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Scientific Name: -*Sillago sihama*

Family: Sillaginidae

Common Name: Silver whiting and sand smelt.

Physical Characteristics:

A slender, elongated body with a silvery colouration on its sides, fading to white on the belly. It has a prominent yellow or golden stripe running along its body from the eye to the tail, giving it its common name. The dorsal fin usually has a faint yellowish tinge.

Geographical Distribution:

The Indo-Pacific region ranges from the eastern coast of Africa, including the Red Sea and the Arabian Sea, to Southeast Asia, northern Australia, and the western Pacific Ocean.

Economic Importance:

It plays a significant role in coastal fisheries and ecosystems throughout the Indo-Pacific region, providing food and livelihoods for coastal communities and contributing to the biodiversity and productivity of nearshore environments.



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