

## AVAILABILITY OF FISH FAUNA IN SOME SELECTED DISTRICTS IN BANGLADESH

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### Abstract

A check-list of 139 species of fishes of both exotic and indigenous origin belonging to 34 families and 87 genera available in the rivers, beels, haors, ponds and swamps of the greater Mymensingh (Mymensingh, Kishoregonj, Netrakona, Jamalpur and Sherpur) districts of Bangladesh is presented. The number of species, genera and family of fishes reported in Mymensingh regions is still rich in fresh water fish fauna. The systematic, ecology, Distribution, habits of these fish fauna of greater Mymensingh region need to be studied.

**Key words:** Freshwater, Fish fauna, Bangladesh

### Introduction

The first scientific account of freshwater fish fauna of Bangladesh began with the work of Hamilton (1822). Recently, Rahman (2005) has made significant contribution on freshwater fishes and recorded 265 species of fish under 55 families from Bangladesh. A number of other workers described freshwater fish fauna from different parts of the country. Bhuiyan (1964) described 71 species of fish from Dhaka district. Ahmed and Hasan (1981) made a check-list of the fishes of Karnaphuli reservoir. Chandra and Aminul Haque (1982a, 1982b) studies the distribution, abundance, fishery, and taxonomic status of Mohashol (*Tor* spp.) and identified two species, *Tor tor* and *Tor putitora* are distributed in the hill streams of Bangladesh. Islam and Hossain (1983) made an account of 110 species of fish from the river Padma. Haque (2004) recorded 134 species of fish from the capture fisheries of Padma. Hossain *et al.* (2007) recorded 97 species of teleost from the river Naaf of Chittagong.

The greater Mymensingh (Mymensingh, Kishoregonj, Netrakona, Jamalpur, and Sherpur districts) is rich in freshwater fishes. Mymensingh town is situated on the bank of the river Brahmaputra. Kishoregonj and Netrakona districts are important for haors and beels and these are the prime important for open water fisheries resources. Only a few years back, huge number of fish species were found in Mymensingh which are drastically declining day by day because of various reasons. However, study of fish fauna, Mymensingh in particular is lacking except that of Doha (1973) who reported 106 species of fish from the waters of Mymensingh and Tangail districts. The present report is therefore, an attempt to make a fish faunal list of available species of greater Mymensingh.

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## Materials and Methods

The account has been made mainly on the basis of recent reports of different workers on fish fauna and fish biodiversity of different rivers, beels, haors, ponds and swamps of greater Mymensingh region (Rahman, 2000; Wahab, 2003; Chakraborty and Mirza, 2006; Faroque, 2006; Hossain, 2007; Alam, 2008; Dowla, 2008; Rahman, 2009; Debnath, 2009; and Akter, 2009). These fishes were collected with seine nets, dip nets, cast nets, gill nets, traps, hooks and wounding gears. Personal visits to different fishing and landing centres and fish markets were made and many samples collected and preserved in 10 per cent formalin. In several occasions consultation with the fishermen, fish traders and fish farmers were arranged in the fish markets and fish landing points of Mymensingh during 2007-2009. Identification and systematic account of these fishes have presented following Talwar and Jhingran (1991), Rahman (2005) and Siddiqui *et al.* (2007) with local and English names and the level of national status of availability (IUCN, 2000).

## Results and Discussions

One hundred and thirty nine species of freshwater fishes (126 indigenous and 13 exotic species) belonging 34 families and 87 genera has been reported in this work from greater Mymensingh (Table 1).

**Table 1. A check-list of 139 species of fish fauna of greater Mymensingh, Bangladesh**

Specific names with Taxonomic position	English name	Local name	Status of availability
<b>Order: OSTEOGLOSSIFORMES</b>			
I. Family: <b>NOTOPTERIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Notopterus</i> Lacepede, 1800			
1. <i>Notopterus chitala</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Humped featherback	Chital	EN
2. <i>Notopterus notopterus</i> (Pallas, 1769)	Gray featherback	Foli, Kanla	VU
<b>Order: ANGUILLIFORMES</b>			
II. Family: <b>ANGUILIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Anguilla</i> Schrank, 1798			
3. <i>Anguilla bengalensis</i> (Gray, 1831)	Longfin Eel	Bamosh	VU
<b>Order: CLUPEIFORMES</b>			
III. Family: <b>CLUPEIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Corica</i> Hamilton, 1822			

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Specific names with Taxonomic position	English name	Local name	Status of availability
4. <i>Corica soborna</i> Hamilton, 1822 Genus: <i>Gonialosa</i> Regan, 1917	Ganges River-sprat	Kachki	NT
5. <i>Gonialosa manmina</i> (Hamilton, 1822) Genus: <i>Tenualosa</i> Fowler, 1934	Ganges River Shad	Chapila	NT
6. <i>Tenualosa ilisha</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	River Shad	Ilish, Ilisha	NT
7 <i>Tenualosa toli</i> (Valenciennes, 1847)	Toli Shad	Chandana Ilish	NT
IV. Family: <b>ENGRAULIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Gudusia</i> Fowler, 1911			
8. <i>Gudusia chapra</i> (Hamilton, 1822) Genus: <i>Setipinna</i> Swainson, 1839	Indian River Shad	Chapila, Chapla	DD
9. <i>Setipinna phasa</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Hairfin Anchovy	Phasa	NT
<b>Order: CHANNIFORMES</b>			
V. Family: <b>CHANNIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Channa</i> Scopoli, 1777			
10. <i>Channa punctatus</i> (Bloch, 1793)	Spotted snakehead	Taki, Lata	NT
11. <i>Channa striatus</i> (Bloch, 1793)	Stripped snakehead	Shol	NT
12. <i>Channa orientalis</i> (Bloch & Schneider, 1801)	Walking snakehead	Cheng, Gachua	EN
13. <i>Channa marulius</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Giant snakehead	Gajar	EN
14. <i>Channa barca</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Barca snakehead	Til shol, Pipla	CR
<b>Order: CYPRINIFORMES</b>			
VI. Family: <b>CYPRINIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Amblypharyngodon</i> Bleeker, 1860			
15. <i>Amblypharyngodon microlepis</i> (Bleeker, 1853)	Indian Carplet	Mola	NT
16. <i>Amblypharyngodon mola</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Mola Carplet	Mola, Moa	NT
Genus: <i>Aristichthys</i> Oshima, 1919			
17. <i>Aristichthys nobilis</i> (Richardson, 1844)*	Bighead	Bighead	NL
Genus: <i>Aspidoparia</i> Heckel, 1843			
18. <i>Aspidoparia jaya</i> (Hamilton, 1822) Genus: <i>Barbonymus</i> Kottelat, 1999	Jaya	Jaya	NT

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19. <i>Barbonymus gonionotus</i> (Bleeker, 1850)* Genus: <i>Barilius</i> Hamilton, 1822	Java Barb	Thai Sarputi	NL
20. <i>Barilius barna</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Baril	Koksa	DD
21. <i>Barilius bendelisis</i> (Hamilton, 1807)	Barila	Loia, Koksa	EN
22. <i>Barilius shacra</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Shacra Baril	Koksa	DD
23. <i>Barilius tileo</i> (Hamilton, 1822) Genus: <i>Bengala</i> Gray, 1833	Tileo Baril	Tila Koksa	DD
24. <i>Bengala elanga</i> (Hamilton, 1822) Genus: <i>Catla</i> Valenciennes, 1844	Bengala Barb	Elong	EN
25. <i>Catla catla</i> (Hamilton, 1822) Genus: <i>Chagunius</i> Smith, 1938	Catla	Catla, Katal	NT
26. <i>Chagunius chagunio</i> (Hamilton, 1822) Genus: <i>Chela</i> Hamilton, 1822	Chaguni	Jarua	DD
27. <i>Chela cachius</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Chela	Chhap Chela	DD
28. <i>Chela laubuca</i> (Hamilton, 1822) Genus: <i>Cirrhinus</i> Oken, 1817	Grass Barb	Kash Khaira	EN
29. <i>Cirrhinus cirrhosus</i> (Bloch, 1795)	Mrigal	Mrigal, Mirka	NL
30. <i>Cirrhinus reba</i> (Hamilton, 1822) Genus: <i>Crossocheilus</i> van Hasselt, 1823	Reba	Bhagna, Bata	VU
31. <i>Crossocheilus latius</i> (Hamilton, 1822) Genus: <i>Ctenopharyngodon</i> Steindachner, 1866	Gangetic Latia	Kala Bata	EN
32. <i>Ctenopharyngodon idella</i> (Valenciennes, 1844)* Genus: <i>Cyprinus</i> Linnaeus, 1758	Grass Carp	Grass Carp	NL
33. <i>Cyprinus carpio</i> Linnaeus, 1758* Genus: <i>Danio</i> Hamilton, 1822	Common Carp	Carpu	NL
34. <i>Danio dangila</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Dangila	Nipati	DD
35. <i>Danio rerio</i> (Hamilton, 1822) Genus: <i>Devario</i> Heckel, 1843	Zebra Danio	Nipati	NL
36. <i>Devario acquipinnatus</i> (McClelland, 1839)	Bengal Danio	Chebli	NT
37. <i>Devario devario</i> (Hamilton, 1822) Genus: <i>Esomus</i> Swainson, 1839	Danio	Baspata, Chebli	NT

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38. <i>Esomus danricus</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Flying Barb	Darkina	DD
Genus <i>Hypophthalmichthys</i> Bleeker, 1860			
39. <i>Hypophthalmichthys molitrix</i> (Valenciennes, 1844)*	Silver Carp	Silver Carp	NL
Genus: <i>Labeo</i> Cuvier, 1817			
40. <i>Labeo rohita</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Rahu	Rui, Rohit	NT
41. <i>Labeo angra</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Angra Labeo	Angrot, Kharsa	NT
42. <i>Labeo bata</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Bata Labeo	Bata	EN
43. <i>Labeo calbasu</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Kalbasu	Kalibaus	EN
44. <i>Labeo dero</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Kalabans	Kursha	EN
45. <i>Labeo nandina</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Nandi Labeo	Nandina	CR
46. <i>Labeo gonius</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Kuria Labeo	Ghanyya	EN
47. <i>Labeo boga</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Boga Labeo	Bhangan	CR
Genus: <i>Mylopharyngodon</i> Peters, 1881			
48. <i>Mylopharyngodon pectus</i> (Richardson, 1846)*	Black Carp	Carp	NL
Genus: <i>Osteobrama</i> Heckel, 1842			
49. <i>Osteobrama cotio</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Cotio	Dhela	EN
Genus: <i>Puntius</i> Hamilton, 1822			
50. <i>Puntius chola</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Chola Barb	Chalaputi	NT
51. <i>Puntius phutunio</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Dwarf Barb	Phutani Puntii	NT
52. <i>Puntius conchoniis</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Rosy Barb	Kanchan Puntii	NT
53. <i>Puntius gelius</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Golden Barb	Gili Puntii	DD
54. <i>Pontius sarana</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Olive Barb	Sar Puntii	CR
55. <i>Puntius sophore</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Pool Barb	Jat Puntii	NT
56. <i>Puntius terio</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	One Spot Barb	Teri Puntii	NT
57. <i>Puntius ticto</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Ticto Barb	Tit Puntii	VU
Genus: <i>Raiamas</i> Jordan, 1918			
58. <i>Raiamas bola</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Indian Trout	Bhol, Bol	EN
Genus: <i>Rasbora</i> Bleeker, 1860			
59. <i>Rasbora daniconius</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Rasbora	Darkina	NL
60. <i>Rasbora rasbora</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Gangetic Rasbora	Darkina	EN
Genus: <i>Salmostoma</i> Swainson, 1839			
61. <i>Salmostoma bacaila</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Large Razorbelly Minnow	Katari	NT

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62. <i>Salmostoma phulo</i> (Hamilton, 1822) Genus: <i>Securicola</i> Gunther, 1868	Finescale Minnow	Fulchela	NT
63. <i>Securicola gora</i> (Hamilton, 1822) Genus: <i>Tor</i> Gray, 1834	Gora Chela	Gora Chela	NT
64. <i>Tor putitora</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Putitor Mahseer	Mahashol	NL
65. <i>Tor tor</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Tor Mahseer	Mashol	CR
VII. Family: <b>PSILORHYNCHIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Psilorhynchus</i> McClelland, 1839			
66. <i>Psilorhynchus sucatio</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Suctio Minnow	Titari	DD
VIII. Family: <b>BALITORIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Acanthocobitis</i> Peters, 1861			
67. <i>Acanthocobitis botia</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Mottled Loach	Bilturi	DD
68. <i>Acanthocobitis zonalternans</i> (Blyth, 1860)	River Loach	Balichata	DD
IX. Family: <b>COBITIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Botia</i> Gray, 1831			
69. <i>Botia dario</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Queen Loach	Rani	EN
70. <i>Botia lohachata</i> Chaudhuri, 1912	Y-loach	Rani, Putul	EN
Genus: <i>Lepidocephalichthys</i> Bleeker, 1863			
71. <i>Lepidocephalichthys guntea</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Guntea Loach	Gutum	NT
Genus: <i>Somileptes</i> Swainson, 1839			
72. <i>Somileptes gongota</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Gogota Loach	Poia	NT
<b>Order: CHARACIFORMES</b>			
X. Family: <b>CHARACIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Pygocentrus</i> Muller and Troschel, 1844			
73. <i>Pygocentrus nattereri</i> Kner, 1858*	Red Piranha	Piranha	NL
Genus <i>Piaractus</i> Eigenmann, 1903			
74. <i>Piaractus brachypomus</i> (Cuvier, 1818)*	Pirapitinga	Thai Rupchnda	NT
<b>Order: SILURIFORMES</b>			
XI. Family: <b>BAGRIDAE</b>			

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Specific names with Taxonomic position	English name	Local name	Status of availability
Genus: <i>Batasio</i> Blyth, 1860			
75. <i>Batasio tengana</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Dwarf catfish	Tengra	EN
Genus: <i>Hemibagrus</i> Bleeker, 1862			
76. <i>Hemibagrus menoda</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Menoda catfish	Gang Tengra	NT
Genus <i>Mystus</i> Scopoli, 1777			
77. <i>Mystus bleekeri</i> (Day, 1877)	Day's Mystus	Tengra	NT
78. <i>Mystus cavassius</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Gangetic Mystus	Gulsha	VU
79. <i>Mystus gulio</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Gulio Catfish	Nuna Tengra	DD
80. <i>Mystus tengara</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Tengara Mystus	Bajari Tengra	NT
81. <i>Mystus vittatus</i> (Bloch, 1797)	Stripped Dwarf Catfish	Tengra	NT
Genus: <i>Rama</i> Bleeker, 1855			
82. <i>Rama chandramara</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Asian Cory	Bajaria Tengra	DD
Genus: <i>Rita</i> Bleeker, 1858			
43. <i>Rita rita</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Rita	Rita	CR
Genus <i>Sperata</i> Holly, 1939			
84. <i>Sperata aor</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Lon Wiskered Catfish	Ayre	VU
85. <i>Sperata seenghala</i> (Sykes, 1839)	Giant River Catfish	Guijja	EN
XII. Family: <b>SILURIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Ompok</i> Lacepede, 1803			
86. <i>Ompok bimaculata</i> (Bloch, 1797)	Butter Catfish	Kani Pabda	EN
87. <i>Ompok pabda</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Pabda Catfish	Pabda	EN
88. <i>Ompok pabo</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Pabo Catfish	Kala Pabda	EN
Genus: <i>Wallago</i> Bleeker, 1951			
89. <i>Wallago attu</i> (Schneider, 1801)	Boal	Boal	NT
XIII. Family: <b>SCHILBEIDAE</b>			
Genus <i>Ailia</i> Gray, 1831			
90. <i>Ailia coila</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Gangetic Ailia	Kajuli	NT
Genus: <i>Clupisoma</i> Swainson, 1839			
91. <i>Clupisoma garua</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Garua Bacha	Ghaura	CR
Genus <i>Eutropiichthys</i> Bleeker, 1862			
92. <i>Eutropiichthys murius</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Murius Bacha	Muri Bacha	NT
93. <i>Eutropiichthys vacha</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Bacha	Bacha	CR

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Genus: <i>Pseudeutropius</i> Bleeker, 1862			
94. <i>Pseudeutropius atherinoides</i> (Bloch, 1794)	Indian Potasi	Batasi	NT
Genus: <i>Silonia</i> Swainson, 1839			
95. <i>Silonia silondia</i> (Hamilton, 1922)	Silond Catfish	Shilong	EN
<b>XIV. PANGASIIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Pangusius</i> Valenciennes, 1849			
96. <i>Pangasius pangasius</i> (Hamilton 1822)	Pangus	Pangas	CR
97. <i>Pangasius hypophthalmus</i> (Sauvage, 1878)*	Pungas Catfish	Thai Pangas	NL
<b>XV. Family: AMBLYCIPITIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Amblyceps</i> Blyth, 1858			
98. <i>Amblyceps mangois</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Torrent Catfish	Chhota Shinghi	DD
<b>XVI. Family: SISORIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Bagarius</i> Bleeker, 1853			
99. <i>Bagarius bagarius</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Gangetic Goonch	Baghair	CR
Genus: <i>Gagata</i> Bleeker, 1858			
100. <i>Gagata cenia</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Indian Gagata	Jungla	NT
101. <i>Gagata gagata</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Gangetic Gagata	Gang Tengra	NT
Genus: <i>Gogangra</i> Roberts, 2001			
102. <i>Gogangra viridescens</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Huddah Nangra	Gang Tengra	NT
Genus: <i>Hara</i> Blyth, 1861			
103. <i>Hara hara</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Kosi Hara	Kutakanti	NT
104. <i>Hara jerdoni</i> Day, 1870	Sylhet Hara	Kutakanti	NT
Genus: <i>Pseudolaguvia</i> Misra, 1976			
105. <i>Pseudolaguvia inornata</i> Ng, 2005	Painted Catfish	Kani Tengra	DD
<b>XVI. Family: CLARIIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Clarias</i> Scopoli, 1777			
106. <i>Clarias batrachus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	Walking Catfish	Magur	NT
107. <i>Clarias gariepinus</i> (Burchell, 1822)*	African Catfish	African Magur	DD
<b>XVII. Family: HETEROPNEUSTIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Heteropneutes</i> Muller, 1840			

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108. <i>Heteropneustes fossilis</i> (Bloch, 1794)	Stinging Catfish	Shing, Jiol	NT
<b>XVIII. CHACIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Chaca</i> Gray, 1831			
109. <i>Chaca chaca</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Squarehead Catfish	Chaka	EN
<b>XIX. LORIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Hypostomus</i> Lacepede, 1803			
110. <i>Hypostomus plecostomus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)*	Plecostomus	Choshok Machh	NL
<b>Order: CYPRINIDONTIFORMES</b>			
<b>XX. Family: APLOCHEILIDAE</b>			
Genus <i>Aplocheilus</i> McClelland, 1839			
111. <i>Aplocheilus panchax</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Panchax Minnow	Techoukka	NT
<b>Order: SYNBRANCHIFORMES</b>			
<b>XXI. Family: SYNBRANCHIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Monopterus</i> Lacepede, 1800			
112. <i>Monopterusuchia</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Cuchia	Kuchia	VU
Genus: <i>Ophisternon</i> McClelland, 1845			
113. <i>Ophister benglense</i> McClelland, 1845	Bengal Mud Eel	Kunche	NT
<b>Order: PERCIFORMES</b>			
<b>XXII. Family: AMBASSIDAE</b>			
114. <i>Chanda nama</i> Hamilton, 1822	Glass-perchlet	nama Chanda	VU
Genus: <i>Pseudambassis</i> Bleeker, 1874			
115. <i>Pseudambassis baculis</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Indian Glassy Fish	Kata Chanda	DD
116. <i>Pseudambassis lala</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Highfin Glassy Perchlet	Lal chanda	NL
117. <i>Pseudambassis ranga</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Indian Glassy Fish	Ranga Chanda	VU
<b>XXIII. Family: LEIOGNATHIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Leiognathus</i> Lacepede, 1803			
118. <i>Leiognathus equulus</i> (Forsk., 1775)	Common Ponyfish	Tak Chanda	NT
<b>XXIV. Family: SCIAENIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Otolithoides</i> Fowler, 1933			

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119. <i>Otolithoides pama</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Pama	Poa	NT
XXV. Family: <b>NANDIDAE</b>			
Genus <i>Nandus</i> Valenciennes, 1831			
120. <i>Nandus nandus</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Mud Perch	Bheda, Meni	VU
XXVI. Family: <b>PRISTOLEPIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Badis</i> Bleeker, 1853			
121. <i>Badis badis</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Badis	Napit	EN
XXVII. Family: <b>CICHLIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Oreochromis</i> Gunther, 1889			
122. <i>Oreochromis mossambicus</i> (Peters, 1852)*	Tilapia	Tilapia	NL
123. <i>Oreochromis niloticus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)*	Nile Tilapia	Nilotica	NL
XXVIII. Family: <b>MUGILIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Rhinomugil</i> Gill, 1863			
124. <i>Rhinomugil corsula</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Corsula Mullet	Khalla, Bata	NT
Genus: <i>Sicamugil</i> Fowler, 1939			
125. <i>Sicamugil cascasia</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Yellowtail Mullet	Bata, Keski	NT
XXIX. Family: <b>GOBIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Glossogobius</i> Gill, 1860			
126. <i>Glossogobius giuris</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Tank Goby	Bailla	NT
Genus: <i>Brachygobius</i> Bleeker, 1874			
127. <i>Brachygobius nunus</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Golden-banded Goby	Nuna Baila	NT
Genus: <i>Gobiopterus</i> Bleeker, 1874			
128. <i>Gobiopterus chuno</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Glass Goby	Chuno Bele	NT
XXX. Family: <b>ANABANTIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Anabas</i> Cuvier and Cloquet, 1816			
129. <i>Anabas testudineus</i> (Bloch, 1775)	Climbing Perch	Koi	DD
XXXI. Family: <b>OSPHRONEMIDAE</b>			
Genus <i>Colisa</i> Cuvier, 1831			
130. <i>Colisa fasciata</i> (Bloch and Schneider, 1801)	Giant Gourami	Khalisha	NT
131. <i>Colisa lalia</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Dwarf Gourami	Lal Khalisha	DD

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Genus <i>Ctenops</i> McClelland, 1845			
132. <i>Ctenops nobilis</i> McClelland, 1845	Indian Gourami	Neftani	EN
Genus: <i>Trichogaster</i> Schneider, 1801			
133. <i>Trichogaster chuna</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Honey Gourami	Chuna Khalisha	NT
XXXII. Family: <b>MASTACEMBELIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Macrogathus</i> Lacepede, 1800			
134. <i>Macrogathus aculeatus</i> (Bloch, 1786)	Lesser Spiny Eel	Tara Baim	VU
135. <i>Macrogathus pancalus</i> Hamilton, 1822	Sriped Spiny Eel	Guchi Baim	NT
Genus <i>Mastacembelus</i> Scopoli, 1777			
136. <i>Mastacembelus armatus</i> (Lacepede, 1800)	Tire-track Spiny Eel	Sal Baim	EN
<b>Order: BELONIFORMES</b>			
XXXIII. Family: <b>BELONIDAE</b>			
137. <i>Xenentodon cancila</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Freshwater Garfish	Kakila	NT
Genus: <i>Hyporhamphus</i> Gill, 1859			
138. <i>Hyporhamphus limbatus</i> (Valenciennes, 1846)	Congaturi Halfbeak	Ek Thuita	NT
<b>Order: TETRODONTIFORMES</b>			
XXXIX. Family: <b>TETRADONTIDAE</b>			
Genus: <i>Tetraodon</i> Linnaeus, 1758			
139. <i>Tetraodon cutcutia</i> Hamilton, 1822	Common Pufferfish	Tepa, Potka	NT

**Status of availability:** EN- Endangered, VU- Vulnerable, CR- Critically endangered

DD- Data deficient, NT- Not threatened, NL- Not listed

\* Exotic species introduced in freshwater of Bangladesh

As mentioned earlier Bhuiyan (1964) gave an account of 71 species of freshwater fishes belonging 45 genera and 25 families which he collected from Dhaka. Doha (1973) published a check-list (probably incomplete) of 106 species of fishes collected from the districts of Mymensingh and Tangail belonging to 68 genera and 34 families including a single exotic species. Chandra and Aminul Haque (1982a, 1982b) confirmed the availability of two species of Mahashol *Tor tor* and *Tor putitora* in Bangladesh waters. Haque (2004) described 134 species of fishes under 76 genera and 32 families from the capture fisheries of the Padma river. Rahman (2005) compiled a list of 265 species of freshwater fishes belonging to 154 genera and 55 families. Siddiqui *et al.* (2007) described 251 species of freshwater fishes belonging to 61 families from Bangladesh. Considering the number of families, genera and species of fishes, it appears from the present investigation that districts of greater Mymensingh are still rich in freshwater fish

fauna. Thirteen exotic species available are also included in the present compilation. According to IUCN (2000), among the 126 indigenous fish species of Mymensingh, 26 are endangered, 11 are vulnerable and 10 are critically endangered. The other 19 species with data deficient, 5 species are not listed, and the rest 55 species are not threatened. The critically endangered species are Nandil, Bhangon, Sarpunti, Mahashol, Rita, Ghaura, Bacha, Pangas, Baghair and Tilshol.

## Conclusion

The present work represents the fish fauna found to inhabit the water bodies of greater Mymensingh. In view of number of species, genera and families of fishes reported herein it seems that Mymensingh region is still rich in freshwater fish fauna though many indigenous species are dwindling day by day. Further works are, of course, needed on the systematics, ecology, distribution, habits and habitats of these fish fauna of greater Mymensingh region.

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