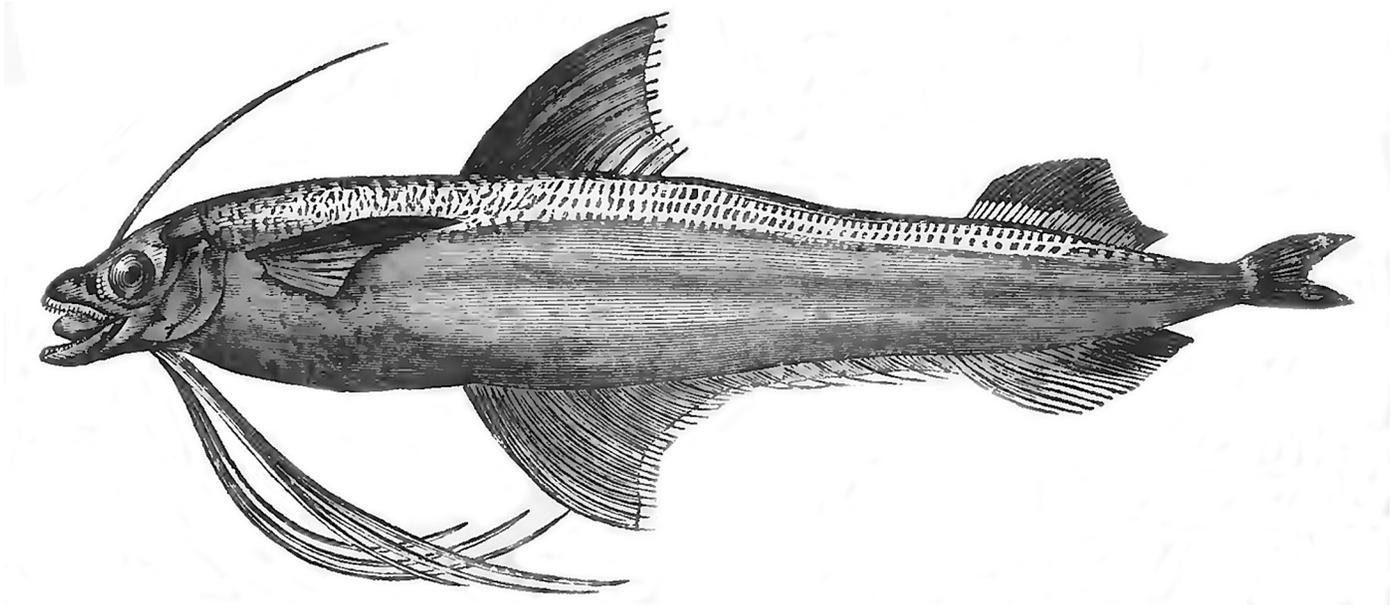


Order GADIFORMES

Codlets

Family **BREGMACEROTIDAE**

Gill 1872



Bregmaceros maclellandi. From: Thompson, W. 1840. On a new genus of fishes from India. Magazine of Natural History (n.s.) 4 (6): 184–187.

Bregmaceros

Thompson 1840

brégma (βρέγμα), bone directly above the brain; *ceros*, from *kerás* (κεράς), horn, referring to occipital ray emerging from top of head of *B. maclellandi*

***Bregmaceros anchovia* Ho, Endo & Lee 2020** *Anchovia*, a genus of anchovies (Clupeiformes: Engraulidae), referring to its anchovy-like outline

***Bregmaceros arabicus* D’Ancona & Cavinato 1965** *-icus* (L.), belonging to: Arabian Sea, type locality

***Bregmaceros atlanticus* Goode & Bean 1886** *-icus* (L.), belonging to: referring to its occurrence in the Atlantic Ocean relative to the similar *B. maclellandi* from the western Pacific (actually a circumglobal species, including the Mediterranean Sea)

***Bregmaceros bathymaster* Jordan & Bollman 1890** *bathýs* (βαθύς), deep; *mastér* (μαστήρ), seeker, allusion not explained, presumably referring to its habitat (holotype collected at 86 m)

***Bregmaceros cantori* Milliken & Houde 1984** in honor of Danish naturalist Theodor Edvard Cantor (1809–1860), who discovered and was the first to describe *Bregmaceros* in a manuscript that was “unfortunately mislaid” (see *B. maclellandi*, below); authors state that Cantor died before his manuscript could be published but do not mention that the manuscript had been lost

***Bregmaceros cayorum* Nichols 1952** *-orum* (L.), belonging to (plural): *cayo*, Spanish for small island (“key” in English), referring to type locality, “west of Cay Sal” in the Straits of Florida (USA)

***Bregmaceros houdei* Saksena & Richards 1986** in honor of Edward D. Houde (Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, Solomons, Maryland, USA), for providing type specimens and reviewing the authors’ manuscript (the authors note: “Dr. Houde’s name is often mispronounced, so please note that the pronunciation of *houdei* is hood-eye and not how-dee-eye, whodee-eye or hud-dee-eye”)

***Bregmaceros japonicus* Tanaka 1908** *-icus* (L.), belonging to Japan, proposed as a subspecies of *B. atlanticus* known only from Japan

***Bregmaceros lanceolatus* Shen 1960** Latin for lance-like, referring to its pointed caudal fin

***Bregmaceros maclellandi* Thompson 1840** based on a manuscript name (“unfortunately mislaid”) by Danish naturalist Theodor Edvard Cantor (1809–1860), in honor of his friend John McClelland (1805–1875), physician and ichthyologist, “whose researches in the Biology and Geology of India [type locality] are well known” [sometimes spelled *maclellandi*]

***Bregmaceros moseri* Harold & Baltzegar 2023** in honor of the late H Geoffrey Moser (1938–2021), who “contributed hugely” to our understanding of the biodiversity of mid-water fishes; in 1996, he referred to larval and post-metamorphic juveniles that, based on the data provided, are probably early stages of this species (the absence of a period after “H” in his name is not a typo; “H,” and only “H,” is actually his given name, the first initial of both of his parents’ names)

***Bregmaceros nectabanus* Whitley 1941** etymology not explained; since Whitley sometimes coined fish names inspired by literary characters (e.g., *Figaro*, *Malvoliophus*), here’s a guess: named after Nectabanus, a dwarf in Sir Walter Scott’s 1825 novel *The Talisman*, referring to small size of *Bregmaceros* species in general or the size of this species (described at 31.75 mm) in particular

***Bregmaceros neonectabanus* Masuda, Ozawa & Tabet 1986** *néos* (νέος), new, i.e., a new species previously reported as a form of *B. nectabanus*

***Bregmaceros pseudolanceolatus* Torii, Javonillo & Ozawa 2004** *pseudo-*, from *pseudēs* (ψεύδης), false, i.e., although it may closely resemble *B. lanceolatus*, such an appearance is false

***Bregmaceros rarisquamosus* Munro 1950** *rarus* (L.), thinly scattered; *squamosus* (L.), scaly, with “considerably less horizontal and vertical

tracts of scales” compared with the similar *B. nectabanus*

***Bregmaceros retrodorsalis* Ho & Endo 2020** *retro-* (L.), back; *dorsalis* (L.), of the back, referring to backward position of second dorsal fin