A short list of Cladoceran species (Crustacea) from Turkey

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Abstract. Between 1992 and 1999, the distribution of Cladoceran species was studied at 19 different localities in Central Anatolia, the Mediterranean region and the Western Black Sea region of Turkey, including six dams, 11 lakes and two rivers. A total of 31 species was recorded, some of which are recorded for the first time at these localities.


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A great deal of information on the distribution of the species of Cladocera in Turkey is available. Current knowledge has been summarised by GÜNDÜZ (1997): based on his own research and on literature data, the Cladocera fauna of Turkey was found to comprise 80 species. Based on field surveys carried out between 1992 and 1999, we can contribute further to knowledge on the distribution of Cladoceran species in Turkey.

Samples were collected using a standard plankton net (mesh diameter 55 μ) and were fixed with formaldehyde soon after collection. Collecting was carried out at the following localities (province and zoogeographic region given in parentheses; CA = Central Anatolia, BSR = Black Sea Region, MR = Mediterranean Region):


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