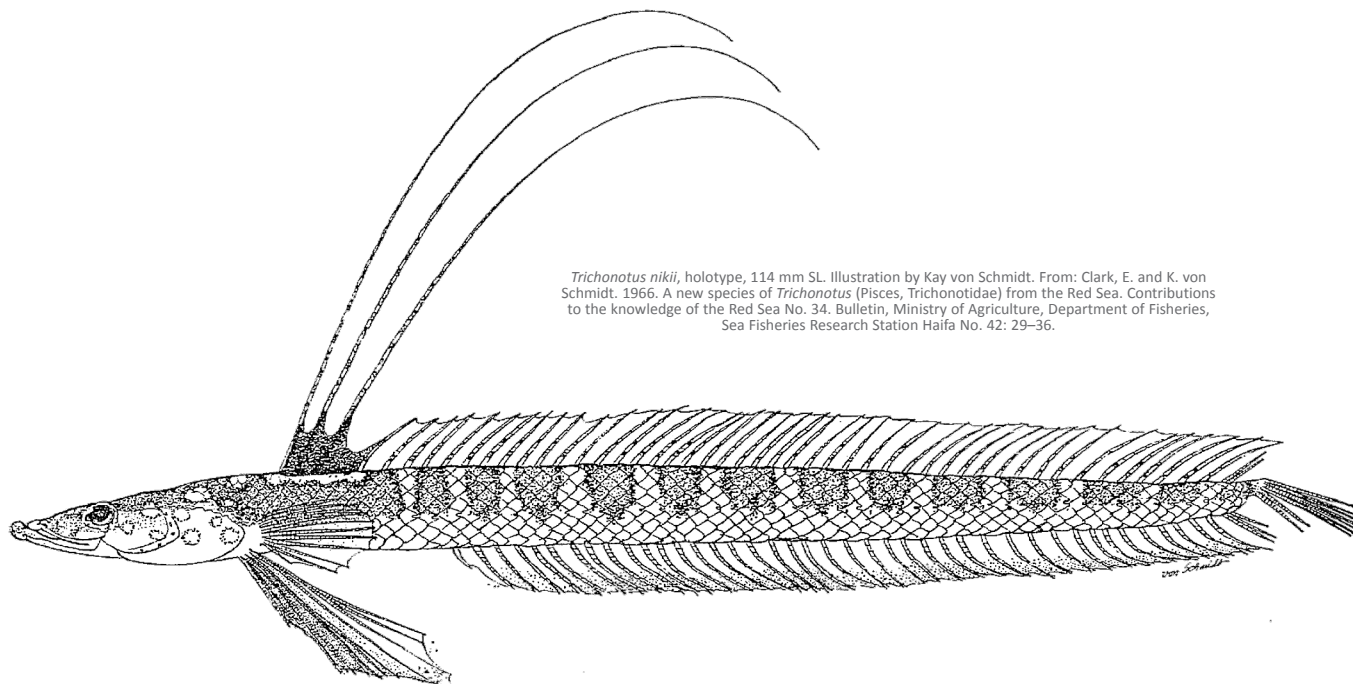


Order GOBIIFORMES

Sanddivers

Family TRICHONOTIDAE

Günther 1861



Trichonotus nikii, holotype, 114 mm SL. Illustration by Kay von Schmidt. From: Clark, E. and K. von Schmidt. 1966. A new species of *Trichonotus* (Pisces, Trichonotidae) from the Red Sea. Contributions to the knowledge of the Red Sea No. 34. Bulletin, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Fisheries, Sea Fisheries Research Station Haifa No. 42: 29–36.

Trichonotus

Bloch & Schneider 1801

trichós (τριχός), genitive singular of *thrix* (θρίξ), hair; *notus*, from *nōtos* (νώτος), back, referring to elongate or filamentous anterior dorsal-fin rays of *T. setiger* males

***Trichonotus arabicus* Randall & Tarr 1994** *-icus* (L.), belonging to: Arabian (Persian) Gulf and Arabian Sea, where it occurs

***Trichonotus blochii* Castelnau 1875** in honor of German physician-ichthyologist Marcus Elieser Bloch (1723–1799), who proposed the genus (with Schneider) in 1801

***Trichonotus cyclograptus* (Alcock 1890)** *cyclo-*, from *kýklos* (κύκλος), ring or circle; *graptus*, from *graptós* (γραπτός), marked (usually with letter), referring to “brilliant” turquoise-gold eyespots arranged in parallel rows on head and body, and on dorsal, anal and caudal fins (eyesspots turn to dark-gray rings in alcohol)

***Trichonotus elegans* Shimada & Yoshino 1984** Latin for elegant, referring to its “elegant body shape and undulating swimming motion”

***Trichonotus filamentosus* (Steindachner 1867)** Latin for filamentous, presumably referring to elongate middle ventral-fin ray of males (which lack the filamentous dorsal-fin rays seen on congeners)

***Trichonotus halstead* Clark & Pohle 1996** in honor of dive instructor and underwater photographer Dinah Halstead and her husband Bob (1944–2018), a dive-tour operator, both “phenomenal fish observers, whose expertise in fishes of PNG [Papua New Guinea] has contributed greatly to our studies” [a noun in apposition, without the plural genitive “*orum*”]

***Trichonotus marleyi* (Smith 1936)** in honor of Natal fisheries officer Harold Walter Bell-Marley (1872–1945), who presented holotype

***Trichonotus nikii* Clark & von Schmidt 1966** in honor of Niki Konstantinou, “youngest member on the field trip to the Red Sea” (type locality); according to a 2015 obituary of the first author, Niki is Nickolas, her youngest son, six-years-old at the time, whose dive mask held the holotype, and for whom the fish was nicknamed “Tricky Niki” due to its sand-burying behavior (the formal naming of the fish after him was “Much to my brother’s annoyance,” Nikolas later said)

***Trichonotus setiger* Bloch & Schneider 1801** *seta* or *saeta* (L.), hair or bristle; *-iger* (L.), to have or bear, presumably referring to long, filamentous anterior dorsal-fin rays of males

***Trichonotus somaliensis* Katayama, Motomura & Endo 2012** *-ensis*, Latin suffix denoting place: coast of Somalia, type locality