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Scientific Name: -*Chitala chitala*

Family: Notopteridae

Common Name: Asian featherback and Asian Knife

Physical Characteristics:

Chitala chitala has an elongated, cylindrical body with a distinctly long dorsal fin that resembles a feather or a knife, similar to other featherback species. They have small scales, and their colouration varies by species and environmental factors.



Geographical Distribution:

Chitala is native to freshwater habitats across Southeast Asia, including Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, and Indonesia.

Economic Importance:

They are popular in the aquarium trade, and their conservation status in the wild underscores the importance of responsible management and conservation efforts to ensure their long-term survival.