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| **Supplementary Table 1.** The description of morphometric characters measured throughout this study | | |
| No | Parts | Measured Distance |
| 1 | Total length  (TL) | The distance between the tip of the snout and the posterior edge of the forked portion of the caudal fin |
| 2 | Standard length  (SL) | The distance between the tip of the snout to the end of the caudal peduncle |
| 3 | Head length  (HL) | The distance between the tip of the snout to the posterior edge of the operculum |
| 4 | Caudal peduncle  length (CPL) | The distance between the dorsal base end and caudal-fin origin Length of the snout |
| 5 | Snout length  (SNL) | The distance between the tip of the snout in the middle of the upper lip to the anterior orbital rim |
| 6 | Dorsal fin depth  (DFD) | Length of the longest simple dorsal ray |
| 7 | Dorsal fin base  length (DFBL) | The distance between the first and last rays of the dorsal fin |
| 8 | Eye diameter  (ED) | The distance between the eyeball's anterior and posterior edges |
| 9 | Caudal peduncle  depth (CPD) | Depth at the peduncle's narrowest point |
| 10 | Body depth  (BD) | The distance between the dorsal fin’s origin and the pelvic fin |
| 11 | Pectoral fin  length (PFL) | Distance from the origin of the pectoral fin to the tip of the longest pectoral fin ray |
| 12 | Pelvic fin  length (VFL) | Distance from the origin of the pelvic fin to the tip of the longest pelvic fin ray |