



Species Fact Sheets

Helostoma temminckii (Cuvier, 1829)



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Synonyms

- *Helostoma striolatum* Kuhl & van Hasselt in Bleeker, 1879: 16.

FAO Names

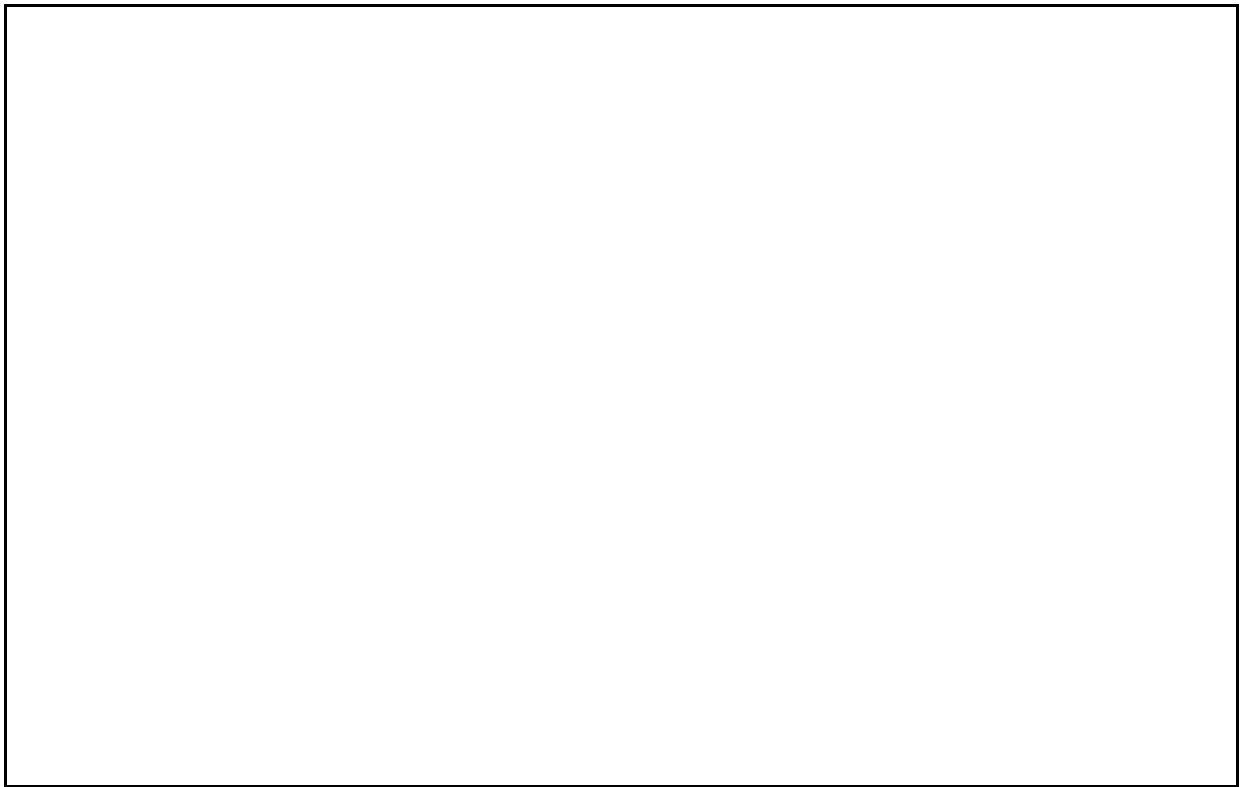
En - Kissing gourami, Fr - Gourami embrasseur, Sp - Gurami besador.

3Alpha Code: FGO Taxonomic Code: 1761100601

Diagnostic Features

Body laterally compressed and deep. No teeth in jaws and palate. Operculum and suboperculum with smooth posterior edge. Dorsal fin origin above or slightly in advance of pectoral fin; base longer than anal fin base; about 18 spines and 11-12 branched rays; no adipose fin. Anal fin about 16 spines and 12 branched rays. Lateral line interrupted. Caudal fin rounded.

Geographical Distribution



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Distributed in the waters of canals, swamps, ponds, and lakes from Java, Borneo, Sumatra, Thailand Malay Peninsula, and Sonda Islands.

Habitat and Biology

Found in sluggish or standing waters of canals, swamps, ponds, and lakes from Thailand to Indonesia. Feeds on phytoplankton and zooplankton as well as aquatic insects near the water surface, supplemented with large amounts of plant matter.

Size

Rarely to 30 cm; commonly to about 20 cm.

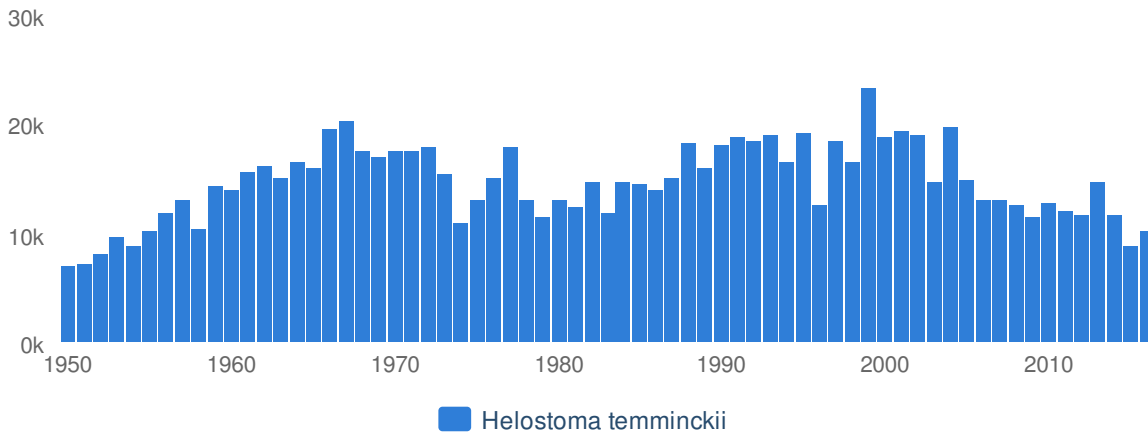
Interest to Fisheries

A highly valued food fish, cultured in central Thailand. Caught by seines, cast nets, and lift nets. Can be kept alive in markets for prolonged periods. Very common in the aquarium trade; Large quantities of small fish are exported for aquarium use in Japan, Europe, North America, Australia and other parts of the world. The total catch reported for this species to FAO for 1999 was 16 900 t. The countries with the largest catches were Indonesia (16 900 t).

Utilized fresh for steaming, pan-frying, broiling and baking.

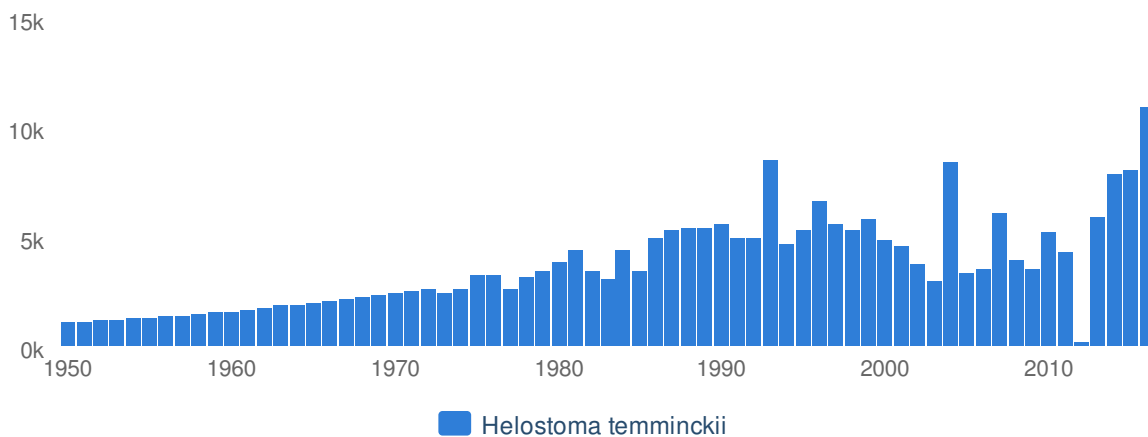
Global Capture Production for species (tonnes)

Source: [FAO FishStat](#)



Global Aquaculture Production for species (tonnes)

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Local Names

English : Green kisser , Kissing gourami , Pink kisser .

Khmer : Trey kantrawb .

Malay/Indonesian : Tebakang , Temakang .

Polish : Gurami calujacy a. calusek .

Thai : Pla bai tan , Pla mor tan .

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