

**EUTELEOSTEY**

**Order:** Clupéiformes

**Family:** Clupéomorphe



*Armigatus brevissimus*

**Genus:** Armigatus Grande, 1982

**Age:** Upper Cretaceous- 100 million years

**Locality:** Haqil- Byblos - Lebanon

**Geographical distribution:** Middle East

**Features:** Small oval-shaped fish with dorsal fin in the middle of the back. Characterized by scuts or dorsal bone patches on the two-thirds of the distance between the dorsal fin and the skull.

**Remarks :** First Lebanese species to be described by De Blainville in 1818, under the name of *Clupea brevissima*. It was called later on *Diplomystus brevissimus* and receive in the 80s its present day name *Armigatus brevissimus* ( de Blainville, 1818)

**Recent relatives:** Genus close to present day sardines and herrings.