size regulations, the records obviously can't reflect the full size this large species grows to.

In 2021 the Australian Records Officer removed the 198 kg national record as a misidentification, and elevated the Qld record to take its place. In all these cases the fish misidentified were Qld groper (*E. lanceolatus*).

**QLD GROPER**

Ray Grunsk  
297 lbs BSC  
Marlin trophy claim.



Ralph Whalley BSC  
514 lbs  
Biggest  
grouper  
ever  
speared.  
The  
current  
open  
& jun.  
record.



Graham Smith BSC  
304 lbs  
1965 Marlin Trophy claim.

**Epinephelus**  
**lanceolatus**



**COD & CORAL TROUT SERRANIDAE*****Aethaloperca rogaa* (Forskall)**

J	-	-
W	-	-
O	3.700 kg	Craig Whalley
A	3.700 kg	Craig Whalley

**RED-FLUSHED ROCK COD**

-	-	-
-	-	-
BSC	22/12/01	South-Eastern Bommie, off Fraser Island
Qld	22/12/01	S.E. Bommie, Qld

***Anyperodon leucogrammicus* (Val.)**

J	1.000 kg	Logan Opie
tie	1.025 kg	Ocean Sercombe
W	-	-
O	2.300 kg	William Kersey
A	2.300 kg	William Kersey

**WHITE-LINED ROCK COD**

MDUSC	13/3/23	Kindamar Reef
MDUSC	24/11/23	Ribbon Rf
-	-	-
MDUSC	28/7/81	Stevens Reef
Qld	28/7/81	Stevens Reef, Qld

***Cephalopholis argus* (Bloch & Schneider)**

J	1.950 kg	Michael N. Saunders
W	1.360 kg	Shirley Elliott
O	3.350 kg	Tim McDonald
A	3.350 kg	Tim McDonald

**PEACOCK CORAL COD**

UAC	28/12/99	North West Island, Capricorn Group
DD	27/10/74	Broadhurst Reef
UAC	1/12/07	Spit Bommie, off Fraser Island
Qld	1/12/07	Spit Bommie, Qld

***Cephalopholis miniata* (Forskall)**

J	1.800 kg	Ryan Springall
W	-	-
O	2.722 kg	Dave Stubberfield
A	2.722 kg	Dave Stubberfield

**CORAL COD**

TGCFD	17/7/99	Broomfield Reef, Capricorn Group
-	-	-
BSC	12/1/71	Fairfax Island, Bunker Group
BSC	12/1/71	Fairfax Island, Bunker Group

***Cephalopholis sexmaculata* (Ruppell)**

J	-	-
W	-	-
O	1.700 kg	Julian Clifton
A	1.700 kg	Julian Clifton

**FRECKLED CORAL COD**

-	-	-
-	-	-
TGCFD	2/4/14	21-500 Reef, Swains Reefs
Qld	2/4/14	21-500 Reef, Qld

***Cephalopholis sonnerati* (Val.)**

J	2.145 kg	Callum Green
W	-	-
O	2.952 kg	Tim McDonald
A	2.952 kg	Tim McDonald

**TOMATO CORAL COD**

UAC	3/6/18	North West Island, Capricorn Group
-	-	-
UAC	20/2/09	unnamed reef off Fraser Island
Qld	20/2/09	Fraser Island, Qld

***Cromileptes altivelis* (Val.)**

J	6.000 kg	Michael N. Saunders
W	7.031 kg	Ethel Everett
O	7.800 kg	Stephen Johnston
A	7.800 kg	Stephen Johnston

**BARRAMUNDI COD**

BSC	1/12/02	Chinaman Reef
MDUSC	6/12/69	Line Reef
BSC	17/10/99	Polmaise Reef, Capricorn Group
Qld	17/10/99	Polmaise Reef, Qld

***Diplipteron bifasciatum* Cuvier**

J	-	-
W	-	(Size conversion from Imperial to Metric.)
O	0.482 kg	V. Ley
tie	0.482 kg	J. Black
A	0.482 kg	V. Ley
tie	0.482 kg	J. Black

**YELLOW EMPEROR**

-	-	-
-	-	-
NSW	25/12/65	Aust. Titles, Gneering Shoals, Sunshine Coast
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NSW	25.12.65	Gneering Shoals, Qld
NSW	25.12.65	Gneering Shoals, Qld

***Epinephelus caeruleopunctatus* (Bloch)**

J	1.200 kg	Caden Tencate
W	1.620 kg	Cindy Harrington
O	4.050 kg	Michael McDade
A	4.050 kg	Michael McDade

**OCELLATED COD**

MDUSC	22/10/23	Prudhoe Island, Mackay Coast
TSC	15/4/03	Bramble Reef, off Hinchenbrook
UAC	18/9/94	North West Island, Capricorn Group
Qld	18/9/94	North West Island, Qld

***Epinephelus coioides* (Hamilton)**

J	18.800 kg	Callum Snow
W	14.360 kg	Jennifer Budworth
O	19.900 kg	Samuel Renwick
A	19.900 kg	Samuel Renwick

**GOLD-SPOT COD, Estuary Cod, Greasy Cod**

MDUSC	13/6/24	Harbour Wall, Mackay
TGCFD	2/9/17	Bustard Head, 1770 Coast
SCS	13/3/24	Cape Moreton, S.E. Qld
Qld	13/3/24	Cape Moreton, Qld (SEE PAGES 6B & 6C)

***Epinephelus corallicola* (Val.)**

J	-	-
W	-	-
O	6.143 kg	Alan Betts
A	6.143 kg	Alan Betts

**CORAL ROCK COD**

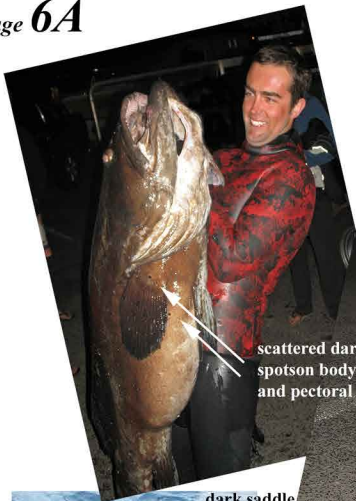
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THRAC	16/9/89	Sudbury Reef
Qld	16/9/89	Sudbury Reef, Qld

***Epinephelus cyanopodus* (Richardson)**

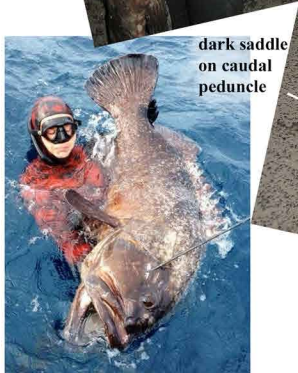
J	3.600 kg	Ryan Springall
W	2.150 kg	Jayne-Lee Neilsen
O	15.500 kg	Craig Whalley
A	15.500 kg	Craig Whalley

**PURPLE COD, BLUE MAORI COD**

TGCFD	20/5/00	Inner Gneerings, Sunshine Coast
UAC	28/9/08	North west Island, Capricorn Group
BSC	3/10/03	South-Eastern Bommie, off Fraser Island
Qld	3/10/03	S.E. Bommie, Qld



scattered dark spotson body and pectoral



dark saddle on caudal peduncle



Bryson Sheehy  
BLACK COD 46.5kg  
*Epinephelus daemeli*  
off Moreton Island  
4.5.2014



Cast of the black cod above.

The profile of the potato cod (right) is noticeably more acute than most other cod.



Lyle Squire CUA  
POTATO COD  
#7 Ribbon Reef 16.12.74



Lyle Squire CUA  
POTATO COD  
*E. tukula*  
#7 Ribbon Reef  
16.12.74  
54.5 kg

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**BLACK COD**  
*Epinephelus daemeli*

**POTATO COD**  
*Epinephelus tukula*

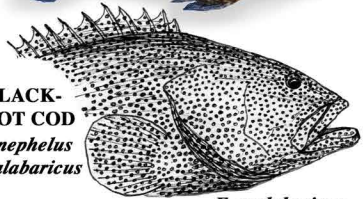


**FLOWERY COD**  
*E. fuscoguttatus*



Mark Modini *E. malabaricus* 49.3kg

**BLACK-SPOT COD**  
*Epinephelus malabaricus*



**GOLD-SPOTTED COD**  
*Epinephelus cooides*



juvenile groper 17cm



**QLD GROPER**  
*E. lanceolatus*

39 kg



Chris Moyes TSC  
*E. malabaricus* 33 kg



WHITE-BLOTCHED ROCK COD

*Epinephelus rankini*  
(shown for comparison)

north-west  
Australia



PURPLE COD  
*E. cyanopodus*



12.5 kg fish



17cm juvenile QLD GROUPER  
*E. lanceolatus*

GOLD-SPOTTED COD  
*E. coioides*

OCELLATED COD  
*Epinephelus caeruleopunctatus*



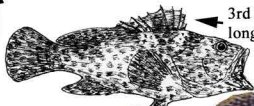
small white spots all over  
body and fins

SPECKLE-FIN COD  
*Epinephelus ongus*



double  
bars

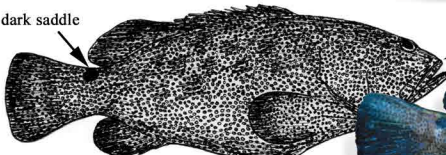
3rd or 4th spine longest and distinctly  
longer than soft rays  
dark areas along back & dorsal fin  
with light areas separating them



HIGH-FIN COD  
*Epinephelus  
maculatus*



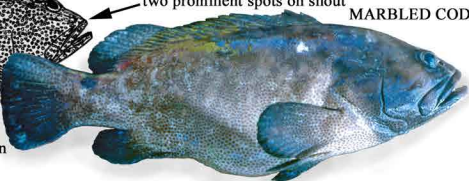
dark saddle



MARBLED COD  
*Epinephelus polyphekadion*

two prominent spots on snout

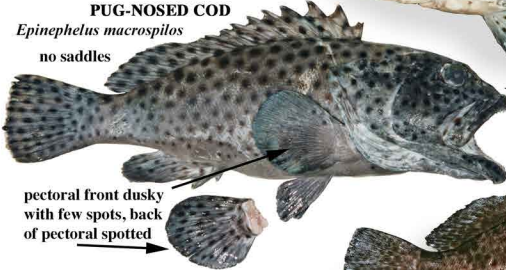
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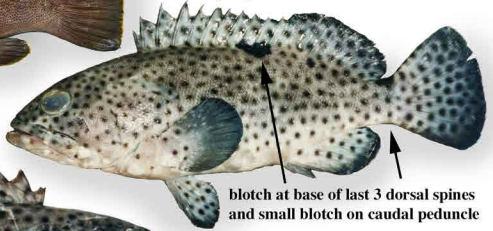


maxillary streak orange

**MAORI COD**  
*Epinephelus undulatostratus*



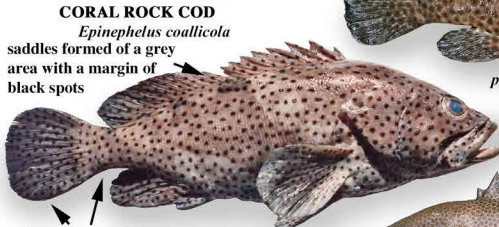
**PUG-NOSED COD**  
*Epinephelus macrospilus*  
no saddles



**BLACK-SADDLED COD**  
*Epinephelus howlandi*

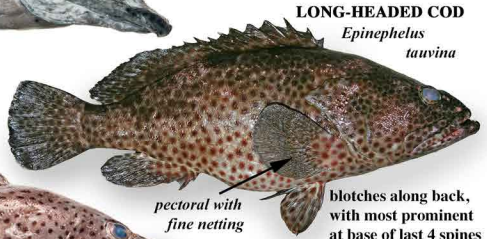
blotch at base of last 3 dorsal spines and small blotch on caudal peduncle

head and body greyish with dark brown spots, & pug profile



**CORAL ROCK COD**  
*Epinephelus coallicola*  
saddles formed of a grey area with a margin of black spots

paddle-like tail with a long caudal peduncle



**LONG-HEADED COD**  
*Epinephelus tauvina*

blotches along back, with most prominent at base of last 4 spines

pectoral with fine netting



**SQUARE-TAILED COD**  
*Epinephelus areolatus*

larger and fewer spots in netting pattern



**BROWN-SPOTTED COD**  
*Epinephelus insularis*

every surface with wire-netting

obvious white margin tail shape



**WIRE-NETTING COD**  
*Epinephelus merra*

unlikely to exceed 38 cm

spots on chest

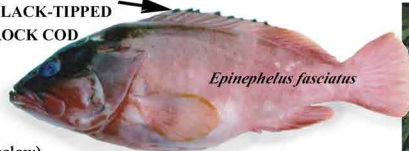
pectorals with small dark spots mainly on fin rays



**LONG-FINNED COD**  
*Epinephelus quoyanus*

bars on chest large pectoral fin dark blotched, not spotted

black tips on dorsal spines  
**BLACK-TIPPED  
ROCK COD**



*Epinephelus fasciatus*

(below)  
Ethel Everett MDUSC was open record & in first Q women's record list in 1974 & still A&Q women's record for **BLUE SPOT** 16.329 kg 22/12/69 Tideway Rf.

(below) Bryson Sheehy TGCFD  
10.25 kg 3/8/2009  
Brennan Shoal

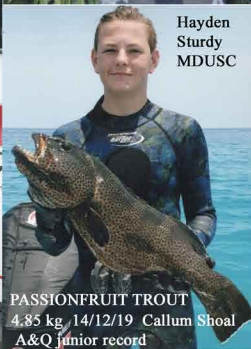


**LEOPARD TROUT**  
A&Q open record



Stephen Johnston BSC  
7.8 kg 17/10/99  
Polmaise Rf  
**BARRAMUNDI COD**  
A&Q open record

Now a no-take species in Qld as deemed iconic.



**PASSIONFRUIT TROUT**  
4.85 kg 14/12/19 Callum Shoal  
A&Q junior record

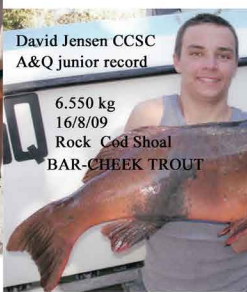


Ethel Everett MDUSC  
7.031 kg  
6/12/69  
Line Rf.

A&Q open record till 1995, still women's record



(left) Ray Oakey MBBC  
**LEOPARD TROUT**  
6.05 kg June 79  
Gneering Shoal  
was A&Q record when P. leopardus was first recognized as separate to blue spot



David Jensen CCSC  
A&Q junior record

6.550 kg  
16/8/09  
Rock Cod Shoal  
**BAR-CHEEK TROUT**



Adriana Djurasevich TGCFD

**BAR-CHEEK**  
5.95 kg 20/9/09  
Douglas Shoal  
still Qld women's record

(r) Don Norman UAC  
**BAR-CHEEK**  
5.22 kg  
15/4/79  
Middle I. was open record, Don competed in many A&Q titles

***Epinephelus daemeli* (Gunther)**

J 6.500 kg Ryan Springall  
 W 4.990 kg Pam Prescott  
 O 46.500 kg Bryson Sheehy  
 A 81.643 kg Barry Streete

***Epinephelus fuscicatus* (Forsskal)**

J 0.550 kg Michael N. Saunders  
 W 0.720 kg Kerrie Licastro  
 O 1.000 kg Michael McDade  
 A 1.134 kg Barry Paxman

***Epinephelus fuscoguttatus* (Forsskal)**

J 13.608 kg Graham Smith  
 W 14.517 kg Ethel Everett  
 O 19.000 kg Glen Howlett  
 A 20.500 kg Philippe Cottin

***Epinephelus howlandi* (Gunther)**

J 1.800 kg Ryan Springall  
 W -  
 O 0.700 kg Michael McDade  
 A 4.000 kg Geoffrey Harris

***Epinephelus lanceolatus* (Bloch)**

J 233.136 kg Ralph Whalley  
 W -  
 O 233.136 kg Ralph Whalley  
 A 233.136 kg Ralph Whalley

***Epinephelus macrospilus* (Bleeker)**

J -  
 W -  
 O 1.850 kg Greg Hunt  
 A 1.850 kg Greg Hunt

***Epinephelus maculatus* (Bloch)**

J 2.430 kg Jayme-Lee Neilsen  
 W 2.430 kg Jayme-Lee Neilsen  
 O 4.100 kg Craig Whalley  
 A 4.100 kg Craig Whalley

***Epinephelus malabaricus* (Schneider)**

J 36.300 kg Phillip Stehbens  
 W -  
 O 49.300 kg Mark Modini  
 A 49.300 kg Mark Modini

***Epinephelus ongus* (Forsskal)**

J -  
 W 0.700 kg Kerrie Licastro  
 O 0.960 kg Duncan Limpus  
 A 0.960 kg Duncan Limpus

***Epinephelus polyphkadion* (Bleeker)**

J 3.100 kg Judy Van Leeuwen  
 W 3.100 kg Judy Van Leeuwen  
 O 5.830 kg Craig Whalley  
 A 5.830 kg Craig Whalley

***Epinephelus quoyanus* (Val.)**

J 0.850 kg Logan Opie  
 W 0.520 kg Kirsten Kopitke  
 O 1.050 kg Brendan Whalley  
 A 1.050 kg Brendan Whalley

***Epinephelus tautinu* (Forsskal)**

J -  
 W -  
 O 3.700 kg Neale Watt  
 A 3.700 kg Neale Watt

**BLACK COD, SADDLED ROCK COD**

TGCFD 11/12/00 Hutchisons Shoal, S.E. Qld  
 THUC 1/1/76 Kingscliff Reef, Tweed Coast  
 TGCFD 10/5/13 off Moreton Island  
 NSW 22/5/76 Edith Breaker, NSW

**BLACK-TIPPED ROCK COD**

BSC 29/12/00 North West Island, Capricorn Group  
 UAC 31/12/93 North West Island, Capricorn Group  
 UAC 28/9/94 North West Island, Capricorn Group  
 WA 4/7/72 Cabbadaman Passage, WA

**FLOWERY COD**

BSC 21/11/65 Lady Musgrave Island, Bunker Group  
 MDUSC 7/4/68 Prodhoe Island  
 TSC 16/11/85 Ribb Reef  
 NSW 15/6/88 Herald Cay, Qld

**BLACK-SADDLE ROCK COD, (Fario Cod)**

TGCFD 17/7/99 Broomfield Reef, Capricorn Group  
 - -  
 UAC 4/10/02 Escape Reef, off Cairns  
 NSW 27/6/89 Mellish Reef, Qld

**QUEENSLAND GROPER**

BSC 27/2/66 Lady Elliot Island, Bunker Group  
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 BSC 27/2/66 Lady Elliot Island, Bunker Group  
 Qld 27/2/66 Lady Elliot Island, Qld

**PUG-NOSED WIRE-NETTING COD**

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 MBBC 17/12/83 Flinders Reef, S.E. Qld  
 Qld 17/12/83 Flinders Reef, S.E. Qld

**HIGH-FIN COD**

UAC 2/12/08 Marion Reef, Coral Sea  
 UAC 2/12/08 Marion Reef, Coral Sea  
 BSC 25/10/01 S.E. Bommie, off Fraser Island  
 Qld 25/10/01 S.E. Bommie, Qld

**BLACK-SPOTTED COD, MORGANS COD**

MS 9/7/67 Llewlyn Reef, Bunker Group  
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 Sub. 31/10/82 Broomfield Reef, Capricorn Group  
 QLD 31/10/82 Broomfield Reef, Qld

**SPECKLE-FIN ROCK COD**

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 UAC 12/1/94 North West Island, Capricorn group  
 BSC 26/7/14 Fitzroy Reef, Bunker Group  
 Qld 26/7/14 Fitzroy Reef, Qld

**MARbled COD, CAMOUFLAGE COD, SNOUT-SPOT COD**

UAC 9/1/86 North West Island, Capricorn Group  
 UAC 9/1/86 North West Island, Capricorn Group  
 BSC 20/2/09 Herald Patch, off Bundaberg  
 Qld 20/2/09 Herald Patch, Qld

**LONG-FINNED ROCK COD**

MDUSC 23/6/24 Pancake Rocks, Yeppoon  
 UAC 11/1/02 North West Island, Capricorn Group  
 BSC 4/8/12 Fitzroy Reef, Bunker Group  
 Qld 4/8/12 Fitzroy Reef, Bunker Group

**LONG-HEADED COD, (GREASY COD)**

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 MBBC 21/1/96 Flinders Reef, S.E. Qld  
 Qld 21/1/96 Flinders Reef, Qld

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The Records Officer must be satisfied with the identity of the fish. At no time is it the responsibility of the Records Officer to prove the identity of the fish.

The best way to claim is to transfer the Australian fee of \$10 to the Australian Records Officer and then Email the fully completed form, fish identification photos (possibly scales and measurement photos too), to both the Australian Records Officer AND the relevant State Records Officer.

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