

ZOOLOGICAL NOTES FROM PORT DICKSON, II

A SMALL COLLECTION OF FISHES FROM MALAYA

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During the stay of the Nica-detachment at Port Dickson, Malaya, in March 1946, a small collection of fishes was made, which was presented by Major Dr. L. D. Brongersma to the Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijke Historie at Leiden. Besides these fishes from Malaya, two specimens of flying fishes from the Indian Ocean were presented.

The collection from Port Dickson was pretty small, 45 specimens in total, belonging to 25 species. It gives therefore by no means an idea of the fishfauna of Malaya. The fishfauna of the Westcoast of Malaya is still imperfectly known, so even this small collection can contribute to the knowledge of this fauna.

The species are arranged according to the system followed by M. Weber & L. F. de Beaufort in their Fishes of the Indo-Australian Archipelago. The length of the specimens is the total length.

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Stolephorus indicus (v. Hasselt)

2 specimens of 39 and 45 mm.

Plotosus canius H.B.

1 specimen of 41 mm.

Muraena (Gymnothorax) meleagris Shaw

1 specimen of 157 mm.

Syngnathoides biaculeatus (Bl.)

4 specimens of 127-141 mm.

Hippocampus kuda Blkr.

1 specimen of 136 mm from tip of coronet to end of tail.

Zenarchopterus quadrimaculatus Mohr

1 ♂ specimen of 112 mm. The specimen agrees fully with the description

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by Erna Mohr in Zool. Jahrb. Abt. Syst. 52, 1926, p. 257. Erna Mohr described 8 specimens, 1 ♂, 7 ♀♀ from Selangor and Muar River, both on the Malay Peninsula. Port Dickson is situated between these localities.

Apogon margaritophorus Blkr.

1 specimen of 41 mm.

Gazza minuta (Bl.)

4 specimens of 54-83 mm.

? *Gerres kapas* Blkr.

1 specimen of 65 mm. Of this specimen many scales are wanting, so that the identification is not quite certain.

Therapon puta C.V.

3 specimens of 38-91 mm.

Upeneus tragula Rich.

2 specimens of 112 and 127 mm.

Coradion chrysozonus (C.V.)

1 specimen of 19 mm. This specimen is in the *Tholichthys* stage. At the preopercle there is a strong barbed spine, bearing at its base 4 short, downwards directed spines. Suprascapular spine short, postorbital knot weakly developed. A median dark brown line on upper surface of head till tip of snout. A brown line from occiput to isthmus, crossing the eye; a second from insertion of D 1, running in front of P. to insertion of V.; a third from middle of D 1 to end of V.; a fourth from beginning of soft dorsal to beginning of soft anal, ending in soft dorsal in the ocellus. A dark band on caudal peduncle. On soft dorsal and anal a sub-marginal dark band.

Lutjanus kasmira (Forsk.)

1 specimen of 90 mm.

Bodianus diana (Lac.)

1 specimen of 65 mm. D. XIII. 7 instead of XII. 9-10.

Halichoeres bicolor (Bl. Sch.)

2 specimens of 80 and 83 mm.

Halichoeres hyrtli (Blkr.)

8 specimens of 40-76 mm.

Pomacentrus tripunctatus C.V.

1 specimen of 42 mm.

Teuthis oramin (Bl. Sch.)

2 specimens of 65 and 84 mm.

Petroscirtes variabilis Cant.

1 specimen of 98 mm.

Acentrogobius reichei (Blkr.)

1 specimen of 52 mm.

Periophthalmus pearsei Eggert

1 specimen of 61 mm.

Leptecheneis naucrates (L.)

1 specimen of 245 mm.

Monacanthus chinensis (Bl. Sch.)

1 specimen of 25 mm.

Tetraodon fluviatilis H.B.

1 specimen of 58 mm.

Chelonodon patoca (H.B.)

2 specimens of 43 and 57 mm.

3° S, 75° E, 23 JUNE 1946, P. H. J. VAN DEINSE

Cypsilurus heterurus (Raf.)

1 specimen of 240 mm.

8° N, 57° E, 27 JUNE 1946, DR. L. D. BRONGERSMA

Exocoetus volitans L.

1 specimen of 180 mm.
