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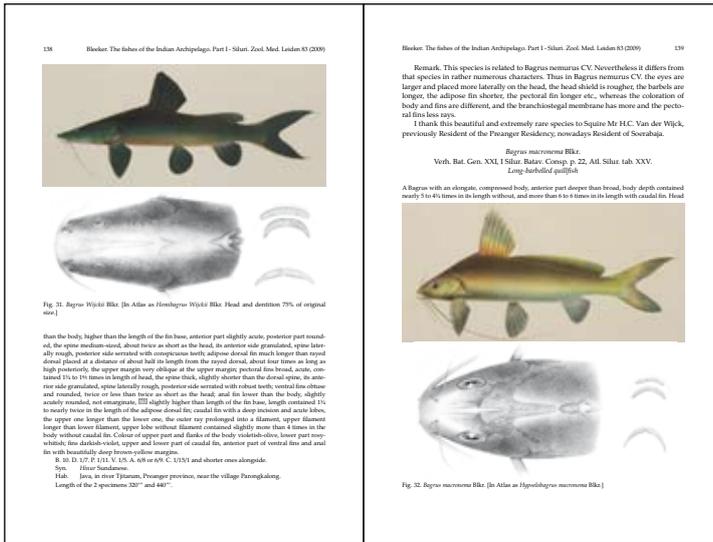
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a translation of P. Bleeker's (1858) historical document:

**Ichthyologiae Archipelagi Indici Prodomus.
Volumen I. Siluri.**

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The "Ichthyologiae Archipelagi Indici Prodomus. Volumen I. Siluri." by Dr Pieter Bleeker (1858) has been **translated completely** from Dutch and Latin to English.



In contrast to the original publication, the translation **does contain the illustrations** that were ready in 1858, but could not be included, as at that time facilities for printing coloured plates were lacking in Batavia (Jakarta, Indonesia). The "Ichthyologiae Archipelagi Indici Prodomus. Volumen I. Siluri." is a **compilation of all Bleeker's papers on catfishes** from 1845 through 1858 and a **review of all publications on this group of fishes by other ichthyologists up till 1858**. In this voluminous publication (370 pp) Bleeker mentions all catfish species known at the time, gives **keys to genera and species**, and **extensive descriptions for 99 species occurring in the Indonesian archipelago**. All these species are **figured**. The descriptions include **distribution and habitat, and remarks on reproduction, fishery and consumption**.

Detailed information on the morphology of the described specimens make this work **indispensable for recognizing types of the species** in the Bleeker collection.

A complete list of all 210 ichthyological papers Bleeker published up till 1858 is included.

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