

*Barilius torsai* is distinguished from all its congeners by the presence of a complete lateral line with 52–53 scales, 29 pre-dorsal scales, pectoral fin notched, two well-developed pairs of barbels (rostral and maxillary), length of rostral barbel slightly larger than maxillary, which reaches the orbit. Tubercles on snout and lower jaw absent, 9–11 blue vertical bars along the body, dorsal fin hyaline with dark pigment concentrated along lower two-third of the dorsal-fin rays.

These fishes are highly relished as food and fetches maximum market price (Rs. 400-600/kg) in the Dooars region of West Bengal. Many of the *Barilius* species is having ornamental value and being exported from India.

## New Fish Species *Barilius torsai* (Teleostei: Cypriniformes: Cyprinidae) identified by ICAR-CIFRI

ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore identified a new freshwater fish species *Barilius torsai* (Teleostei: Cypriniformes: Cyprinidae), from Torsa River, Brahmaputra drainage (DOI: <https://doi.org/10.11609/jott.4746.11.14.14808-14815>).

