

SHORT REPORT

The Occurrence of Five Tropical Species of Globefishes (Tetraodontidae) in Japan

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In this paper is recorded the occurrence of the following five species of globefishes (Tetraodontidae), which seem to be new to the Japanese fauna.

1. *Lagocephalus lagocephalus* (LINNAEUS)

Kumasaka-fugu

Synonymy: *Lagocephalus oceanicus* JORDAN et EVERMANN, 1903; *Lagocephalus exilis* TANAKA, 1916.

Material: 7 examples, 240 to 400 mm long, from Tokyo, Hatidyô Island, Tiba Prefecture and Sagami Sea and 3 examples, 55 to 120 mm long, from Pelew Islands.

Distribution: tropical and subtropical seas.

2. *Sphoeroides hypselogeneion* (BLEEKER)

Sippô-fugu

Synonymy: *Tetrodon florealis* COPE, 1871.

Material: 3 examples, 65 to 110 mm long, from Nagasaki and Kôti.

Distribution: tropical and subtropical Indo-Pacific; from Red Sea and East Africa to Japan, Samoa and Hawaii.

3. *Chelonodon patoca* (BUCHANAN-HAMILTON)

Okinawa-fugu

Material: 384 examples, 55 to 170 mm long, from Riukiu Islands and 2 examples, 95 to 120 mm long, from Philippines.

Distribution: from East Africa to East Indies, China and Riukiu Islands.

4. *Tetraodon stellatus* BLOCH et SCHNEIDER

Moyô-fugu (young); Siroami-fugu (adult)

Synonymy: *Tetraodon aerostaticus* JENYNS, 1842; *Tetraodon lineatus* TEMMINCK et SCHLEGEL, 1850; *Tetoraodon alboreticulatus* TANAKA, 1908.

Material: 11 examples, 60 to ca. 500 mm long, from Misaki, Simidzu (Sidzuoka Prefecture), Nagasaki and Kagosima and 1 example, 540 mm long, from Pelew Is.

Distribution: tropical and subtropical Indo-Pacific; from Red Sea, Zanzibar and Mauritius to Japan, Micronesia, Melanesia, Australia and Polynesia.

5. *Tetraodon nigropunctatus* BLOCH et SCHNEIDER

Kokuten-fugu

Material: 2 examples, 145 to 235 mm long, from Okinawa Island and 4 examples, 150 to 260 mm long, from Pelew Islands.

Distribution: tropical Indo-Pacific; from Zanzibar to East Indies, Riukiu Islands, Micronesia, Melanesia and Polynesia.
