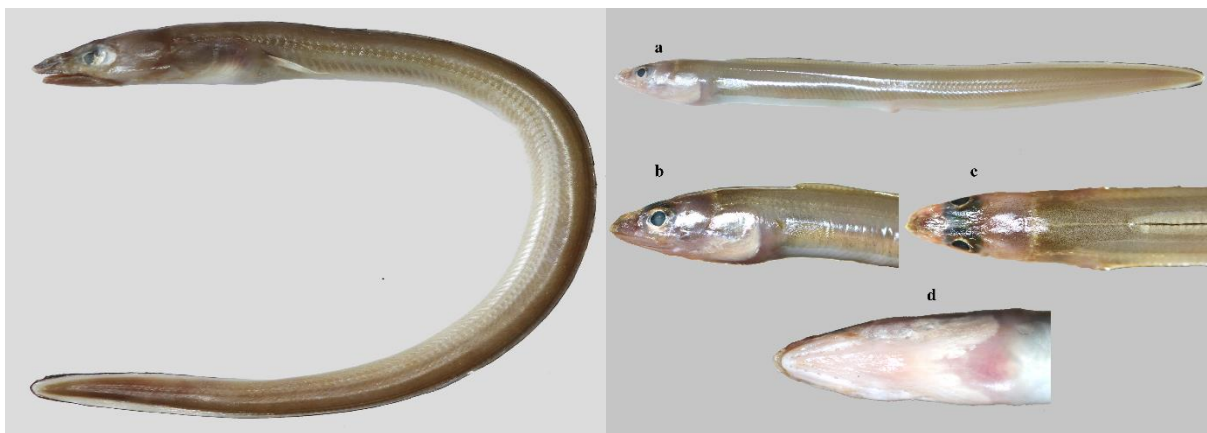


ICAR-NBFGR discovered two new species of Congrid eels from Indian waters

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Two new species of Congrid eel, belonging to the genus *Ariosoma*, have been discovered by ICAR-NBFGR. The species collected from the Gulf of Mannar, Tamil Nadu has been named *Ariosoma "kannani"* and the species from Kochi coast, Kerala has been named *Ariosoma "gracile"*. The holotype specimens of both new species are registered at the National Fish Museum-cum-Repository of the ICAR-NBFGR, Lucknow. The discovery was published in the internationally renowned peer-reviewed journal "Zoosystematics and Evolution". To explore the poorly studied fish group of Anguilliformes, the ICAR-NBFGR has made a noteworthy discovery once again, as the institute has discovered 12 eels from Tamil Nadu and Kerala in the recent past.



Ariosoma gracile

Ariosoma kannani