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## Study on Fish Diversity of Kawardha Town, Chhattisgarh, India

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### ABSTRACT

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Kawardha is the historical and peaceful town, have wide diversity of fish. Fish are good source of animal protein and rich in various nutrients. Proper database of fish from freshwater environment of Kawardha town is not available. So, the present study was undertaken to know the fish diversity of Kawardha town. A total four lentic (Ponds) and one lotic (Sakari river) water resources were selected. Total 54 species were classified in seven orders, 20 families, and 39 genera were recorded. The major fishes found are Indian major carp, exotic carp, catfish and Tilapia. Suitable water quality parameters were found during the study period for proper growth of fish. It is concluded that it will help to prepare the document. It will be the first catalogue of fish species found in Kawardha town of Chhattisgarh.

### Introduction

Kawardha is the historical and peaceful town, have wide diversity of fish. Fish are the half of total vertebrate among the biodiversity which contributes the GDP. It promotes foreign exchange earnings, income generation, food and nutritional security of the nation. Regional investigation of fish diversity is essential for documentation as well as for conservation. It will help farmers and local community to aware about their resources. Om Prakash (2004), Singh (2004), Dev (2008) has done riverine biodiversity, Choubey and Qureshi (2013) had worked on particular town Rajnandgaon. Patel *et al.*,

(2016) worked from different water resources in Raigarh district. The present study was undertaken to know the fish diversity of Kawardha town of Chhattisgarh.

### Materials and Methods

A total four lentic (Ponds; Bade Talab, Bhojali Talab, Kali Talab, Khalhe Talab) and one lotic (Sakari river) water resources were selected. The study was carried out for seven months (September 2019 to March 2020). The samples were collected from Sakari river near Saigona village and Paliguda village, landing centers, local fishermen and selected ponds from cooperative societies of Kawardha

Town. The collected species were identified on the field itself and the unidentified specimen brought to laboratory and were preserved in 6% formalin and identified with the help of books and keys (Day, 1878, Datta and Shrivastava, 1988, Talwar and Jhingran, 1991). Water qualities were measured by the standard methods (APHA, 1998).

### Results and Discussion

Water quality parameters were found suitable during the study period for fish culture. During the study period, total of 54 species belonging to 20 families under seven orders and 39 genera were recorded. Out of 54 species recorded (Table 1), three species (5.5%) had ornamental value and 19 species

(35.18%) have both ornamental and food value (Fig. 2). Family Cyprinidae dominated among the groups of ornamental and food fish category with eight species followed by Channidae three species, Ambassidae two species and others eight families with one species from each group (Fig. 1). Sahu (2015) had found 100 ornamental fish species in river Mahanadi. Mahapatra and Lakra (2014) had recorded 41 indigenous ornamental fishes from east Kolkata wetlands. Choubey and Qureshi (2013) has worked on ichthyofunal biodiversity of Rajnandgaon town and found total 45 species and majority was from family Cyprinidae. Patel *et al.*, (2016) reported total 61 species under 41 genera, 22 families and seven orders from Raigarh district.

**Table.1** Fish diversity survey of Kabirdham district, CG and their Commercial importance

| Family                         | Scientific Name   | Common Name      | Local name | Conservation status | Commercial importance |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>1) Order- Cypriniformes</b> |   |                  |            |                     |                       |
| <b>Cyprinidae</b>              | <i>Amblypharyngodon mola</i> (Hamilton, 1822)           | Molacarp         | Mohroli    | LC                  | FF/OR                 |
|                                | <i>Barilius bendelisis</i> (Hamilton, 1807)             | Hamilton barila  | Jori       | LC                  | FF                    |
|                                | <i>Catla catla</i> (Hamilton, 1822)                     | Catla            | Katla      | LC                  | FF                    |
|                                | <i>Cirrhinus mrigala</i> (Hamilton, 1822)               | Mrigal           | Mirgal     | LC                  | FF                    |
|                                | <i>Cirrhinus reba</i> (Hamilton, 1822)                  | Reba carp        | LohiMirgal | LC                  | FF                    |
|                                | <i>Ctenopharyngodon idella</i> (Valenciennes, 1844)     | Grass carp       | Ghaskat    | NE                  | FF                    |
|                                | <i>Cyprinus carpio</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)                 | Common carp      | Komalkar   | VU                  | FF                    |
|                                | <i>Danio rerio</i> (Hamilton, 1822)                     | Zebra fish       | Dadai      | LC                  | FF/OR                 |
|                                | <i>Garra mullya</i> (Sykes, 1839)                       | Sucker fish      | Gadela     | LC                  | FF                    |
|                                | <i>Hypophthalmichthys molitrix</i> (Valenciennes, 1844) | Silver carp      | Silver Kar | NT                  | FF                    |
|                                | <i>Hypophthalmichthys nobilis</i> (Richardson, 1845)    | Bighead carp     | Bigrad     | DD                  | FF                    |
|                                | <i>Labeo calbasu</i> (Hamilton, 1822)                   | Orange-fin labeo | Kalbaz     | LC                  | FF/OR                 |
|                                | <i>Labeo gonius</i> (Hamilton, 1822)                    | KuriaLabeo       | Roha       | LC                  | FF                    |
|                                | <i>Labeo rohita</i> (Hamilton, 1822)                    | Rohu             | Roha       | LC                  | FF                    |
|                                | <i>Ostreobrama cotio</i> (Hamilton, 1822)               | Cotio            | Kotri      | LC                  | FF/OR                 |
|                                | <i>Systomus sarana</i> (Hamilton, 1822)                 | Olive barb       | Kotra      | LC                  | FF/OR                 |
|                                | <i>Puntius sophore</i> (Hamilton, 1822)                 | Pool barb        | Kotri      | LC                  | OR                    |

|                                    |  |                           |               |    |       |
|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------|----|-------|
|                                    | <i>Pethia ticto</i> (Hamilton, 1822)               | Ticto barb                | Kotri         | LC | OR    |
|                                    | <i>Salmophasia bacaila</i> (Hamilton, 1822)        | Large razor belly minnow  | Sarangi       | LC | FF    |
|                                    | <i>Epalzeorhynchus bicolor</i> (Smith, 1931)       | Red-tailed black shark    | ---           | EN | OR    |
| <b>Balitoridae</b>                 | <i>Acanthocobitis botia</i> (Hamilton, 1822)       | Mottled Loach             | Rudwa         | LC | FF    |
| <b>Cobitidae</b>                   | <i>Lepidocephalichthys guntea</i> (Hamilton, 1822) | Guntea loach              | Rudai         | LC | OR/FF |
| <b>2) Order- Siluriformes</b>      |  |                           |               |    |       |
| <b>Siluridae</b>                   | <i>Ompokbima culatus</i> (Bloch, 1794)             | Butter catfish            | Pabda         | NT | FF/OR |
|                                    | <i>Ompok pabda</i> (Hamilton, 1822)                | Pabdah cat fish           | Pabda         | NT | FF    |
|                                    | <i>Walla goattu</i> (Bloch & Schneider, 1801)      | Wallago                   | Padhina       | NT | FF    |
| <b>Sisoridae</b>                   | <i>Gagata gagata</i> (Hamilton, 1822)              | GengeticGagata            | ---           | LC | FF    |
| <b>Schilbeidae</b>                 | <i>Eutropiichthys murius</i> (Hamilton, 1822)      | Butchua                   | Golmuhi       | LC | FF    |
| <b>Bagridae</b>                    | <i>Sperata aor</i> (Hamilton, 1822)                | Long-whiskered catfish    | Tengana       | LC | FF    |
|                                    | <i>Mystus cavasius</i> (Hamilton, 1822)            | Gangeticmystus            | DesiTengna    | LC | FF    |
|                                    | <i>Speratase enghala</i> (Sykes, 1839)             | Giant river-catfish       | Tengna        | LC | FF    |
|                                    | <i>Mystus tengara</i> (Hamilton, 1822)             | Tengara catfish           | Tengna        | LC | FF    |
|                                    | <i>Neotropius atherinoides</i> (Bloch, 1794)       | Indian potasi             | JaliyaTengana | LC | FF/OR |
| <b>Pangasiidae</b>                 | <i>Pangasius pangasius</i> (Hamilton, 1822)        | Pangas catfish            | Sawali        | LC | FF    |
|                                    | <i>Ailia coila</i> (Hamilton, 1822)                | Gangeticailia             | Dadwa         | NT | FF    |
| <b>Heteropneustidae</b>            | <i>Heteropneustes fossilis</i> (Bloch, 1794)       | Stinging catfish          | Singhi        | LC | FF/OR |
| <b>Clariidae</b>                   | <i>Clarias batrachus</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)          | Walking catfish           | Mongri        | LC | FF/OR |
|                                    | <i>Clarias gariepinus</i> (Burchell, 1822)         | North Africa Catfish      | Mangur        | LC | FF    |
| <b>3) order- Clupeiformes</b>      |  |                           |               |    |       |
| <b>Clupeidae</b>                   | <i>Gudusia chapra</i> (Hamilton, 1822)             | Indian river shed         | Chandaini     | LC | FF    |
| <b>Engraulididae</b>               | <i>Gonialos amanmina</i> (Hamilton, 1822)          | Ganges river gizzard shad | Chandaini     | LC | FF    |
| <b>4) order- Osteoglossiformes</b> |  |                           |               |    |       |
| <b>Notopteridae</b>                | <i>Notopterus notopterus</i> (Pallas, 1769)        | Bronze featherback        | Chital        | LC | FF/OR |
|                                    | <i>Notopterus chitala</i> (Hamilton, 1822)         | Indian featherback        | Chital        | NT | FF/OR |
| <b>5) Order- Anabantiformes</b>    |  |                           |               |    |       |
| <b>Channidae</b>                   | <i>Channa gachua</i> (Hamilton, 1822)              | Dwarf snakehead           | Bhunda        | LC | FF    |

|                                   |   |                         |                    |    |       |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|----|-------|
|                                   | <i>Channa marulius</i> (Hamilton, 1822)       | Great snakehead         | Bhunda             | LC | FF/OR |
|                                   | <i>Channa punctate</i> (Bloch, 1793)          | Spotted snakehead       | Bhunda             | LC | FF/OR |
|                                   | <i>Channas triata</i> (Bloch, 1793)           | Striped snakehead       | Bhunda/<br>Demchul | LC | FF/OR |
| <b>6)Order- Perciformes</b>       |   |                         |                    |    |       |
| <b>Ambassidae</b>                 | <i>Chanda nama</i> (Hamilton, 1822)           | Ganges river sprat      | Chandaini          | LC | FF    |
|                                   | <i>Chanda ranga</i> (Hamilton,1822)           | Elongate glass-perchlet | Chandaini          | LC | FF/OR |
| <b>Nandidae</b>                   | <i>Nandus nandus</i> (Hamilton, 1822)         | Gangetic leaffish       | Talafia            | LC | FF    |
| <b>Cichlidae</b>                  | <i>Oreochromis mossambicus</i> (Peters,1852)  | Mozambique tilapia      | Talafia            | NT | FF/OR |
|                                   | <i>Oreochromis niloticus</i> (Linnaeus,1758)  | Nile Tilapia            | Talafia            | VU | FF/OR |
| <b>Anabantidae</b>                | <i>Anabas testudineus</i> (Bloch, 1792)       | Climbing perch          | Kevai              | DD | FF    |
| <b>Belonidae</b>                  | <i>Xenentodon cancila</i> (Hamilton,1822)     | Freshwater garfish      | Bama               | LC | FF    |
| <b>7) Order- Synbranchiformes</b> |   |                         |                    |    |       |
| <b>Mastacembelidae</b>            | <i>Mastacembelus armatus</i> (Lacepède, 1800) | Zig-zag eel             | Bami               | LC | FF    |
|                                   | <i>Macrognathus pancalus</i> (Hamilton, 1822) | Barred spiny eel        | Bami               | LC | FF/OR |

DD = Data Deficient, EN= Endangered, LC = Least Concern, NE= Not Evaluated, NT = Near Threatened, VU= Vulnerable, FF = Foodfish, OR = Ornamental fish

**Fig.1** Family wise fish species in number

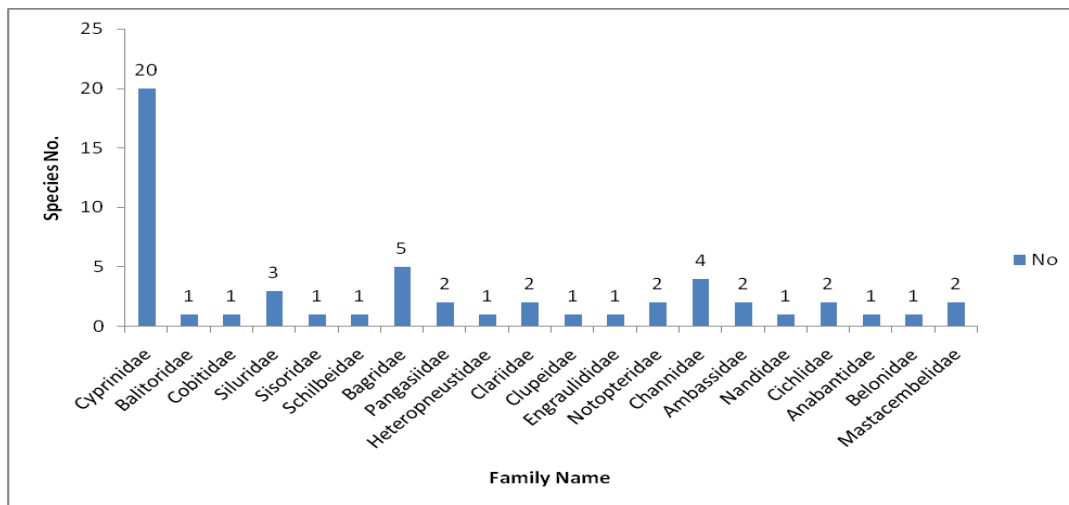
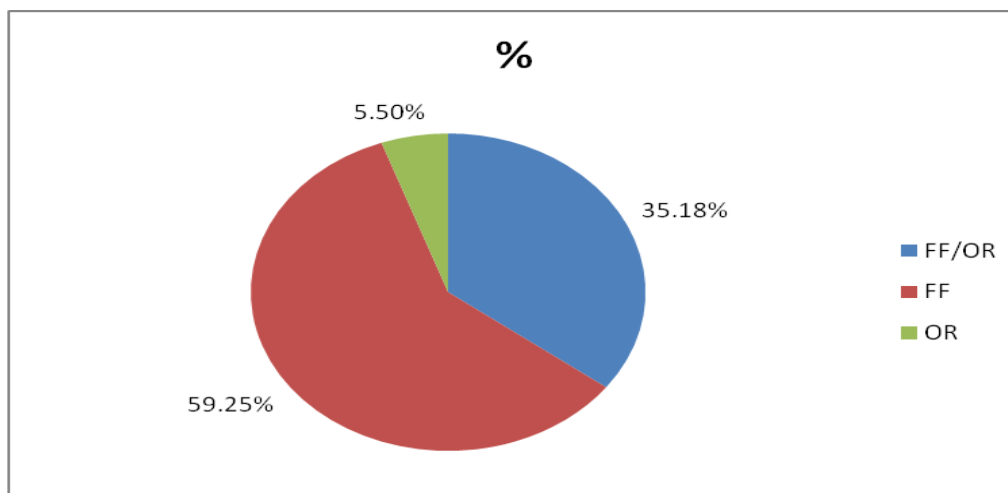


Fig.2 Percentage composition of ornamental and food species



The present study found that wide variety of fish species in Kawardha town of Chhattisgarh.

In conclusion the finding of the present study shows that Kawardha town has hub of multifarious fish species which have economic importance in local as well as overseas market. The fisherman unable to identify the fishes and their value, so, the local fishermen need to aware about it by organizing training or counseling which will help to get more profit and it will help to conservation.

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