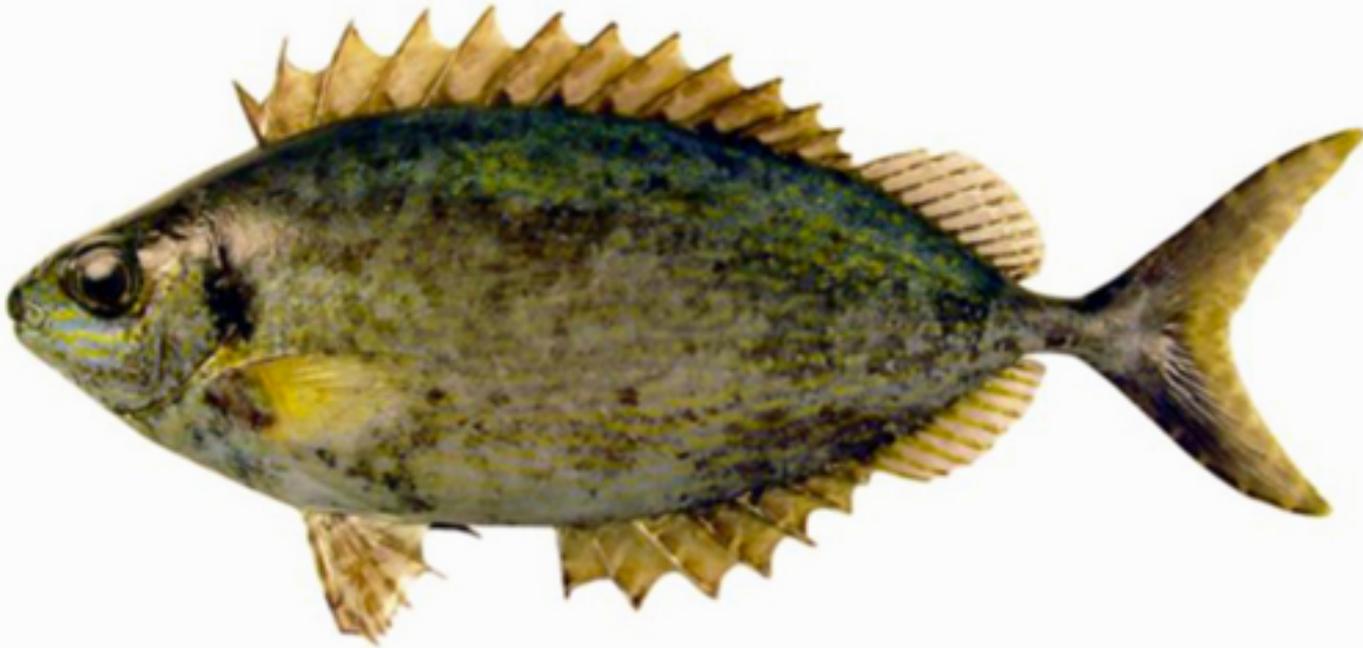


# Status of Rabbitfish Farming in Pohnpei October 2019

# *S. argenteus* – forktail rabbitfish



Best success to date at  
MERIP

Very little information in  
the literature for culture  
of this species

Successfully captured  
and farmed at MERIP for  
3 years

Settle from plankton in  
April and May

## *S. randalli* – Randall's rabbitfish



Popular fish in Pohnpei -  
Kioak

Has been captured in the  
mangroves and is being  
farmed

Growth rates so far are  
good

Hatchery technology is  
understood

Studied in Guam

August 1, 2019 estimate 200 million fish

Species	3-Mar	3-Apr	2-May	3-Jun	3-Jul	1-Aug
<i>S. argenteus</i>	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
<i>S. randalli</i>	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<i>S. spinus</i>	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
<i>S. punctatus</i>	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
<i>S. doliatus</i>	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
<i>S. puellus</i>	N	N	N	Y	N	Y

# Fish Capture



Peak capture rates *S. randalli* – 180 fish per hour



Newly settled fish. Note the transparency



# Seagrass capture









# Cages for grow out



Cage with mesh liner for newly captured fish





# Forktail rabbitfish



# Kioak (*S. randalli*) top







# Initial marketing

**Hide-away  
Bar and  
Grill**

**Sustainably  
Farmed  
Rabbitfish**



- Environmentally friendly and healthy alternative to night-speared fish
- Grown by communities in the clean waters of Madolenihmw
- Great taste!!



