

limb is equal in length to the trunk. The tail  $3\frac{1}{10}$  times as long. The eye is central; the nostril rather nearer to the tip of the snout than to the eye. The snout is  $\frac{2}{5}$ , the interorbit,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the length of the head. Postmental pair of shields much smaller than the mental. Ear edged anteriorly with smooth irregular scales; the keels of the dorsal scales in fourteen rows inclusive of the dorsolateral keel, the first row below that keel is also longitudinal. Preanal pores, two on each side.

Reddish-brown to coffee or chestnut-brown with five streaks, one spinal, two dorsolateral and two lateral, and with five broad angular crossbars more or less confluent over the spine; a sixth spot-like bar across the nape, the fore part of the dorso-lateral is pale-buff to bright-yellow. The lower part of the cheek blackish, the basal half of the tail dark ringed.

Length,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Locality, Cape York; collected by Mr. K. Broadbent.

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## ON A NEW SPECIES OF HOPLOCEPHALUS.

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(PLATE XV.)

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### HOPLOCEPHALUS ORNATUS.

Scale rows, 17; abdominal plates, 132; caudal plates, 25. Head oval, rather large and depressed, distinct from the neck. Vertical shield an elongated hexagon: occipitals large, scarcely diverging posteriorly: prefrontals triangular, with the outer sides rounded; nasal plate very long: postfrontals elongate transversely and turned down to meet the loreal part of the nasal; labials  $\frac{6}{6}$ , the 4th and 5th upper equally under the orbit. One anterior and two posterior oculars. Temporals  $\frac{2}{2}$ , the upper anterior one touching the lower postocular and the 5th labial.

Colour, yellow; upper surface of head brown with a yellow spot between the occipitals; labials with the sutures broadly edged with brown; on the upper half of the trunk about 50 distinct crossbands rather narrower than their interspaces and with irregular edges; below the crossbands alternating angular blotches. Beneath bright-yellow, immaculate.

Locality, near Surat. Collected by Mr. F. A. Blackman.





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