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Scientific Name: - *Harpodon nehereus*

Family: Synodontidae

Common Name: Bombay duck

Physical Characteristics:

Bombay duck has a slender, elongated body, a pointed snout, and a relatively large mouth filled with small teeth. Its body is typically pale pinkish-grey, and its skin is covered in small scales. The fish has a distinctive appearance, especially its long, ribbon-like dorsal fin, which extends along its entire body.

Geographical Distribution:

It is primarily found in the Indian Ocean and adjacent seas, including along the coasts of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Myanmar.

Economic Importance:

It is a culturally significant and economically important fish species in South Asia. Its unique flavour and culinary versatility make it a cherished ingredient in regional cuisines, while its commercial fishery supports the livelihoods of many coastal communities. However, sustainable management practices are necessary to address the challenges facing Bombay duck populations and ensure the sustainability of the fishery for future generations.

