

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL S1

TABLE S1 | Morphological traits derived from the different morphometric measurements taken from the specimens of *Serrapinnus notomelas* and *Serrapinnus* sp.1 in a lake in the Upper Paraná River floodplain, Brazil.

Morphological traits		
	Formulas	Explanations
Ecomorphological index		
Compression index	$CI = MBH/MBW$	Higher values indicate lateral compression of the fish, which is expected for fish that explore habitats with slower water velocity habitats. ^{3,4}
Depression index	$DI = BMH/MBH$	Lower values are associated with fish that explore habitats closer to bottom habitats. ^{4,6}
Relative length of caudal peduncle	$RLPd = CPdL/SL$	Fishes with long caudal peduncle are goods swimmers. However, fishes adapted to rapid water flow, but no necessarily nektonic as armored catfishes, also presented long caudal peduncles in function of propulsion in short distances. ^{4,6,7}
Relative height of caudal peduncle	$RHPd = CPdH/MBH$	Lower values indicate greater maneuverability potential. ⁷
Relative width of caudal peduncle	$RWPd = CPdW/MBW$	Higher relative values indicate better continuous swimmers. ⁷
Relative length of head	$RLHd = HdL/SL$	Larger relative values of head length are found in fishes which feed of larger prey. This index should be larger for piscivores. ^{4,7,8,12,15}
Relative height of head	$RHHd = HdH/MBH$	Larger relative values of head height are found in fishes which feed of larger prey. Larger values for this index are expected for piscivores. ^{7,15}
Relative width of head	$RWHd = HdW/MBW$	Larger relative values of head width are found in fishes which feed of larger prey. Larger values for this index are expected for piscivores. ^{7,15}
Relative height of mouth	$RHM = MH/MBH$	Relative mouth height allows to infer over the relative size of the prey. ^{3,7,15}
Relative width of mouth	$RWM = MW/MBW$	Larger relative values of mouth length suggest fishes which feed of larger prey. ^{3,5,7,14}
Eye position	$EP = EH/HdH$	This index is related to foods detection and it provides information on the visual predation activities. It can indicate the preferential position of the species in the water column. ¹²
Relative area of dorsal fin	$RAD = DA/(SL)$	Dorsal fins with larger relative areas have better capacity of stabilization in deflections. ²
Aspect ratio of caudal fin	$ARC = (CH)2/CA$	Fishes showing higher aspect ratio of the caudal fin are active and continuous swimmers. These fish have a tendency for greater caudal fin bifurcation and reduction of area. ^{1,3,5}
Aspect ratio of anal fin	$ARA = (AL)2/AA$	Anal fins with larger aspect ratio indicate a higher capacity to make rapid progression and regression movements. ¹³
Aspect ratio of pectoral fin	$ARPt = (PtL)2/PtA$	Higher ratio indicates long and narrow pectoral fins, which is more expected on fish that are continuous high-speed swimmers and prefer pelagic regions. ¹¹
Aspect ratio of pelvic fin	$ARPv = (PvL)2/PvA$	Larger values for the aspect ratio of pelvic fin are found for pelagics fish and indicate a higher capacity to balance. Lower ratio are associated to benthic fishes, because help to maintain the body on the rocky bottoms of lotic habitats. ³
Trophic apparatus		
Number of teeth cuspids	Dentary teeth slender	For caracids, teeth with three or five cuspids indicate diet onivora and teeth multicuspidados indicate algivorous habit. ^{17,18}
Intestinal coefficient	$ICO = \text{gut length}/SL$	Processing of energy poor resources. High values indicate herbivorous diet and / or detritus, low carnivorous diet values. ^{3,9}
Gill raker length	$GRL = \text{the longest gill raker}/SL$	Filtering ability or gill protection. ^{10,16}

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