

A NEW RECORD OF RECENTLY DISCOVERED CRAYFISH, AUSTROPOTAMOBIOUS TORRENTIUM (SHRANK, 1803), IN TURKEY



After the occurrence of *Austropotamobius torrentium* in the Velika River in European Turkey, investigations to observe the distribution of crayfish species close to the Velika River have been carried out. The present observations showed that the distribution of *A. torrentium* expanded in European part of Turkey. In the summer of 2006, *A. torrentium* was found in the Madara Brook, but the abundance of *A. torrentium* in this brook was very low in comparison to the Velika River. Under the light of present observations, it could be concluded that besides the limited exploitation interest of *A. torrentium* in Turkey, this crayfish species increases its distribution in European Turkey, and more research should be carried out on its distribution and its either native or introduced presence in Turkey.

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