

PRINCESS ANTHIAS

Pseudanthias smithvanizi

Randall & Lubbock, 1981



CLASSIFICATION

Class: Actinopteri

Order: Perciformes

Family: Serranidae

No recognized subspecies



NOT LISTED

VERY RARE



LEAST CONCERN

Identification: The species can reach 9,5 cm in length. Coloration bright pink to red with horizontal row of yellow dots on middle flanks. Broad and bright pink edges on elongated tail fin. Back with bluish to yellow longitudinal band. Elongated upper lip.

Range: The species occurs in the Indo-Pacific area, from Cocos Keeling Islands to Palau and Kiribati, north to south Japan, south to Great Barrier reef.

Habitat : Steep outer reef slopes and drop-offs, from 6 to 70 meters deep.

Behavior: The species is gregarious, living in large aggregations. It feeds on small invertebrates. Larvae go through a pelagic stage.

Status in the wild: The species has a wide range and seems to remain common. It faces no threats at this time.

In captivity: This species is extremely rare in captivity because it occurs deep and it is very difficult to collect. It has been displayed once in Europe for a short time in the early 2000s. Known from a single public collection in Southeast Asia, not bred.