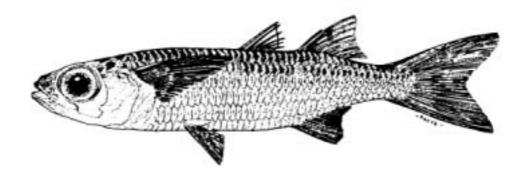
Atherinomorus lacunosus (Forster, 1801)



English Name:Hardyhead silversideFamily:ATHERINIDAELocal Name:HithiboaOrder:AtheriniformesSize:Max. 15 cmSpecimen:MRS/0486/97

Distinctive Characters: Distal end of upper jaw extending backward to vertical through anterior border of pupil. Dentary bone sloping upward and backward, but never elevated posteriorly. Anterior edge of preopercle with a distinct notch above angle. Midlateral scale count 39-44.

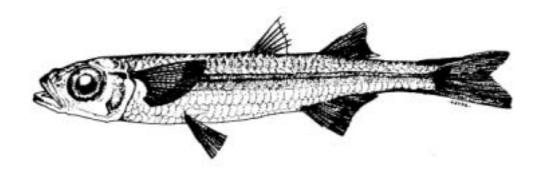
Colour: Greenish-grey on back, the scale edges dusky. A silvery stripe on side, its upper edge with an iridescent blue line. Live fish translucent.

Habitat and Biology: Occurs in large stationery schools near the shore during the day. Feeds mostly at night on planktonic eggs, crustaceans and small fish.

Distribution: Indo-Pacific.

Remarks: Atherino, norus lacunosus is one of the two silverside species that are sometimes used as live bait by Maldivian tuna fishermen. Although it gives a good initial chumming response, the tunas soon stop feeding. The reason for this appears to be the silversides tough scales and bony body, which the tunas find indigestible. As a result, many tuna fishermen oppose the used of silversides as bait.

Hypoatherina temminckii (Bleeker, 1853)



English Name:Samoan silversideFamily:ATHERINIDAELocal Name:ThaavalhaOrder:AtheriniformesSize:Common to 7 cm; max. Il cmSpecimen:MRS/0026/86

Distinctive Characters: Premaxillary bone with long and slender ascending process. lateral process short and wide. Dentary bone highly elevated posteriorly. 2 1-25 gill rakers on lower limb of first gill arch. Pectoral fin with 14-18 rays.

Colour: Greenish above, thin midlateral stripe and abdomen silvery. Usually upper surface of head dark. Fin bases dusky.

Habitat and Biology: Occurs in large schools near the shore during the day, moving out to open water to feed at night.

Distribution: Indo-Pacific.

Remarks: *Hvpoatherina temminckiii* is occasionally used as bait. The Dhivehi name '*Keravalha*' is sometimes used by fishermen for small atherinids. Previously recorded as *Al/enetta harnesi* in the Catalogue of Fishes of the Maldives Vol. 1, page 24.

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