







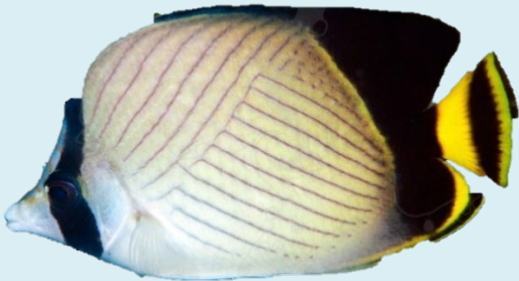










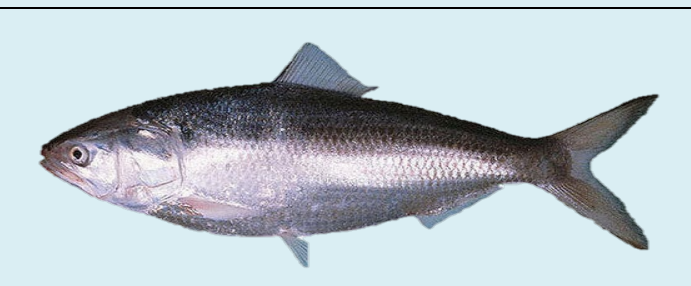
State Fishes of India

The ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (ICAR-NBFGR), Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, in 2006 compiled a list of State Fish for 16 States. The concept involves integration of key stakeholders in the conservation plan where 16 States became partners with NBFGR in developing strategies for conservation and enhancement of their selected State Fish to achieve success in real-time conservation. The objective of the State Fish is to let the State adopt the Fish and conserve their biodiversity. Subsequently, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana got separated and both States chose Murrel as their State Fish. Lakshadweep chose Butterfly Fish as their State Animal.

Sl No	State/ UT	Common Name, Scientific Name, Author & Year	State Fish
1	Andhra Pradesh	Striped Murrel <i>Channa straitus</i> (Bloch, 1793)	
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Golden Mahseer <i>Tor putitora</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	
3	Bihar	Magur* <i>Clarias batrachus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)	
4	Haryana	Kalbasu/ Calabasu <i>Labeo calbasu</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	

5	Himachal Pradesh	Golden Mahseer <i>Tor putitora</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	
6	Jammu & Kashmir	Golden Mahseer <i>Tor putitora</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	
7	Karnataka	Carnatic Carp** <i>Puntius carnaticus</i> (Jerdon, 1849)	
8	Kerala	Karimeen/Pearlspot <i>Etroplus suratensis</i> (Bloch, 1790)	
9	Lakshadweep	Butterflyfish <i>Chaetodon decussatus</i> Cuvier, 1829	

10	Manipur	Pengba <i>Osteobrama belangeri</i> (Valenciennes, 1844)	
11	Mizoram	Ngahvang/ Burmese Kingfish <i>Semiplotus modestus</i> Day, 1870	
12	Nagaland	Chocolate Mahseer <i>Neolissochilus hexagonolepis</i> (McClelland, 1839)	
13	Odisha	Mahanadi Mahseer# <i>Tor mahanadicus</i> (David, 1953)	
14	Telangana	Striped Murrel: <i>Channa straitus</i> (Bloch, 1793)	

15	Tripura	Pabda <i>Ompok bimaculatus</i> (Bloch, 1794)	
16	Uttarakhand	Golden Mahseer <i>Tor putitora</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	
17	Uttar Pradesh	Chital <i>Chtala chitala</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	
18	West Bengal	Hilsa <i>Tenualosa ilisha</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	

Some Taxonomic Remarks:

*Distribution of *Clarias batrachus* (Linnaeus, 1758) is now restricted to Java Island of Indonesia. The populations of 'Magur' occurring in India and Bangladesh belong to *Clarias magur* (Hamilton, 1822) [Zoological Journal of the Linnean Society, Volume 153, Issue 4, 1 August 2008, Pages 725–732].

**Carnatic Carp, *Puntius carnaticus* (Jerdon, 1849), is a junior synonym of *Hypselobarbus carnaticus* (Jerdon, 1849).

#Mahanadi Mahseer *Tor mahanadicus* (David, 1953) is considered a sub-species of *Tor mosal* (Hamilton, 1822), i.e., *Tor mosal mahanadicus* (David, 1953).

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