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A rapid assessment of subtropical river waters along the southern foothills revealed many fishes that are new to Bhutan. Prominent taxa among the new records include *Glyptothorax* spp., *Amblyceps* spp., and *Pterocryptis* spp. Probably due to cryptic behavior, some of these species were able to avoid detection so far. It is suspected that there are at least three species of *Clarias* from the taxon that was identified as *Clarias batrachus* earlier. So far, the number of catfishes found in Bhutan is also under-reported. Perhaps, a number of species that are known to occur in the northeastern region of India are yet to be discovered in Bhutan. Therefore, there is a need to intensify the ichthyological study in the subtropical waters of Bhutan.

