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Specimen caught by Jess Guerrero and Gregory Camacho at 600ft of water, North-west of Saipan.
Photo by: DFW

Scientific Name: *Ostichthys archiepiscopus* (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: Longsnout Soldierfish

Maximum size: 32.0 cm total length

Size recorded: 21.6cm fork length

Physiology: Reddish-orange in color, with whitish margins on ventral and dorsal fins. Each scale with white spot forming longitudinal faint white lines. Head profile from snout to tip of dorsal fin straight or slightly concave.

Gender: Unknown.

Habitat: Deep sea and benthic associated; marine; depth range 146-400 meters.

Distribution: Indian oceans, Reunion and Mauritius, Pacific Ocean, Marianas, Hawaiian Islands, Tahiti, Moorea, Ryukyu Islands.

Diet: Possibly feeds on small fish and crustaceans.

Climate: Tropical

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The Longsnout soldierfish is found in waters as deep as 1200ft.