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Specimen caught by Jess Guererro in 700ft of water, west of Saipan. This species was caught within depth ranges similar to the Yellowtail kali. Photo by DFW.

Scientific Name: *Erythrocles scintillans* (Masuda, H., et al. 1984/fishbase.org). A member of the Emmelithydae family; this species is not part of the snapper family.

Common Names: Golden Kali kali

Maximum size: 80.0 cm standard length

Size recorded: 32.2 cm fork length

Physiology: Body is yellowish, orange to red dorsally with lighter coloration ventrally. The dorsal fins are notched. Body is elongated and compressed. Small teeth are present on upper and lower jaws. Caudal fin is deeply forked.

Habitat: This species occurs over rocky benthic habitat. This fish is reported to depth ranges between 73 and 606 meters. Occur along a wide range of areas.

Distribution: Japan, Taiwan, east to Hawaii, the Society Islands, Tahiti and in Micronesia.

Diet: May feed on fish and inverts.

Climate: Tropical, Subtropical

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E. scintillans have a well developed supramaxillary which extends equal distance from the eye to the tip of mouth.