

Transcaspiian marinka

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Recently, Sangon clan in Arunachal Pradesh has launched an initiative to conserve a Himalayan ray-finned fish Transcaspiian marinka (*Schizothorax pelzami*).

About Transcaspiian marinka

- It is a **species of ray-finned fish** in the genus *Schizothorax* in the family Cyprinidae.
- **Distribution:** It is mainly found in Afghanistan, Turkmenistan and Iran.
- **Habitat:** It **inhabits freshwater rivers**, streams, springs, and qanats, where it occupies a **benthopelagic niche**.
- It is locally in Arunachal Pradesh known as **Ngarsing in the Nyishi language**.
- **Conservation Status**
 - **IUCN:** Least Concern

Key Facts about Ray-Finned Fishes

- Actinopterygians, or 'ray-finned fishes,' are the largest and most successful group of fishes and make up half of all living vertebrates.
- **Habitat:** Ray-finned fishes inhabit a **variety of extreme environments**. These include high altitude lakes and streams, desert springs and subterranean caves.
- **Behaviour:** Many ray-finned fishes exhibit migratory behavior.
- **Communication:** It perceives the external environment in five major ways – vision, mechanoreception, chemoreception, electroreception and magnetic reception.

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