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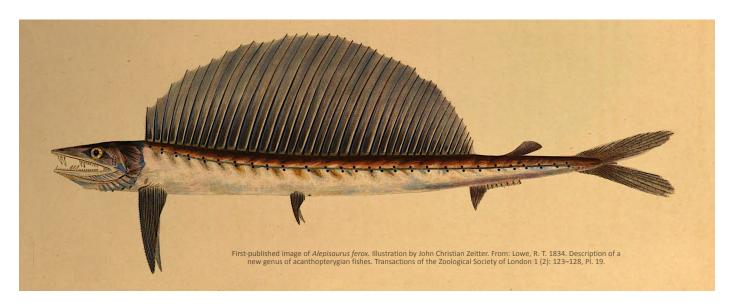
☐ COMMENTS

Order AULOPIFORMES

Lancetfishes

Family **ALEPISAURIDAE**

Swainson 1839



Alepisaurus Lowe 1833

 \acute{a} - (Gr. $\ddot{\alpha}$), without, and *lepis* (Gr. $\lambda \epsilon \pi i \varsigma$), scale, referring to their scaleless bodies; saurus, from saúra (Gr. σαύρα), lizard, perhaps referring to lizard-like shape of A. ferox

Alepisaurus brevirostris Gibbs 1960 brevis (L.), short; rostris, Neo-Latin scientific adjective of rostrum (L.), snout, referring to shorter snout compared with A. ferox

Alepisaurus ferox Lowe 1833 Latin for fierce or ferocious, referring to its "wide gape, and long formidable teeth"

Anotopterus¹

Zugmayer 1911

ά- (Gr. α), without; nốtos (Gr. νῶτος), back; pterus, from pterón (Gr. πτερόν) or *ptéryx* (πτέρυξ), fin, referring to absence of dorsal fin

Anotopterus nikparini Kukuev 1998 in honor of ichthyologist Nikolai Vasil'evich Parin (1932–2012), Russian Academy of Sciences, "who invested much into the study of the World Ocean ichthyofauna" (translation)

Anotopterus pharao Zugmayer 1911 Latin for pharaoh, referring to how lower jaw exceeds upper jaw and ends in a tip, recalling the beard of an Egyptian pharaoh



First-published image of *Anotopterus pharao*. Illustration by Emma Kissling. From: Zugmayer, E. 1911. Poissons provenant des campagnes du yacht Princesse-Alice (1901-1910). Résultats des campagnes scientifiques accomplies sur son yacht par Albert 1er Monaco 35: 1–174, Pls. 1–6.

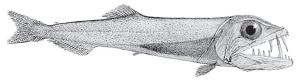
Anotopterus vorax (Regan 1913) Latin for voracious, referring to its "much produced" snout and lower jaw and/or pointed teeth

Omosudis²

Günther 1887

omo-, from hómos (Gr. ὦμος), shoulder, presumably referring to supraclavicle and postclavicle, which "form a long rod extending from the occiput on each side downwards to the abdomen, and partly free, not covered by skin"; sudis (L.), stake or pile and an ancient name for the barracuda (Carangiformes: Sphyraenidae), often used as a suffix for several aulopiform genera (referring to their barracuda-like shape), but in this case possibly alluding to a relationship with Sudis (Sudidae)

Omosudis lowii Günther 1887 in honor of British clergyman Richard Thomas Lowe (1802–1874), an expert on the flora and fauna of the Madeira Islands, who sent a specimen of this species to Günther in 1868 (but it was "so much distorted and injured" that it could not be used as the holotype



Omosudis lowii. From: Günther, A. 1887. Report on the deep-sea fishes collected by H. M. S. Challenger during the years 1873-76. Report on the Scientific Results of the Voyage of H. M. S. Challenger 22 (57): i-lxv+1-268, Pls. 1–66.

¹ Placed in its own family, Anotopteridae (Daggertooths), by some workers.

² Placed in its own family, Omosudidae (Hammerjaws), by some workers.