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Scientific Name: -*Opsarius bendelisis*

Family: Cyprinidae

Common Name: Indian Hill Trout or Indian Hill Stream Barb

Physical Characteristics:

Earlier, they were placed under the genus *Barilius*. It has a slender, elongated body with a streamlined shape, making it well-suited for swimming in fast-flowing waters. They have a silver or silvery-grey body colour, with a darker back and a lighter underside. Their fins may be tinged with red or orange, especially during the breeding season. Indian Hill Trout can vary in size, but they generally grow to lengths of 15-25 centimetres (6-10 inches), though larger specimens have been recorded.

Geographical Distribution:

It is primarily found in rivers and streams throughout India. It is mainly found in the Western Ghats and various states.

Economic Importance:

Its economic importance lies in its contribution to local fisheries, aquaculture potential, recreational fishing opportunities, biodiversity conservation, and cultural heritage in some areas of South Asia.

