

Old Wife

Enoplosus armatus



Old Wife, *Enoplosus armatus*
Photos courtesy of Bill Boyle (Left) and Mark Norman (Right)



This fish is easily recognised by the black vertical bands of varying widths and twin dorsal fin peaks corresponding with the pectoral and anal fins. This species schools and can form cleaner stations to pick the parasites off other fish species. The politically incorrect name of this fish comes from the grumbling noise it makes when lifted out of the water on fishing lines.