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Scientific Name: -*Channa gachua*

Family: Channidae

Common Name: Dwarf snakehead or the dwarf Channa

Physical Characteristics:

The body is elongated and somewhat cylindrical, resembling a snake, and possesses a large, flattened head with a wide mouth and sharp teeth. They typically have a brownish or olive-green colouration, with darker blotches or markings along the sides, and a distinctive black spot at the base of the caudal fin. The dorsal fin is long and extends almost to the back. The pectoral fins are long and tapering. Pelvic fins are typically smaller and closer to the pectoral fins. The anal fin runs parallel to the dorsal, and the caudal fin is rounded or slightly truncated.

Geographical Distribution

Channa gachua is native to South and Southeast Asia, including India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam.

Economic Importance:

It is a small but economically significant freshwater fish species with significance in the aquarium trade, aquaculture, and food fish markets, particularly in its native range in South and Southeast Asia. Additionally, its unique appearance and behaviour make it a popular choice among hobbyists and enthusiasts.

