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Specimen caught by William Dunn III, at Boy Scout Beach, Saipan. Sample was caught while spearfishing. Photo by: William Dunn.

Scientific Name: *Naso thynnoides* (Masuda, H., et al. 1984/fishbase.org/Randall, J., et al.). A member of the unicornfish family; this genus is characterized by a single peduncular plate on each side and presence of vertical bars along the body.

Common Names: Oneknife unicornfish, Barred unicornfish, One-spine unicornfish

Maximum size: 28.5 cm fork length (Randall, J. 2005), 40.0 cm (Fishbase.org)

Size recorded: approximately 27.0 cm fork length

Physiology: Body is elongate-ovate. Dorsal and anal profiles are nearly even. Forehead does not have rostral spine in adults. Peduncular plate single, with a semicircular, retrorsely curved keel.

Gender: Unknown

Habitat: Steep outer reef slopes or steep slope outer lagoons. Found at depths of 40 meters. Coral reef associated.

Distribution: Indo-Pacific Ocean, East Africa to Micronesia, Ryukyu Islands, Marianas. Solomon Islands to GBR, Rangiroa Atoll and Tuamotu.

Diet: Possibly feeds zooplankton and algae.

Climate: Tropical, Subtropical

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The Oneknife unicornfish are known to swim in groups or singly.