

New Fishes of Japan: Part 2

Part 1 of *New Fishes of Japan* was published by the National Museum of Nature and Science in March 2007. It includes 14 papers describing 27 new fish species belonging to 13 genera and 7 families. Because there are many new fishes in Japanese waters remaining to be described (Matsuura and Senou, 2004), the Museum decided to continue publishing papers on new fishes in the Supplement to the Series Zoology of the Bulletin. Part 2 of *New Fishes of Japan* is composed of 12 papers by 22 authors, including descriptions of 16 new species belonging to 13 genera and 11 families. Although there are fewer papers and fewer new species described in Part 2 than in Part 1, the diversity among the families is greater in Part 2 (11 families) than in Part 1 (7 families). The new species of fishes described in Part 2 represent the following families: Plotosidae, Ateleopodidae, Aploactinidae, Cottidae, Liparidae, Sparidae, Zoarcidae, Pinguipedidae, Gobiidae, Bothidae, and Cynoglossidae. This clearly indicates that new fish species remaining to be discovered in Japanese waters will be found not only in tropical waters, but also in temperate and cold waters. As in Part 1, the papers of this volume were submitted primarily by Japanese ichthyologists, but also include contributions from an ichthyologist in the United States and one in South Africa.

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