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Scientific Name: -*Ompok bimaculatus*

Family: Siluridae

Common Name: Butter catfish or pabda fish

Physical Characteristics:

Body elongated and laterally compressed with a dorsoventrally flattened head; Snout rounded. Superior mouth with a longer lower jaw. Eyes subcutaneous and barbels two pairs, of which the maxillary pair extends to the end of the pectoral or the middle of the anal fin. The dorsal fin is situated above the last half of the pectoral fin. Pectoral fin with smooth spine. A transverse blackish spot is present on the operculum behind the lateral line. Caudal forked with rounded lobes and a downwards direction. Body colour is generally silvery grey, darkest on the back and fading to white on the belly. Some may have two longitudinal bands, one above and the other below the lateral line.



Geographical Distribution:

Ompok bimaculatus is a freshwater catfish, primarily available in Asian countries, especially in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Nepal, and has recently been identified in Myanmar.

Economic Importance: Esteemed as a food fish. Physicians prescribe this fish for the invalids (Bhuiyan, 1964). Aquaculture of this species is practised in certain districts of Bangladesh, such as Mymensingh and Jessore.