

## World record of the rare female fairy basslet from the west coast of India

Specimens of the rare fairy basslet, *Sacura boulengeri* (Heemstra, 1973), known otherwise as 'Boulenger's anthias' belonging to the subfamily Anthiinae (Family Serranidae) were collected



**Male**

from trawler and boat seine landings off Neendakara, Mumbai and Mangalore situated on the west coast of India. This is the third record of the occurrence of this species worldwide as the specimens were known previously only from six adult males recorded from the Gulf of Oman (5 nos.) and off Sindh, Pakistan (1 no.). The adult specimen of *Sacura boulengeri*, collected from the trawl catches off Neendakara forms the first female specimen ever recorded globally.