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**Scientific Name: *Salmostoma
bacaila***

Family: Danionidae

Common Name: Large razorbelly minnow

Physical Characteristics:



The body is elongate and strongly compressed; the mouth is oblique, with a well-developed symphyseal knob; the scales are tiny, the dorsal fin is inserted well in advance of the anal fin; a considerable space is present between the anal and caudal fins. The lateral line is concave. The body colour is dorsally dark, but the rest of the body is silvery. Maximum length is 17.5 cm (Day, 1875).

Geographical Distribution:

Widely distributed in rivers, ponds, beels and inundated fields in the study area. It is a surface feeder and is regarded as a valuable larvivorous fish.

Economic Importance: -

This fish is both costly and delicious, making it a preferred food source. This is used as bait and is also edible. It is esteemed as food on account of the invigorating qualities of its flesh.