

## BRAMIDAE

### breams

## Taractes rubescens

Jordan and Evermann, 1887



Photo: B. Zava

### HABITAT AND ECOLOGY

Benthopelagic species of highly migratory nature. Lives from the surface to depth of 600 m. Feeds on small fishes and invertebrates. Oviparous with planktonic eggs and larvae.

### DISTRIBUTION

**Mediterranean record:** Southern Tyrrhenian Sea, Sicily (Fioretino *et al.*, 2016)

**Original distribution:** circumtropical: Eastern Central Pacific from Costa Rica to Peru. Eastern Atlantic: off west Africa. Western Atlantic: Gulf of Mexico, Trinidad. Recently reported in Aden Gulf, Arabian Sea.

### KEY REFERENCE

- Fioretino F., Massi D. and Zava B. 2016. A new arrival of a circumtropical species in the Mediterranean: the Keeltail pom-fret (Jordan & Evermann, 1887) (Pisces, Bramidae). *Mediterranean Marine Science*, 17(1): 237-238.

## LUTJANIDAE

### snappers

## Lutjanus fulviflamma

Forsskål, 1775



Photo: A.Vella

### HABITAT AND ECOLOGY

Inhabits rocky substrate or coral reef to depth of 35 m. Feeds mainly on fishes and large invertebrates. Juveniles often enter estuaries with low salinity.

### DISTRIBUTION

**Mediterranean record:** only a single record from Malta in 2013 (Vella *et al.*, 2015).

**Original distribution:** wide Indo-Pacific.

### KEY REFERENCE

- Vella A., Vella N. and Darmanin S.A. 2015. First record of *Lutjanus fulviflamma* (Osteichthyes: Lutjanidae) in the Mediterranean Sea. *J Black Sea/Mediterranean Environment*, 21(3): 307-15.