

Application to Amend the Australian Standard for Fish Names



OFFICE USE

DATE RECEIVED + Any Re-Submission Dates	4/9/2024	
APPLICATION NUMBER	358	
	FNC # and Date	Outcome
FNC Pre-Assessment (Informal)	4/9/2024	Proceed to FNC45
FNC Initial Assessment	10/9/2024	Proceed to public consultation
Public Consultation Initiated	27/11/2024	
Public Consultation Completed		
FNC Final Assessment		
Updated in FN Database		
Updated in CAAB		

CHECKLIST

Does this application meet the following requirements	Applicant Y/N	Office Use Y/N
Check out the Fish Names Processes at the seafood standards website	Y	Y
Check the Fish Names searchable database at the top of the www.fishnames.com.au page for any use of the proposed name.	Y	Y
Determine whether samples of the species are required by contacting the FNC Project Manager, and if so, arrange for samples for taxonomic evaluation and attach a copy of the results for evidence.	N/A	N/A
Check the proposed Standard Name meets the fish name protocols in Section 5 of this document.	Y	Y
Consult key fish names stakeholders regarding your proposed name, and attach evidence (emails, letters, etc) of their support.	N	N
Include a summary of changes, if any, that you made in response to concerns raised by key stakeholders.	N/A	N/A
Attach any supporting published documents on the scientific name.	Y	Y
Attach any supporting documents for the proposed Standard Name.	Y	Y
Complete the invoicing details in Section 9	N/A	N/A

RE-SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Checklist to meet the requirements of a re-submission application	Applicant Y/N	Office Use Y/N
Complete the above checklist criteria		
Address each concern raised by the FNC and/or Public Consultation		
Attach additional supporting documents		

NOTE – Public Consultation is a critical part of the fish names process. This application and additional information will be made available to the public, except for any applicant details and invoicing information due to privacy requirements.

1. SELECT APPLICATION TYPE

Add a NEW Standard Fish Name Y/N	Y		
Amend an EXISTING Fish Name Y/N			
Taxonomic update Y/N			
Is it an Individual Name or Group Name Y/N	Individual Name	Y	Group Name

2. PROPOSED STANDARD FISH NAME (SFN) DETAILS

Current Standard Name (if relevant)	
Proposed SFN	Giant Ruby Snapper
Proposed alternative SFN (list any other preferences as a back-up)	
Any other known names used for the species e.g. obsolete, local nickname etc	

3. PRIMARY REASON FOR PROPOSED SFN

This is a new, recently described, species from Australian waters and it needs a Standard Name. Until now, this species has been confused with the Ruby Snapper, *Etelis carbunculus*.

4. SPECIES DETAILS

Scientific name (genus and species):	<i>Etelis boweni</i>			
Authority	Andrews, Fernandez-Silva, Randall and Ho, 2021			
CAAB Code	37346076			
Species type (e.g., finfish, crustacean, mollusc, jellyfish, sea cucumber, sharks & rays)	Finfish			
Australian species: specify the States and Territories in which the species is harvested	WA			
Imported species: specify the country/s of origin				
Select Category(ies) Applicable	Commercial harvest species	Y	Exported species	
	Aquaculture species		Imported species	
	Recreational species			
	Other (Specify)			
Specify habitat type/s for the species	Freshwater		Demersal shelf: under 200 meters	
	Estuarine		Demersal slope: over 200 meters	Y
	Coastal		Oceanic / pelagic	
	Other (Specify)			
Specify harvesting method/s for the species	Trawl		Pot or trap	
	Non-trawl net (e.g. seine, gillnet)		Line (e.g. longline, dropline)	Y
	Aquaculture		Recreational fishing	
	Other (Specify)			

5. PROTOCOLS FOR SELECTING STANDARD FISH NAMES

The FNC will assess whether your proposed SFN complies with the protocols.

Comment briefly below on whether you believe your proposed SFN complies with the protocols below:

Protocol	Applicant Comment	Office Use
6.4.1: Compliance with international obligations requires that a standard fish name <ul style="list-style-type: none"> does not create unnecessary obstacles to international trade as per the WTO GATT (General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade) which include the Technical 	Compliant	Complies

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Barriers to Trade (TBT) Agreement.		
<p>6.4.2: Compliance with Federal and State laws require that a standard fish name:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintains or enhances the protection of public health and safety • provides adequate information to enable consumers to make informed choices • helps to prevent misleading or deceptive conduct • does not result in anti-competitive practices • does not facilitate unconscionable conduct • is consistent with applicable industry codes of conduct • protects consumers against unfair practices. 	Compliant	Complies
<p>6.4.3 Preferred names Preference will be given to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a name that has over-riding historical significance • a name that is internationally accepted • a regional name where the species is most commonly encountered/caught • a name commonly used in Australia • a name that has strong stakeholder support • a name used in recent mainstream field guides • a name that most effectively distinguishes a species from its closest relatives • a name that generally conforms to other members of the family or generic-level grouping • a name that facilitates market acceptability • a name that is simple, unambiguous, and easily readable. 	Compliant	Complies
6.4.4 One name per species		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires that each species may be assigned a single, standard fish name, and no two species may have the same approved standard name. 		
<p>6.4.5 Group names: A group standard fish name:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> may cover multiple species in a particular scientific family or group of fish, and may not be the same as a species' standard fish name, and will follow internationally accepted names unless alternatives are well entrenched in Australian mainstream literature. 	N/A	N/A
<p>6.4.6 Subspecies and hybrids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subspecies and hybrids will not generally be given a standard fish name. 	N/A	N/A
<p>6.4.7 Structure of names</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires standard fish names to simplicity in names and structure (see protocols for full details). 	Compliant	Complies
<p>6.4.8 Scientific names</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the scientific name of a species changes, the standard fish name should remain unaffected unless there is a good reason for change. Generic or family scientific names may be used as standard fish. 	N/A	N/A
<p>6.4.9 Other grammatical rules and exceptions: Standard fish names should adhere to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use capital letters at the start of each word except directly following a hyphen Abbreviated forms of words and combined words are preferred Words that end in 'ate': For adjectives a 'd' is not required at the end of the word. For verbs a 'd' is required at the end of the word. Combine words that: <u>precede</u> band, banded, bar, barred or blotched; or <u>follow</u> double, false or half; or <u>precede</u> line, lined, speckled, spine, spotted, streak or 	Compliant	Complies

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<p>streaked.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Margin' (a noun) is used if the type or colour of the margin is defined (e.g., 'Brownmargin Flathead') • 'Margined' (an adjective) is used if it is stand-alone (e.g., 'Margined Coralfish') • Multi is usually combined (e.g., 'Multispot Lanternfish') • 'Shorthead' is one word (e.g., 'Shorthead Lamprey') • 'Spangled' not 'spangle' (e.g., 'Spangled Emperor') 		

6. JUSTIFICATION AND CONSULTATION (APPLICANT TO COMPLETE)

Justification: Summarise why the proposed standard fish names is needed and its benefits.

This species has been known to be distinct from *Etelis carbunculus* for many years and was described in 2021. It has a wide distribution across the Indian and Pacific Oceans, and has been given a couple of common names overseas. Due to its longterm confusion with *E.carbunculus*, it has been referred to simply as Ruby Snapper in Australia. The common names used elsewhere are Giant Ruby Snapper and Bowen's Red Snapper. Eponyms are discouraged in the Standard Name protocols, and the history of the name Red Snapper is too confused to be considered for any Australian fish. This leaves "Giant Ruby Snapper". Whilst "descriptors of size" are generally to be avoided, *E. boweni* is significantly larger than *E. carbunculus*.

Consultation: Summarize the responses of key stakeholders (Attach copies of written responses).

N/A

Impact of Consultation: Summarise any key changes made as a consequence of consultation.

N/A

7. RELATED DOCUMENTS, EVIDENCE, WEBSITES

A number of publications and websites provided information on this species and the common names used to date. For example:

- Andrews, K.R., Fernandez-Silva, I., Randall, J.E. & Ho, H.-C. 2021. *Etelis boweni* sp. nov., a new cryptic deepwater Eteline snapper from Indo-Pacific (Perciformes: Lutjanidae). *Journal of Fish Biology* 99(2): 335-344. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jfb.14720>
- <https://fishesofaustralia.net.au/home/species/5586>
- Geertruidha A. Latumeten, Wahyu D. Septiani, Nandana Godjali, Elle Wibisono, Peter J. Mous, Jos S. Pet 2018. Training Manual for Identification of 100 Common Species in The Deepwater Demersal Fisheries Targeting Snappers in Indonesia. TNC IFCP Technical Report.

8. OTHER DETAILS

Do you want the FNC to consider granting interim approval for this application (Y/N)	N
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NOTE Interim approval does not guarantee that an application will be approved and will only be granted if the application is deemed to be non-contentious at the time of submission.

The normal timeline for applications is

- 1 Application received and assessed by FNC Project Manager
- 2 Initial consideration by the Fish Names Committee to determine if the application conforms with the protocols and approved/not approved for public consultation
- 3 Approved proposed amendment is circulated for public consultation (at least 60 days)
- 4 FNC meets to consider the application based on the responses received through public consultation
- 5 If successful, proposed amendment is added to the Australian Fish Names Standard.

OFFICE USE**PROPOSED AFNS ENTRY**

CAAB Code	SFN	Scientific Name	Authority	Application No
FAMILY: Lutjanidae				
37346076	Giant Ruby Snapper	<i>Etelis boweni</i>	Andrews, Fernandez-Silva, Randall & Ho, 2021	358
37346014	Ruby Snapper	<i>Etelis carbunculus</i>	Cuvier, 1828	
37346914	RUBY SNAPPERS	<i>Etelis</i> spp.		

	Current Application		Current application in FNC processes		Current Standard Names approved and in the Standard
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FNC REVIEW**FNC Pre-Assessment Review**

Application meets the criteria to proceed to consideration for Public Consultation.

IP AUSTRALIA SEARCH COMPLETED AND THERE ARE NO ISSUES

Complete

FNC &/or Public Consultation Feedback (from any part of the process)

FNC45 discussed this application and agreed that it should proceed to Public Consultation.