

# First report of *Aluterus scriptus* (Osbeck, 1765) from Kasimedu Fishing Harbour, Chennai

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Occurrence of the scribbled leather jacket file fish, *Aluterus scriptus*, measuring 670 mm in length and of 1350 g in weight, was recorded for the first time at Kasimedu Fisheries Harbour, Chennai on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2011. It was caught in multi-day trawlers at a depth of 60-80 m. Scribbled leather jacket file fishes belonging to family Monacanthidae are distributed from tropical to subtropical region.



*Aluterus scriptus* landed at Kasimedu Fishing Harbour

The fishes have olive brown to grey body colour, elongate, strongly compressed body and black spots on whole body surface. Body is covered with leather like skin. Caudal fin is rounded and long.

Morphometric measurements of *Aluterus scriptus* landed at Chennai

Particulars	Measurements (mm)
Total length	670
Standard length	480
Snout to origin of first dorsal	260
Snout to origin of first spine	135
Snout to origin of pectoral	130
Snout to eye	120
Snout to anal	260
Length of first dorsal	450
Height of first dorsal	32
Length of pectoral	40
Weight (g)	1350