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Specimen was obtained from MES on May, 2013. This sample was taken during a night spearfish catch market survey by MES staff. Photo by DFW.

Scientific Name: *Carangoides plagiotaenia* (Randall, J.E. 2005, Reef and Shore Fishes of the South Pacific). A member of the Trevally family; this species has a strongly prominent vertical black margin on the posterior edge of the preopercle (gill plate).

Common Names: Barcheek jack

Maximum size: Largest size reported to 41.5 cm (Randall, 2005). Fishbase.org estimates maximum size to 50cm total length.

Size recorded: 23.8 cm fork length

Physiology: Silvery blue-green with iridescence in coloration. with yellow on head and anterior body. Longest dorsal ray is almost half the head length. Chest is fully scaled.

Habitat: Reef associated; outer reef and lagoon slopes. Found in depths of 2-200 meters.

Distribution: Indo-Pacific, Tropical eastern pacific, Western Pacific from Ryukyu's to Great Barrier Reef Red Sea, Micronesia and Polynesia.

Diet: Feeds on fish and invertebrates.

Climate: Tropical

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The Barcheek Jack is usually found off seaward reefs as solitary individuals.