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Scientific Name: - *Systemus sarana*

Family: Cyprinidae

Common Name: Olive Barb or Puti

Physical Characteristics:

They were earlier placed under the genus *Puntius*. The body is elongated and laterally compressed with a small head, a slightly pointed snout, a single dorsal fin, an anal fin, and paired pectoral and pelvic fins. The body colouration ranges from olive-green to brownish on the upper part and from silver-white to white on the lower part. They have a distinctive black spot at the base of their caudal fin, which is a characteristic feature of the species.

Geographical Distribution:

Olive Barb is native to the Indian subcontinent, including India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan.

Economic Importance:

It is an economically important freshwater fish species with significance in the aquarium trade, aquaculture, and food fish markets, particularly in its native range in South Asia. Additionally, its peaceful nature and attractive appearance make it a popular choice among hobbyists and enthusiasts.

