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**Scientific Name:- *Heteropneustes***

**Family: Heteropneustidae**

**Common Name: Singhi**

**Physical Characteristics:**

The body of *Heteropneustes* is elongated, with a depressed head covered in osseous plates and possessing four pairs of barbels. The body also has a pair of accessory respiratory organs, in the form of air sacs, extending backwards from the gill chamber on both sides of the vertebral column.

**Geographical Distribution:**

Widely distributed in India.

**Economic Importance:**

This species grows to a total length of 30 cm (12 in) and is an essential component of local commercial fisheries. It is also farmed and found in the aquarium trade.

