

Lutjanus Arakan

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Researchers recently recorded a new snapper species 'Lutjanus arakan' in Indian waters for the first time at Gopalpur in Ganjam district, in a significant contribution to Indian marine fish taxonomy.

About Lutjanus Arakan

- It is a **species of snapper**.
 - **Snappers**, belonging to the family Lutjanidae, are **marine fishes** typically found in **tropical and subtropical regions**.
 - They are known for their ecological importance as **mid-level predators** and are often associated with **reef and coastal ecosystems**.
- Lutjanus arakan was **identified at Gopalpur-on-Sea** in the Ganjam district, **Odisha**.
- The species had **previously been recorded off the coast of Bangladesh** but had not been documented in Indian waters until now.

- It is distinguished from other snappers by its unique body colouration, featuring a **reddish-silver hue** with a **series of four dark-reddish-brown horizontal stripes** extending from the head to the posterior.
- While the **upper body** of the snapper is mostly **dark brown to blackish**, its **median fins** are **dark reddish brown**, and its paired fins appear translucent pinkish.

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