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Scientific Name: -*Nemachelius corica*

Family: Nemacheilidae

Common Name: Korika loach

Physical Characteristics:

Elongated, slender bodies with a streamlined shape. They often exhibit mottled or speckled colouration, ranging from brown to olive green, with lighter or darker markings along their body. Some species may exhibit distinctive patterns or markings, such as bars or spots.

Geographical Distribution:

Nemachelius species are native to various freshwater habitats across Asia, particularly in the Indian subcontinent, Southeast Asia, and parts of China.

Economic Importance:

They generally have limited economic importance compared to other freshwater fish species in their range. Some species may be of interest to aquarium enthusiasts due to their small size, attractive colouration, and engaging behaviour. However, they are not as commonly available in the aquarium trade as other cyprinid species. They play important roles in their ecosystems as bottom-dwelling foragers. Conservation efforts are essential to ensure the long-term survival of the *Nemachelius* species amid increasing environmental pressures.

