

# BONY FISH (Class Osteichthyes)

The largest group of fish are the bony fishes and includes eels, seahorses and pipefish. The total number of species of bony fish is thought to be more than 15,000.

As the name suggests, bony fish have a bony skeleton with a protective bony plate called the operculum covering the gill cavity and a single external gill slit.

## EXTERNAL ANATOMY

