

Table 1 Morphometric and meristic characters of *Taractes rubescens* collected from Sea of Oman (TL=total length, SL=standard length, HL=head length, Kg=kilogram)

Morphometric characters (mm)	Present study <i>n</i> =1	Ali and McNoon, 2010 <i>n</i> =34
Weight (Kg)	8	6.2–10.1
Total length	890	803–950
Fork length (% in TL)	810 (85)	690–860
Standard length (%in TL)	685 (77)	680–780
Head length (% in SL)	240 (35)	-
Preorbital length (% in HL)	70 (29)	(23.5–30.0)
Postorbital length (% in HL)	110 (46)	(51–55.5)
Eye diameter (% in HL)	40 (17)	(16.7–19.1)
Upper jaw length (% in HL)	105 (44)	-
Dorsal fin length (% in TL)	180 (20)	-
Predorsal fin length (% in FL)	290 (36)	(36.8– 41.1)
Postdorsal fin length (% in FL)	600 (67)	-
Pectoral fin length (% in FL)	235 (29)	(29.6– 35.4)
Prepectoral fin length (% in FL)	350 (43)	(27.3–31.2)
Anal fin length (% in SL)	150 (22)	-
Preanal fin length (% in FL)	450 (56)	(54.7– 63)
Postanal fin length (% in SL)	600 (88)	-
Preanus length (% in SL)	400 (58)	-
Caudal Peduncle depth (% in SL)	90 (13)	-
Body depth (% in FL)	310 (38)	-
Meristic characters		
Dorsal fin rays	28	27–29
Anal fin rays	20	19–21
Pectoral fin rays	20	19–21