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The cestode parasites are found plenty in vertebrates; so far very little work has been done on cestode parasites of fishes in India. Baylis H.A. (1929), Southwell T. (1930), Dollfus R. (1934), Yamaguti S. (1934), Fernando C.H., Furtado (1964), Shinde, Tondon V., Jadhav B.V., Wankhede H.J., Hiware C.J., Pande P.N., Caira J., Scholz Tomas, Bray R.A. carried out the work on cestode parasites of fishes in various parts of the world.

The system of classification used in this dissertation is based on "Advances in the Zoology of Tapeworms" 1950-1970 by Wardle, McLeod and Radinovsky, 1974, "Systema Helminthum" Vol. II by S. Yamaguti (1939) and classification of host fishes obtained from website <http://www.fishbase.org> and Gazetteer, Govt. of Maharashtra.