

Front cover: Frontal view of *Therapon jarbua* (FORSSKAL, 1775) feeding in mangrove forest.

Size : This specie can reach the maximum length of 30 cm.

Colour : Dark brown longitudinal bands on grey body.

Distribution : Common throughout northern part of Indian Ocean and Indo-Pacific region and southward to Queensland (Australia).

Habits : Found in inshore waters especially brackish waters; the young occasionally enters freshwaters.

Feeds on invertebrates and small fishes.

Utilization : They are caught by coastal fisherman with gillnets, beach seines and traps; marketted fresh.

(Drawn from a specimen caught in the mangrove forest on Surin Islands)

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