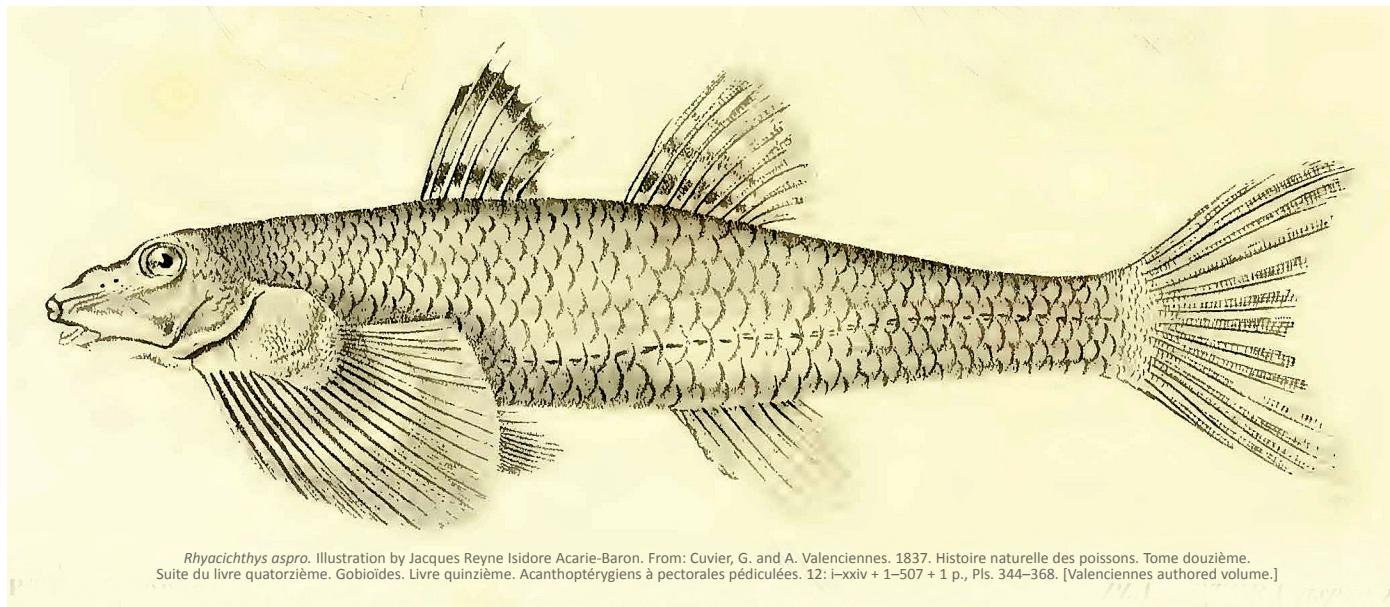


Order GOBIIFORMES

Loach Gobies

Family RHYACICHTHYIDAE

Jordan 1905

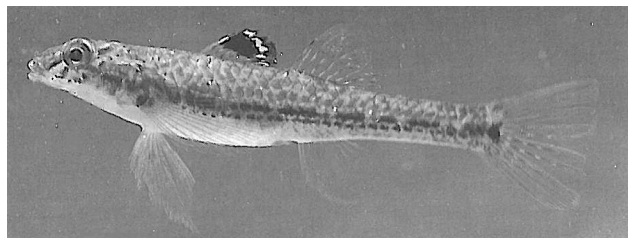


Protogobius

Watson & Pöllabauer 1998

prōtos (πρῶτος), first; *gobius* (L.), a fish of small value or a gudgeon, i.e., a goby, allusion not explained, probably referring to a number a primitive (plesiomorphic) characters that demonstrate its position as a basal gobioid

***Protogobius attiti* Watson & Pöllabauer 1998** in honor of Chief Attiti, one of the Melanesian chiefs of the tribe Goro, who was “quick to recognize the new goby, but stated there was no name for it among the Melanesians” [a noun in apposition without the genitive “’”]



Protogobius attiti, paratype, female, 57.4 mm SL. From: Watson, R. R. and C. Pöllabauer. 1998. A new genus and species of freshwater goby from New Caledonia with a complete lateral line (Pisces: Teleostei: Gobiidae). Senckenbergiana Biologica 77 (2): 147-153.

Rhyacichthys

Boulenger 1901

rhyac, from *rhyax* (ρύαξ), rushing stream or mountain torrent, referring to occurrence of *R. aspro* in fast-flowing streams; *ichthys* (ἰχθύς), fish

***Rhyacichthys aspro* (Valenciennes 1837)** presumably referring to its superficial resemblance to the European percid *Aspro apron* (=Zingel asper)

***Rhyacichthys guilberti* Dingerkus & Séret 1992** in honor of entomologist Eric Guilbert, Muséum national d’Histoire naturelle (Paris), who helped collect holotype

***Rhyacichthys novaeguineae* Boulenger 1903** of Papua New Guinea, where it is endemic