

A rapid assessment of the decapod fauna in the Rio Tahuamanu and Rio Manuripi Basins, with new records of shrimps and crabs for Bolivia (Crustacea, Decapoda, Palaemonidae, Sergestidae, Trichodactylidae)

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ABSTRACT. Results of a decapod fauna survey conducted during the AquaRAP expedition to Río Tahuamanu and Río Manuripi Basins, in the Department of Pando, Bolivia, in September, 1996 are presented. Ten species of shrimps and crabs, representing three families and six genera were found. New records for Bolivia were *Macrobrachium depressimanum* Pereira, 1993, *Macrobrachium brasiliense* (Heller, 1862), *Acetes paraguayensis* Hansen, 1919, *Sylviocarcinus devillei* H. Milne-Edwards, 1853, *Sylviocarcinus maldonadoensis* (Pretzmann, 1978), and *Valdivia serrata* White, 1847.

KEY WORDS. Bolivia, Decapoda, diversity, Amazon Basin, new record

The decapod crustacean fauna of Bolivia is poorly known. Palaemonid shrimps were treated by HOLTHUIS (1950), who described *Palaemonetes ivonicus* and later recorded *Macrobrachium amazonicum* (Heller, 1862) and *M. jelskii* (Miers, 1877) (HOLTHUIS 1952, 1966). The trichodactylid crabs are relatively better studied. The first citation was by NOBILI (1898) for *Orthostoma septemdentatum* (Herbst, 1783) based on specimens from Río Yacuma, in the Department of Beni. PARISI (1923) and PRETZMANN (1968) described, respectively, *Trichodactylus (Valdivia) boliviensis* and *Trichodactylus (Dilocarcinus) bachmayeri*, based on material from Bolivia. However, these taxa were later synonymized by MAGALHÃES & TÜRKAY (1996a) under *Poppiana argentiniana* (Rathbun, 1905). BOTT (1969) mentioned the occurrence of *Sylviocarcinus pictus* (H. Milne-Edwards, 1853) and *Poppiana argentiniana* and described *Dilocarcinus pagei cristatus*. RODRÍGUEZ (1992) also dealt with Bolivian specimens in his revision of the family. He described *Dilocarcinus truncatus* from Riberalta and presented new records for *Valdivia camerani* (Nobili, 1896) and *Dilocarcinus pagei* Stimpson, 1861. MAGALHÃES & TÜRKAY (1996b) recorded *Sylviocarcinus pictus* (H. Milne-Edwards, 1853) and presented new records of *Zichiopsis oronensis* (Pretzmann, 1968) for the country. Specimens of anomurans (Aeglididae) were firstly recorded by RINGUELET (1960) as *Aegla neuquensis affinis* (Schmitt, 1942), which BOND-BUCKUP & BUCKUP (1994) later described as *Aegla septentrionalis* new species. This family is represented in Bolivia only by this species, known from the southern Departments of Potosi and Tarija.

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The above records were considered in the lists of MANNING & HOBBS JR. (1977) and RODRÍGUEZ (1981) of the aquatic biota of Austral and Tropical South America, respectively. The former authors mentioned *Aegla neuquensis affinis* and *Zichiopsis sattleri* Bott, 1969, and the latter listed *Zichiopsis sattleri* and *Poppiana argentiniana* for the country.

These sporadic records came mostly from collections undertaken in the Rio Beni and Rio Mamoré Basins. Large areas of the Bolivian territory remain unknown in terms of the presence of shrimps and crabs, as it is the case of the northern Department of Pando. In September, 1996, an AquaRAP (Aquatic Rapid Assessment Program) Expedition to the Rio Tahuamanu and Rio Manuripi Basins was undertaken to perform a rapid biological assessment of the area (CHERNOFF & WILLINK 1999). Aspects of habitat, distribution and ecological notes about the crustaceans collected in that Expedition have been presented by MAGALHÃES (1999). Here I summarize the taxonomic results and present the distributional data for the decapod species.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The surveyed areas of Río Tahuamanu and Río Manuripi are situated in the Department of Pando, northern Bolivia, within a polygon approximately between the meridians 11°00'–11°30'S and the parallels 67°33'–69°00'W (Fig. 1). Both rivers join to form the Río Orthon, which runs into the Río Madre de Dios and Río Beni, part of the upper Río Madeira Basin. Rivers are usually white water, slightly acidic to neutral, but some water bodies have blackwater habitats (see CHERNOFF & WILLINK 1999 for a detailed description of the region and the water quality). Crustaceans were collected as part of the ichthyological survey at 43 stations. The main habitats surveyed were river channel, small forest streams and lagoons. The samples were taken in sandy and muddy-sand beaches, floating and rooted vegetation, and areas with submerged leaf litter and trunks. The methods of capture were mainly 2 and 5-meter long seine nets and, occasionally, trawl gear. All the samples were taken during daylight hours.

Measurements of crab carapace (breadth:length) are in millimeters. Abbreviations used were “immat.” for immature specimens; “juv.” for juveniles and “spec.” for specimens. Only adult males were used for preparing the illustrations. The specimens are deposited in the Colección Boliviana de Fauna (CBF), La Paz, and the crustacean collection of the Instituto Nacional de Pesquisa da Amazônia (INPA), Manaus.

Palaemonidae Rafinesque, 1815

Macrobrachium amazonicum (Heller, 1862)

Fig. 2

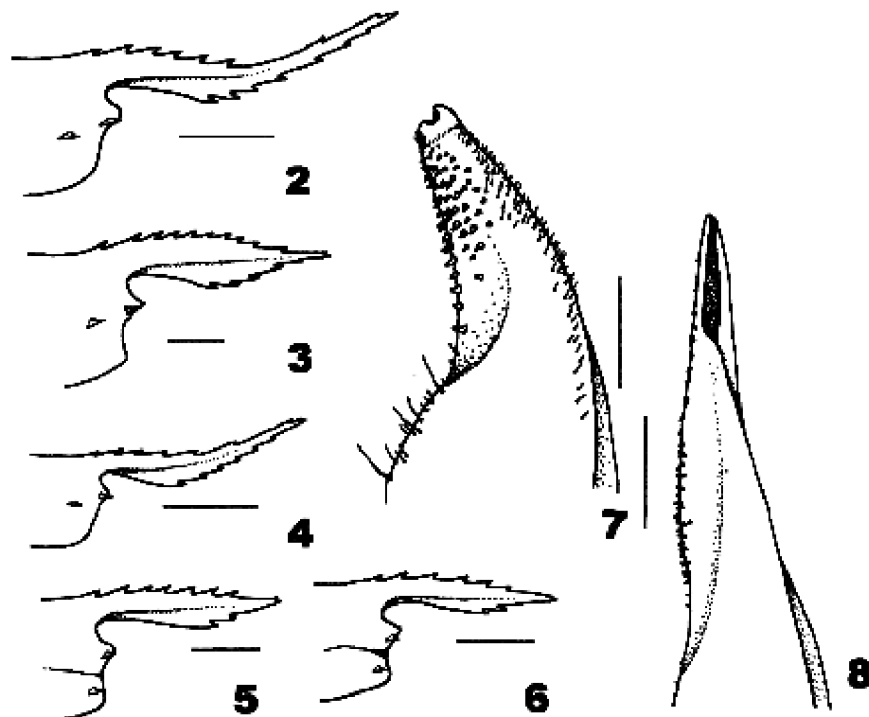
Palaemon amazonicus Heller, 1862: 418, pl. 2, fig. 45.

Macrobrachium amazonicum; Holthuis, 1952: 18. – Holthuis, 1966: 2. – Magalhães, 1999: 36.

Material. BOLÍVIA, Pando: lago Cañavaral, left bank of Rio Tahuamanu, 11°26.2'S 69°01.9'W, 8.IX.1996, J. Sarmiento & L.F. Yapur, 1 spec. (CBF 97); Rio Manuripi, ca. 13 km upriver from Puerto Rico, 16.IX.1996, J. Sarmiento,

spec. (CBF 92); Rio Muyumanu, 11°26,9'S 69°01,7'W, 8.IX.1996, H. Ortega & S. Barrera, 7 spec. (CBF 93); Rio Nareuda, 11°16'S 69°04'W, 4.IX.1996, N. Menezes, B. Chernoff, T. Bert & R. Coca, 18 spec. (CBF 128); idem, 10 spec. (INPA 864); Rio Nareuda, 11°16'S 69°04'W, 4.IX.1996, N. Menezes, B. Chernoff, T. Bert & R. Coca, 5 spec. (CBF 131); Rio Nareuda, below bridge, 11°16.6'S 69°03'W, 4.IX.1996, N. Menezes, B. Chernoff, T. Bert & R. Coca, 2 spec. (CBF 133); Rio Nareuda, by caño coming from forest, 5.IX.1996, N. Menezes, B. Chernoff, R. Coca & T. Bert, 11 spec. (CBF 134); Rio Nareuda, *ca.* 100 m downriver from small caño, 5.IX.1996, N. Menezes, B. Chernoff, T. Bert & R. Coca, 3 spec. (CBF 137); Rio Nareuda, *ca.* 200 m downriver from the bridge, 11°16.6'S 69°03.9'W, 5.IX.1996, N. Menezes, B. Chernoff, T. Bert & R. Coca, 4 spec. (CBF 139); Rio Nareuda, *ca.* 2 km upriver from confluence with Rio Tahuamanu, 11°18.3'S 68°45.4'W, 10.IX.1996, H. Ortega, J. Sarmiento, L.F. Yapur & S. Barrera, 12 spec. (CBF 99); idem, 5 spec. (INPA 867); Rio Nareuda, *ca.* 4 km upriver from confluence with Rio Tahuamanu, 11°18.3'S 68°45.9'W, 10.IX.1996, H. Ortega & F. Yapur, 1 spec. (CBF 106); Rio Nareuda, 100 m upriver from confluence with Rio Tahuamanu, 10.IX.1996, H. Ortega & F. Yapur, 1 spec. (CBF 107); Rio Nareuda, rápidos, *ca.* 6 km upriver from confluence with Rio Tahuamanu, 11°18,3'W 68°45.4'W, 11.IX.1996, J. Sarmiento, H. Ortega, S. Barrera & F. Yapur, 1 spec. (CBF 112); Rio Tahuamanu, downriver from mouth of Rio Nareuda, 11°17.6'S 68°44.3'W, 10.IX.1996, N. Menezes, B. Chernoff, T. Bert & R. Coca, 10 spec. (CBF 144); Rio Tahuamanu, *ca.* 1 km downriver from mouth of Rio Nareuda, 11°16.4'S 68°44.2'W, 10.IX.1996, N. Menezes, B. Chernoff, T. Bert & R. Coca, 4 spec. (CBF 146); Rio Tahuamanu, *ca.* 1.9 km downriver from mouth of Rio Nareuda, 11°17.5'S 68°44.4'W, 10.IX.1996, N. Menezes, B. Chernoff, T. Bert & R. Coca, 2 spec. (CBF 145); Rio Tahuamanu, 11°16.3'S 68°44'W, 10.IX.1996, B. Chernoff, J. Sarmiento, S. Barrera, R. Coca & T. Bert, 2 spec. (CBF 148); Rio Tahuamanu, *ca.* 68 km downriver from mouth of Rio Nareuda, 11°18.1'S 68°44.4'W, B. Chernoff, H. Ortega, N. Menezes, T. Bert & R. Coca, 4 spec. (CBF 151); Rio Tahuamanu, *ca.* 440 m upriver from mouth of Rio Nareuda, at small rapids, 11°18.8'S 68°44.5'W, 12.IX.1996, H. Ortega, B. Chernoff, N. Menezes, T. Bert & R. Coca, 2 spec. (CBF 152); Rio Tahuamanu, from mouth of Rio Nareuda to below Cochuelita (from 0.15 km to 4.55 km below mouth of Rio Nareuda), 13.IX.1996, H. Ortega, B. Chernoff, T. Bert & R. Coca, 6 spec. (CBF 153); Rio Tahuamanu, at sand island *ca.* 1.93 km downriver from mouth of Rio Nareuda, 13.IX.1996, B. Chernoff, A. Machado, J. Sarmiento, T. Bert, R. Coca & F. Yapur, 17 spec. (CBF 155); Rio Tahuamanu, near mouth in Rio Manuripi, 11°06.7'S 67°33.7'W, 17.IX.1996, A. Machado, B. Chernoff, T. Bert & R. Coca, 25 spec. (CBF 159); idem, 15 spec. (INPA 866); Rio Tahuamanu, *ca.* 500 m upriver from confluence with Rio Manuripi, 18.IX.1996, J. Sarmiento, S. Barrera & F. Yapur, 5 spec. (CBF 124); Rio Orthon, *ca.* 2 km downriver from Puerto Rico, 11°05.3'S 67°33.4'W, 18.IX.1996, J. Sarmiento, S. Barrera & F. Yapur, 4 spec. (CBF 122).

Remarks. This is the first record of the species in Bolivia, but PEREIRA (1993: 342) already recorded it in the Rio Madeira Basin in Brazil.



Figs 2-8. (2) *Macrobrachium amazonicum*, male, INPA 788, rostrum and anterior part of the carapace, lateral view; (3) *Macrobrachium depressimanum*, male, INPA 866, rostrum and anterior part of the carapace, lateral view; (4) *Macrobrachium jelskii*, male, INPA 792, rostrum and anterior part of the carapace, lateral view; (5-6) *Palaemonetes ivonicus*, males, INPA 869, rostrum and anterior part of the carapace, lateral view; (7) *Valdivia serrata*, INPA 790, first gonopod of male, right, distal part, ventro-mesial view; (8) *Zilchiopsis oronensis*, INPA 789, first gonopod of male, right, distal part, ventro-mesial view. Scale bars: 2, 4 = 5mm; 3, 5, 6 = 2mm; 7, 8 = 1mm.

Macrobrachium jelskii (Miers, 1877)

Fig. 4

Palaemon jelskii Miers, 1877: 661, pl. 67, fig. 1.

Macrobrachium jelskii; Holthuis, 1966: 3. – Magalhães, 1999: 36.

Material. BOLIVIA, Pando: lago Cañavaral, left bank of Rio Tahuamanu, 11°26.2'S 69°01.9'W, 8.IX.1996, J. Sarmiento & L.F. Yapur, 1 spec. (CBF 96); Rio Nareuda, ca. 100 m downriver from small caño, 5.IX.1996, N. Menezes, B. Chernoff, T. Bert & R. Coca, 2 spec. (CBF 136); Rio Nareuda, 11°16'S 69°04'W, 4.IX.1996, N. Menezes, B. Chernoff, T. Bert & R. Coca, 10 spec. (CBF 130); Rio Nareuda, ca. 2 km upriver from confluence with Rio Tahuamanu, 11°18.3'S 68°45.4'W, 10.IX.1996, H. Ortega, J. Sarmiento, L.F. Yapur & S. Barrera, 10 spec.

(CBF 100); Rio Nareuda, 100 m upriver from confluence with Rio Tahuamanu, 10.IX.1996, H. Ortega & F. Yapur, 3 spec. (CBF 108); Rio Nareuda, ca. 6 km from the confluence with Rio Tahuamanu, 11°18.6'S 68°45.8'W, 11.IX.1996, H. Ortega & F. Yapur, 8 spec. (CBF 111); idem, 8 spec. (INPA 792); Rio Orthon, ca. 2 km downriver from Puerto Rico, 11°05.3'S 67°33.4'W, 18.IX.1996, J. Sarmiento, S. Barrera & F. Yapur, 1 spec. (CBF 121).

Remarks. The species is known from Bolivia from a single record: Rio Chipiriri, near San Francisco de Chipiriri [Department of Cochabamba, ca. 16°45'S 65°11'W] (HOLTHUIS 1966: 3). The present records indicate that it is well distributed in the Bolivian portion of the Amazon Basin.

Macrobrachium brasiliense (Heller, 1866)

Palaemon brasiliensis Heller, 1862: 419, pl. 2, fig. 46.

Macrobrachium brasiliense; Magalhães, 1999: 36.

Material. BOLIVIA, Pando: Small caño, tributary of Rio Nareuda, 5.IX.1996, N. Menezes, B. Chernoff, T. Bert & R. Coca, 13 spec. (CBF 135); idem, 2 spec. (INPA 791); Rio Nareuda, ca. 100 m downriver from small caño, 5.IX.1996, N. Menezes, B. Chernoff, T. Bert & R. Coca, 1 spec. (CBF 138); small caño, tributary of Rio Nareuda, 11°17.5'S 69°04.6'W, 8.IX.1996, 2 spec. (CBF 141); garape Campo Franza, 11°17.1'S 69°04.4'W, 8.IX.1996, N. Menezes, B. Chernoff, T. Bert, R. Coca & L. Jammes, 1 spec. (CBF 142); Rio Nareuda, ca. 2 km upriver from confluence with Rio Tahuamanu, 11°18.3'S 68°45.4'W, 10.IX.1996, H. Ortega, J. Sarmiento, L.F. Yapur & S. Barrera, 2 immat. spec. (CBF 102); Curiche at right bank of Rio Nareuda, ca. 3-4 km upriver from the confluence with Rio Tahuamanu, 10.IX.1996, H. Ortega, J. Sarmiento, S. Barrera & F. Yapur, 2 spec. (CBF 103); Rio Nareuda, ca. 4 km upriver from confluence with Rio Tahuamanu, 11°18.3'S 68°45.9'W, 10.IX.1996, H. Ortega & F. Yapur, 1 spec. (CBF 105); Rio Nareuda, 100 m upriver from confluence with Rio Tahuamanu, 10.IX.1996, H. Ortega & F. Yapur, 1 spec. (CBF 109); garape Preto, ca. 300 m above mouth in Rio Tahuamanu, 4.36 km downriver from mouth of Rio Nareuda, 11.IX.1996, N. Menezes, B. Chernoff, T. Bert & R. Coca, 3 spec. (CBF 149).

Remarks. Part of the material is composed by immature or damaged specimens, which makes the identification difficult. However, a few fully grown adult males have the second pereopod bearing the typical morphology, with a subcylindrical palm more than two times as long as the fingers.

Palaemonetes ivonicus Holthuis, 1950

Figs 5, 6

Palaemonetes ivonicus Holthuis, 1950: 98. – Holthuis, 1966: 4, fig. 1a,b. – Magalhães, 1999: 36.

Palaemonetes (Palaemonetes) ivonicus; Holthuis, 1950: 10. – Holthuis, 1952: 222, pl. 53, figs d-h.

Material. BOLIVIA, Pando: Rio Tahuamanu, Aserradero Rutina, 77 km de Cobija, 11°25.9'S 69°00'W, 4.IX.1996, J. Sarmiento, S. Barrera & F. Yapur, 1 immat. spec. (CBF 164); lago Cañavalar, left bank of Rio Tahuamanu, 11°26.2'S 69°01.9'W, 8.IX.1996, J. Sarmiento & L.F. Yapur, 1 spec. (CBF 95); Rio Muyumanu, 11°26.9'S

69°01,7'W, 8.IX.1996, H. Ortega & S. Barrera, 4 juv. spec. (CBF 166); Rio Nareuda, 100 m upriver from confluence with Rio Tahuamanu, 10.IX.1996, H. Ortega & F. Yapur, 10 spec. (INPA 869); Curiche at right bank of Rio Nareuda, ca. 3-4 km upriver from the confluence with Rio Tahuamanu, 10.IX.1996, H. Ortega, J. Sarmiento, S. Barrera & F. Yapur, 15 spec. (CBF 104); idem, 5 spec. (INPA 868); Rio Nareuda, ca. 4 km upriver from confluence with Rio Tahuamanu, 11°18.3'S 68°45.9'W, 10.IX.1996, H. Ortega & F. Yapur, 9 juv. and immat. spec. (CBF 167); Rio Manuripi, ca. 12 km upriver from Puerto Rico, 11°09.1'S 67°33.6'W, 15.IX.1996, J. Sarmiento, S. Barrera & F. Yapur, 2 spec. (CBF 118); Rio Manuripi, ca. 20 km upriver from Puerto Rico, 16.IX.1996, J. Sarmiento, F. Yapur & S. Barrera, 1 spec. (CBF 119); Rio Manuripi, ca. 13 km upriver from Puerto Rico, 16.IX.1996, J. Sarmiento, L.F. Yapur & S. Barrera, 2 spec. (CBF 170).

Remarks. The rostrum of the specimens is straight and has seven to eight dorsal and two to three ventral teeth; one dorsal tooth is always postorbital. The number of dorsal teeth lays within the range of the Bolivian specimens studied by HOLTHUIS (1950, 1966), in which the rostral formula is 6-10/3, but most of the specimens studied by me had only two ventral teeth. The present specimens also had the branchiostegal spine placed behind the anterior margin of the carapace, but the position of its tip is variable. In most cases, the tip does not reach the margin. However, in some specimens, the spine is larger and its tip reaches the anterior margin or even extends beyond it.

The type locality of this species is in the Rio Beni, near Ivon [Department of Beni, ca. 11°08'S 66°08'W] (HOLTHUIS 1950). HOLTHUIS (1966) also presented other records for the Rio Palmar, near Palmar, north of Cochabamba, and Rio Chipiriri, near San Francisco de Chipiriri [Department of Cochabamba, ca. 16°45'S 65°11'W].

Sergestidae Dana, 1852

Acetes paraguayensis Hansen, 1919

Acetes paraguayensis Hansen, 1919: 46, figs 8-14. – Magalhães, 1999: 36.

Material. BOLIVIA, Pando: Rio Tahuamanu, downriver from mouth of Rio Nareuda, 11°17.6'S 68°44.3'W, 10.IX.1996, N. Menezes, B. Chernoff, T. Bert & R. Coca, 6 spec. (CBF 143); Rio Tahuamanu, ca. 1 km downriver from mouth of Rio Nareuda, 11°16.4'S 68°44.2'W, 10.IX.1996, N. Menezes, B. Chernoff, T. Bert & R. Coca, 3 spec. (CBF 147); Laguna on right bank of Rio Tahuamanu, ca. 500 m from confluence with Rio Nareuda, 11°18.6'S 68°44.4'W, 12.IX.1996, J. Sarmiento, F. Yapur & S. Barrera, 1 spec. (CBF 115); Rio Tahuamanu, at sand island ca. 1.93 km downriver from mouth of Rio Nareuda, 13.IX.1996, B. Chernoff, A. Machado, J. Sarmiento, T. Bert, R. Coca & F. Yapur, 34 spec. (CBF 154); Rio Manuripi, 5.2 km from Puerto Rico, 11°09'S 67°33.6'W, A. Machado, B. Chernoff, J. Sarmiento, R. Coca, T. Bert & S. Barrera, 4 spec. (CBF 157); lagoon off Rio Manuripi, 0.8 km upriver from Puerto Rico, 11°06.6'S 67°33.3'W, 19.IX.1996, A. Machado, B. Chernoff, T. Bert, F. Yapur & R. Coca, 1 spec. (CBF 163).

Remarks. *A. paraguayensis* has a wide distribution in South America, occurring in the Orinoco, Amazon, Paraguay and Paraná River Basins, from Venezuela to Argentina (RODRÍGUEZ 1982). The above records indicate that the species may also be well distributed in the Bolivian portion of the Rio Madeira Basin.

Trichodactylidae H. Milne-Edwards, 1853

Sylviocarcinus devillei H. Milne-Edwards, 1853

Sylviocarcinus devillei H. Milne-Edwards, 1853: 215. – Magalhães, 1999: 36.

Material. BOLIVIA, Pando: Rio Tahuamanu, *ca.* 2-3 km upriver from mouth of Rio Muyumanu, 11°26,3'S 69°02,1'W, 5.IX.1996, J. Sarmiento, L.F. Yapur & S. Barrera, 1 male (CBF 91); Rio Tahuamanu, *ca.* 68 km downriver from mouth of Rio Nareuda, 11°18.1'S 68°44.4'W, B. Chernoff, H. Ortega, N. Menezes, T. Bert & R. Coca, 1 immat. female (CBF 150); Rio Orthon, *ca.* 2 km downriver from Puerto Rico, 11°05.3'S 67°33.4'W, 18.IX.1996, J. Sarmiento, S. Barrera & F. Yapur, 1 spec. (CBF 123).

Remarks. The species was previously recorded from the upper (Puerto Maldonado, Peru) and lower (Rio Madeira, Brazil) portions of the Rio Madeira drainage (MAGALHÃES & TÜRKAY 1996b).

Sylviocarcinus maldonadoensis (Pretzmann, 1978)

Holthuisia picta maldonadoensis Pretzmann, 1978: 169, fig. 12.

Sylviocarcinus maldonadoensis; Magalhães, 1999: 36.

Material. BOLIVIA, Pando: Rio Nareuda, *ca.* 2 km upriver from confluence with Rio Tahuamanu, 11°18.3'S 68°45.4'W, 10.IX.1996, H. Ortega, J. Sarmiento, L.F. Yapur & S. Barrera, 1 male (CBF 101); Rio Nareuda, rápidos, *ca.* 6 km upriver from confluence with Rio Tahuamanu, 11°18,3'W 68°45.4'W, 11.IX.1996, J. Sarmiento, H. Ortega, S. Barrera & F. Yapur, 1 female (CBF 113); Rio Tahuamanu, at sand island *ca.* 1.93 km downriver from mouth of Rio Nareuda, 13.IX.1996, B. Chernoff, A. Machado, J. Sarmiento, T. Bert, R. Coca & F. Yapur, 1 female (CBF 156).

Remarks. The type material of this species came from Puerto Maldonado, Peru, in the Río Madre de Dios, a tributary of the Río Beni.

Valdivia serrata White, 1847

Fig. 7

Valdivia serrata White, 1847: 206.

Valdivia cf. *serrata*; Magalhães, 1999: 36.

Material. BOLIVIA, Pando: Rio Nareuda, 11°16'S 69°04'W, 4.IX.1996, N. Menezes, B. Chernoff, T. Bert & R. Coca, 1 male, 33.5:29.3 (CBF 127); *idem*, 1 male, 33.5:29.0 (INPA 790); Rio Nareuda, 11°16'S 69°04'W, 4.IX.1996, N. Menezes, B. Chernoff, T. Bert & R. Coca, 2 males (CBF 129); small river at bridge on road to Cobija, 11°14.4'S 68°59'W, 7.IX.1996, N. Menezes, B. Chernoff, T. Bert & R. Coca, 1 immat. female (CBF 140); Quebrada unnamed, left bank of Rio Muyumanu, 11°27.5'S 69°01.9'W, 8.IX.1996, H. Ortega & S. Barrera, 1 immat.

female (CBF 94); Rio Manuripi, *ca.* 13 km upriver from Puerto Rico, 16.IX.1996, J. Sarmiento, L.F. Yapur & S. Barrera, 2 immat. females (CBF 169).

Remarks. The species is widely distributed throughout the Orinoco and Amazon River Basins and shows a considerable variability in the carapace and the first gonopod of males (RODRÍGUEZ 1992). The present specimens had an almost flat carapace, with four sharp teeth along the anterolateral border, the two posteriormost teeth being smaller than the anterior ones. The distal portion of the first gonopod of males is moderately curved (*ca.* 35-40°) ventrolaterally; the subterminal spine field is well developed, with a patch of small, stout spines on the ventrolateral side, and a patch of short, slender spines on the mesial side.

Zilchiopsis oronensis (Pretzmann, 1968)

Fig. 8

Valdivia (Valdivia) serrata oronensis Pretzmann, 1968: 72.

Zilchiopsis sattleri Bott, 1969: 34. – Manning & Hobbs Jr., 1977: 160. – Rodríguez, 1981: 48.

Zilchiopsis oronensis; Magalhães, 1999: 36.

Material. BOLIVIA, Pando: Rio Nareuda, 11°16'S 69°04'W, 4.IX.1996, N. Menezes, B. Chernoff, T. Bert & R. Coca, 1 male (CBF 126); *idem*, 1 male, 37.1:31.6 (INPA 789); Rio Nareuda, *ca.* 2 km upriver from confluence with Rio Tahuamanu, 11°18.3'S 68°45.4'W, 10.IX.1996, H. Ortega, J. Sarmiento, L.F. Yapur & S. Barrera, 2 males (CBF 98);

Remarks. The first gonopod of males displays a thin distal end, which is short relative to the length of the subterminal spine-field area. The carapace has four sharp teeth along the anterolateral border. MAGALHÃES & TÜRKAY (1996b) described its geographic distribution as northern Paraguay, Bolivia and Brazil, and recorded the occurrence of the species in some localities of the Río Beni system.

DISCUSSION

A total of 16 species of decapod crustaceans, from four families, are known to occur in Bolivia (Tab. I). All the species found in the Tahuamanu and Manuripi systems have wide distributions in the Amazon basin and have already been recorded from other localities in the Brazilian and Peruvian Amazon; some also occur in the Orinoco and Paraguay rivers basins (HOLTHUIS 1952, 1966; BOTT 1969; OMORI 1975; RODRÍGUEZ 1982, 1992; COELHO & RAMOS-PORTO 1985; PEREIRA 1993; MAGALHÃES & TÜRKAY 1996b). The distribution of these species is usually related to the sediment-rich white water rivers, which form large areas that are periodically flooded (*várzea*). Their occurrence in the surveyed area was expected as the Rio Tahuamanu has some typical white water river features, such as high turbidity, pH near neutrality, and relatively high conductivity.

On the other hand, it is remarkable that some species commonly found in such habitats were not captured. The presence of the shrimp *Euryrhynchus amazoniensis* Tiefenbacher, 1978, which occurs in the Central Amazon *várzea* and in the Madeira River Basin (TIEFENBACHER 1978), was expected, as well as *Dilocarcinus pagei*, a freshwater crab widely distributed in the floodplain areas of the Amazon

Table I. List of decapod crustaceans recorded from Bolivia.

Species	Departments	Localities	References
Palaemonidae			
<i>Macrobrachium amazonicum</i>	? Beni	Rosario	Holthuis (1952)
	Cochabamba	Río Chipiriri (Río Mamoré drainadge)	Holthuis (1966)
	Pando	Río Tahuamanu and Río Manuripi drainadges	Present paper
<i>Macrobrachium brasiliense</i>	Pando	Río Tahuamanu drainadge	Present paper
<i>Macrobrachium depressimanum</i>	Pando	Río Tahuamanu and Río Manuripi drainadge	Present paper
<i>Macrobrachium jelskii</i>	Cochabamba	Río Chipiriri (Río Mamoré drainadge)	Holthuis (1966)
	Pando	Río Tahuamanu and Río Manuripi drainadges	Present paper
<i>Palaemonetes ivonicus</i>	Beni	Ivon (Río Beni)	Holthuis (1950)
	Cochabamba	Río Palmar; Río Chipiriri (Río Mamoré drainadge)	Holthuis (1966)
		Río Tahuamanu and Río Manuripi drainadges	Holthuis (1966)
	Pando	Río Tahuamanu and Río Manuripi drainadges	Present paper
Sergestidae			
<i>Acetes paraguayensis</i>	Pando	Río Tahuamanu and Río Manuripi drainadges	Present paper
Trichodactylidae			
<i>Dilocarcinus pagei</i>	Beni	Trinidad	Rodríguez (1992)
	Beni	Río Yacuma (Río Mamoré drainadge)	Bott (1969)
	Cochabamba	Río Chipiriri (Río Mamoré drainadge)	Bott (1969)
<i>Dilocarcinus truncatus</i>	Beni	Riberalta	Rodríguez (1992)
<i>Poppiana argentiniana</i>	Pando	Ingavi (Río Orthon)	Pretzmann (1968, 1979)
	Beni	Riberalta	Bott (1969)
<i>Sylviocarcinus devillei</i>	Pando	Río Tahuamanu and Río Orthon	Present paper
<i>Sylviocarcinus maldonadoensis</i>	Pando	Río Tahuamanu drainadge	Present paper
<i>Sylviocarcinus pictus</i>	Cochabamba	Río Chipiriri (Río Mamoré drainadge)	Bott (1969); Magalhães & Türkay (1996b)
<i>Valdivia camerani</i>	Beni	Trinidad (Río Mamoré)	Rodríguez (1992)
<i>Valdivia serrata</i>	Pando	Río Tahuamanu and Río Manuripi drainadges	Present paper
<i>Zilchiopsis oronensis</i>	Beni	Río Yacuma (Río Mamoré drainadge); Trinidad	Magalhães & Türkay (1996b)
	Pando	Río Tahuamanu drainadge	Present paper
Aegliidae			
<i>Aegla septentrionalis</i>	Potosi	Tupiza	Ringuelet (1960); Bond-Buckup & Buckup (1994)
	Tarija	Río Sella; Mendez	Bond-Buckup & Buckup (1994)

and Paraguay/Paraná River Basins (RODRÍGUEZ 1992), usually associated with floating vegetation. *E. amazoniensis* is a tiny shrimp occurring in cryptic habitats, mainly in the patches of submerged leaf litter near the water edge or in holes and fissures in submerged wood. The collecting gear used primarily for fishes was probably not appropriate for catching this species. It is surprising, however, that the crab *D. pagei* did not appear in the collections. This is a very common species in floodplains of white water rivers in both the Amazon and Paraguay River Basins, and inhabits habitats similar to those surveyed in the Tahuamanu and Manuripi River Basins, and is usually caught by the fishing methods employed by the AquaRAP ichthyology team. Considering the habitat similarities and the fact that the species is widely distributed in the Río Madeira drainage, the occurrence of this species in the Río Orthon drainage is highly probable.

Other species, such as *Dilocarcinus truncatus*, *Poppianna argentiniana*, *Sylviocarcinus pictus* e *Valdivia camerani*, also widespread throughout the Amazon Basin, or already recorded in the Bolivian territory of the Río Madeira drainage, were not collected as well. The absence of some, or even all, of these species among the material examined might be related to employing inappropriate collecting gear and the short collecting period for each station, rather than indicating that they do not occur in the surveyed area. On the other hand, the presence of anomuran crabs of the family Aeglididae was not expected. This group is restricted to temperate and subtropical zones of South America and the occurrence of a single species, *Aegla septentrionalis*, in southern Bolivia marks the northern limits of the genus distribution (BOND-BUCKUP & BUCKUP 1994).

Some taxa recorded for Bolivia have been synonymized by later revisions. The specimens from Río Yacuma (Department of Beni) treated by NOBILI (1898) as *Orthostoma septemdentatum* are probably *Dilocarcinus pagei*, as the author suggests that those specimens have a prominent crest on the third abdominal somite, a character found only in the latter species. PRETZMANN (1979) stated that the type locality of *Poppiana bachmayeri* is Ingavi, a village on the left bank of the Río Orthon (Department of Pando); this taxon was considered a junior synonym of *Dilocarcinus argentinianus* by RODRÍGUEZ (1992) and as *Poppiana argentiniana* by MAGALHÃES & TÜRKAY (1996a). *Trichodactylus (Valdivia) boliviensis*, described by PARISI (1923) from Misiones Mosetenes [? Department of Cochabamba], was synonymized under *Poppiana argentiniana* by MAGALHÃES & TÜRKAY (1996a). The type material of BOTT's (1969) species, *Zilchiospis sattleri*, consists of specimens classified under two taxa: the holotype, from Río Chapare, Bolivia, under *Z. collastinensis* (Pretzmann, 1968) and the paratypes, from the Paraguayan Chaco, under *Z. oronensis* (see MAGALHÃES & TÜRKAY 1996b). However, the type locality of *Z. sattleri* was considered dubious by these authors due to inaccurate label information, as the holotype belongs to a species whose distribution is probably restricted to Argentina.

Even including the new records made in the present paper, the number of 16 decapod species known to occur in Bolivia is still very low, given the extent of the country's hydrographic system and diversity of environments. More intensive and comprehensive collecting efforts will certainly increase this number and give a better idea of the composition and distribution of the decapod fauna of the country.

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