

Channa Bhoi

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Scientists recently discovered a new species of snakehead fish named Channa bhoi from Meghalaya.

About Channa bhoi

- It is a new species of **snakehead fish**.
- It was discovered from a small **mountain stream** near lewmawlong village in the Ri-Bhoi district of **Meghalaya**.
- It has been **named** Channa bhoi, **after the indigenous Bhoi people of the Khasi tribe** who **inhabit the Ri-Bhoi region**.
- It belongs to the **“Gachua group” of snakehead fishes**, a group known for its **high diversity in the Eastern Himalayan** region.
- It can be distinguished from its close relatives by a unique colour pattern.
- It is characterised by a **bluish-grey body** marked with **minute black spots on each scale**, forming eight to nine horizontal rows of broken lines along the sides.

- The fish also exhibits distinctive banding patterns on its pectoral fins.
- Phylogenetic analysis identified it as a **sister species to Channa bipuli**, another snakehead **found in Northeast India**.
- The discovery brings the total number of Channa species recorded from India to 26.

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