

**ARCHAMIA ATAENIA, A NEW SPECIES OF CARDINALFISH
(PERCIFORMES: APOGONIDAE) FROM THE ANDAMAN SEA AND
MENTAWAI ISLANDS**

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ABSTRACT

The cardinalfish *Archamia ataenia* is described from four specimens from Surin Neur Island off the Andaman Sea coast of Thailand and five from the Mentawai Islands, West Sumatra. It is a close relative of *A. zosterophora*, having the two narrow orange bars on the operculum, a small black spot at the midbase of the caudal fin, and modally 15 anal soft rays. It differs in lacking the broad black bar in the middle of the body and in having 14 pectoral rays (usually 13 in *zosterophora*) and modally 20 gill rakers (22 for *zosterophora*).