

速 報

A New Blennoid Fish from Toyama Bay

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A specimen representing a new species, *Petroscirtes uekii* was obtained at Higashiiwase of Toyama Bay by Prof. Tadao UEKI of the Toyama Kôtôgakkô.

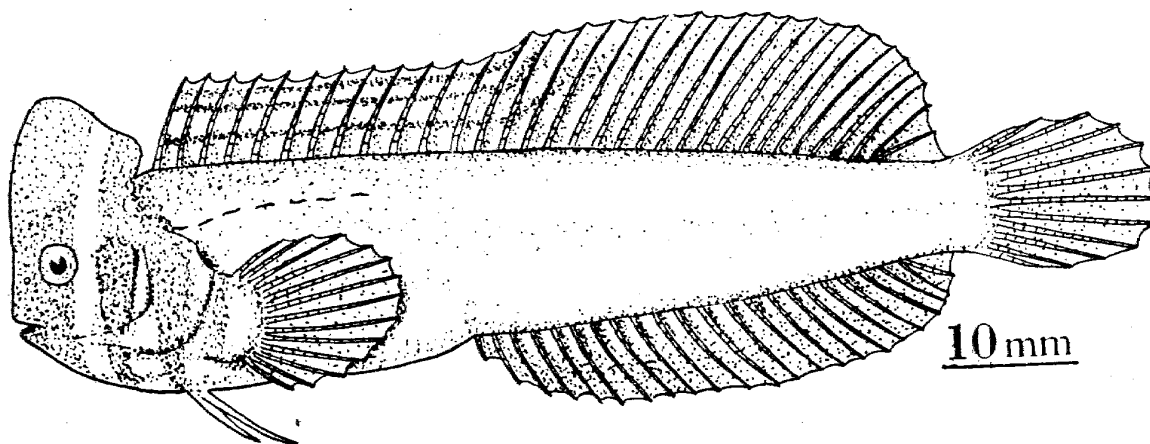
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***Petroscirtes uekii* sp. nov.**

New Japanese name: Tosaka-ginpo

D. XII, 21; A. 23; P. 13; V. 2. Head 4.68 in body length, measured to base of middle caudal ray; depth 4.31; caudal 5.02; pectoral 5.02; ventral 6.87. Eye 4.82 in head; snout 7.02; interorbital 4.52; least depth of caudal peduncle 2.26.

Body elongate, strongly compressed, with a nearly horizontal upper and a convex lower profile. A high crest covers top of head from above anterior



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part of eye to nape, its height 1.44 in head. Eyes located forward. Mouth small, both jaws with a band of minute, loosely attached teeth; canines on inner side of each jaw, canines of lower jaw are at least twice as large as

those of upper jaw. There are no tentacles. Gill-opening small, shorter than eye.

Lateral line composed of about seven tubules, terminating below 8th dorsal spine.

Dorsal without notch, origin just behind nape, posterior part connected with caudal by membrane; longest spine 1.47 in head; ray 1.16. Origin of anal below base of 12th dorsal spine, connected with caudal by membrane; longest ray 1.75 in head. Caudal rounded. Pectoral rounded, equal in length to caudal.

Color in formalin brown, with three dark vertical cross bars; from anterior top of crest a broad dark band descends across eye to mouth; from just behind crest a dark band descends vertically to under-side of head. Anterior half of dorsal with three longitudinal dark lines; posterior half, anal and caudal more or less dusky; other fins colorless.

The above description and figure are based upon a specimen 69 mm. in length.

The present new species resembles *P. dispar* GÜNTHER from Amoy, but differs from the latter in having higher crest and shorter snout.