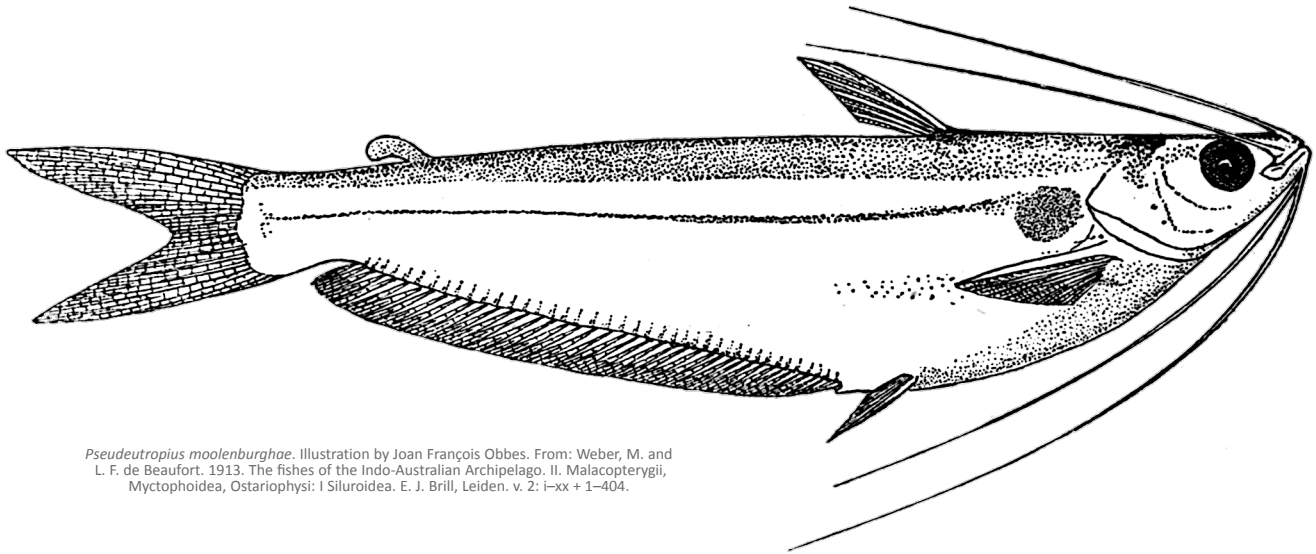


Order SILURIFORMES

Sun or Imperial Catfishes

Family HORABAGRIDAE

Jayaram 2006



*Pseudeutropius moolenburghae*. Illustration by Joan François Obbes. From: Weber, M. and L. F. de Beaufort. 1913. The fishes of the Indo-Australian Archipelago. II. Malacopterygii, Myctophoidea, Ostariophysii: I Siluroidea. E. J. Brill, Leiden. v. 2: 1–xx + 1–404.

**Horabagrus**

Jayaram 1955

*Hora*, in honor of Indian ichthyologist Sunder Lal Hora (1896–1955), Director, Zoological Survey of India, for kindly suggesting Jayaram’s participation in a symposium (the Palearctic element in the fish fauna of peninsular India) and his help in the preparation of the paper in which this catfish was described; *bagrus*, a bagrid catfish (originally placed in Bagridae)

*Horabagrus brachysoma* (Günther 1864) *brachys* (Gr. βραχύς), short; *sōma* (Gr. σῶμα), body, referring to height of body nearly equal to length of head

*Horabagrus nigricollaris* Pethiyagoda & Kottelat 1994 *niger*, from *niger* (L.), black; *collaris* (L.), pertaining to the neck, referring to dark saddle-shaped mark on nape



*Horabagrus nigricollaris*, holotype, 72.7 mm SL. From: Pethiyagoda, R. and M. Kottelat. 1994. Three new species of fishes of the genera *Osteochilichthys* (Cyprinidae), *Travancoria* (Balitoridae) and *Horabagrus* (Bagridae) from the Chalakudy River, Kerala, India. Journal of South Asian Natural History 1 (1): 97–116.

**Pachypterus**

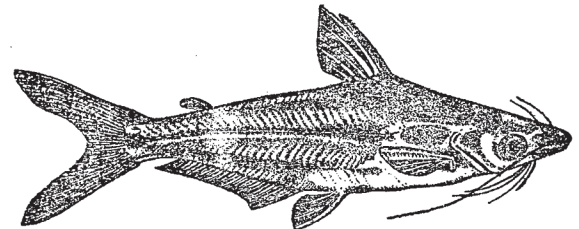
Swainson 1838

*pachys* (Gr. παχύς), thick; *pterus*, from *pterón* (Gr. πτερόν) or *ptéryx* (πτέρυξ), wing or fin, allusion not explained, perhaps referring to “considerably more lengthened” tail and/or long anal fin

*Pachypterus acutirostris* (Day 1870) *acutus* (L.), sharp or pointed; *rostris*, Neo-Latin scientific adjective of *rostrum* (L.), snout, referring to elongated and pointed upper jaw, which extends beyond lower jaw

*Pachypterus atherinoides* (Bloch 1794) *-oides*, Neo-Latin from *eídos* (Gr. εἶδος), form or shape: *Atherina* (silversides, Atherinidae), probably referring to silvery stripe on sides

*Pachypterus khavalchor* (Kulkarni 1952) local name of Kolhapur, Maharashtra State, India, type locality



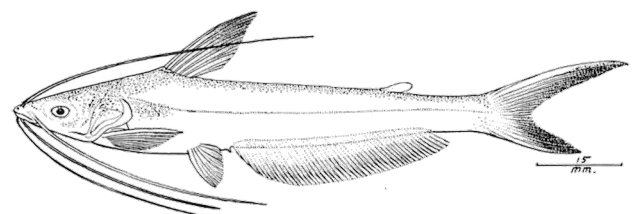
*Pachypterus khavalchor*. From: Kulkarni, C. V. 1952. A new genus of schilbeid catfishes from the Deccan (India). Records of the Indian Museum (Calcutta) 49 (3–4): 231–238.

**Platytrapius**

Hora 1937

*platys* (Gr. πλατύς), flat, probably referring to flattened head; *tropius*, truncation of *Eutropius* (=Schilbe), a common suffix for schilbeid catfishes (reflecting original familial placement), i.e., a flat *Eutropius*

*Platytrapius siamensis* (Sauvage 1883) *-ensis*, Latin suffix denoting place: Siam (now Thailand), where it is endemic to the Chao Phraya River basin



Possibly first-published image of *Platytrapius siamensis* (as *Nemasiluroides furcatus*, a junior synonym). Illustration by Henry Weed Fowler. From: Fowler, H. W. 1937. Zoological results of the third De Schauensee Siamese Expedition. Part VIII. Fishes obtained in 1936. Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia 89: 125–264.

## ***Pseudeutropius***

**Bleeker 1862**

*pseudo-*, from *pseudēs* (Gr. ψεύδης), false, i.e., although this genus may superficially resemble *Eutropius* (=Schilbe, Schilbeidae), in which *P. brachyopterus* was previously placed, such an appearance is false

***Pseudeutropius brachyopterus* (Bleeker 1858)** *brachýs* (Gr. βραχύς), short; *-po*, abridgement of *hypó* (Gr. ὑπό), under or less than; *pterus*, from *pterón* (Gr. πτερόν) or *ptéryx* (πτέρυξ), wing or fin referring to shorter anal fin compared with Asian and African congeners then placed in *Eutropius* (=Schilbe, now in Schilbeidae)

***Pseudeutropius indigens* Ng & Vidthayanon 2011** Latin for indigent, i.e., in need of or wanting, referring to lower number of anal-fin rays and gill rakers compared with the similar *P. moolenburghae*

***Pseudeutropius mitchelli* Günther 1864** in honor of Capt. Jesse Mitchell (d. 1872), British army officer and Superintendent of the Government Museum, Madras, who presented holotype to the British Museum (Natural History)

***Pseudeutropius moolenburghae* Weber & de Beaufort 1913** in honor of Mrs. Moolenburgh (forename not given), who supplied with her husband, Pieter Eliza Moolenburgh (1872–1944), ethnographer and government official in the Dutch East Indies, a large collection of fishes from Sumatra to the authors, including holotype of this one