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NEW SPECIES OF FRESH-WATER CATFISHES FROM NORTH BORNEO

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INTRODUCTION

During the course of two zoological expeditions to North Borneo in 1950 and 1956, extensive collections of fresh-water fishes were made. Among them were the new forms described below. Most of the fishes were caught in the Kinabatangan River, the largest in North Borneo, or in its tributaries between Malapi (5° 30′ N./118° 16′ E.) and Kuamut (5° 13′ N./117° 30′ E.). The two principal localities are Deramakot (5° 17′ N./117° 33′ E.) and Lamag (5° 30′ N./117° 50′ E.). A few specimens were obtained in a tributary of the Kalabakan River, which empties into the sea at the extreme southeastern corner of North Borneo. Between 1950 and 1956 the junior author collected additional material from the Segama River, which lies immediately south of the Kinabatangan basin, and from the Labuk River north of Sandakan Harbour.

Abbreviations used are CNHM (Chicago Natural History Museum) and SU (Natural History Museum, Stanford University).

Wallago maculatus, new species

Holotype.—Chicago Natural History Museum no. 68038. An adult caught in the Kinabatangan River at Deramakot, Kinabatangan District, North Borneo, on May 5, 1956, by Robert F. Inger and P. K. Chin.

Diagnosis.—A Wallago with a row of large black blotches below the lateral line, with 56–64 branched anal rays, and with 13–15 branchiostegals.

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