

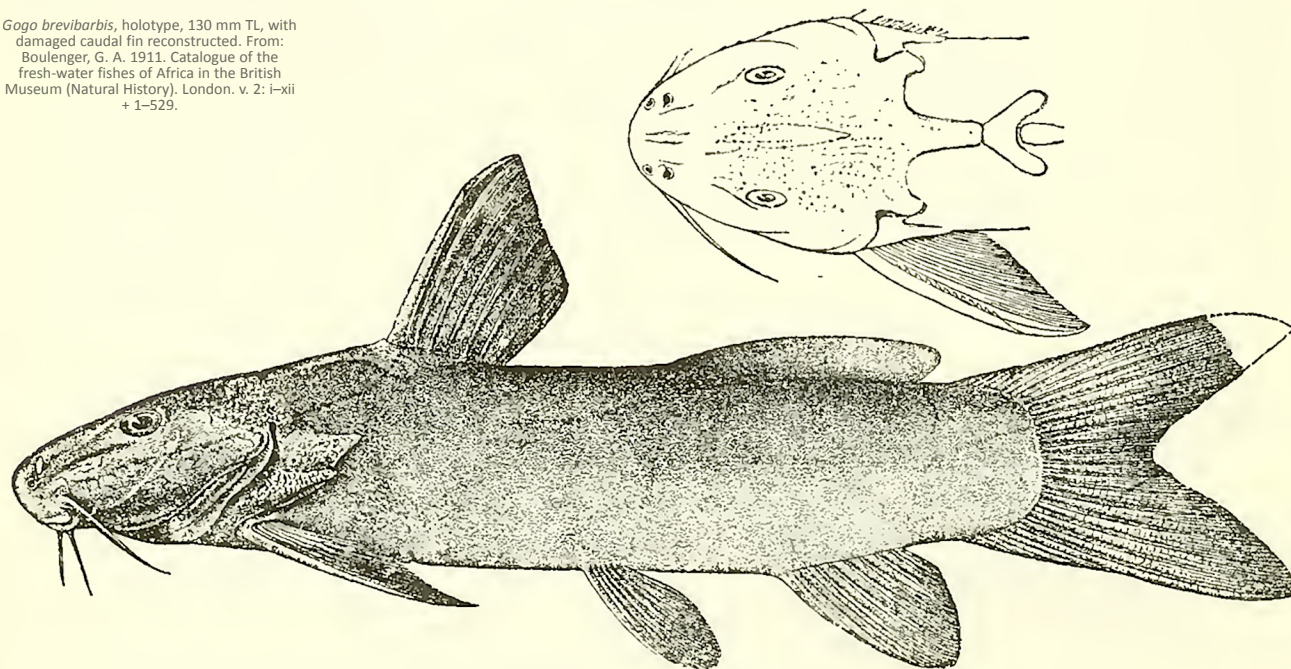
Order SILURIFORMES

Malagasy Catfishes

Family ANCHARIIDAE

Glaw & Vences 1994

Gogo brevibarbis, holotype, 130 mm TL, with damaged caudal fin reconstructed. From: Boulenger, G. A. 1911. Catalogue of the fresh-water fishes of Africa in the British Museum (Natural History). London. v. 2: i–xii + 1–529.



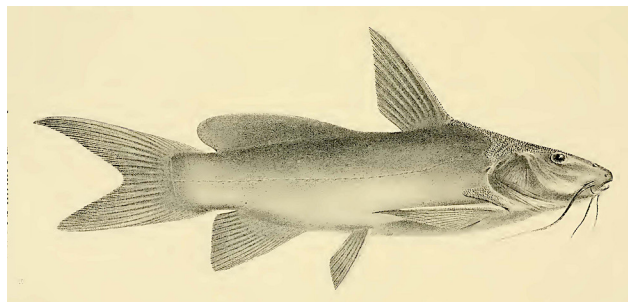
Ancharius

Steindachner 1880

ánchi (Gr.) ἄνχι), near, referring to its similarity to *Arius* (Ariidae)

***Ancharius fuscus* Steindachner 1880** Latin for dark or dusky, referring to “dirty dark” (translation) color on top and sides (light violet on the bottom)

***Ancharius griseus* Ng & Sparks 2005** Medieval Latin for gray, referring to its coloration



First-published image of *Ancharius fuscus*. Illustration by Eduard Konopicky. From: Steindachner, F. 1880. Ichthyologische Beiträge (IX). I. Über eine Sammlung von Flussfischen von Tohizona auf Madagascar. II. Über zwei neue Agonus-Arten aus Californien. III. Über einige Fischarten aus dem nördlichen Japan, gesammelt von Professor Dybowski. Sitzungsberichte der Kaiserlichen Akademie der Wissenschaften. Mathematisch-Naturwissenschaftliche Classe 82 (1. Abth., no. 2): 238–266, Pls. 1–6.

Gogo

Ng & Sparks 2005

Malagasy word (pronounced *goo-goo*) most commonly used to refer to members of this family

***Gogo arcuatus* Ng & Sparks 2005** Latin for bowed or arched, referring to concave shape of dorsoposterior margin of dorsal fin

***Gogo atratus* Ng, Sparks & Loisel 2008** Latin for dressed in black, referring to dark coloration in preservative

***Gogo brevibarbis* (Boulenger 1911) *brevis* (L.)**, short; *barbis* (scientific Neo-Latin), barbel, referring to shorter maxillary barbels compared with *Ancharius fuscus*, its presumed congener at the time

***Gogo ornatus* Ng & Sparks 2005** Latin for adorned or decorated (“in splendid dress,” per the authors), referring to highly mottled pigmentation pattern consisting of light and dark patches