

Two new species of *Pseudolaguvia* (Teleostei: Erethistidae) from Bangladesh

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Abstract

Two new South Asian catfish species of the family Erethistidae, *Pseudolaguvia inornata* and *Pseudolaguvia muricata*, are described from the Brahmaputra and Feni River drainages in Bangladesh. *Pseudolaguvia inornata* from the Feni River drainage can be distinguished from congeners in having a uniform coloration with a pale mid-dorsal stripe and brown submarginal stripes on each lobe of the caudal fin, while *P. muricata* from the Brahmaputra River drainage can be distinguished from congeners by its elongate dorsal and pectoral-fin spines.

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Introduction

Members of the genus *Pseudolaguvia* are small erethistid catfishes that resemble members of the sisorid catfish genus *Glyptothorax* externally. The genus is only known from river drainages in the area bordered by the Ganges River drainage to the west and the Sittang River drainage to the east. Six species of *Pseudolaguvia* are considered valid (Ng, 2005): *P. ribeiroi* (Hora, 1921), *P. shawi* (Hora, 1921), *P. tuberculata* (Prashad & Mukerji, 1929), *P. kapuri* (Tilak & Husain, 1975), *P. tenebricosa* Britz & Ferraris, 2003 and *P. foveolata* Ng, 2005.

Examination of *Pseudolaguvia* material collected in Bangladesh revealed two distinct species found to be undescribed. The description of this material as *Pseudolaguvia inornata* new species, and *Pseudolaguvia muricata* new species, forms the basis of this study.