

Order CHARACIFORMES

Lutefishes

Family CITHARINIDAE

Günther 1864



*Citharidium ansorgii*, holotype, 130 mm TL. From: Boulenger, G. A. 1902. Description of a new characinid fish discovered by Dr. W. J. Ansorge in southern Nigeria. *Annals and Magazine of Natural History (Series 7)* 9 (50) (art. 25): 144–145, Pl. 3.

**Citharidium**

**Boulenger 1902**

*-idium*, Latin diminutive suffix connoting resemblance: like *Citharinus* but with ctenoid instead of cycloid scales

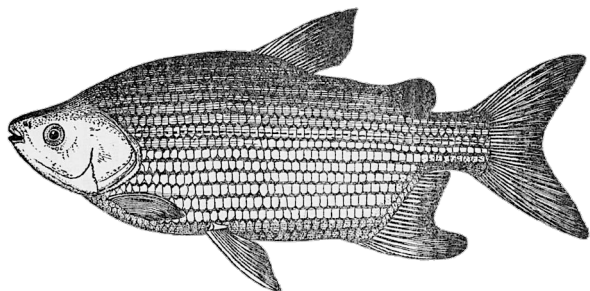
*Citharidium ansorgii* **Boulenger 1902** in honor of British explorer and collector William John Ansorge (1850–1913), who collected holotype

**Citharinops**

**Daget 1962**

*ōps* (Gr. ὤψ), eye or face (i.e., appearance), proposed as a subgenus of *Citharinus*, i.e., *Citharinus*-like

*Citharinops distichodoides* (**Pellegrin 1919**) *-oides*, Neo-Latin from *eĩdos* (Gr. εĩδος), having the form of: *Distichodus* (Distichodontidae), referring to larger scales than presumed congeners in *Citharinus*



Probably first-published image of *Citharinops distichodoides* (as *Citharinus thomasi*, a subspecies or junior synonym). From: Pellegrin, J. 1927. Contribution à l'étude de la faune ichthyologique du Niger et de la Guinée française, d'après les envois de M. Jean Thomas. *Bulletin de Comité d'Études Historiques et Scientifiques de l'Afrique Occidentale Français* 9 (1) [for 1926]: 52–77.

*Citharinops distichodoides thomasi* (**Pellegrin 1924**) in honor of Jean Thomas (1890–1932), fisheries scientist who collected fishes for the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle (Paris) in French Equatorial Africa, including holotype of this one

**Citharinus**

**Cuvier 1816**

*-inus* (L.), adjectival suffix: *kithára* (Gr. κιθάρα), a lute- or lyre-like instrument from ancient Greece, referring to scale rows of *C. citharus*, said to resemble the strings of a harp

*Citharinus citharus* (**Geoffroy St. Hilaire 1809**) from *kithára* (Gr. κιθάρα), a lute- or lyre-like instrument from ancient Greece, referring to its conspicuous transverse scales rows, “nearly straight and parallel, which resemble the strings of a harp” (translation)

*Citharinus citharus intermedius* **Worthington 1932** Latin for intermediate, described as intermediate in form between *C. c. citharus* and *C. latus*

*Citharinus congicus* **Boulenger 1897** *-icus* (L.), belonging to: Congo River of Zaire (now Democratic Republic of the Congo), where type locality (Stanley Falls) is situated

*Citharinus eburneensis* **Daget 1962** *-ensis*, Latin suffix denoting place: *eburneus* (L.), of ivory, referring to Ivory Coast, where type locality (Upper Comoé River) is situated

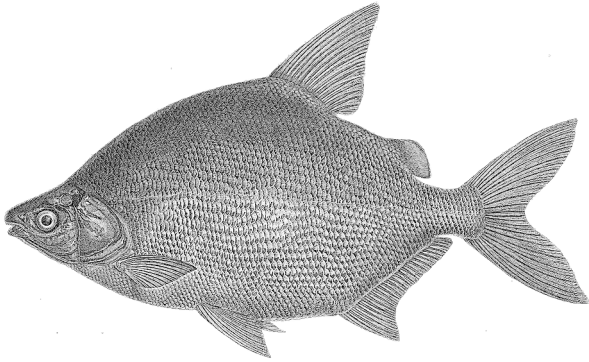
*Citharinus gibbosus* **Boulenger 1899** Latin for humpbacked, referring to its convex dorsal profile

*Citharinus latus* **Müller & Troschel 1844** Latin for wide or broad, allusion not explained (name coined by German naturalist Christian Gottfried Ehrenberg, who collected holotype), perhaps referring to larger

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adipose fin compared with *C. geoffroyi* (= *citharus*) and/or to elevated body shape common to all lutefishes

***Citharinus macrolepis* Boulenger 1899** *macro-*, from *makrós* (Gr. μακρός), long or large; *lepis* (Gr. λεπίς), scale, referring to larger scales compared with *C. citharus*



*Citharinus citharus*. Illustration by H. J. Redoulé. From: Geoffroy St. Hilaire, E. 1809. Poissons du Nil, de la mer Rouge et de la Méditerranée. In: Description de l'Égypte ou recueil des observations et des recherches qui ont été faites en Égypte pendant l'expédition de l'Armée française, publié par les ordres de sa Majesté-L'Empereur Napoléon le Grand. (Imprimerie Impériale). Paris. Histoire Naturelle. v. 1 (part 1): 1–52 [141–338], Poissons Pls. 1–17.