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# OVERVIEW

Each year, hundreds of freshwater fish species are discovered and described by scientists for the first time.

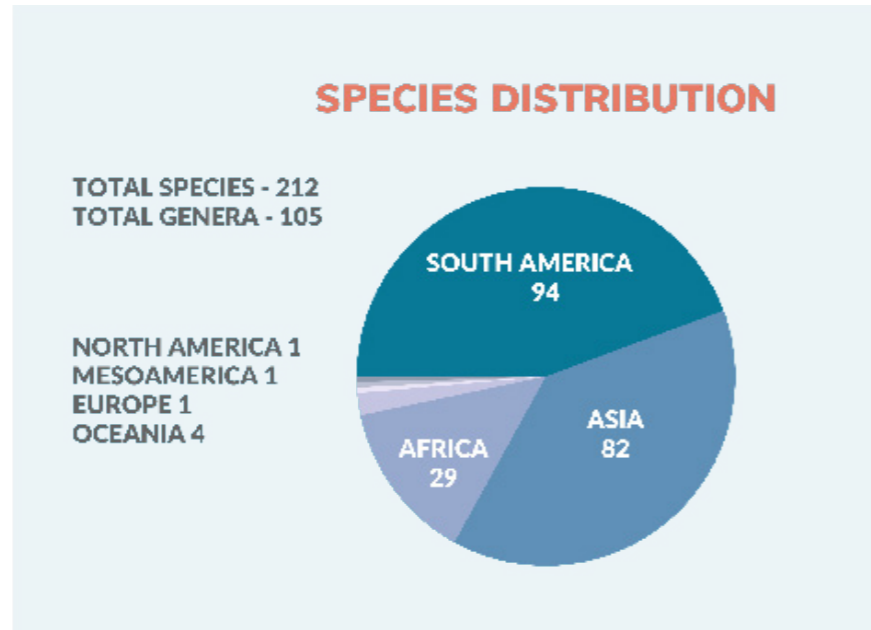
The numbers may seem surprising - in 2021 alone, there were 212 species of freshwater fish that were formally recorded as new species - but each new discovery proves there is still much about the world of wonder underneath the surface of the planet's rivers, lakes and wetlands that remains unknown.

What can each of these discoveries teach us?

- Each new species description increases knowledge about the relationships among species and how long it has been since they diverged from common ancestors, deepening our understanding of evolution.
- Morphological descriptions help us to understand adaptations, which informs knowledge of the relationships and interactions of species with their environment and other organisms. For example, morphology can indicate feeding behaviours or habitat preferences, and that information is essential for managing fisheries, assessing potential impacts of environmental changes on species, and conserving threatened species.
- Knowledge of the levels of species richness in specific locations can help conservationists prioritise where to focus their work in order to get more bang for buck when implementing actions on the ground.
- An understanding of taxonomic relationships enables us to identify species that are especially genetically unique. These species should be prioritised for conservation, as they may represent the only (or one of very few) species in an entire genus.
- And each finding may lead to new research that could literally help the future of humanity. Turn to p.10 to see how *Danionella cerebrum* has already helped research into neuroscience.

Scientists go to great lengths to discover and describe our amazing fish diversity, facing huge challenges along the way, including lack of resources and lack of government interest, not to mention the difficulties and risks associated with field work in regions such as the Amazon and the jungles of Southeast Asia. And they face an uphill battle to describe this incredible biodiversity before it is lost forever. In this Age of Extinction, it is freshwater ecosystems that are the sharp end of the wedge. With myriad threats including dams, pollution, unsustainable fishing, and invasive species, around 1 in 3 freshwater fish species are threatened with extinction.

This 2021 edition will be the first of an annual release of New Species reports. Shoal is compiling the newly discovered freshwater fish species to help raise awareness and increase the chances of freshwater biodiversity conservation receiving much needed funding before it is too late.



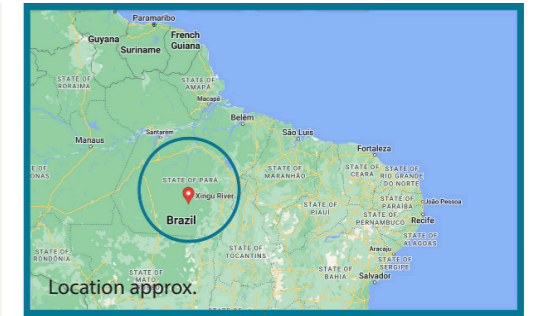
# WOLVERINE PLECO

**Species:** *Hopliancistrus wolverine*

**Researchers:** de Oliveira, RR., Zuanon, J., Rapp Py-Daniel, LH., Birindelli, JLO., Sousa, LM. - see reference 1.

**Location:** Rio Xingu basin, Brazil.

**Highlight:** Possesses three strong spikes that it uses for defence.



The name Wolverine conjures up images of aggression, powerful physicality and claws that are likely to damage unlucky attackers, and this pleco owes its charismatic name to three stout curved spikes, or odontodes, concealed beneath the gill covers which act as a defence mechanism when it is harassed.

The species was originally thought to be *Hopliancistrus tricornis*, which was described in 1989, but Renildo R. de Oliveira analysed the anatomical differences of fish from different drainages and realised that the *tricornis* was in fact five separate species, including the Wolverine pleco.

It grows up to 15cm long and inhabits rock crevices in the rapids of the Rio Xingu, where males are likely to guard their offspring.

Despite their tough-sounding name, Wolverine plecos are herbivorous and graze algae and detritus. But their 'super strong' odontodes can inflict real damage: Lucia H. Rapp Py-Daniel, one of the researchers on the 2021 description paper, said: "When I first collected *tricornis* in the Tapajós river basin, we all had our fingers injured or bleeding by the violence of them trying



© Mark Smith

to pinch us with their big lateral hooks on the head. At the field in the Tapajós, the fishermen started calling them 'Buffalo Bill'".

She added that this behaviour has not been observed in any other loricariid (a family of armoured catfish), even those that possess large spines<sup>1</sup>.

The species described from research into the *tricornis* have been popular in the aquarium trade for many years, without it being known that they are distinct species. Many are bred in captivity, but they face possible threats in the wild from the construction of dams that are being planned in the Tapajós River basin.



*Hopliancistrus wolverine* © Leandro Melo de Sousa

# JUELIN and KISHI LIQUORICE GOURAMIS

**Species:** *Parosphromenus juelinae* and *Parosphromenus kishii*

**Researchers:**

Shi, W., Guo, S., Haryono, H., Hong, Y., & Zhang, W. - see reference 2.

**Location:**

- o Juelin: island of Bangka, Indonesia.
- o Kishi: Kalimantan, Indonesia.

**Highlights:** Adapted to gulp oxygen from the air, allowing them to live in oxygen poor peat swamps. Researchers calling for both species to be listed as Critically Endangered.



Both of these species are liquorice gouramis: tiny, jewel-like fish that inhabit tea coloured tannin-stained peat swamps in Southeast Asia.

They are labyrinth fish – that is, they have a supplementary breathing structure known as the labyrinth which enables them to use oxygen from the air, gulped from the mouth. This adaptation allows them to survive in the oxygen-poor waters of peat swamps.

Juelin has intense red down the flanks and white stripes along the fins, set against a black background.

Researchers note that the population density was once very high: in 2017, over 100 specimens were collected from a water pool around 20m<sup>2</sup> in size in just 40 minutes, using three handheld nets. However, the

edge of the distribution area is under growing pressure from encroaching agriculture, and one of the swamps where the species was formally collected was drained and converted to a paddy field in 2019, likely causing an extirpation of that population<sup>3</sup>.

The species is restricted to a few adjoining forest streams and swamps belonging to the same river.

Researchers are calling for it to be listed as Critically Endangered<sup>2</sup>: in their 'Diagnoses of two new species of *Parosphromenus* (Teleostei: Osphronemidae) from Bangka Island and Kalimantan, Indonesia' paper, published in 2021, they said they based this on the species': 'very restricted distribution area in a single river system on a single small island (<50 km<sup>2</sup>) with less than three

known locations; and the fact that this habitat has been facing direct threats from human activities since 2018. Since there are no significant environmental conservation projects in this area, the survival of this species in the near term is clearly imperilled<sup>3</sup>.

Kishi, like Juelin, is a bright and beautiful species, with a reddish colour on its tail fin.

It is confined to a single river in Kalimantan, Indonesia, which has been converted into an irrigation canal for a large oil palm plantation. Its range is so small that the location has been kept hidden in an attempt to make it more difficult for collectors to remove the species. The habitat is described as 'extremely impacted', and 'any further works on the plantation may eradicate the only known location of this species'.



*Parosphromenus juelinae* © Wentian Shi



*Parosphromenus kishii* © Wentian Shi

# SALMO BALIKI

**Species:** *Salmo baliki*

**Researchers:** Turan, D., Aksu, I., Oral, M., Kaya, C., Bayçelebi, E. - see reference 4.

**Location:** Murat River, Turkey.

**Highlights:** Thought by some to be a 'healer fish' that cures stomach ailments. One of 16 trout species to have been described from Turkey.

While investigating the taxonomy of the Euphrates in August 2019, a new species of trout was discovered in the Murat River.



*Salmo baliki* © Turan, D., Aksu, I., Oral, M., Kaya, C., Bayçelebi, E.

Research suggests that *Salmo baliki*'s range is confined to the Sinek Stream in the Murat River's drainage. Due to trout being a desirable food source for humans, overfishing is already putting serious pressure on the species.

Cüneyt Kaya, one of the researchers involved in describing *S. baliki*, said, "Ghost fishing is the most common threat. The second most common threat to all trout species in Anatolia is the use of casting nets, which destroy the fish nests carrying future generations due to the heavy

sinkers. They are a major threat, especially to salmonids that spawn on the stream floor. The use of casting nets is forbidden in Turkey: the regulations are strict, but unfortunately not practiced. People either do not know about them, or there are not many penalties issued".

Kaya added that, "Pollution and habitat degradation due to human alterations of the area are further threats to the trout species in Anatolia".

*S. baliki* is also threatened by a local belief that it is a 'healer

fish' which helps cure stomach ailments. There is no scientific evidence to back this up, but the belief has led to the species being sold for high prices throughout Turkey. 16 native trout species have now been identified in Turkey, six of which have been identified from Tigris and Euphrates drainages<sup>4</sup>.

Müneever Oral, a research fellow at Recep Tayyip Erdogan University, explained why Anatolia is such a hotspot for trout species: "Turkey harbours remarkable biodiversity, as it is geographically located at the intersection of three global biodiversity hotspots: the Caucasus, the Mediterranean and the Irano-Anatolian. Anatolia provided a secure refuge for species throughout the Ice Age, while most counterparts were facing extinction further north".



Stream Sinek, Murat River, Turkey; type locality of *Salmo baliki* © Cüneyt Kaya

# KIJIMUNA and BUNAGAYA GOBIES

**Species:** *Lentipes kijimuna* and *Lentipes bunagaya*

**Researchers:** Ken Maeda, K., Kobayashi, H., Palla, H.P., Shinzato, C., Koyanagi, R., Montenegro, J., Nagano, A.J., Saeki, T., Kunishima, T., Mukai, T., Tachihara, K., Laudet, V., Satoh N., & Yamahira, K. - see reference 5.

**Location:** Okinawa, Japan.



*Lentipes bunagaya* © Ken Maeda



*Lentipes kijimuna* © Ken Maeda

These highly attractive gobies are named after wood spirits of Okinawan folk mythology Kijimuna and Bunagaya, who are usually described as having red skin and hair.

They both have a similar body form to a known species - *Lentipes armatus* - but Kijimuna and Bunagaya goby males display unique colour patterns with the bright red markings that give the species their names. DNA research proves they are all separate species.

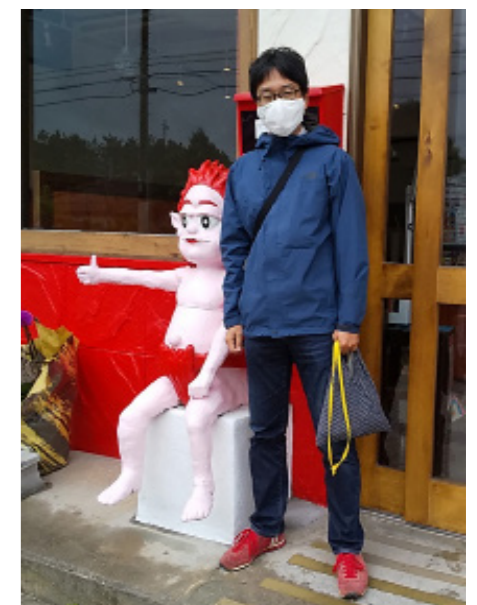
Although adults of each of the three species live and reproduce in small freshwater streams, it is thought that their larvae are

carried downstream into the ocean and can be transported by ocean currents to different remote islands<sup>5</sup>.

"*Lentipes kijimuna* and *L. bunagaya* are rarely seen in Okinawa," explained Dr. Ken Maeda, first author of the study and staff scientist in the Marine Eco-Evo-Devo Unit at the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST). "So we think that these species we encountered here were born somewhere else in Southeast Asia and transported to Okinawa when they were larvae."

Maeda added that, "Their migration and larval life are

not fully understood yet. More research is required to reveal them".



Dr Ken Maeda next to a statue of Kijimuna © Ken Maeda

# DANIONELLA CEREBRUM

**Location:** Turbid streams on the southern and eastern slopes of the Bago Yoma mountain range, north of Yangon in southern Myanmar.

**Researchers:** Britz, R., Conway, K., Rüber, L. - see reference 6.

**Highlight:** Used in neurophysiological studies as they display complex behaviours and their brains are observable without harming the fish.



Location approx.



*Danionella cerebrum* male © Ralf Britz

This tiny critter has been sitting under the noses of neuroscientists for at least five years before it was discovered as a new species. Displays of complex behaviour, coupled with a remarkable anatomy where the skull roof is missing and the brain is covered by a thin layer of skin, has made *Danionella cerebrum* a model organism in neurophysiological research.

Until 2021, it was thought that *D. cerebrum* was *D. translucida*. The species are tiny, only slightly longer than a thumbnail, and identical to the naked eye. But

molecular analyses confirmed not only that they were separate species, but only distantly related, having split from each other around 13.3 million years ago.

With the spreading popularity of *D. translucida* as a model organism in neuroscience, Ralf Britz, from the Senckenberg Natural History Collections, Dresden, and lead author on the paper describing the species, decided to do some research into the tiny fish. He studied the skeleton with his colleague from Texas A&M, Kevin Conway, and Lukas Rüber from the Natural

History Museum in Bern looked into the genetics. Britz said: “We compared published genetic data and additional genetic samples, as well as the skeleton of preserved lab *Danionella* with our samples and found that what neuroscientists had called *translucida* was actually an undescribed species. It swam unrecognized in tanks in several labs in the US and Europe”.

He added that, “In the end it was detective work. Once you have this hypothesis that you are dealing with two things, you start to look more thoroughly and then discover more and more morphological differences. These are times when you have a Eureka moment, and these are really satisfying”.

*Danionella* species have proven useful to scientists. According to Britz, “They combine characteristics that you would not find in any other vertebrates: They are tiny and transparent and have the anatomical condition of a larval fish in some parts of their body, and the condition of an adult fish in others. They do not have a skull roof and their brain, as in larval

fish, is only covered by skin. This makes it optically accessible in the live animal without much problem. But they also have a complex apparatus to receive sounds and to also produce them, and these sounds are important for their intraspecific communication, which results in quite a complex behavioural repertoire. You would not find this in a larval fish. Both these characteristics are ideal for a vertebrate animal whose brain function you want to study. If you had to invent a vertebrate model animal, it would be very much like

*Danionella*”.

The sounds the fish produce is a drumming, possibly produced by strip of cartilage that works like a drumstick on the swim bladder. All *Danionella* males can make this sound, but the females do not have the necessary physiology. The sound is so loud, that aquarists have reported hearing the drumming coming from the fish tanks. Impressive, for such a tiny species.

So the species’ simple body, complex behaviour, and the

chance for researchers to view the brain without intervention offers the possibility of making links between brain activity and behaviour. Britz said: “Brain function between a fish and a human is dramatically different at many levels, but there are some basic similarities. And it is these basic, general similarities one is interested in. How is information in the brain processed? This is a very general question for which the model organism *Danionella* can provide answers”.



A net containing *Danionella* specimens (shown by arrows) © Ralf Britz



Ralf Britz and Oliver Crimmen catching *Danionella cerebrum* in Myanmar © Ralf Britz



*Danionella cerebrum* female © Ralf Britz

# MUMBAI BLIND EEL

**Species:** *Rakthamichthys mumba*

**Researchers:** Jayasimhan, P., Thackeray, T., Mohapatra, A., Pavan Kumar, A. - see reference 7.

**Location:** Jogeshwari West, Mumbai, India.

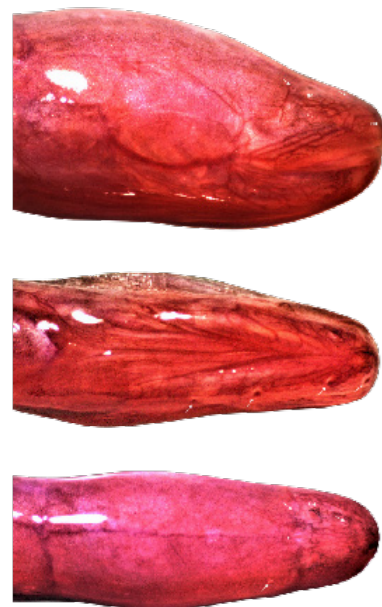
**Highlight:** Has no eyes, fins or scales.



image but, due to the specimen having been poorly preserved in liquor (from a non-availability of ethanol), it was unable to be examined.

The researchers had an inkling this new fish species was out there, hidden in other wells in Mumbai. Thackeray and his team - Yogendra Satam and Yogesh Satam - received a tip-off from a man who had observed the 'pink worm' fish many times in the grounds of a school for the blind. They drained the water from the well for three days, and when the water was about 1.5 feet, they collected the species which had flushed out through the aquifers. It was sent to Praveenraj for official description.

Many subterranean fish species have been discovered in India's Western Ghats over the past few years. Praveenraj explained why: "The Western Ghats is a biodiversity hotspot. The land mass was formed after the breakup from the ancient Gondwanaland, which led to formation of India as an isolated land mass. This has contributed a great deal to its speciation and biodiversity. Some of the amphibian and fish species in the Western Ghats are thus of Gondwanan origin and remain unchanged over millions of years".



© J. Praveenraj

An incredible looking species with no eyes, fins, or scales, the Mumbai blind eel is the first completely blind subterranean freshwater fish species to be described from the Northern Western Ghats in India.

"Raktham" means "blood-red" in Malayam: a nod to its rich red colouration.

It was discovered by Tejas Thackeray, a naturalist and the son of chief minister of Maharashtra, Uddhav Thackeray, in, somewhat ironically for a blind fish, a 40 foot well on the premises of a school for the blind<sup>7</sup>.

Jayasimhan Praveenraj from the Division of Fisheries Science ICAR-Central Inland Agricultural Research Institute, and the researcher who discovered the species, said: "The species might have split from its closest living relative, *Rakthamichthys indicus*, more than 1 million years ago", and added that: "Due to its long isolation in a subterranean habitat, the Mumbai blind eel evolved to become remarkably unique".

Back in 2012, an image of an unrecognised pink, eyeless eel surfaced on social media. Thackeray and his team contacted the person who posted the



*Rakthamichthys mumba* © Tejas Thackeray

# ETOWAH BRIDLED DARTER

**Species:** *Percina freemanorum*

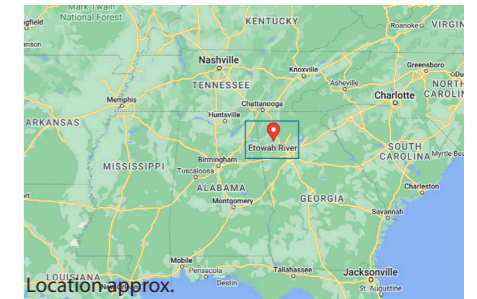
**Researchers:** Near, T.J., MacGuigan, D.J., Boring, E.L., Simmons, J.W., Albanese, B., Keck, B.P., Harrington, R.C., Dinkins, G.R. - see reference 8.

**Location:** Etowah River system in Georgia, specifically in Long Swamp Creek, Amicalola Creek, and the upper portion of the Etowah River, USA.

**Highlight:** The only freshwater fish species from to be described from the USA in 2021.



Live holotype male © Georgia Department of Natural Resources



Some may think the waterways of the USA are so well researched that new species wouldn't crop up there. Well, the Etowah bridled darter has other ideas!

The only freshwater fish species described in the USA in 2021 is named after University of Georgia freshwater ecologists Mary and Byron 'Bud' Freeman: two legendary ecologists who have worked for decades on fish and their ecosystems<sup>9</sup>.

The Freemans have been at the forefront of freshwater species and ecosystem research for decades, and have authored hundreds of papers between them. According to UGA Today, 'Much of their work has been done in the Etowah River system, bringing attention to the region's status as a hotspot

of aquatic biodiversity. Their findings have informed efforts to protect species diversity throughout the Southeast and beyond: Many of the freshwater species in the area, including *Percina freemanorum*, are found nowhere else in the world and are considered imperiled<sup>9</sup>.

Thomas Near, evolutionary biologist and the ichthyologist who identified the species, said: "The citizens of Georgia have a wonderful Etowah River watershed, and any limits to impacts from human activity are in a large part due to the efforts of Mary and Bud Freeman. From the very start of my career, both Mary and Bud were always encouraging, freely open with their observations and data, and helped set a tone of collegiality among the large community of scientists studying the species-

rich North American aquatic biodiversity".

John Wares a professor of genetics and ecology and curator of genomics and aquatic invertebrates at the Georgia Museum of Natural History added that the Freemans, "have helped revitalise a pride for people in terms of what the diversity of the Southeast is about. They are a really unique resource for us here at the University of Georgia, and I think their impact has been huge across the Southeast and beyond."

Naming this little darter *freemanorum* is a nod to the appreciation and respect of the Freemans from the research team.

# METRIACLIMA GALLIREYAE

**Species:** *Metriaclima gallireyae*

**Researchers:** Miller, T.A., Konings, A.F., Stauffer, J.R.J. - see reference 10.

**Location:** Lake Malawi.

**Highlight:** Live in gastropod shells on the lake bed.



*Metriaclima gallireyae* © Ad Konings

These attractive cichlids are rare in that they are one of only a handful of Lake Malawi cichlids that live in gastropod shells on the lake bed. This behaviour is well known from cichlids in Lake Tanganyika, but it is much less common in Lake Malawi.

Individuals can grow up to 100mm and are often seen in large groups of up to 20 individuals in the vicinity of empty shells of *Lanistes nyassanus*.

The researchers note that: 'Both sites where this small

species was observed contained either many football-sized rocks (Gallireya Reef) or large slabs of sandstone (Chitimba Bay) that may provide additional shelter to individuals that were not able to secure an empty shell for protection'<sup>10</sup>.

# PARATRYGON ORINOCENSIS and PARATRYGON PARVASPINA

**Species:** *Paratrygon orinocensis* and *Paratrygon parvaspina*

**Researchers:** Loboda, T., Lasso, C., Rosa, R., Carvalho, M. - see reference 11.

**Location:** Orinoco basin, Venezuela

This report would not be complete without acknowledging the two species of stingray discovered in the Orinoco basin. Although information about the species is currently very limited, there are only 39 species of freshwater stingray, all of which are venomous. Of these 39, 14 were described in the past decade.

Part of the reason such a high proportion have been discovered recently is that there are more people working on freshwater stingrays than ever before. There are now three major centers of research: in Brazil, in Colombia, and in Toronto, Canada.



*Paratrygon orinocensis* holotype adult female © LOBODA, LASSO, ROSA & DE CARVALHO

All *Paratrygon* species are carnivores, feeding off fish and crustaceans.

Reproductive cycles of *P. orinocensis* and *P. parvaspina* are related to rainy seasons, and anthropogenic impacts on environmental conditions are the biggest threat to population viability.

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*Nannocharax hadros* Manda, Katemo & Snoeks, Jos & Manda, Auguste & Emmanuel, Vreven. (2021). *Ichthyological Exploration of Freshwaters An international journal for field-orientated ichthyology Nannocharax hadros* (Teleostei: Distichodontidae), a new species from the Kalule Nord River in the Upemba National Park, Upper Congo basin. 10.23788/IEF-1098. Democratic Republic of the Congo. Has bright red lips, largest species in the genus.



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*Aborichthys barapensis*  
*Aborichthys palinensis*  
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*Amphilius marshalli*  
*Amphilius zuluorum*  
*Anablepsoides origuelai*  
*Apteronotus albertoi*  
*Apteronotus quilombola*  
*Astyanax pardensis*  
*Astyanax viridis*  
*Astyanax argentum*  
*Austrolebias botocudo*  
*Austrolebias cheffeii*  
*Austrolebias lourenciano*  
*Austrolebias nubium*  
*Badis kaladanensis*  
*Bagarius vegrandis*  
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*Distichodus microps*  
*Eigenmannia dutrai*  
*Eleotris douniasi*  
*Eleotris sumatraensis*  
*Eleotris woworae*  
*Enteromius baleensis*  
*Enteromius mandelai*  
*Epiplatys cashneri*

*Ernstichthys taquari*  
*Esomus nimasowi*  
*Garra hormuzensis*  
*Garra jaldhakaensis*  
*Garra langlungensis*  
*Garra meymehensis*  
*Garra orontesi*  
*Garra tiam*  
*Garra triangularis*  
*Glyptothorax alidaeii*  
*Glyptothorax daemon*  
*Glyptothorax galaxias*  
*Glyptothorax hosseinpanahii*  
*Glyptothorax pallens*  
*Glyptothorax pedunculatus*  
*Glyptothorax rupiri*  
*Glyptothorax shapuri*  
*Gobiomorphus dinae*  
*Gobiomorphus mataraerore*  
*Hemichromis camerounensis*  
*Heteropneustes fuscus*  
*Homatula dotui*  
*Homatula guanheensis*  
*Hopliala auri*  
*Hoplancistrus munduruku*  
*Hoplancistrus wolverine*  
*Hoplancistrus xavante*  
*Hoplancistrus xikrin*  
*Huigobio heterocheilus*  
*Hypergastromyzon abditus*  
*Hypergastromyzon sambas*  
*Hyphessobrycon cantoi*  
*Hypophthalmus celiae*  
*Hypophthalmus donascimientoi*  
*Hypostomus bimbai*  
*Hypostomus cafuringa*  
*Hypostomus cruksi*  
*Hypostomus freirei*  
*Hypostomus froehlichii*  
*Hypostomus guajupia*  
*Hypostomus pastinhai*  
*Hypostomus robertsoni*  
*Indoreonectes neeleshi*  
*Indoreonectes rajeveii*  
*Knodus obolus*  
*Knodus rufford*  
*Lacustricola pygmaeus*  
*Lentipes bunagaya*  
*Lentipes kijimuna*  
*Lentipes palawanirufus*  
*Leptobotia brachycephala*  
*Liobagrus pseudostyani*  
*Listrura macacuensis*  
*Listrura macaensis*  
*Loricaria turi*  
*Loricariichthys melanurus*  
*Mastacembelus kadeiensis*  
*Mastacembelus ubangipaucispinis*  
*Megaleporinus prochiloides*  
*Metriaclima gallireyae*  
*Metriaclima ngarae*  
*Microcambeva watu*  
*Microcharacidium bombioides*  
*Microctenopoma steveboyesi*  
*Microctenopoma stevenorrisi*  
*Moenkhausia andrica*  
*Moenkhausia cambacica*  
*Mustura subhashi*  
*Mustura tarmorata*  
*Nandus banshilai*  
*Nannocharax hadros*

*Nasutoryzias ataranensis*  
*Nemacheilus argyrogaster*  
*Nothobranchius elucens*  
*Nothobranchius nikiiforovi*  
*Oryzias andrewi*  
*Oxyoemacheilus amanos*  
*Oxyoemacheilus fatsaensis*  
*Oxyoemacheilus isauricus*  
*Oxyoemacheilus nasreddini*  
*Oxyoemacheilus phasicus*  
*Oxyoemacheilus sarus*  
*Oxyoemacheilus shehabi*  
*Paracanthopoma cangussu*  
*Paracanthopoma saci*  
*Paratrygon orinocensis*  
*Paratrygon parvaspina*  
*Paravandellia alleynei*  
*Parosphromenus juelinae*  
*Parosphromenus kishii*  
*Parotocinclus jacksoni*  
*Parotocinclus kwarup*  
*Percina freemanorum*  
*Pethia castor*  
*Pethia pollux*  
*Phenacogrammus concolor*  
*Phenacogrammus flexus*  
*Platysmacheilus wangcangensis*  
*Poptella fuscata*  
*Potamotrygon roulini*  
*Priocharax britzi*  
*Pristella crinogi*  
*Profundulus adani*  
*Pseudobagarius eustictus*  
*Pseudogobius cinctus*  
*Pseudogobius hoesei*  
*Pseudolaguvia vespa*  
*Psilorhynchus magnaoculus*  
*Pungitius modestus*  
*Rakthamichthys mumba*  
*Rhinogobius estrellae*  
*Rhinogobius tandikan*  
*Rhyacoglanis rappydaniellae*  
*Rineloricaria rodriguezae*  
*Rivuluscollieri*  
*Salmo baliki*  
*Schismatogobius limmoni*  
*Schizodon trivittatus*  
*Serranochromis alvum*  
*Serranochromis cacuchi*  
*Serranochromis cuanza*  
*Serranochromis swartzi*  
*Synodontis abditus*  
*Tachysurus lani*  
*Trichomycterus anaisae*  
*Trichomycterus chapadensis*  
*Trichomycterus funebris*  
*Trichomycterus humboldti*  
*Trichomycterus ingaiensis*  
*Trichomycterus jatobensis*  
*Trichomycterus luetkeni*  
*Trichomycterus saintilairei*  
*Triplophysa ferganaensis*  
*Triplophysa huidongensis*  
*Triplophysa jinchuanensis*  
*Triplophysa shashiguii*  
*Triplophysa wulongensis*  
*Triplophysa yuzeshengi*  
*Troglonectes hechiensis*  
*Vanmanenia marmorata*  
*Yunnanilus chuanheensis*

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