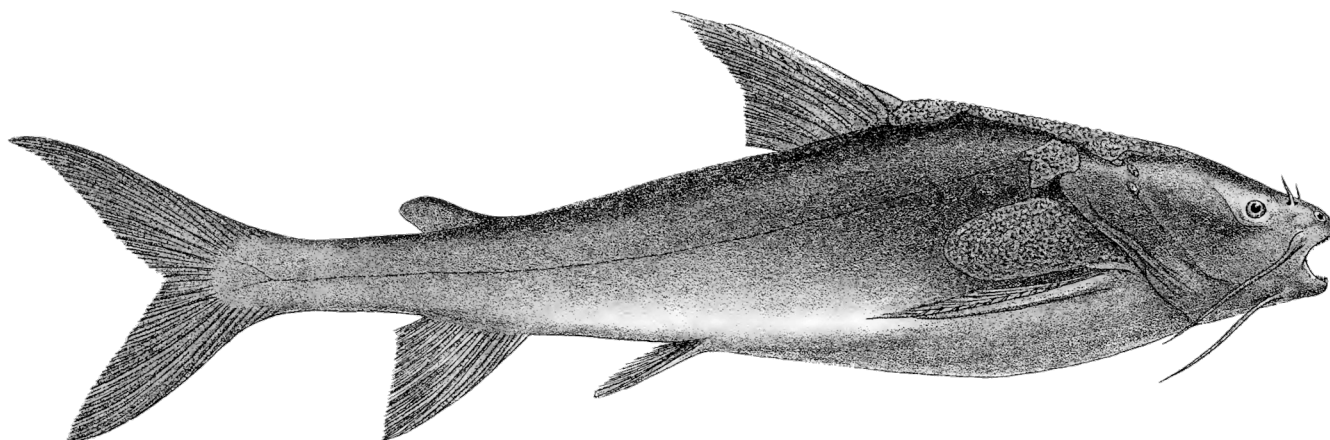


Order SILURIFORMES

Ritas and Nanobagrids

Family **RITIDAE**

Bleeker 1862



Rita sacerdotum. Illustration by Robert Mintern. From: Anderson, J. 1879. Anatomical and zoological researches: comprising an account of the zoological results of the two expeditions to western Yunnan in 1868 and 1875. London. vol. 1: i–xxv + 1–984 + [1]; vol. 2: Pls. 1–84. [Fishes are v. 1, pp. 861–869 (p. 862 blank) and v. 2, Pl. 79.]

Nanobagrus

Mo 1991

nānos (νάνος), dwarf or small, referring to size (up to 45 mm SL); *bagrus*, a bagrid catfish (originally placed in Bagridae)

***Nanobagrus armatus* (Vaillant 1902)** Latin for armed with a weapon, referring to strong serrations on posterior edge of pectoral spines

***Nanobagrus fuscus* (Popta 1904)** Latin for dark or dusky, referring to its brown, sometimes dark-brown, coloration, on body and fins

***Nanobagrus immaculatus* Ng 2008** *im-*, from *in* (L.), not; *maculatus* (L.), spotted, referring to its uniform dark coloration

***Nanobagrus lemniscatus* Ng 2010** Latin for adorned with ribbons, referring to broad cream bands that frequently encircle body



Nanobagrus lemniscatus, holotype, 21.4 mm SL. From: Ng, H. H. 2010. A new species of miniature catfish from the Malay Peninsula (Teleostei: Bagridae: Nanobagrus). Zootaxa 2677: 60–68.

***Nanobagrus nebulosus* Ng & Tan 1999** Latin for cloudy, referring to cream-colored patches on body

***Nanobagrus stellatus* Tan & Ng 2000** Latin for studded with stars, referring to pattern of cream-colored spots on body

***Nanobagrus torquatus* Thomson, López, Hadiaty & Page 2008** Latin for collared or adorned with a necklace, referring to distinct band around body immediately posterior to head

Rita

Bleeker 1853

tautonymous with *Pimelodus rita* Hamilton 1822, local Bengali name for this species in India

***Rita bakalu* Lal, Dwivedi & Singh 2017** vernacular name for this catfish in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh states of Peninsular India, where it occurs

***Rita chrysea* Day 1877** from *chryseús* (Gr. χρυσεός), golden-yellow, presumably referring to its “yellowish” coloration

***Rita gogra* (Sykes 1839)** from *gograh*, Marathi vernacular for this species in India, which, as Sykes explained in 1841, he adopted “so that naturalists who travel the country can always obtain” the species¹

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***Rita macracanthus* Ng 2004** *macro-*, from *makrós* (Gr. μακρός), long or large; *acanthus* (L.), from *ákantha* (Gr. ἄκανθα), thorn, referring to its relatively long dorsal- and pectoral-fin spines

***Rita rita* (Hamilton 1822)** local Bengali name for this species in India

***Rita sacerdotum* Anderson 1879** genitive plural of *sacerdos* (L.), priests; along the Irawaddy River of Myanmar, “this fish is considered very sacred and is under royal protection, a mandate of the sovereign existing which makes the death of one of these fish by hook or by net a very serious offence, and fishing for 3 miles above and below the little island of Thingadaw is prohibited. The fish are daily fed by the priests who reside on the small rocky islet and also by passing devotees.”

¹ Sykes, W. H. 1841. On the fishes of the Dukhun. Transactions of the Zoological Society of London 2 (art. 25): 349–378, Pls. 60–67.