



## State Fishes and Aquatic Animals of India at a Glance

With the declaration of the State fish of Gujarat on November 21, 2023, the total number of aquatic species declared/ designated as either 'State fish', 'State aquatic animal' or 'State animal' became 21. As on 21st November 2023, there are 23 States/ UTs which have declared their 'State fish' and 3 which have declared their 'State aquatic animal'. Another two i.e. Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands have declared marine species as their 'State animal', of which the former selected a marine fish and the latter, a marine aquatic animal.

Country/ State/ Union Territory	Status	Common name & Scientific name	Concerned species
India	National aquatic animal	Ganges River dolphin Platanista gangetica	
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	State animal	Dugong Dugong dugon	
Andhra Pradesh	State fish	Striped murrel Channa striata	
Arunachal Pradesh	State fish	Golden mahseer Tor putitora	

Assam	State aquatic animal	Ganges River dolphin Platanista gangetica	
Bihar	State fish	Indian walking catfish Clarias magur <sup>1</sup>	And the second s
Goa	State fish	Striped grey mullet Mugil cephalus	The state of the s
Gujarat	State fish	Blackspotted croaker Protonibea diacanthus	
Haryana	State fish	Orangefin labeo Labeo calbasu	
Himachal Pradesh	State fish	Golden mahseer Tor putitora	
Jammu and Kashmir	State fish	Golden mahseer Tor putitora	

Carnatic carp Karnataka State fish Barbodes carnaticus<sup>2</sup> Pearlspot Kerala State fish Etroplus suratensis Threadfin butterflyfish State Lakshadweep animal Chaetodon auriga Madhya Narmada mahseer State fish Pradesh Tor tor Silver pomfret Maharashtra State fish Pampus candidus<sup>3</sup> Pengba Manipur State fish Osteobrama belangeri

Mizoram	State fish	Burmese kingfish Semiplotus modestus	
Nagaland	State fish	Copper/ Chocolate mahseer Neolissochilus hexagonolepis	
Odisha	State fish	Mahanadi mahseer Tor mahanadicus	
Punjab	State aquatic animal	Indus River dolphin Platanista minor	
Sikkim	State fish	Copper/ Chocolate mahseer Neolissochilus hexagonolepis	
Telangana	State fish	Striped murrel Channa striata	
Tripura	State fish	Indian butter catfish Ompok bimaculatus	

Uttar Pradesh	State fish	Indian featherback Chitala chitala	
Uttar Pradesh	State aquatic animal	Ganges River dolphin Platanista gangetica	
Uttarakhand	State fish	Golden mahseer Tor putitora	
West Bengal	State fish	Hilsa Tenualosa Ilisha	

Previously recorded as Clarias batrachus

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Previously recorded as *Puntius carnaticus* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Previously recorded as Pampus argenteus