Order CLUPEIFORMES

Denticle Herring

Family DENTICIPITIDAE

Clausen 1959

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Denticips clupeoides Clausen 1959

-dentis (L.), tooth or denticle; -ceps (Neo-Latin), headed (but treated as a noun, head, as all genus-level names are nouns), referring to extensive extra-oral teeth (dermal denticles) covering most of head

Denticips clupeoides Clausen 1959 -oides, Latinized suffix adopted from elios (Gr. εἶδος), form or shape: clupea (L.), herring or herring-like fish, referring to its “decidedly herring-like” appearance, behavior and movement

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1 As far as we know, Clausen's description of the genus is unique among fishes in that he proposed two names, his preferred name, Denticips, and an alternative or back-up name in case Denticips is preoccupied. Igborichthys, referring to the village of Igboro, north of Ilaro, in the Egbada Division of Nigeria, near where the species was first found. Igborichthys is treated as a junior synonym.