

RECORD OF THE CROCODILE FISH, *GARGARISCUS PRIONOCEPHALUS*
(DUMERIL) IN INDIAN WATERS

The crocodile fish of the monotypic genus *Gargariscus* Smith, belonging to the family Triglidae, is known only from the Celebes, the Arafura Sea and the Philippines (De Beaufort & Briggs, 1962). It was, therefore, interesting to discover an undetermined specimen of *Gargariscus prionocephalus* (Dumeril) collected by the R. I. M. S. *Investigator* from Station 389 (off Tranvancore coast) at a depth of 81 fms in our collections. This specimen, 72 mm in standard length, is now registered under F 7284/2. The present record constitutes a valuable addition to the ichthyofauna of India.

Description : D VI I 14 ; A 14 ; P 12+2 ; V 15 ; lateral line scutes 29. Upper jaw with

villiform teeth, lower jaw edentate. Head, body and tail covered by bony plates and scutes, except on chin and breast, which are naked. Depth between eyes 18.1, length of head 50.0 ; both in percent of standard length. Eye-diameter 18.0, interorbital width 18.0, length of snout 50.0, length of pectoral fin 58.3 ; in percent of length of head.

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PROF. EICHLER'S *Parasitologisch-insektizikundliches Woerterbuch*, Veb Gustav Fischer Verlag, Jena, 1977 : 525 pp., Price (Inland) DDR 29 M, (Other Countries) DDR 39 M.

Prof. Wd. Eichler's publication "**Parasitologisch-insektizikundliches Woerterbuch**" (a glossary of terms used in Parasitology, medicine, and insecticide industry) is a valuable addition to our parasitological literature.

The glossary includes 5886 serially numbered and alphabetically arranged German terminologies (both scientific and vernacular) used in parasitology, medicine, bio-chemistry,

toxicology, and insecticide industry, followed by the English and Russian equivalents. The meaning of the term was given in German. Separate indices for the English, Russian, and scientific nomenclature used in this work were also provided. The difficulty in translating German parasitological works is often keenly felt by those not familiar with that language and this glossary will undoubtedly serve as a ready reckoner in future.