

Supplemental Tables

Sup. Table 1. Checklist of Seahorses and Pipefishes recorded from Sri Lanka. Note: *Species not confirmed by recording but have a potential to be recorded. Habitats – MA: Marine, BR: Brackish, FW: Freshwater. References - A: Kumara 2012, B: Lourie *et al.* 2004, C: Munro 1955, D: Long *et al.* 2010, E: Herath *et al.* 2014, F: Pollom 2017, G: Perera *et al.* 2017, H: Goonatilake *et al.* 2020, I: Dunker 1910: J: Dawson, 1985.

Species	Common name	Habitat	References
Seahorses;			
<i>Hippocampus kuda</i> (Bleeker, 1852)	Spotted Seahorses	MA	A, B, D
<i>Hippocampus spinosissimus</i> Weber 1913	Hedgehog Seahorse	MA	A, B, G
<i>Hippocampus histrix</i> Kaup, 1856 *	Thorny Seahorse	MA	B
<i>Hippocampus kelloggi</i> Jordan & Snyder, 1901*	Great Seahorse	MA	B
<i>Hippocampus trimaculatus</i> Leach, 1814 *	Three-spot Seahorse	MA	B
Pipefishes;			
<i>Corythoichthys amplexus</i> Dawson & Randall, 1975	Brown-banded Pipefish	MA	A, D
<i>Corythoichthys flavofasciatus</i> (Jenyns, 1842)	Network Pipefish	MA	A, C
<i>Hippichthys heptagonus</i> Bleeker, 1849	Reticulated Freshwater Pipefish	FW/MA	E
<i>Doryrhamphus excisus</i> Kaup, 1856	Blue-stripe Pipefish	MA	A
<i>Doryrhamphus janssi</i> (Herald & Randall, 1972)	Janss' Pipefish	MA	A, F
<i>Halicampus grayi</i> Kaup, 1856	Gray's pipefish	MA	A, C, J
<i>Halicampus mataafae</i> (Jordan & Seale, 1906)	Samoan Pipefish	MA	J
<i>Halicampus spirostris</i> (Dawson & Allen, 1981)	Spiny-snout Pipefish	MA	J
<i>Ichthyocampus carce</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Indian Freshwater Pipefish	FW/MA	A
<i>Microphis brachyurus</i> Bleeker, 1854	Opossum Pipefish	FW/BR	A, H
<i>Microphis cuncalus</i> (Hamilton, 1822)	Crocodile-tooth Pipefish	FW/MA	A, J
<i>Microphis ocellatus</i> (Dunker, 1910)	Ocellated Pipefish	FW/BR	H, I
<i>Siokunichthys southwelli</i> (Duncker, 1910)	Southwell's pipefish	MA	A, I
<i>Syngnathoides biaculeatus</i> (Bloch, 1785)	Alligator Pipefish	MA	A, J
<i>Trachyrhamphus serratus</i> (Temminck & Schlegel, 1850)	Crested Pipefish	MA	A, I, J
<i>Trachyrhamphus longirostris</i> Kaup, 1856	Long-head pipefish	MA	A, J
<i>Cosmocampus investigatoris</i> (Hora, 1925)	Investigator pipefish	MA	J
<i>Nannocampus pictus</i> (Duncker, 1915)	Reef Pipefish	MA	J
<i>Phoxocampus diacanthus</i> (Schultz, 1943)	Obscure pipefish	MA	J

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