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## A checklist of fishes of Telangana State, India

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#### Abstract

A checklist of the fishes of Telangana State is presented, along with their scientific and common names (English and Telugu), IUCN Red List status. 165 species of fishes are recorded from the inland waters of Telangana state comprising of 11 orders and 29 families. Order Cypriniformes were most dominant group represent by 96 species followed by Siluriformes, Perciformes, Beloniformes, Cyprinodontiformes, Synbranchiformes, Osteoglossiformes and Anguilliformes. Among the families recorded, Cyprinidae was the most dominant followed by the Bagridae.

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#### 1. Introduction

Telangana is a state in South India divided from Andhra Pradesh and it was formed in 2014 with the capital at Hyderabad. Telangana is situated on the Deccan Plateau, in the central stretch of the eastern seaboard of the Indian Peninsula and covers 114,840 square kilometers (Image: 1). Two major rivers of South India viz., the Godavari and the Krishna River with their several tributaries form the chief perennial river systems of this state. There are a large number of medium and small sized rivers in addition to several man-made reservoirs, backwaters and tanks.

The freshwater fishes of Telangana region remained poorly known until the checklists of few were published in early sixties<sup>[1-3]</sup>. The undivided state of Andhra Pradesh is known to contain 158 species under 68 genera, 27 families and 10 orders of freshwater fishes<sup>[4]</sup>. During the last 23 years, several localized checklists and compilations confined to smaller regions such as a district, a protected area or a river or reservoir system of Telangana have been published<sup>[5-24]</sup>. Until this day, no comprehensive checklists have been published on the fishes of Telangana State. Hence, new checklist has been prepared, in addition to revalidation of the species status of several others. The list of the species has been included alphabetically under the respective families.

The present checklist of 165 species includes several new species and those resurrected from synonyms. This includes exotic and secondary freshwater species. The present proportion of the main groups of primary freshwater fishes is 58% Cyprinoids, 20% Siluroids and other groups 22%. The 165 species are grouped under 11 orders, 29 families and 74 genera. The classification and species names were followed according to the standard literatures<sup>[25-28]</sup>. The representative orders along with the number of families, genera and species are given in Table: 1 and the list of species in Table: 2.

One hundred and sixty five species of fishes are recorded from the inland waters of Telangana state comprising of 11 orders and 29 families. On the basis of percentage composition and species richness in Telangana, order Cypriniformes was dominant (96 species) followed by Siluriformes (33 species), Perciformes (17 species), Cyprinodontiformes (4 species), Synbranchiformes (4 species), Beloniformes (4 species), Osteoglossiformes (2 species), Anguilliformes (2 species), Caraciformes, Clupeiformes and Mugiliformes (1 species each). The order of dominance is as follows (Pie Chart: 1):

Cypriniformes > Siluriformes > Perciformes > Cprinodontiformes = Synbranchiformes = Beloniformes > Osteoglossiformes = Anguilliformes > Caraciformes = Clupeiformes = Mugiliformes.

Among the 165 species found in Telangana state, 9 species viz., *Labeo potail*, *Schismatorhynchus nukta*, *Longischistura striatus*, *Thynnichthys sandkhol*, *Hypselobarbus curmuca*, *Hypselobarbus mussullah*, *Tor khudree*, *Clarias magur* and *Silonia childreni* are

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considered as globally Endangered species; 12 species, *Anguilla bengalensis*, *Anguilla bicolor*, *Labeo pangusia*, *Chitala chitala*, *Mystus malabaricus*, *Ailia coila*, *Osteobrama belangeri*, *Ompok bimaculatus*, *Ompok pabda*, *Ompok pabo*, *Wallago attu* and *Bagarius bagarius*, are considered as Near Threatened. Another 3 species, *Hyporhamphus xanthopterus*,

*Hypselobarbus kolus* and *Salmophasia horai* are considered as Vulnerable [29]. Therefore, to save this diversity, there is an urgent need for conservation of the fish denizens to conserve the productivity potential of the rivers, reservoirs, backwaters etc., through promulgation of fisheries legislation in future.

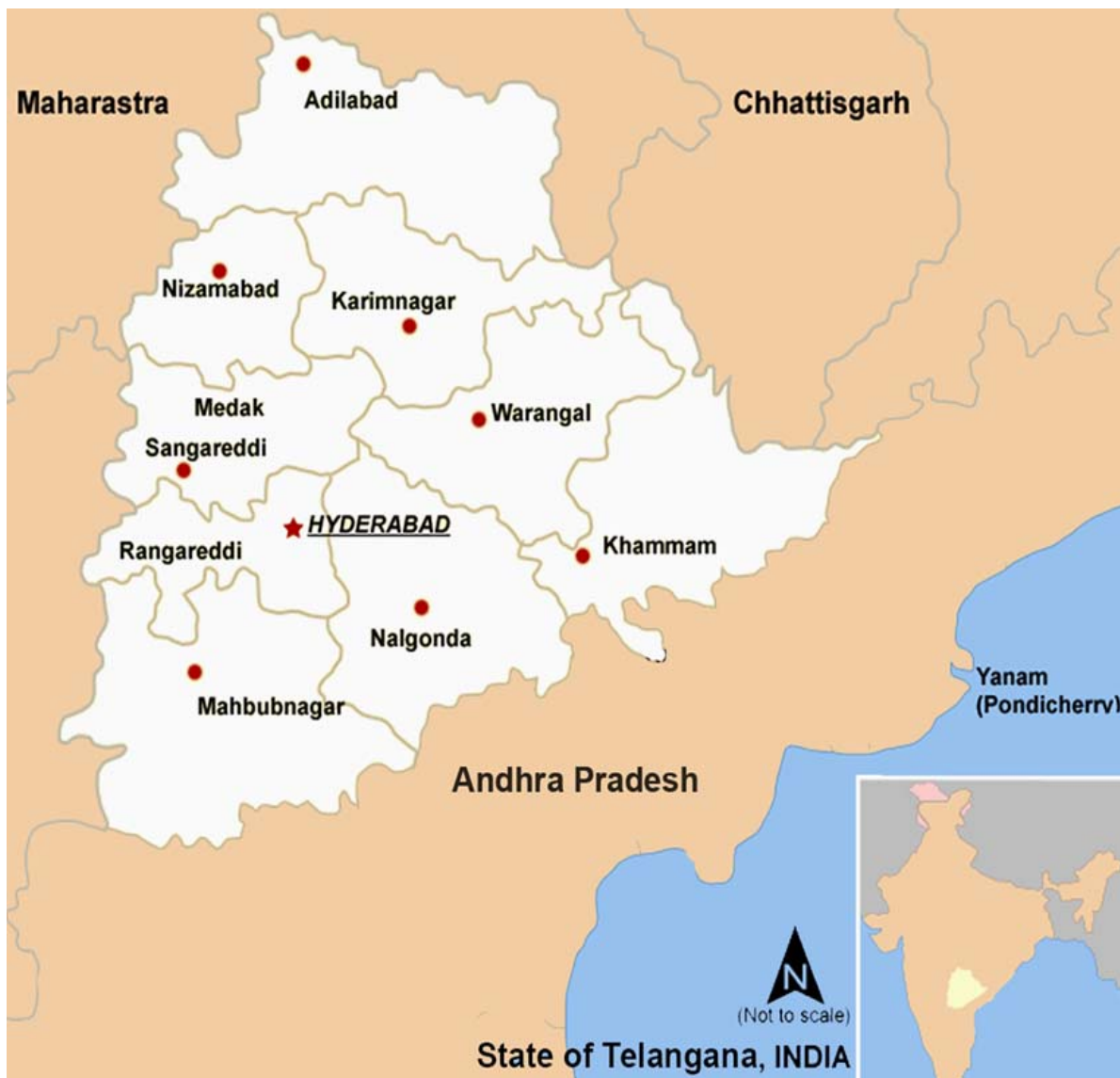


Fig1: Location of Telangana State in India.

Table 1: The representative orders, families, genera and species.

Order	Families	Genera	Species
Anguilliformes	1	1	2
Beloniformes	3	3	4
Characiformes	1	1	1
Clupeiformes	1	1	1
Cypriniformes	3	35	96
Cyprinodontiformes	2	3	4
Mugiliformes	1	1	1
Osteoglossiformes	1	2	2
Perciformes	7	11	17
Siluriformes	8	16	33
Synbranchiiformes	1	2	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>165</b>

Table 2: The list of species of Telangana

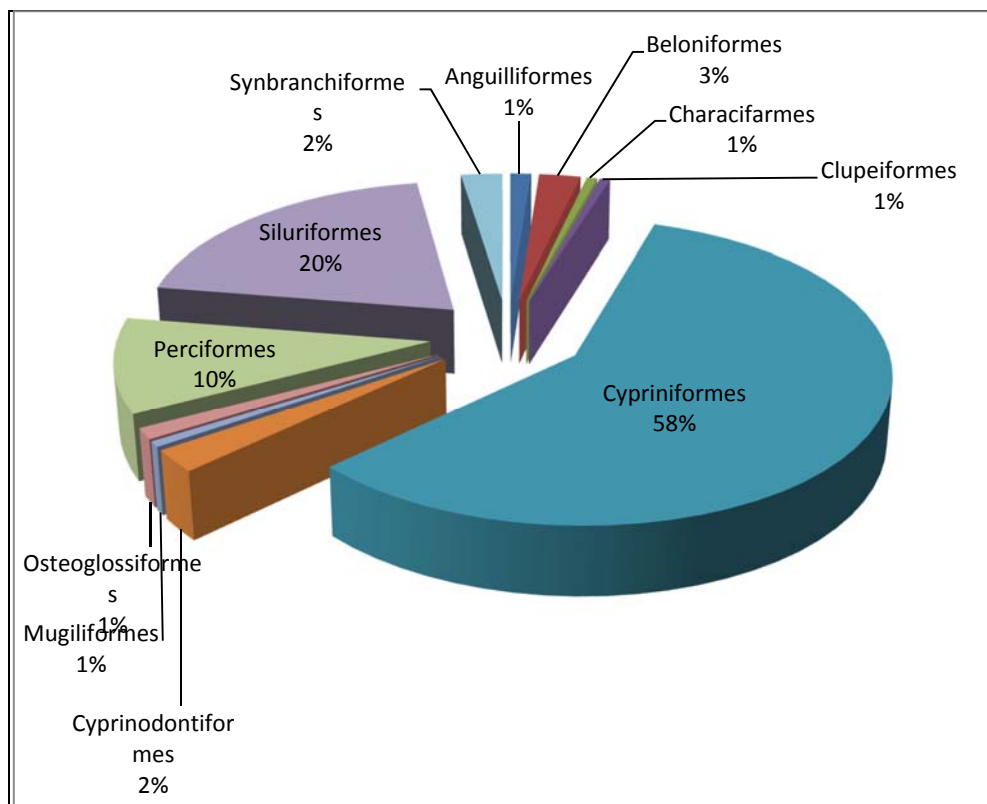
Sl. No.	English Name	Species Name	Local Name	Authority	IUCN Status
<b>I</b>	<b>Order Anguilliformes</b>				
	Family <b>Anguillidae</b>				
1	Long-finned eel	<i>Anguilla bengalensis</i>	Malugu	(Gray, 1831)	NT
2	Indian short finned eel	<i>Anguilla bicolor</i>	Malugu	(Mc Celland, 1844)	NT
<b>II</b>	<b>Order Beloniformes</b>				
	Family <b>Adrianichthyidae</b>				
3	Estuarine top minnow	<i>Oryzias melastigma</i>	Chukku chepa	(McCcelland, 1839)	NE
	Family <b>Belonidae</b>				
4	Freshwater garfish	<i>Xenentodon cancila</i>	Vodla mukku	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
	Family <b>Hemiramphidae</b>				
5	Congaturi halfbeak	<i>Hyporhamphus limbatus</i>	Konga mukku	(Valenciennes, 1847)	LC
6	Red-tippedhalfbeak	<i>Hyporhamphus xanthopterus</i>	Konga mukku	(Valenciennes, 1847 )	VU
<b>III</b>	<b>Order Characiformes</b>				
	Family <b>Characidae</b>				
7	Pacu	<i>Piaractus brachypomus*</i>	Roopchandh	(Cuvier, 1818)	I
<b>IV</b>	<b>Order Clupeiformes</b>				
	Family <b>Clupeidae</b>				
8	Indian shad	<i>Tenulosa ilisha</i>	Polasa	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
<b>V</b>	<b>Order Cypriniformes</b>				
	Family <b>Balitoridae</b>				
9	Striped loach	<i>Acanthocobitis botia</i>	Jerri chepa	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
10	Mooreh loach	<i>Acanthocobitis mooreh</i>	Jerri chepa	(Sykes, 1839)	NE
11	Evezardi loach	<i>Indoreonectes evezardi</i>	Jerri chepa	(Day, 1872)	LC
12	Long bodied striped loach	<i>Longischistura striatus</i>	Jerri chepa	(Day, 1867)	EN
13	Black lined loach	<i>Nemacheilus anguilla</i>	Jerri chepa	(Annandole, 1919)	LC
14	Dayi loach	<i>Schisturadenisonii dayi</i>	Jerri chepa	(Hora, 1935)	LC
15	Denison's loach	<i>Schisturadenisonii denisonii</i>	Jerri chepa	(Day, 1867)	LC
	Family <b>Cobitidae</b>				
16	Leopard Loach	<i>Lepidocephalichthys berdmorei</i>	Vulichcha	(Blyth, 1860)	LC
17	Guntea loach	<i>Lepidocephalichthys guntea</i>	Ulsha	(Hamilton, 1822)	
	Family <b>Cyprinidae</b>				
18	Indian carplet	<i>Amblypharyngodon microlepis</i>	Kodipe	(Bleeker, 1853)	LC
19	Indian carplet	<i>Amblypharyngodon mola</i>	Kodipe	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
20	Arizalabeo	<i>Bangana ariza</i>	Aruzu	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
21	Sind labeo	<i>Bangana diplostoma</i>	Kodipe	(Heckel, 1838)	LC
22	Carnatic carp	<i>Barbodes carnaticus</i>	Perka-chapa	(Jerdon, 1849)	LC
23	Olive barb	<i>Barbodes sarana sarana</i>	Gandeparaka	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
24	Peninsular Olive barb	<i>Barbodes sarana subnasutus</i>	Parka	(Valenciennes, 1842)	LC
25	Malabar baril	<i>Barilius bakeri</i>	Kodipe	(Day, 1865)	LC
26	Barred baril	<i>Barilius barila</i>	Kodipe	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
27	Baranabaril	<i>Barilius barna</i>	Kodipe	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
28	Spotted baril	<i>Barilius bendelisis</i>	Kodipe	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
29	Katla	<i>Catla catla</i>	Botcha	(Hamilton, 1822)	
30	Silver hatchet chela	<i>Chela cachius</i>	Getchu	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
31	White carp	<i>Cirrhinus cirrhosa</i>	Aruza	(Bloch, 1795)	NE
32	Deccan white carp	<i>Cirrhinus fulungee</i>	Mosu	(Sykes, 1841)	LC
33	Mrigal	<i>Cirrhinus mrigala</i>	Yerramosu	(Hamilton, 1822)	
34	Reba carp	<i>Cirrhinus reba</i>	Chittrai	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
35	Stone roller	<i>Crossocheilus latius</i>	Parkachepa	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
36	Grass carp	<i>Ctenopharyngodon idella *</i>	Gaddi chepa	(Valenciennes, 1841)	I
37	Common carp	<i>Cyprinus carpio *</i>	Bangaru teega	(Linnaeus, 1758)	I
38	Zebra danio	<i>Danio rerio</i>	Chintakuparega	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
39	Giant danio	<i>Devario aequipinnatus</i>	Nooltu	(Jerdon, 1849)	LC
40	Sind danio	<i>Devario devario</i>	Nooltu	(Hamilton, 1822)	NE
41	Flying barb	<i>Esomus danricus</i>	Astapakke	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
42	Flying barb	<i>Esomus thermoicos</i>	Astapakke	(Valenciennes, 1842)	LC
43	Stone sucker	<i>Garra gotylagotyia</i>	Banda pakiri	(Gray, 1830)	NE
44	Nilgiris garra	<i>Garra gotyla stenorhynchus</i>	Banda pakiri	(Jerdon, 1849)	NE
45	Stone sucker	<i>Garra lamta</i>	Taatigoraka	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
46	Stone sucker	<i>Garra mullya</i>	Banda pakiri	(Sykes, 1839)	LC
47	Stone sucker	<i>Garra mclellandi</i>	Banda pakiri	(Jerdon, 1849)	LC
48	Melon barb	<i>Haludaria melanampyx</i>	Parka	(Day, 1865)	DD

49	Silver carp	<i>Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*</i>	Vendi chepa	(Valenciennes, 1842)	I
50	Big head carp	<i>Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*</i>	Big head	(Richardson, 1845)	I
51	Curmuca barb	<i>Hypselobarbus curmuca</i>	Parka	(Hamilton, 1822)	EN
52	Krishna Carp (Dobson's Carp)	<i>Hypselobarbus dobsoni</i>	Parka	(Day, 1876)	DD
53	Jerdon's carp	<i>Hypselobarbus jerdoni</i>	Pakki	(Jerdon, 1870)	LC
54	Kolus barb	<i>Hypselobarbus kolus</i>	Nilusu	(Sykes, 1839)	VU
55	Hump-backed mahaseer	<i>Hypselobarbus mussullah</i>	Goonimansoor	(Sykes, 1838)	EN
56	Bata	<i>Labeo bata</i>	Mosu	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
57	Jamuna fish	<i>Labeo boga</i>	Mosu	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
58	Boggut	<i>Labeo boggut</i>	Nusigadu	(Sykes, 1841)	LC
59	Kalbasu	<i>Labeo calbasu</i>	Kakiparaka	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
60	Common labeo	<i>Labeo dussumieri</i>	Parka	(Valenciennes, 1841)	LC
61	Dyocheilus	<i>Labeo dyocheilus</i>	Parka	(McClelland, 1839)	LC
62	Fringe- lipped carp	<i>Labeo fimbriatus</i>	Chitra	(Bloch, 1797)	LC
63	Kurialabeo	<i>Labeo gonius</i>	Mosu	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
64	Deccan labeo	<i>Labeo kawrus</i>	Parka	(Sykes, 1841)	LC
65	Pig-mouthcarp	<i>Labeo kontius</i>	Pandigande	(Jerdon, 1849)	LC
66	Murreelabeo	<i>Labeo microphthalmus</i>	Parka	(Day, 1865)	LC
67	Pangusia labeo	<i>Labeo pangusia</i>	Done chepa	(Hamilton, 1822)	NT
68	Bombay labeo	<i>Labeo porcellus</i>	Moyya	(Heckel, 1844)	LC
69	Deccan labeo	<i>Labeo potail</i>	Baman- chepa	(Sykes, 1841)	EN
70	Rohu	<i>Labeo rohita</i>	Seelavathi	(Hamilton, 1822)	
71	Indian glass barb	<i>Laubuca laubuca</i>	Getchu	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
72	Bengala Barb	<i>Megarasbora elanga</i>	Kattekodipe	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
73	Manipur osteobrama	<i>Osteobrama belangeri</i>	Dammisa	(Valenciennes, 1844)	NT
74	Cunma osteobrama	<i>Osteobrama cunma</i>	Kagitamparaka	(Day, 1888)	NE
75	Peninsular osteobrama	<i>Osteobrama peninsularis</i>	Akuchepa	(Silas, 1952)	NE
76	Deccan cotio	<i>Osteobrama vigorsii</i>	Khira	(Sykes, 1841)	LC
77	Nashis barb	<i>Osteochilus nashii</i>	Pedda parka	(Day, 1868)	LC
78	Konti barb	<i>Osteochilichthys thomassi</i>	Pedda parka	(Day, 1877)	LC
79	Scarlet banded barb	<i>Puntius amphibiis</i>	Perka-chapa	(Valenciennes, 1842)	DD
80	Swamp barb	<i>Puntius chola</i>	Pakki	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
81	Stigma barb	<i>Puntius conchoniis</i>	Perka-chapa	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
82	Long-snouted barb	<i>Puntius dorsalis</i>	Perka	(Jerdon, 1849)	LC
83	Black-spot barb	<i>Puntius filamentosus</i>	Perka	(Valenciennes, 1844)	LC
84	Gelius barb	<i>Puntius gelius</i>	Perka	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
85	Wynaab barb	<i>Puntius melanostigma</i>	Perka	(Day, 1878)	NE
86	Parrah barb	<i>Puntius parrah</i>	Perka	(Day, 1865)	LC
87	Spot fin swam barb	<i>Puntius sophore</i>	Buddapakke	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
88	One-spot barb	<i>Puntius terio</i>	Parigi chepa	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
89	Fire-fin barb	<i>Puntius ticto</i>	Budda parka	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
90	Silver barb	<i>Puntius vittatus</i>	Parigi chepa	(Day, 1865)	LC
91	Canveryrasbora	<i>Rasbora caverii</i>	Kodipe chepa	(Jerdon, 1849)	LC
92	Slender Barb	<i>Rasbora daniconius</i>	Kattekodipe	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
93	Gangetic scissortail	<i>Rasbora rasbora</i>	Kodipe chepa	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
94	Vatanirohtee	<i>Rohtee ogilbii</i>	Aku chepa	(Sykes, 1839)	LC
95	Silver razor-belly minnow	<i>Salmophasia acinaces</i>	Chela	(Valenciennes, 1844)	LC
96	Bloch razor-belly minnow	<i>Salmophasia balooke</i>	Chela	(Sykes, 1839)	LC
97	Large razor-belly minnow	<i>Salmophasia bacaila</i>	Naddibedisha/chandamama	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
98	Boopis razor-belly minnow	<i>Salmophasia boopis</i>	Chela	(Day, 1874)	LC
99	Hora razor-belly minnow	<i>Salmophasia horai</i>	Chela	(Silas, 1951)	VU
100	Fine scale razor-belly minnow	<i>Salmophasia phulo</i>	Blancha	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
101	Mahanandi razor-belly minnow	<i>Salmophasia untrahi</i>	Akubedisha	(Day, 1869)	LC
102	Nukta	<i>Schismatorhynchus nukta</i>	Mukkidichepa	(Sykes, 1841)	EN
103	Sandkhol carp	<i>Thynnichthys sandkhol</i>	Akuchepa	(Sykes, 1841)	EN
104	Deccan mahaseer	<i>Tor khudree</i>	Mansoor	(Sykes, 1838)	EN
<b>VI</b>	<b>Order Cyprinodontiformes</b>				
	Family Aplocheilidae				
105	Striped top-minnow	<i>Aplochelus lineatus</i>	Minnow-chepa	(Valenciennes, 1846)	
106	Blue panchax	<i>Aplochelus panchax</i>	Minnow-chepa	(Hamilton, 1822)	
	Family Poeciliidae				
107	Mosquito fish	<i>Gambusia affinis*</i>	Gambusia	(Baird & Girard, 1853)	I
108	Guppy	<i>Poecilia reticulata*</i>	Guppi	(Peters, 1852)	I

<b>VII</b>	<b>Order Mugiliformes</b>				
	Family Mugilidae				
109	Corsula mullet	<i>Rhinomugil corsula</i>	Meedikandlachepa	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
<b>VIII</b>	<b>Order Osteoglossiformes</b>				
	Family Notopteridae				
110	Clown knife fish	<i>Chitala chitala</i>	Goonimangallikatti / Vollenka	(Hamilton, 1822)	NT
111	Bronze featherback	<i>Notopterus notopterus</i>	Mangalikatti	(Pallas, 1769)	LC
<b>IX</b>	<b>Order Perciformes</b>				
	Family Ambassidae				
112	Indian glassy fish	<i>Chanda nama</i>	Akurati / Addamchepa	Hamilton, 1822	LC
113	Indian glassy fish	<i>Parambassis ranga</i>	Sarawa	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
	Family Anabantidae				
114	Climbing perch	<i>Anabas testudineus</i>	Goraka chepa	(Bloch, 1792)	DD
	Family Channidae				
115	Dwarfsnakehead	<i>Channa gachua</i>	Guruja	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
116	Giant snakehead	<i>Channa marulius</i>	Poo meenu	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
117	Spotted snakehead	<i>Channa punctata</i>	Buradamatta	(Bloch, 1793)	LC
118	Striped snakehead	<i>Channa striata</i>	Korrameenu	(Bloch, 1793)	LC
	Family Cichlidae				
119	Orange chromide	<i>Etilopius maculatus</i>	Duvvena chepa	(Bloch, 1785)	LC
120	Banded pearl spot	<i>Etilopius suratensis</i>	Duvvena chepa	(Bloch, 1785)	LC
121	Mozambique Tilapia	<i>Oreochromis mossambicus</i> *	Doobotcha	(Peters 1852)	I
122	Nile tilapia	<i>Oreochromis niloticus</i> *	Doobotcha	(Linnaeus, 1758)	I
	Family Gobiidae				
123	Scribbled goby	<i>Awaous grammepomus</i>	Uskedonthi	(Bleeker, 1849)	LC
124	Bar-eyed goby	<i>Glossogobius giuris</i>	Isikadondu	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
	Family Nandidae				
125	Gangetic leaf-fish	<i>Nandus nandus</i>	Pandiparka	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
	Family Osphronemidae				
126	Giant gourami	<i>Osphronemus goramy</i> *	Gourami	(Lacepède, 1801)	I
127	Banded gourami	<i>Trichogaster fasciata</i>	Kun-gee	(Schneider, 1801)	LC
128	Dwarf gourami	<i>Trichogaster lalius</i>	Paraka	(Hamilton, 1822)	NE
<b>X</b>	<b>Order Siluriformes</b>				
	Family Bagridae				
129	Krishna mystus	<i>Hemibagrus maydelli</i>	Ponduga	(Rössel, 1964)	LC
130	Irrawaddy mystus	<i>Hemibagrus microphthalmus</i>	Ponduga	(Day, 1869)	LC
131	Nilgiri mystus	<i>Hemibagrus punctatus</i>	Ponduga	(Jerdon, 1849)	CR
132	Day's mystus	<i>Mystus bleekeri</i>	Narjella	(Day, 1877)	LC
133	Gangetic mystus	<i>Mystus cavasius</i>	Mutijella	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
134	Long whiskered catfish	<i>Mystus gulio</i>	Jella	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
135	Jerdon's catfish	<i>Mystus malabaricus</i>	Jella	(Jerdon, 1849)	NT
136	Wynaad mystus	<i>Mystus montanus</i>	Jella	(Jerdon, 1849)	LC
137	Tengra mystus	<i>Mystus tengra</i>	Jella	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
138	Stripped dwarf catfish	<i>Mystus vittatus</i>	Errajella	(Bloch, 1797)	LC
139	Mahanandi rita	<i>Rita chrysea</i>	Buddajella	(Day, 1869)	LC
140	Rita	<i>Rita gogra</i>	Bankiyeddu	(Sykes, 1841)	LC
141	Deccan rita	<i>Rita kuturnee</i>	Bondu	(Sykes, 1841)	LC
142	Long - whiskered catfish	<i>Sperata aor</i>	Mukuljella	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
143	Giant river cat fish	<i>Sperata seenghala</i>	Multi jella	(Sykes, 1839)	LC
	Family Clariidae				
144	African catfish	<i>Clarias gariepinus</i> *	African marpu	(Burchell, 1822)	I
145	Air breathing catfish	<i>Clarias magur</i>	Marpu	(Linnaeus, 1758)	EN
	Family Heteropneustidae				
146	Stinging catfish	<i>Heteropneustes fossilis</i>	Ingilayee	(Bloch, 1794)	LC
	Family Loricariidae				
147	Amazon Sail-fin catfish	<i>Pterygoplichthys pardalis</i> *	Dayyapu chepa	(Castelnau, 1855)	I
	Family Pangasiidae				
148	Pangash	<i>Pangasius pangasius</i>	Banka jella	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
149	Sutchi catfish	<i>Pangasius sutchi</i> *	Pangas	(Fowler, 1937)	I
	Family Schilbeidae				
150	Gangetic ailia	<i>Ailia coila</i>	Vellekalada	(Hamilton, 1822)	NT
151	Goongwaree vacha	<i>Eutropiichthys goongwaree</i>	Gaddamsiluva	(Sykes, 1841)	DD
152	Batchawa vacha	<i>Eutropiichthys vacha</i>	Seervajella	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
153	Indian potasi	<i>Neotropius atherinoides</i>	Akujella	(Bloch, 1794)	LC
154	Khavalcher catfish	<i>Neotropius khavalchor</i>	Kochamoothijella	Kulkarni, 1952	DD
155	Indian taakree	<i>Proeutropiichthys taakree</i>	Sirivajella	(Sykes, 1841)	LC

156	White catfish	<i>Silonia childreni</i>	Wan-jow	(Sykes, 1841)	EN
	Family Siluridae				
157	Butter catfish	<i>Ompok bimaculatus</i>	Buggadamma	(Bloch, 1797)	NT
158	Pabda catfish	<i>Ompok pabda</i>	Gogli	(Hamilton, 1822)	NT
159	Pabo catfish	<i>Ompok pabo</i>	Theduva	(Hamilton, 1822)	NT
160	Freshwater shark	<i>Wallagoattu</i>	Valuga	(Bloch & Schneider, 1801)	NT
	Family Sisoridae				
161	Bagarius, goonch	<i>Bagarius bagarius</i>	Guddi chepa	(Hamilton, 1822)	NT
<b>XI</b>	<b>Order Synbranchiformes</b>				
	Family Mastacembelidae				
162	One stripe spiny eel	<i>Macrornathus aral</i>	Bommidai / Kontemukku	(Bloch & Schneider, 1801)	LC
163	Malabar spiny eel	<i>Macrornathus guentheri</i>	Bommidai / Kontemukku	(Day, 1865)	LC
164	Barred spiny eel	<i>Macrornathus pacalus</i>	Kontemukku	(Hamilton, 1822)	LC
165	Zig – zag spiny eel	<i>Mastacembelus armatus</i>	Bommidai / Kontemukku	(Lacepède, 1800)	LC

**Note:** \*Exotic, EN - Endangered, NT - Near Threatened, LC - Least Concern, NE – Not Evaluated, DD - Data Deficient; VU-Vulnerable; CR-Critically Endangered; I - Introduced.



**Pie chart 1:** Order-wise dominance of fish species in Telangana



*Anguilla bengalensis*



*Bagarius bagarius*





*Ompok bimaculatus*



*Osteobrama belangeri*



*Silonia childreni*



*Labeo pangusia*



*Tor khudree*



*Hypselobarbus mussullah*



*Schismatorhynchus nukta*



*Hemirhamphus xanthopterus*

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