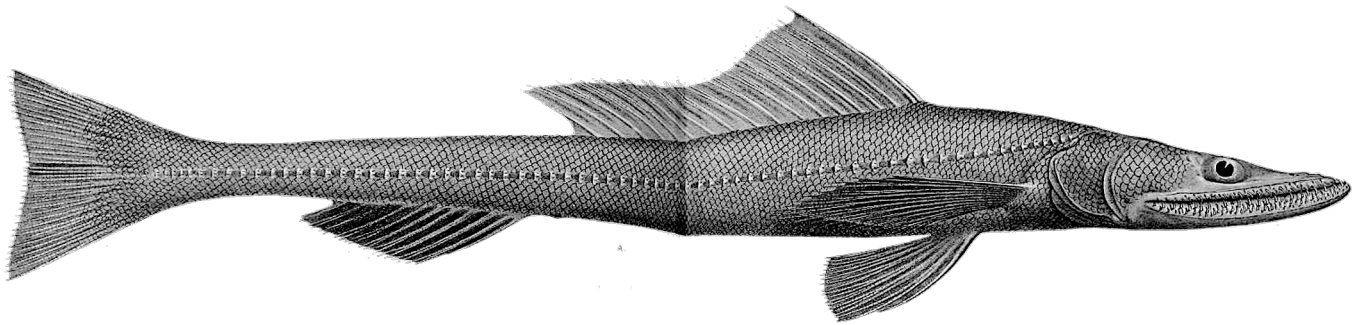


Order AULOPIFORMES

Deepsea Lizardfishes

Family BATHYSAURIDAE

Fowler 1944



First-published image of *Bathysaurus ferox*. Illustration by Pierre Jacques Smit. 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. [Vertical band across middle of body is the page gutter of the printed volume.]

Bathysaurus

Günther 1878

bathýs (Gr. βαθύς), deep, referring to deep-sea habitat of both species (up to 4361 m in *B. mollis*); *saurus*, from *saúra* (Gr. σαύρα), lizard, but here likely referring to its similar body shape to the synodontid genus *Saurus* (=Saurida)

***Bathysaurus ferox* Günther 1878** Latin for fierce or ferocious, probably referring to its enormous mouth, filled with multiple series of long, needle-like teeth

***Bathysaurus mollis* Günther 1878** Latin for soft, probably referring to its adipose fin, which *B. ferox* lacks