



**Accession Number: - ZOO134**

**Scientific Name: -*Neoniphon marianus***

**Family: Holocentridae**

**Common Name: Longjaw squirrelfish**

**Physical Characteristics:**

*Neoniphon marianus* has a deep, laterally compressed body shape, typical of squirrelfishes and soldierfishes. They often have a reddish or pinkish colouration, silvery sides, and a white or silver belly. They have large eyes and sharp teeth.



**Geographical Distribution:**

Found in tropical and subtropical waters of the Atlantic Ocean, mainly

- Western Atlantic: From the coast of North Carolina, USA, throughout the Caribbean Sea, the Gulf of Mexico, and south to Brazil.
- Eastern Atlantic: Along the coast of western Africa, including Senegal, and extending south to Angola.

**Economic Importance:**

They may not be a significant economic species. Still, they play a role in both recreational fishing and the aquarium trade, and they contribute to the ecological balance of the marine ecosystems where they are found. As with all marine species, responsible management and conservation are essential to ensure their continued presence in the ocean.