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Specimen caught during a bottom fishing derby on Tinian in April, 2014. The sample was caught around the vicinity of Tinian. Photo by: William Dunn.

Scientific Name: *Plectranthias kamii* (Masuda, H., et al. 1984/fishbase.org/Randall, J., et al.). A member of the grouper family; this genus is characterized by having a third dorsal spine which is longer than any of the other dorsal spines.

Common Names: Grouper, Highfin perchlet (liveaquaria.com)

Maximum size: 20.0 cm fork length (Masuda, H. 1984), 23.0 cm (Fishbase.org)

Size recorded: approximately 19.7 cm fork length

Physiology: Head is large, contained 2.0-2.55 times in SL. Interorbital space narrow, flat to slightly concave. Mouth is large; maxillary with a small supramaxillary.

Gender: Unknown

Habitat: Most of the *Plectranthias* species are found in deep water habitats. Deepwater associated.

Distribution: Pacific Ocean, Ryuku Islands, Mariana Islands.

Diet: Possibly feeds on zooplankton.

Climate: Tropical, Subtropical

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The Highfin perchlet is related to the grouper family.