

Description of a new Fish of the genus Mastacembelus, from the Zambesi System.—By G. A. BOULENGER, LL.D., F.R.S.

MASTACEMBELUS THOMPSONI.

Depth of body 21 times in total length, length of head $8\frac{1}{2}$ times. Vent equally distant from end of snout and from caudal, its distance from head $3\frac{1}{2}$ times length of latter. Snout 3 times as long as eye, ending in an appendage as long as eye; mouth extending to below anterior border of eye; no praeorbital or praeopercular spines. Dorsal xxxii 95; spines increasing in length, last $\frac{1}{5}$ length of head; distance between first spine and head $\frac{2}{5}$ length of latter. Anal ii 95. Caudal rounded. Pectoral $\frac{1}{4}$ length of head. Scales very small. Blackish brown above, greyish-white beneath.

Total length 265 millim.

A single specimen, from Sesheke, N. Rhodesia (Rev. L. Jalla).

Although 34 African species of this genus are now recognised, only two were known from the Zambesi system—*M. shiranus*, Gthr., from Lake Nyassa and the Upper Shiré, and *M. mellandi*, Blgr., originally described from the Solwesi River in North Rhodesia (Congo watershed), but since recorded from Lialui, Upper Zambesi.

M. thompsoni, named in memory of the late W. Wardlaw Thompson, is allied to *M. shiranus*, *M. nigromarginatus*, Blgr., *M. victoriae*, Blgr., and *M. moeruensis*, Blgr., and most nearly to the latter, from which it differs chiefly in the more numerous fin-rays and in the more numerous and longer dorsal spines.

M. Jalla of the Paris Mission Society, Sesheke, has kindly supplied the Barotse names for the following fishes. [EDITOR.]

<i>Marcusenius castelnaui</i> , Blgr.	...	...	<i>ninqa</i> .
<i>Mormyrus anchietae</i> , Guim. ...	...	...	<i>motokoia</i> .
<i>Sarcodaces odoe</i> , Bl. ....	...	...	<i>molumesi</i> .
<i>Hydrocyon lineatus</i> , Blkr. ...	...	...	<i>nquesi</i> .
<i>Clarias mossambicus</i> , Peters	...	...	<i>minqa</i> .
<i>Auchenoglanis ngamensis</i> , Blgr.	...	...	<i>Sengongi-wanqa</i> .

<i>Synodontis melanostictus</i> , Blgr.	...	...	<i>Sengongi</i> .
<i>Tilapia macrochir</i> , Blgr.	...	...	<i>mu</i> .
„ <i>melanopleura</i> , A. Dum.	...	...	<i>mbofu</i> .
„ <i>sparmanni</i> , Smith.	...	...	<i>setuu</i> or <i>setutwa</i> .
<i>Paratilapia zambesensis</i> , G. & T.	...	...	<i>ndjindji</i> .
„ <i>angusticeps</i> , Blgr. male	...	...	<i>nalutemambo</i> .
„ „ „ female	...	...	<i>moshuna</i> .
„ <i>marginata</i> , G. & T.	...	...	<i>sieo</i> .
„ <i>mellandi</i> , Blgr.	...	...	<i>mbuma</i> .
<i>Pelmatochromis ngamensis</i> , G. & T.	...	...	<i>molumba</i> .
<i>Anabas multispinis</i> , Peters	...	...	<i>mbundu</i> .
„ <i>nanus</i> , Gthr.	...	...	<i>sebulumuki</i> .
<i>Mastacembelus thompsoni</i> , Blgr.	...	...	<i>motome</i> .

CORRIGENDA.

- P. 490, etc. Sesheke is in *Northern* not Southern Rhodesia.
- P. 498, etc. For *Mazoe* read Mazui.
- P. 550. For *Sipapoma*, *South Rhodesia*, read Lialui, Upper Zambesi. Delete words *Bulawayo Museum*.
- P. 558. For *Amphilius longirostris* read *Amphilius natalensis*, Blgr. Delete references and figure 116. Dr. Boulenger has seen the specimens in this Museum and has expressed the opinion that they should be referred to the species described in Ann. Durban Mus. i, 4, p. 432 (1917).

The following species, marked in the Catalogue with an asterisk as not being represented in the Collections of the South African Museum, have since been acquired. [EDITOR.]

Marcusenius castelnavi, Blgr.

Labeo congoro, Peters.

„ *altivelis*, Peters.

Barbus asper, Blgr. Specimens have been received which seem to prove that this is the adult ♂ of *B. anoplus*, M. Web.

Auchenoglanis ngamensis, Blgr.

Tilapia arnoldi, G. & T.



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