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**Scientific Name: -*Puntius sophore***

**Family: Cyprinidae**

**Common Name: Pool barb, spot fin swamp barb, or stigma barb**

**Physical Characteristics:**

Elongated and moderately compressed body, slightly arched back and a pointed snout, have a small terminal mouth with prominent lips and barbels. It typically has a silvery body with a bluish-green sheen and yellowish fins. The scales of *Puntius sophore* are relatively large and easily visible, identified and distinguished from its congener's species by the presence of a black spot in the caudal peduncle region, another at the root of the dorsal fin.

**Geographical Distribution:**

*Puntius sophore* is native to freshwater habitats in South Asia, particularly in countries such as India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Myanmar.

**Economic Importance:**

While not a significant economic resource, it is valued for its 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 appreciate it for its attractive appearance and ease of care.

