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Scientific Name: -*Anabas testudineus*

Family: Anabantidae

Common Name: Climbing perch

Physical Characteristics:



Body slender with a long-based dorsal fin and large regularly-arranged scales; Greenish to brownish, duskier to olive-green above, pale below; Head with longitudinal stripes below the eye, iris golden, dark spot on the margin of the gill cover.

Geographical Distribution:

South Asia: Widely found in countries such as India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippines. It is also found in Sri Lanka and Southern China.

Economic Importance:

It is an economically valuable species in South Asia due to its robustness, market demand, and role in local fisheries and aquaculture. Its ability to survive in various conditions further enhances its importance as a food and economic resource.