

BRAMIDAE

breams

Taractes rubescens

Jordan and Evermann, 1887



Photo: B. Zava

HABITAT AND ECOLOGY

Benthopelagic species of highly migratory nature. Lives from the surface to depth of 600 m. Feeds on small fishes and invertebrates. Oviparous with planktonic eggs and larvae.

DISTRIBUTION

Mediterranean record: Southern Tyrrhenian Sea, Sicily (Fioretino *et al.*, 2016)

Original distribution: circumtropical: Eastern Central Pacific from Costa Rica to Peru. Eastern Atlantic: off west Africa. Western Atlantic: Gulf of Mexico, Trinidad. Recently reported in Aden Gulf, Arabian Sea.

KEY REFERENCE

- Fioretino F., Massi D. and Zava B. 2016. A new arrival of a circumtropical species in the Mediterranean: the Keeltail pom-fret (Jordan & Evermann, 1887) (Pisces, Bramidae). *Mediterranean Marine Science*, 17(1): 237-238.

LUTJANIDAE

snappers

Lutjanus fulviflamma

Forsskål, 1775



Photo: A.Vella

HABITAT AND ECOLOGY

Inhabits rocky substrate or coral reef to depth of 35 m. Feeds mainly on fishes and large invertebrates. Juveniles often enter estuaries with low salinity.

DISTRIBUTION

Mediterranean record: only a single record from Malta in 2013 (Vella *et al.*, 2015).

Original distribution: wide Indo-Pacific.

KEY REFERENCE

- Vella A., Vella N. and Darmanin S.A. 2015. First record of *Lutjanus fulviflamma* (Osteichthyes: Lutjanidae) in the Mediterranean Sea. *J Black Sea/Mediterranean Environment*, 21(3): 307-15.