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Specimen was obtained from Asins' Fish Market on 3/5/13. This sample was caught in the Saipan Lagoon by spear fishing. Photo by DFW.

Scientific Name: *Gnathanodon speciosus* (Randall, J.E. 2005, Reef and Shore Fishes of the South Pacific). A member of the Trevally family; this species has a strongly protractile mouth and no teeth in adults.

Common Names: Golden Trevally

Maximum size: 120.0 cm standard length

Size recorded: 43.2 cm fork length

Physiology: Silverish in coloration, with yellow on head and anterior body. The abdominal and pelvic fins have yellow and the caudal fin is deeply forked. Five black bars are present during juvenile stages and become faint in adults. Pectoral fins are long and falcate.

Habitat: Reef; marine; mangrove and river associated. As juveniles they are found in mangroves and rivers.

Distribution: Indo-Pacific, Tropical eastern pacific, Red Sea and in Micronesia.

Diet: Feeds on fish and crustaceans.

Climate: Tropical

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The largest recorded length for a Golden Trevally is 120cm, which was caught during a fishing event in Australia.