

Glyptothorax giudikyensis, a new species of catfish (Teleostei: Sisoridae) from Manipur, India

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Glyptothorax giudikyensis, a new species, is described from the Barak-Meghna-Surma River drainage in Manipur, north-east India. It is distinguished from its congeners except, *G. scrobiculus* in having a furrow running along the entire length of the ventral surface of the pectoral spine. However, the new species differs from *G. scrobiculus* in having a posteriorly serrated (vs. smooth) dorsal spine, longer caudal peduncle, shorter head length, shorter adipose-fin base, more abdominal vertebrae (22–23 vs. 19–20) and presence (vs. absence) of numerous tubercles on the pectoral and pelvic-fin rays.

Introduction

Glyptothorax is the most diverse and the most widely distributed sisorid catfish genus, known from the Euphrates River drainage of eastern Turkey eastward to the Yangtze River drainage and southwards to the Indian subcontinent and the Greater Sunda Islands (Ferraris & Britz, 2005; Ng & Kottelat, 2008). The members of the genus inhabit the hill streams and faster-flowing stretches of larger rivers. The genus is very diverse in the Indian sub-continent, although the taxonomy of

Indian *Glyptothorax* is poorly understood (Ng, 2005). Eight species of *Glyptothorax* have been recorded from the Barak-Meghna-Surma drainage viz., *G. cavia*, *G. clavatus*, *G. dikrongensis*, *G. indicus*, *G. maceriatatus*, *G. manipurensis*, *G. scrobiculus* and *G. telchitta*. During ichthyological surveys conducted in the Barak-Meghna-Surma River drainage in Manipur, India, four specimens of an unnamed *Glyptothorax* from the Giudiky stream near Langpram village were collected, which represent a new species described herein as *Glyptothorax giudikyensis*.

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