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Message

It is a pleasure for me to note that a book on research output on fish species diversification status of the beels from Sunamganj Haor areas is going to be published under the initiative of the Community Based Resource Management Project (CBRMP) of LGED. The project is working on beel fisheries development in associations with a few reputed and specialized institutions for successful implementation of its intended objectives. WorldFish is one of those institutions engaged in biodiversity monitoring to make the program effective.

CBRMP in its fisheries resource management attaches appropriate priority to fish habitat restoration and conservation and I am happy to learn that the project has largely impacted on increased fish production and species diversification.

This literature is a product of sincere and rigorous effort of WorldFish Center under the initiative and care of LGED. This document is expected to be fruitful and very effective not only for the purposes of CBRMP, but for the use of others as well working in haor areas for fisheries development in a responsive manner.

I congratulate all associated with such a research-oriented effort, and hopeful in its future continuation with more worthy productions.

Md. Wahidur Rahman
Chief Engineer
Local Government Engineering Department
This book on fish species diversity of Sunamganj haor area is a product made for witnessing the presence of present fish species where CBRMP works. The documentation has been made by the WorldFish in close assistance of beel users’ group members of CBRMP.

CBRMP is engaged to introduce community based fisheries management in Sunamganj haor region. The efforts include development of fish habitat through re-excavation, establishing fish sanctuary, promoting swamp forestry, initiating conservation campaign, and improving the connectivity of beels. By this time a total of 162 beels have been handed over to fisher community and has a target for 300 beels comprising a total area of 4000 acres. WorldFish along with other few institutions, is assisting CBRMP to carry out monitoring the activities for a responsive fisheries management.

To prepare the book has taken a time of three years that started in 2008. For nomenclature and other identifications of the species, a recognized and easy to understand method has been followed so that it becomes useful to a wide cross section of people.

Prior to finalize the book rigorous reviews have been carried out in participation of local fishers, scientists, officials from Department of Fisheries and Universities to make the book authentic in all aspects.

This is a one of the products of the CBRMP and WorldFish nexus. We have a plan to document more information for promoting conservation of beel fisheries resources. A close supervision and monitoring on fish biodiversity is being undertaken to collect data in a comprehensive manner towards that end.

I expect that this book would give the knowledge about available fish species in Sunamganj haor area as a whole, and the people who are involved in fisheries management in haor region would be benefited with the information compiled in this book.

Sk.Md. Mohsin
Project Director
Community Based Resource Management Project - LGED
Preface

This book is a modest attempt at identifying Sunamganj haor fish species, especially in areas falling under the Sunamganj Community Based Resource Management Project (CBRMP). CBRMP has promoted community based fisheries management approaches that, along with their livelihoods focus, are helping to preserve and enhance natural fish stocks in the hoar basin. WorldFish support to LGED involves a number of areas including monitoring the impacts of CBRMP on fish catch, bio-diversity and livelihoods.

Historically, documentation of freshwater fish species in Bangladesh has been weak, particularly in the haor area. The haor area has over seasonal 500,000 ha of water resources and was considered once to be endowed with enormous fisheries resources, but these are under increasing threats from a variety of natural and manmade causes. The limited documentation of fish species in the hoar area has led us to compile this book in order to make information available to communities, other resource users, and fisheries professionals in these areas. The book presents a collection of fish species recorded in the CBRMP project area and surrounding markets during monitoring conducted by WorldFish from 2008 to 2010. The book contains a total of 126 fish species from 39 families found in the Sunamganj haor area. I believe that the book will be of interest to wider audiences involved in fisheries management, research and study, and will help to support assessments of bio-diversity in order to enhance the management and productivity of open water fisheries resources.

Finally, I thank the researchers who contributed to the compilation of this book for their hard work in preparing this informative resource on haor fish, and hope that it will be employed for fish identification and classification by scientists, researchers, students and field level workers involved in all types of fisheries research in Bangladesh.

Craig A Meisner
Director
WorldFish, Bangladesh and South Asia
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Methodology

This book is based on the fish species found in the Sunamganj haor area of Bangladesh during 2008 to 2010. The Sunamganj Community Based resource Management Project (SCBRMP) of the Bangladesh Local Government and Engineering Department (LGED) is working on fisheries development in six upazilas of Sunamganj district (Sunamganj Sadar, Dakshin Sunamganj, Jamalganj, Derai, Bishwambharpur and Tahirpur) using a community based management approach. Most of the species photographs were collected from the SCBRMP managed waterbodies in Sunamganj. However, some photographs have also been collected from local fish markets in Sunamganj. The local names of fishes have also been collected from local fishers’ communities in Sunamganj district.

For identification of fish species and their taxonomic classification and fin-formulae the following literature has been followed:

i) Freshwater Fishes of Bangladesh (Second edition) by A. K. Ataur Rahman,
ii) Bangladesher Matsho Shampad (Fisheries of Bangladesh) by Dr. Mohammad Shafi and Dr. Miah Muhammed Abdul Quddus,
iii) Inland Fishes of India and Adjacent Countries (Volume-1 and Volume-2) by P.K. Talwar and Arun G. Jhingran,
iv) Red Book of Threatened Fishes of Bangladesh - IUCN Bangladesh 2000,
v) Encyclopedia of Flora and Fauna of Bangladesh: Freshwater Fishes (Volume 23), Asiatic Society Bangladesh.

Moreover, some other renowned fish related websites were also consulted for recent classification and relevant taxonomic information, in particular Fish Base (www.fishbase.org) for the English name of fish species. The arrangement of fish families is based primarily on Berg (1940) with modification based on more recent taxonomic accounts as far as were available.

The fin-formula is constructed with the letters D for dorsal; D1, D2 if two dorsals are present, P1 for pectoral; P2 for pelvic, A for anal and C for caudal fins. Roman figures indicate true and hard spines, arabic figures indicate soft rays. To differentiate the spines from the rays and or branched from the unbranched rays the formula is used as follows:

D. VII-IX/12 - 15 = Dorsal fin composed of 7-9 spines, 12-15 soft rays.
D. 3/8 = Dorsal fin composed of 3 unbranched and eight branched rays.
A. 2-3/8-10 = Anal fin composed of 2 or 3 unbranched and 8-10 branched rays.
P1. I/10-12 = Pectoral fin composed of one spine and 10-12 soft rays.
P2. 1/5 = Pelvic fin composed of one unbranched and five branched rays.
D1. X; D2. I/10-12 = First dorsal fin composed of 10 spines and second dorsal fin
composed of one spine and 10-12 soft rays.
D. IX-XII + I/27-31 = First part of dorsal fin with 9-11 spines, second part with 1 spine and 27-31 soft rays.
C. 15-16  =  caudal fin composed of 15-16 rays.

The book "Red Book of Threatened Fishes of Bangladesh" by IUCN Bangladesh 2000 has been followed for IUCN status based on the Bangladesh National Criteria - Critically Endangered, Endangered, Vulnerable, Lower Risk, Not Threatened and Data Deficient.

The measurement scale used in this book is based on field experience and assumptions and to impart the size of fish in the photos. During collecting the fish photographs and other information a total of 12 Exotic fish species were found in the Sunamganj haor area and the expression "Exotic Fish" has been used beside these fishes' names.
Positions of some important external organs of fish in the book

1. Snout
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![Diagram of fish with labeled parts](image)

**Figure 2. Non-whiskered fish (Carp fish)**

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**ORDER: RAJIFORMES**  
**FAMILY: DASYATIDAE**

*Himantura bleekeri*  
(Blyth, 1860)  
**English Name:** Bleeker's Whipray.

**Fin formula:** --  

**Shapla pata 20-45cm**  
**Local name:** Shapla pata, Murol, Hakuch, Akoch, Haush, Barul, Changoch, Sankush.  
**Local name in haor area:** Hakuch, Akoch, Achok.

**IUCN Status:** Not Listed.

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**ORDER: PLEURONECTIFORMES**  
**FAMILY: BOTHIDAE**

*Pseudorhombus arsius*  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
**English Name:** Large Tooth Flounder.

**Fin formula:** D. 71-79; P1. 11-13; P2. 6; A. 54-60.

**Kathal pata 16-17 cm**  
**Local name:** Danchoukka, Serbati, Bara daitta serbati, Kathal pata, Bat pata, Pan pata.  
**Local name in haor area:** Pan pata.

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.
ORDER: SYNGNATHIFORMES
FAMILY: SYNGNATHIDAE

**Microphis deocata**
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

**English Name:** Decodata Pipefish.

**Local name:** Kota kumirer khil, Kata kumirer khil, Kumirer khil, Kui maach, Kuia maach.

**Local name in haor area:** Kui maach.

**IUCN Status:** Vulnerable.

**Body elongate, sub-cylindrical. Snout tubular, directed upwards. Eye situated nearer to gill openings than to tip of snout. Interorbital space concave. A longitudinal ridge divides the opercle. Gill openings small, rounded. 16 rings in the trunk and 30 in the tail. Brood pouch abdominal. Dorsal fin originates opposite the anus on 15th ring and stands on 8 rings. Pectoral fin small and rounded. Pelvic fin absent, anal fin very small. Male is brown and female is ground coloured. They mainly live in the rivers of Northern areas of the country.**

ORDER: ANGUILLIFORMES
FAMILY: ANGUILLIDAE

**Anguilla bengalensis**
(Gray, 1831)

**English Name:** Indian Mottled Eel/ Giant Mottled Eel/Indian Longfin Eel.

**Local name:** Bamos, Bamus, Bamas, Banehara, Banhora, Bao baim, Bau baim, Talkoma, Tel kumra, Bau mach, Bau mach.

**IUCN Status:** Vulnerable.
**FAMILY: OPHICHTHIDAE**

**Pisodonophis boro** [*Ophichthys boro*]
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)


*English name*: Rice-paddy Eel.

*Hizra 70-100 cm*

*Local name*: Hizra, Hizme, Bamas, Boro, Kharu, Kecho baim, Nol baim.

*Local name in haor area*: Bamas.

*IUCN Status*: Not Threatened.

**ORDER: SYMBRANCHIFORMES**

**FAMILY: SYBRANCHIDAE**

**Monopterus cuchia**
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)


*English name*: Cuchia/Gangetic Mudeel.

*Kuche 60-70 τm.μg.*

*Local name*: Kuche, Kuchia, Kuiccha, Kuche baim.

*Local name in haor area*: Kuiccha.

*IUCN Status*: Vulnerable.

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*Local name in haor area*: Kuiccha.

*IUCN Status*: Vulnerable.
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ORDER: TETRAODONTIFORMES
FAMILY: TETRAODONTIDAE

**Tetraodon cutcutia**
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

**Fin formula:** D. 10-11; P1. 20-21; P2. absent; A. 10; C. 7.

**English name:** Ocellated Pufferfish.

**Local name:** Potka, Tepa, Kuti tepa, Photka, Phutka, Chato photka, Futkuna, Kutkuita.

**Local name in haor area:** Futkuna.

**Body globe shaped.** Mouth small, two large teeth on each jaw. Pelvic fin absent, all other fins rounded. End of caudal fin red. Back slightly green yellowish, belly white. Body sides with dark meshwork and with a dark eye shaped ocellus. Occurs in canals, beels, haors, baors and rivers.

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.

ORDER: CYPRINODONTIFORMES [BELONIFORMES]
FAMILY: BELONIIDAE

**Xenentodon cancila**
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

**Fin formula:** D. 15-16; P1. 10-11; P2. 6; A. 17-18.

**English name:** Freshwater Garfish.

**Local name:** Kakila, Kakhla, Kakhle, Kaila, Kaikka, Thure, Thuria, Thuhure, Bachari maach, Boga maach, Gangturi, Kakia, Kakhua.

**Local name in haor area:** Kaikka.

**Body elongate, cylindrical, tapering to both ends.** Both jaws greatly elongated, studded with sharp teeth. Dorsal fin situated very close to caudal base. Scales minute. Caudal rounded or emarginate. Body greenish above, white ventrally, silvery laterally. A silvery lateral band on flank. A black spot at base of caudal fin. Lives in canals, beels, rivers, haors and baors.

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.

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**Kakila 30-40 cm**

**Local name:** Kakila, Kakhla, Kakhlle, Kaila, Kaikka, Thure, Thuria, Thuhure, Bachari maach, Boga maach, Gangturi, Kakia, Kakhua.

**Local name in haor area:** Kaikka.

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.
**FAMILY: HEMIRAMPHIDAE**

*Hyporamphus limbatus*  
*Hyporamphus gaimardi* (Valenciennes, 1846)  
(Valenciennes, 1846)

**Fin formula:**  
D. 13-14; P1. 10;  
P2. 6; A. 13-14.

**English name:** Congaturi Halfbeak  
**Local name:** Ekthota, Ekthuti, Subol kaikka  
**Local name in haor area:** Subol kaikka.

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.

**Body elongate, cylindrical, tapering to both ends. Upper jaw short and conical. Dorsal fin situated very close to caudal base. Scales minute. Caudal fin forked, lower lobe slightly longer. Greenish above, silvery belly. A silvery lateral band on flank widening posteriorly. Occurs in rivers. Abundant in southern districts. It is also available in the haor area.**

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**ORDER: CYPRINODONTIFORMES**  
**FAMILY: APLOCHEILIDAE**  
[CYPRINODONTIDAE]

*Aplocheilus panchax* (Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

**Fin formula:**  
D. 7-8; P1. 13-15;  
P2. 6; A. 15-16.

**English name:** Blue Panchax/Panchax Minnow  
**Local name:** Teen chokha, Hagadhaluk, Kanpona, Naharol, Nalitt, Dandani, Beli, Choukkani  
**Local name in haor area:** Kanipona, Hagadhaluk.

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.

**Body elongate, head horizontally compressed and body compressed posteriorly. Both jaws are equal and fine teeth in several rows on jaws. Upper surface of body greenish or olive coloured. Whitish on beneath. Fins yellowish. A bright silvery spot on occiput behind the eyes. Generally lives in canals, beels, haors, rivers and ponds. Seen at the surface in schools in marginal water.**
ORDER: TETRAODONTIFORMES
FAMILY: ORYZIIDAE [CYPRINODONTIDAE]

Oryzias melastigma
(McClelland, 1839)
Fin formula: D. 7; P1. 11 (1/10); P2. 6; A. 23-24.
English name: Ricefish/Estuarine Ricefish.

Teen chokha 3-4 cm
Local name: Teen chokha, Kanpona, Fedoli, Pata dandani, Pata beli, Bechi.
Local name in haor area: Unknown.

IUCN Status: Data Deficient.

ORDER: CYPRINIFORMES
FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE

Securicula gora
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)
Fin formula: D. 10(3/7); P1. 13-14; P2. 8; A. 15-18(2/13-16).
English name: Gora Chela.

Ghora chela 20-25 cm
Local name: Ghora chela, gora chela, chela, Dhak chela, Naukka chela.
Local name in haor area: Dhak chela, Naukka chela.

IUCN Status: Not Threatened.

**FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE**

**Salmostoma phulo**
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

*Fin formula:* D. 9(2/7); P1. 11; P2. 8; A. 18-20(2/16-18).

*English name:* Finescaled Razorbelly Minnow.

*Local name:* Fulchela, Chela, Phulo chela, Prem chela.

*Local name in haor area:* Chela, Prem chela.


*Widely distributed in haors, baors, rivers, canals and beels throughout Bangladesh.*

**FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE**

**Salmostoma bacalia**
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

*Fin formula:* D. 10(2/8); P1. 12-13; P2. 9; A. 14-15(2/12-13)

*English name:* Large Razorbelly Minnow.

*Local name:* Narkali chela, Katari, Chela, Narkoli chela.

*Local name in haor area:* Chela.


*Widely distributed in haors, baors, rivers, canals and beels throughout Bangladesh.*
**FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE**

**Esomus danricus**  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
Fin formula: D. 8(2/6); P1. 11-13; A. 7-8(2-3/5).  
English name: Flying Barb.  

**Darkina 8-13 cm**  
Local name: Darkina, Darkinda, Danrika, Darka, Dadhika, Dankan, Dakkan, Chukkuni, Bore chela, Chela.  
Local name in haor area: Darkina, Darkinda.  

IUCN Status: Data Deficient.

**FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE**

**Parluciosoma daniconius**  
[Rasbora daniconius]  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
Fin formula: D. 9(2/7); P1. 14-15; A. 7(2/5).  
English name: Slender Rasbora/Blackline Rasbora.  

**Darkina 10-15 cm**  
Local name: Darkina, Darkinda, Danrika, Chela, Bore chela, Pati chela.  
Local name in haor area: Darkina, Darkinda.  

IUCN Status: Data Deficient.
**FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE**

**Aspidoparia morar**
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)
English name: Aspidoparia.

Body elongate and subcylindrical. Upper jaw slightly elongate. No barbels present. Lateral line concave. Lateral line with 38 to 42 scales. Dorsal fin inserted opposite to well behind of pelvic fin base. Body colour slightly brownish above and silvery below. Occurs in freshwater rivers and tributaries in Bangladesh. The fish is rare in the rivers of haor areas at present.

**IUCN Status:** Data Deficient.

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**FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE**

**Barilius tileo**
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)
Fin formula: D. 9(2/7); P1. 13; P2. 8; A. 13(3/10).
English name: Tileo Baril.

Body deep, head and snout compressed. Ventral profile more convex than that of dorsal. Dorsal fin inserted opposite in advance of anal fin. Scales small, lateral line with 65 to 75 scales. Body colour of upper side brownish and silvery beneath. 2-3 vertical bars found along sides. Generally occurs in hills streams and rivers with stony bottom. The fish is found in Someswari and Kangsha river in Mymensingh. It is also found in the rivers of Rangpur, Dinajpur, Sunamganj, Sylhet.
**FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE**

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**Barilius bendelisis**  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1807)  
**Fin formula:** D. 9(2/7); P1. 13-14; P2. 9; A. 10(2/8)  
**English name:** Hamilton’s Barila.  
**Body shallow, elongate and compressed.**  
Mouth moderate, two short pairs of barbels present. Ventral profile more convex than that of dorsal. Dorsal fin nearer to caudal base than to snout tip. Body colour silvery. 11-16 vertical bars found along sides in immature specimens. Vertical bars are clearly visible when soaked in formalin. Generally occurs in hills streams and rivers with stony bottom. The fish is found in the rivers of Rangpur, Dinajpur, Sunamganj, Sylhet and Mymensingh in Bangladesh.

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**Danio devario**  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
**Fin formula:** D. 2-3/15-16; P1. 12; P2. 8; A. 2-3/17.  
**English name:** Sind Danio/Devario Danio.  
**Body somewhat rhomboidal and compressed.**  
Mouth moderate, two short pairs of barbels present. Ventral profile more convex than dorsal profile. Lower jaw longer. Mouth small, obliquely directed upwards, barbels absent. Scales moderate-size, lateral line complete. Body colour silvery on below and greenish on back. A pair of faint, bluish band on the posterior part of the body. Generally occurs in the clean water of canals, beels, haors, baors and rivers. The fish is rare at present in Sunamganj area.
**FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE**

*Brachydanio rerio* [Danio rerio]  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
English name: Zebra Danio.  

**Local name:** Anju, Jhia, Darkina.  
**Local name in haor area:** Darkinda.  

IUCN Status: Not Threatened.

*Dorsal profile more convex near the origin of dorsal fin. Mouth oblique. Lower jaw longer than the upper jaw. Barbels two pairs, rostral pair short. Maxillary pair reach at the end of opercle. Dorsal fin situated nearer to the caudal fin than the snout. Lateral line absent. Four longitudinal blue bands on body separated by three narrow silver strikes. Three lower blue bands produced along caudal fin. Anal fin also with three blue bands. Caudal fin equally forked. They live in rivers, canals, beels, haors, baors throughout Bangladesh. The fish is rare at present in Sunamganj area.*

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*Amblypharyngodon mola*  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
Fin formula: D. 9(2/7); P1. 15; P2. 9; A. 7(2/5).  
English name: Mola Carplet/Pale Carplet

**Local name:** Mola, Maya, Mouchi, Mowka, Mowrala, Molongi, Moya, Moka.  
**Local name in haor area:** Moka.

IUCN Status: Not Threatened.

**FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE**

*Osteobrama cotio [Rohtee cotio] (Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)*

**Fin formula:** D. 10(2/8); P1. 15; P2. 9-10; A. 33-36(3/30-33).

**English name:** Cotio.

Dhela 12-15 cm

Local name: Dhela, Mou mach, Bolungo melanda, Gunta, Keli, Mauwa, Chela, Moa, Lohasura, Dhipali, Gilachaki.

**Local name in haor area:** Gilachaki.

**IUCN Status:** Endangered.

*Osteobrama cotio* - head downward, mouth small. No barbels. Dorsal spine weak and serrated. Scales small, lateral line with about 65 scales. Body colour silvery, scattered pigment spots on dorsal side. A black spot on base of dorsal and a dark blotch on nape. Occurs in rivers, canals, beels, haors, baors and ponds. The fish is rare at present.

*Labeo gonius* (Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

**Fin formula:** D. 16-17(3/13-14); P1. 15-16; P2. 9(1/8); A. 7(2/5)

**English name:** Kuria Labeo.

Ghonia 60-150 cm

Local name: Ghonia, Gani, Goni, Gonnia, Kurchi, Ghoinna.

**Local name in haor area:** Ghainna.

**IUCN Status:** Endangered.

Body elongated, dorsal profile more convex than that of abdomen. Snout porous and broad, projecting beyond mouth. Lips thick. Two pairs of short maxillary and rostral barbels present. Scales small, 73 to 80 scales on lateral line. Edge of the scales black. Caudal fin deeply forked. Body colour silvery, back and silvery below. Occurs throughout Bangladesh but comparatively abundant in haor areas.
**FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE**

### Labeo calbasu

*(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)*

**Fin formula:** D. 17-18(3/14-15); P. 16-18; Pp. 9(1/8); A. 7(2/5).

**English name:** Orange Fin Labeo/Black Rohu/Kalbasu.

**Kalibaush 70-80 cm**

**Local name:** Kalbaush, Baushe, Kalabaush, Kala, Kalia, Kaliara, Kaila, Kalira.

**Local name in haor area:** Kaila.

**IUCN Status:** Endangered.

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### Labeo rohita

*(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)*

**Fin formula:** D. 15-16(3/12-13); Pp. 16-17; Pp. 9; A. 7(2/5).

**English name:** Rohu.

**Rui 80-100 cm**

**Local name:** Rui, Ruhit, Vuitta, Rau, Nala, Garma, Nowsi, Rou.

**Local name in haor area:** Rou.

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.
**FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE**

**Labeo angra**

(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

Fin formula: D. 13(3/10); P1. 16; P2. 9(1/8); A. 7(5/2).

English name: Angra Labeo.

**Agun chokha 18-20 cm**

Local name: Agun chokha, Angrot, Kharsha, Kharia, Chirai, Chirain, Ranga rui, Karish, Dirua.

Local name in haor area: Karish, Dirua, Chirain, Chirai.

IUCN Status: Not Threatened.

**Labeo pangusia**

(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

Fin formula: D. 12-13(2/10-11); P1. 15-16; P2. 9(1/8); A. 7(2/5)

English name: Pangusia Labeo.

**Ghora mukh 35-40 cm**

Local name: Ghora mukh, Kating, Longu, Longu rui, Ghora mulkha, Ghora maach.

Local name in haor area: Ghora maach.

IUCN Status: Critically Endangered.
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**FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE**

**Labeo dyocheilus**
(McClelland, 1839)

*Fin formula:* Dii-iii 10-11; Ai 5; Pi 16; Vi 8 (Talwar, P.K., and Jhingran A.G. 1991)

*English name:* Brahmaputra Labeo.

*Local name:* Maita vanguri, Maita vanga.

*Local name in haor area:* Maitta vanguri, Maita vanga.

*Body form:* Mouth comparatively small, snout extended to a considerable distance beyond jaws. Upper lip thick and fimbriated towards beneath. Body colour grey-whitish. According to the fishermen this fish is found to be 6 to 9 inches highest and found in different rivers of Sunamganj adjacent to the Khashia hills of India.

*IUCN Status:* Data Deficient.

**Labeo bata**
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

*Fin formula:* D. 11(2/9); P1. 16-17; P2. 9(1/8); A. 7(2/5).

*English name:* Bata/Bata Labeo.

*Local name:* Bata, Bhangon bata.

*Local name in haor area:* Bata.

*Body form:* Body elongated, dorsal profile more convex than that of abdomen. Snout porous and projecting beyond lower jaw. Eye large, lips thin. A pair of short maxillary barbels present. Body colour darkish or bluish above and silvery below. An irregular black blotch present on anterior scales of lateral line and a large diffused black spot on base of caudal. Fins colour orange. Occurs in most of the rivers throughout Bangladesh.
### FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE

#### Labeo boggut
(Skyes, 1838)

**Fin formula:** D. 11-12; P1. 17; P2. 1/8; A. 2/7  
**English name:** Boggut Labeo.

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**IUCN Status:** Data Deficient.

#### Ghoria 15-20 cm

- Local name: Ghania, Ghoria, Pahaira maach, Naru maach.  
- Local name in haor area: Pahaira maach, Naru maach.

### FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE

#### Cirrhinus cirrhosus [Cirrhinus mrigala]
(Bloch, 1795)

**Fin formula:** D. 16(3/13); P1. 17; P2. 9(1/8); A. 8(3/5).  
**English name:** Mrigal Carp.

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**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.

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Dorsal profile more convex than that of abdomen. Snout rounded with pores. Two pairs of nostril pores present. Lateral line complete, scales medium sized. 40 to 43 scales on lateral line. Grayish along the back, silvery on the sides and below. Colour of pectoral, pelvic and anal fins are orange. Occurs in rivers, haors-baors, canals, beels throughout Bangladesh. Extensively cultured in ponds. Prefers muddy bottom.
**FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE**

*Cirrhinus reba*  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
Fin formula: D. 2-3/8-9; P1. 16; P2. 9; A. 3/5  
English name: Reba/ Reba Carp.

**Raik 25-30 cm**  
Local name: Raik, Nora, Taita, Takstiki, Bogna, Bhagna, Bata, Khoraki bata, Bhagna, Rayeti, Bhagon bata, Lachu, Laccho, Lachchu.  
Local name in haor area: Lachu.

IUCN Status: Vulnerable.

**Body elongate. Dorsal profile slightly more convex than the ventral profile. Eye small, not visible from ventral side of the head. Mouth small, lips thin. A pair of small rostral barbels present. Upper half of the body dark gray, silvery below. Dorsal and caudal fin greyish. Tip of pectoral and anal fins are orange in colour. In immature specimens, a black lateral band present. Occurs in rivers, canals, beels, haors and baors throughout Bangladesh.**

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**Puntius sarana**  
[Barbodes sarana]  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
Fin formula: D. 3/8; P1. 15; P2. 9; A. 3/5  
English name: Olive Barb.

**Deshi sarpunti 40-42 cm**  
Local name: Deshi sarpunti, Sarpunti, Saral punti, Kurti, Sarana, Samapunti, Sheron punti, Hyanol Puti, Punti tor.  
Local name in haor area: Phula.

IUCN Status: Critically Endangered.
Barbonymus gonionotus

[Puntius gonionotus] (Bleeker, 1850)

Fin formula: D. 4/8; P1. 15; P2. 9; A. 3/6-7.

English name: Java Barb/Silver Barb.

Local name: Thai sarpunti, Sarpunti, Rajpunti, Bedeshi sarphuta

Local name in haor area: Bedeshi sarphuta.

IUCN Status: Not Threatened.

FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE

Puntius guganio

(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

Fin formula: D. 11(3/8); P1. 12; P2. 9; A. 8(3/5)

English name: Glass Barb.

Local name: Mola punti, Kathale punti, Titkinda.

Local name in haor area: Kathale punti, Titkinda.

IUCN Status: Not Listed.
**FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE**

**Puntius phutunio**  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
**Fin formula:** D. 10(2/8); P1. 13-14; P2. 8; A. 7-8(2-3/5).  
**English name:** Spottedsail Barb/ Dwarf Barb/Pigmy Barb.  
**Body somewhat deep, compressed. Eye large, mouth small. No barbels present. Dorsal fin inserted equidistant between snout-tip and base of caudal fin. Last ray of dorsal fin is strong and serrated. Scales large, lateral line incomplete. Body greenish-silver. Two distinct vertically elongated broad bands on body, one from back to middle of pectoral and another from back to posterior end of anal base. Generally occurs in beels, baors, rivers and ponds.**

**Phutani punti 4-8 cm**  
**Local name:** Phutani punti, Phutuni punti, Titpunti, Titkinda.  
**Local name in haor area:** Titkinda.  
**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.

**Puntius conchonius**  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
**Fin formula:** D. 11(3/8); P1. 13-15; P2. 9(1/8); A. 7-8(2-3/5).  
**English name:** Rosy Barb.  
**Body deep and compressed. Mouth moderate, no barbels. Dorsal fin inserted equidistant between snout-tip and base of caudal fin. Scales medium. Lateral line incomplete. 24 to 26 scales in longitudinal series along lateral line. Back shinning olive green, flanks and belly silvery tinged with reddish. A black spot before caudal peduncle. Sides stained with red and purple during breeding season. It is found in all freshwater areas in Bangladesh. However, the fish is rare at present.**

**Bagha punti 10-14 cm**  
**Local name:** Bagha punti, Moyna punti, Kanchan punti, Gobra punti, Taka punti, Jhormoni punti.  
**Local name in haor area:** Punti.  
**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.
FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE

Puntius ticto
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)
Fin formula: D. 11(3/8); P1. 13-15; P2. 9; A. 7-8(2-3/8).
English name: Two-spot Barb/Ticto Barb/Firefin Barb.

Tit punti 6-10 cm
Local name: Tita punti, Titea punti, Mena punti, Titkinda.
Local name in haor area: Mena punti, Titkinda.

IUCN Status: Vulnerable.

Body elongate and compressed. Older fishes are often high-backed. Mouth small, no barbels. Dorsal fin inserted slightly posterior to opposite of pelvic fin origin. Scales medium, lateral line usually complete. Body colour silvery. Two black spots on lateral line. Smaller one near commencement of lateral line and larger one behind base of anal fin. Occurs in beels, baors, haors, rivers and ponds throughout Bangladesh.

FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE

Puntius gelius
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)
Fin formula: D. 10-11(2-3/8); P1. 14; P2. 9; A. 8(3/5).
English name: Golden Barb/Golden Dwarf Barb.

Gili punti 4-5 cm
Local name: Gili punti, Geli punti, Khudi punti, Dor punti, Titkinda, Raita guri, Tit punti.
Local name in haor area: Butkuri, Raita guri.

IUCN Status: Data Deficient.

Body elongate, mouth moderate. No barbels present. Dorsal fin situated slightly in advance of opposite of pelvic fin origin. Its last ray is strong and serrated. Scales fairly small, lateral line incomplete. Body reddish brown. A black band to a little anterior to base of caudal fin. A deep black large spot at root of dorsal fin, small black spots at base of anal fin. Available in most of the freshwater wetlands throughout Bangladesh.
**FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE**

**Puntius sophore**  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
**Fin formula:** D. 11(3/8); P1. 15; P2. 9(1/8); A. 8(3/5).  
**English name:** Pool Barb/Spotfin Swamp Barb.  
**RwZ cm:** 12-13 †m.wg.  
**Jat punti** 12-13 cm  
**Local name:** Jat punti, Veto punti, Vadi punti, Jatpunti, Punti, Jet punti, Jait punti, Roua punti.  
**Local name in haor area:** Roua punti.  

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.

**Body fairly deep and compressed. Lower profile comparatively less convex than the upper. One pair of short maxillary barbels present. Dorsal fin inserted equidistant between snout-tip and base of caudal fin. Body silvery, opercle shot with slightly red grey. A red lateral streak pruned during breeding season in male. Dark spot at the base of dorsal rays and tip of caudal base. Generally found in beels, baors, ponds and rivers.**

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**Puntius terio**  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
**Fin formula:** D. 11(3/8); P1. 14-15; P2. 9; A. 8(3/5).  
**English name:** Onespot Barb.

**Teri punti** 6-10 cm  
**Local name:** Teri punti, Bhaidda punti.  
**Local name in haor area:** Bhaidda punti.

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.

**Body fairly deep and compressed. Mouth moderate, no barbels. Dorsal fin inserted equidistant between snout-tip and base of caudal fin. Scales medium. Back metallic green, flanks green-silvery. Underside reddish or violet lustre. A large silvery black blotch at the middle over anal fin. Another black spot near the opercle. Once the species was found in rivers, canals, ponds, ditches and other inundated fields throughout Bangladesh. However, it is rare at present.**
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FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE

Oreichtys cosuatis [Puntius cosuatis]
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)
Fin formula: D. 11(3/8); Pr. 13-14; P. 9; A. 7(2/5).
English name: Cosuatis Barb.

Kosua punti 6-8 cm
Local name: Kosuati punti, Kosu puncti, Titkinda, Tit punti.
Local name in haor area: Titkinda.

IUCN Status: Not Threatened.

Body moderately compressed, dorsal profile more convex than the ventral profile. Mouth small, upper jaw slightly longer. No barbels present. Lateral line with 22 to 23 scales. The scales on lateral line row larger than others. Body colour reddish or silvery. Base of scales black. A black band along top of dorsal fin. Occurs in streams, canals, ponds and ditches. Once it was abundant, now it is rarely found.

FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE

Tor tor
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)
Fin formula: D. 12(3/9); Pr. 16-17; P. 9; A. 7(2/5).
English name: Tor Mahseer/Mahseer.

Mohashol 140-150 cm
Local name: Mohashol, Mashol, Tor, Tor Mahseer, Mohal, Mashol maach, Chandana mashol.
Local name in haor area: Mashol.

IUCN Status: Critically Endangered.

Body elongated, mouth downward, head relatively small. Mouth small, lips thick. Two pairs of barbels present. Maxillary pair longer than nostril. Body colour greyish green on dorsal side, belly silvery. Dorsal fin reddish. Pectoral and anal fins deep orange. A black spot on base of caudal fin in immature stage. This fish occurs in Kangsha and Someswari rivers in Netrokona and in the hilly rivers of Sylhet and Sunamganj. The species was abundant in Kaptai lake before however, it is rare at present.
**FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE**

**Catla catla**

(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

*Fin formula*: D. 17-18 (2/15-16); P1. 18-20; P2. 9; A. 8 (3/5).

*English name*: Catla.

*KvZjv 100-150 cm.*

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*Local name*: JKatla, Katla, Galtewa, Fega.

*Local name in haor area*: Katal.

*IUCN Status*: Not Threatened.

**Katla 100-150 cm**

*English name*: Catla.

*Local name*: JKatla, Katla, Galtewa, Fega.

*Local name in haor area*: Katal.

*IUCN Status*: Not Threatened.

**FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE**

**Crossocheilus latius**

(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

*Fin formula*: D. 10-11 (2-3/8); P1. 14-16; P2. 9; A. 7 (2/5).

*English name*: Gangetic Latia.

*KjvevUv 8-12 cm.*

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*Local name*: Kulabata, Kalabata.

*Local name in haor area*: Unknown.

*IUCN Status*: Endangered.

**Kalabata 8-12 cm**

*Local name*: Kulabata, Kalabata.

*Local name in haor area*: Unknown.

*Body elongated, snout oval having a thick edge. Mouth ventral, two pairs of small barbels present. 36 to 37 scales present in lateral line. Dorsal fin at middle of snout and caudal base. Caudal fin deeply forked, upper lobe slightly longer than the lower. Pectoral and caudal fin yellow, other fins orange coloured. Colour brown olive on back and silvery on belly. Irregular black line on flanks. It become more visible when soaked in to formalin. Generally they inhibit in rivers.*
**FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE**

**Garra gotyla**  
(Gray, 1832)  
Fin formula: D. 10(2/8); P. 15;  
P. 9; A. 7(2/5).  
English name: Sucker Head/Goytala.  

Body elongated, mouth arched, upper lips fringed. Snout covered with pores with a deep groove. Two pairs of barbels present which are shorter than eye diameter. Body sub cylindrical to gradually compressed behind. 32 to 35 scales present in lateral line, scales moderate-sized. Dorsal fin nearer tip of snout than to caudal base. Colour dark brown on back and light pink on flanks and belly. The fish is found in the rivers of Sunamganj, Sylhet and northern districts of Bangladesh. The fish is rarely found nowadays.

**Ghar Poia 12-14.5 cm**  
Local name: Ghar Poia.  
Local name in haor area: Unknown.  

**FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE**

**Hypophthalmichthys molitrix**  
(Valenciennes, 1844)  
Fin formula: D. 3/7; P. 1/17;  
P. 1/7; A. 2-3/12-14.  
English name: Silver Cap  

Body compressed, abdomen keel shaped. Head small. Lower jaw slightly longer than the upper. Scales small, lateral line with 110 to 115 scales. Dorsal fin short, situated slightly behind to opposite side. Body colour silvery white. Fins are dark coloured. The fish was introduced in Bangladesh in 1969 from Hong Kong. Now it is cultured in ponds.
**FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE**

**Hypophthalmichthys nobilis**  
(Richardson, 1845)  
*Fin formula:* D. 3/7; P1. 19; P2. 1/7; A. 3/12-13.  
*English name:* Bighead Carp.  
*Local name:* Big head carp, Brigade, Bigade, Brikate.  
*Local name in haor area:* Brigade, Bigade.  
*IUCN Status:* Not Listed.

**Grass carp 100-150 cm** (Exotic Fish)  
*Local name:* Grass carp, Gaas cup, Gaas khauri, Glass cup.  
*Local name in haor area:* Gas cap, Gas khauri.  
*IUCN Status:* Not Listed.
**FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE**

*Cyprinus carpio var. communis*  
(Linnaeus, 1758)  
**Fin formula:** D. 3/18-20; P1. 1/15; P2. 1/9; A. 3/5.  
**English name:** Common Carp.

Body broad, slightly compressed. Head triangular, snout obtusely rounded, mouth small. Barbels two pairs, maxillary barbels twice as long as rostral pair. Scales medium. Body colour dark grey on back, light grayish on belly. The official sources indicate that it was introduced in Bangladesh in 1960. Now it is cultured in the ponds.

**IUCN Status:** Not Listed.

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**FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE**

*Cyprinus carpio*  
(Linnaeus, 1758)  
**Fin formula:** D. 3/18-20; P1. 1/15; P2. 1/9; A. 3/5.  
**English name:** Common Carp.

Body broad, slightly compressed. Head triangular, snout obtusely rounded, mouth small. Barbels two pairs, maxillary barbels twice as long as rostral pair. Scales medium. Body colour dark grey on back, light grayish on belly. The official sources indicate that it was introduced in Bangladesh in 1960. Now it is cultured in the ponds.

**IUCN Status:** Not Listed.
**FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE**

*Cyprinus carpio var. specularis*  
(Linnaeus, 1758)  
**Fin formula:** D. 3/18-20; P1. 1/15; P2. 1/9; A. 3/5.  
**English name:** Mirror Carp.  
**Local name:** Mirror carp, Minar carp.  
**Local name in haor area:** Minar carp.  

**Body broad, slightly compressed.**  
Head triangular, snout obtusely rounded, mouth small.  
Two pair of barbels, maxillary barbels twice as long as rostral pair.  
Body uncovered with randomly arranged large scales.  
Body colour slightly orange. The fish was introduced in Bangladesh from Nepal in 1979. Now it is cultured in ponds.

*Mylopharyngodon piceus*  
(Richardson, 1846)  
**Fin formula:** D. 7-9; P1. 19; P2. 1/7; A. 3/7-9.  
**English name:** Black Carp.  
**Local name:** Black carp, Snail carp, Blat carp.  
**Local name in haor area:** Blat carp.  

**Body elongated.**  
Resembles like grass carp. Body colour dark grey. Finsh are dark coloured. Mainly feed on live snails. The fish was bought from China and introduced in Bangladesh by the Department of Fisheries in 1983. It is cultured in ponds in different districts of Bangladesh.
FAMILY: BALITORIDAE

Nemachilus botia [Acanthocobitis botia] (Hamilton Buchanan, 1822)
Fin formula: D. 13(2/11); P1. 10; P2. 8(1/7); A. 6(1/5).

Gutum 10-11 cm
Local name: Gutum, Gutea, Gutia, Kholoi muchuri, Bilchuri, Balichata.
Local name in haor area: Kholoi muchuri.

IUCN Status: Data Deficient.

Body cylindrical, mouth small, lips fleshy. 3 pairs of barbles present, 2 rostral and 1 maxillary pairs. Eyes situated at the middle of head touching the dorsal margin. Caudal fin slightly notched. 12-15 dark descended bands on back. 5-6 black bars present on dorsal and caudal fin. A black streak present from the eye to the snout. A black ocellus at upper corner of caudal base. They are found in the hill streams of Sylhet and Sunamganj.

Nemachilus zonalternans
[Acanthocobitis zonalternans] (Blyth, 1860)
Fin formula: D. 11(2/9); P1. 10; P2. 6; A. 7(2/5).

Gutum 10-12 cm
Local name: Gutum, Gutea, Gutia, Kholoi muchuri, Balichata.

IUCN Status: Data Deficient.
**FAMILY: COBITIDAE**

**Pangio cobitis**

(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

**English name:** Indian Coolie-loach/ Pangia Coolie-loach/Cinnamon Loach.

**Fin formula:**

\[D. 2/8; P1. 10; P2. 6; A. 2/7; C. 17.\]

**Local name:** Panga, Pangya, Sindure gutum.

**Local name in haor area:** Sindure gutum.

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.

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**Somileptes cobitis**

(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

**English name:** Gongota Loach.

**Fin formula:**

\[D. 2/8; P1. 10; P2. 7; A. 7(2/5).\]

**Local name:** Pahari gutum, Ganga sagor, Ghar poia, Poia, Puiya, Bagha gutum, Telkupi.

**Local name in haor area:** Bagha, Bagha gutum, Telkupi.

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.
**FAMILY: COBITIDAE**

**Botia dario**  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
**Fin formula:** D. 11-13(2-3/9-10); P1. 14; P2. 8; A. 7-8(2/5-6).  
**English name:** Bengal Loach/ Necktie Loach.  
**Local name:** Rani, Putul, Beti, Botya, Bou mach, Belangi, Batrangi, Beti, Buktia, Nanin.  
**Local name in haor area:** Rani, Nanin.  
**IUCN Status:** Data Deficient.

**Botia dayi**  
(Hora, 1932)  
**Fin formula:** D. 12(3/9); P1. 14; P2. 8; A. 7(2/5); C. 19.  
**English name:** Hora Loach.  
**Local name:** Beti, Bala betia, Betengi, Rani, Nanin.  
**Local name in haor area:** Rani, Nanin.  
**IUCN Status:** Endangered.

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**Botia dario**

Body elongate, laterally compressed. Mouth small, barbels four pairs (two pairs rostral, one pair each of maxillary and mandibular). Seven or eight dark brownish oblique vertical bands on body. One yellowish band beside each brown band. Caudal with 2-3 or more black bands. Occurs in canals, beels, haors, baors and rivers. Like clayei bottom. The fish is less abundant at present.

**Botia dayi**

Body elongate, dorsal profile arched, ventral profile nearly straight. Head long, pointed, mouth small. Barbels four pairs (two pairs rostral, one pair each of maxillary and mandibular). Scales minute and rounded. Head and body reticulated with dark brown bands which enclose different sizes yellowish spots. Caudal fin deeply forked with 2-3 or more black bands. Occurs in canals, beels, haors, baors and rivers. Like clayei bottom. The fish is rare at present.
**FAMILY: COBITIDAE**

*Lepidocephalus guntea*

(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

Fin formula: D. 8(2/6); P1. 8-9; P2. 7-8; A. 7(2/5).

English name: Guntea Loach.

Local name: Gutum, Gutea, Gutia, Poya, Puinya.

Local name in haor area: Gutum.

IUCN Status: Not Threatened.


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*Lepidocephalichthys annandalei* [*Lepidocephalus annandalei*]

(Chaudhuri, 1912)

Fin formula: D. 1/7; P1. 8; P2. 6; A. 2/5.

English name: Annandalei Loach.

Local name: Gutum, Gutea, Gutia, Puinya.

Local name in haor area: Gutum.

IUCN Status: Not Threatened.

Body elongate, snout compressed. A bifid spine below orbit. Four pairs of minute barbels. Scales very small. Light brown on back, silvery on flanks, whitish beneath. Minute dark brown specks on upper half of the body. 9-10 irregular brown blotches present along the lateral line. A deep black spot at caudal base. They occurs in canals, beels, haors, baors and rivers through Bangladesh.
**ORDER: SILUROFORMES [CYPRINIFORMES]**

**FAMILY: CLARIIDAE**

*Clarias batrachus*  
(Linnaeus, 1758)

- **Fin formula:** D. 64-70; P1. I/9-10; P2. I, 6; A. 45-52.
- **English name:** Walking Catfish.

**Magur 30-35 cm**

- **Local name:** Magur, Mojgur, Mogjur, Mochkur.
- **Local name in haor area:** Magur.

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.

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*Clarias gariepinus*  
(Burchell, 1822)

- **Fin formula:** D. 61-80; P1. I/9-10; P2. I, 6; A. 45-65.
- **English name:** North African Catfish.

**African magur 90-170 cm (Exotic Fish)**

- **Local name:** African magur, Bedeshi mogjur.
- **Local name in haor area:** Bedeshi magur.

**IUCN Status:** Not Listed.
**FAMILY: SILURIDAE**

**Wallago attu**
(Bloch & Schneider, 1801)

**Fin formula:** D. 5; P1. I/13-14; P2. 10; A. 85-89.

**English name:** Wallago/ Freshwater Shark.

**Boal 200-240 cm**

**Local name:** Boal, Bol, Ball, Boali, Boyel, Boyari, Kiali, Poyel, Goaal.

**Local name in haor area:** Boal, Goaal.

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.

**Wallago attu**


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**FAMILY: SILURIDAE**

**Ompok bimaculatus**
(Bloch, 1797)

**Fin formula:** D. 4; P1. I/11-13; P2. 7-8; A. 66-71.

**English name:** Butter Catfish/ Indian Butter Catfish.

**Boali pabda 40-45 cm**

**Local name:** Boali pabda, Pabda, Kani pabda, Pafta, Pafta, Paibba.

**Local name in haor area:** Paibba.

**IUCN Status:** Endangered.

**Ompok bimaculatus**

**FAMILY: SILURIDAE**

**Ompok pabda**  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
Fin formula: D: 4; P1: I/11-13;  
P2: A; 53-59.  
English name: Pabda Catfish/  
Two Stripe Gulper Catfish.  

- Length: 25-30 cm.  
- Local name: Madhu pabda, Pabda, Pabia, Lali paibba, Loti paibba, Pafta, Pabia, Papayisa.  
- Local name in haor area: Lali paibba, Loti paibba.  
- IUCN Status: Endangered.

**Ompok pabo**  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
Fin formula: D: 5; P1: I/14;  
English name: Pabo Catfish.  

- Length: 20-25 cm.  
- Local name: Pabda, Pabia, Pafta, Pabia, Papayisa, Paibba, Kala pabda.  
- Local name in haor area: Paibba.  
- IUCN Status: Endangered.

**Madhu pabda 25-30 cm**  

**Pabda 20-25 cm**  

Body elongate and compressed. Snout rounded, lower jaw longer than the upper. Barbels two pairs. Maxillary pair extends to the end of pectoral fin. Teeth in villiform rows on the jaws. Dorsal fin situated above the last half of the pectoral fin. Anal fin long. Caudal fin forked, both lobes rounded. Colour silvery-grey with a tinge of yellow, dark on back, fading to dull grey on belly. Sometimes with two dark lateral bands on body, a dark oval spot on shoulder. They inhabit in canals, beels, haors, baors, ponds and rivers.

**FAMILY: HETEROPNEUSTIDAE**

*Heteropneustes fossilis*  
(Bloch, 1794)  
Fin formula: D. 6-7; P. 1/6-7;  
Po. 6; A. 62-70  
English name: Stinging Catfish.  

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**Shing 20-30 cm**  
Local name: Shingi, Hing, Hingi, Jiol, Jeal, Kanoch.  
Local name in haor area: Hing, Shing.  

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.

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**FAMILY: OLYRIDAE**

*Olyra Longicaudata [Olyra kempi]*  
(Chaudhuri, 1912)  
Fin formula: D. 1/7; P. 1/6;  
Po. 1/5; A. 18-19.  
English name: Himalayan Olyra/ Bannertail Catfish/ Longtail Catfish.  

**Bot Shingi 12-14 cm**  
Local name: Bot Shingi.  
Local name in haor area: Unknown.  

**IUCN Status:** Data Deficient.
**FAMILY: CHACIDAE**

**Chaca chaca**  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
**Fin formula:** D. I/4; P. I/5;  
**English name:** Squarehead/Angler Catfish/Indian Chaca.  
**M*b* 15-20 †m.wg.**  
Snout obtuse and rounded. Mouth fairly wide, villiform teeth on both jaws, vomer and palate. Dorsal spine strong, strongly serrated posteriorly and finely serrated on its anterior edge. Caudal fin deeply forked. Belly silvery, greenish-grey on back, sides of head golden tinge. Fins reddish-yellow. Distributed in estuaries and rivers throughout Bangladesh. However, the fish is rare at present.

**Local name:** Gangane, Chaka, Chaga, Chapa, Kaau, Bengseba, Beng chakka, Bangra, Kotkot, Chekvega.  
**Local name in haor area:** Kaau, Bangra, Beng chakka.  
**IUCN Status:** Endangered.

**FAMILY: PANGASIIDAE**  
**[SCHILBEIDAE]**

**Pangasius pangasius**  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
**Fin formula:** D. I/7; P. I/12;  
**English name:** Yellowtail Catfish/Pungas.  
**M*b* 120-300 †m.wg.**  

**Local name:** Pungas, Deshi pungas.  
**Local name in haor area:** Deshi pungas.  
**IUCN Status:** Critically Endangered.
**FAMILY: PANGASIIDAE**  
* [SCHILBEIDAE]

*Pangasianodon hypophthalmus*  
(Sauvage, 1878)  
Fin formula: D. I/6; P1. I/12; P2. 8-9; A. 29-30.  
English name: Sutchi Catfish.

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Body elongate and moderately compressed. Head small, smooth skinned. Upper jaw slightly longer than the lower. Fins are red coloured. Young with a black stripe along the lateral line and another black stripe below the lateral line. Body colour silvery with dark back. The fish was first introduced in Bangladesh in 1990 from Thailand. Now it is cultured all over the country.
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**IUCN Status:** Not Listed.

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**FAMILY: SCHILBEIDAE**

*Silonia silondia*  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
Fin formula: D. I/7; P1. I/12-13; P2. 6; A. 41-46.  
English name: Silond Catfish/ Silondia Vacha.

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**IUCN Status:** Endangered.
FAMILY: SCHILBEIDAE

**Ailia coila**
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)
Fin formula: D. absent; P1. I/14; P2. 6; A. 67-75.
English name: Gangetic Ailia.

Kajuli 18-30 cm
Local name: Kajuli, Kajoli, Bansh pata, Bet lalaya.
Local name in haor area: Bansh pata, Bet lalaya.

IUCN Status: Not Threatened.

**Pseudeutropius atherinoides**
[Clupisoma atherinoides]
(Bloch, 1794)
Fin formula: D. I/5-6; P1. I/7; P2. 6; A. 33-40.
English name: Indian Potasi.

Batasi 10-15 cm
Local name: Batasi, Batai, Aluni, Banshpati, Laiya, Batala, Ful tengra, Teen kanta, Teen kanta batasi.
Local name in haor area: Teen kata, Laiya.

IUCN Status: Not Threatened.
FAMILY: SCHILBEIDAE

Eutropiichthys vacha
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)
Fin formula: D. I/7; P-. I/13-14;
P-. 1/5; A. 3-41/4-48.
English name: Batchwa Bacha.

Body elongate and compressed. Mouth large. Gape extends below
posterior margin of eye. Teeth villiform on jaws. Barbles four pairs.
Maxillary pair extends to pectoral fin. Dorsal spine small and serrated on
its posterior border. Caudal fin deeply forked. Colour silvery, greyish on
back. Pectorals, dorsal and caudal black edged. Inhibits in haors, baors
and rivers.

IUCN Status: Critically Endangered.

Eutropiichthys murius
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)
Fin formula: D. I/7; P-. I/13;
P-. 6; A. 3/35-37.
English name: Indus Garua.

Body elongate and compressed. Mouth large. Gape extends below
posterior margin of eye. Teeth villiform on jaws. Barbles four pairs.
Maxillary pair extends to pectoral fin. Dorsal spine small and serrated on
its posterior border. Caudal fin deeply forked. Colour silvery, greyish on
back. Pectorals, dorsal and caudal black edged. Inhibits in haors, baors
and rivers.

IUCN Status: Not Threatened.
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FAMILY: SCHILBEIDAE

Clupisoma garua
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)
Fin formula: D. I/7; P. 11/11;
English name: Garua Bacha/ Gagra.

Ghaura 55-60 cm
Local name: Ghaura, Gharua,
Gharua, Laira.
Local name in haor area: Laira.

IUCN Status: Data Deficient.


FAMILY: AMBLYCIPITIDAE

Amblyceps mangois
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)
Fin formula: D. I/6; P. 7/7;
P. 6; A. 9-12.
English name: Indian Torrent Catfish.

Kanoch 10-12 cm
Local name: Kanoch.
Local name in haor area: Unknown.

IUCN Status: Data Deficient.

Body elongate, head small, broad, covered with thick skin. Eyes small, snout rounded, mouth wide. Four pairs of barbels present, maxillary pair reach beyond middle of pectoral fin. Dorsal fin situated nearer to snout tip than to base of caudal fin. Dorsal spine weak. Caudal fin forked, upper lobe of caudal fin longer than that of the lower. Body colour greyish-brown, lighter below. Occurs in hilly following straems. However, the fish is rare at present.
**FAMILY: BAGRIDAЕ**

### Rita rita

*(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)*

**Fin formula:** D. I/6; P1. I/10; P2. 8; A. 11-13.

**English name:** Rita.

**Local name:** Rita, Rida.

**Local name in haor area:** Rida.

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**IUCN Status:** Critically Endangered.

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**Body short, head large, depressed. Mouth fairly wide, barbels three pairs. Villiform teeth on both jaws. Dorsal spine strong, serrated posteriorly on upper part only. Adipose fin short, caudal fin forked. Body colour greenish-brown, pale below. Lives in rivers and estuaries. Prefers muddy bottom.**

### Rama chandramara

*[Chandramara chandramara]*

*(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)*

**Fin formula:** D. I/6-7; P1. I/5; P2. 6; A. 14-16.

**English name:** Asian Cory.

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**Local name:** Bichi guinga, Futki bujuri, Futki guzi, Gura tengra, Bajria tengra, Jol guinga, Painya bujuri.

**Local name in haor area:** Jol guinga, Painya bujuri.

**IUCN Status:** Data Deficient.

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**Body elongate, dorsal profile arched, ventral profile nearly straight. Mouth small, upper jaw slightly longer than lower. Barbels four pairs. Dorsal spine weak, caudal fin forked. Body colour yellowish above and on flanks, white on belly. Black dots irregularly distributed all over body. Air bladder visible from outside in the region above pectoral fin. Occurs in canals, beels, haors, baors and ponds.**
**FAMILY: BAGRIDAЕ**

Aorichthys aor  
[Sperata aor] [Mystus aor]  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
Fin formula: D. I/7; P. I/9-10;  
P. 1/5; A. 12-13.  
English name: Long-Whiskered Catfish.  
AvBo 160-180 †m.wg.  
Ayer 160-180 cm  
Local name: Ayer, Aar, Gang magur, Ghagot, Buitta, Buitta kanta, Bheri ghagot.  
Local name in haor area: Gang magur, Ghagot, Buitta, Buitta kanta, Bheri ghagot.  
IUCN Status: Vulnerable.

Aorichthys seenghala  
[Sperata seenghala] [Mystus seenghala]  
(Sykes, 1839)  
Fin formula: D. I/7; P. I/9;  
P. 1/5; A. 11-12.  
English name: Giant River-Catfish/  
Tengara/Seenghari.  
AvBo 120-150 †m.wg.  
Ayer 120-150 cm  
Local name: Talla ayer, Bansh ayer, Baro ayer, Ayer, Aar, Langule ayer, Guji kata, Kata, Guizza, Guizza ayer, Guzi ayer.  
Local name in haor area: Langule ayer, Guzi kata, Kata.  
IUCN Status: Endangered.
**FAMILY: BAGRIDAE**

*Hemibagrus menoda (Mystus menoda)*

(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

Fin formula: D. I/7; P. I/7-8; A. 11.

English name: Menoda Catfish.

**Ghagor 40-45 cm**

Local name: Ghagor, Ghagla, Gang magur, Awari, Golsha-tengra, Koune, Koune magur.

Local name in haor area: Ghagla, Gang magur.

IUCN Status: Not Threatened.

**Mystus cavasius**

(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

Fin formula: D. I/7; P. I/8; A. 11.

English name: Gangetic Mystus.

**Gulsha 20-25 cm**

Local name: Gulsha, Golsha tengra, Nameeshwar tengra, Kabasi tengra, Kabasi golsa.

Local name in haor area: Gulsha.

IUCN Status: Vulnerable.
**FAMILY: BAGRIDAE**

**Mystus bleekeri**

*(Day, 1877)*

**Fin formula:** D. I/7; P. I/9-10; P. 6; A. 9-10.

**English name:** Day’s Mystus.

**Gulsha 15-18 cm**

**Local name:** Gulsha, Golsha tengra, Golsha, Loitta tengra.

**Local name in haor area:** Loitta tengra, gulsha.

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.

**FAMILY: BAGRIDAE**

**Mystus tengara**

*(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)*

**Fin formula:** D. I/7; P. I/8; P. 6; A. 10-13.

**English name:** Tengara Mystus/Striped Dwarf Catfish/Pearl Catfish.

**Bojuri tengra 6-8 cm**

**Local name:** Bojuri tengra, Bajari tengra, Bujuri, Kalo bojuri, Kalo bujuri, Bajari, Bojri, Bojja, Bajo tengra, Ghuitta tengra.

**Local name in haor area:** Bujuri.

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.
FAMILY: BAGRIDAE

**Mystus vittatus**
(Bloch, 1794)

**Fin formula:** D. I/7; P. I/9; A. 11.

**English name:** Asian Striped Catfish/ Stripped River Catfish.

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.


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**Mystus armatus**
(Day, 1865)

**Fin formula:** D. I/7; P. I/9; A. 10-11.

**English name:** Kerala Mystus.

**IUCN Status:** Data Deficient.

**FAMILY: SISORIDAE**

**Glyptothorax telchitta**  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
*Fin formula: D. I/6; P. I/9; P_. 1/5; A. 1/11.*  
*English name: Sylhet Hara.*  
*Teli 10-12 cm*  
*Local name: Teli, Telchitta.*  
*Local name in haor area: Unknown.*


**IUCN Status:** Data Deficient.

**Gogangra viridescens**  
[Nangra viridescens]  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
*Fin formula: D. I/6; P. I/18; P_. 1/5; A. 3/8-9.*  
*English name: Huddah Nangra.*

*Gang tengra 7-8.5 cm*  
*Local name: Gang tengra, Gun mach, Gyara.*  
*Local name in haor area: Gun mach.*


**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.
FAMILY: SISORIDAE

**Gagata chenia**
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1976)
**English name:** Indian Gagata/Clown Catfish.

- **Fin formula:** D. I/6; P1. I/8; P2. 1/5; A. 3-4/10-11; C. 18.
- **Body:** Elongate, compressed and head flattened on ventral surface. Eye large, not visible from ventral surface. Barbles four pairs. Maxillary pair with stiff base, shorter than the head, extends to the base of the pectoral. Dorso-lateral spine smooth on anterior edge but serrated on posterior edge. Pectoral spines finely serrated at the distal half on the outer edge, 2-9 denticulations on the inner edge. Caudal fin deeply forked. Colour yellowish, 5-6 dark bands along dorsal surface. They mainly inhabit in rivers.

- **Local name:** Chenia, Jungla, Kauwa, Tengra, Gang tengra, Gun mach.
- **Local name in haor area:** Gun mach.
- **IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.

**FAMILY: SISORIDAE [BAGRIDAE]**

**Bagarius yarrellii**
(Skyes, 1841)
**[Bagarius bagarius]**
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)
**English name:** Dwarf Goonch/Gangetic Goonch.

- **Fin formula:** D. I/6; P1. I/13; P2. 1/6; A. 11-13; C. 16.

- **Local name:** Bagha ayer, Vagair, Baghair, Bagor, Bagar.
- **Local name in haor area:** Bagar.
- **IUCN Status:** Critically Endangered.
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FAMILY: ERETHISTIDAE [SISORIDAE]

Erethistes jerdoni [Hara jerdoni]
(Day, 1870)
Fin formula: D. I/5; P 1/6; P. 6; A. 8; C. 12.
English name: Sylhet Hara.

Kutakanti 3-3.8 cm
Local name: Hera, Kutakanti, Harkata.
Local name in haor area: Unknown.

IUCN Status: Not Threatened.

Erethistes jerdoni


FAMILY: ERETHISTIDAE [SISORIDAE]

Erethistes hara [Hara hara]
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)
Fin formula: D. I/5; P 1/6; P. 6; A. 9; C. 14.
English name: Koshi Hara.

Harkata 10-13 cm
Local name: Hera, Kutakanti, Harkata.
Local name in haor area: Unknown.

IUCN Status: Not Threatened.

Erethistes hara

Upper jaw longer than the lower. Barbels four pairs. Maxillary pair reaches upto posterior end of pectoral fin base. Dorsal spine strong, smooth anteriorly, serrated posteriorly. Pectoral spine moderately long, 6-7 pairs of serrations on outer edge and 9-10 backwardly directed serrations on inner edge. Skin rough with bony tubercles. Body colour brown with irregular bands. All fins with whitish bands. Occurs in streams of Sunamganj, Sylhet, Mymensingh and Dinajpur districts of Bangladesh.
ORDER: OSTEOGLOSSIFORMES ([CLUPEIFORMES)

FAMILY: NOTOPTERIDAE

Chitala chitala [Notopterus chitala]
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

Fin formula: D. 9; P1. 15-16; P2. 6; A. 115-120.

English name: Clown Knifefish/ Humped Featherback.

Chitala 100-122 cm
Local name: Chital, Chitla, Chityal.
Local name in haor area: Chital.

IUCN Status: Endangered.

Foli 25-60 cm
Local name: Foli, Foli, Folai, Folo, Kanla, Kanila, Kangla, Vali, Kanafoli.
Local name in haor area: Kangla.

IUCN Status: Vulnerable.

ORDER: OSTEOGLOSSIFORMES [CLUPEIFORMES)

FAMILY: NOTOPTERIDAE

Notopterus notopterus
(Pallas, 1769)

Fin formula: D. 7-8; P1. 15-17; P2. 5-6; A. 99-104.

English name: Bronze Featherback/ Grey Featherback.

Notopterus notopterus

ORDER: CLUPEIFORMES
FAMILY: ENGRAULIDAE

Setipinna phasa
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)
Fin formula: D. I+2-3/11-12; P1. 1/12-13; P2. 1/6; A. 64-72.

English name: Gangetic Hairfin Anchovy.

Body elongate, deeply compressed. 7 prepelvic and 15 postpelvic scutes on edge of belly. Dorsal fin nearer to snout than to base of caudal. About 52 scales present along median lateral series. Outer ray of pectoral fin produced in to a filament which reaches middle of anal. Caudal fin forked, lower lobe longer. Upper surface of body greyish, sides and abdomen silvery. Dorsal, anal and caudal fin yellow, edge of caudal fin blackish. Inhibits in estuary but found in freshwater rivers in rainy season.

IUCN Status: Not Threatened.

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FAMILY: CLUPEIDAE

Gudusia chapra
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)
Fin formula: D. 3/11-12; P1. 1/12-13; P2. 7; A. 2/21-23.

English name: Indian River Shad.


IUCN Status: Not Threatened.
**FAMILY: CLUPEIDAE**

*Tenualosa ilisha*

(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

**Fin formula:** D. 3/14-16; P1. 14-16; P2. 1-7; A. 2-3/16-20; C. 19.

**English name:** Hilsa, Shad, River Shad.

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**Ilish** 50-60 cm

**Local name:** Ilish, Ilsa, Hilsa.

**Local name in haor area:** Ilish.

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.

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*Corica soborna*

(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

**Fin formula:** D. 14-15; P1. 12-13; P2. 8; A. 13-14 + 2.

**English name:** Ganges River Sprat, Ganga River Sprat.

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**Kachki** 5-6 cm

**Local name:** Kachki, Keckhi, Kechli, Khoirka, Subarna, Subarna-kharika, Guramach, Takii.

**Local name in haor area:** Kechki, Kechli.

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.
**FAMILY: CLUPEIDAE**

**Gonialosa manmina**
*(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)*

**Fin formula:** D. 3/12-13; P1. 14-15; P2. 8; A. 24-25.

**English name:** Ganges River Gizzard Shad.

**Local name in haor area:** Mali chapila, Fuka.

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.

**ORDER: PERCIFORMES [CHANNIFORMES]**

**FAMILY: CHANNIDAE**

**Channa striatus**
*(Bloch, 1793)*

**Fin formula:** D. 42-46; P1. 15-17; P2. 6; A. 24-27.

**English name:** Striped Snaked/Banded Snakehead.

**Local name in haor area:** Shoul, Houl.

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.
**FAMILY: CHANNIDAE**

**Channa marulius**  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
*Fin formula: D. 49-55; P. 17-19; P'. 6; A. 28-35.*  
*English name: Great Snakehead/Giant Snakehead.*  
*MR 100-180 †m.wg.*  
*Local name: Gazar, Gazal, Gazri, Sal.*  
*Local name in haor area: Gazar.*  
*IUCN Status: Endangered.*

Body elongate, fairly rounded in cross-section. Mouth large, lower jaw slightly longer. Several rows of teeth present on both jaws. Scales on head larger. Body colour grey-green or black-green on back in adult. 5-6 large black blotches on body. Caudal fin rounded. A large white edged occellus at the upper base of caudal. Minute white spots on fins and on black blotches of the body. Occurs in beels, haors, baors and ponds.

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**Channa punctatus**  
(Bloch, 1793)  
*Fin formula: D. 29-32; P. 15-18; P'. 6; A. 20-22.*  
*English name: Spotted Snakehead.*  
*Uvw 25-30 †m.wg.*  
*Local name: Taki, Tahi, Lati, Lata, Okol, Latha, Gorai, Chaitan, Saitan, Rakhta taki, Veto taki, Vatua taki, Voskol, Sati, Ladi, Chengi.*  
*Local name in haor area: Ladi, Chengi.*  
*IUCN Status: Not Threatened.*

**FAMILY: CHANNIDAE**

**Channa orientalis**  
(Bloch & Schneider, 1801)  
**Fin formula:** D. 31-36; P. 1. 14-15; P2. 6; A. 20-24.  
**English name:** Walking Snakehead/ Ceylon Snakehead/ Asiatic Snakehead.  
**Local name:** Taki, Tahi, Cheng, Cheng taki, Khelo taki, Raga, Laua, Kaubba chengi.  
**Local name in haor area:** Kaubba chengi.  
**IUCN Status:** Vulnerable.

**Macrognathus aral**  
(Bloch & Schneider, 1801)  
**Fin Formula:** D. XVI-XXIII/45-50; P. 23-24; P. absent; A. III/44-52; C. 16.  
**English name:** One-Stripe Spinyeel.  
**Local name:** Tara baim, Tara baan, Star baim, Pata baim, Pato baan, Baim, Baam, Baan, Phal gata, Phal gochi.  
**Local name in haor area:** Tara baim, Star baim.  
**IUCN Status:** Vulnerable.
### FAMILY: MASTACEMBELIDAE

**Mastacembelus armatus**
(Lacepède, 1800)

**Fin formula:** D. XXXVII-XXXVIII/78-84; P1. 25-26; P2. absent; A. 1/77-85.

**English name:** Zig-Zag Eel/Tire-Track Spinyeel.

- **Local name:** Shal baim, Shal baan, Boro baim, Baim, Baan, Bamosh, Banni, Goni, Baan, Go baim, Chia baim.
- **Local name in haor area:** Shal baim, Chia baim.

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.

**Macrognathus pancalus**
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

**Fin formula:** D. XXIV-XXVI/30-42; P1. 17-19; P2. absent; A. 1/31-46; C. 12.

**English name:** Barred Spinyeel/Striped Spinyeel.

- **Local name:** Guchi, Guchi baim, Kochi baan, Kera baan, Pankal, Chikra, Chikri, Baim, Baan, Pankal, Turi, Guchi, Gota.
- **Local name in haor area:** Chikra.

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.
**FAMILY: MUGILIDAE**

*Rhinomugil corsula*  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
**Fin formula:** D. IV; D. 2. I/7-8; P1. 15-16; P2. I/5; A. III/9.  
**English name:** Corsula Mullet.  
**Li‡kvjv 30-45 †m.wg.**  
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**Khorshola 30-45 cm**  
**Local name:** Khorshola, Khorsula, Khorsuna, Khalla, Halla, Kassune, Khorum maach, Bata, Arware, Hira, Khor, Pungtara, Urul.  
**Local name in haor area:** Khalla, Halla.  
**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.  

**FAMILY: BELONTIIDAE [ANABANTIIDAE]**  

*Colisa chuna* (Qureshi, 1965)  
*Trichogaster chuna* [Colisa sota]  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
**Fin formula:** D. XVI-XVIII/6-8; P1. 8-9; P2. 1; A. XX-XXIII/12-13; C. 15.  
**English name:** Honey Gourami/ Sunset Gourami.  
**Pzbv Lwjkv 4-5 †m.wg.**  
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**Chuna khalisha 4-5 cm**  
**Local name:** Chuna khalisha, Boicha, Chuchra, Koiya chata.  
**Local name in haor area:** Koiya chata.  
**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.
FAMILY: BELONTIIDAE [ANABANTIIDAE]

**Colisa fasciata** (Bloch & Schneider, 1801)

*Colisa fasciatus* (Schneider, 1801)

**Fin formula**: D. XV-XVIII/10-14; P. 9-10; P. 5; A. XV-XVIII/15-19; C. 15-16.

**English name**: Banded Gourami/Striped Gourami/Giant Gourami.

**Local name**: Khalisha, Khailsha, Khaila, Cheli, Chopra, Khoksa, Khaiya.

**Local name in haor area**: Khaiya.

**IUCN Status**: Not Threatened.

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**Colisa lalia** [Colisa lalius]

(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

**Fin formula**: D. XV-XVII/7-10; P. 8-10; P. 5; A. XVII-XX/13-17.

**English name**: Dwarf Gourami.

**Local name**: Lal khalisha, Boicha, Ranga khalisha, Chuchra, Chata.

**Local name in haor area**: Chata.

**IUCN Status**: Not Threatened.

**Body**

**FAMILY: BELONTIIDAE**

**[ANABANTIIDAE]**

**Ctenops nobilis**
(McClelland, 1845)

**Fin formula:** D. IV-VI/6-8; P. I/5; A. IV-V/23-28.

**English name:** Frail Gourami/Indian Paradisefish.

**Local name:** Naptey khalisha, Napit, Beukul, Naptani, Madhumala, Naptey khoira.

**Local name in haor area:** Napit.

**IUCN Status:** Endangered.

**Ctenops nobilis**

Body elongate, strongly compressed. Mouth pointed, lower jaw longer. Dorsal and anal spines rather strong. Caudal fin rounded. Scales ctenoid. Body colour brownish black with a silvery white band from eye to base of caudal. Occurs in canals, beels, haors, baors and ponds. However, the fish is rarely seen at present.

**Anabas testudineus**

(Bloch, 1792)

**Fin formula:** D. XVII-XVIII/8-9; P. 15-17; A. X-XI/9-10.

**English name:** Climbing Perch.

**Local name:** Koi.

**Local name in haor area:** Koi.

**IUCN Status:** Not Threatened.

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FAMILY: GOBIIDAE

Brachygobius nunus
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)
Fin formula: D1. VI; D2. I/7; P1. 14-16; A. I/7; C. 15.
English name: Bumblebee Goby.

Body cylindrical anteriorly and somewhat compressed posteriorly. Size very small. Head obtuse, lower jaw slightly longer. Scales ctenoid. Body colour yellowish brown, 5 or 6 black vertical bands on body. They are mainly estuarine, also found in freshwater.

IUCN Status: Not Threatened.

Family: GOBIIDAE

Glossogobius giuris
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)
Fin formula: D1. VI; D2. I/9; P1. 17-18; A. I/8.
English name: Tank Goby.


IUCN Status: Not Threatened.
**FAMILY: GOBIIDAE**

*Gobiopterus chuno*  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
English name: Gobius Chuno.  

Local name: Chuno.  
Local name in haor area: Unknown.  

IUCN Status: Not Threatened.

**FAMILY: NANDIDAE**

*Nandus nandus*  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
English name: Gangetic Leaffish/ Mottled Nandus/ Mud Perch.

**FAMILY: PRISTOLEPIDAE**

**Badis badis**  
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)  
**Fin formula:** D. XVI-XVII/7-9; P1. 13-14; P2. 1/5; A. III/6-7.  
**English name:** Badis/Blue Perch/ Dwarf Chameleonfish.  
**bvc‡Z KB 5-6 †m.wg.**  
Naptey koi 5-6 cm  
**Local name:** Naptey koi, Napit koi, Kala koi, Bot koi, Pote koi, Koi bandi, Napit, Koidum.  
**Local name in haor area:** Koidum.  

**IUCN Status:** Endangered.

**FAMILY: CICHLIDAE**

**Oreochromis niloticus**  
(Linnaeus, 1758)  
**Fin formula:** D. XVI-XVII/11-15; P1. 15; P2. 1/5; A. III/8-11.  
**English name:** Nile Tilapia.  
**bvc‡Z KB 5-60 †m.wg.**  
Nilotica 50-60 cm (Exotic Fish)  
**Local name:** Nilotica, Nile tilapia, Liloticai, Lalontika.  
**Local name in haor area:** Nilotica, Lalontika.  

**IUCN Status:** Not Listed.
FAMILY: SCIAENIDAE

Johnius coitor
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

Fin formula: D. IX-XI+I/27-31; P1. 16-17;
P2. I/5; A. III/7.

English name: Coitor Croaker.

KqZi tc qv13-16 tm.wg.

Koytor poa 13-16 cm

Local name: Koitor poa, Decre poa, Koitor, Bodor gola, Motor.

Local name in haor area: Bodor gola, Motor.

IUCN Status: Not Threatened.

FAMILY: AMBASSIDAE

Chanda nama
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)

Fin formula: D. VII+I/15-17; P1. 11-12;
P2. I/5; A. III/15-17.

English name: Elongate Glass-perchlet.

Lomba chanda 10-11 cm

Local name: Lomba chanda, Nama chanda, Chanda, Chandu, Langule chanda.

Local name in haor area: Chanda, Chandu, Langule chanda.

IUCN Status: Vulnerable.
**FAMILY: AMBASSIDAE**

*Parambassis lala*
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)
Fin formula: D. VII+I/11; P. 1/10; Pz. 1/5; A. III/13.
English name: Highfin Glassy Perchlet.

**Lal chanda 3-4 cm**

Local name: Lal chanda, Ranga chanda, Chandu, Chandu.
Local name in haor area: Chanda, Chandu.

IUCN Status: Not Listed.

*Parambassis ranga*
(Hamilton-Buchanan, 1822)
Fin formula: D. VII+I/11-14; P. 11-12; Pz. 1/5; A. III/13-15.
English name: Indian Glassy Fish.

**Gol chanda 7-8 cm**

Local name: Gol chanda, Chanda, Chandu, Tek chanda.
Local name in haor area: Chanda, Chandu, Tek chanda.

IUCN Status: Vulnerable.
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