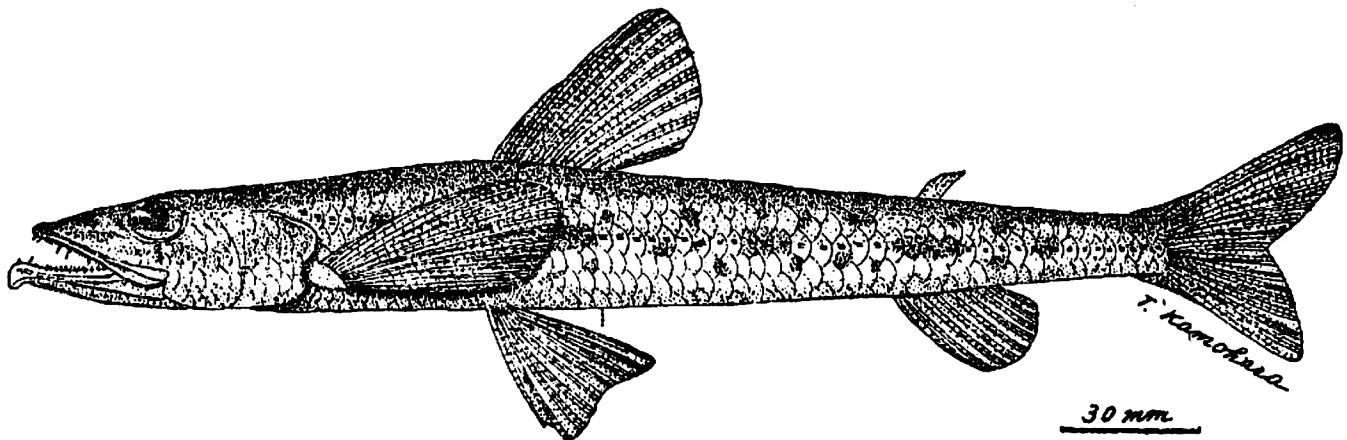


Order AULOPIFORMES

Largescale Deepsea Lizardfish

## Family BATHYSAUROIDIDAE

Sato & Nakabo 2002



*Bathysauroides gigas*, holotype. Illustration by Toshiji Kamohara. From: Kamohara, T. 1952. Revised descriptions of the offshore bottom-fishes of Prov. Tosa, Shikoku, Japan. Research Reports of the Kōchi University, (Ser.) Natural Science. No. 3: 1–122.

### *Bathysauroides*

Baldwin & Johnson 1996

*bathys* (Gr. βαθύς), deep, referring to deep-sea habitat; *-oides*, Neo-Latin from *eídos* (Gr. εἶδος), form or shape, and *saurus*, from *saúra* (Gr. σαύρα), lizard, referring to superficial resemblance to lizardfishes (Synodontidae)

*Bathysauroides gigas* (Kamohara 1952) *gigas* (Gr. γίγας), giant, allusion not explained, perhaps referring to its “very large” eye, “large teeth on tongue,” “large” ventral fin, and/or its larger size (285 mm) compared with *Bathysauropsis malayanus* (Ipnopidae, 244 mm), its presumed congener at the time