

# Record of *Pillaia indica* Yazdani 1972, an endangered earthworm eel (Teleostei: Chaudhuriidae) from the streams of Brahmaputra drainage in Northeast India

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**ABSTRACT:**

*Pillaia indica* Yazdani 1972, a threatened earthworm eel under Synbranchiformes, is recorded from Langkhar (26°46'N and 90°32'E) and Teklai (26°47' N and 90°35'E) streams near Assam-Bhutan border of Chirang District, Assam, India. *Pillaia indica* is distinguished from its congeners in having dorsal so8 rays 34–36, anal so8 rays 34–36, vertebrae 66 and unpaired fins continuous. The head length 15.1–15.2% SL, dorsal fin base length 43.6–44.8% SL, anal fin base length 44.8–46.3% SL, anus to anal fin distance 2.9–3.1% SL, eye diameter 5.2–5.7% HL and head depth 36.8–37.9% HL.

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