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Scientific Name: - *Ctenogobius shufeldtti*

Family: Gobiidae

Common Name: Eel goby or snakehead goby

Physical Characteristics:

It has an elongated, eel-like body that can reach up to 50 centimetres in length. The body is laterally compressed and tapers towards the tail. The dorsal and anal fins are long and continuous, running most of the length of the body. The pectoral fins are small, and the pelvic fins are often reduced or absent. They have a distinct, flat head with small eyes located on the top. Their mouth is large, with fleshy lips and small, sharp teeth—the presence of barbels around the mouth, which are used for detecting prey in the substrate.

Geographical Distribution:

Indo-Pacific: India, China, Malaysia, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea.

Economic Importance:

They are of limited importance, mainly caught for local subsistence and occasionally sold in local markets or the aquarium trade. They play crucial ecological roles in their habitats and are of interest to scientific research and conservation efforts.

