

## Family MURÆNIDÆ.

## Group Anguillina, Gthr.

*Congromuræna*, Kaup.*Congromuræna guttulata*, n. sp.

Allied to *Congromuræna habenata*, but with a comparatively longer tail; the length of the body being contained once and two-thirds in that of the tail. Eye rather large, two-thirds of the length of the snout. Lips somewhat swollen, a wide muciferous cavity being lodged on the side of the snout; upper jaw projecting beyond the lower. Anterior nostril at the extremity of the snout, posterior in front of the middle of the eye; a wide pore on the margin of the upper lip. Cleft of the mouth extending to below the middle of the eye; teeth very small, somewhat unequal in size, forming extremely narrow bands; vomer with a few teeth anteriorly. Length of the head two-thirds of that of the trunk. Dorsal fin rather low, beginning immediately behind the root of the pectoral fin. Whitish, with a series of extremely minute black dots above and another below the lateral line.

A single specimen  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches long was obtained at Station 173, off the island of Matuku, Fiji Group, at a depth of 315 fathoms.

*Simenchelys*.

*Simenchelys*, Goode and Bean, Bull. Essex Inst., vol. xi., 1879, p. 27.

One species only is known.

*Simenchelys parasiticus*.

*Simenchelys parasiticus*, Goode and Bean, *loc. cit.*

„ „ Jordan and Gilbert, Synops. Fish. N. Amer., p. 363.

Abundant on the off-shore banks, south of Newfoundland (80 to 200 fathoms); individuals have been found burrowing in the flesh of the Halibut.

## Group Murænesocina, Gthr.

*Nettastoma*, Rafinesque.

Three species are known.