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Abstract: China's mangroves provide important habitat for many endangered fish species, but, there has been little research upon the diversity and the distribution of fish species within mangroves habitats. To compile an inventory of fish fauna in this field, a total of 14 ichthyological surveys were conducted in Zhanjiang Mangrove during different seasons between August 2016 and December 2019. A total of 208 fish species have identified belonging to 18 orders, 69 families and 142 genera from Zhanjiang Mangroves National Nature Reserve, the largest mangrove habitat in China. Of these 17 species are listed as threatened species in the IUCN Red List. Our research indicates that nonnative species, overfishing, and pollution from aquaculture have severely threatened the fish biodiversity of the mangrove habitat in Zhanjiang. To better protect native biodiversity and fisheries, specific measures and management strategies should be adopted and enforced. This study recommends management approaches to better protect, sustain and manage fisheries and fish biodiversity in Zhanjiang mangrove habitat.

Key words: China, conservation, fishery, invasive fish, mangrove

1. Introduction

Mangrove habitat supports a rich biodiversity and numerous endemic species in tropical environments (Sandilyan and Kathiresan, 2012) and it is considered one of the most endangered habitats in the world (Valiela et al., 2001). The current rate of decline and loss of this coastal environmental resource is higher than that of other critically endangered ecosystems, including reefs and rainforests (Duke et al., 2007; Polidoro et al., 2010). Although an extraordinary number of endemic and economically significant fish species spend part or all of their life history in mangroves (Nagelkerken et al., 2008), research regarding them has been limited. There is little data-based understanding of the status of mangrove inhabiting fishes (Faunce and Serafy, 2006).

China supports one of the greatest species richness and fish biodiversity in the world (Xing et al., 2016; He et al., 2020), yet information about fishes in China is limited

and localized (Abell et al., 2008). While there has been selective research investigating fish diversity, distribution and conservation in regions such as Hainan Island and the Leizhou Peninsula (Xiong et al., 2018a, 2019), there has been relatively little study of the fishes in mangroves, the most important habitat for many endemic taxa and those of greatest economic significance.

Zhanjiang mangroves habitat comprises the largest mangrove environment in China, and is located in the Indo-Burma biodiversity hotspot (Myers et al., 2000) at the northernmost tip of the South China Sea. This is an important region for marine fisheries and mariculture (Kang et al., 2018), though there is little information regarding the fishes in the Zhanjiang mangroves ecosystem.

Zhanjiang Mangroves National Nature Reserve is located at the southernmost tip of mainland China. The Reserve is distributed in strips on the beaches along the Leizhou Peninsula in southwestern Guangdong Province.

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It crosses Xuwen, Leizhou, Suixi, and Lianjiang, Mazhang counties, Potou, Donhai, and Xiashan, and four districts of Zhanjiang city. The geographic coordinates are 109°40'–110°35' E and 20°14'–21°35' N. It encompasses an area of 19,000 hectares. The Reserve was established as a Provincial Nature Reserve in 1990 with the approval of the Guangdong Provincial People's Government and it was raised to National Nature Reserve status in 1997.

Zhanjiang Mangrove National Nature Reserve is located in the transition area between the north tropical and south Asian subtropics zones. Its southern area is within the north tropical monsoon climate zone and the northern portion lies in the south Asian subtropical monsoon climate zone. The annual average temperature is 23 °C, the extreme maximum temperature is 38.8 °C, and the extreme minimum temperature is –1.4 °C. The average annual rainfall is 1534.6 mm, and the wet and dry seasons are obvious. Precipitation is concentrated from April to September, and is often accompanied with typhoon rainstorms.

The focus of this study is to compile an inventory of the fish fauna in the Zhanjiang mangroves, summarize the primary threats to fish biodiversity, and to provide recommendations for fish biodiversity conservation and management.

2. Material and methods

A total of 14 ichthyological surveys were conducted in the Zhanjiang Mangrove National Nature Reserve during different seasons between August 2016 and December 2019. Fish samples were collected using gillnets (2010 m, mesh size 0.5 cm), cage nets (200 × 10 × 15 cm, mesh size 0.5 cm), and electrofishing (CWB-2000P, 12V, 250HZ). For detailed sampling methods see Xiong et al. (2018b, 2018c). Based upon our investigations, we compiled a list of fishes in the Zhanjiang Mangrove National Nature Reserve (Supplementary file 1) (Chen and Zhang, 2016; Sun and Chen, 2013).

3. Results

A total of 208 fish species were sampled belonging to 18 orders, 69 families and 142 genera within the Zhanjiang mangrove habitat system. 17 fish species (*Hemitygon laevigata*, *Anguilla japonica*, *Clupanodon thrissa*, *Sardinella lemuru*, *Cirrhinus molitorella*, *Cyprinus carpio*, *Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*, *Planiliza affinis*, *Scomberoides tala*, *Acentrogobius microps*, *Favonigobius reichei*, *Pseudupeneus prayensis*, *Dendrophysa russelii*, *Epinephelus malabaricus*, *Sillago asiatica*, *Inimicus japonicas* and *Takifugu ocellatus*) are classified as endangered species in China (Supplementary file 1).

We recorded five nonnative fish species in Zhanjiang mangroves, including the Mozambique tilapia (*Oreochromis*

mossambicus), Nile tilapia (*Oreochromis niloticus*), Lacustrine goby (*Gobiopterus lacustris*), West African goatfish (*Pseudupeneus prayensis*) and mosquitofish (*Gambusia affinis*). Mosquitofish, Mozambique tilapia and Nile tilapia are the most abundant nonnative species in the mangroves (Supplementary file 1).

4. Discussion

Zhanjiang mangroves, comprising only 0.002% of the total Chinese land area, contain 200 fish species (about 4% of the total number of China), 19 of which are listed as endangered species by the IUCN. Because of this remarkable species richness, the Zhanjiang mangroves are clearly very important habitats for fish conservation in China.

4.1. Threat to fish biodiversity

Researchers have recently identified many factors that threaten China's fish biodiversity (Xiong et al., 2018a, 2019), and the primary challenges in the Zhanjiang mangroves include aquaculture pollution, nonnative species and overfishing (Xiong et al., 2019).

Zhanjiang mangroves, located in the Leizhou Peninsula of China, are the center of the most important shrimp aquaculture area in the world (Xiong et al., 2019). In the past forty years, over one third of the mangrove habitat was transformed into shrimp ponds. The production of shrimp (*Penaeus vannamei*, *P. monodon* and *Cherax quadricarinatus*) in Zhanjiang accounts for about one third of the total shrimp production in the world (Xiong et al., 2019). Most of the aquaculture industry's wastewater is discharged directly into mangrove habitat without the implementation of any mitigative measures to reduce or control its pollution or negative impacts. Nutrient overloading has led to widespread eutrophic and harmful algal blooms in a diversity of waterbodies (Liao et al., 2012) and a great number of fish die from hypoxia and toxic compounds (Xiong et al., 2019).

Recently, China has become a hotspot of nonnative aquatic species introductions (Xiong et al., 2015) and they have had significantly negative ecological and economic impacts (Xiong et al., 2015, 2017, 2018d; Wang et al., 2016). Five nonnative fish species (*Oreochromis mossambicus*, *Oreochromis niloticus*, *Gobiopterus lacustris*, *Pseudupeneus prayensis*, and *Gambusia affinis*) occur in the Zhanjiang mangroves (Xiong et al., 2018b, 2018c) and two tilapia are the most dominant nonnative aquaculture species in China (Xiong et al., 2015). The current production of tilapia in China reached 1.62 million tons, about 90 times more than that of 35 years ago (unpublished data). Tilapia has become the most widespread nonnative species in southern China and the climate of Zhanjiang is similar to that of their natural distribution (Gu et al., 2019). Tilapia has been widely used as aquaculture species in

Zhanjiang, and, unfortunately, a great number escaped and successfully established feral populations in diversified aquatic ecosystems, including mangroves (Xiong et al., 2018b, 2018c, 2019; Gu et al., 2019). Naturalized tilapia established high density populations and have caused the decline of native fish biodiversity in mangrove habitats (Xia et al., 2019).

Lacustrine gobies were originally introduced into China as an aquarium species and the aquarium trade has become the most common current pathway of introduction for nonnative fish species in China (Xiong et al., 2015, 2017). We determined that over five hundred nonnative fish species are presently sold in stores and through the Internet market in China (Xiong et al., 2015, 2017). While our research revealed only one nonnative species introduced through the aquarium trade in mangroves, it can be anticipated that in the foreseeable future, more and more aquarium fish will become established as invasive species in Chinese mangroves.

In China, overfishing is one of the primary threats to aquatic biodiversity (Xiong et al., 2018a, 2019) and fish are the most important source of food for local residents near the Zhanjiang mangroves. A diversity of fishing techniques are used to harvest fish including traps, gill nets, drift-gill nets, hooks, and illegal methods such as electrofishing, poison, and blasting (Xiong et al., 2019). Although the precise level of fishing pressure is not clear, the population around the Zhanjiang mangroves has sharply increased because of urban development (Xiong et al., 2019). In the consultation with local fishermen, it is apparent that the number and diversity of fishes has sharply decreased.

4.2. Conservation of fish biodiversity

Although fisheries in Chinese mangroves are the most important food source for local rural residents (Xiong et al., 2019), Chinese fisheries suffer greatly from human activities (Xiong et al., 2018a, 2019). Nineteen fish species are listed as Endangered in the Red List of the IUCN (Supplementary file 1). More research and the development of protective measures are needed to conserve fish biodiversity in mangrove habitats. The establishment of natural reserves is the most effective method for conservation of fish biodiversity (Xiong et al., 2018a, 2019). Zhanjiang Mangrove National Nature Reserve was established in 1997 and is composed of dozens of small protected communities distributed on the coastline of more than 1500 km in the Leizhou Peninsula. It is highly integrated with the local communities and human activities. Nonetheless, it is challenging to manage and control human activities such as electrofishing in

the protected areas within Reserve. More science-based and restrictive management measures such as protective regulations, penalties for violating them, and enforcement patrols are needed in the Zhanjiang mangroves.

Currently, China is the most seriously threatened country by invasion of nonnative aquatic species (Xiong et al., 2015, 2017a; Wang et al., 2016, 2021). Some nonnative species were introduced into Zhanjiang for aquaculture or/and the aquarium trade. And more nonnative species are likely to be introduced in the foreseeable future. Prevention of further invasion is more effective and less costly than attempting to control the impacts of unregulated introductions of nonnative species (Leung et al., 2002). More research is needed to predict the potential distribution, life-history traits, and ecological and economic impacts of nonnative species (Xiong et al., 2015). Periodic monitoring of nonnative species is clearly needed, and should be adopted, implemented and strengthened.

5. Conclusion

The mangrove habitats of Zhanjiang support a remarkable fish biodiversity and are located in a global biodiversity hotspot (Myers et al., 2000). According to our studies, the Zhanjiang mangroves contain the greatest fish biodiversity of all of the Chinese mangrove systems (Wang et al., 2021). Many fish species are important as fishery and aquaculture resources for the local resident. However, pollution, nonnative species and overfishing have led to severely negative impacts on fisheries. Protective measures and a viable management program should be adopted, including establishment of protected areas, control of illegal fishing, and prevention of the further invasion and establishment of nonnative species.

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Supplement 1. List of fish species in the Zhanjiang mangroves. a: endangered species in China; b: nonnative species.

| No | Order | Family | Latin name |
|----|-------------------|------------------|--|
| 1 | Carcharhiniformes | Carcharhinidae | <i>Rhizoprionodon acutus</i> (Rüppell, 1837) |
| 2 | Myliobatiformes | Dasyatidae | <i>Hemistrygon laevigata</i> (Chu, 1960)a |
| 3 | Anguilliformes | Anguillidae | <i>Anguilla japonica</i> Temminck & Schlegel, 1846a |
| 4 | Anguilliformes | Congridae | <i>Uroconger lepturus</i> (Richardson, 1845) |
| 5 | Anguilliformes | Muraenesocidae | <i>Muraenesox cinereus</i> (Forsskål, 1775) |
| 6 | Anguilliformes | Muraenesocidae | <i>Muraenesox yamaguchiensis</i> Katayama & Takai, 1954 |
| 7 | Anguilliformes | Muraenidae | <i>Uropterygius concolor</i> Rüppell, 1838 |
| 8 | Anguilliformes | Ophichthidae | <i>Muraenichthys gymnopterus</i> (Bleeker, 1853) |
| 9 | Anguilliformes | Ophichthidae | <i>Pisodonophis boro</i> (Hamilton, 1822) |
| 10 | Anguilliformes | Ophichthidae | <i>Pisodonophis cancrivorus</i> (Richardson, 1848) |
| 11 | Anguilliformes | Ophichthidae | <i>Scolecenchelys macroptera</i> (Bleeker, 1857) |
| 12 | Atheriniformes | Atherinidae | <i>Atherinomorus lacunosus</i> (Forster, 1801) |
| 13 | Aulopiformes | Synodontidae | <i>Harpadon nehereus</i> (Hamilton, 1822) |
| 14 | Aulopiformes | Synodontidae | <i>Trachinocephalus myops</i> (Forster, 1801) |
| 15 | Beloniformes | Belonidae | <i>Strongylura leiura</i> (Bleeker, 1850) |
| 16 | Beloniformes | Belonidae | <i>Strongylura strongylura</i> (van Hasselt, 1823) |
| 17 | Beloniformes | Exocoetidae | <i>Hirundichthys rondeletii</i> (Valenciennes, 1847) |
| 18 | Beloniformes | Hemiramphidae | <i>Hyporhamphus dussumieri</i> (Valenciennes, 1847) |
| 19 | Beloniformes | Hemiramphidae | <i>Hyporhamphus intermedius</i> (Cantor, 1842) |
| 20 | Beloniformes | Hemiramphidae | <i>Hyporhamphus limbatus</i> (Valenciennes, 1847) |
| 21 | Beloniformes | Zenarchopteridae | <i>Zenarchopterus buffonis</i> (Valenciennes, 1847) |
| 22 | Clupeiformes | Clupeidae | <i>Clupanodon thrissa</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)a |
| 23 | Clupeiformes | Clupeidae | <i>Escualosa thoracata</i> (Valenciennes, 1847) |
| 24 | Clupeiformes | Clupeidae | <i>Konosirus punctatus</i> (Temminck & Schlegel, 1846) |
| 25 | Clupeiformes | Clupeidae | <i>Nematalosa nasus</i> (Bloch, 1795) |
| 26 | Clupeiformes | Clupeidae | <i>Sardinella fimbriata</i> (Valenciennes, 1847) |
| 27 | Clupeiformes | Clupeidae | <i>Sardinella hualiensis</i> (Chu & Tsai, 1958)a |
| 28 | Clupeiformes | Clupeidae | <i>Sardinella lemuru</i> Bleeker, 1853a |
| 29 | Clupeiformes | Clupeidae | <i>Sardinella melanura</i> (Cuvier, 1829) |
| 30 | Clupeiformes | Engraulidae | <i>Engraulis japonicus</i> Temminck & Schlegel, 1846 |
| 31 | Clupeiformes | Engraulidae | <i>Setipinna taty</i> (Valenciennes, 1848) |
| 32 | Clupeiformes | Engraulidae | <i>Setipinna tenuifilis</i> (Valenciennes, 1848) |
| 33 | Clupeiformes | Engraulidae | <i>Stolephorus commersonnii</i> Lacepède, 1803 |
| 34 | Clupeiformes | Engraulidae | <i>Thryssa hamiltonii</i> Gray, 1835 |
| 35 | Clupeiformes | Engraulidae | <i>Thryssa kammalensis</i> (Bleeker, 1849) |
| 36 | Clupeiformes | Engraulidae | <i>Thryssa vitrirostris</i> (Gilchrist & Thompson, 1908) |
| 37 | Clupeiformes | Pristigasteridae | <i>Ilisha elongata</i> (Anonymous [Bennett], 1830) |
| 38 | Clupeiformes | Pristigasteridae | <i>Ilisha melastoma</i> (Bloch & Schneider, 1801) |
| 39 | Siluriformes | Clariidae | <i>Clarias batrachus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) |
| 40 | Cypriniformes | Cyprinidae | <i>Carassius auratus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) |
| 41 | Cypriniformes | Cyprinidae | <i>Cirrhinus molitorella</i> (Valenciennes, 1844)a |
| 42 | Cypriniformes | Cyprinidae | <i>Cyprinus carpio</i> Linnaeus, 1758a |

Supplement 1. (Continued).

| No | Order | Family | Latin name |
|----|--------------------|-----------------|--|
| 43 | Cypriniformes | Cyprinidae | <i>Hemibarbus maculatus</i> Bleeker, 1871 |
| 44 | Cypriniformes | Cyprinidae | <i>Hemiculter leucisculus</i> (Basilewsky, 1855) |
| 45 | Cypriniformes | Cyprinidae | <i>Henicorhynchus siamensis</i> (Sauvage, 1881) |
| 46 | Cypriniformes | Cyprinidae | <i>Hypophthalmichthys molitrix</i> (Valenciennes, 1844)a |
| 47 | Cypriniformes | Cyprinidae | <i>Metzia lineata</i> (Pellegrin, 1907) |
| 48 | Cypriniformes | Cyprinidae | <i>Metzia mesembrinum</i> (Jordan & Evermann, 1902) |
| 49 | Cyprinodontiformes | Poeciliidae | <i>Gambusia affinis</i> (Baird & Girard, 1853)b |
| 50 | Elopiformes | Elopidae | <i>Elops hawaiiensis</i> Regan, 1909 |
| 51 | Elopiformes | Elopidae | <i>Elops machnata</i> (Forsskål, 1775) |
| 52 | Elopiformes | Elopidae | <i>Elops saurus</i> Linnaeus, 1766 |
| 53 | Elopiformes | Megalopidae | <i>Megalops cyprinoides</i> (Broussonet, 1782) |
| 54 | Gadiformes | Bregmacerotidae | <i>Bregmaceros nectabanus</i> Whitley, 1941 |
| 55 | Gadiformes | Bregmacerotidae | <i>Bregmaceros rarisquamosus</i> Munro, 1950 |
| 56 | Mugiliformes | Mugilidae | <i>Chelon parsia</i> (Hamilton, 1822) |
| 57 | Mugiliformes | Mugilidae | <i>Crenimugil buchanani</i> (Bleeker, 1853) |
| 58 | Mugiliformes | Mugilidae | <i>Ellochelon vaigiensis</i> (Quoy & Gaimard, 1825) |
| 59 | Mugiliformes | Mugilidae | <i>Liza carinata</i> (Valenciennes, 1836) |
| 60 | Mugiliformes | Mugilidae | <i>Moolgarda engeli</i> (Bleeker, 1858) |
| 61 | Mugiliformes | Mugilidae | <i>Mugil cephalus</i> Linnaeus, 1758 |
| 62 | Mugiliformes | Mugilidae | <i>Osteomugil cunnesius</i> (Valenciennes, 1836) |
| 63 | Mugiliformes | Mugilidae | <i>Planiliza affinis</i> (Günther, 1861)a |
| 64 | Mugiliformes | Mugilidae | <i>Planiliza haematocheila</i> (Temminck & Schlegel, 1845) |
| 65 | Mugiliformes | Mugilidae | <i>Planiliza macrolepis</i> (Smith, 1846) |
| 66 | Mugiliformes | Mugilidae | <i>Planiliza melinopterus</i> (Valenciennes, 1836) |
| 67 | Mugiliformes | Mugilidae | <i>Planiliza subviridis</i> (Valenciennes, 1836) |
| 68 | Perciformes | Ambassidae | <i>Ambassis gymnocephalus</i> (Lacepède, 1802) |
| 69 | Perciformes | Ambassidae | <i>Ambassis marianus</i> Günther, 1880 |
| 70 | Perciformes | Eleotridae | <i>Butis koilomatodon</i> (Bleeker, 1849) |
| 71 | Perciformes | Gerridae | <i>Gerres erythrourus</i> (Bloch, 1791) |
| 72 | Perciformes | Gerridae | <i>Gerres filamentosus</i> Cuvier, 1829 |
| 73 | Perciformes | Gerridae | <i>Gerres japonicus</i> Bleeker, 1854 |
| 74 | Perciformes | Gerridae | <i>Gerres limbatus</i> Cuvier, 1830 |
| 75 | Perciformes | Gerridae | <i>Gerres longirostris</i> (Lacepède, 1801) |
| 76 | Perciformes | Gerridae | <i>Gerres oblongus</i> Cuvier, 1830 |
| 77 | Perciformes | Haemulidae | <i>Diagramma pictum</i> (Thunberg, 1792) |
| 78 | Perciformes | Haemulidae | <i>Pomadasys argenteus</i> (Forsskål, 1775) |
| 79 | Perciformes | Haemulidae | <i>Pomadasys quadrilineatus</i> Shen & Lin, 1984 |
| 80 | Perciformes | Labridae | <i>Halichoeres nigrescens</i> (Bloch & Schneider, 1801) |
| 81 | Perciformes | Lateolabridae | <i>Lateolabrax japonicus</i> (Cuvier, 1828) |
| 82 | Perciformes | Leiognathidae | <i>Equulites rivulatus</i> (Temminck & Schlegel, 1845) |
| 83 | Perciformes | Leiognathidae | <i>Leiognathus brevirostris</i> (Valenciennes, 1835) |
| 84 | Perciformes | Leiognathidae | <i>Nuchequula nuchalis</i> (Temminck & Schlegel, 1845) |

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| 85 | Perciformes | Leiognathidae | <i>Photopectoralis bindus</i> (Valenciennes, 1835) |
| 86 | Perciformes | Leiognathidae | <i>Secutor ruconius</i> (Hamilton, 1822) |
| 87 | Perciformes | Lutjanidae | <i>Lutjanus ophuysenii</i> (Bleeker, 1860) |
| 88 | Perciformes | Lutjanidae | <i>Lutjanus russellii</i> (Bleeker, 1849) |
| 89 | Perciformes | Nemipteridae | <i>Nemipterus peronii</i> (Valenciennes, 1830) |
| 90 | Perciformes | Pinguipedidae | <i>Parapercis ommatura</i> Jordan & Snyder, 1902 |
| 91 | Perciformes | Polynemidae | <i>Polydactylus sextarius</i> (Bloch & Schneider, 1801) |
| 92 | Perciformes | Sciaenidae | <i>Dendrophysa russelii</i> (Cuvier, 1829) ^a |
| 93 | Perciformes | Sciaenidae | <i>Johnius belangerii</i> (Cuvier, 1830) |
| 94 | Perciformes | Sciaenidae | <i>Pennahia anea</i> (Bloch, 1793) |
| 95 | Perciformes | Serranidae | <i>Epinephelus malabaricus</i> (Bloch & Schneider, 1801) ^a |
| 96 | Perciformes | Siganidae | <i>Siganus canaliculatus</i> (Park, 1797) |
| 97 | Perciformes | Siganidae | <i>Siganus fuscescens</i> (Houttuyn, 1782) |
| 98 | Perciformes | Siganidae | <i>Siganus guttatus</i> (Bloch, 1787) |
| 99 | Perciformes | Sillaginidae | <i>Sillago asiatica</i> McKay, 1982 ^a |
| 100 | Perciformes | Sillaginidae | <i>Sillago sihama</i> (Forsskål, 1775) |
| 101 | Perciformes | Sparidae | <i>Acanthopagrus berda</i> (Forsskål, 1775) |
| 102 | Perciformes | Sparidae | <i>Acanthopagrus latus</i> (Houttuyn, 1782) |
| 103 | Perciformes | Sparidae | <i>Acanthopagrus schlegelii</i> (Bleeker, 1854) |
| 104 | Perciformes | Sparidae | <i>Parargyrops edita</i> Tanaka, 1916 |
| 105 | Perciformes | Sparidae | <i>Rhabdosargus sarba</i> (Forsskål, 1775) |
| 106 | Perciformes | Sphyraenidae | <i>Sphyraena jello</i> Cuvier, 1829 |
| 107 | Anabantiformes | Anabantidae | <i>Anabas testudineus</i> (Bloch, 1792) |
| 108 | Kurtiformes | Apogonidae | <i>Apogonichthyoides pseudotaeniatus</i> (Gon, 1986) |
| 109 | Kurtiformes | Apogonidae | <i>Ostorhinchus fasciatus</i> (White, 1790) |
| 110 | Callionymiformes | Callionymidae | <i>Repomucenus olidus</i> (Günther, 1873) |
| 111 | Callionymiformes | Callionymidae | <i>Repomucenus virgis</i> (Jordan & Fowler, 1903) |
| 112 | Callionymiformes | Callionymidae | <i>Callionymus curvicornis</i> Valenciennes, 1837 |
| 113 | Callionymiformes | Callionymidae | <i>Callionymus sagitta</i> Pallas, 1770 |
| 114 | Carangiformes | Carangidae | <i>Alepes djedaba</i> (Forsskål, 1775) |
| 115 | Carangiformes | Carangidae | <i>Alepes melanoptera</i> (Swainson, 1839) |
| 116 | Carangiformes | Carangidae | <i>Carangoides malabaricus</i> (Bloch & Schneider, 1801) |
| 117 | Carangiformes | Carangidae | <i>Carangoides praeustus</i> (Anonymous [Bennett], 1830) |
| 118 | Carangiformes | Carangidae | <i>Scomberoides tala</i> (Cuvier, 1832) ^a |
| 119 | Carangiformes | Carangidae | <i>Selaroides leptolepis</i> (Cuvier, 1833) |
| 120 | Carangiformes | Carangidae | <i>Trachinotus ovatus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) |
| 121 | Cichliformes | Cichlidae | <i>Oreochromis mossambicus</i> (Peters, 1852) ^{ab} |
| 122 | Cichliformes | Cichlidae | <i>Oreochromis niloticus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) ^b |
| 123 | Acanthuriformes | Drepaneidae | <i>Drepane punctata</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) |
| 124 | Gobiiformes | Eleotridae | <i>Bostrychus sinensis</i> Lacepède, 1801 |
| 125 | Gobiiformes | Eleotridae | <i>Butis butis</i> (Hamilton, 1822) |
| 126 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Acentrogobius caninus</i> (Valenciennes, 1837) |

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| 127 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Acentrogobius microps</i> (Chu & Wu, 1963)a |
| 128 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Acentrogobius pflaumi</i> (Bleeker, 1853) |
| 129 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Acentrogobius viridipunctatus</i> (Valenciennes, 1837) |
| 130 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Amblyotrypauchen arctocephalus</i> (Alcock, 1890) |
| 131 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Apocryptodon madurensis</i> (Bleeker, 1849) |
| 132 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Boleophthalmus pectinirostris</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) |
| 133 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Ctenogobius chusanensis</i> Herre, 1940 |
| 134 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Exyrias puntang</i> (Bleeker, 1851) |
| 135 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Favonigobius gymnauchen</i> (Bleeker, 1860) |
| 136 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Favonigobius reichei</i> (Bleeker, 1854)a |
| 137 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Glossogobius aureus</i> Akihito & Meguro, 1975 |
| 138 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Glossogobius circumspectus</i> (Macleay, 1883) |
| 139 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Glossogobius giuris</i> (Hamilton, 1822) |
| 140 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Glossogobius olivaceus</i> (Temminck & Schlegel, 1845) |
| 141 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Gobiopterus lacustris</i> (Herre, 1927)b |
| 142 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Istigobius campbelli</i> (Jordan & Snyder, 1901) |
| 143 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Mugilogobius abei</i> (Jordan & Snyder, 1901) |
| 144 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Mugilogobius chulae</i> (Smith, 1932) |
| 145 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Oxuderces dentatus</i> Eydoux & Souleyet, 1850 |
| 146 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Oxyurichthys microlepis</i> (Bleeker, 1849) |
| 147 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Parachaeturichthys polynema</i> (Bleeker, 1853) |
| 148 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Parapocryptes serperaster</i> (Richardson, 1846) |
| 149 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Periophthalmus magnuspinnatus</i> Lee, Choi & Ryu, 1995 |
| 150 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Periophthalmus modestus</i> Cantor, 1842 |
| 151 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Periophthalmus novaeguineensis</i> Eggert, 1935 |
| 152 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Psammogobius biocellatus</i> (Valenciennes, 1837) |
| 153 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Pseudogobius javanicus</i> (Bleeker, 1856) |
| 154 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Pseudogobius masago</i> (Tomiya, 1936) |
| 155 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Rhinogobius giurinus</i> (Rutter, 1897) |
| 156 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Sicyopterus lagocephalus</i> (Pallas, 1770) |
| 157 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Sicyopus zosterophorus</i> (Bleeker, 1856) |
| 158 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Synechogobius ommaturus</i> (Richardson, 1845) |
| 159 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Taenioides cirratus</i> (Blyth, 1860) |
| 160 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Tridentiger barbatus</i> (Günther, 1861) |
| 161 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Tridentiger obscurus</i> (Temminck & Schlegel, 1845) |
| 162 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Tridentiger trigonocephalus</i> (Gill, 1859) |
| 163 | Gobiiformes | Gobiidae | <i>Trypauchen vagina</i> (Bloch & Schneider, 1801) |
| 164 | Gobiiformes | Oxudercidae | <i>Scartelaos histophorus</i> (Valenciennes, 1837) |
| 165 | Mulliformes | Mullidae | <i>Parupeneus forsskali</i> (Fourmanoir & Guézé, 1976) |
| 166 | Mulliformes | Mullidae | <i>Pseudupeneus prayensis</i> (Cuvier, 1829)ab |
| 167 | Mulliformes | Mullidae | <i>Upeneus sulphureus</i> Cuvier, 1829 |
| 168 | Mulliformes | Mullidae | <i>Upeneus tragula</i> Richardson, 1846 |

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| 169 | Acanthuriformes | Scatophagidae | <i>Scatophagus argus</i> (Linnaeus, 1766) |
| 170 | Acanthuriformes | Siganidae | <i>Siganus argenteus</i> (Quoy & Gaimard, 1825) |
| 171 | Scombriformes | Stromateidae | <i>Pampus chinensis</i> (Euphrasen, 1788) |
| 172 | Scombriformes | Trichiuridae | <i>Lepturacanthus savala</i> (Cuvier, 1829) |
| 173 | Scombriformes | Trichiuridae | <i>Trichiurus lepturus</i> Linnaeus, 1758 |
| 174 | Centrarchiformes | Terapontidae | <i>Terapon jarbua</i> (Forsskål, 1775) |
| 175 | Centrarchiformes | Terapontidae | <i>Terapon theraps</i> Cuvier, 1829 |
| 176 | Pleuronectiformes | Bothidae | <i>Arnoglossus tenuis</i> Günther, 1880 |
| 177 | Pleuronectiformes | Cynoglossidae | <i>Cynoglossus puncticeps</i> (Richardson, 1846) |
| 178 | Pleuronectiformes | Cynoglossidae | <i>Cynoglossus robustus</i> Günther, 1873 |
| 179 | Pleuronectiformes | Cynoglossidae | <i>Cynoglossus sinicus</i> Wu, 1932 |
| 180 | Pleuronectiformes | Cynoglossidae | <i>Paraplagusia bilineata</i> (Bloch, 1787) |
| 181 | Pleuronectiformes | Paralichthyidae | <i>Pseudorhombus arsius</i> (Hamilton, 1822) |
| 182 | Pleuronectiformes | Soleidae | <i>Brachirus orientalis</i> (Bloch & Schneider, 1801) |
| 183 | Pleuronectiformes | Soleidae | <i>Solea ovata</i> Richardson, 1846 |
| 184 | Pleuronectiformes | Soleidae | <i>Zebrias quagga</i> (Kaup, 1858) |
| 185 | Pleuronectiformes | Soleidae | <i>Zebrias zebra</i> (Bloch, 1787) |
| 186 | Scorpaeniformes | Platycephalidae | <i>Inegocia japonica</i> (Cuvier, 1829) |
| 187 | Scorpaeniformes | Platycephalidae | <i>Platycephalus indicus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758) |
| 188 | Scorpaeniformes | Sebastidae | <i>Sebastiscus marmoratus</i> (Cuvier, 1829) |
| 189 | Scorpaeniformes | Synanceiidae | <i>Inimicus japonicus</i> (Cuvier, 1829)a |
| 190 | Scorpaeniformes | Synanceiidae | <i>Minous monodactylus</i> (Bloch & Schneider, 1801) |
| 191 | Scorpaeniformes | Synanceiidae | <i>Trachicephalus uranoscopus</i> (Bloch & Schneider, 1801) |
| 192 | Scorpaeniformes | Tetrarogidae | <i>Tetraroge barbata</i> (Cuvier, 1829) |
| 193 | Scorpaeniformes | Tetrarogidae | <i>Vespacula trachinoides</i> (Cuvier, 1829) |
| 194 | Scorpaeniformes | Tetrarogidae | <i>Vespacula zollingeri</i> (Bleeker, 1848) |
| 195 | Siluriformes | Ariidae | <i>Netuma thalassina</i> (Rüppell, 1837) |
| 196 | Siluriformes | Bagridae | <i>Tachysurus sinensis</i> Lacepède, 1803 |
| 197 | Siluriformes | Plotosidae | <i>Plotosus lineatus</i> (Thunberg, 1787) |
| 198 | Syngnathiformes | Syngnathidae | <i>Phoxocampus belcheri</i> (Kaup, 1856) |
| 199 | Tetraodontiformes | Monacanthidae | <i>Monacanthus chinensis</i> (Osbeck, 1765) |
| 200 | Tetraodontiformes | Monacanthidae | <i>Pseudomonacanthus peroni</i> (Hollard, 1854) |
| 201 | Tetraodontiformes | Tetraodontidae | <i>Lagocephalus lunaris</i> (Bloch & Schneider, 1801) |
| 202 | Tetraodontiformes | Tetraodontidae | <i>Lagocephalus spadiceus</i> (Richardson, 1845) |
| 203 | Tetraodontiformes | Tetraodontidae | <i>Takifugu alboplumbeus</i> (Richardson, 1845) |
| 204 | Tetraodontiformes | Tetraodontidae | <i>Takifugu niphobles</i> (Jordan & Snyder, 1901) |
| 205 | Tetraodontiformes | Tetraodontidae | <i>Takifugu oblongus</i> (Bloch, 1786) |
| 206 | Tetraodontiformes | Tetraodontidae | <i>Takifugu ocellatus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)a |
| 207 | Tetraodontiformes | Tetraodontidae | <i>Takifugu porphyreus</i> (Temminck & Schlegel, 1850) |
| 208 | Tetraodontiformes | Triacanthidae | <i>Triacanthus nieuhofti</i> Bleeker, 1852 |