**Potential Invaders of Cape York and Torres Strait Islands**

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**Impact Summary**

A large species that is aggressive and territorial during spawning season. It eats plants and animals, mostly plants, fruit, insects and worms but also small fish and frogs.

Virtually no information on the status or ecology of the species in its introduced range, including PNG.; little information available on environmental tolerances—**as a tropical species that can also breathe directly from the air, there is a potentially high risk of its transport into, and establishment in northern Australian waters. If found report to QDPI Fisheries on 132523**

**Appearance & Size**

Large, round and thin; grows to 70cm and 9kg; adult males have a large hump on top of head; large eyes; fleshy lips; fins set toward end of body; side fins elongate and thread-like extending to or beyond tail fin; adults grey-brown sides with silvery shiny scales and paler underbelly; fins pale brown; juvenile are reddish brown with 8-10 dark brown bars and have a smaller, more pointed head than adults.

**Native Range**

From Pakistan through southeast Asia to Indonesia and China.

**Habitat**


**Human Use**

Commercial fishery; aquaculture; aquarium species.

**Introduction History**

Has been introduced to 21 countries (11 established; 4 status unknown; 6 not established). Has been stocked in several districts, in the upper Ramu floodplain and in the Sepik River floodplain of PNG.

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