

***Labeo pangusia* (a carp, no common name)**

Ecological Risk Screening Summary

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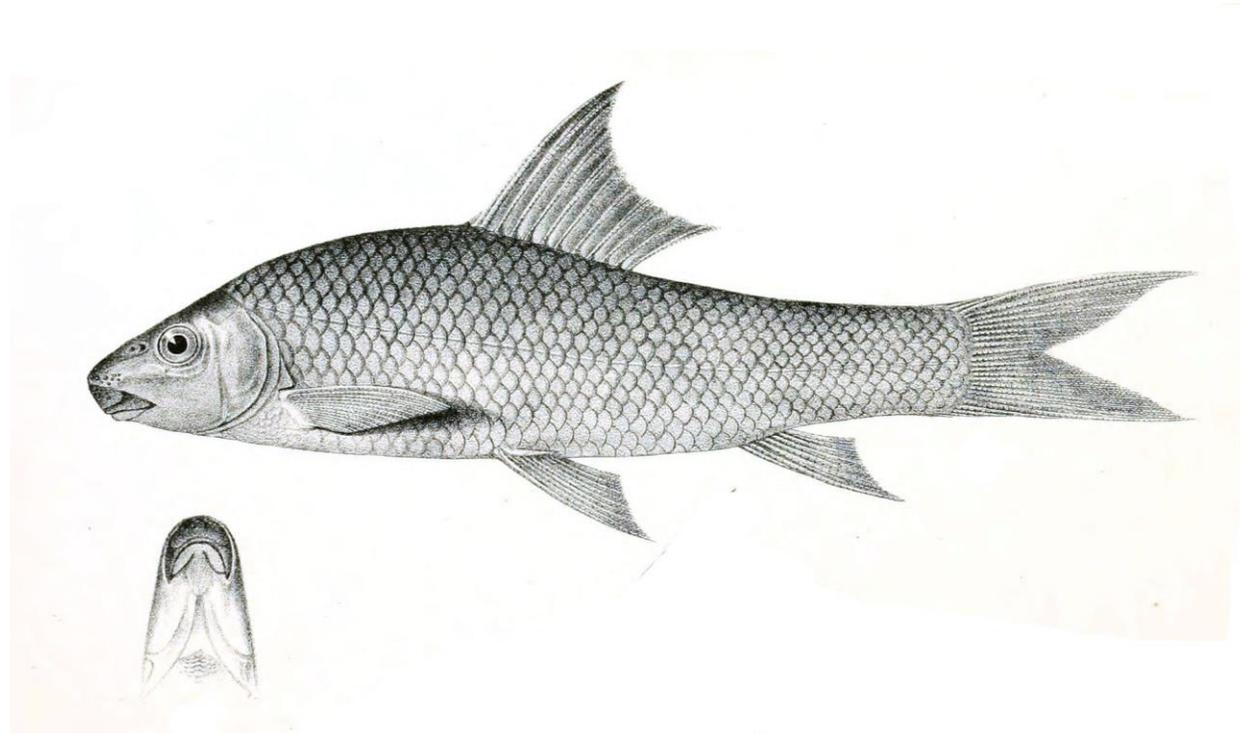


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1 Native Range and Status in the United States

Native Range

From Dahanukar (2010):

“It is widely distributed in India (Ganga and the Brahmaputra drainage systems of the Himalaya, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, Vindhya-Satpura ranges, Deccan plateau: Godavari and Krishna River systems), Pakistan, Buthan [*sic*], Nepal and Bangladesh (Talwar and Jhingran 1991, Menon 1999).”

From Froese and Pauly (2018):

“Asia: Pakistan, India, Nepal and Bangladesh [Menon 1999]. Recorded from Afghanistan [Petr 1999a], Bhutan [Petr 1999b] and Myanmar [Oo 2002].”

Status in the United States

This species has not been reported as introduced or established in the United States. There is no indication that this species is in trade in the United States.

Means of Introduction into the United States

This species has not been reported as introduced or established in the United States.

Remarks

From Dahanukar (2010):

“There are no taxonomic discrepancies associated with this species.”

“Even though the species is wide spread, populations are declining due to indiscriminate killing by damming the streams and using explosives and polluting streams in the upper reaches (Menon 2004). This species does not qualify for any threatened category [on the IUCN Red List], nevertheless due to decline in populations and habitat degradation this species is assessed as Near Threatened as it is close to meet [*sic*] Vulnerable category.”

2 Biology and Ecology

Taxonomic Hierarchy and Taxonomic Standing

From ITIS (2018):

“Kingdom Animalia
Subkingdom Bilateria
Infrakingdom Deuterostomia
Phylum Chordata
Subphylum Vertebrata
Infraphylum Gnathostomata
Superclass Actinopterygii
Class Teleostei
Superorder Ostariophysi
Order Cypriniformes
Superfamily Cyprinoidea
Family Cyprinidae
Genus *Labeo*
Species *Labeo pangusia* (Hamilton, 1822)”

“Current Standing: valid”

Size, Weight, and Age Range

From Froese and Pauly (2018):

“Max length : 90.0 cm TL male/unsexed; [Menon 1999]”

Environment

From Froese and Pauly (2018):

“Freshwater; benthopelagic; potamodromous [Riede 2004].”

From Biswas and Boruah (2000):

“[...] downstream of the river where it is deeper with a sandy bed and the current is weak (<0.6 m/s), the dominant ichthyospecies are *Labeo dero*, *L. pangusia*, *Neolissocheilus hexagonolepis*, and *Tor* spp. All of them [...] are typical cold water species of the highlands of northeastern India.”

Climate/Range

From Froese and Pauly (2018):

“Tropical”

From Biswas and Boruah (2000):

“[...] typical cold water species of the highlands [...]”

Distribution Outside the United States

Native

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Introduced

No introductions of this species have been reported.

Means of Introduction Outside the United States

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Short Description

From Fahad (2011):

“Body elongate and dorsal profile more convex than that of ventral. Overhanging small mouth with distinct lateral lobes. Eyes small, lips thick and not fringed. One short maxillary barbells [*sic*], concealed in labial fold. Dorsal fin inserted to snout tip, pectoral fins do not extend up to pelvic fins and fin deeply forked. Lateral line complete with 40 to 43 moderate scales (Rahman, 1989 and 2005).”

“Fish body color varies with water color. In river fish: brownish above, yellowish and white at sides and below. But in hill stream fish: dark or blackish above and light yellowish below.”

Biology

From Froese and Pauly (2018):

“Lives in rivers, lakes and ponds [Talwar and Jhingran 1991]; in active currents of large streams and upper reaches of rivers [Menon 1999]. Feeds mostly on algae and diatoms [Arunachalam et al. 2000].”

From Dahanukar (2010):

“Menon (2004) has reported that even though this species is widely distributed, populations are steadily declining. However, it is not possible to determine exact population decline without further research.”

Human Uses

From Froese and Pauly (2018):

“Fisheries: commercial”

From Dahanukar (2010):

“It is an excellent food fish, which attains a length of 60cm, has minor fishery value (Talwar and Jhingran 1991).”

From Biswas and Boruah (2000):

“Fishing is done mainly by cast net during post-monsoon and winter months (October to February).”

From Singh (2016):

“[...] captive maturation and breeding technology for *Labeo pangusia* has also been developed.”

Diseases

Chaudhary et al. (2013) report *L. pangusia* as the host of the monogenean parasite *Diplozoon cauveri*.

No OIE-reportable diseases have been documented for *L. pangusia*.

Threat to Humans

From Froese and Pauly (2018):

“Harmless”

3 Impacts of Introductions

No information available. No introductions of this species have been reported.

4 Global Distribution



Figure 1. Known global distribution of *L. pangusia*. Map from GBIF Secretariat (2017). No georeferenced occurrences were available from GBIF Secretariat (2017) for parts of the range of *L. pangusia*, including Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Myanmar.

5 Distribution within the United States

This species has not been reported as introduced or established in the United States.

6 Climate Matching

Summary of Climate Matching Analysis

The climate match (Sanders et al. 2014; 16 climate variables; Euclidean Distance) was low for most of the United States. The climate match was medium in southwestern Florida and southern Texas, and high in the Southwest, particularly Arizona. Climate 6 score indicated that the contiguous United States has a medium climate match overall. Scores between 0.005 and 0.103 are classified as medium match; Climate 6 score for *L. pangusia* was 0.008.

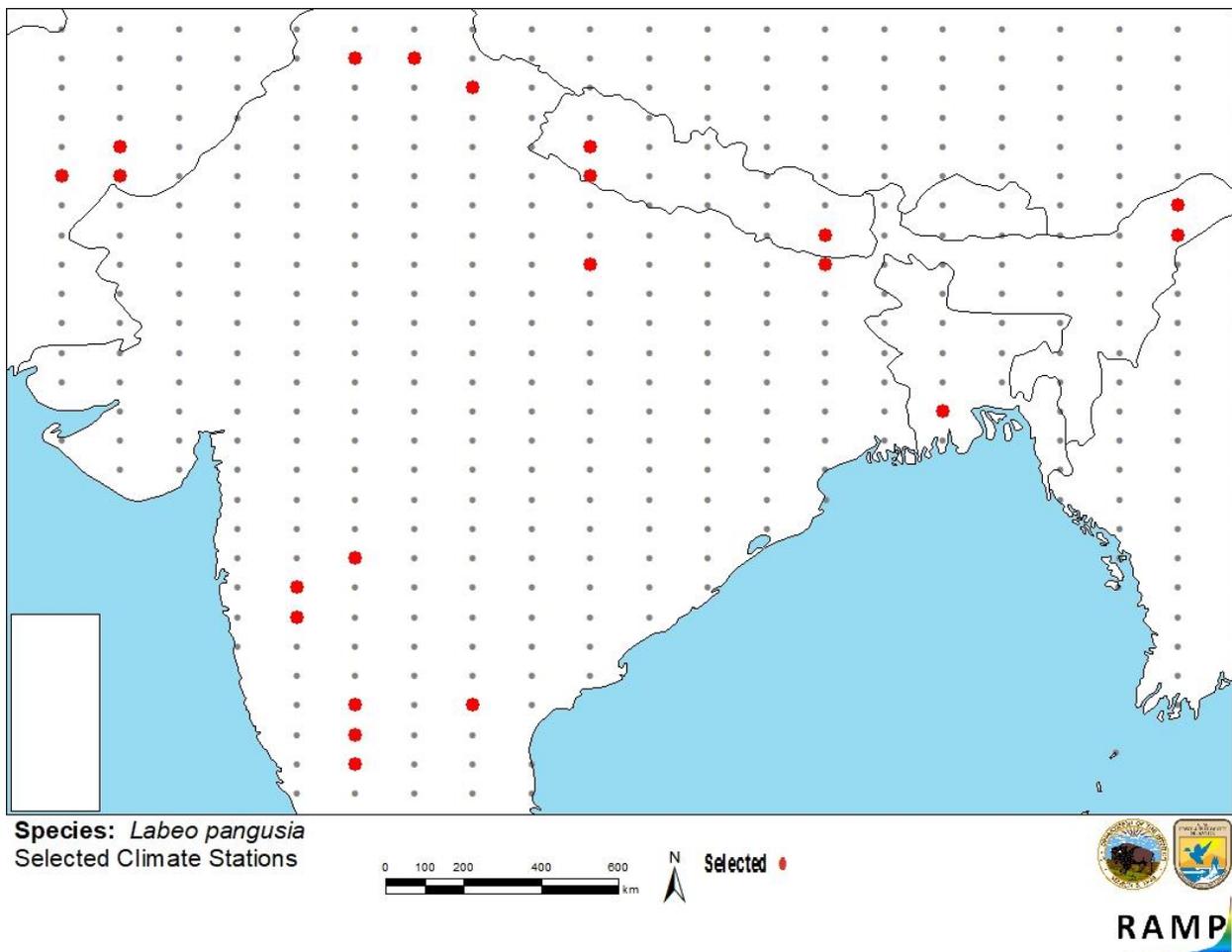


Figure 2. RAMP (Sanders et al. 2014) source map of southern Asia showing weather stations selected as source locations (red; Pakistan, India, Nepal, Bangladesh) and non-source locations (gray) for *L. pangusia* climate matching. Source locations from Froese and Pauly (2018) and GBIF Secretariat (2017). Additional source locations from Sarkar et al. (2007; Uttar Pradesh, India), Hanif et al. (2015; Bangladesh), and Robinson et al. (2016; Pakistan).

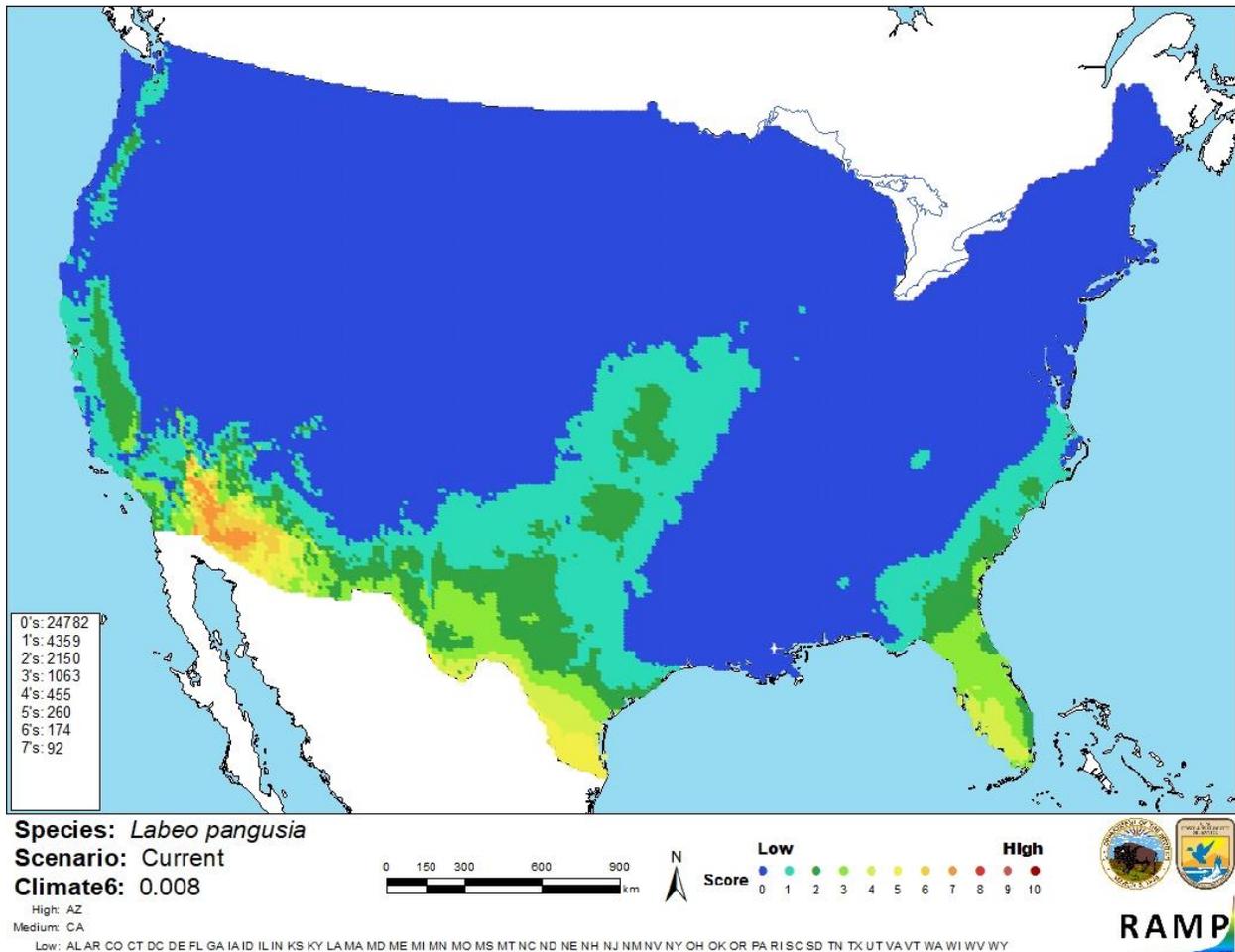


Figure 3. Map of RAMP (Sanders et al. 2014) climate matches for *L. pangusia* in the contiguous United States based on source locations reported by Froese and Pauly (2018), GBIF Secretariat (2017), Sarkar et al. (2007), Hanif et al. (2015), and Robinson et al. (2016). 0=Lowest match, 10=Highest match. Counts of climate match scores are tabulated on the left.

The “High”, “Medium”, and “Low” climate match categories are based on the following table:

Climate 6: Proportion of (Sum of Climate Scores 6-10) / (Sum of total Climate Scores)	Climate Match Category
$0.000 \leq X \leq 0.005$	Low
$0.005 < X < 0.103$	Medium
≥ 0.103	High

7 Certainty of Assessment

Limited information is available on the biology, ecology, and distribution of *L. pangusia*. Not all of the described native range of *L. pangusia* was able to be included in the climate matching source locations due to a lack of georeferenced occurrences. No introductions of this species have been reported, so impacts of introduction are unknown. Certainty of this assessment is low.

8 Risk Assessment

Summary of Risk to the Contiguous United States

Labeo pangusia is a cyprinid fish native to southern Asia from Afghanistan to Myanmar, and is particularly widely distributed in India. There are no reports of introduction or establishment in the United States or elsewhere outside the native range. Within the native range, the species has value for commercial fishing and aquaculture technology has been developed. The Climate 6 score indicated a medium climate match overall for the contiguous United States. The climate match for the majority of the contiguous United States was low, but it was high in Arizona and medium in limited other parts of the southern United States. Given the lack of introduction history, certainty of assessment is low and overall risk posed by *L. pangusia* to the contiguous United States is uncertain.

Assessment Elements

- **History of Invasiveness: Uncertain**
- **Climate Match: Medium**
- **Certainty of Assessment: Low**
- **Overall Risk Assessment Category: Uncertain**

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