

# New record of fish from Andaman waters



*Centroberyx rubricaudus*

On 28 March 2010, a single specimen of the Red alfonsino, *Centroberyx rubricaudus* of total length 215 mm was collected from a vessel

operated in the Bay of Bengal and landed at Bamboo Flat, Andaman Islands. This is the first report of the species from Indian waters. The morphometric and meristic characters of the specimen was studied as per standard format. This fish has been reported earlier only once from the southern coast of Taiwan.

Species in the genus *Centroberyx* have their habitat on the shelf and upper

slope to a depth of 700 m. Of the seven species recorded, three species (*C. lineatus*, *C. affinis*, and *C. gerrardi*) are distributed in the Indo-Pacific and three from Indian Ocean (*C. spinosus* on the South African shelf, *C. druzhinini* on the Saya de Malha Bank and *C. australis* on southern Australia) and one from *C. rubricaudus* in Northwest Pacific, endemic to Taiwan. This report of *C. rubricaudus* is the first record from the East coast of India and the first from Andaman Islands and indicates a marked extension of the distribution from its type locality.

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