

## **Ostracoda (Crustacea) Fauna of the Black Sea Coasts of İstanbul**

### **İstanbul'un Karadeniz Kıyılarının Ostrakod (Krustase) Faunası**

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#### **Abstract**

The Black Sea having unique properties is located on the north of the Anatolia mainland. Its brackish water characteristics, combined with the currents from the Bosphorus strait and fresh water flow from various rivers leads to a wide ecologic spectrum. In this research a total of 19 stations were sampled in November 2000 and May 2001. 40 species from 19 genera have been identified, among these species 15 of them *Leptocythere macella*, *L. ramosa*, *L. lagunae*, *L. rara*, *Loxoconcha minima*, *L. littoralis*, *Hiltermannicythere rubra*, *Heterocythereis albomaculata*, *Cytheroma variabilis*, *Semicytherura amorpha*, *Semicytherura rarecostata*, *Xestoleberis margaritea*, *Paradoxostoma aff. triste*, *Argilloecia acuminata* and *A. minor* are new records for recent ostracoda fauna of Turkey.

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**Key Words:** Black Sea, Ostracoda, Crustacea, Systematic.

## Introduction

The subclass ostracoda, has a wide ecological distribution in all kinds of water environments. Sampling stations were chosen for their proximity to the Bosphorus and where the probability of finding marine ostracoda, which are encountered in Mediterranean Sea, Aegean Sea and the Sea of Marmara were the highest. The Black Sea coasts of Turkey were sampled in previous researches such as (Kılıç, 1992, 1997) and (Tunoğlu, 2002) recording brackish and fresh water ostracoda as well as marine species. As a result of this research, new species were added to the fauna of the Black Sea and also some species from Mediterranean, Marmara and Aegean Seas were encountered showing the wide ecologic spectrum of the Black Sea.

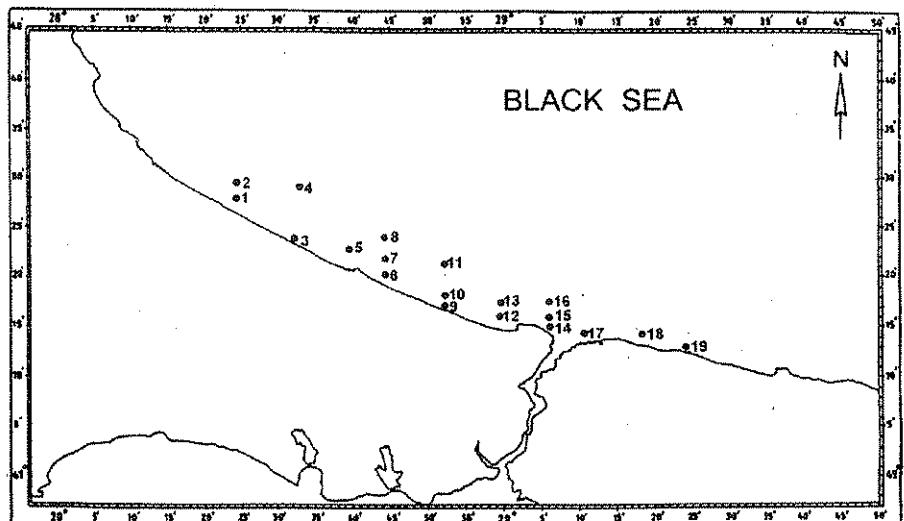


Figure 1. Sampling locations ..

## Materials and Method

19 stations from the coasts of the Black Sea, north of İstanbul were sampled in November 2000 and May 2001. All of these localities were offshore locations of variable depths between 5 m and 65 m, a 25 kg grab was employed for sampling, the resulting material were fixed in 4% formaldehyde and later immersed in 1% hydrogen peroxide for 24 hours. Material separated from mud and detritus were washed through sieves of 2.5; 2; 1; 0.25; 0.16; 0.09 mm of mesh sizes and left to dry, 20 g of dry material per station was investigated for valves or carapaces of ostracoda under a stereo microscope. Dry specimens are preserved in micropaleontological slides in the University of İstanbul Zoological Museum.

Table 1. Sampling locations, coordinates and dates.

Stations	Coordinates	Dates
1	41°28'00"N 28°25'00"E	13 November 2000
2	41°29'30"N 28°25'30"E	13 November 2000
3	41°23'30"N 28°32'00"E	13 November 2000
4	41°29'00"N 28°33'00"E	21 May 2001
5	41°23'00"N 28°39'00"E	13 November 2000
6	41°20'30"N 28°44'00"E	14 November 2000
7	41°22'00"N 28°44'00"E	14 November 2000
8	41°24'00"N 28°45'00"E	14 November 2000
9	41°17'00"N 28°52'00"E	14 November 2000
10	41°18'00"N 28°52'00"E	14 November 2000
11	41°21'15"N 28°52'30"E	22 May 2001
12	41°16'00"N 28°59'30"E	14 November 2000
13	41°17'30"N 29°00'00"E	14 November 2000
14	41°15'00"N 29°06'30"E	14 November 2000
15	41°16'00"N 29°06'30"E	14 November 2000
16	41°17'30"N 29°06'30"E	14 November 2000
17	41°14'30"N 29°11'00"E	14 November 2000
18	41°14'00"N 29°18'30"E	14 November 2000
19	41°13'00"N 29°24'00"E	14 November 2000

Table 2. Distribution of species to sampled localities.

Stations	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Species																			
<i>Leptocythere macella</i>		*					*				*								
<i>Leptocythere ramosa</i>		*					*				*								
<i>Leptocythere lagunae</i>							*												
<i>Leptocythere rara</i>							*												
<i>Callistocythere pallida</i>		*																	
<i>Callistocythere littoralis</i>			*										*						
<i>Callistocythere adriatica</i>	*	*					*				*								
<i>Cyprideis torosa</i>			*						*					*					
<i>Pontocythere elongata</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Pontocythere turbida</i>									*										
<i>Carinocythereis antiquata</i>		*																	
<i>Hiltermannicythere rubra</i>		*		*	*		*		*			*		*			*		
<i>Aurila speyeri</i>			*																
<i>Aurila prasina</i>			*		*	*			*										
<i>Urocythereis britannica</i>	*				*	*			*		*								
<i>Heterocytheris albomaculata</i>		*				*													
<i>Cytheroma variabilis</i>	*					*					*								
<i>Loxoconcha minima</i>																*			
<i>Loxoconcha rhomboidea</i>	*					*					*								
<i>Loxoconcha littoralis</i>												*							
<i>Loxoconcha stellifera</i>											*								
<i>Loxoconcha ovulata</i>							*												
<i>Paracytheridea parallia</i>	*					*					*								
<i>Pseudocytherura calcarata</i>													*		*				
<i>Semicytherura amorpha</i>							*												
<i>Semicytherura rarecostata</i>														*					
<i>Semicytherura ruggieri</i>							*												
<i>Semicytherura rara</i>							*												
<i>Xestoleberis margaritea</i>					*														
<i>Xestoleberis communis</i>			*				*												
<i>Xestoleberis decipiens</i>	*					*	*												
<i>Xestoleberis dispar</i>	*	*				*	*				*								
<i>Xestoleberis plana</i>													*						
<i>Xestoleberis margaritopsis</i>	*																		
<i>Bythocythere turgida</i>		*																	
<i>Paradoxostoma aff. triste</i>		*									*								
<i>Paradoxostoma simile</i>		*									*	*							
<i>Sclerochilus concortus</i>		*																	
<i>Argilloecia acuminata</i>												*							
<i>Argilloecia minor</i>								*											

Class: CRUSTACEA

Subclass: OSTRACODA Latreille, 1806

Order: PODOCOPIDA Muller, 1894

Suborder: PODOCOPA Sars, 1866

Superfamily: CYTHERACEA Baird, 1850

Family: LEPTOCYTHERIDAE Hanai, 1957

Genus: LEPTOCY THERE Sars, 1928

*Leptocythere macella* Ruggieri, 1975

Material: 4. st., 8. st., 11. st.

New record for Turkey.

General distribution: Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975).

*Leptocythere ramosa* (Rome, 1942) Ruggieri, 1952

Material: 4. st., 8. st., 11. st.

New record for Turkey.

General distribution: Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975); Black Sea, (Mordukhai-Boltovskoi, 1969); Evros Delta North Aegean Sea-Greece, (Stambolidis 1985).

*Leptocythere lagunae* Hartmann, 1958

Material: 8. st.

New record for Turkey.

General distribution: Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975).

*Leptocythere rara* (Muller, 1894) Ruggieri, 1953

Material: 8. st.

New record for Turkey.

General distribution: Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975); Bay of Bou-Ismail, Algeria, (Yassini, 1979); Black Sea, (Mordukhai-Boltovskoi, 1969).

Genus: Callistocythere Ruggieri, 1953

*Callistocythere pallida* (Muller, 1894) Ruggieri, 1962

Material: 4. st.

Old records from Turkey: Gökçeada-Bozcaada-Çanakkale, (Şafak, 1999).

General distribution: Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975); Bay of Bou-Ismail, Algeria, (Yassini, 1979).

*Callistocythere littoralis* (Muller, 1894) Hanai, 1957.

Material: 5. st., 13. st.

Old records from Turkey: Saros Bay, (Kubanç, 1999).

General distribution: Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971); Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975); Gökçeada-Bozcaada-Çanakkale, (Şafak, 1999).

*Callistocythere adriatica* Masoli, 1968.

Material: 2. st., 4. st., 8. st., 11. st..

Old records from Turkey: Saros Bay, (Kubanç, 1999); Black Sea, (Tunoğlu, 2002).

General distribution: Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975).

Family: CYTHERIDEIDAE Sars, 1925

Genus: Cyprideis Jones, 1857

*Cyprideis torosa* (Jones, 1850)

Material: 5. st., 10. st., 14. st.

Old records from Turkey: Saros Bay, (Kubanç, 1999); İzmir, (Gülen, 1985b); Zeytindağ- Bergama, (Altınsaçlı, 1988); Sea of Marmara, (Kubanç, 1989); Ayvalık-Bergama, (Kubanç and Altınsaçlı, 1990); İstanbul, (Kılıç, 1992); Aegean Sea (Kubanç, 1995); Black Sea (Kılıç, 1997); Thrace, (Özuluğ, 2000); Dardanelles, (Kubanç and Kılınçarslan, 2001); Gökçeada-Bozcaada-Çanakkale, (Şafak, 1999).

General distribution: Baltic Sea, Britain, Netherlands, France, Middle Asia, North Africa (Sars, 1928); Europe, Caspian Sea, Rudolf Lake, Equatorial Africa, (Klie, 1938); Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971); Evros Delta North Aegean Sea-Greece, (Stambolidis, 1985); Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et. al., 1975); Bay of Bou-Ismail, Algeria, (Yassini, 1979); Black Sea, (Mordukhai-Boltovskoi, 1969).

Family: CUSHMANIDEIDAE Puri, 1973

Genus: Pontocythere Dubowsky, 1939.

Pontocythere elongata (Brady, 1868), Oertli, 1956

Material: 3. st., 4 st., 5. st., 6. st., 7. st., 8. st., 9. st., 10. st., 12. st., 13. st., 14. st., 15. st., 16. st., 17. st., 18. st., 19. st.

Old records from Turkey: Ayvalık-Bergama, (Kubanç and Altınsaçlı, 1990); İstanbul, (Kılıç, 1992); Saros Bay, (Kubanç, 1999); Aegean Sea, (Kubanç, 1995); Thrace, (Özuluğ, 2000).

General distribution: Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971); Evros Delta North Aegean Sea-Greece, (Stambolidis, 1985).

Pontocythere turbida (Muller, 1894) Morkhoven 1963

Material: 10. st.

Old records from Turkey: Saros Bay, (Kubanç, 1999); Thrace, (Özuluğ, 2000).

General distribution: Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975).

Family: TRACHYLEBERIDIDAE Slyvester- Bradley, 1948

Genus: Carinocythereis Ruggieri, 1956

Carinocythereis antiquata (Baird, 1850) Morkhoven, 1963.

Material: 4 st.

Old records from Turkey: Saros Bay, (Kubanç, 1999); Sea of Marmara (Kubanç, 1989); Aegean Sea, (Kubanç, 1995); İzm̄it Bay (Quaternary), (Gülen et al., 1995); Black Sea, (Tunoğlu, 2002); Dardanelles, (Kubanç and Kılınçarslan, 2001); Gökçeada-Bozcaada-Çanakkale, (Şafak, 1999).

General distribution: Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971); Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975); Bay of Bou-Ismail, Algeria, (Yassini, 1979).

Genus: Hiltermannicythere Bassiouni, 1970

Hiltermannicythere rubra (Muller, 1894) Bonaduce et al., 1976

Material: 4 st., 7 st., 8. st., 10. st., 11. st., 13. st., 15. st.

New record for Turkey.

General distribution: Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975).

Family: HEMICYTHERIDAE Puri, 1953

Subfamily: HEMICYTHERINAE Puri, 1953

Genus: Aurila Pokorný, 1955

*Aurila speyeri* (Brady, 1868) Pokorny, 1955

Material: 7. st.

Old records from Turkey: Aegean Sea, (Kubanç, 1995); İstanbul, (Kılıç, 1992); Ayvalık-Bergama, (Kubanç and Altınsaçlı, 1990); Gökçeada-Bozcaada-Çanakkale, (Şafak, 1999).

General distribution: Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975); Evros Delta North Aegean Sea-Greece, (Stambolidis, 1985); Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971).

*Aurila prasina* Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971

Material: 4 st., 7 st., 8. st., 10. st.

Old records from Turkey: Saros Bay, (Kubanç, 1999); Ayvalık, (Kubanç and Altınsaçlı, 1990); İstanbul, (Kılıç, 1992).

General distribution: Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975); Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971).

Subfamily: UROCYTHEREIDINAE (Hartmann-Puri, 1974)

Genus: *Urocythereis* Ruggieri, 1950

*Urocythereis britannica* Athersuch, 1977

Material: 2. st., 7. st., 8. st., 10. st.

Old records from Turkey: Aegean Sea, (Kubanç, 1995); Sea of Marmara, (Kubanç, 1989); Ayvalık, (Kubanç and Altınsaçlı, 1990); İstanbul, (Kılıç, 1992); (Kubanç and Kılıncarslan, 2001).

General distribution: Biskay Bay, S. Wales, South Britain, North Spain, France, Netherlands (Holocene), Aegean Sea (Pliocene), Cyprus (Sub-Recent), (Athersuch, 1977).

Subfamily: HEMICYTHERINAE Puri, 1953

Genus: *Heterocythereis* Elefson, 1941

*Heterocythereis albomaculata* (Baird, 1838) Puri, 1953

Material: 4 st., 8. st..

New record for Turkey.

General distribution: Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975); Bay of Bou-Ismail, Algeria, (Yassini, 1979); Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971).

Family: CYTHEROMATIDAE Elefson, 1939

Genus: *Cytheroma* Muller, 1894

*Cytheroma variabilis* Muller, 1894

Material: 4 st., 8. st., 11. st.

New record for Turkey.

General distribution: Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975); Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971); Black Sea, (Mordukhai-Boltovskoi, 1969).

Family: LOXOCONCHIDAE Sars, 1925.

Genus: *Loxoconcha* Sars, 1866.

*Loxoconcha minima* Muller 1894

Material: 15. st.

New record for Turkey.

General distribution: Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975).

*Loxoconcha rhomboidea* (Fischer, 1855) Sars 1866

Material: 4 st., 8. st, 11. st.

Old records from Turkey: Saros Bay, (Kubanç, 1999); Sea of Marmara, (Kubanç, 1989); Aegean Sea, (Kubanç, 1995); İzmit Bay (Qaternary), (Gülen et al., 1995); Black Sea, (Kılıç, 1997); Dardanelles, (Kubanç and Kılıncarslan, 2001); Gökçeada-Bozcaada-Çanakkale, (Şafak, 1999).

General distribution: Britain, France, Norway, North America, (Sars, 1928); Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971); Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975); Evros Delta, North Aegean Sea-Greece, (Stambolidis, 1985); Bay of Bou-Ismail, Algeria, (Yassini, 1979); Black Sea, (Mordukhai-Boltovskoi, 1969).

*Loxoconcha littoralis* Muller 1894

Material: 11. st.

New record for Turkey.

General distribution: Pharos and Naxos islands, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971); Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975).

*Loxoconcha stellifera* Muller, 1894.

Material: 10. st.

Old records from Turkey: Saros Bay, (Kubanç, 1999); Çandarlı-Dikili, Ayvalık (Kubanç and Altınsaçlı, 1990).

General distribution: Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971); Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975); Evros Delta North Aegean Sea-Greece, (Stambolidis, 1985); Bay of Bou-Ismail, Algeria, (Yassini, 1979).

*Loxoconcha ovulata* (Costa, 1853) Ascoli, 1965

Material: 7. st.

Old records from Turkey: Saros Bay, (Kubanç, 1999); Aegean Sea, (Kubanç, 1995).

General distribution: Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971); Evros Delta North Aegean Sea-Greece, (Stambolidis, 1985).

Family: PARACYTHERIDEIDAE Puri, 1957.

Genus: Paracytheridea Muller, 1894.

*Paracytheridea parallia* Gonzales-Barbeito.J.P., 1971

Material: 1. st., 8. st., 11. st.

Old records from Turkey: Saros Bay, (Kubanç 1999); Sea of Marmara, (Kubanç 1989); Aegean Sea, (Kubanç, 1995); İzmit Bay (Qaternary), (Gülen et al., 1995); Dardanelles, (Kubanç and Kılıncarslan, 2001).

General distribution: Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971); Evros Delta North Aegean Sea-Greece, (Stambolidis, 1985).

Family: CYTHERURIDAE Muller, 1894

Subfamily: CYTHERURINAE Muller, 1894

Genus: Pseudocytherura Dubowsky, 1939

*Pseudocytherura calcarata* (Seguenza) Mørkhaven, 1963

Material: 13. st., 15. st.

Old records from Turkey: Aegean Sea, (Kubanç, 1995); Sea of Marmara (Kubanç, 1989); Black Sea, (Tunoğlu, 2002).

General distribution: Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea; (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971).

Genus: *Semicytherura* Wagner, 1957

*Semicytherura amorpha* Bonaduce et al., 1976

Material: 8. st..

New record for Turkey.

General distribution: Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975).

*Semicytherura rarecostata* Bonaduce et al., 1975

Material: 13. st..

New record for Turkey.

General distribution: Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975).

*Semicytherura ruggieri* (Pucci, 1956) Ruggieri, 1959

Material: 8. st..

Old records from Turkey: Saros Bay, (Kubanç, 1999).

General distribution: Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971); Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975); Evros Delta North Aegean Sea-Greece, (Stambolidis, 1985); Bay of Bou-Ismail, Algeria, (Yassini, 1979).

*Semicytherura rara* (Muller, 1894) Masoli, 1968.

Material: 7. st..

Old records from Turkey: Saros Bay, (Kubanç, 1999).

General distribution: Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971); Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975); Bay of Bou-Ismail, Algeria, (Yassini, 1979).

Family: XESTOLEBERIDIDAE Sars, 1928

Genus: *Xestoleberis* Sars, 1866

*Xestoleberis margaritea* (Brady, 1866) Brady, 1880

Material: 5. st.

New record for Turkey.

General distribution: Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971); Evros Delta North Aegean Sea-Greece, (Stambolidis, 1985); Bay of Bou-Ismail, Algeria, (Yassini, 1979).

*Xestoleberis communis* Muller, 1894,

Material: 4 st. 8. st.

Old records from Turkey: Saros Bay, (Kubanç, 1999); Aegean Sea, (Kubanç, 1995).

General distribution: Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971); Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975); Evros Delta North Aegean Sea-Greece, (Stambolidis, 1985); Bay of Bou-Ismail, Algeria, (Yassini, 1979).

*Xestoleberis decipiens* Muller, 1894

Material: 2. st., 7. st., 8. st.

Old records from Turkey: Aegean Sea, (Kubanç, 1995); İstanbul, (Kılıç, 1992).

General distribution: Evros Delta North Aegean Sea-Greece, (Stambolidis, 1985); Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971); Black Sea, (Mordukhai-Boltovskoi, 1969).

*Xestoleberis dispar* Muller, 1894

Material: 2. st., 4. st., 7. st., 8. st., 11. st.

Old records from Turkey: Saros Bay (Kubanç, 1999); Aegean Sea, (Kubanç, 1995); Black Sea, (Tunoğlu, 2002).

General distribution: Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975).

*Xestoleberis plana* Muller 1894

Material: 13. st.

Old records from Turkey: Saros Bay, (Kubanç, 1999).

General distribution: Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971); Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975); Bay of Bou-Ismail, Algeria, (Yassini, 1979).

*Xestoleberis margaritopsis* Rome, 1942

Material: 2. st.

Old records from Turkey: Saros Bay, (Kubanç, 1999).

General distribution: Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971); Evros Delta North Aegean Sea—Greece, (Stambolidis, 1985).

Family: BYTOCYTHERIDAE Sars, 1866

Genus: Bythocythere Sars, 1866

*Bythocythere turgida* Sars, 1865

Material: 4 st.

Old records from Turkey: Saros Bay, (Kubanç, 1999); Aegean Sea, (Kubanç, 1995).

General distribution: Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971); Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975); Evros Delta North Aegean Sea—Greece, (Stambolidis, 1985); Bay of Bou-Ismail, Algeria, (Yassini, 1979); Black Sea, (Mordukhai-Boltovskoi, 1969).

Family: PARADOXOSTOMATIDAE Brady- Norman, 1889

Genus: Paradoxostoma Fischer, 1855

*Paradoxostoma aff. triste* Muller, 1894

Material: 4 st. 11. st..

New record for Turkey.

General distribution: Bay of Bou-Ismail, Algeria, (Yassini, 1979). Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971).

*Paradoxostoma simile* Muller, 1894

Material: 3. st., 10. st., 11. st..

Old records from Turkey: Saros Bay, (Kubanç, 1999); Aegean Sea, (Kubanç, 1995); Black Sea, (Tunoğlu, 2002).

General distribution: Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971); Black Sea, (Mordukhai-Boltovskoi, 1969).

Genus: *Sclerochilus* Sars, 1866

*Sclerochilus contortus* (Norman, 1862) Sars 1866

Material: 4 st.

Old records from Turkey: Saros Bay, (Kubanç, 1999).

General distribution: Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971); Adriatic Sea (Bonaduce et al., 1975); Norway, (Sars, 1928).

Superfamily: CYPRIDACEA Baird, 1845

Family: PONTOCYPRIDIDAE G. W. Muller, 1894

Genus: Argilloecia Sars, 1866

Argilloecia acuminata Muller, 1894

Material: 11. st.

New record for Turkey.

General distribution: Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975); Bay of Bou-Ismail, Algeria, (Yassini, 1979).

Argilloecia minor (Jones and Hinde, 1890) Mandelstam, 1963

Material: 8. st.

New record for Turkey.

General distribution: Adriatic Sea, (Bonaduce et al., 1975); Pharos and Naxos islands Greece, Aegean Sea, (Barbeito-Gonzales, 1971).

## Discussion

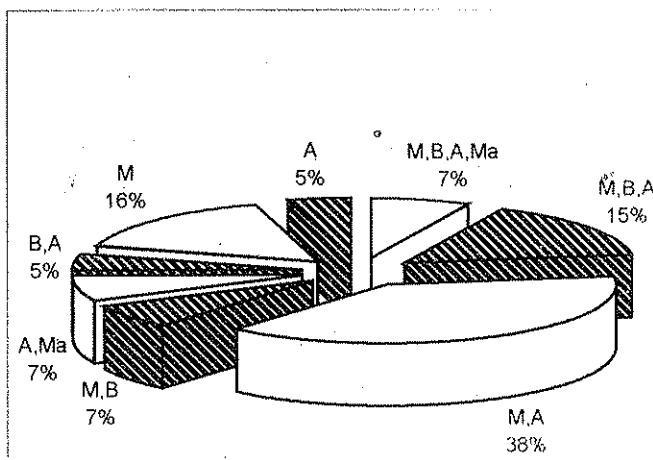
As a result of the systematic investigation of grab samples from 19 stations acquired from the region; One suborder (Podocopa), two superfamilies (Cytheracea, Cypridacea), thirteen families (Leptocytheridae, Cytherideidae, Cushmanidae, Trachyleberididae, Hemicytheridae, Cytheromatidae, Loxoconchidae, Paracytherideidae, Cyheruridae, Xesteloberididae, Bythocytheridae, Paradoxostomatidae, Pontocyprididae), nineteen genera (Leptocythere, Callistocythere, Cyprideis, Pontocythere, Carinocythereis, Hiltermannicythere, Aurila, Urocythereis, Heterocythereis, Cytheroma, Loxoconcha, Paracytheridea, Pseudocytherura, Semicytherura, Xestoleberis, Bythocythere, Paradoxostoma, Sclerochilus, Argilloecia), fourty species (Leptocythere macella, L. ramosa, L. lagunae, L. rara, Callistocythere pallida, C. littoralis, C. adriatica, Cyprideis torosa, Pontocythere elongata, P. turbida, Carinocythereis antiquata, Hiltermannicythere rubra, Aurila speyeri, A. prasina, Urocythereis britannica, Heterocythereis albomaculata, Cytheroma variabilis, Loxoconcha minima, L. rhomboidea, L. littoralis, L. stellifera, L. ovulata, Paracytheridea paralia, Pseudocytherura calcarata, Semicytherura amorphia, S. rarecostata, S. ruggierii, S. rara, Xestoleberis margaritea, X. communis, X. decipiens, X. dispar, X. plana, X. margaritopsis, Bythocythere turgida, Paradoxostoma aff. triste, P. simile, Sclerochilus contortus, Argilloecia acuminata, A. minor) were identified. Among these species Leptocythere macella, L. ramosa, L. lagunae, L. rara, Loxoconcha minima, L. littoralis, Hiltermannicythere rubra, Heterocythereis albomaculata,

*Cytheroma variabilis*, *Semicytherura amorpha*, *S. rarecostata*, *Xestoleberis margaritea*, *Paradoxostoma aff. triste*, *Argilloecia acuminata* and *A. minor* are new records for recent ostracoda fauna of Turkey.

Distribution of species to the surrounding seas according to previous researches are plotted in table 3 and percentage values are given. No species were encountered only from the Black Sea, or only from the Sea of Marmara or from the Mediterranean and the Sea of Marmara or from the Mediterranean and Aegean Seas and the Sea of Marmara. In a research similarly located, Tunoğlu (2002) also encountered only a small amount of species of Black Sea origin. The interesting point is that 38% of the species in this research were previously encountered from the Mediterranean and Aegean Seas. A total of 59% of the species are either Mediterranean or Aegean species, however according to this value at least 35% of the species should be encountered from the Sea of Marmara instead of 0, as the Sea of Marmara is a passage between the Aegean Sea and the Black Sea this occurrence is natural, nevertheless 14% of the species encountered both from the Aegean and the Mediterranean Sea is far less than the expected value of 35%, thus revealing the need for intensive studies about the Sea of Marmara.

Another point of interest is the high number of species from 19 stations between 5-65 m of depth. As the bottom current between the Black Sea and the Marmara flowing in the opposite direction in the Black Sea opening of the Bosphorus, it is possible that the Mediterranean biofacies is spreading towards the Black Sea with a tendency to the western part.

Table 3: Distribution of species for surrounding seas according to old records, M.; Mediterranean Sea, A.; Aegean Sea, B.; Black Sea, Ma.; Sea of Marmara.



The abundance of species increasing towards western located stations is a result of the bottom currents from the Sea of Marmara towards the Black Sea, occurring in the opposite direction to the surface current with a slightly increasing depth leading to a marine environment rather than a brackish water environment. Therefore the Mediterranean biofacies is more abundant on the western benthic zone. However on the eastern part of the zone, typical Black Sea characteristics are present due to the sudden increasing depth of the eastern shelf resulting in drastic changes in the bathymetric and physicochemical parameters and towards typical brackish water characteristics.

Maximum recorded depth distribution of the species encountered in this research was 170 m. While it is quite possible for these species adapting near-marine properties of the western Black Sea it is probable that they can be replaced by other forms in deeper eastern regions.

Some encountered species were typical brackish water forms (ie. *Heterocythereis albomaculata*, *Cyprideis torosa*, species of the genus *Leptocythere*). Salinity values of the Black Sea are variable because of the flow from the rivers, as well as from surface and bottom currents changing accordingly to the winds. Therefore tolerable conditions occur in favour of the Mediterranean and Aegean species. Occurrence of species in this region is likely to depend on the depth rather than the salinity.

## Özet

Kendine has özellikleri bulunan Karadeniz, Anadolu anakarasının kuzeyinde konumlanmıştır. Açı su özelliği gösteren suları, İstanbul boğazından gelen akıntılar ve çok sayıda nehirin taşıdığı tatlı su akışı ile birlikte çok geniş bir ekolojik çeşitlilik gösterir. Bu araştırmada İstanbul'un kuzey bölgelerinden örnekler alınmıştır. Toplam 19 istasyon Kasım 2000 ve Mayıs 2001 tarihlerinde toplanmıştır. Bu istasyonlardan alınan grup örneğinden, ondokuz cinse ait, kırk tür saptanmıştır, bu türlerden 15 tanesi, *Leptocythere macella*, *Leptocythere ramosa*, *L. lagunae*, *L. rara*, *Loxoconcha minima*, *L. littoralis*, *Hiltermannicythere rubra*, *Heterocythereis albomaculata*, *Cytheroma variabilis*, *Semicytherura amorpha*, *S. rarecostata*, *Xestoleberis margaritea*, *Paradoxostoma aff. triste*, *Argilloecia acuminata* ve *A. minor*, Türkiye güncel ostrakod faunası için yeni kayittır.

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