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Scientific Name: -*Macroganathus aral*

Family: Mastacembelidae

Common Name: One stripe spiny eel

Physical Characteristics:

Macroganathus species is an edible fish, and these spiny eels can be collected easily during the summer season due to their dorsal spines. Males are shorter than females. It has a long, slender body and burrows in the ground or in limestone rocks.



Geographical Distribution:

Jammu in northern India

Economic Importance:

The one-stripe spiny eel, *Macroganathus aral*, holds economic importance as a food fish, a cultivable species, and an ornamental fish. It's highly valued in some regions, particularly in northern India, where it fetches a high price, mainly when sold alive. Additionally, its unique body shape and behaviour make it a sought-after aquarium fish.