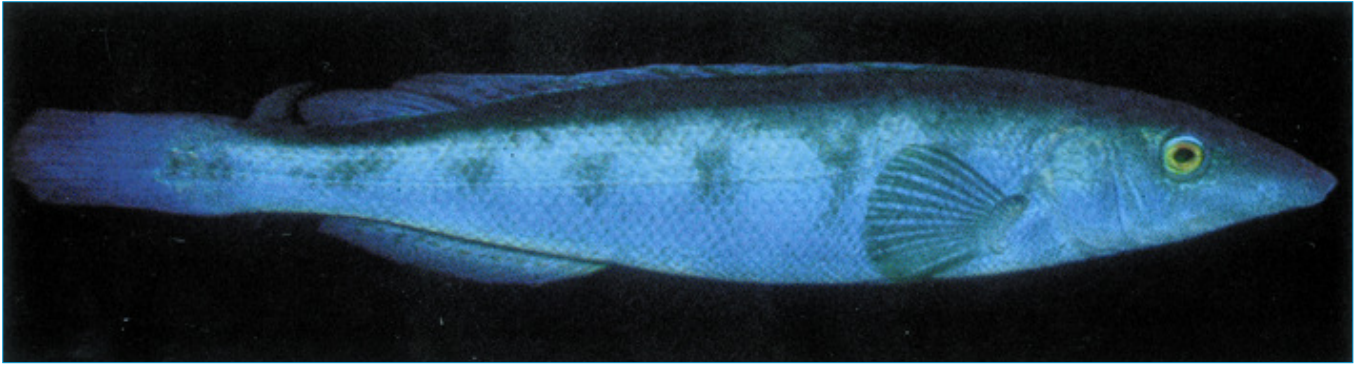


Blue Weed Whiting

Haletta semifasciata



Blue Weed Whiting, *Haletta semifasciata*, photo courtesy of Rudie Kuitert.

This weed whiting is rarely seen by divers as they are extremely flighty and rapidly flee if flushed. They are residents of seagrass meadows, particularly Strapweed as found in Corner Inlet. All are born female with the mature males becoming brilliant blue and purple. Weed whittings are more closely related to Herring and Rainbow Cale than genuine whiting.