

Table 1. Morphometric and meristic characters of *Photopectoralis bindus* collected from Shatt al-Arab River, Basrah, Iraq in November 2015. Length ranges in mm (% of TL in brackets; n=30 specimens). TL, total length; SL, standard length; FL, fork length, PRDFL, predorsal fin length; PSDFL, post dorsal fin length; PPFL, prepectoral fin length; PFL, pectoral fin length; PAFL, preanal fin length; PAFL, preanal fin length; CPL, caudal peduncle length; ED, eye diameter; PROL, preorbital length; PSOL, postorbital length; UJL, Upper jaw length closed.

Morphometric and meristic characters

Total length (TL)	68–90
Standard length (SL)	5.3–6.9 (77.6–77.9)
Fork length (FL)	6.1–7.6 (88.4–89.7)
Predorsal fin length (PRDFL)	1.9–2.5 (27.5–27.9)
Post dorsal fin length (PSDFL)	1.9–2.4 (27.9–28.3)
Prepectoral fin length (PPFL)	1.8–2.2 (25.4–26.7)
Pectoral fin length (PFL)	1.3–1.7 (19.1–19.8)
Preanal fin length (PAFL)	2.5–3.3 (36.8–37.1)
Post anal fin length (PAFL)	4.3–5.6 (59.6–63.2)
Preanus length (PANL)	2.3–3.3 (33.3–37.1)
Caudal peduncle length (CPL)	0.5–0.8 (7.7–8.9)
Eye diameter (ED)	0.5–0.7 (7.4–7.9)
Preorbital length (PROL)	0.5–0.8 (7.4–8.9)
Postorbital length (PSOL)	0.5–0.7 (7.4–7.9)
Upper jaw length closed (UJL)	0.5–0.9 (7.4–10.1)
Number of dorsal fin rays	16–17
Number of pectoral fin rays	18–19
Number of anal fin rays	14
Number of pelvic fin rays	7
