

NEWS of some Sicydiinae species from Babelthup Island on the Palau archipelago

With the help of Tom Bowling, from the BIOTA, Marine Life Nursery, a breeding establishment of 37 different marine species, in June 2017, I was able to find many amazing Sicydiinae species, some of which are shown below, including unidentified and possibly new species on the Palau islands, to be verified by ichthyologists and taxonomist, as some (or most) of the species have never been recorded from Palau before.



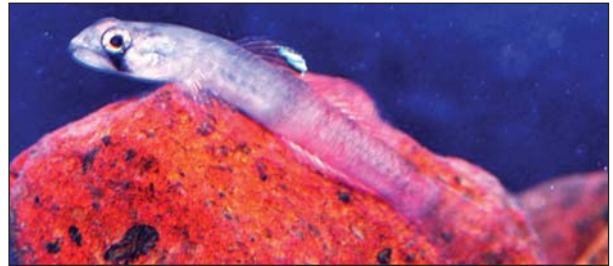
Sicyopterus lagocephalus in nature on Palau's Babelthup island, June 2017. Photo by T. Bowling.



Sicyopus zosterophorus from Palau's Babelthup island, June 2017. Photo by H. Bleher in a aquarium.



Sicyopus zosterophorus Palau, mating pair June 2017. Photo by H. Bleher in a aquarium.



Sicyopus aff. *auxilimentus* or *Sicyopus* aff. *discordipinnis*, very similar also to *Lentipes concolor*. Photo by T. Bowling.



Stiphodon pelewenis, from Palau's Babelthup island, June 2017. Photo by H. Bleher in a aquarium.



Stiphodon cf. pelewenis, from Palau's Babelthaup island, very black. Photo by H. Bleher in a aquarium. FO01 on 30-05-2017.



Stiphodon pelewenis pair. from Palau Photo by H. Bleher.



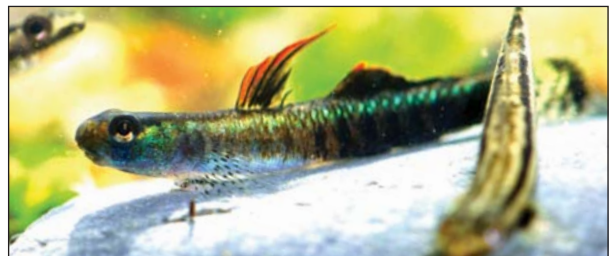
Sicyopterus sarrufus. Babelthaup island, Photo by T. Bowling.



Sicyopterus sarrufus, male from Palau's Babelthaup island, June 2017. Photo by T. Bowling in a aquarium.



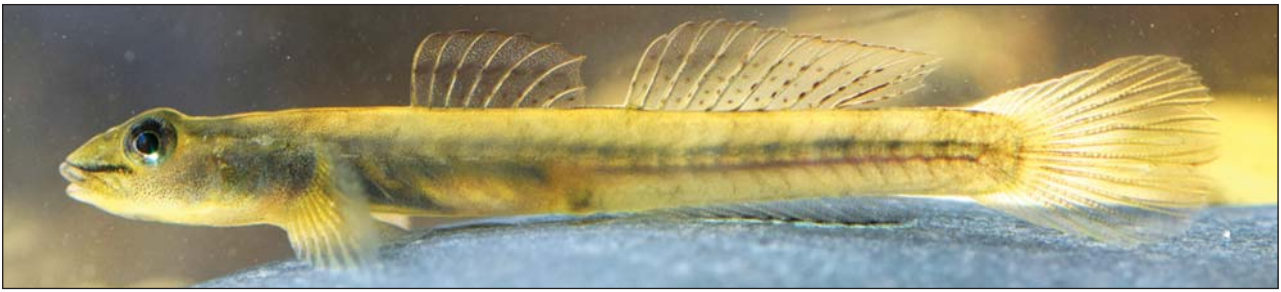
Stiphodon cf. percnopterygionus from Palau's Babelthaup island, June 2017. Photo by H. Bleher in a aquarium.



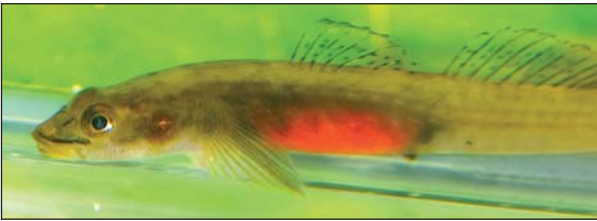
Stiphodon cf. percnopterygionus male and female, from Palau's Babelthaup island, June 2017. Photo by H. Bleher.



Stiphodon cf. percnopterygionus, male, Palau. Note the amazing colour difference in this species. Photo by H. Bleher.



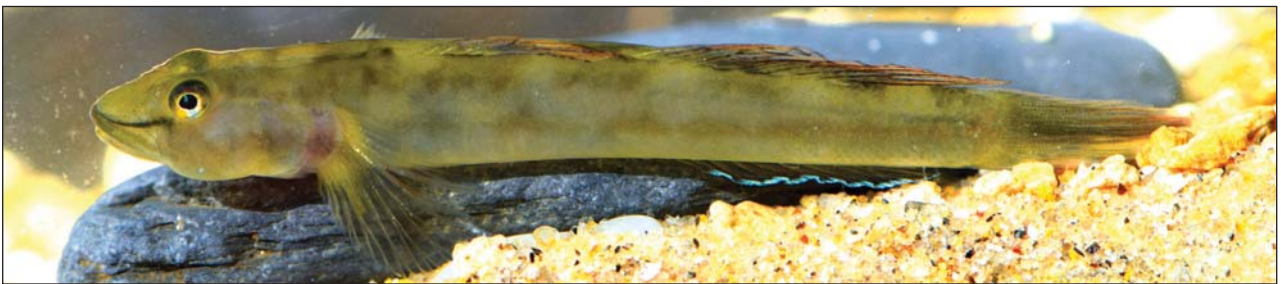
Smilosicyopus leprurus, male from Palau's Babelthaup island. Photo by H. Bleher in a aquarium.



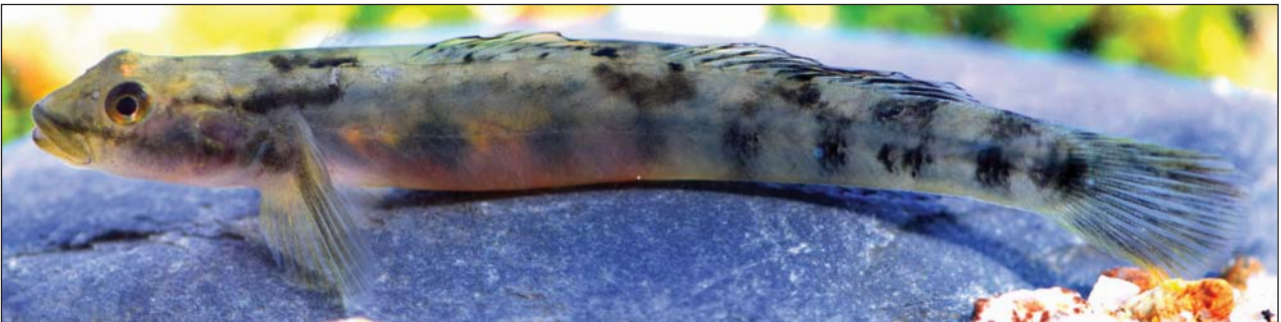
Smilosicyopus leprurus, female from Palau's Babelthaup island. Photo by H. Bleher in a aquarium.



Smilosicyopus leprurus female ventral view, from Palau's Babelthaup island. Photo by H. Bleher in a aquarium.



Smilosicyopus cf. chloe, male, from Palau's Babelthaup island. Photo by H. Bleher in a aquarium.



Smilosicyopus cf. chloe, female from Palau's Babelthaup island. Photo by H. Bleher in a aquarium.



Smilosicyopus aff. chloe, male, Palau, shows much similar with *Smilosicyopus pentecost*, male. Photo by H. Bleher.



Smilosicyopus aff. chloe, female, Palau, shows much similar with *Smilosicyopus pentecost*, female. Photo by H. Bleher.