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1	First records of Bagrichthys micranodus (Siluriformes: Bagridae) and Pangasianodon
2	hypophthalmus (Siluriformes: Pangasidae) from Cala Lake, Musi River, Sumatra,
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16	Abstract
17	The bagrid catfish Bagrichthys micranodus has been reliably reported only from in Kalimantan
18	Island, Indonesia, wh <u>ereasile</u> the pangasiid catfish Pangasianodon hypophthalmus, originally
19	from the Mekong and Chao Phraya rivers, has been widely introduced for aquaculture
20	throughoutin South East Asia. However, an ichthyofaunal survey ofin Cala Lake, South Sumatra,
21	disclosed ocumented a significant extension of their distribution extensions for both species, t-
22	That of is survey revealed the first occurrence of <i>B</i> . <i>micranodus</i> being the first from a land mass
23	other than beyond the boundaries of Kalimantan Island, indicating a broader distribution than
24	previously known. Additionally, it identified the first record of P. hypophthalmus was recorded
25	$\underline{\mathrm{from}_{in}}$ a natural freshwater habitat, outside the controlled environments of aquaculture facilities.
26	The specimens are described in detail and comparisons made with closely related species.
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28	Key words
29	Fish fauna, distribution, new record, morphology, introduced species
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31 Introduction

32	The bagrid catfish genus Bagrichthys, characterized by an elongated and compressed caudal
33	peduncle, dorsally-directed serrae on the posterior margin of the dorsal-fin spine, gill membranes
34	united but not joined to the isthmus, and a long adipose fin without a free posterior margin
35	(Roberts, 1989; Ng 2000, 2002), comprises 7 valid species to date, 5 of which have been
36	recorded from inland Indonesian freshwater bodies to date, viz. Bagrichthys hypselopterus
37	(Bleeker, 1852), Bagrichthys macracanthus (Bleeker, 1854b), Bagrichthys macropterus (Bleeker,
38	1854a), Bagrichthys micranodus Roberts, 1989, and Bagrichthys vaillantii (Popta, 1906)
39	(Kottelat et al. 1993; Ng 2000, 2022). Among these, B. micranodus and B. vaillantii have both s
40	been reliably reported only from the Kalimantan Island (Kottelat et al. 1993; Ng 2002; Kottelat
41	2013).
42	The pangasid catfish genus Pangasianodon, characterized by <u>a mouth</u> -terminal mouth,
43	posterior nostril located closely behind the anterior nostril, and pelvic fins with 8 or 9 rays,
44	includes the endemic Mekong River and Chao Phraya basin species in the Thailand and Vietnam
45	Pangasianodon gigas Chevey, 1931 and Pangasianodon hypophthalmus (Sauvage, 1878)
46	(Rainboth 1996; Kottelat 2001; Gustiano 2003; Gustiano 2009). The latter species, originating
47	from Thailand, has been subsequently was introduced elsewhere for aquacultural cultivation
48	purposesed (Gustiano 2003; Froese and Pauly 2023; GBIF 2023).
49	During an ichthyofaunal survey conducted at Cala Lake, in the Musi River, region of
50	South Sumatra, a single specimen of B. micranodus and two specimens of P. hypophthalmus
51	were successfully collected, being representing the first documented specimen ation of B.
52	micranodus from other than beyond the boundaries of Kalimantan Island, and the first record
53	occurrence of P. hypophthalmus from in a natural freshwater habitat, outside from the controlled
54	environments of aquaculture facilities.
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56 Methods

The specimens were collected <u>duringin</u> the dry season (August 2023) from the Cala Lake, in the
Musi Banyuasin Regency, of South Sumatra, Indonesia. The lake, positioned between 2°56'–
2°57' S and 103°58'–104°00' E, is stands as an oxbow lake formed by through the meandering
processes in the central zone of the Musi River. Spanning an area of approximately 120 hectares
with a maximum depth reaching 13 meters, the lake undergoes seasonal transformations,
including elevated water levels d, During the rainy season, when a connection characterized by

elevated water levels, Cala Lake establishes a connection-with the Musi River, facilitatesing fish 63 migration between the two water bodies, and isolation from the Musi River during. Conversely, 64 in the dry season, resulting in the lake becomes disengaged from the Musi River, presenting 65 distinctly different ecological conditions. 66

Counts and measurements were made on the left side of the specimens whenever possible, 67 generally following of Ng (2000) and Hubbs and Lagler (2004), with the following exception 68 and additional characters: length of humeral process length follows Roberts (1989); lengths of 69 70 dorsal and pectoral fins and spine lengths wereare measured from the origins of fins to the tips; 71 and head width and head depth were measured at the posterior margin of the eyes. Standard and head lengths are abbreviated as SL and HL, respectively. The morphological descriptions are 72 73 based only on specimens collected from-the Cala Lake. Curatorial procedures for the specimens, deposited at the Museum Zoologicum Bogoriense, Indonesia (MZB), followed Motomura and 74 75 Ishikawa (2013).

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77 Results

Bagrichthys micranodus Roberts, 1989 78

Fig. 1A; Table 1 79

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Material examined. MZB.26910, 179.1 mm SL, Cala Lake, Musi Banyuasin, South Sumatra, 81 Indonesia, 8 August 2023, K. Wibowo et al. 82

83 **Description.** Measurements shown in Table 1. Head <u>small</u>, short and small, bulbous, with short and blunt snout (in-lateral view). Body elongated, and compressed, with long caudal 84 peduncle. Head and body covered by smooth skin. Eye oval, dorsolaterally, with free 85 dorsolateral margin, situated entirely oin dorsal half of the head. Mouth small, inferior; lips with 86 papillae; jaws without teeth; palate with a few teeth covered by soft membrane. Gill openings 87 wide; gill membranes broadly joined, not bound to isthmus. Lateral line complete, midlateral, 88 89 posterior end slightly curved to upper lobe of caudal fin. Anus and urogenital openings situated 90 midwayat midlle between pelvic and anal fins. 91 Four pairs of barbels present. Maxillary barbel longest, extending almost tonearly at 92

vertical level of posterior edge of opercle. Nasal barbel slender, its length more than twiceo times

93 of eye diameter. Inner mandibular barbel shortest, thickened, strongly crenulated. Outer
94 mandibular barbel simple, without crenulations, its length less-shorter than that of nasal barbel.

Dorsal fin with with 2 spines, first very small, hidden under skin; second long, compressed, 95 robust, sharply pointed, the shorter than that of two anterior branched rays, posterior 96 margin with 16 upwardly-directed serrae-in-upward direction. Adipose fin long, broad, with 97 convex edge, originating from posterior end of dorsal fin to middle of posterior half of caudal 98 peduncle. Pectoral fin with 1 spine and 9 rays; spine larger than second dorsal fin spine, robust, 99 sharply pointed, posterior margin with 23 serrae; spine shorter length of spine shorter than that of 100 101 two anterior branched rays; origin of pectoral fin about level with posteriormost margin of opercularle membrane. Pelvic fin with 6 rays; origin slightly posterior to posterior end of dorsal 102 103 fin base; tip of adpressed fin not reaching origin of anal fin; origin of pelvic fin slightly posterior to posterior end of dorsal fin base. Anal fin with 15 rays, positioned below midpoint at ventral to 104 105 middle of adipose fin. Caudal fin with 8 + 9 principle rays, deeply forked; upper and lower lobes pointed, outermost principal fin-rays extended asinto filaments; dorsal and ventral procurrent 106 107 rays asymmetric, dorsal rays extending slightly more anterior tohan ventral rays.

Fresh specimen coloration (Fig. 1A). Head dark brown dorsally, <u>and</u>-pale whit<u>ishe</u>
ventrally. Body dark brown with two whitish vertical markings; first oblique, extending from
origin of adipose fin to anterior <u>part</u> of anal fin base, second at-behind of anal fin. Dorsal fin
blackish dorsally, <u>and</u> whitish ventrally. Adipose fin grey-greenish, <u>with</u> white_edgedgde at
posteriorly.end. Pectoral, pelvic, and anal fins black with semi-transparent bases. Caudal fin
uniformly whitish.

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115 Pangasianodon hypophthalmus (Sauvage, 1878)

116 Fig. 1B, C; Table 1

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119 Banyuasin, South Sumatra, Indonesia, 10 August 2023, K. Wibowo et al.

¹¹⁸Material examined. MZB.26911, 202.9 mm SL, MZB.26912, 206.0 mm SL, Cala Lake, Musi

Description. Measurements shown in Table 1. Head somewhat depressed, with pointed
 snout (in-lateral view). Body elongated, and compressed. Head and body covered by smooth skin.
 Eye oval, situated slightly below horizontal axis of body. Mouth wide, terminal; upper and lower

124 upper jaw entirely covered by lower jaw when mouth closed; vomer with narrow, elongated₇
125 tooth bands. Gill openings wide₂₇ gill membranes free, not bound to isthmus or to each other.
126 Lateral line complete, midlateral. Anus and urogenital openings situated closer to anal fin base
127 than to pelvic <u>fin</u>.

Two pairs of barbels present. Maxillary barbel simple, longer than mandibular barbel;
maxillary barbel beyond margin of opercle but not reaching pelvic fin base; mandibular barbel
simple, very short (upnormal growing) (, its length shorterlength less than eye diameter (in
MZB.26911;) or about twice o times length of eye diameter (in MZB.26912).

132 Dorsal fin with 2 spines and 7 rays; first very small, hidden under skin; second long, 133 compressed, robust, ; its length-shorter than that of two anterior branched rays; posterior margin 134 with several tiny serrae; origin of dorsal fin at above level of tip of pectoral fin spine tip. Adipose 135 fin small, positioned situated closer to caudal fin base than to dorsal fin. Pectoral fin with 1 spine 136 and 10 rays; spine robust, posterior margin with 24 or 25 serrae, spine shorterlength-than of spine shorter than that of two anterior branched rays; tip of adpressed fin not reaching pelvic fin 137 138 origin; dorsal edge of pectoral fin base about level withto ventral margin of orbit. Pelvic fin with 8 rays; fin_origin of pelvic fin-level with at midpoint dle of dorsal fin base; tip of adpressed fin 139 reaching base of fifth or sixth anal-fin ray-bases. Anal fin with 34 rays; fin base of fin-long, 140 equal to its length about one third of standard length; first anterior to last posterior branched rays 141 progressively shorter posteriorly. Caudal fin with 8 + 9 principle rays, deeply forked; upper and 142 lower lobes pointed. 143

Fresh specimen coloration (Fig 1B, C). Head and body black dorsally; lateral and ventral
surfaces of body pale whitish ore silvery; lateral with two black lateral stripes joining anteriorly
above pectoral fin base. All fins blackish; middle of anal fin with darker stripe; each-upper and
lower caudal fin lobes each with darker stripe.

149 Discussion

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The specimen of bagrid catfish specimen from Cala Lake agreed closely with the morphology of
the holotype of *B. micranodus* and diagnosticis characters of the species given by Roberts (1989)
and Kottelat et al. (1993), e.g. mouth small and narrow; oral dentition extremely reduced, only a
few scattered teeth covered by soft tissue at palate; posterior margin of second dorsal fin spine
with 16 serrae; inner mandibulary barbel strongly crenulated; outer mandibulary barbel simple;

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color of fresh specimen dark brown with <u>light</u> whitish <u>light</u> areas. The minor difference in the
number of serrae on the posterior margin of the second dorsal fin spine in this study (16 serrae)
compared to the previous studiesy (Roberts 1989; Kottelat et al. 1993; Ng 1999) (with 15 serrae
or fewer)less, is considered herein as intraspecific variations of *B. micranodus*.

159 Bagrichthys micranodus closely resembles the widely distributed Sundaland species B. macropterus and the Indochinesea species B. obscurus, particularly in terms of mouth conditions 160 161 of mouth, oral dentition, and length of dorsal fin spine length. However, the former is readily distinguished ing *B. micranodus* from both of the latter, having *B. macropterus* and *B. obscurus* is 162 quite easy. The former is characterized by crenulated inner mandibular barbels and simple with 163 164 the outer barbels, compared with ones being simple, as opposed to both inner and outer barbels 165 being strongly crenulated in the latter two species (Ng 1999; this study). Additionally, the fresh specimens of *B. micranodus* exhibited-a dark brown coloration with light whitish light-areas, 166 167 contrasting with the pale brown or tan coloration and light creamy-light areas observed in B. macropterus, and uniformly brown coloration (-without cream or whitish areas) of in B. obscurus 168 (Roberts 1989; Kottelat et al. 1993; Ng 1999; this study). 169

Since Roberts` original description in 1989, the <u>known</u> distribution of *B. micranodus* has
been restricted to <u>theits</u> type locality (<u>in the Kapuas River</u>, West Kalimantan). Therefore, the
Sumatran specimen examined <u>hereinin this study</u> represents the first record of *B. micranodus*beyond the confines of Kalimantan Island.

Species belonging to the genus Bagrichthys are known to reproduce in flooded riparian 174 175 forests during the rainy season (Rainboth 1996). Kottelat and Widjanarti (2005) reported abundant that the presence of B. micranodus in the Kapuas River is abundant during the rainy 176 season, but much reduced numbers it is rarely encountered during the dry season. However, local 177 based on information from fishermen advised that, the abundance of B. micranodus wasin Cala 178 Lake is relatively rare in Cala Lake, both-during both the dry and rainy seasons, the . It seems 179 that this species apparently does not entering the lake in large numbers, although relatively 180 abundant in the associated -Cala Lake extensively, and it is likely that the fish is more easily 181 182 found in the main river, the Musi River. This aligns with the report of Kottelat and Widjanarti (2005), which stateding that in Kalimantan, the species wasis fish is-more commonly found in 183 184 the main river (, the Kapuas River), compared withto lakes.

185	The specimen of pangasiid catfish specimen from Cala Lake closely conformeds to the
186	diagnostic characteristics of P. hypophthalmus provided by Roberts and Vidthayanon (1991),
187	Kottelat (2001), and Gustiano (2003), e.g These characteristics include: head length 26.3-
188	26.6% of SL, distance between anterior nostrils 24.9-25.4% of HL, pre-pectoral length 19.6-
189	19.8% of SL, anal-fin base length 30.7–32.5% of SL, pre-isthmuster length 44.3–45.6% of
190	HL, two blackish strips on the body lateral surface of the body, a dark stripe in the middle of the
191	anal fin, and faint dark stripes on each upper and lower caudal fin lobes.
192	Pangasianodon hypophthalmus has been is reported to reach sizes of up to 1300 mm SL
193	(Kottelat 2001), t-The specimens (202.9-205.96 mm SL) in this study both being are still
194	considered as-juveniles. Such fish (Juvenile fish with a size less than 400 mm SL) are
195	characterized by <u>dark</u> well-defined midlateral and abdominal dark-stripes that converge
196	anteriorly above the pectoral fin base (Roberts and Vidthayanon (1991: fig. 9); Rainboth 1996:
197	153; Kottelat 2001; Fig. 1B, C), and the presence of a pair of narrow vomerine tooth bands
198	(Roberts and Vidthayanon (1991: fig. 2e); Kottelat 2001: fig. 55c; Gustiano 2003: fig. 22c). In
199	larger specimens, the coloration is less distinctive, and the tooth bands are progressively lost
200	gradually disappears ontogenetically.
201	<u>N</u> <i>Pangasianodon hypophthalmus</i> is a native <u>to</u> fish species in the Mekong, Chao Phraya,
202	and Maeklong water systems basins, and P. hypophthalmus has been introduced tointo additional
203	river catchments basins for aquaculture purposes (Froese and Pauly 2023). In fact, the species
204	Currently, the introduction of the species has been documented as introduced ininto 11 countries
205	(GBIF 2023), following its importation. In 1972, this fish was imported from Thailand to
206	Indonesia in 1972. So far, the fish with the aim of cultivation through aquaculture. To date, P.
207	hypophthalmus has been successfully cultivated in several regions of Indonesia, including
208	Sumatera Island (Jambi, Riau, South Sumatra, Lampung), Java Island (Bogor, Sukabumi,
209	Subang), and Kalimantan Island (South Kalimantan, West Kalimantan) (Solaiman and
210	Sugihartono 2012; Wahyudewantoro and Herawati 2020). Its The discovery of this fish in Cala
211	Lake indicates that the species has also been introduced the introduction of this species into
212	public waterways, and it is likely that other such occurrences have taken place elsewhere
213	Although there are no reports in other areas, it cannot be overlooked that similar cases may have
214	occurred.

215	The introduction of P. hypophthalmus into new environments poses potential risks to	
216	native fish populations and the aquatic ecosystem, raising encompassing concerns regarding such	
217	as competition for resources, predation on native species, habitat alteration, and the potential	
218	spread of diseases. Addressing these potential impacts necessitates the implementation of	
219	monitoring programs, ecological assessments, and, if necessary, the application of management	
220	strategies. Such These strategies may include control measures to limit exotic the introduced	
221	species' population growth, ecological restoration efforts, and ongoing monitoring programs to	
222	assess and adapt management strategies based on the evolving ecological dynamics.	
223	The conservation status of <i>B. micranodus</i> in The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species is	
224	currently listed as Data Deficient (Ng 2019). Although P. hypophthalmus has been successfully	
225	cultivated in several countries, including Myanmar, Malaysia, and Indonesia, its IUCN status is	
226	currently classified as Endangered This is due to a significant decline inof the populations of	
227	wild adults in their native habitats, in the Mekong and Chao Phraya drainages, due toas a result	
228	of overfishing (Vidthayanon and Hogan 2011).	
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230	Comparative materials. Bagrichthys micranodus, MZB.3578, holotype, 122.9 mm SL, Kapuas	
231	River, Western Kalimantan, Indonesia; Bagrichthys macropterus, MZB.3575, non-type, 124.7	
232	mm SL, Kapuas River, Western Kalimantan.	
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Ng HH (2002) Bagrichthys majusculus, a new catfish from Indochina (Teleostei, Bagridae).

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Table 1. Measurements (expressed as percentages of standard and head lengths) of *B*.

micranodus and *P. hypophthalmus* examined in this study.

		B. micranodu	5	P. hypophthaln	ius
l		Non <u>-</u> type	Holotype	Non <u>-</u> -type	Non type
		MZB.26910	MZB.3578	MZB.26911	MZB.26912
	Standard length (mm)	179.1	122.9	202.9	206.0
	Measurements (% of SL)				
	Head length	18.6	21.1	26.3	26.6
	Body depth at dorsal fin origin	21.7	22.2	24.3	24.7
	Body depth at anal fin origin	17.4	15.5	22.4	21.9
	Body width at widest point of humeral process	15.8	17.0	16.7	17.1
	Pre-dorsal fin length	34.1	36.5	40.9	40.6
	Pre-isthmus tsmush-length	12.2	14.6	11.6	12.1
	Pre-pectoral fin length	18.2	19.4	21.9	22.3
	Pre-pelvic fin length	43.8	45.2	43.7	43.9
	Pre-anal fin length	61.3	61.3	54.9	55.6
	Dorsal-fin spine length	18.1	19.6	19.1	19.1
	Dorsal-fin length	22.2	24.6	24.0	23.2
	Dorsal-fin base length	10.1	11.7	7.8	7.6
	Pectoral-fin spine length	19.7	21.4	18.0	17.6
	Pectoralfin length	22.7	-	19.8	19.6
	Pelvicfin length	14.6	15.6	14.5	13.6
	Analfin length	18.4	21.5	13.2	_
	Anal-fin base length	12.0	11.6	32.5	30.7
	Caudalpeduncle length	27.6	28.8	15.6	16.2
	Caudalpeduncle depth	6.5	6.3	8.2	7.9
	Measurements (% of HL)				
	Head width	53.9	51.8	50.3	49.8
	Head depth	52.9	51.0	38.5	37.8
	Eye diameter	18.7	14.6	15.9	16.4
	Snout length	31.4	29.5	34.3	35.5
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	Outer mandibular barbel length	34.5	65.7	6.2	30.8
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