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## *Puntius nigronotus*, a new fish species (cypriniformes; cyprinidae) from Kerala, India

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### **ABSTRACT:**

*Puntius nigronotus*, a new fish species of the family Cyprinidae, is described from Mananthavady River of Kerala, India. It is distinguished from its congeners by the following combination of characters: body deeper, maxillary barbels shorter and never reach nostrils, dorsal fin shorter, 9 branched rays in dorsal fin and 6 branched rays in anal fin, last unbranched dorsal fin ray feebly ossified and flexible, 27 lateral line scales, pre pelvic distance greater, caudal peduncle wide and lateral line straight.

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Western Ghats, Mananthavady river, New description, *Puntius viridis*.