

SHORT COMMUNICATION

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A NOTE ON THE FISHES OF LORALAI DISTRICT, BALUCHISTAN

Abstract: The fish fauna of Baluchistan is poorly known. It is always desirable to concentrate on small areas in such cases and add whatever is discovered in the known species. The present paper is such an attempt. It deals with the fish fauna of Loralai District in North-Eastern part of Baluchistan. Three species, viz., *Barilius vagra*, *Crossocheilus diplocheilus* and *Garra gotyla* are added to the known fish fauna of this district.

Key words: Freshwater fishes, *Barilius vagra*, *Crossocheilus diplocheilus*, *Garra gotyla*, Loralai, Pakistan.

INTRODUCTION

Loralai District forms the eastern part of Baluchistan. It lies between 29° 56' to 30° 37'N and 67° 43' to 69° 49'E. Its fish fauna has not been fully explored. Mirza and Naik (Fish and Fisheries of Loralai District. *Pakistan J. Scient. Res.*, **18**: 196-198, 1966), recorded only 8 species. Three more species were collected during August, 1992 by the junior author. Thus the number of species now known from Loralai District goes up to 11. The new records are marked with asterisk (*).

SYSTEMATIC ACCOUNT

ORDER: CYPRINIFORMES
FAMILY: CYPRINIDAE

1. *Barilius vagra* (Hamilton)*
2. *Crossocheilus diplocheilus* (Heckel)*
3. *Cyprinion watsoni* (Day)
4. *Garra gotyla* (Gray)*
5. *Labeo dero* (Hamilton)
6. *Racoma labiata* McClelland
7. *Schizocypris brucei* Regan
8. *Tor putitora* (Hamilton)

FAMILY: NEMACHEILIDAE

9. *Schistura anambarensis* (Mirza and Banarescu)10. *Schistura lindbergi* (Banarescu & Mirza)ORDER: SILURIFORMES
FAMILY: SISORIDAE11. *Glyptothorax naziri* (Mirza & Naik)

The species recorded as *Nemacheilus baluchinum* by Mirza and Naik (1966) is actually *Schistura anambarensis* (Mirza and Banarescu). This correction has been made in the present note. Similarly the name *Schizothoraichthys labiatus* has been changed to *Racoma labiata*.

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