

## **Freshwater and brackish water Malacostraca (Crustacea-Arthropoda) fauna of Sinop and Samsun and their ecology**

### **Sinop ve Samsun illeri tatlısu ve acısu Malacostraca (Crustacea-Arthropoda) faunası ve ekolojileri**

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#### **Abstract**

Malacostraca fauna collected from freshwater and brackishwater in Sinop and Samsun were studied from 181 stations between February 1999 and September 2000. 19 species and 4 subspecies belonging to 15 genres were found in 134 stations. In total, 23 taxon were found: 11 Amphipoda, 6 Decapoda, 4 Isopoda, and 2 Mysidacea. *Limnomysis benedeni* is the first time in Turkish Mysidacea fauna. In this work at the first time recorded group are *Gammarus pulex pulex*, *Gammarus aequicauda*, *Gammarus uludagi*, *Gammarus komareki*, *Gammarus longipedis*, *Gammarus balcanicus*, *Echinogammarus ischnus*, *Orchestia stephensi* *Paramysis kosswigi*, *Idotea baltica basteri*, *Idotea hectica*, *Sphaeroma serratum*, *Palaemon adspersus*, *Crangon crangon*, *Potamon ibericum tauricum* and *Carcinus aestuarii* in the studied area. *Potamon ibericum tauricum* is the most encountered and widespread species.

**Key words:** Freshwater, brackish water, Malacostraca, Sinop, Samsun, Turkey

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#### **Introduction**

The Malacostraca is the largest subgroup of crustaceans and includes the decapods such as crabs, mole crabs, lobsters, true shrimps and the stomatopods or mantis shrimps. There are more than 22,000 taxa in this group representing two third of all crustacean species and contains all the larger forms.

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Malacostracans play an important role in aquatic ecosystems and therefore their conservation is important. They are consumed by fish and other aquatic organisms and are an important diet in the food web of the aquatic ecosystem (Pechenik 1996).

The first study on the crustacean biological diversity of Turkey was made by (Heller 1863) cited by Geldiay and Kocataş 1977. The other study about freshwater crayfish in Turkey was conducted by Ninni (1923) and reported *Potamobius leptodactylus* from Lake Sapanca. The study of Geldiay (1949) is determined *Potamobius (Astacus) fluviatilis* in Çubuk Reservoir was the first investigation of Turkish researchers on the subject.

Detailed studies on freshwater amphipods of Turkey were carried out by Karaman and Pinkster (1977a, b, 1987). Bott (1950) reported the presence of *A. astacus* and *A. pallipes* from Lake Apolyont and Manyas. Geldiay and Kocataş (1970) investigated the distribution and taxonomical identification of Turkish astacus populations. They surveyed Trachus, Black Sea Region and West Anatolia, and collected 112 individuals from *Astacus (Pontoastacus) leptodactylus salinus* and *Astacus leptodactylus leptodactylus*. The earliest study about freshwater crabs and Malacostraca fauna in Turkey was conducted by Heller in 1863 and reported the presence of *Potamon fluviatilis* around Istanbul (Geldiay and Kocataş 1977). Pesta (1926, 1937) reported *Potamon potamios* from Northwestern Anatolia, Middle Anatolia and East Anatolia. Coifman (1938) reported *Potamon edule* from Kusadası and Izmir. Holthuis (1961) reported *Potamon potamios* from Turkey and Balkans.

The most detailed study about Turkish Freshwater crab fauna was made by Pretzman (1975, 1976, 1983). Geldiay and Kocataş (1977) made a taxonomic revision on Turkish freshwater crabs and reported *Potamon ibericum tauricum* from Black Sea, Aegean and Marmara Sea. Studies about freshwater amphipods of Turkey were investigated by Karaman and Pinkster (1977a, b, 1987).

Birstein (1951) investigated freshwater isopoda of the U.S.S.R. and Turkey, and described the species found. Çamur and Kırgız (2000) studied freshwater isopoda fauna of Turkish Thrace Region. Kocataş and Katağan (1983) studied crustacean fauna of coastal lagoon in Marmara, Mediterranean and Aegean Sea and reported 31 crustacean species. Katağan and Ledoyer (1979) studied Turkish Mysidacea fauna of Turkish Marine and reported 23 taxa. Kocataş et al. (1991) reported on the general features, taxonomic situations, checklist and aquaculture of Turkish shrimps. Geldiay et al. (1977) investigated Peracaridae and Eucaridae of Lake Bafa and

reported the presence of Tanaidacea (1 species), Isopoda (3 species), Amphipoda (4 species) and Mysidacea (1 species). Bat et al. (2000) studied the benthic mactoinvertebrate fauna of Sırakaraağaçlar Stream at Aklıman, Sinop. Akbulut et al. (2002) studied benthic macroinvertebrate fauna of Lake Sarıkum and Spring Waters. They reported 26 taxa belongin to Gastropoda, Bivalvia, Insecta, Crustacea, Polychaeta and Turbellaria.

Özbek and Ustaoglu (1998) studied the amphipoda fauna of Izmir and adjacent areas Inland waters. They reported 8 species and 1 subspecies belonging to Amphipoda around Izmir region's inland waters between March 1994 and June 1996. Özbek and Ustaoglu (2005) also studied Lake District inland water Malacostraca fauna. They found 26 taxa in total, 5 belonging to Decapoda, 17 to Amphipoda, two to Isopoda and 2 to Mysidacea from 75 stations.

Only very few studies were carried out so far on the freshwater and brackish isopoda, decapoda and mysidacea fauna in Sinop and Samsun. The aim of this study was performed new contributions to the Turkish biological diversity by studying the freshwater and brackish water malacostraca fauna of Sinop and Samsun.

## **Materials and Methods**

### *Sampling Area*

A total of 181 stations were sampled to determine the malacostraca fauna of Sinop and Samsun's freshwater and brackish waters between February 1999 and September 2000 (Figure 1). Sampling Stations consisted of 15 rivers and creeks (Sinop 7, Samsun 8), 60 streams (Sinop 44, Samsun 14), 40 spring water (Sinop 31, Samsun, 9), 9 lakes (Sinop 1, Samsun 8), 9 lagoons and rivermouths (Sinop 7, Samsun 3), 36 drinking basins (Sinop 33, Samsun 3), 2 standing water pools (Sinop 2) and 1 thermal spring (Samsun 1) (Table 4).

### *Sampling Method*

Benthic organisms were sampled by hand deep net, dredge, and Ekman Grabe and were sieved by a 0.5 and 1 mm mesh. Benthos samples were fixed by 4% formaldehyde. They cleaned by washing with fresh water in the laboratory. Species selected under stereomicroscope were stored in 70% alcohol. Species were dissected under binocular microscope and the extremities were fixed on microscope slides with alcohol-glycerin mixtures. For taxonomic identification of decapoda, identification keys of Geldiay and Kocataş (1977), Pretzman (1983), Fischer (1973), Geldiay ve Kocataş (1970), Kocataş et al. (1991) were used; isopoda identification keys of Birstein (1951) and Naylor (1972), for Mysidacea identification key were



**Table 1.** Determined taxa in the study.

| Order     | Familia        | Genus   | Species  |
|-----------|----------------|---|--|
| Amphipoda | Gammaridae     | Gammarus  | <i>Gammarus pulex pulex</i> (L., 1758)<br><i>Gammarus aequicauda</i> (Martynov, 1931)<br><i>Gammarus uludagi</i> Karaman, 1975<br><i>Gammarus komareki</i> Schäferna, 1922<br><i>Gammarus longipedis</i> Karaman ve Pinkster, 1987<br><i>Gammarus balcanicus</i> Schäferna, 1922<br><i>Echinogammarus ischnus</i> (Stebbing, 1899)<br><i>Niphargus valachicus</i> E.Dobreanu și Manolache, 1933<br><i>Stygobromus ambulans</i> (Fr. Müller, 1846)<br><i>Orchestia stephensi</i> Cecchini, 1928<br><i>Orchestia cavimana</i> Heller, 1865 |
|           | Talitridae     | Echinogammarus<br>Niphargus<br>Stygobromus<br>Orchestia |  |
| Isopoda   | Asellidae      | Asellus   | <i>Asellus aquaticus</i> (L., 1758)  |
|           | Idoteidae      | Idotea  | <i>Idotea baltica basteri</i> Audouin, 1827<br><i>Idotea hectica</i> (Pallas, 1772)<br><i>Sphaeroma serratum</i> (Fabricius, 1787)   |
| Mysidacea | Sphaeromatidae | Sphaeroma   |  |
|           | Mysidae        | Paramysis<br>Limnomysis                                 | <i>Paramysis kosswigi</i> Bacescu, 1948<br><i>Limnomysis benedeni</i> Czerniavskv, 1882  |
| Decapoda  | Palaemonidae   | Palaemon  | <i>Palaemon elegans</i> Rathke, 1837<br><i>Palaemon adspersus</i> Rathke, 1937<br><i>Crangon crangon</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)<br><i>Astacus leptodactylus leptodactylus</i> Eschscholtz, 1823<br><i>Potamon ibericum tauricum</i> (Czerniavsky, 1884)<br><i>Carcinus aestuarii</i> Nardo, 1847   |
|           | Crangonidae    | Crangon   |  |
|           | Astacidae      | Astacus   |  |
|           | Potamidae      | Potamon   |  |
|           | Portunidae     | Carcinus  |  |

**Table 2.** Taxa at the sampling stations in Sinop (**Abbreviations:** Vill. = Village, S.W.=Spring Water, D.B.=Drinking Basin, Str.=Stream, Crk.=Creek)

| No | Stations                        | Sampling date | Taxon              | No | Stations                        | Sampling Date | Taxon                 |
|----|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|----|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 1  | Demirci Vill. Aysel Yüksel D.B. | 29.06.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i> | 9  | Silahçı Stream                  | 30.06.1999    | <i>P. i. tauricum</i> |
| 2  | Yemişen Vill. Çatal Çeşme D.B.  | 29.06.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i> | 10 | Doğanlı Vill. Stream            | 30.06.1999    | --                    |
| 3  | Aksu Vill. Drinking Basin-1     | 29.06.1999    | <i>G. komareki</i> | 11 | Ömerdüz Vill. Stream            | 30.06.1999    | --                    |
| 4  | Aksu Vill. Drinking Basin-2     | 29.06.1999    | --                 | 12 | Zaviye Stream                   | 30.06.1999    | --                    |
| 5  | Atbaşı Vill. Drinking Basin     | 29.06.1999    | <i>G. uludagi</i>  | 13 | Aşağıköyü Stream                | 30.06.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i>    |
| 6  | DB between Terziyeri-Gökçebe    | 29.06.1999    | --                 | 14 | Pazarcık Stream                 | 28.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i>    |
| 7  | Sakarabası Vill. D.B.           | 29.06.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i> | 15 | Bostancılı Vill. Drinking Basin | 02.07.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i>    |
| 8  | Çaykas Stream                   | 29.06.1999    | --                 | 16 | Bostancılı Vill. Springs        | 02.07.1999    | ----                  |

Table 2 (continued)

| No | Stations                      | Sampling date | Taxon  | No | Stations                                 | Sampling date | Taxon                                      |
|----|-------------------------------|---------------|--|----|--|---------------|--|
| 17 | Korucuk Vill. D.B.            | 28.06.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i> , <i>A. aquaticus</i>                   | 38 | Yenikent Stream                          | 10.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i>                         |
| 18 | Karasu Creek                  | 28.06.1999    | ---  | 39 | Ağcapınar Springs                        | 17.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i>                         |
| 19 | Springs of Kabalı Creek-1     | 06.07.1999    | <i>G. komareki</i> , <i>G. balcanicus</i>                  | 40 | Sazlı Vill. Springs.                     | 17.09.1999    | <i>G. balcanicus</i>                       |
| 20 | Sprins of Kabalı Creek-2.     | 06.07.1999    | <i>G. longipedis</i> ,                                     | 41 | Sazlık Stream                            | 17.09.1999    | <i>G. komareki</i> , <i>G. balcanicus</i>  |
| 21 | Sprins of Kavacık Creek.      | 06.07.1999    | <i>G. komareki</i>   | 42 | Taşmanlı Reservoir                       | 17.09.1999    | --   |
| 22 | Uyuzsuyu Spring.              | 06.07.1999    | <i>G. komareki</i>   | 43 | Yukarı Sazlı Vill. Drinking Basin        | 17.09.1999    | <i>G. balcanicus</i>                       |
| 23 | Subaşı S.W.                   | 06.07.1999    | <i>G. komareki</i>   | 44 | Springs-1 at the side of Müsellem Stream | 17.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i> , <i>P. i. tauricum</i> |
| 24 | Gökırmak River                | 06.07.1999    | <i>G. komareki</i> , <i>G. longipedis</i>                  | 45 | Müsellem Stream                          | 17.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i>                         |
| 25 | Sankum Vill. S.W.             | 06.07.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i>   | 46 | Springs-2 at Müsellem Stm.               | 17.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i>                         |
| 26 | Radar S.W.                    | 30.06.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i>   | 47 | Çırnık Sprins-1.                         | 17.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i> , <i>P. i. tauricum</i> |
| 27 | Soğuk Stream                  | 10.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i> , <i>G. komareki</i>                    | 48 | Çırnık Springs-2 .                       | 17.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i> , <i>P. i. tauricum</i> |
| 28 | Ayıpçı Stream                 | 10.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i> , <i>G. uludağı</i> , <i>G.komareki</i> | 49 | Çırnık Springs-3.                        | 17.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i>                         |
| 29 | Kemet Vill. Stream            | 10.09.1999    | <i>P. i. tauricum</i>                                      | 50 | Yaykıl Vill. Tiryaki District D. B.      | 17.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i>                         |
| 30 | Saray Creek                   | 10.09.1999    | --   | 51 | Karacasu Springs                         | 17.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i> , <i>P. i. tauricum</i> |
| 31 | Kızıklı Vill. Drinking Basin. | 10.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i> , <i>G. komareki</i>                    | 52 | Flood Water Pool between                 | 28.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i>                         |
| 32 | Alacasu Spring                | 10.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i> , <i>G. komareki</i>                    | 53 | DB between Akçakese-Gemre Vill.          | 28.09.1999    | <i>P. i. tauricum</i>                      |
| 33 | Akçasu Spring                 | 10.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i> , <i>G. komareki</i>                    | 54 | Ayancık Creek.                           | 28.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i>                         |
| 34 | Güzelleçay                    | 10.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i> , <i>G. komareki</i>                    | 55 | Ayancık Creek- river mouth.              | 29.06.1999    | --   |
| 35 | Sepetçioğlu Stream            | 10.09.1999    | <i>G. p.pulex</i>  | 56 | Yenikonak Stream                         | 28.09.1999    | <i>P. i. tauricum</i>                      |
| 36 | Hacıselli Stream              | 10.09.1999    | <i>G. p.pulex</i>  | 57 | Çangal Vill. Springs                     | 28.09.1999    | <i>G. balcanicus</i>                       |
| 37 | Yenikent D.B.                 | 10.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i> , <i>A. aquaticus</i>                   | 58 | Çangal Vill. Stream.                     | 28.09.1999    | <i>G. balcanicus</i>                       |

Table 2 (continued)

| No | Stations                                 | Sampling date | Taxon                              | No  | Stations                            | Sampling date | Taxon                 |
|----|--|---------------|------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 59 | Çangal Stm. Spring's-1                   | 28.09.1999    | <i>G. balcanicus</i>               | 80  | Yeşiloba Vill. Drinking basin       | 30.09.1999    | <i>G. balcanicus</i>  |
| 60 | Çangal Stream's spring-2                 | 28.09.1999    | <i>G. balcanicus</i>               | 81  | Yeşiloba Vill. Sarpıca District DB. | 30.09.1999    | <i>G. balcanicus</i>  |
| 61 | Lake Akgöl                               | 28.09.1999    | <i>G. balcanicus</i>               | 82  | Flood Water Pool Turhan Vill.       | 30.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i>    |
| 62 | İnaltı Creek's Tributary-1               | 28.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex, G. balcanicus</i>  | 83  | Bolla Stream                        | 30.09.1999    | <i>P. i. tauricum</i> |
| 63 | İnaltı Creek's Tributary-2.              | 28.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex, P. i. tauricum</i> | 84  | Türkeli Creek                       | 30.09.1999    | <i>P. i. tauricum</i> |
| 64 | İnaltı Vill. DB.                         | 28.09.1999    | <i>G. balcanicus</i>               | 85  | Bürmük Springs                      | 04.07.2000    | --                    |
| 65 | Avdullu Vill. Stream                     | 28.09.1999    | <i>G. balcanicus</i>               | 86  | Gazi Creek Gökırmak's               | 04.07.2000    | <i>G. balcanicus</i>  |
| 66 | İnaltı Stream's Tributary.               | 28.09.1999    | <i>G. balcanicus</i>               | 87  | Asarcık Stream                      | 04.07.2000    | <i>G. komareki</i>    |
| 67 | İnaltı Stream                            | 28.09.1999    | <i>G. balcanicus</i>               | 88  | Uluköy Stream                       | 04.07.2000    | --                    |
| 68 | Bakırlık Vill. Stream                    | 28.09.1999    | <i>G. balcanicus</i>               | 89  | Arım Stream                         | 04.07.2000    | --                    |
| 69 | Gebelit Vill. D.B                        | 30.09.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i>                 | 90  | Durağan Reservoir.                  | 04.07.2000    | --                    |
| 70 | Armutlu Creek's Sprinds-1                | 30.09.1999    | <i>G. balcanicus</i>               | 91  | Terelik Springs                     | 04.07.2000    | --                    |
| 71 | Armutlu Creek's Springs-2                | 30.09.1999    | <i>G. balcanicus</i>               | 92  | Soğucak Springs                     | 04.07.2000    | <i>G. komareki</i>    |
| 72 | Çatalörencik Vill. Kuzgece District DB.  | 30.09.1999    | <i>G. balcanicus</i>               | 93  | Kılıçlı Vill. D.B                   | 06.07.2000    | <i>G. p. pulex</i>    |
| 73 | Çatalörencik Vill. Kuzgece District's .. | 30.09.1999    | <i>G. balcanicus</i>               | 94  | Bektaşağa Reservoir                 | 06.07.2000    | --                    |
| 74 | Ulugürleyik Stream's springs             | 30.09.1999    | <i>G. balcanicus</i>               | 95  | Çelen Vill. Springs                 | 06.07.2000    | --                    |
| 75 | Ulugürleyik Stream                       | 30.09.1999    | <i>G. balcanicus</i>               | 96  | Karasu River's SW. ...              | 06.07.2000    | <i>P. i. tauricum</i> |
| 76 | Hamzalar District D.B                    | 30.09.1999    | <i>G. balcanicus</i>               | 97  | Kuzsöku Vill. Drinking Basin        | 06.07.2000    | --                    |
| 77 | Hamzalar District Stream                 | 30.09.1999    | <i>G. komareki</i>                 | 98  | Ahat Vill. Drinking Basin           | 06.07.2000    | --                    |
| 78 | Kabaloğlu Stream                         | 30.09.1999    | <i>G. komareki, P. i. tauricum</i> | 99  | Kabalı Creek                        | 06.07.2000    | <i>P. i. tauricum</i> |
| 79 | Kösealan District Drinking basin         | 30.09.1999    | <i>G. balcanicus</i>               | 100 | Karapınar Vill. springs             | 06.07.2000    | <i>G. p. pulex</i>    |

Table 2 (continued)

| No  | Stations                            | Sampling   | Taxon                                      | No  | Stations                          | Sampling   | Taxon                                       |
|-----|-------------------------------------|------------|--|-----|-----------------------------------|------------|---|
| 101 | Ebe Stream                          | 06.07.2000 | <i>P. i. tauricum</i>                      | 117 | Edilli Valley Spring Basin        | 07.07.2000 | <i>G. p. pulex</i> , <i>G. balcanicus</i>   |
| 102 | Alođlu Vill. 1. Drinking Basin      | 07.07.2000 | <i>G. p. pulex</i>                         | 118 | Karadevret Stream                 | 07.07.2000 | <i>G. komareki</i>                          |
| 103 | Tasaklar Stream                     | 07.07.2000 | <i>G. p. pulex</i> , <i>P. i. tauricum</i> | 119 | Deđirmen Stream                   | 07.07.2000 | --  |
| 104 | Alođlu Vill. 2. Drinking Basin      | 07.07.2000 | --   | 120 | Sarımsaklı Creek (Rivermouth)     | 07.07.2000 | <i>G. p. pulex</i> , <i>P. i. tauricum</i>  |
| 105 | Maruf Reservoir.                    | 04.07.2000 | --   | 121 | Sırakarađaçlar Stream             | 03.07.2000 | <i>G. aequicauda</i> , <i>A. aquaticus</i>  |
| 106 | Çakallı Vill. Yusufođlu District    | 07.07.2000 | <i>G. p. pulex</i>                         | 122 | Sırakarađaçlar Stream Spring      | 03.07.2000 | <i>N. valachicus</i> , <i>S. ambulans</i>   |
| 107 | Çakallı Vill.. Strm.                | 07.07.2000 | <i>G. p. pulex</i>                         | 123 | Hamsiloz Fiyord's Stream.         | 05.06.2000 | <i>A. aquaticus</i> , <i>I. hectica</i>     |
| 108 | Çakallı Vill. Taşkın Drinking Basin | 07.07.2000 | --   | 124 | Nisi Reservoir                    | 15.09.1999 | <i>G. p. pulex</i>                          |
| 109 | Gebe Creek                          | 07.07.2000 | <i>P. i. tauricum</i>                      | 125 | Keçideresi Spring Water           | 02.07.2000 | <i>G. p. pulex</i> , <i>A. aquaticus</i>    |
| 110 | Çeçe Vill. Stream                   | 07.07.2000 | <i>G. p. pulex</i> , <i>G. komareki</i> ,  | 126 | Keçideresi Spring Water ,Basin-2. | 02.07.2000 | <i>G. p. pulex</i>                          |
| 111 | Çađlayan Vill. S.B                  | 07.07.2000 | <i>G. komareki</i>                         | 127 | Lake Sarikum                      | 29.06.1999 | <i>G. aequicauda</i> , <i>C. crangon</i>    |
| 112 | Çađlayan Vill. Waterfalls           | 07.07.2000 | <i>G. komareki</i> , <i>P. i. tauricum</i> | 128 | Gebelit Stream (Rivermouth)       | 29.06.1999 | <i>G. aequicauda</i> , <i>I. b. basteri</i> |
| 113 | Çađlayan Vill. Stream               | 07.07.2000 | <i>G. komareki</i> , <i>P. i. tauricum</i> | 129 | Harzane Stream                    | 29.06.1999 | --  |
| 114 | Alıç Stream                         | 07.07.2000 | <i>G. komareki</i> , <i>G. balcanicus</i>  | 130 | Işıđan Creek                      | 29.06.1999 | --  |
| 115 | İmamlı Stream                       | 07.07.2000 | <i>G. komareki</i>                         | 131 | Helaldı Creek                     | 30.06.1999 | --  |
| 116 | Sarımsaklı Vill. Spring             | 07.07.2000 | <i>G. komareki</i> , <i>G. balcanicus</i>  |     |                                   |            |   |



**Table 3.** Encountered taxa at the sampling stations in Samsun.

| No  | Stations                                   | Sampling date | Taxon  | No  | Stations                           | Sampling date | Taxon   |
|-----|--|---------------|--|-----|------------------------------------|---------------|---|
| 132 | Selemenlik Vill. Tınaklar District springs | 08.10.1999    | <i>G. uludagi</i> ,<br><i>P. i. tauricum</i> | 154 | Hamamayağı Thermal Springs         | 21.06.2000    | --  |
| 332 | Asmapınar Stream.                          | 08.10.1999    | <i>P. i. tauricum</i>                        | 155 | Mert River                         | 21.06.2000    | <i>P. i. tauricum</i>                               |
| 134 | Spring on the edge of Yünlüce Stream       | 08.10.1999    | <i>P. i. tauricum</i>                        | 156 | Kavak (Güven) Reservoir            | 21.06.2000    | <i>A. l. leptodactylus</i>                          |
| 135 | Pelitbüküsekicek Vill. DB.                 | 11.10.1999    | --   | 157 | Kavak Reservoir's stream           | 21.06.2000    | --  |
| 136 | Yukanısırganlı Vill. DB.                   | 11.10.1999    | --   | 158 | Kozansıkı Stream                   | 21.06.2000    | <i>P. i. tauricum</i>                               |
| 137 | Karadere Drinking Basin                    | 11.10.1999    | <i>G. uludagi</i>                            | 159 | Köseli Vill. Stream                | 21.06.2000    | <i>P. i. tauricum</i>                               |
| 138 | Karadere Stream                            | 11.10.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i>                           | 169 | Köseli Vill. Spring                | 21.06.2000    | --  |
| 139 | Küçükkozsoğlu Vill. Stream                 | 12.10.1999    | <i>G. p. pulex</i> ,<br><i>G. uludagi</i>    | 161 | Miliç 1 River. (Rivermouth region) | 22.06.2000    | <i>P. kosswigi</i> ,<br><i>A. l.</i>                |
| 140 | Büyükkozsoğlu Vill. Stream                 | 12.10.1999    | <i>G. uludagi</i>                            | 162 | Miliç 2 River                      | 22.06.2000    | <i>O. stephenseni</i> ,                             |
| 141 | Çakıl Stm.Çakırgümüş                       | 12.10.1999    | <i>G. uludagi</i> ,<br><i>G. komareki</i>    | 163 | Akçay                              | 22.06.2000    | --  |
| 142 | Bolat Vill. Stream.                        | 12.10.1999    | <i>G. komareki</i>                           | 164 | Springs on the edge of Akçay.      | 22.06.2000    | --  |
| 143 | Küpecik Vill. Stream                       | 12.10.1999    | --   | 165 | Terme Creek                        | 22.06.2000    | <i>A. aquaticus</i> ,<br><i>A. l. leptodactylus</i> |
| 144 | Lake Ladik                                 | 12.10.1999    | --   | 173 | Lake Cernek                        | 29.06.2000    | <i>I. b. basteri</i>                                |
| 145 | Tersakan Creek                             | 12.10.1999    | <i>G. komareki</i>                           | 174 | Uzungöl.                           | 29.06.2000    | <i>L. benedeni</i> ,<br><i>A. l.</i>                |
| 146 | Springs on the edge of Tersakan Creek      | 12.10.1999    | --   | 175 | Ulugöl (Lake Balık)                | 22.06.1999    | <i>L. benedeni</i> ,<br><i>A. l.</i>                |
| 147 | Altınkaya Reservoir                        | 19.06.2000    | <i>A. l. leptodactylus</i> ,                 | 176 | Lake Tatlı.                        | 22.06.1999    | <i>L. benedeni</i> ,<br><i>A. l.</i>                |
| 148 | Kapaklıçeşme Springs.                      | 20.06.2000    | --   | 177 | Lake Gıcı                          | 22.06.1999    | <i>L. benedeni</i> ,<br><i>A. l.</i>                |
| 149 | İstavroz Creek                             | 20.06.2000    | --   | 178 | Kızılırmak River.(rivermouth)      | 05.10.1999    | <i>A. l. leptodactylus</i>                          |
| 150 | Uluçay                                     | 20.06.2000    | --   | 179 | Çayağzı Stream                     | 30.06.2000    | --  |
| 151 | İstavroz Creek Spring.                     | 20.06.2000    | <i>G. komareki</i>                           | 180 | Lake.Simenit                       | 25.06.1999    | --  |
| 152 | Kocapınar Springs                          | 21.06.2000    | --   | 181 | Akgöl                              | 25.06.1999    | --  |
| 153 | Hamamayağı Stream.                         | 21.06.2000    | --   |     |                                    |               |   |

### Ecological results

A total of 181 sampling stations in Sinop and Samsun's freshwater and Brackish Water were given in Table 4. The stations were classified as river and creek, stream, spring water, reservoir, lagoon and river mouth, drinking basin, flood water pool, and thermal spring water. Distribution of taxa in the different freshwater and brackish water ecosystems were given in Table 4. While nine taxa were found in lagoons and river mouths, one taxon was encountered in flood water pool and lakes.

**Table 4.** Stations' classifications in Sinop and in Samsun.

| Categories                    | Sinop  | Samsun   |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>River and Creek</b>        | 24, 30, 34, 84, 86, 99, 131  | 145, 149, 150, 155, 162, 163, 165, 168                             |
| <b>Stream</b>                 | 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 27, 28, 29, 36, 38, 41, 45, 54, 56, 58, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67, 68, 73, 75, 77, 78, 79, 83, 87, 88, 89, 101, 103, 107, 109, 110, 113, 114, 115, 118, 119, 129, 130 | 133 139 140, 141, 142, 143, 153, 157, 158, 159, 167, 169, 170, 179 |
| <b>Spring water</b>           | 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 32, 33, 35, 47, 48, 49, 51, 57, 59, 60, 70, 71, 74, 85, 91, 92, 95, 96, 100, 111, 112, 116, 122, 125, 126  | 132 134, 138, 146 147, 151 152 160 164                             |
| <b>Lake</b>                   | 61   | 144, 173, 174, 175 176, 177, 180, 181                              |
| <b>Reservoir</b>              | 42, 90, 94, 105, 124   | 147, s156,, 166, 171   |
| <b>Lagoon and river mouth</b> | 18, 55, 120, 121, 123, 127, 128  | 161, 171, 178  |
| <b>Drinking basin</b>         | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 15, 17, 26, 31, 37, 39, 40, 43, 44, 46, 50, 53, 64, 69, 72, 76, 80, 81, 93, 97, 98, 102, 104, 106, 108, 117   | 135, 136, 137  |
| <b>Flood water pool</b>       | 52, 82   |  |
| <b>Thermal spring water</b>   |  | 154  |

*G. pulex pulex* was the most abundant species in 6 different stations which shows that this taxon has a very high tolerance and does not belong to any particular ecosystem. *P. i. tauricum* was the second most abundant species in 5 different habitats which shows that this taxon has a very high tolerance and does not belong to any particular ecosystem. In addition it was found at 34 sampling stations; it was the widest distributed taxa. The other taxon, *A. aquaticus* was encountered in 4 different habitats. *G. komareki* and *G. balcanicus*, *A. l. leptodactylus* was also encountered in 3 habitats. *G. aequicauda* *O. cavimana*, *O. stephensi*, *N. valachicus*, *S. ambulans*, *E.*

*ischnus I. hectica*, *S. serratum*, *P. elegans*, *P. adspersus*, *C. crangon*, *P. kosswigi* and *L. benedeni* were found in only one habitat.

**Table 5.** Distribution of taxa in the different freshwater and brackish water ecosystem.

| Taxon/<br>ecosystem        | River,<br>Creek | Stream | Spring<br>water | Lake | Reservoir | Lagoon,<br>river<br>mouth | Drinking<br>basin | Flood<br>water<br>pool |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|------|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| <i>G. pulex pulex</i>      | +               | +      | +               |      | +         |                           | +                 | +                      |
| <i>G. komareki</i>         | +               | +      | +               |      |           |                           | +                 |                        |
| <i>G. uludagi</i>          |                 | +      | +               |      |           |                           | +                 |                        |
| <i>G. balcanicus</i>       |                 | +      | +               | +    |           |                           | +                 |                        |
| <i>G. longipedis</i>       | +               |        | +               |      |           |                           |                   |                        |
| <i>G. aequicauda</i>       |                 |        |                 |      |           | +                         |                   |                        |
| <i>O. cavimana</i>         |                 |        |                 |      |           | +                         |                   |                        |
| <i>O. stephensi</i>        |                 |        |                 |      |           | +                         |                   |                        |
| <i>N. valachicus</i>       |                 |        | +               |      |           |                           |                   |                        |
| <i>S. ambulans</i>         |                 |        | +               |      |           |                           |                   |                        |
| <i>E. ischnus</i>          |                 |        |                 |      | +         |                           |                   |                        |
| <i>A. aquaticus</i>        |                 |        | +               |      | +         | +                         | +                 |                        |
| <i>I. b. basteri</i>       |                 |        |                 |      |           | +                         |                   |                        |
| <i>I. hectica</i>          |                 |        |                 |      |           | +                         |                   |                        |
| <i>S. serratum</i>         |                 |        |                 |      |           | +                         |                   |                        |
| <i>P. elegans</i>          |                 |        |                 |      |           | +                         |                   |                        |
| <i>P. adspersus</i>        |                 |        |                 |      |           | +                         |                   |                        |
| <i>C. crangon</i>          |                 |        |                 |      |           | +                         |                   |                        |
| <i>P. kosswigi</i>         |                 |        |                 |      |           | +                         |                   |                        |
| <i>L. benedeni</i>         |                 |        |                 | +    |           |                           |                   |                        |
| <i>P. i. tauricum</i>      | +               | +      | +               |      |           | +                         | +                 |                        |
| <i>A. l. lentodactylus</i> | +               |        |                 | +    | +         |                           |                   |                        |

Some taxa have peculiar habitat preferences. Some taxa were not found at some habitats meaning that they can be characteristic for certain habitats. For instance, *I. hectica*, *S. serratum*, *P. elegans*, *P. adspersus*, *C. crangon*, *P. kosswigi* were peculiar to lagoon and river mouth and *I. benedeni* was encountered only in lakes (Table 5).

In this study, 4 Malacostracan Orders's research area has been expanded. It is illustrated that *Limnomysis benedeni* was the first record for the Turkish Freshwater. *Idotea hectica* and *Paramysis kosswigi* are the first records for the Turkish Black Sea Region. Thus, this research contributes to Malacostaca fauna and biologic diversity of Turkey.

## Özet

Sinop ve Samsun İl sınırları içinde toplanan tatlısu ve acısu Malacostraca faunası 181 istasyondan Şubat 1999-Ekim 2000 tarihleri arasında araştırılmıştır. 134 istasyonda 15 genusa ait 19 tür ve 4 alttür toplam olarak da 23 taksa bulunmuştur: 11'i Amphipoda'ya, 6'sı Decapoda'ya, 4'ü İso-poda'ya, 2'si Mysidacea'ye aittir. Tespit edilen türlerden *Limnomysis benedeni* Türkiye faunası için yeni kayıttır. Diğer türlerden *Gammarus pulex pulex*, *G. aequicauda*, *G. uludagi*, *G. komareki*, *G. longipedis*, *G. balcanicus*, *Echinogammarus ischnus*, *Orchestia stephenseni*, *Paramysis kosswigi*, *Idotea baltica basteri*, *Idotea hectica*, *Sphaeroma serratum*, *Palaemon adspersus*, *Crangon crangon*, *Potamon ibericum tauricum* ve *Carcinus aestuarii* verilen lokalitelerde ilk defa tespit edilmiştir. *Potamon ibericum tauricum* en yaygın ve en çok istasyonlarda rastlanan tür olmuştur.

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