

DESCRIPTION OF FOUR FISHES RECORDED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN  
TUAMOTU ISLANDS AND IN NEW CALEDONIA (Abstract)

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A new serranid fish, Epinephelus tuamotuensis, is found in the usual deep-water habitat of E. morrhua (Val.). The two closely related species have a different distribution : E. tuamotuensis has been recorded from French Polynesia and Henderson Island; E. morrhua from East Africa, Madagascar, Mascareignes, East-Indies, Japan and New Caledonia. The two species have the same depth range : 120-260 m.

Another new species, the labrid fish Pseudocoris aurantiofasciatus presents characteristic anterior vertical red stripes.

The deep-living scorpaenid fish Pontinus macrocephalus (Sauvage) has been caught in Rangiroa atoll. It is compared with another specimen from Reunion Island.

The deep red-snapper Etelis oculatus (Val.) collected in New Caledonia and Loyalty Islands presents longer caudal lobes than elsewhere. We named it E. oculatus var. lifuensis, the first specimen with very elongated caudal lobes originating from Lifou Island (Loyalty group).

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