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Introduction

This document results from the extraction and the editing by the authors of the information available in FishBase 2004.

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These synopses present a standardized printout of the information on the above-mentioned species incorporated in FishBase as of 11 May 2004, is inspired from the format suggested for such documents by H. Rosa Jr. (1965, FAO Fish. Syn. (1) Rev 1, 84 p.).

We cannot guarantee the total accuracy of the information herein; also we are aware that it is incomplete and readers are invited to send complementary information and/or corrections, preferably in form of reprints or reports to the FishBase Project, WorldFish Center, MC P.O. Box 2631, Makati, Metro Manila 0718, Philippines.

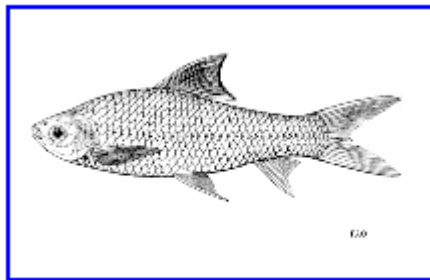
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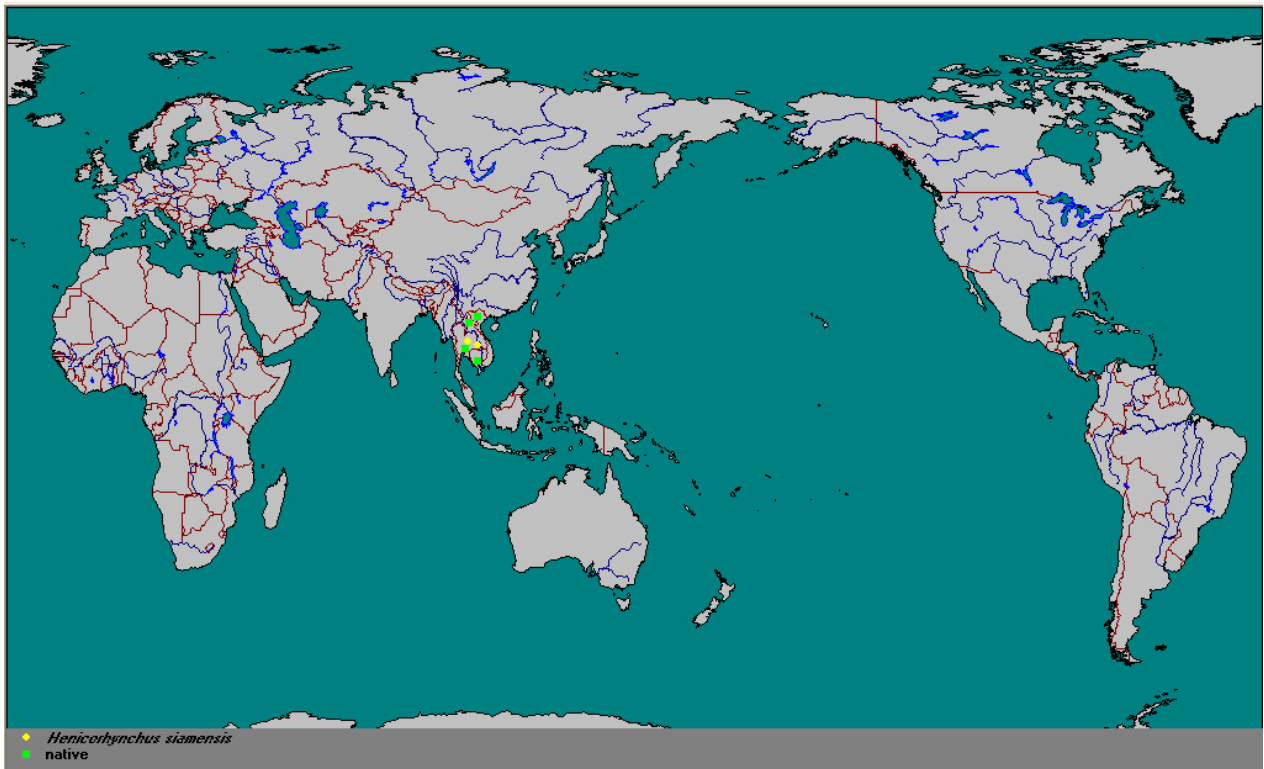
Siamese mud carp *Henicorhynchus siamensis* (Sauvage, 1881)



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Environment

Freshwater : Yes Habitat : benthopelagic
 Brackish : No
 Saltwater : No

Importance

Ref.:012693

Importance to fisheries : commercial
 Main catching method

Other methods : Seines Gillnets Castnets Traps Spears
 Trawls Dredges Liftnets Hooks+Lines Other

Used for aquaculture : never/rarely

Used as bait : never/rarely

Aquarium fish : commercial

Game fish : No

Ref.:012693

Dangerous fish : harmless

Electrobiology : no special ability

Size and age

Maximum length (cm) (male/unsexed) : 20 SL (female) :

Remarks

Often found in great abundance at midwater to bottoms depths in large and small rivers. Feeds on algae, periphyton and phytoplankton. Not known to prosper in impoundments. Well known for its annual trophic migrations out to the floodplains in wet season. Returns to rivers as water levels begin to fall in October with numbers increasing through December and then slowly declining (Ref. 12693). From just upstream Phnom Penh in Cambodia to the Khone Falls this species is reported to migrate upstream during the period October-February. At Muk Kompul in Kandal Province, it migrates upstream just before the full moon. Further upstream near Kratie, migration occurs during full moon and at Sambor, migration takes place immediately after full moon. Near the Khone Falls, upstream movements continue through March but in April fish are moving in both direction. From May to July, at the start of the rainy season, it migrates downstream from the Khone Falls to the Mekong Delta. Here, the fish is reported to move out of the Mekong into canals and flooded areas in August-September. When water recedes in November-December, fish migrates to the Mekong again. Upstream the Khone Falls near Ubolratchatani in Thailand, this species moves upstream between February and June, consisting mainly of juveniles in February-March and of adults (15-20 cm) in April-June. Further upstream from Xayabouri in Laos to Chiang Khong in Thailand, upstream migrations takes place between March to July, first by juveniles, later by adults (Ref. 37770). Used to make prahoc along the Tonlé Sap, Cambodia. Often seen in the aquarium trade (Ref. 12693).

Synonyms, misidentifications, etc. used for *Henicorhynchus siamensis*

Synonym	Author	Status	Ref.
<i>Tylognathus brunneus</i>	Fowler, 1934	junior synonym	033488
<i>Tylognathus entmema</i>	Fowler, 1934	questionable	033488
<i>Cirrhinus jullieni</i>	(nonSauvage, 1878)	misidentification	033488
<i>Henicorhynchus lobatus</i>	(non Smith, 1945)	misidentification	033488
<i>Cirrhinus marginipinnis</i>	Fowler, 1937	junior synonym	033488
<i>Crossocheilus reba</i>	Smith, 1945	other	033488
<i>Cirrhina sauvagei</i>	Fang, 1942	junior synonym	043281
<i>Tylognathus siamensis</i>	de Beaufort, 1927	junior synonym	043281
<i>Morara siamensis</i>	Sauvage, 1881	original combination	043281
<i>Henicorhynchus siamensis</i>	(Sauvage, 1881)	new combination	043281
<i>Henicorhynchus siamensis</i>	(de Beaufort, 1927)	junior synonym	033488
<i>Cirrhinus siamensis</i>	(Sauvage, 1881)	new combination	043281
<i>Aspidoparia siamensis</i>	(Sauvage, 1881)	new combination	033488
<i>Crossocheilus thai</i>	Fowler, 1944	junior synonym	043281
Total = 14			

Common names for *Henicorhynchus siamensis*

Name	Language	Country	Ref.
Trey real	Khmer	Cambodia	010431
Trey riel	Khmer	Cambodia	012693
Trey riel tob	Khmer	Cambodia	012693
Pa mohk	Laotian	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	009497
Pa soi	Laotian	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	009497
Pa soi houa po	Laotian	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	037767
Siamese mud carp	English	USA (contiguous states)	004537
Total = 7			

Distribution of *Henicorhynchus siamensis*

Asia: Mekong and Chao Phraya basins.

MainRef.: 033488

Status of threat: NL.

Country	Status	Ref.
Cambodia	native	012693

Found in the Mekong River (Ref. 43281). Known from Phnom Penh (Ref. 36654) and Great Lake (Ref. 33813). Just upstream Phnom Penh to the Khone Falls, this migrates upstream during the period October to February. At Muk Kompul in Kandal Province, it moves upstream just before the full moon. Further upstream near Kratie, this fish undertakes migration during full moon and at Sambor, it migrates immediately after full moon (Ref. 37770). This is the most important fish in the annual dai (set-net) fishery in the Tonlé Sap. Used to make prahoc (Ref. 12693). Also Ref. 1632, 10431, 27732, 33488, 36662, 36686, 45353.

Lao People's Dem. Rep. native 027732

Occurs in the Mekong and the lower and middle Xe Bangfai (Ref. 27732). Found in Ban Hang Khone, a village on an island in the middle of the mainstream Mekong River just below the Great Khone Waterfalls in Khong District, Champasak Province (Ref. 37767). Undertakes upstream and downstream migrations during the wet season in June-July through Hoo Som Yai at the Great Fault Line on the Mekong River, Champasack Province (Ref. 37771). Reported to migrate upstream during the dry season in December/March in Southern Laos (Ref. 37769). From Xayabouri in Laos to Chiang Khong in Thailand, this species is reported to migrate upstream from March to July, first by juveniles, later by adults (Ref. 37770). Museum: Mekong river, CAS 93270 (Ban Hang Khone, below Lee Pee waterfalls); CAS 94931 (Ban Hang Khone); CAS 96204, 94279 (Ban Hang Khone just below Khone falls) (Ref. 5515). Also Ref. 4792, 10431, 30857, 33488, 36654, 37770, 43281,44002.

Thailand native 033488

Known from the Chao Phraya and the Mekong basins (Ref. 10431, 33488,43281). From Xayabouri in Laos to Chiang Khong in Thailand, this species is reported to migrate upstream from March to July, first by juveniles, later by adults (Ref. 37770). Museum: Mekong, CAS 79183 (ca. 4 km downriver from Pak Ing, ca 25 km downriver from Chiang Khong); CAS 96188 (near Chiang Saen) (Ref. 5515). Also Ref. 1632, 12693,27732, 36654.

Viet Nam native 027732

Known from the Mekong basin (Ref. 43281). From May to July, at the start of the rainy season, it migrates downstream from the Khone Falls to the Mekong Delta. Here, the fish moves out of the Mekong into canals and flooded areas in August-September. When water recedes during November-December, fish migrate to the Mekong again (Ref. 37770). Also Ref. 36654.

Total native = 4 Total introduced = 0

Summary information (no. of records) available for *Henicorhynchus siamensis*

Level: species in general **StockCode: 033488** **MainRef.: 033488**

Asia: Mekong and Chao Phraya basins.

Ecology	1	Max. sizes	0	Strains	0
Food Items	4	FAO catches	15502	Diseases	0
Food consumption	0	Genetics	0	Ciguatera	0
Diet composition	0	Allele frequency	0	Ecotoxicology	0
Ration	0	Heritability	0	Metabolism	0
Predators	0	Reproduction	0	Gill area	0
Morphology	1	Spawning	7	Swimming Type	0
Processing	0	Eggs	0	Swimming speed	0
Growth/mortality	0	Egg dev't.	0	Vision	:0
Maturity	0	Larvae	:0	Brains	0
Recruitment	0	Larval dynamics	:0	Introductions	0
L/Wrelat.	0	Aquaculture	0	Occurrence	67

Total = 1

Morphology of *Henicorhynchus siamensis*

Level: species in general **StockCode : 045787** **Main Ref. : 027732**

Appearance refers to: 0 females 0 males

DIAGNOSTIC CHARACTERS

Head large and broad, width 5.5-6.7 times in SL; relatively deep body, 3.2-3.4 times in SL; snout not or weakly projecting; plain silvery body (Ref. 43281)

DESCRIPTIVE CHARACTERS

Operculum present : No

MERISTIC CHARACTERS

Lateral Lines interrupted : No

Scales on lateral line 5-5

Vertebrae preanal total : 33-34

Dorsal fins

Adipose fin : absent finlets dorsal : 0-0 finlets ventral

Caudal fin

Shape of fin : forked

Attributes : more or less normal

Paired fins

Pectoral attributes : more or less normal

Pelvics attributes : more or less normal

position : abdominal behind origin of D1

Spawning Information for *Henicorhynchus siamensis*

Locality : Mekong mainstream

Stockcode : 045787

Season (%f mature females; 111= presence of mature females)

: Main Ref.: 037770

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Data Ref.:

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Temp.: - °C

Comment: Based on mature eggs, spawning occurs from April to July with a main peak in May-June.

Locality : Laos , Mekong basin at Hatsakhoun Village near Khong Island

Stockcode: 045787

Season (% of mature females; 111= presence of mature females) :

Main Ref.: 037770

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Data Ref.:

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Temp.: - °C

Comment: Based on 11 female specimens with fully developed ovaries.

Locality : Laos , Mekong basin at Savannakhet-Mukdahan

Stockcode: 045787

Season (% of mature females; 111= presence of mature females) :

Main Ref.: 037770

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Data Ref.:111

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Locality : Laos , Mekong basin at Sambor

Stockcode: 045787

Season (% of mature females; 111= presence of mature females) :

Main Ref.: 037770

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Data Ref.

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: Temp.: - °C

Comment: Mature females release eggs which then flow downstream.

Locality : Thailand, Mekong basin at Savannkhet-Mukdahan

Stockcode: 045787

Season (% of mature females; 111= presence of mature females) :

Main Ref.: 037770

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

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Locality : Thailand, Mekong basin at Loei

Stockcode: 045787

Season (% of mature females; 111= presence of mature females) :

Main Ref.: 037770

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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Comment: Spawns in a tributary (Loei River) in a small pool with slow current. Spawning seems to occur over a longer period and extend into August-September from Loei and upstream

Locality : Thailand, Mekong basin at Chiang Khong

Stockcode: 045787

Season (% of mature females; 111= presence of mature females) :

Main Ref.: 037770

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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Comment: Fish migrate up in tributaries to spawn from May to July.

Ecology of *Henicorhynchus siamensis*

Level : species in general StockCode : 045787, 055277 Main Ref.: 012693

Habitats

Streams :	Yes	Lakes :	Yes	Caves :	No (exclusively):	No
Estuaries/lagoons/brackish seas			:No			
Intertidal :	No	soft :	No	rocky:	No	mangroves/marshes/swamps : No
Marine :	No	oceanic :	No	neritic:	No	coral reefs : No
tropical		soft bottom :	No	hard bottom		seagrass beds : No macrophyte : No

Feeding

Feeding Type : mainly plants/detritus (troph. 2-2.19)

Feeding Habit : grazing on aquatic plants

Food items for *Henicorhynchus siamensis*

Level: species in general StockCode: 045787

plants

other plants	benthic algae/weeds	Chlorophytes	<i>unidentified filamentous chlorophytes</i>	037771
		unidentified	<i>unidentified</i>	033813
	periphyton	unidentified	<i>unidentified</i>	033813
phytoplankton	n.a./other phytoplankton	unidentified	<i>unidentified</i>	033813

Total: 4

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