

ICHTHYOFAUNA OF WAINGANGA RIVER AT BALAGHAT, MADHYA PRADESH

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ABSTRACT

In the present ichthyofaunal study, a total of 29 fish species belonging to 10 families, 7 orders and 15 genera were recorded during Jan., 2013 to Dec., 2013 from the Wainganga River at Balaghat of Madhya Pradesh. On the basis of percentage composition and species richness, order Cypriniformes was dominant (18 species) followed by Ophiocephaliformes (4 species), Clupeiformes and Mastacembeliformes (2 species) and Beloniformes, Perciformes and Siluriformes (1 species each).

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