Supplementary material

Keywords used to search data on social media and online resources

English: *Pterigoplichthys pardalis*, suckerfish, sailfin fish, helicopter fish, devil fish, krishna River, Bhima River, Tungabhadra River, Pleco fish

Local languages

Marathi: हेलिकॉप्टर मासा, सकर मासा, काला मासा

Telugu: హెలికాప్టర్ చేప, పీల్చే చేప, కృష్ణా నది

Kannada: ಸಕ್ಕರ್ ಮೀನು, ದೆವ್ವದ ಮೀನು, ತುಂಗಭದ್ರಾ ನದಿ

Table S1. Occurrence data of *Pterygoplichthys pardalis* obtained from social media and their sources.

Sr. No.	Location	District/State	Source	Link
1.	Bhigwan	Pune, Maharashtra	YouTube	https://youtu.be/Luu6x8YaD_Q
2.	Varvand	Pune, Maharashtra	Online new	https://divyamarathi.bhaskar.com/local/maharashtra/aurangabad/beed/news/the-existence-of-american-helicopter-fish-in-daund-lake-129712055.html
3.	Sangli	Sangli, Maharashtra	Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/Zee24Taas/videos/192139572833645/ https://www.esakal.com/paschim-maharashtra/fish-tank-helicopter-fish-found-in-krishna-river-today
4.	Pandharpur	Solapur, Maharashtra	YouTube	https://youtu.be/Luu6x8YaD_Q
5.	Hyderabad	Hyderabad, Telangana	Online news	https://www.google.com/amp/s/m.timesofindia.com/city/hyderabad/krishna-godavari-river-interlinking-alien-devil-fish-now-invades-hyderabad/amp_articleshow/61056863.cms
6.	Shiroli bk.	Pune, Maharashtra	Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/news18pune/videos/248120990005869/?t=1
7.	Vijayawada	Krishna, Andhra Pradesh	YouTube	https://youtu.be/xu6I6wZK-Mw
8.	Kundaram Cheruvu, Kundaram,	Rangareddy, Telangana	YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBQFOsIZuEs
9.	Pedgaon, Maharashtra	Ahmednagar, Maharashtra	Grey Literature	https://www.researchgate.net/publication/342888871_FISH_FAUNAL_DIVERSITY_OF_BHIMA_RIVER_AT_PEDGAON_SHRIGONDA_AHMEDNAGAR_DISTRICT
10.	Ramanthapur	Hyderabad, Telangana	YouTube	https://youtu.be/6ogWMisaYKE
11.	Jamalapuram	Khammam, Telangana	YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/shorts/LtwFXxHCuJ4
12.	Atmakur	Nandyal, Andhra Pradesh	YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q7Q8RhaS2aE
13.	Mehbubabad	Mehbubabad, Telangana	YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fW0LnPMwOwU
14.	Nalgonda	Nalgonda, Telangana	YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vSTVtsVrGTA

15.	Mahbubnagar	Mahbubnagar, Telangana	YouTube	https://youtu.be/OEWT-Fobsng
16.	Budhharam	Mahabubabad, Telangana.	YouTube	https://youtu.be/-zTvr4lBwx8
17.	Muktyala, (Mukteswarapuram)	Krishna, Andhra Pradesh	YouTube	https://youtu.be/o1Oy9JcysdA
18.	Mothkur, Telangana	Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, Telangana	YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAx8F3bcJuU
19.	Belagavi	Belagavi, Karnataka	YouTube	https://youtu.be/z5xk2-wTTf4
20.	Shivamogga	Shivamogga, Karnataka	Online News	https://vijaykarnataka.com/news/shivamogga/sucker-cat-appears-in-mandagadde/articleshow/70679906.cms
21.	Hyderabad	Hyderabad, Telangana	Online News	https://m.timesofindia.com/city/hyderabad/rise-in-invasive-fish-species-a-threat-to-biodiversity/amp_articleshow/82073442.cms
22.	Ibrahimpatnam	Ranga Reddy, Telangana	Online News	https://m.sakshi.com/amp/news/andhra-pradesh/monster-fishes-ferry-krishna-1090499
23.	Lake Jalpalli, Hyderabad	Hyderabad, Telangana	Online News	https://m.sakshi.com/amp/news/telangana/rare-black-fish-jalpally-lake-hyderabad-1084946
24.	Tadepalle	Guntur, Andhra Pradesh	Online News	https://amp.scroll.in/article/812786/an-alien-fish-is-wreaking-havoc-in-the-krishna-river-after-it-was-linked-to-the-godavari
25.	Khammam	Khammam, Telangana	YouTube	https://youtu.be/cnT62Wb0F7U
26.	Honna pura	Shivamogga, Karnataka	Grey literature	https://www.researchgate.net/publication/271828095_Assessment_of_fish_diversity_of_Tunga_River_Karnataka_India/link/54d2580a0cf28e069723e94f/download
27.	Dornakal	Mahabubabad, Telangana	YouTube	https://youtu.be/uTSB_16ksJ0
28.	Gondichatnalli	Shivamogga, Karnataka	Grey literature	https://www.researchgate.net/publication/271828095_Assessment_of_fish_diversity_of_Tunga_River_Karnataka_India/link/54d2580a0cf28e069723e94f/download