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INTRODUCTION

The genus *Gastromyzon* Gunther is represented by over twelve species from Borneo (Inger and Chin, 1961; Roberts, 1989; Kottelat *et al.*, 1993; Tan and Martin-Smith, 1998). Ike *et al.*, (1999) had earlier described a new species of *Gastromyzon embalohensis* collected from the Embaloh River, Betung Kerihun National Park, a year before the Borneo Biodiversity Expedition of 1997. There will be more new species with recent revisions on new collections made in various parts of Borneo. Undoubtedly, Borneo represents the centre of diversity for this group of fish (Tan and Martin-Smith, 1998). The gastromyzon fishes are found only in clean headwaters where they cling on to rocks in fast flowing water. Their ability to adapt to clear unpolluted water is due to their enlarged pectoral and pelvic fins which may be fused, thus acting as