

# First record of scalloped ribbonfish *Zu cristatus* (Bonelli, 1819) at Chennai

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A specimen of scalloped ribbonfish, *Zu cristatus* (Fig. 1.) was landed by trawlnet at Kasimedu Fish Landing Centre at Chennai on 25.02.2009. This is the first record of the species along the Chennai coast. This specimen measured 75 cm in total length and weighed 408 g. The dorsal soft rays were counted as 125. The colour of the fish was silver grey but comparatively paler along the ventral region, dorsal fin scarlet; caudal fin reddish black. The scalloped ribbonfish is reported to have a common distribution along the coasts of Eastern Atlantic, South Africa, Western Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, Indo-Pacific and Eastern Pacific.



Fig. 1. *Zu cristatus*