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Scientific Name: -*Mystus vittatus*

Family: Bagridae

Common Name: Striped Dwarf Catfish

Physical Characteristics:



Elongated and slender body with a slightly flattened belly and a slightly rounded head with a terminal mouth. It is characterised by longitudinal stripes along its body, which give it the common name "striped dwarf catfish". The body colouration of *Mystus vittatus* ranges from pale yellow to silver, with dark brown or black stripes.

Geographical Distribution

Mystus vittatus is native to freshwater habitats in South Asia, particularly in India, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Myanmar.

Economic Importance:

While not as economically important as some other catfish species, it plays a role in the aquarium trade and as a food source in certain regions. Additionally, its adaptability and peaceful nature make it suitable for home aquariums, where fish enthusiasts value it for its attractive appearance.