

Order CYPRINIFORMES

Snake Loaches

Family SERPENTICOBITIDAE

Kottelat 2012



Serpenticobitis octozona, holotype, 48.1 mm SL. From: Roberts, T. R. 1997. *Serpenticobitis*, a new genus of cobitid fishes from the Mekong basin, with two new species. Natural History Bulletin of the Siam Society 45 (1): 107–115.

Serpenticobitis

Roberts 1997

serpensis (L.), snake, referring to fang-like suborbital spines and banded coloration; *cobitis*, Neo-Latin for loach, from *kōbītis* (κωβίτις), ancient Greek name for small fishes that bury in the bottom and/or are like a gudgeon or goby (the name was first applied to loaches by Rondelet in 1555)

***Serpenticobitis cingulata* Roberts 1997** Latin for belted, referring to 7–12 thin, dark, mostly incomplete bands on body

***Serpenticobitis octozona* Roberts 1997** *octo-*, from *októ* (Gr. ὀκτώ), eight; *zona* (L.), band or girdle, referring to eight thin vertical bands encircling body

***Serpenticobitis zonata* Kottelat 1998** Latin for girdled or banded, referring to regularly shaped and set bars extending onto the belly compared with irregularly shaped bars restricted to upper 2/3 of flank on *S. cingulata*