

FULL ACCOUNT FOR: Lutjanus kasmira



System: Marine

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Actinopterygii	Perciformes	Lutjanidae

#### Common name

kunyit (Malay, Malaysia), hamra (Arabic, Oman), common blue-stripe snapper (English, Papua New Guinea), nisar (Arabic, Oman), blouband snapper (Afrikaans, South Africa), common bluestripe snapper (English), kuning-kuning (Malay, Malaysia), ikan nonya (Malay, Christmas Island), bluestripe snapper (English, Christmas Island), hobara (Arabic, Saudi Arabia), gorara tikus (Malay, Indonesia), taape (English), yosuji-fuedai (Japanese, Japan), yellow and blue seaperch (English, USA), madras (French, Seychelles), blueline snapper (English), vivaneau à raies bleues (French, Djibouti, France), bluestripe seaperch (English), merah (Malay, Malaysia), blue-lined sea perch (English, French Polynesia), kunyit-kunyit (Malay, Malaysia), bluestriped snapper (English, USA), blue-banded hussar (English), tanda-tanda (Malay, Malaysia), bluebanded snapper (English, South Africa), irri ranna (Sinhalese, Sri Lanka), pargo de raios azuis (Portuguese, Mozambique), savane (Samoan, Samoa), pla kapong (Thai, Thailand), pla ka pong deng thab nam ngern (Thai, Thailand), kelea (Swahili, United Republic of Tanzania), janja (Swahili, United Republic of Tanzania), blue-lined snapper fish (English), bluelined snapper (English, Guam, Micronesia (Federated States of), Niue), pargo de rayas (Spanish), vali ranna (Sinhalese, Sri Lanka), pargo de rayas azules (Spanish, Spain), verikeechan (Tamil, Sri Lanka), tembo-uzi (Swahili, United Republic of Tanzania), mbawaa (Swahili, Kenya), common bluestriped snapper (English), naisarah (Arabic, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia), nga-wet-panni (Burmese, Myanmar), perche à raies bleues (French)

**Synonym** 

Similar species

Lutianus quinquelineatus

Summary

Lutianus kasmira is a commercially important reef-associated tropical fish that has been introduced into Hawaii for fisheries. In introduced areas of Hawaii it has become abundant, forming dense schools. It may outcompete native fish for space, crowding them out of important refuge areas.



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# **Species Description**

The bluestripe snapper is bright yellow above and white below, with four blue stripes running horizontally across the sides. Fine grey stripes occur ventrally. The fins are mostly yellow (Australian Museum 2006). The male L. kasmira can reach a total maximum length of 40cm. Numbers of rays and spines are as follows: dorsal spines: 10 - 10, dorsal soft rays: 14 - 15, anal spines: 3 and anal soft rays: 7 - 8 (FishBase 2006).

#### **Notes**

The population doubling time of the bluestripe snapper is estimated to be between 1.4 and 4.4 years (FishBase 2006).



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#### Uses

Snappers (Lutjanidae) are among the most important food fishes in the Caribbean (Munro 1983, Allen 1985, Claro 1991, in Heyman *et al.* 2005). The bluestripe snapper is an important commercial and gamefish species. It is also an aquarium fish (FishBase 2006).

### **Habitat Description**

Bluestripe snapper are reef-associated tropical fish with a temperature range of 20°C to 28°C and a depth range of 3 metres to 265 metres (FishBase 2006). They inhabits coral reefs, occurring in both shallow lagoons and outer reefs and are frequently found in large aggregations around coral, caves or wrecks. Juveniles often inhabit seagrass beds around patch reefs (FishBase 2006) and as they grow move from fringe areas toward the main reef (Friedlander *et al.* 2002). Studies in Hawaii show that *L. kasmira* forms schools along the reefs' edges during the day and forages nocturnally further away from the reef at night. This routine nightly migration leads them to forage on soft-bottomed habitat up to 100 metres from the reef-sand interface (DeFelice and Parrish 2003). In Hawaii the largest individuals occur singly or in small groups on shallow reef slopes while smaller individuals occur in larger groups on the deep slopes and in spur-and-groove habitat (Friedlander *et al.* 2002).

### Reproduction

There is a limited understanding about the reproductive habits of snapper, particularly spawning (Heyman *et al.* 2005). Bluestripe snapper take part in a courtship ritual in which males use their snout to nuzzle, nudge and rub the undersides of females (Heyman *et al.* 2005). Pairs also dance together in spirals towards the surface (Suzuki and Kioki, 1979 in Heyman *et al.* 2005).

### **Nutrition**

The bluestripe snapper feeds on shrimps, fish, stomatopods, crabs, cephalopods, and planktonic crustaceans. It also takes a variety of algae (FishBase 2006). In an Hawaiian-based study by DeFelice and Parrish (2003) the stomachs of *L. kasmira* (10.0–17.9cm SL) were found to contain mainly small caridean shrimps (especially Ogyrididae) as well as penaeid shrimp, small cryptic fishes, stomatopods (a type of crustacean) and portunid crabs.

Levels of piscivory (fish-eating diet) of the fish can vary with temporal changes in prey abundance. In the Great Barrier Reef, *L. kasmira* shifts to a more piscivorous diet during summer when the young of many species settle on the reef (John 2001). In Hawaii an estimated 40% of its diet is fish (Russo 1994).

### **General Impacts**

In Hawaii bluestripe snapper share the same habitat with native fishes such as goatfish *Mulloidichthys sp.* (Friedlander *et al.* 2002). This may result in competition for habitat use and food sources. Evidence has been documented which suggests that bluestripe snapper may displace native fish from important refuge habitat. Competition for shelter appears to be the most significant impact detected, with the dominant *L. kasmira* able to displace native fish from areas of the reef which offer protection (Schumacher and Parrish 2005). It has also been argued that the deliberate introduction of *L. kasmira* in Hawaii has lead to the replacement of many other locally important catch species (Russo 1994; FAO 2001). However this remains a controversial topic and more research investigating the ecological niche of *L. kasmira* is needed. Disease transmission to native fish may also occur (Work *et al.* 2003).

#### **Management Info**

Unable to locate any management information for this species.

### **Pathway**

L. kasmira is a demersal (bottom-dwelling) species which has been translocated to new locations intentionally by humans for recreational fishing. For example it was introduced to Hawaii from French Polynesia for food and sport fishing (Friedlander *et al.* 2002).



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Summary: The electronic tool kits made available on the Cefas page for free download are Crown Copyright (2007-2008). As such, these are freeware and may be freely distributed provided this notice is retained. No warranty, expressed or implied, is made and users should satisfy themselves as to the applicability of the results in any given circumstance. Toolkits available include 1) FISK- Freshwater Fish Invasiveness Scoring Kit (English and Spanish language version); 2) MFISK- Marine Fish Invasiveness Scoring Kit; 3) MI-ISK- Marine invertebrate Invasiveness Scoring Kit; 4) FI-ISK- Freshwater Invertebrate Invasiveness Scoring Kit and AmphISK- Amphibian Invasiveness Scoring Kit. These tool kits were developed by Cefas, with new VisualBasic and computational programming by Lorenzo Vilizzi, David Cooper, Andy South and Gordon H. Copp, based on VisualBasic code in the original Weed Risk Assessment (WRA) tool kit of P.C. Pheloung, P.A. Williams & S.R. Halloy (1999).

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