

CNMI FISH FACT SHEET



Specimen caught in the lagoon of Saipan. Sample was obtained from Asin's Fish Market. Photo by: Trey Dunn, CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Scientific Name: *Siganus randalli* (Myers, R.F. 1991). A member of the rabbitfish family; this genus is characterized by their vertically compressed bodies.

Common Names: Variegated Spinefoot, Randall's rabbitfish

Maximum size: 25.0 cm standard length

Size recorded: 16.1 cm fork length

Physiology: Bronze to greenish in color, with bluish spots on head and anterior body. Vermiculating patterns are found posteriorly on body. The spines are venomous. Body is similar to *S. vermiculatus* except for the presence of spots. All siganid species have a forward protruding first dorsal spine.

Gender: Unknown

Habitat: Reef associated; marine; depth range 1-15 meters. Rabbitfish inhabits coral reefs and lagoon habitats. As juveniles they are found in mangroves and sea grass beds.

Distribution: Western Pacific, Marianas, FSM, Palau, Solomon Islands

Diet: feeds on algae and plants.

Climate: Tropical

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The Rabbitfish family is a highly valued food source in the CNMI