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Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.	The present work is very pertinent to explore the habit and habitat of one of the indigenous small but important consumable fish <i>Mystus tengara</i> to sustain their diversity in the natural potential water resources for their conservation as well as propagation to support the growing human population for food and nutrition. The present database may also promote many other research and extension work on other important fish species to upscale aquaculture productivity in the potential water resources for human nutrition and economy enhancement. However, repetition of the work in two consecutive years is required, particularly in the current scenario of climate change. In addition, some photographs of flora and faunal composition in the gut are asking in the manuscript.	

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