

How to use the List of Priority Fish Species as an interactive taxonomic atlas

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Cyprinidae:

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Aptosyax grypus
Order Cypriniformes
Family Cyprinidae
Subfamily Danioini
Tribe Neobolini
Genus Aptosyax
Species grypus

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Aptosyax grypus has previously been reported to be a rare endemic species of the Mekong region with distribution limited to large rivers in the middle Mekong (Rainboth, 1996). It is, furthermore, listed as "Data deficient" on the IUCN List of Endangered Animals.

The survey indicated a distribution range within the Mekong mainstream from Sambor in Cambodia to Loei in Thailand. However, one of the reports from Loei stated that the species was no longer found there, indicating that present-day distribution may have become significantly reduced.

Detailed migration information was obtained from four stations from O Krieng in Sambor district, Cambodia, to Klong Kaem in Ubon Ratchathani province, Thailand.

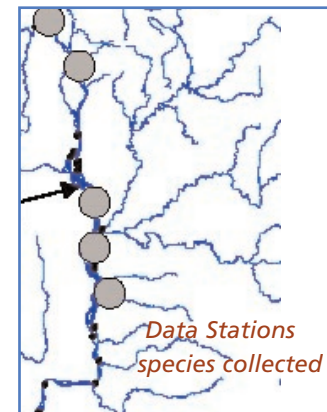
Aptosyax grypus is reported to be a pelagic species that migrates at the same time as Probarbus, i.e., from December to February. This movement coincides with the timing of the reported upstream migration of small cyprinids in the same stretch of the Mekong River. Since Aptosyax grypus is a predatory species, it could be hypothesised that it migrates upstream in order to follow its prey comprising smaller migratory fishes.

Roberts (1993) suggested that the upstream migration starting from late December might be a spawning migration. According to Dr. Chavalit Vidthayanon of the Department of Fisheries in Thailand, the species spawns during the dry season (April) in pools near rapids in the Mekong mainstream. However, no information was obtained on spawning during the survey.



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