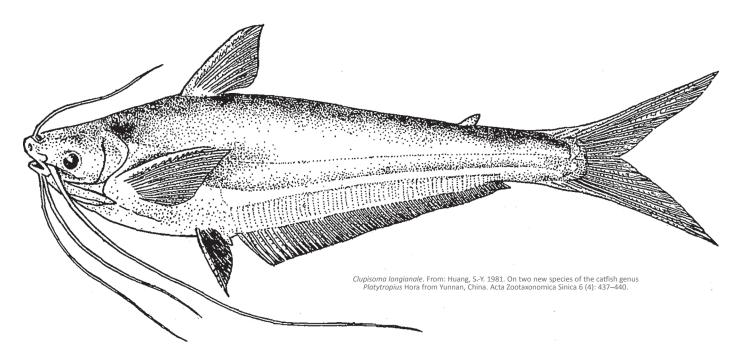
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Order SILURIFORMES

Asian Butter Catfishes

Family **AILIIDAE**

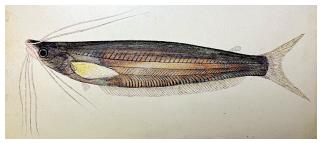
Bleeker 1858



Ailia Gray 1830

a local name for A. coila (and Ailiichthys punctata) in India

Ailia coila (Hamilton 1822) etymology not explained, possibly a latinization of Kajoli (pronounced "kway-la"), Assamese name for this catfish in Rangbur, Bangladesh



Ailia coila. From: Hamilton's original illustration, unpublished at the time, reproduced in Britz, R. 2019. Francis Hamilton's Gangetic Fishes in colour. A new edition of the 1822 monograph, with reproductions of unpublished coloured illustrations. Ray Society, London: 1–48, i–vii, 1–405, i–vii, Pls. 1–228.

Ailiichthys

Day 1872

Ailia, similar to that genus but differing in the lack of ventral fins; *ichthýs* (Gr. iχθύς), fish

Ailiichthys punctata Day 1872 Latin for spotted, referring to large black spot before caudal-fin base

Clupisoma

Swainson 1838

clupi-, from clupea (L.), herring or herring-like fish; sốma (Gr. $\sigma \tilde{\omega} \mu \alpha$), body, referring to herring-shaped body of C. garua

Clupisoma bastari Datta & Karmakar 1980 of Bastar District, Madhya Pradesh, India, type locality

 ${\it Clupisoma\ garua\ (Hamilton\ 1822)}$ local Bengali name for this catfish in India

Clupisoma longianale (Huang 1981) longus (L.), long; anale (L.), anal, referring to its longer anal fin compared with C. sinense

Clupisoma montanum Hora 1937 Latin for pertaining to mountains, presumably referring to its occurrence in mountain streams of the Lesser Himalayas near Darjeeling, India

Clupisoma naziri Mirza & Awan 1973 in honor of "the most eminent ichthyologist of Pakistan," Nazir Ahmad (1910–1985), Director of Fisheries, West Pakistan (this catfish was described from Pakistan)

Clupisoma nujiangense Chen, Ferraris & Yang 2005 -ense, Latin suffix denoting place: Nu Jiang (=Salween River), Yunnan Province, China, type locality

Clupisoma prateri Hora 1937 in honor of Indian-born British naturalist Stanley Henry Prater (1890–1960), curator, Bombay Natural History Society, for helping Hora procure fresh material of Indian fishes for his studies



First-published image of *Alliichthys punctata*. Illustration by George Henry Ford and Suzini (a local Indian artist). From: Day, F. 1877. The fishes of India; being a natural history of the fishes known to inhabit the seas and fresh waters of India, Burma, and Ceylon. Part 3. Bernard Quaritch, London: 369–552, Pls. 79–138.

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Clupisoma roosae Ferraris 2004 in honor of ecotoxicologist Anna Roos (b. 1961), curator, Department of Environmental Research and Monitoring Swedish Museum of Natural History, who, with her colleague ichthyologist Fang Fang (1962–2010), collected holotype

Clupisoma sinense (Huang 1981) -ense, Latin suffix denoting place: Sinica (China), where type locality (Simao Prefecture, Yunnan Province) is situated

Clupisoma yunnanense (He, Huang & Li 1995) -ense, Latin suffix denoting place: Yunnan Province, China, where it is endemic to the upper Salween River basin

Eutropiichthys

Bleeker 1862

Eutropius (=*Schilbe*, Schilbeidae), referring to its similarity to that genus; *ichthýs* (Gr. iχθύς), fish

Eutropiichthys britzi Ferraris & Vari 2007 in honor of German ichthyologist Ralph Britz (Natural History Museum, London), who collected some of the type material, for his many contributions to our knowledge of the fishes of Myanmar

Eutropiichthys burmannicus Day 1877 -icus (L.), belonging to: Burma (Myanmar), described as a Burmese variety of *E. vacha* [note incorrect spelling, with an extra "n"]

Eutropiichthys cetosus Ng, Lalramliana, Lalronunga & Lalnuntluanga 2014 Latin for of or pertaining to sea-fishes (but here meaning whale-like), referring to its numerous gill rakers, reminiscent of baleen in baleen whales

Eutropiichthys goongwaree (Sykes 1839) Marathi vernacular for this species in India, which, as Sykes explained in 1841, he adopted "so that naturalists who travel the country can always obtain" the species¹

Eutropiichthys murius (Hamilton 1822) from Muri vacha, local Gangetic name for this catfish

Eutropiichthys salweenensis Ferraris & Vari 2007 -ensis, Latin suffix denoting place: Salween River, Thailand, type locality



Eutropiichthys salweenensis, holotype, 124 mm SL. Photo by T. Britt Griswold. From: Ferraris, C. J., Jr. and R. P. Vari. 2007. Revision of catfishes of the genus Eutropiichthys, with the description of two new species (Siluriformes: Schilbidae). Copeia 2007 (4): 866–885.

Eutropiichthys vacha (Hamilton 1822) local Gangetic name for ailiid catfishes in India, including this one

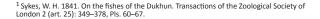
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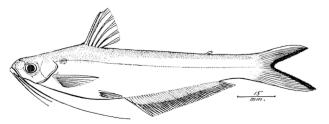
Jordan 1919

-idēs (Gr. ίδης), patronymic suffix: replacement name for Lais Bleeker 1858, preoccupied by Lais Gistel 1848 in Tunicata (Lais is Sundanese name for L. hexanema)

Laides hexanema (Bleeker 1852) héx (Gr. $\xi\xi$), six; nema (Gr. $v\tilde{\eta}\mu\alpha$), thread, referring to three pairs of fleshy barbels

Laides longibarbis (Fowler 1934) longus (L.), long; barbis (scientific Neo-Latin), barbel, referring to long maxillary barbel that reaches just beyond front of anal fin





Laides longibarbis. Illustration by Henry Weed Fowler. From: Fowler, H. W. 1934. Zoological results of the third De Schauensee Siamese Expedition, Part I. Fishes. Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia 86: 67–163, Pl. 12.

Proeutropiichthys

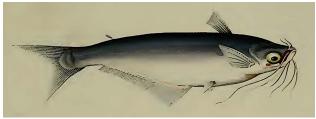
Hora 1937

pro- (L.), in front of or before, probably referring to Hora's belief that this genus gave rise to Eutropiichthys

Proeutropiichthys buchanani (Valenciennes 1840) patronym not identified but almost certainly in honor of Francis Hamilton-Buchanan (1762–1829), Scottish physician and naturalist, who published an influential account of Indo-Gangetic fishes in 1822

Proeutropiichthys macropthalmos (Blyth 1860) macro-, from makrós (Gr. μακρός), long or large; ophthalmós (Gr. $\dot{\phi}\theta\alpha\lambda\mu\dot{\phi}\varsigma$), eye, referring to its "remarkably large eyes, that occupy more than half of the height of the head"

Proeutropiichthys taakree (Sykes 1839) Marathi vernacular for this species in India, which, as Sykes explained in 1841, he adopted "so that naturalists who travel the country can always obtain" the species¹



First-published image of *Proeutropiichthys taakree*. See footnote 1 for source.

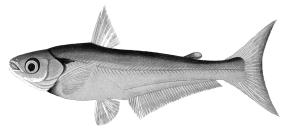
Silonia

Swainson 1838

etymology not explained, possibly a latinization of *silon*, local name for juveniles of this catfish in Bihar, India,² or possibly tautonymous with *Pimelodus silondia* Hamilton 1822 but missing the "d"

Silonia childreni (Sykes 1839) per Sykes (1841)¹, in honor of Sykes' friend John George Children (1777–1852), British entomologist and keeper of the Natural History Department of the British Museum (Natural History)

Silonia silondia (Hamilton 1822) latinization of *Silond*, local name for this catfish in Bihar, India²



Silonia silondia. Illustration by John Swaine. From: Hamilton, F. 1822. An account of the fishes found in the river Ganges and its branches. Edinburgh & London. i \rightarrow vii + 1-405, Pls. 1-39.

 $^{^2}$ Talwar, P. K. and A. G. Jhingran. 1991. Inland fishes of India and adjacent countries. 2 vols. Oxford & IBH Publishing Co., New Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta. i–xvii + 36 unnumbered + 1–1158, 1 pl., 1 map.