

# ***Silurus aristotelis* (Pisces: Siluridae) a New Species in the Bulgarian Ichthyofauna**

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**Abstract:** Two specimens of catfish obtained in small artificial lake situated near the Doctor Yosifovo village, district Montana (North-West Bulgaria) were identified according to their morphological characteristics as *Silurus aristotelis* (Agassiz, 1857) – new species in the Bulgarian ichthyofauna. This is the first finding of the Aristotle’s catfish outside the territory of Greece. In all likelihood, the species was introduced in Bulgaria as a seeding fish from North Greece (Macedonia).

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