



FACT SHEET

BANK STEENBRAS

Chirodactylus grandis

Family: Cheilodactylidae

Other common names: Banksteenbras, Cape Banky

Description

A moderately elongated fish with an overall grey-brown colour and white below. Has thick fleshy lips and the lower 6-7 pectoral fin rays are extended.

Distribution

Endemic, from Walvis Bay in Namibia round to Port St Johns on the East coast of South Africa.

Habitat

Normally found over reef or mud banks in depths from 20 to 150 meters.

Feeding

Small bottom dwelling invertebrates, squid and small fish.

Movement

Unknown.

Reproduction

Little is known about the reproductive biology of this species.

Age and growth

They reach a maximum length of 100 cm total length and a weight of 10 kg. This species has not been aged.

Current status

Little known about the status of this species. Has not been evaluated on the IUCN Red List.
South African Sustainable Seafood Initiative (SASSI) List:
Not assessed.



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Capture

Much sought after target species by spearfishermen. Caught as a bycatch in the inshore trawl fishery and occasionally taken by boat-based linefishermen, although seldom takes bait.

Current recreational fishing regulations

Daily bag limit: 10 per person per day
Minimum size limit: None
Closed Season: None
Other regulations: None
Marine protected areas (MPAs): Likely to receive some protection in no-take MPAs in the Eastern and Western Cape that include suitable reef habitat in depths greater than 20 meters.

Reference

Information from the ORI Fish App. www.saambr.org.za



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