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Scientific Name: -*Catla catla*

Family: Cyprinidae

Common Name: Catla or Indian carp

Physical Characteristics:

Deep and laterally compressed body with a slightly protruding lower jaw and a slightly arched back. It has a large, forked tail fin and a dorsal fin with a long base, and a short anal fin. Paired pectoral and pelvic fins are well developed. The body colouration is silvery, with a bluish back and a whitish belly.

Geographical Distribution:

Catla catla is native to the freshwater rivers, lakes, and reservoirs of the Indian subcontinent, including India, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Pakistan.

Economic Importance:

It is a commercially important freshwater fish species in South Asia. Its large size, rapid growth, and good market demand make it a valuable species for aquaculture and food production. Additionally, its cultural significance and economic contributions make it an integral part of the region's fisheries sector.

