

## ***Freshwater fishes of Sierra Leone and Liberia***

*Annotated checklist and distribution*

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### SUMMARY

*The authors present an up-to-date check-list of the freshwater fishes of the coastal basins of Sierra Leone and Liberia. The faunal lists are based on the literature data and on the collections of fishes housed in the european and american natural history museums; part of this material was collected by the authors. Identifications were made according to the most recent revisions. Species lists for each river basin were established as a base for a zoogeographical work on the fishes of West Africa.*

**KEY WORDS :** Fish — Freshwater — West Africa — Sierra Leone — Liberia — Taxonomy — Fauna — Zoogeography.

### RÉSUMÉ

#### Poissons d'eau douce de la Sierra Leone et du Liberia : liste commentée des espèces et de leur distribution

*A partir des collections déposées dans les muséums d'histoire naturelle européens et dans un muséum américain, réalisées en partie par les auteurs et à partir de travaux effectués dans cette zone, une mise à jour des connaissances de la faune ichtyologique des bassins côtiers de la Sierra Leone et du Liberia est présentée. Il a été tenu compte pour la nomenclature des révisions les plus récentes. Des listes par bassin hydrographique ont été établies qui doivent servir de base à un travail d'ensemble sur la zoogéographie des Poissons d'Afrique de l'Ouest.*

**MOTS-CLÉS :** Poissons — Eau douce — Afrique de l'Ouest — Sierra Leone — Liberia — Taxinomie — Faune Zoogéographie.

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Our knowledge of the freshwater fish fauna from Sierra Leone and Liberia is still rather poor. A regional monograph as published for Guinée by DAGET (1962) and for Côte-d'Ivoire by DAGET and ILTIS (1965) is lacking for Sierra Leone and the most recent review for Liberia is given by SCHULTZ (1942).

During recent years the taxonomy of African freshwater fishes has often been substantially modified following results of detailed revisions based on the study of various new collections. This paper is an attempt to provide an up-to-date checklist of fish from Sierra Leone and Liberia. It follows three other contributions to the knowledge on taxonomy and distribution of fish in surrounding countries : Côte-d'Ivoire and western Ghana (TEUGELS *et al.*, 1988) Guinée and Guinée Bissau (LÉVÈQUE *et al.*, 1989) and Togo (PAUGY and BENECH, 1989).

#### REVIEW OF SYSTEMATIC LITERATURE AND RECENT COLLECTIONS OF FISHES FROM SIERRA LEONE AND LIBERIA

The first contributions on freshwater fishes from Liberia were the early papers of HUBRECHT (1881) and STEINDACHNER (1895) followed by the review of SCHULTZ (1942). There is no similar paper for Sierra Leone, for which only limited information was published : AHL (1937), BOULENGER (1915 and 1919), DAGET (1950 and 1962), CHAYTOR and WILLIAMS (1966), NORMAN (1932). Short notes mainly dealing with descriptions of new species were also published for both countries and for the upper reaches of river basins situated in Guinée and Côte d'Ivoire : GÉRY (1968), HOWES (1980), LAMBERT (1958), LÉVÈQUE and PAUGY (1982), NICHOLS and LA MONTE (1933), PAYNE and TREWAVAS (1976), THYS VAN DEN AUDENAERDE (1968a, b, c, d ; 1969a, b, c, d ; 1970 and 1974). The major part of the literature deals with the Cyprinodontidae which were studied in detail by several authors : BERKENKAMP (1977, 1978 and 1979), BERKENKAMP and ETZEL (1977 ; 1978a, b ; 1979a, b ; 1980 ; 1982 and 1983a, b), CLAUSEN (1966), ETZEL (1977 ; 1978a, b, c), ETZEL and BERKENKAMP (1979 ; 1980a, b), LADIGES and ROLOFF (1973), NEUMANN (1976), RADDA (1976), ROLOFF (1965 ; 1971a, b), ROLOFF and LADIGES (1972), ROMAND (1978a, b ; 1979 ; 1980 ; 1985 ; 1986), VANDERMISSSEN (1977a, b ; 1978), VANDERMISSSEN *et al.* (1980).

Since two decades several new collections from these countries were deposited in different natural history museums. We should mention in particular the large surveys undertaken by THYS VAN DEN AUDENAERDE in Sierra Leone and Liberia whose collections are housed by the Musée royal d'Afrique centrale (MRAC-Tervuren), by Payne in western

Sierra Leone which collections are deposited in the British Museum (BMNH-London) and by ORSTOM teams in the upper reaches of rivers basins under consideration in Guinée and Côte-d'Ivoire from 1980 to 1987 and in Sierra Leone in 1989 (collections deposited in the Muséum national d'histoire naturelle - Paris).

#### PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

A general review of physical geography, climatology and hydrography of Sierra Leone and Liberia is given in DAVEAU (1971a, b) and BALARIN (1984a, b).

Sierra Leone covers 73,326 km<sup>2</sup>. The flat coast belt with many estuaries and mangrove swamps is followed by interior plains (altitude 150-300 m) which rise to high plateaux and mountains in the north-east, some of them (Mt Loma and Fungi) rising to over 1,500 m. High plateaux and interior plains are covered with rain forest, partly degraded in the interior plain as a result of agriculture (bush fires are more and more frequent).

Liberia covers 111,370 km<sup>2</sup> and the relief is fairly similar to that found in Sierra Leone. Low mountains below 900 m are scattered throughout the country. The two highest peaks are the Mt Nimba (1752 m) and the Mt Wologosi (1446 m) both situated on the north-eastern border. The highlands of the north-eastern borders form a watershed with the Niger basin. Most of the major rivers originate in the highlands and flow NE/SW to the Ocean. As a result, rivers are relatively short and of narrow catchment. They cut the plateaux region, creating a slow erosion process resulting in the steep "V" shaped valleys of most of the upland watercourses. The upper courses are rocky and "torrential", whereas the lower courses are swampy and end in wide estuary mouths. Most of the rivers exhibit floodplains in their lower courses. There are no major natural freshwater lakes but quite large coastal lagoons (freshwater and brackish).

The surfaces of the main river basins (in km<sup>2</sup>) estimated from 1/1,000,000 maps are : Littles Scarcies or Kaba of which Mongo river is the principal tributary (18,530), Rokel or Rockel or Seli (8,440), Jong or Pampana or Taja or Taya or Taia or Taye (7,750), Sewa or Bagbe or Bagbwe of which Waanje river is the principal tributary (19,050), Moa (18,760), Mano or Gbea (8,260), Fisherman lake (1,880), Lofa (13,200), St Paul (18,180), Du-Farmington (>7,000), St John (>14,000), Cess or Cestos or Nuon (Liberia) or Nipoué (Côte-d'Ivoire (11,920) (fig. 1). The fish fauna of the Kolenté or Great Scarcies river has been treated in an other paper (LÉVÈQUE *et al.*, 1989) and

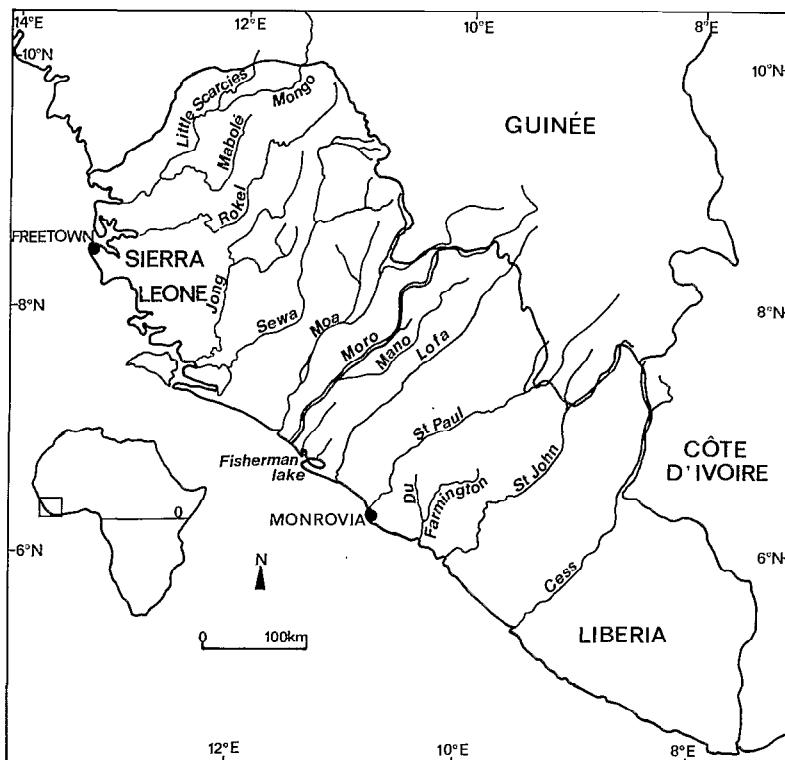


FIG. 1. — Hydrographical map of Sierra Leone and Liberia (main basins). *Le réseau hydrographique de la Sierra Leone et du Liberia (principaux bassins).*

TABLE I

Observed species richness and predicted species richness in function of the area of the basin (after the relationships established by DAGET and ILTIS, 1965 and by HUGUENY, 1989a)

*Richesse spécifique observée et théorique calculée en fonction de la superficie des bassins versants (d'après les relations établies par DAGET et ILTIS, 1965 et par HUGUENY, 1989a)*

Bassin	Superficie (km <sup>2</sup> )	Richesse spécifique observée	Richesse spécifique théorique D. & I., 1965	Richesse spécifique théorique Hug., 1989a
Little Scarcies	18530	66-67	58-59	53-54
Rokel	8440	55-56	47-48	41-42
Jong	7750	90-97	46-47	40-41
Sewa	19050	82	58-59	54-55
Moa	18760	55-59	58-59	54-55
Mano	8260	50-51	47-48	41-42
Fish. Lake	1880	32-33	32-33	25-26
Lofa	13200	48-49	53-54	48-49
St Paul	18180	76	58-59	53-54
Du	>7000	42-43	>46	>39
St John	>14000	55-56	>55	>49
Cess	11920	61-62	52-53	46-47

no other samples were carried out since this publication. So we do not consider this basin here.

The climate is hot and wet. There is a wet season (from April-May to October-November) and a dry season. Mean total annual rainfall is high and drops along a SW/NE axis from 4,000-5,000 mm along the coast to 2,000 mm on the north-eastern border. In Sierra Leone rains are heaviest in August, but in Liberia there is a break in intensity (the mid dry period) in July-August.

The main rivers flow all year round. Only few data are known about discharge. BALARIN (1984a) mentionned an average per year of 123 m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> for the Mano river (range from 50 to 600 m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) and a range of 70-2,500 m<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> for the St Paul river. CHAYTOR (1969) gave some data for the hydrological regime of the river Jong. The peak occurs in August-September and the minimum in March. Water temperature in the river Jong (CHAYTOR, 1969) ranges from 25 °C (September-October) to 31 °C (April-May). This river was found to be acidic throughout the year and possessed a low dissolved chemical content (conduc-

tivity range : 10-30  $\mu\text{S cm}^{-1}$ ) (WRIGHT, 1982 and 1985).

## METHODS

The CLOFFA 1 and 2 (DAGET *et al.*, 1984 and 1986), covering all African freshwater fish families except the Cichlidae, provide a current list of species with their type locality, full synonymies and references to papers where the species is quoted. The aim of this paper is not to repeat CLOFFA. Therefore, we restricted the list of synonymies to those authors who considered the species with particular reference to the Sierra Leone and Liberia freshwaters.

Since CLOFFA was published, subsequent taxonomic papers introduced new data for the following taxa, which have been taken into account in this paper :

- Polypteridae : *Polypterus* (GOSSE, 1988).
- Clupeidae : (WHITEHEAD, 1986), *Pellonulinae* (GOURÈNE, 1988; GOURÈNE and TEUGELS, 1989).
- Mormyridae : *Marcusenius* (JÉGU and LÉVÈQUE, 1984a; BIGORNE and PAUGY, 1990), *Hippopotamyrus* (LÉVÈQUE and BIGORNE, 1985a), *Mormyrus* (LÉVÈQUE and BIGORNE, 1985b), *Mormyrops* (BIGORNE, 1987), *Brienomyrus* and *Isichthys* (BIGORNE, 1989).
- Characidae : *Alestes* *s.lato* (PAUGY, 1982a, b; 1986), *Hydrocynus* (BREWSTER, 1986; PAUGY and GUÉGAN, 1989), *Petersiini* (PAUGY, 1990).
- Distichodontidae : (LÉVÈQUE and BIGORNE, 1987).
- Cyprinidae : *Labeo* (JÉGU and LÉVÈQUE, 1984b; REID, 1985), *Raiamas* and *Leplocypris* (LÉVÈQUE and BIGORNE, 1983; HOWES and TEUGELS, 1989), *Barbus* (LÉVÈQUE, 1983; 1989a, b; LÉVÈQUE *et al.*, 1987a, b; 1988; LÉVÈQUE and GUÉGAN, 1990).
- Bagridae : *Chrysichthys* (RISCH, 1981; 1986; RISCH and THYS VAN DEN AUDENAERDE, 1985).
- Schilbeidae : (DE VOS, 1983; 1984; DE VOS and LÉVÈQUE, 1983; LÉVÈQUE and HERBINET, 1982).
- Amphiliidae : (SKELTON, 1984; 1989).
- Clariidae : (TEUGELS, 1981; 1982; 1986; TEUGELS *et al.*, *in press*).
- Syngnathidae : (DAWSON, 1981; 1984).
- Channidae : *Parachanna* (BONOU and TEUGELS, 1985).
- Cichlidae : *Hemichromis* (WILSON and LOISELLE, 1980), *Paratilapia* (GREENWOOD, 1985), *Pelmatochromine* (GREENWOOD, 1987), *Tilapia* *s.l.* (TREWAVAS, 1983), *Tylochromis* (STIASSNY, 1989).

Mastacembelidae : (TRAVERS, 1984a, b; *in prep.*).

Table II summarizes our knowledge on fish distribution in the major river systems. Symbols used in this table are explained as follows :

— when a valid species has been originally described from a river system, a black spot is used ;

— preserved specimens from a river system housed in a museum are indicated by a block letter referring to the museum :

B : British Museum (Natural History), some specimens collected in North Sherbo District and Pujehun were respectively considered by us from Jong and Moa basins. These samples are bracketed,

L : Rijksmuseum van natuurlijke Historie, Leiden,  
P : Muséum national d'histoire naturelle, Paris,  
T : Musée royal de l'Afrique Centrale, Tervuren,  
U : United States National museum, Washington,  
Z : Zoologisches Staatinstituut und Zoologisches  
Museum, Hambourg;

— when a species has been mentioned in a paper, but when no material was preserved in a Museum, a reference number is used referring to the publication, listed in the text of the table II ;

— when a species is not preserved or not mentioned in a paper but when it has been observed by one of the authors, it is indicated by a cross (+) ;

— when a species is mentioned in the CLOFFA from this area without precise reference, it is indicated by a C.

## TAXONOMICALLY ANNOTATED CHECKLIST

### POLYPTERIDAE

— *Polypterus palmas* Ayres, 1850

*Polypterus bültikoferi* Steindachner, 1891 from rivers Mahfa and Sulymah (riv. Moa), Liberia.

*Polypterus retropinnis lowei* Boulenger, 1911 see GOSSE (1988).

*Polypterus lowei* Boulenger, 1911 see GOSSE (1988).

Most part of the specimens were caught in East Sierra Leone and in the major basins in Liberia, but this species was also recorded at Nanna Kru (certainly Puebla river) in Southeastern Liberia near the Côte-d'Ivoire boundary.

### CLUPEIDAE

— *Pellonula leonensis* Boulenger, 1916

*Pellonula afzelii* Johnels, 1954 see WHITEHEAD (1986).

*Microthrissa miri* Daget, 1954 see WHITEHEAD (1986).

TABLE II

Presence of species in the different river systems. See introduction for signification of letters and symbols. The numbers refer to papers where the species is mentioned : 1 - McCARTON and PAYNE (1985); 2 - PAYNE and McCARTON (1983); 3 - STEINDACHNER (1895); 4 - HUBRECHT (1881); 5 - DAGET (1950); 6 - TREWAVAS (1983); 7 - NORMAN (1932); 8 - FOWLER (1950); 9 - DAGET (1952); 10 - ROMAND (1986); 11 - VAN DEN NIEUWENHUIZEN (1972)

Présence des espèces dans les différents bassins. Voir l'introduction pour la signification des lettres et des signes. Les nombres font référence aux publications dans lesquelles les espèces sont signalées : voir ci-dessus

SPECIES	L.Scar.	Rokel	Jong	Sewa	Moa	Mano	F. Lake	Lofa	StPaul	Du	St.John	Cess
<b>POLYPTERIDAE</b>												
<i>P. palmas</i>				B	3(B)	U	3		P	U		T
<b>CLUPEIDAE</b>												
<i>P. leonensis</i>			(*)								T	T
<i>P. vorax</i>							3	T		U		
<i>S. leonensis</i>				•	T							
<b>NOTOPTERIDAE</b>												
<i>P. afer</i>	B	P	BT	BT			TU	3	T	TU	U	PT
<i>X. nigri</i>			5(B)	5			3					
<b>MORMYRIDAE</b>												
<i>B. brachystius</i>	P		BT	BT	T(B)	TU	B	T	U	U	T	
<i>B. longianalis</i>	P		B									
<i>H. paugyi</i>	PT	P	T		T	T		PT	T			
<i>I. henryi</i>	P		B	BT	T	TU			U	U	T	
<i>M. mento</i>	B	BT	T	T	T			T				
<i>M. meronai</i>	•		P									
<i>M. thomasi</i>	2	T(*)		PT	T			T	T			
<i>M. ussheri</i>									3	T	PT	
<i>M. anguilloides</i>	P	P		P					U		T	
<i>M. breviceps</i>		B			T			•	U			
<i>M. caballus</i>			P									
<i>M. tapirus</i>			BT		T	T		T	TU			
<i>P. bovei</i>	P	P	P	P								
<i>P. pellegrini</i>								P	P		PT	•
<i>P. simus</i>			B	B	B	U			PU	U	P	
<i>P. tenuicauda</i>	P	P	TP	TP	TP	T		TP	P		T	
<b>HEPSETIDAE</b>												
<i>H. odoe</i>		B	P(B)	T	T	T	3		PTU	U	T	PT
<b>CHARACIDAE</b>												
<i>B. imberi</i>												PT
<i>B. longipinnis</i>	BP	BP	BPT	BT	BT	TU		T	PTU	U	T	PT
<i>B. macrolepidotus</i>	P	BP	BPT	T	PT	T	8	PT	PTU	U	T	PT
<i>B. nigricauda</i>												•
<i>B. nurse</i>			1?						U	U		
<i>H. forskali</i>	BP	P	BPT	5	PT	BT		T	BPTU		T	T
<i>L. roloffi</i>			•	Z						11		
<i>L. adonis</i>										11		
<i>M. occidentalis</i>				P					U	U		PT
<i>R. septentrionalis</i>	P			BT	T	T						
<b>DISTICHODONTIDAE</b>												
<i>I. quadrilineatus</i>	P	BP	BT	BT								
<i>N. ansorgii</i>			B	T	(B)						T	
<i>N. fasciatus</i>	P	P	P(B)	PT	(B)			•		T	T	
<i>N. unifasciatus</i>			BT	T			•	P			T	
<b>CYPRINIDAE</b>												
<i>B. ablubes</i>	P	P	BP			T			U	3	T	PT
<i>B. bagbwensis</i>			P	•								
<i>B. bigornei</i>	•		P	P								
<i>B. boboi</i>										•		
<i>B. eburneensis</i>									PU		9	•
<i>B. fouteensis</i>	•											
<i>B. inaequalis</i>										T		•
<i>B. lauzannei</i>								•				
<i>B. leonensis</i>			T	B		•						
<i>B. liberensis</i>	T	T				3						
<i>B. macrops</i>			PT	BT	T	T			U	U		
<i>B. punctitaeniatus</i>											PT	
<i>B. tiekoroi</i>	P	P										
<i>B. trispiloides</i>							•					
<i>B. trispilos</i>									U?		PT	

SPECIES	L.Scar.	Rokel	Jong	Sewa	Moa	Mano	F. Lake	Lofa	StPaul	Du	StJohn	Cess
<b>CYPRINIDAE</b>												
<i>B. parawaldroni</i>								P	P			•
<i>B. sacratus</i>	P	P	B	7	P			P	PT		T	
<i>B. wurtzi</i>	P	BP	B	P				P				PT
<i>L. alluaudi</i>				P								PT
<i>L. coubie</i>	1?	2	P				T	T		•		?+
<i>L. curriei</i>									P			
<i>L. obscurus</i>	P	P	(B)		P							T
<i>L. parvus</i>	P	P			P							
<i>L. guineensis</i>					T	T						
<i>L. taïensis</i>	B		•									
<i>P. batesi</i>	T	P	P	•								
<i>R. nigeriensis</i>					T	T						
<i>R. scarciensis</i>	•											
<i>R. steindachneri</i>	•	P	BP	BPT	T	T			U			P
<b>BAGRIDAe</b>												
<i>A. occidentalis</i>	B		BP									
<i>C. auratus</i>									T	U		
<i>C. johnelsi</i>		P	PT	P	T	T		T	T		T	PT
<i>C. maurus</i>	PT	P	PT	T	PT	T		T	T	T	T	PT
<i>C. nigrodigitatus</i>		2	BP	P	U	L	T	U	U	T	T	
<i>C. teugelsi</i>												T
<i>N. maculatum</i>		(B)	B									
<i>N. thomasi</i>			BT	B	(•)							
<b>SCHILBEIDAe</b>												
<i>P. spiniserrata</i>			B						P	L	T	PT
<i>S. mandibularis</i>								T				
<i>S. micropogon</i>	P	P	BP									
<i>S. mystus</i>	P											
<i>S. niloticus</i>		2?	B?		PT	T		T	LPT			
<b>AMPHILIDAe</b>												
<i>A. atesuensis</i>				B					PU	U	PT	PT
<i>A. platychar</i>	P	PT	T	BT				PT	T		T	P
<i>A. rheophilus</i>	P											
<i>D. chappuisi</i>												•
<i>P. firestoni</i>								•	U			
<i>P. teugelsi</i>	•							P				
<i>P. trichomycterooides</i>	1		B									
<b>CLARIIDAe</b>												
<i>C. anguillaris</i>		5	B									
<i>C. buettikoferi</i>		Z	BT	BT	BT	BTU	3		PZ	U	T	
<i>C. laeviceps dialonensis</i>	1		1	B	B							
<i>C. laeviceps laeviceps</i>				B					PT	T	PT	
<i>C. salae</i>	P		BT	T	T	TU		T	•	U	T	T
<i>H. isopterus</i>	P		P	B	T	T			PU		T	PT
<i>H. longifilis</i>	P			B	T							
<b>MALAPTERURIDAe</b>												
<i>M. electricus</i>	P	P	BPT	BPT	PT	TU	3	T	PTU	U	T	T
<b>MOCHOKIDAe</b>												
<i>C. normani</i>												•
<i>C. occidentalis</i>	P	P										PT
<i>C. polyodon</i>					•							
<i>M. polli</i>										•		
<i>M. paynei</i>				T								
<i>S. annectens</i>				T								
<i>S. ansorgii</i>				BT	T							
<i>S. thysi</i>	•	P	B									
<i>S. waterloti</i>	P		BPT	T	P				P		T	PT

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<b>CYPRINODONTIDAE</b>												
<i>A. brueningi</i>				C	C	10		10				
<i>A. etzeli</i>	•				T				T			
<i>A. geryi</i>	+	T	T		T							
<i>A. guineense</i>				+								
<i>A. jeanpoli</i>							•					
<i>A. liberiene</i>		T			CT	10	T	10	PTU	P	10	
<i>A. maeseni</i>									PT	10	P	•
<i>A. monroviae</i>						C		C	CT			
<i>A. occidentale</i>	C	C	CT	C	C	C	C	C				
<i>A. roloffi</i>	C	CT	C	C	CT	C	C	C				
<i>A. schmitti</i>											10	
<i>A. toddi</i>	•											
<i>A. viride</i>								10	T		10	
<i>A. kabae</i>	•											
<i>A. nimbaensis</i>									P			+
<i>A. normanni</i>	C	C	T			8		C	U			
<i>A. schioetzi</i>									C	PT		
<i>A. spilachen</i>						8						
<i>E. annulatus</i>			T			8						
<i>E. azureus</i>												+
<i>E. barmoiensis</i>		T	T			U	T	T	TU	U	T	
<i>E. bifasciatus</i>	+		B									
<i>E. coccinatus</i>				•								
<i>E. dageti</i>						8		T	U			+
<i>E. fasciolatus</i>	+	T	BT	T	T	TU	PT	T	TU	U	T	T
? <i>E. hildegardae</i>								•				
<i>E. josianae</i>				•								
<i>E. lamottei</i>								?	T		?	
<i>E. njalensis</i>			•									
<i>E. olbrechtsi</i>								P			•	
<i>E. roloffi</i>								•				
<i>E. ruhkopfi</i>								•				
<b>CHANNIDAE</b>												
<i>P. obscura</i>				5 (B)	T			3				
<b>CENTROPOMIDAE</b>												
<i>L. niloticus</i>	T	P	BT	T	T						T	
<b>CICHLIDAE</b>												
<i>A. thomasi</i>			T	T	T	•				T		
<i>C. guentheri</i>											PT	
<i>H. bimaculatus</i>			BT	BT	T	TU	PT	T	PTU	U	T	T
<i>H. fasciatus</i>	P	BPT	BPT	PT	PT	TU	T	T	PTU	U	T	PT
<i>P. buettikoferi</i>			B	T	T	TU	3-8	T	U	U	T	
<i>P. humilis</i>	P	BPT	BT	T	TU			T	U	U		
<i>P. roloffi</i>			BT	BT	T?							
<i>S. caudomarginatus</i>	B		BT	T	T	T			T			
<i>S. galilaeus</i>				P								
<i>S. m. leonensis</i>		T					T		PT		T	
<i>S. occidentalis</i>	B	T	B	T			3?	U	U		TU	
<i>S. t. liberiensis</i>										6	PT	
<i>T. brevimanus</i>	I	P	BPT	BT	T			T	T		T	PT
<i>T. buttiikoferi</i>	I		BT	T	T				•		T	
<i>T. cessiana</i>												•
<i>T. coffeea</i>								•				
<i>T. guineensis</i>	B	T	BT?				T		T		T	
<i>T. joka</i>	B	1	•									
<i>T. louka</i>	B	P	BT	•	BT	T		T				
<i>T. walteri</i>											PT	
<i>T. zillii</i>	P		B		P			P	PU		T	PT
<i>T. intermedius</i>	B		B	T					TU		T	
<i>T. jentinki</i>	T	2	T	TU		TU	•	T	T		T	
<i>T. leonensis</i>	BP	P	•	TU	T	T		T				

SPECIES	L.Scar.	Rokel	Jong	Sewa	Moa	Mano	F. Lake	Lofa	SiPaul	Du	StJohn	Cess
<b>GOBIIDAE</b>												
<i>C. lateristriga</i>	P	T	T				TU	3		U	U	T
<i>N. maindroni</i>			(B)									
<b>ELEOTRIDAE</b>												
<i>E. daganensis</i>									P			
<i>E. senegalensis</i>				T						T		
<i>E. vittata</i>			5	5		U	8	T	U	U	T	
<i>K. kribensis</i>			B	5					PU		PT	
<i>K. leonensis</i>					(B)							
<i>K. nana</i>	P	T	T	T	T						T	
<b>ANABANTIDAE</b>												
<i>C. kingsleyae</i>	P		BT	PT	T	TU	3	T	U	U	T	PT
<b>MASTACEMBELIDAE</b>												
<i>A. liberiensis</i>	P	P	BPT	BPT	P	U	3	P	PU	U	T	T
<i>A. nigromarginatus</i>			P									T
<i>C. n. sp.</i>		B	B									

*Microthrissa normanae* Whitehead, 1986 see GOURÈNE and TEUGELS (1989).

*Microthrissa* sp. Daget, 1962 see GOURÈNE and TEUGELS (1989).

— *Pellonula vorax* Günther, 1868

— *Sierrathrissa leonensis* Thys van den Audenaerde, 1969

#### NOTOPTERIDAE

— *Papyrocranus afer* (Günther, 1868)

*Notopterus afer* Günther, 1868 in BOULENGER (1919).

Present in the major basins in Sierra Leone and Liberia, this species was also recorded at Nanna Kru (certainly Puebla river) in Southeastern Liberia near the Côte-d'Ivoire boundary.

— *Xenomystus nigri* (Günther, 1868)

Mentioned by DAGET (1950) from the Jong and Sewa rivers (Sierra Leone), and by STEINDACHNER (1895) from Fisherman lake (Liberia). We examined two specimens from a river near Glap in the Sherbo District (Sierra Leone) and housed in the Tervuren Museum. The species have never been recorded from Guinée nor Côte-d'Ivoire.

#### MORMYRIDAE

— *Brienomyrus brachyistius* (Gill, 1863)

*Mormyrus liberiensis* Steindachner, 1895.

*Marcusenius brachyistius* Gill, 1863 in BOULENGER (1919) and CHAYTOR and WILIAMS (1966).

? *Marcusenius sphekodes* (non Sauvage, 1879) in NORMAN (1932).

Present in the major basins in Sierra Leone and Liberia, this species was also recorded at Nanna Kru (certainly Puebla river) in Southeastern Liberia near the Côte-d'Ivoire boundary.

— *Brienomyrus longianalis* (Boulenger, 1901)

— *Hippopotamus paugyi* Lévéque and Bigorne, 1985

*Hippopotamus harringtoni* (non Boulenger, 1905) in DAGET (1962).

Recently described, this species is apparently widespread in the upper guinean zone, as defined by ROBERTS (1975).

— *Isichthys henryi* Gill, 1863

*Mormyrops henryi* (Gill, 1863) in HUBRECHT (1881).

*Mormyrus henryi* (Gill, 1863) in STEINDACHNER (1895).

— *Marcusenius mento* (Boulenger, 1890)

*Gnathonemus mento* (Boulenger, 1890) in STEINDACHNER (1895), BOULENGER (1919) and SCHULTZ (1942).

— *Marcusenius meronai* Bigorne and Paugy (1990), originally described from Rokel and Sewa rivers

— *Marcusenius thomasi* Boulenger (1916)

*Gnathonemus thomasi* Boulenger, 1916 in BOULENGER (1919).

— *Marcusenius ussheri* (Günther, 1867)

*Mormyrus ussheri* Günther, 1867 in STEINDACHNER (1895).

*Gnathonemus ussheri* (Günther, 1867) in SCHULTZ (1942).

- Gnathonemus brugerei* Pellegrin, 1904 see JÉGU and LÉVÈQUE (1984a).  
 Occurs only in eastern basins of Liberia. Widespread in Côte-d'Ivoire and western Ghana.
- *Mormyrops anguilloides* (Linnaeus, 1758)  
*Mormyrops deliciosus* (Leach, 1818) see BIGORNE (1987) in HUBRECHT (1881), STEINDACHNER (1895) and SCHULTZ (1942).
- Mormyrops curviceps* Roman, 1966 see BIGORNE (1987).
- Mormyrops longiceps* (Günther, 1867) see BIGORNE (1987).
- *Mormyrops breviceps* Steindachner, 1895  
*Mormyrops bougouribaensis* Roman, 1966 see BIGORNE (1987).
- Mormyrops elongatus* Norman, 1935 see BIGORNE (1987).
- *Mormyrops caballus* Pellegrin, 1927  
*Mormyrops oudoti* (non Daget, 1954) in MC CARTON and PAYNE (1985). Known only from the Sewa river.
- *Mormyrus tapirus* Pappenheim, 1905  
*Mormyrus goheeni* Fowler, 1919 see LÉVÈQUE and BIGORNE (1985).  
 This species is recorded from Upper and Lower Guinea zones as defined by ROBERTS (1975). In between it has not been collected.
- *Petrocephalus bovei* (Valenciennes, 1846)
- *Petrocephalus pellegrini* Poll, 1941
- *Petrocephalus simus* Sauvage, 1879  
 Species level systematics of the genus *Petrocephalus* are still poorly known. The specimens from Sierra Leone (Little Scarcies, Rokel and Jong) correspond with those described by STEINDACHNER (1895) as *Mormyrus tenuicauda* subsequently synonymised with *P. simus* by BOULENGER (1898). The status of *M. tenuicauda* is presently being examined by Bigorne (*in prep.*).
- HEPSETIDAE**
- *Hepsetus odoe* (Bloch, 1794)  
*Sarcodaces odoe* (Bloch, 1794) in STEINDACHNER (1895) and BOULENGER (1919).
- CHARACIDAE**
- Paugy (1986) reviewed the genus *Alestes sensu lato* and recognized two genera : *Alestes sensu stricto* and *Brycinus*. Only the latter is present in the area studied.
- *Brycinus imberi* (Peters, 1852)  
*Alestes imberi* Peters, 1852 see PAUGY (1986).
- *Brycinus longipinnis* (Günther, 1864)  
*Brachyalestes longipinnis* Günther, 1864 see PAUGY (1986) in HUBRECHT (1881).

- Alestes longipinnis* (Günther, 1864) see PAUGY (1986) in STEINDACHNER (1895), BOULENGER (1919), SCHULTZ (1942) and CHAYTOR and WILLIAMS (1966).
- Alestes chaperi* Sauvage, 1882 see PAUGY, 1982a
- *Brycinus macrolepidotus* Valenciennes, 1849  
*Alestes macrolepidotus* (Valenciennes, 1849) see PAUGY (1986) in HUBRECHT (1881), STEINDACHNER (1895) and BOULENGER (1919).
- Alestes rutilus* Boulenger, 1916 see PAUGY (1982b) in BOULENGER (1919), FOWLER (1919; 1950) and SCHULTZ (1942).
- *Brycinus nurse* (Rüppell, 1832)  
*Brachyalestes nurse* (Rüppell, 1832) see PAUGY (1986) in HUBRECHT (1881).
- Alestes nurse* (Rüppell, 1832) see PAUGY (1986) in BOULENGER (1919) and SCHULTZ (1942).
- *Brycinus nigricauda* (Thys van den Audenaerde, 1974)  
*Alestes nigricauda* Thys van den Audenaerde, 1974 see PAUGY (1986).
- *Hydrocynus forskalii* (Cuvier, 1819)  
*Hydrocyon forskalii* Cuvier, 1819.
- *Ladigesia roloffi* Géry, 1968  
 This small characid was originally described from the Kasewe Forest (Sierra Leone). VAN DEN NIEUWENHUISEN (1972) reported this species from the Firestone Plantation in Liberia.
- *Lepidarchus adonis* Roberts, 1966  
 Specimens from the Black river on the Sherbo Island (Sierra Leone) are housed in the BMNH collections. VAN DEN NIEUWENHUISEN (1972) reports the species from the Firestone Plantation (Liberia).
- *Micralestes occidentalis* (Günther, 1899)  
*Petersius occidentalis* Günther, 1899 in SCHULTZ (1942).
- *Rhabdalestes septentrionalis* (Boulenger, 1911)  
*Petersius septentrionalis* Boulenger, 1911.  
*Rhabdalestes intermedius* Blache and Miton, 1960 see PAUGY 1990.
- DISTICHODONTIDAE**
- *Ichthyborus quadrilineatus* (Pellegrin, 1904)  
*Neoborus quadrilineatus* Pellegrin, 1904.  
 LÉVÈQUE and BIGORNE (1987) reviewed meristic and morphometric characteristics of this species as well as its distribution. It is close to the Zairian species *Ichthyborus ornata*.
- *Nannocharax ansorgii* Boulenger, 1911
- *Nannocharax fasciatus* Günther, 1867  
*Nannocharax seboldi* Schultz, 1942 see COENEN (*in prep.*).
- *Neolebias unifasciatus* Steindachner, 1895

*Nannaethiops unitaeniatus* (non Steindachner) in DAGET (1963).

#### CYPRINIDAE

— *Barbus ablubes* (Bleeker, 1863)

— *Barbus bagwensis* Norman, 1932

Described from the Bagbe (Sewa) river and collected also in the Jong river.

— *Barbus bigornei* Lévèque, Teugels and Thys van den Audenaerde, 1988

Types were described from the Mongo river (upper Little Scarcies). Specimens were collected also in the Jong and Sewa rivers and in western Côte-d'Ivoire.

— *Barbus boboi* Schultz, 1942

This species is known only from the types collected in Gibi Mountains (Farmington system) in Liberia. Other specimens mentioned from eastern Liberia and western Côte-d'Ivoire were misidentified (LÉVÈQUE et al., 1988).

— *Barbus eburneensis* Poll, 1941

*Barbus flomoi* Schultz, 1942 see DAGET (1962).

*Barbus trispilos* (non Bleeker) in NORMAN (1932) according to TREWAVAS (1974) and in PELLEGRIN (1921) according to LÉVÈQUE (1983).

— *Barbus fouteensis* Lévèque, Teugels and Thys van den Audenaerde, 1988

*Barbus spurelli* non Boulenger, 1913 in DAGET (1962).

Apparently restricted to the Fouta Djalon area in Guinea. Types were collected in the upper Little Scarcies river.

— *Barbus inaequalis* Lévèque, Teugels and Thys van den Audenaerde, 1988

*Barbus boboi* (non Schultz) in DAGET (1952 and 1963), DAGET and ILTIS (1965) and LÉVÈQUE (1983).

— *Barbus lauzannei* Lévèque and Paugy, 1982

Known from the upper reaches of the Lofa river in Guinea.

— *Barbus leonensis* Boulenger, 1915

— *Barbus liberiensis* Steindachner, 1895

*Barbus camptothecanthus* var. *liberiensis* Steindachner, 1895.

? *Barbus trispilos* (non Bleeker) in CHAYTOR and WILLIAMS (1966).

Many museum specimens were collected in small streams in the Freetown Peninsula.

— *Barbus macrops* Boulenger, 1911

*Mannichthys lucilae* Schultz, 1942 see HOPSON and HOPSON (1965).

A widespread species known from sahelian and guinean provinces.

— *Barbus punctitaeniatus* Daget, 1954

— *Barbus tiekoroi* Lévèque, Teugels and Thys van den Audenaerde, 1987

*Barbus trispilos* (parlim, non Bleeker) in DAGET (1962).

— *Barbus trispiloides* Lévèque, Teugels and Thys van den Audenaerde, 1987

Described from a single specimen from river Mano (Liberia); differs markedly from other three spotted barbs by its elongated body.

— *Barbus trispilos* (Bleeker, 1863)

— *Barbus parawaldroni* Lévèque, Thys van den Audenaerde and Traoré, 1987

Replaces *Barbus waldroni* in western Côte-d'Ivoire and eastern Liberia.

— *Barbus sacratus* Daget, 1963

*Barbus gruveli* (non Pellegrin, 1911) in DAGET (1962).

— *Barbus wurtzi* Pellegrin, 1908

*Barbodes* (*Barbus*) *wurtzi* Pellegrin, 1908 in CHAYTOR and WILLIAMS (1966).

*Varicorhinus wurtzi* (Pellegrin, 1908).

According to Reid (1985), two sub-groups of *Labeo* occur in this area :

— *Labeo coubie* group : specimens from Liberia and Sierra Leone have been referred as *L. coubie* Rüppell, 1832 or *Labeo curriei* Fowler, 1919.

The taxonomy is not clear and more material and research are needed. *L. curriei* was described from the St Paul river. It is close to *L. walkeri* Günther, 1902 from Ghana and *L. brachypoma* Günther, 1868 from Lagos, Ghana, a vague locality (REID, 1985). *Labeo rouaneti* Daget, 1962 from the Konkouré river (Guinea) belongs also to the *L. coubie* group.

— *Labeo forskalii* group includes :

— *Labeo alluaudi* Pellegrin, 1933

Originally described from Cavally river (Côte-d'Ivoire) and recorded from Cess (Liberia) and Bagbe (Sierra Leone) rivers.

— ? *Labeo obscurus* Pellegrin, 1908

*Labeo chariensis* Pellegrin 1904 in NORMAN (1932).

This species is very close to *L. parvus* and *L. ogunensis*. JÉGU and LÉVÈQUE (1984) mentioned that *L. parvus* Boulenger, 1902 is widely distributed from the Zaire basin to West Africa. For REID (1985), West African sahelian populations belong to *L. ogunensis* Boulenger, 1910 described from the Ogun river (Nigeria), which "most closely resembles to *L. parvus*". REID (1985) also considered *L. obscurus* from the Konkouré river as a valid species, whereas he noticed that it closely resembles *L. ogunensis* and may be a rapid water form of that species. This group of species obviously needs a

thorough systematic revision. In the meantime we continue to consider *L. obscurus* as a valid species.

— *Labeo parvus* Boulenger, 1902

*Labeo chariensis* Pellegrin, 1904 in NORMAN (1932).

— *Leptocyparis guineensis* (Daget, 1962)

*Barilius guineensis* Daget, 1962.

Taxonomy and distribution of this species are discussed by LÉVÈQUE and BIGORNE (1983). It is vicariant species of *Leptocyparis niloticus* from sahelian rivers.

— *Leptocyparis taiaensis* Howes and Teugels, 1989

— *Prolabeo batesi* Norman, 1932

Originally described from the Bagbe (Sewa) river; we recently found this species in Rokel and Jong rivers.

— *Raiamas scariensis* Howes and Teugels, 1989

— *Raiamas steindachneri* (Pellegrin, 1908)

*Barilius steindachneri* Pellegrin, 1908 in BOULENGER (1919) and NORMAN (1932).

*Barilius silex* Schultz, 1942 in DAGET (1963) see LÉVÈQUE and BIGORNE (1983).

Taxonomy, synonymies and distribution have been discussed in LÉVÈQUE and BIGORNE (1983). This is a vicariant species of *R. senegalensis* from sahelian rivers.

— *Raiamas nigeriensis* (Daget, 1959)

*Barilius nigeriensis* Daget, 1959.

This species is found in some coastal basins in Sierra Leone (LÉVÈQUE and BIGORNE, 1983).

#### BAGRIDAE

— *Auchenoglanis occidentalis* (Valenciennes, 1840)

The taxonomy of the genus *Chrysichthys* has been reviewed by RISCH (1986). We refer to this paper for details on synonymies.

— *Chrysichthys auratus* (Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire, 1809)

*Chrysichthys filamentosus* Boulenger, 1912 in SCHULTZ (1942) see RISCH (1986).

— *Chrysichthys johnelsi* Daget, 1959

Described from the Gambia river where it was considered to be endemic for a long time. RISCH and THYS VAN DEN AUDENAERDE (1985) extended the distribution area as far as the Pra river (Ghana).

— *Chrysichthys maurus* (Valenciennes, 1839)

*Chrysichthys velifer* Norman, 1928.

*Chrysichthys walkeri* (non Günther) in BOULENGER (1919).

— *Chrysichthys nigrodigitatus* (Lacépède, 1803)

*Chrysichthys furcatus* Günther, 1864.

*Chrysichthys buettikoferi* Steindachner, 1895.

— *Chrysichthys teugelsi* Risch, 1987

— *Notoglanidium maculatum* (Boulenger, 1916)

*Liauchenoglanis maculatus* Boulenger, 1916.

*Heterobranchus* sp. in CHAYTOR and WILLIAMS (1966).

— *Notoglanidium thomasi* Boulenger, 1916

#### SCHILBEIDAE

The systematics of the family has been studied by DE VOS (1984) and taxonomy and full synonymy of West African species of *Schilbe* (*Eutropius*) have been discussed by DE VOS (1983) and DE VOS and G. L. LÉVÈQUE (1983).

— *Parailia* (*Parailia*) *spiniserrata* Svensson, 1933

Described from the Gambia river, the species was collected in the river Njala (Jong) in Sierra Leone.

— *Schilbe* (*Eutropius*) *mandibularis* (Günther, 1867)

*Eutropius liberensis* Hubrecht, 1881 in SCHULTZ (1942).

*Eutropius mentalis* Boulenger, 1901 in DAGET (1952).

— *Schilbe* (*Eutropius*) *micropogon* (Trewavas, 1943)

— *Schilbe* (*Eutropius*) *niloticus* (Rüppell, 1829)

*Eutropius altipinnis* Steindachner, 1895.  
*Eutropius adansonii* Valenciennes, 1839 in HUBRECHT (1881).

— *Schilbe* (*Schilbe*) *mystus* (Linnaeus, 1758).

#### AMPHILIIDAE

— *Amphilus ateuensis* Boulenger, 1904

*Amphilus pictus* Nichols and La Monte, 1933 in SCHULTZ (1942) see LAMBERT (1958).

Sympatric with *A. platychir* in the St John river but replaces the latter eastward to the Mono river.

— *Amphilus platychir* (Günther, 1864)

*Amphilus grammatorphorus* Pellegrin, 1913 in DAGET (1950), NORMAN (1932) and CHAYTOR and WILLIAMS (1966) see SKELTON (1984).

*Amphilus grammatorphorus marmoratus* Daget, 1963.

— *Amphilus rheophilus* Daget, 1959

Known from Guinea and Little Scarcies river.

— *Doumea chappuisi* Pellegrin, 1933

— *Paramphilus trichomycterooides* Pellegrin, 1907

Known from Fouta Djalon area in Guinea, including upper Little Scarcies. A single specimen from the Lofa river.

— *Paramphilus firestonei* Schultz, 1942

Only known by the types from St Paul and Du rivers near the coast in Liberia.

— *Paramphilus teugelsi* Skelton, 1989

Known by the types collected in a small tributary of the Mamou river (Little Scarcies system), by a

specimen from a small tributary of the Kogon basin in Guinea and by a specimen from the Falata river in Guinea.

#### CLARIIDAE

TEUGELS (1986) provided a revision and full synonymy for the African species of the genus *Clarias*.

— *Clarias anguillaris* (Linnaeus, 1758)

According to TEUGELS (1986), the specimens identified *Clarias senegalensis* by CHAYTOR (1969) from river Jong, are *C. anguillaris*. TEUGELS was also able to examine specimens from Rokel river housed in the Frankfurt Museum and noticed that both populations (Jong and Rokel) should be considered as disjunct populations : both rivers are entirely situated within the rain forest while most other specimens of *C. anguillaris* are located in savannah areas.

— *Clarias buettikoferi* Steindachner, 1895

*Clarias liberiensis* Steindachner, 1895 in BOULENGER (1919), NICHOLS and LA MONTE (1933), SCHULTZ (1942), DAGET (1950) and CHAYTOR and WILLIAMS (1966).

*Clarias bulumae* Steindachner, 1895.

*Clarias dorsimormoratus* Ahl, 1937.

*Clarias angolensis* (non Steindachner) in FOWLER (1919) and SCHULTZ (1942).

— *Clarias laeviceps dialonensis* Daget, 1962

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Specimens from coastal rivers in Sierra Leone belong to this sub-species.

— *Clarias laeviceps laeviceps* Gill, 1862

*Clarias vandenhouti* Poll, 1941 in DAGET (1952; 1963).

*Clarias walkeri* (non Günther, 1896) in NORMAN (1932).

*Clarias submarginatus* (non Peters) in NORMAN (1932).

*Clarias salae* (non Hubrecht) in DAGET (1952; 1963).

— *Clarias salae* Hubrecht, 1881

TEUGELS *et al.* (*in press*) revised the species of the genus *Heterobranchus*.

— *Heterobranchus isopterus* Bleeker, 1863

— *Heterobranchus longifilis* Valenciennes, 1840

#### MALAPTERURIDAE

— *Malapterurus electricus* (Gmelin, 1789)

#### MOCHOKIDAE

— *Chiloglanis normani* Pellegrin, 1933

— *Chiloglanis occidentalis* Pellegrin, 1933

*Chiloglanis niloticus waterloti* Daget, 1954 in LAMBERT (1958).

— *Chiloglanis polyodon* Norman, 1932  
Only known from the Bagbe river.

— *Microsynodontis pollti* Lambert, 1958  
Only known from the St John river.

— *Mochokiella paynei* Howes, 1980  
Only known from the type locality (Kasewe Forest Reserve, Sierra Leone). A Small sized species (max. 36 mm SL) close to *Microsynodontis* and *Mochokus*.

— *Synodontis annectens* Boulenger, 1911  
Known from Gambia to Jong river.

— *Synodontis ansorgii* Boulenger, 1911  
*Synodontis gambiensis* (non Günther) in POLL (1971).  
Known from Geba, Sewa and Jong basins.

— *Synodontis thysi* Poll, 1971  
Described from Little Scarcies and apparently restricted between Konkouré and Jong rivers.

— *Synodontis waterloti* Daget, 1962  
Apparently the only widespread species of *Synodontis* in Sierra Leone and Liberia.

#### CYPRINODONTIDAE

— *Aphyosemion brueningi* (Roloff, 1971)  
*Roloffia brueningi* Roloff, 1971.

— *Aphyosemion etzeli* (Berkenkamp, 1979)  
*Roloffia etzeli* Berkenkamp, 1979.  
This species is very close to *A. geryi*.

— *Aphyosemion geryi* Lambert, 1958  
*Aphyosemion guineense geryi* Lambert, 1958.  
*Roloffia geryi* (Lambert, 1958).

— *Aphyosemion guineense* Daget, 1954 from Kene-ma district (Moa river) in BERKENKAMP and ETZEL, 1979b.

— *Aphyosemion jeanpoli* (Berkenkamp and Etzel, 1979)  
*Roloffia jeanpoli* Berkenkamp and Etzel, 1979.  
*Roloffia melantereon* (non Fowler) in GRIMM (1974).

— *Aphyosemion libericense* (Boulenger, 1908)  
*Haplochilus liberensis* Boulenger, 1908.  
*Roloffia liberensis* (Boulenger, 1908).  
*Pancharax liberensis* (Boulenger, 1908) in AHL (1924).  
*Aphyosemion calabaricus* Ahl, 1936 see RADDA (1976).

*Epiplatys melantereon* Fowler, 1950 see BERKEN-KAMP and ETZEL (1979).

*Aphyosemion bertholdi* (Roloff, 1965) see RADDA (1976).

*Roloffia fredrodi* Vandersmissen, Etzel and Berkenkamp, 1980 see WILDEKAMP (1981).

- *Aphyosemion maesenii* Poll, 1941  
*Roloffia maesenii* (Poll, 1941) in CLAUSEN, 1967.  
*Aphyosemion liberense* (non Boulenger) in DAGET (1952; 1963).  
*A. maesenii*, *A. viride* and *A. liberense* are sibling species; they are difficult to differentiate by morphometrical characters.
- *Aphyosemion monroviae* (Roloff and Ladiges, 1972).  
*Roloffia monroviae* Roloff and Ladiges, 1972.  
Occurs mainly in Liberia.
- *Aphyosemion occidentale* Clausen, 1966  
*Fundulus sjoestedti* (non Lönnberg) in BOULENGER (1919).  
*Aphyosemion sjoestedti* (non Lönnberg) in CHAYTOR and WILLIAMS (1966).  
*Roloffia occidentalis* (Clausen, 1966) in SCHEEL (1966).  
*Fundulopanchax occidentalis* (Clausen, 1966) in PARENTI (1981).  
*Aphyosemion huwaldi* Berkenkamp and Etzel, 1980 in ROMAND (1985).
- *Aphyosemion roloffi* Roloff, 1936  
*Roloffia chaytori* Roloff, 1971 see RADDA (1976).
- *Aphyosemion schmitti* (Romand, 1979)  
*Roloffia schmitti* Romand, 1979.  
Restricted to eastern Liberia.
- *Aphyosemion toddi* Clausen, 1966  
*Aphyosemion occidentale toddi* Clausen, 1966.  
*Roloffia occidentalis toddi* (Clausen, 1966).  
Restricted to lower G. C. little Scarcies.
- *Aphyosemion viride* (Ladiges and Roloff, 1973)  
*Roloffia viridis* Ladiges and Roloff, 1973.  
Present only in the north-eastern region of Liberia.
- *Aplocheilichthys kabae* Daget, 1962  
Known only from the types specimens from the Kaba river, a tributary of the Little Scarcies river in Guinea.
- *Aplocheilichthys nimbaensis* (Daget, 1948)  
*Haplochilus nimbaensis* Daget, 1948 in DAGET (1952).  
*Aplocheilichthys macrurus* (non Boulenger, 1904) in DAGET (1954).  
*Micropanchax nimbaensis* (Daget, 1948) in HUBER (1981).  
Occurs only in north-eastern Liberia.
- *Aplocheilichthys normani* Ahl, 1928  
*Micropanchax macrurus manni* Schultz, 1942 in DAGET (1950) and FOWLER (1950) see CLAUSEN (1967).  
*Aplocheilichthys gambiensis* Svensson, 1933 see DAGET and ILTIS (1965).
- *Aplocheilichthys schioetzi* Scheel, 1968  
*Aplocheilichthys monikae* Berkenkamp and Etzel, 1976 see HUBER (1982).  
*Aplocheilichthys macrurus* (Duméril, 1861) in LAMBERT (1958).  
*Micropanchax schioetzi* (Scheel, 1968) in HUBER (1982).  
*Aplocheilichthys terofali* Berkenkamp and Etzel, 1981.
- *Aplocheilichthys spilauchen* (Duméril, 1861)  
*Haplochilus spilauchen* (Duméril, 1861).  
*Epiplatys spilauchen* (Duméril, 1861) in SCHULTZ (1942), DAGET (1950) and FOWLER (1950).  
*Epiplatys typus* Bleeker, 1863 see WILDEKAMP, ROMAND and SCHEEL (1986).  
*Epiplatys tschiloangensis* Ahl, 1928 see HUBER (1981).  
This species is restricted to brackish water.
- *Epiplatys annulatus* (Boulenger, 1915)  
*Haplochilus annulatus* Boulenger, 1915.  
*Pseudepiplatys annulatus* (Boulenger, 1915) in CLAUSEN (1967).  
*Aplocheilus annulatus* (Boulenger, 1915) in RADDA (1976).
- *Epiplatys azureus* Berkenkamp and Etzel, 1983  
May be a synonym of *E. olbrechtsi* which is found in the same area in eastern Liberia and presents the same color pattern.
- *Epiplatys barmoiensis* Scheel, 1968  
*Epiplatys bifasciatus* (non Steindachner) in SCHULTZ (1942), DAGET (1950) and LAMBERT (1958).  
*Aplocheilus barmoiensis* (Scheel, 1968) in RADDA (1976).  
*Epiplatys lokoensis* Berkenkamp and Etzel, 1978 see ROMAND (1980).
- *Epiplatys bifasciatus* (Steindachner, 1881)  
*Haplochilus bifasciatus* Steindachner, 1881.  
*Panachax bifasciatus* (Steindachner, 1881) in AHL (1924).  
*Panachax taeniatius* Pfaff, 1933 see DAGET and ILTIS (1965).  
*Aplocheilus bifasciatus* (Steindachner, 1881) in RADDA (1976).
- *Epiplatys coccinatus* Berkenkamp and Etzel, 1982  
Known only from the type locality in the Upper Sewa river.
- *Epiplatys dageti* Poll, 1953  
*Epiplatys chaperi* (non Sauvage) in SCHULTZ (1942).  
*Haplochilus infrafasciatus* (non Günther) in STEINDACHNER (1895).  
*Epiplatys sexfasciatus* (non Gill) in FOWLER (1950).

- *Epiplatys fasciolatus* (Günther, 1866)
- Haplochilus fasciolatus* Günther, 1866.
- Epiplatys sexfasciatus* (non Gill) in SCHULTZ (1942) and CHAYTOR and WILLIAMS (1966).
- Epiplatys sexfasciatus leonensis* Ahl, 1937 see DAGET and ILTIS (1965).
- Epiplatys dorsalis* Mayer, 1936 see BERKENKAMP and ETZEL (1978).
- Epiplatys matlocki* Fowler, 1950 see SCHEEL (1968).
- Epiplatys zimensis* Berkenkamp, 1977 see BÖHM (1979).
- Epiplatys senegalensis* (non Steindachner) in LAMBERT (1958).
- Epiplatys fasciolatus tototaensis* Romand, 1978.
- Epiplatys fasciolatus huwaldi* Berkenkamp and ETZEL, 1978 see BERKENKAMP and ETZEL (1979).
- This species is polymorphic as shown by several subspecies.
- *Epiplatys hildegardae* Berkenkamp, 1983  
Known only from the Nzérékoré region, but may be present in Liberia.
- *Epiplatys josiana* Berkenkamp and Etzel, 1983  
Known only from the type localities around Kenema in Sierra Leone.
- *Epiplatys lamottei* Daget, 1954  
*Epiplatys fasciolatus lamottei* Daget, 1954.  
Present in northern Liberia.
- *Epiplatys njalaensis* Neumann, 1976  
*Aplocheilus njalaensis* (Neumann, 1976) in RADDA (1976).  
Known only from the type locality around Njala in Sierra Leone.
- *Epiplatys olbrechtsi* Poll, 1941  
*Epiplatys fasciolatus olbrechtsi* (Poll, 1941) in DAGET (1952 and 1963).  
*Epiplatys fasciolatus* (non Günther) in DAGET and ILTIS (1965).  
*Epiplatys fasciolatus puetzi* Berkenkamp and Etzel, 1985.  
This species is polymorphic as shown by several subspecies present in Côte-d'Ivoire.
- *Epiplatys roloffii* Romand, 1978  
*Epiplatys olbrechtsi* (non Poll) in ROLOFF (1976).  
Restricted to the northern regions of Liberia.
- *Epiplatys ruhkopfi* Berkenkamp and Etzel, 1980  
Only known from the type locality in central Liberia.

#### CHANNIDAE

- *Parachanna obscura* (Günther, 1861)
- Ophiocephalus obscurus* Günther, 1861 in BOULENGER (1919) and DAGET (1950).  
Taxonomy and distribution of the genus *Parachanna* have been discussed by BONOU and TEUGELS (1985).

#### CENTROPOMIDAE

- *Lates niloticus* (Linnaeus, 1758)  
Seems to occur mainly in Sierra Leone.

#### CICHLIDAE

- *Anomalochromis thomasi* (Boulenger, 1915)  
*Paralilapia thomasi* Boulenger, 1915.
- Pelmatolochromis thomasi* (Boulenger, 1915).
- Hemichromis thomasi* (Boulenger, 1915).
- *Chromidotilapia guntheri* (Sauvage, 1882)  
*Hemichromis guntheri* Sauvage, 1882.
- Pelmatolochromis guntheri* (Sauvage, 1882).
- *Hemichromis bimaculatus* Gill, 1862  
*Hemichromis fugax* Payne and Trewavas, 1976 see LOISELLE (1979).
- Hemichromis paynei* Loiselle, 1979.
- *Hemichromis fasciatus* Peters, 1857
- *Pelmatolochromis buettikoferi* (Steindachner, 1895)  
*Paralilapia büttikoferi* Steindachner, 1895.
- *Pelvicachromis humilis* (Boulenger, 1916)  
*Pelmatolochromis humilis* Boulenger, 1916.
- *Pelvicachromis roloffi* (Thys van den Audenaerde, 1968)  
*Pelmatolochromis roloffi* Thys van den Audenaerde, 1968.
- Pelmatolochromis pulcher* (non Boulenger) in BOULENGER (1916) and DAGET (1950; 1962).
- Pelmatolochromis buettikoferi* (non Steindachner) in FOWLER (1950).
- *Sarotherodon caudomarginatus* (Boulenger, 1916)  
*Tilapia caudomarginata* Boulenger, 1916.
- *Sarotherodon galilaeus* (Linnaeus, 1758)  
*Tilapia galilaea* (Linnaeus, 1758).
- *Sarotherodon melanotheron leonensis* (Thys van den Audenaerde, 1971)  
*Tilapia leonensis* Thys van den Audenaerde, 1971  
see TREWAVAS (1983).  
This subspecies occurs in fresh and brackish waters along the coast.
- Tilapia macrocephala* (partim? non Günther, 1862) in BOULENGER (1916) see TREWAVAS (1983).  
It is possible that specimens identified *T. heudeloti* see AHL (1937) belong to *S. melanotheron leonensis*.
- *Sarotherodon occidentalis* (Daget, 1962)  
*Tilapia occidentalis* Daget, 1962.
- ? *Chromis mossambicus* (non Peters) in STEINDACHNER (1895) (St Paul river and Soforeh Place, Liberia) see TREWAVAS (1983).
- Tilapia galilea* (partim, non Linnaeus) in FOWLER (1919) (Mt Coffee, St Paul, Liberia see TREWAVAS (1983)).
- Tilapia pleuromelas* (non Duméril) in SCHULTZ (1942) see TREWAVAS (1983).

- ? *Chromis niloticus* (non Linnaeus) in STEINDACHNER (1895) see THYS VAN DEN AUDENAERDE (1968).
- *Sarotherodon tournieri* (Daget, 1964)  
*Tilapia tournieri* Daget, 1964.  
Trewavas (1983) distinguished two sub-species :  
— *S. tournieri tournieri* (Daget, 1964) from Cavally (Côte-d'Ivoire).  
— *S. tournieri liberiensis* (THYS VAN DEN AUDENAERDE, 1971) from Cess and St John rivers.
- Tilapia liberiensis* Thys van den Audenaerde, 1971  
see TREWAVAS (1983).
- *Tilapia brevimanus* Boulenger, 1911  
*Tilapia savagei* Fowler, 1919 in SCHULTZ (1942) and DAGET (1963) see WHITEHEAD (1962).
- *Tilapia buttikoferi* (Hubrecht, 1881)  
*Chromis buttikoferi* Hubrecht, 1881.
- *Tilapia cessiana* Thys van den Audenaerde, 1968  
Close to *T. buttikoferi*, this species occurs in river Cess or Nipoué.
- *Tilapia coffeea* Thys van den Audenaerde, 1970  
Described from St Paul river and close to *Tilapia walteri* occurring in the adjacent basins (St John, Cess and Cavally).
- *Tilapia guineensis* (Bleeker, 1862)
- THYS VAN DEN AUDENAERDE (1968) considered that *Chromis mossambicus* Peters, 1852 mentioned by HUBRECHT (1881) and STEINDACHNER (1895) could be *T. guineensis* at least in part. That is possible too for *Tilapia melanopleura* Duméril, 1859, in DAGET (1950).
- *Tilapia joka* Thys van den Audenaerde, 1969
- *Tilapia louka* Thys van den Audenaerde, 1969  
*Tilapia melanopleura* Duméril, 1859 in NORMAN (1932), FOWLER (1950) and SCHULTZ (1942).
- Tilapia zillii* (non Gervais) in SCHULTZ (1942).
- *Tilapia walteri* Thys van den Audenaerde, 1968
- *Tilapia zillii* (Gervais, 1848)
- *Tylochromis intermedius* (Boulenger, 1916)  
*Pelmatochromis intermedius* Boulenger, 1916.  
*Pelmatochromis jentinki* (non Steindachner) in SVENSSON (1933) see STIASSNY (1989).
- *Tylochromis jentinki* (Steindachner, 1895)
- *Tylochromis leonensis* Stiassny, 1989  
*Pelmatochromis intermedius* (non Boulenger) partim in BOULENGER (1916; 1919) see STIASSNY (1989).

## GOBIIDAE

- *Chonophorus lateristriga* (Duméril, 1861)  
*Gobius lateristriga* Duméril, 1861.

- Gobius aeneofuscus* var. *guineensis* Peters, 1877.  
*Gobius guineensis* Peters, 1877 in BOULENGER (1919).
- Gobius (Chonophorus) tajasica* (non Lichenstein, 1823) in STEINDACHNER (1895).

- *Nemalogobius maindroni* (Sauvage, 1880)  
*Gobius maindroni* Sauvage, 1880 in BOULENGER (1919).

## ELEOTRIDAE

- *Eleotris daganensis* Steindachner, 1870
- *Eleotris senegalensis* Steindachner, 1870  
*Eleotris (Culius) büttikoferi* Steindachner, 1895.
- *Eleotris vittata* Duméril, 1858  
*Eleotris pisonis* (non Gmelin, 1789) in STEINDACHNER (1895).
- Eleotris monleiri* O'Snaughnessy, 1875 in AHL (1937).
- *Kribia kribensis* (Boulenger, 1907)  
*Eleotris kribensis* Boulenger, 1907 in SCHULTZ (1942), DAGET (1950) and CHAYTOR and WILLIAMS (1966).
- *Kribia leonensis* (Boulenger, 1916)  
*Eleotris leonensis* Boulenger, 1916 in FOWLER (1936) known only from Sierra Leone.
- *Kribia nana* (Boulenger, 1901)

## ANABANTIDAE

- *Ctenopoma kingsleyae* Günther, 1896  
*Anabas kingsleyae* (Günther, 1896) in SCHULTZ (1942) and FOWLER (1919).
- Ctenopoma pelherici* (non Günther) in HUBRECHT (1881) and STEINDACHNER (1895).

## MASTACEMBELIDAE

- The spiny eels have been reviewed by TRAVERS (*in prep.*).
- *Aethiomastacembelus liberiensis* (Boulenger, 1898)  
*Mastacembelus liberiensis* Boulenger, 1898.  
*Mastacembelus marchei* (non Sauvage) in STEINDACHNER (1895).
- Mastacembelus laticauda* Ahl, 1937 see DAGET and ILTIS (1965).
- Mastacembelus reticulatus* Boulenger, 1911 see TRAVERS (*in prep.*).
- *Aethiomastacembelus nigromarginatus* (Boulenger, 1898)
- *Mastacembelus nigromarginatus* Boulenger, 1898. This species replaces *A. liberiensis* eastwards of the Cess river to the Cross. They are sympatric in Cess and Cavally systems.
- *Caecomastacembelus* sp. Travers (*in prep.*)  
The genus *Caecomastacembelus* widespread in eastern and central Africa is represented in Upper

Guinea only by this species presently being described from Sierra Leone.

## DISCUSSION

This paper is an up-dated review of our knowledge on freshwater fishes from main river systems in Sierra Leone and Liberia, for many of them, the upper course is located in Guinea. It forms part of a series on regional approaches for West Africa, and follows papers on Côte-d'Ivoire and western Ghana (TEUGELS *et al.*, 1988), Guinea (LÉVÈQUE *et al.*, 1989) and Togo (PAUGY and BÉNECH, 1989). A general synthesis on faunistic relationships between West African river basins will be prepared using these reviews. Meanwhile, some general comments are given herein.

According to ROBERTS (1975), rivers of Sierra Leone and Liberia are populated almost exclusively by upper guinean fishes, and the distribution of some taxa indicates "early faunistic relationships between upper guinean, lower guinean and zaïrean provinces". Without discussing how old these relationships are, this statement can be illustrated by some examples :

- some species are only recorded from upper, lower guinean and zaïrean provinces : *Mormyrus tapirus*, *Isichthys henryi*, and *Brienomyrus brachypterus* (Mormyridae) and *Notopterus afer* and *Xenomystus nigri* (Notopteridae);

- some genera recorded from upper Guinea are apparently also represented in lower Guinea and Zaïre. That is the case for *Doumea*, *Paramphilius*, *Microsynodus* and the related genus *Mockochiella*, *Paralia*, *Ichthyborus* (*I. quadrilineatus* is close to *I. ornata* from Zaïre and *I. monodi* from Cameroon) and *Caecomastacembelus*.

Comparing our list of species to that of the Niger basin (LÉVÈQUE *et al.*, *in prep.*) whose upper reaches are geographically close to some of the coastal basins, only few species are found in common. The most abundant ones are : *Mormyrops anguilloides*, *Hepsetus odoe*, *Brycinus macrolepidotus*, *Brycinus nurse*, *Hydrocynus forskalii*, *Chrysichthys nigrodigitatus*, *Malapterurus electricus*, *Schilbe niloticus*, *Auchenoglanis occidentalis*, *Barbus macrops*, *Hemichromis bimaculatus* and *Tilapia zillii*.

Concerning species richness, and using the simple relationships established by DAGET and ILTIS (1965) and by HUGUENY (1989a) where species richness depends only on the catchment surface area, we often find that the predicted number of species is lower than the observed one (tab. I), especially for Sierra Leone basins from which more samples are available. To obtain a better predictive model we have to introduce the mean annual discharge, as demonstrated by HUGUENY (1989a). Unfortunately, for this area these data are unavailable for the moment. Nevertheless, as all the rivers are perennial, i.e. with a relative high mean annual discharge, it might well be that these refuge biotopes *sensu* HUGUENY (1989b) have a higher specific richness than nilo-sudan basins.

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