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Specimen caught by Anthony Flores in 500ft of water, west of Saipan. Specimen housed at Micronesian Environmental Services. Photo by: www.fishbase.org

Scientific Name: *Pristilepis oligolepis* (Masuda, H., et al. 1984/fishbase.org). A member of the soldierfish family; this genus is characterized by their large bony scales on bodies.

Common Names: Spinyface Soldierfish/ Yase-ebisu(jpn)

Maximum size: 30.0 cm total length

Size recorded: 16.6cm fork length

Physiology: Reddish-orange in color, with whitish margins on ventral and dorsal fins. Each scale with white spot forming longitudinal white lines

Gender: Unknown.

Habitat: Deepsea and shallow benthic associated; marine; depth range 14-220 meters. Found in reef crevices and caves.

Distribution: Worldwide in subtropical and tropical oceans, Western Pacific, Marianas, Hawaiian Islands, Sagami bay southward in Japan, Easter Islands.

Diet: Possibly feeds on small fish and crustaceans.

Climate: Tropical

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The Spinyface soldierfish is found in waters as deep as 700ft.