

Diversity of Freshwater Fishes of Maharashtra, India - A Review Article

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Abstract: Diversity increases the productivity of ecosystem and essential for balancing ecosystem. The ecological diversity of aquatic ecosystem is affected by different environmental conditions and anthropogenic activities. Study of diversity is very important to keep records and conserve them. Fishes are important animal in the freshwater ecosystems due to their ecological significance. Conservation of freshwater fish is equally important as source of food, position in food chain and conservation practice is only possible when diversity of freshwater fishes is known. Present investigation was undertaken to study the diversity of fish fauna from Maharashtra. As far as economic importance is concerned, the scope of fish and fisheries is of prime interest. The current review deals with the freshwater fish recorded and confirmed by various authors, 216 species belonging to 11 orders, 32 families and 93 genera in Maharashtra and it will be useful for consumer, fish industry, fisherman and researchers

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