

Order SILURIFORMES

Indian Cave Catfish

Family **KRYPTOGLANIDAE**

Britz, Kakkassery & Raghavan 2014



Kryptoglanis shajii. From: Vincent, M. and J. Thomas. 2011. *Kryptoglanis shajii*, an enigmatic subterranean-spring catfish (Siluriformes, *Incertae sedis*) from Kerala, India. *Ichthyological Research* 58 (2): 161–165.

Kryptoglanis

Vincent & Thomas 2011

krypto, from *crypta* (L.), vault, tunnel or cavern, referring to its “cryptic” habitat, a well fed by subterranean springs; *glánis* (Gr. γλάνις), ancient name for a silurid catfish (probably *Silurus aristotelis*), now used as a general term for catfish

***Kryptoglanis shajii* Vincent & Thomas 2011** in honor of “distinguished” Indian fish taxonomist C. P. Shaji, “who significantly contributed to the documentation of freshwater fish diversity of the Kerala region of Western Ghats by the Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI Peechi)”