

# DESCRIPTION OF A NEW FISH SPECIES IN GENUS *Anabas* Cloquest, 1816 WAS DISCOVERED IN NINH BINH PROVINCE, VIETNAM

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## Summary

Genus *Anabas* Coquest, 1816 (family Anabantidae, order Perciformes) so far only found two species is *A. testudineus* (Bloch, 1795) widely distributed in the southern and eastern Asia and species *A. cotojius* (Hamilton, 1822) distributed in India, Bangladesh and Borneo Indonesia. In Vietnam there is only one species *A. testudineus* (Bloch, 1795) well - known distributed widely within country. Newspecies *A. tongtruongensis* sp.n. is described based on fish samples collected in the karst water body of the areas of Hoa Lu district, Ninh Binh province. The new species has characteristics differs from *A. testudineus* (Bloch, 1795) are: Starting of the dorsal fin is origin behind the pectoral fins. Narrow mouth and more sloping; canal mouth close to edging ahead of the eyes. Teeth on ploughshare is shallow arcs, between is slightly angled, the broad and irregular teeth, between wide and two side small pointy tip, distance either side equal  $\frac{3}{4}$  diameter eyes. Narrow tongue and thick, tip slightly pointed and triangular. Lateral line  $L.1 = 28 \frac{3.5}{9-10-A} 32$  scales, split become no scales overlap of before and after. Vertebral 24-25 units.

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