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First record of *Glossobius auritus* Bovallius 1885 and *Glossobius hemiramphi* Williams and Williams 1985 (Crustacea: Isopoda: Cymothoidae) parasitizing the marine fishes from Indian Coast

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Abstract

Survey on cymothoids infesting the marine fishes from the Malabar Coast, India recorded two species (*Glossobius auritus* Bovallius 1885 and *Glossobius hemiramphi* Williams and Williams 1985), new to India and both appear with new host fish, *Cypselurus oligolepis* (Bleeker) for *G. auritus* and *Hemiramphus lutkei* (Valenciennes) for *G. hemiramphi*. In the present paper, both species are re-described based on the live and fresh specimens collected from India; Re-description of *G. auritus* is based on male and female stages, while all the available life cycle stages such as male, transitional, female, juvenile and larvae (manca and premanca) were considered for the re-description of *G. hemiramphi*. The occurrence, distribution, site specific infestation and fecundity of newly recorded *Glossobius* spp. are also discussed.

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