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Researchers recently discovered a new species of freshwater fish, *Garra nambashiensis*, in Manipur.

About *Garra nambashiensis*

- It is a **new species of freshwater fish** which belongs to the Labeonine family.
- It was **discovered in Taretlok**, a **tributary of the Chindwin River**, near Nambashi Valley in **Manipur's** Kamjong district.
- It was **collected from "swift-flowing riffles (shallow sections of a river or stream) with algae-covered gravel beds** and mixed substrate comprising cobbles, boulders, pebbles, sand, fine silt, and coarse sediments.
- The species features a quadrate-shaped proboscis, 7-8 acanthoid tubercles on the anterolateral margin, black spots on the opercle, 8-11 dorsal-fin scales, and six black stripes extending to the hypural plate.
- It typically measures 90-140 mm (9-14 cm), and **locals call it Nutungnu**.

- **Currently, 60 species of Garra** have been **recorded from various river systems in the Northeast**, encompassing the Eastern Himalayan and Indo-Burma regions.
 - Of these, 32 are grouped in the 'proboscis species group' and occur in the Chindwin, Brahmaputra, Barak, and Kaladan river systems.
 - Eight species have been recorded from the Chindwin river system alone, including the recently described *G. chingaiensis*.

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