


## Occurrence of the snapper *Paracaesio sordida* Abe & Shinohara, 1962 from north-west coast of India

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*Paracaesio sordida* Abe & Shinohara 1962. the

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Table 1. Morphometric measurements (mm)

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reported from Western Central Pacific and the Indian Ocean. From Indian waters, this species has been previously reported along the east coast, Lakshadweep and from Mangalore in the west coast.

This is the first report on the occurrence of *P. sordida* from the north-west coast of India. Two specimens of the species were collected from Veraval Fisheries Harbour on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2010. The specimens are deposited in the Marine Biodiversity Museum of Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (Accession No. GB 31.88.10.1). Meristic and morphometric characters recorded are as follows:

Meristic characters: D X, 10; III, 8; P 15; V I, 5; C 18; LL 69-72; GR 9+21; BR 6



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|   |        |       |
|---|--------|-------|
| Total length                            | 340    | 323.9 |
| Standard length                         | 255    | 245   |
| Body depth                              | 101    | 94    |
| Head length                             | 80.4   | 70    |
| Head depth                              | 76.6   | 75.2  |
| Snout length                            | 20     | 14.3  |
| Orbital length                          | 18.3   | 17    |
| Inter-orbital length                    | 25     | 24.2  |
| Post-orbital length                     | 41.6   | 39.2  |
| Upper jaw length                        | 27.36  | 26.2  |
| Lower jaw length                        | 27.6   | 25.4  |
| Snout to first dorsal fin origin        | 92.6   | 78.8  |
| Snout to anal fin origin                | 166.4  | 151.9 |
| Snout to anus                           | 154.8  | 143.5 |
| Snout to pectoral fin origin            | 75     | 71    |
| Snout to pelvic fin origin              | 90     | 84.6  |
| Dorsal fin base                         | 130.67 | 135.8 |
| Anal fin base                           | 52.75  | 54.5  |
| Longest pectoral fin ray                | 84.15  | 80    |
| Longest pelvic fin ray                  | 53.21  | 51.6  |
| Caudal fin length                       | 85     | 83.1  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> dorsal fin spine length | 34.47  | 33.8  |
| Length of 1 <sup>st</sup> anal fin ray  | 27     | 26.4  |
| Caudal peduncle depth                   | 29.4   | 29    |
| Caudal peduncle length                  | 43     | 43.1  |