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Scientific Name: -*Garra gotyla*

Family: Cyprinidae

Common Name: Sucker head or gadhera

Physical Characteristics:



Streamlined and elongated body, which is slightly compressed, with a moderate Size of 14-15 cm (5.5-6 inches). Colour variability can range from brown to grey. An inferior mouth with fleshy lips and small barbels is present around the mouth.

Geographical Distribution:

Freshwater environments, such as fast-flowing streams, rivers, and thermal springs, are primarily found in the Middle East: Turkey, Syria, Iraq, and Iran.

Economic Importance:

It holds significant economic importance across sectors such as wellness and tourism, local fisheries, the aquarium trade, ecotourism, and scientific research. Sustainable management and conservation of their populations and habitats are crucial to maintaining these economic benefits.