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

Scientific Name: *Pristipomoides sieboldii* (Masuda, H., et al. 1984/fishbase.org). A member of the Snapper family; this species has a tooth patch on top of its tongue.

Common Names: Lavender jobfish, Kalekale

Maximum size: 80.0 cm standard length

Size recorded: 32.2 cm fork length

Physiology: Body is silver with a lavender hue. Top of head with dark spots. Large eye relative to body size. The dorsal fin has orange margins and caudal fin has pale margins. Lower jaw is slightly protruding. Last soft rays extended into filaments.

Habitat: This species occurs over rocky benthic habitat. In Guam, it is caught most abundantly between 180 and 270 meters. Occurs along depth ranges similar to Yellowtail kali.

Distribution: Indo-Pacific, Tropical eastern pacific, east Africa to Hawaii and in Micronesia.

Diet: Feeds on fish and inverts.

Climate: Tropical

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P. sieboldii are caught mainly using hook and line in deep (400ft-800ft) habitats.