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**First chromosome analysis on olive flathead-gudgeon, *Butis amboinensis* (Perciformes, Gobiidae)**

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**Abstract**

The first chromosome analysis and nucleolar organizer region (NOR) pattern of Olive flathead-gudgeon (*Butis amboinensis*) were studied. Ten fish samples were collected from Institute of Marine Science, Chonburi Province, Thailand. Chromosome preparations were directly performed from kidney tissues. The chromosomes were harvested by colchicines-hypotonic-fixation-air drying method. Conventional staining and Ag-NOR banding techniques were applied to stain the chromosomes using 20% Giemsa solution and 50% silver nitrate solution, respectively. The results showed that the number of diploid chromosome (2n) of *Bu. amboinensis* was 46. The fundamental number (NF) was 46 in both sexes. The karyotype consisted of 24 large telocentric, 20 medium telocentric and 2 small telocentric chromosomes. A single of NORs of *Bu. amboinensis* was observed on the single pair at the region adjacent to the centromeres of the medium telocentric chromosome pair 17 (interstitial NOR). The karyotype formula of *Bu. amboinensis* is as follows: 2n (diploid) 46 = L<sup>1</sup><sub>24</sub> + M<sup>1</sup><sub>20</sub> + S<sup>1</sup><sub>2</sub>

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