

Freshwater fishes of Turkey: a revised and updated annotated checklist

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Abstract. The current status of the inland waters ichthyofauna of Turkey is revised, and an updated checklist of the freshwater fishes is presented. A total of 368 fish species live in the inland waters of Turkey. Among these, 3 species are globally extinct, 5 species are extinct in Turkey, 28 species are non-native and 153 species are considered as endemic to Turkey. We recognise pronounced species richness and a high degree of endemism of the Turkish ichthyofauna (41.58%). Orders with the largest numbers of species in the ichthyofauna of Turkey are the Cypriniformes (247 species), Perciformes (43 species), Salmoniformes (21 species), Cyprinodontiformes (15 species), Siluriformes (10 species), Acipenseriformes (8 species) and Clupeiformes (8 species). At the family level, the Cyprinidae has the greatest number of species (188 species; 51.1% of the total species), followed by the Nemacheilidae (39), Salmonidae (21 species), Cobitidae (20 species), Gobiidae (18 species) and Cyprinodontidae (14 species).

Key words: Freshwater ichthyofauna, Turkey, endemism, introduced, Anatolia.

Introduction

Turkey has a very rich freshwater fish fauna in terms of diversity and endemism and its ichthyofauna is characterized by unique elements of both European and Asian origin (Tarkan et al. 2015). The remarkable Turkish biota has interested foreign naturalists and scientists for a long time, with the first discussion of Turkey freshwater fishes dating back to Abbolt (1835). Studies, both formal and informal, during the following decades significantly increased the knowledge of the Turkish freshwater fish diversity. Research on the fish fauna of Turkey, including the descriptions of new fish species, was performed by foreign (mainly European) researchers including Güldenstädt, Heckel, Hanko, Berg, Ladiges (Heckel 1843, Hanko 1924, Berg 1962, Ladiges 1960, 1964, 1966). The outstanding work of Prof. Curt Kosswig from 1937 to 1955 resulted in an increase of fisheries research, together with an increasing awareness of fish taxonomy among Turkish researchers (Bilecenoglu et al. 2014).

The first comprehensive book including identification keys on freshwater ichthyofauna of Turkey was published by Geldiay and Balık (1988). Subsequent editions were published in 1996, 1999, 2002, and in a revised edition in 2007 (Geldiay & Balık, 1996, 1999, 2002, 2007). A total of 160 fish species listed living in both freshwaters and transitional water into Turkey with the knowledge on the ecology and distribution of the species.

A first comprehensive checklist of Turkish freshwater fishes was published by Kuru (2004), and subsequently an "Annotated checklist of fish and lamprey species of Turkey" (Fricke et al. 2007). Kuru (2004) reviewed the literature published since 1856, and listed a total of 236 species and subspecies belonging to 26 families. Fricke et al. (2007) reported a total of 248 fish species (plus 13 introduced) occurring in freshwater, and 279 marine fish species (plus eight introduced) in transitional waters.

Although there are quite a number of publications on the freshwater fish taxonomy, the data set for freshwater fish assemblages are still very poor. In this paper, we present an updated checklist of the freshwater fishes of Turkey based on previous checklists (Kuru 2004, Geldiay & Balık 2007,

Fricke et al. 2007), new species records and briefly some of their taxonomic data. Nonetheless, the continuing description of new species of Turkey freshwater fishes makes it clear that the present checklist underestimates, perhaps to a significant degree, the actual richness of that freshwater ichthyofauna. The present study aims in representing the currently known diversity of the freshwater fishes of Turkey.

Material and methods

The species in the following list are compiled from two different sources of information. The data were cross-checked and supplemented by information of recent publications dealing with species present regarding the inland waters of Turkey and/or describing new species of fishes from Turkey. The previously published identification key of Geldiay & Balık (2007), and the checklists of Kuru (2004) and Fricke et al. (2007), are taken as a baseline. In addition, information on fish distribution in FishBase was evaluated (Froese & Pauly 2015). Additional fish records published during the last decade were added, and some questionably species appearing in previous checklists were evaluated, and either verified or excluded from the present list. We follow the family classification of Van der Laan et al. (2015), with orders, families and subfamilies arranged systematically, but genera and species alphabetically within each family/subfamily. The actual taxonomic status of the species follows Eschmeyer and Fricke (2015) unless mentioned otherwise. English names of fish follow Fricke et al. (2007) and Froese & Pauly (2015), most of the Turkish names of fish follow Geldiay & Balık (2007).

In the present checklist, we include only those groups of fishes which spend some parts of their life or their entire life cycles in freshwater habitats, including some marine species entering freshwater habitats during part of their life cycle. Consequently, we exclude the various species that only occur in transitional water.

Some species are excluded from the checklist because (1) they are marine species that do not occur in freshwater habitats, (2) they were erroneously identified, (3) taxa were synonymized and (4) they were probably not occurring in inland waters of Turkey. Such questionable species are to be excluded from the list unless their occurrence can be proven.

Results

The present checklist includes 368 species (plus 10 question-

able species) of fishes as inhabiting freshwater systems in Turkey, with these species distributed across 2 classes, 16 orders and 31 families (Table 1). Dominant in the overall fish fauna is the order Cypriniformes with 247 species or 67.1% of the total fauna follows Perciformes with 43 species (11.7% of total). Other orders with noteworthy numbers of species are the Salmoniformes (21 species), Cyprinodontiformes (15 species) and Siluriformes (10 species). The families with the highest species numbers are the Cyprinidae (188 species, 51.1% of the total species), Nemacheilidae (39 species), Salmonidae (21 species), Cobitidae (20 species), Gobiidae (18 species) and Cyprinodontidae (14 species).

In the checklist, 8 species of extinct freshwater fishes are listed, including 5 species which are extinct in Turkish inland waters, and 3 globally extinct species. A total of 153 species (41.58% of total fish species) is endemic in Turkish freshwater habitats. A total of 28 species (7.61% of the total freshwater fish fauna) consists of non-native, introduced species.

More than 40 marine fish species can be found more or less upper parts of the river and/or stay there for a long time listed in this checklist. These fishes are usually entered and stay in brackish water habitats (coastal lagoons, estuary etc. and even reach upper parts of rivers) for feeding.

Updated checklist of freshwater fishes of Turkey given below as following order: *Species name* (Author) [Occurrence], English Name/Turkish Name/Distribution. (References) Remarks

List of abbreviations in term of occurrence of fish species are: [N] = Native species, [E] = Endemic to Turkey, [I] = Introduced, [LI] = Lessepsian fish species, [ExT] = Extinct in Turkey, [Ex] = Globally extinct

Class PETROMYZONTI

Order PETROMYZONTIFORMES

Family PETROMYZONTIDAE

Caspiomyzon wagneri (Kessler, 1870) [ExT], Caspian lampreys/-/Kura-Aras River Basin. (Fricke et al. 2007). Recorded from Kura River by Berg (1911: 21).

Eudontomyzon mariae (Berg, 1931) [N], Ukrainian brook lamprey/Nehir dokuzgözlüsü/Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Fricke et al. 2007). Treated as *Eudontomyzon* sp. by Kottelat & Freyhof (2007).

Lampetra lanceolata Kux & Steiner, 1972 [E], Turkish brook lamprey/Türkiye dokuzgözlüsü/Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007) Previous records of *Lampetra fluviatilis* by authors based on this species.

Petromyzon marinus Linnaeus, 1758 [N], Sea lamprey/Derebofa balığı/All coasts of Anatolian watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Çevik et al. 2010, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)

Class ACTINOPTERI

Order ACIPENSERIFORMES

Family ACIPENSERIDAE

Acipenser colchicus Marti, 1940 [N], Danube sturgeon/Mersin balığı/Black Sea watersheds. (Kottelat & Freyhof 2007)

Acipenser gueldenstaedtii Brandt & Ratzeburg, 1833 [N],

Table 1. Number of families/subfamilies and species in each order and families/subfamilies of fishes present in the freshwaters of Turkey.

Taxa	# Families	%	# Species	%
Petromyzonti				
Petromyzontiformes	1	3.2	4	1.1
Petromyzontidae			4	1.1
Actinopteri				
Acipenseriformes	1	3.2	8	2.2
Acipenseridae			8	2.2
Anguilliformes	1	3.2	1	0.3
Anguillidae			1	0.3
Clupeiformes	1	3.2	8	2.2
Clupeidae			8	2.2
Cypriniformes	3	9.7	247	67.1
Cyprinidae			188	51.1
Cobitidae			20	5.4
Nemacheilidae			39	10.6
Characiformes	1	3.2	1	0.3
Serrasalmidae			1	0.3
Siluriformes	6	19.4	10	2.7
Bagridae			1	0.3
Siluridae			2	0.5
Sisoridae			4	1.1
Clariidae			1	0.3
Heteropneustidae			1	0.3
Loricariidae			1	0.3
Esociformes	1	3.2	1	0.3
Esocidae			1	0.3
Salmoniformes	1	3.2	21	5.8
Salmonidae			21	5.8
Atheriniformes	1	3.2	2	0.5
Atherinidae			2	0.5
Cyprinodontiformes	2	6.5	15	4.1
Poeciliidae			1	0.3
Cyprinodontidae			14	3.8
Gasterosteiformes	1	3.2	2	0.5
Gasterosteidae			2	0.5
Syngnathiformes	1	3.2	2	0.5
Syngnathidae			2	0.5
Synbranchiformes	1	3.2	1	0.3
Mastacembelidae			1	0.3
Perciformes	7	22.6	43	11.7
Moronidae			3	0.8
Centrarchidae			1	0.3
Percidae			4	1.1
Mugilidae			9	2.5
Cichlidae			6	1.6
Blenniidae			2	0.5
Gobiidae			18	4.9
Pleuronectiformes	2	6.5	2	0.5
Scophthalmidae			1	0.3
Pleuronectidae			1	0.3
Total			31	368

Russian sturgeon/Rus Mersin balığı/Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)

Acipenser nudiventris Lovetsky, 1828 [N], Fringebarbel sturgeon/Sip balığı/Black Sea watersheds. (Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)

- Acipenser persicus* Borodin, 1897** [ExT], Persian sturgeon/Iran mersini/Kura-Aras river Basin. (Bat et al. 2005, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Acipenser ruthenus* Linnaeus, 1758** [N], Sterlet/Çukur balığı/Black Sea watersheds. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Acipenserstellatus* Pallas, 1771** [N], Starry sturgeon/Kılıç burunlu mersin balığı/Mediterranean, Aegean, Marmara and Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)
- Acipensersturio* Linnaeus, 1758** [ExT], Sturgeon/Kolan balığı/Aegean, Marmara and Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)
- Huso huso* (Linnaeus, 1758)** [N], Beluga/Mersin morinası/Aegean, Marmara and Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)
- Order ANGUILLIFORMES**
- Family ANGUILLIDAE**
- Anguilla anguilla* (Linnaeus, 1758)** [N], European eel/Yılan balığı/All coasts of Anatolian watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)
- Order CLUPEIFORMES**
- Family CLUPEIDAE**
- Alosa caspia* (Eichwald, 1838)** [ExT], Caspian shad/Hazer ringası/Kura-Aras River Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)
- Alosafallax* (Lacepède, 1803)** [N], Italian shad/Tırsı balığı/All coasts of Anatolian watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Kottelat & Freyhof, 2007, Fricke et al. 2007). Previous records of *Alosa agone* (non Scopoli 1786) were based on this species.
- Alosa immaculata* Bennett, 1835** [N], Pontic shad, spotless shad/Ringa balığı, tırsı balığı/Black Sea watersheds. (Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)
- Alosa maeotica* (Grimm, 1901)** [N], Black sea shad/Ringa balığı/Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)
- Alosa tanaica* (Grimm, 1901)** [N], Azov shad/Tırsı balığı/Black Sea and Sea of Marmara watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)
- Clupeonella cultriventris* (Nordman, 1840)** [N], Black Sea sprat/Tülka balığı/Black Sea and Sea of Marmara watersheds. (Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)
- Clupeonella muhlisi* Neu, 1934** [E], Marmara sprat, Apolyont sprat/Cüce ringa, filisa balığı/Apolyont Lake. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Sprattus sprattus* (Linnaeus, 1758)** [N], European sprat/Çaca, papalina, papatika, platika/All coasts of Anatolian watersheds. (Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007 Bilecenoglu et al. 2014). Species entering freshwater habitats in lower reaches of rivers.
- Order CYPRINIFORMES**
- Family CYPRINIDAE**
- Capoeta angorae* (Hankó, 1925)** [E], Ankara barb/Siraz balığı/Anatolian Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Capoeta antalyensis* (Battalgil, 1944)** [E], Antalya barb/Siraz balığı/Antalya Bay watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Capoeta baliki* Turan, Kottelat, Ekmekçi & Imamoğlu, 2006** [E], Sakarya barb/Siraz balığı/Western Anatolian Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Capoeta banarescui* Turan, Kottelat, Ekmekçi & Imamoğlu, 2006** [E], Banarescu's barb/Siraz balığı/Çoruh River, northeastern Black Sea. (Fricke et al. 2007)
- Capoeta barroisi* Lortet, 1894** [N], Tigris barb/Siraz balığı/Orontes, Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Capoeta bergamae* Karaman, 1969** [E], Bergama barb/Siraz balığı/Aegean Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Capoeta caelestis* Schöter, Özuluğ & Freyhof, 2009** [E], Taurus scraper/Siraz balığı/Göksu drainage in southern Anatolia. (Schöter et al. 2009)
- Capoeta capoeta* (Güldenstädt, 1773)** [N], Transcaucasian barb/Siraz balığı, aptalca/Aras River Basin, Eastern Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Capoeta damascina* (Valenciennes, 1842)** [N], Mesopotamian barb/Kara balığı/Southeastern Anatolia. (Fricke et al. 2007)
- Capoeta ekmekiae* Turan, Kottelat, Kirankaya, Engin, 2006** [E], Grusinian scraper/Siraz balığı/Çoruh River, eastern Black Sea watersheds. (Fricke et al. 2007)
- Capoeta erhani* Turan, Kottelat & Ekmekçi, 2008** [E], Ceyhan scraper/Siraz balığı/Ceyhan River. (Turan et al. 2008a)
- Capoeta kossugi* Karaman, 1969** [E], Van barb/Siraz balığı/Van Lake Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Capoeta mauricii* Küçük, Turan, Şahin & Güller, 2009** [E], Longsnout scraper/Siraz balığı/Lake Beyşehir. (Küçük et al. 2009)
- Capoeta pestai* (Pietschmann, 1933)** [E], Eğirdir barb/Siraz balığı/Central Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Capoeta sieboldii* (Steindachner, 1864)** [N], Colchic khramulya/Siraz balığı/Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Capoeta tinca* (Heckel, 1843)** [E], Anatolian khramulya/Kara balığı, Siraz balığı/Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Capoeta trutta* (Heckel, 1843)** [N], Trout barb/Kara balığı, lekeli siraz balığı/Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Capoeta turani* Özuluğ & Freyhof, 2008** [E], Seyhan scraper/Siraz balığı/Seyhan River drainage, southern Anatolia. (Özuluğ & Freyhof 2008a)
- Capoeta umbra* (Heckel, 1843)** [N], Tigris scraper/Siraz balığı/Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004)
- Cyprinion kais* Heckel, 1843** [N], Kais kingfish/-/Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Cyprinion macrostomum* Heckel, 1843** [N], Tigris kingfish/Beni balığı/Southeastern Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Hemigrammocapoeta culiciphaga Pellegrin, 1927 [N], Red stripe barb/-/Seyhan, Ceyhan and Orontes river basins (Pellegrin 1927). Previously misidentified as *H. nana* (non Heckel, 1843) by authors.

Hemigrammocapoeta kemali (Hankó, 1925) [E], Eregli minnow/-/Konya, central Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Leucalburnus satunini (Berg, 1910) [N], White Kura bleak/-/Kura Rives Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Subfamily ACHEILOGNATHINAE

Rhodeus amarus (Bloch, 1782) [N], European bitterling/Acibalık/Northwestern Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Subfamily CYPRININAE

Arabibarbus grypus (Heckel, 1843) [N], Shabout/Şaput, şabot /Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Barbus bergi Chichkoff, 1935 [N], -/European Black Sea watersheds. (Fricke et al. 2007 as *Barbus barbus* (non Linnaeus, 1758), Kottelat & Freyhof 2007)

Barbus cyclolepis Heckel, 1839 [N], Round-scaled barbell/Biyikli balık/Aegean Sea watersheds. (Fricke et al. 2007)

Barbus cyri De Filippi, 1865 [N], Barbell/Biyikli balık/Kura-Aras River Basin. (Levin et al. 2012)

Barbus ercisanianus Karaman, 1971 [E], Ercis barbell/Biyikli balık/Van Lake Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Barbus lacerta Heckel, 1843 [N], Kura barbell/Biyikli balık/Eastern Anatolia, Tigris River Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Barbus lorteti Sauvage, 1882 [E], Lortet's barbell/Maya balığı/Orontes River, Hatay. (Fricke et al. 2007)

Barbus niluferensis Turan, Kottelat & Ekmekçi, 2009 [E], Simav Barbel/-/Nilufer River, Bursa. (Turan et al. 2009a)

Barbus oligolepis Battalgil, 1941 [E], Marmara barbel/-/Southern coast of Marmara Seawatersheds. (Turan et al. 2009a)

Barbus pergamensis Karaman, 1971 [E], Bergama barbell/-/Bakır and Büyük Menderes rivers. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007 as *Barbus cyclolepis* in part)

Barbus tauricus Kessler, 1877 [N], Crimean barbell/-/Black Sea watersheds. (Fricke et al. 2007)

Carasobarbus chantrei (Sauvage, 1882) [N], Antalya barbell/Biyikli balık/Orontes river Basin. (Fricke et al. 2007)

Carasobarbus kosswigi (Ladiges, 1960) [N], Kosswig's barb/-/Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Borkenhagen & Krupp 2013)

Carasobarbus luteus (Heckel, 1843) [N], Yellow barbell/Bizir/Southeastern Turkey. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Carassius auratus (Linnaeus, 1758) [I], Gold fish/Kırmızı havuz balığı/Widespread other parts of Anatolia. (Fricke et al. 2007)

Carassius carassius (Linnaeus, 1758) [I], Prussian carp/Havuz balığı/Widespread other parts of Anatolia. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007). The species was introduced into Eğirdir Gölü and Beyşehir Gölü (Innal & Erk'akan 2006).

Carassius gibelio (Bloch, 1782) [I], Gibel carp/Çin

sazan/Widespread other parts of Anatolia. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007). May be conspecific with *Carassius auratus* (Fricke et al. 2007).

Crossocheilus caudomaculatus (Battalgil, 1942) [Ex], Antalya minnow/Lekeliszalı balığı/Amik Lake, Orontes River Basin. (Fricke et al. 2007)

Crossocheilus klatti (Kosswig, 1950) [E], Isparta minnow/Saz balığı/Eğirdir and Gölcük Lakes, central Anatolia. (Fricke et al. 2007)

Cyprinus carpio Linnaeus, 1758 [N], Common carp/Sazan balığı/Widespread other parts of Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Garra rufa (Heckel, 1843) [N], Red garra/Yağlı balığı/ Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Garra variabilis (Heckel, 1843) [N], Variable garra/Yapışkan balığı/Southeastern Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Luciobarbus barbulus Heckel, 1847 [N], Barbell/Biyikli balık/ Quwayq, Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Fricke et al. 2007)

Luciobarbus capito (Güldenstädt, 1773) [N], Bulatamai barbell/Biyikli balık/Kura-Aras River basins. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Luciobarbus caspius (Berg, 1914) [N], Caspian barbell/-/Kura-Aras River Basin. (Fricke et al. 2007)

Luciobarbus escherichii Steindachner, 1897 [E], Ankara barbell/Biyikli balık/Northern and western Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007)

Luciobarbus esocinus Heckel, 1843 [N], Pike barbell/Cero/Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Luciobarbus kersin (Heckel, 1843) [N], Kersin barbell/Kersin balığı/Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Fricke et al. 2007)

Luciobarbus kosswigi (Karaman, 1971) [N], Kosswig's barbell/-/Tigris watershed, Hakkari. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Luciobarbus kottelati Turan, Ekmekçi, İlhan & Engin, 2008 [E], Menderes barbel/-/River Büyük Menderes, Aegean Sea drainage. (Turan et al. 2008b)

Luciobarbus lydianus (Boulenger, 1896) [E], Lydian barbel/-/Aegean and Marmara Sea watersheds. (Turan et al. 2008b)

Luciobarbus mursa (Güldenstädt, 1773) [N], Mursa/Murzu/Kura-Aras River Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Luciobarbus mystaceus (Pallas, 1814) [N], Euphrates barbell/Maya balığı/Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Turan et al. 2008b) Name treated as available by Eschmeyer and Fricke (2015)

Luciobarbus pectoralis (Heckel, 1843) [N], Heckel's Orontes barbell/Biyikli balık/Orontes and some eastern Mediterranean watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Luciobarbus subquincunciatus (Günther, 1868) [N], Mesopotamian barbell/Biyikli balık/Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Luciobarbus xanthopterus Heckel, 1843 [N], Yellowfin barbell/Maya balığı/Orontes, Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Schizothorax prophylax Pietschmann, 1933 [E], Eğirdir

marinka/-/Eğirdir Gölü. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Subfamily TINCINAE

Tinca tinca (Linnaeus, 1758) [N], Tench/Kadife balığı/European Black Sea watersheds and widespread some parts of Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Subfamily XENOCYPRIDINAE

Ctenopharyngodon idella (Valenciennes, 1844) [I], Grass carp/Ot sazani/Introduced some parts of Turkey for aquatic vegetation control. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Hypophthalmichthys molitrix (Valenciennes, 1844) [I], Silver carp/-/Species has been producing in hatcheries for stocking inland waters. (Innal, 2012, Tarkan et al. 2015)

Subfamily GOBIONINAE

Gobio battalgilae Naseka, Erk'akan & Küçük, 2006 [N], Eylimikler gudgeon/-/Beyşehir Lakewatersheds. (Naseka et al. 2006)

Gobio bulgaricus Drensky, 1926 [N], -/-/European Aegean Sea watersheds. (Kottelat & Freyhof 2007, Turan et al. 2012a)

Gobio gymnostethus Ladiges, 1960 [E], Cappadocian gudgeon/Derekayası/Eastern Lake Tuz Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004)

Gobio hettitorum Ladiges, 1960 [E], Anatolian gudgeon/Derekayası/Gökdere watersheds, around Karaman, Southern Lake Tuz Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Gobio insuyanus Ladiges, 1960 [N], Cihanbeyli gudgeon/Derekayası/Western Lake Tuz Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Gobio intermedius Battalgil, 1944 [N], Eber gudgeon/Derekayası/Akşehir and Eber lakes, central Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004)

Gobio kovatschevi Chichkoff, 1937 [N], Varna gudgeon/-/European Black Sea watersheds (Tural et al. 2012a).

Gobio maeandricus Naseka, Erk'akan & Küçük, 2006 [N], Işıklı gudgeon/-/Büyük Menderes River Basin. (Naseka et al. 2006)

Gobio microlepidotus Battalgil, 1942 [E], Beyşehir gudgeon/Yağlıca, derekayası/Beyşehir Lake. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Gobio sakaryaensis Turan, Ekmekçi, Luskova & Mendel, 2012 [E], Sakarya Gudgeon/-/Tozman Stream and Sakarya River. (Turan et al. 2012a)

Pseudorasbora parva (Temminck & Schlegel, 1846) [I], Stone moroko/-/Widespread many reseviors in Turkey. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Romanogobio macropterus (Kamensky, 1901) [N], South Caucasian gudgeon/-/Black Sea watersheds. (Naseka & Freyhof 2004)

Subfamily LEUCISCINAE

Aramis brama (Linnaeus, 1758) [N], Freshwater bream/Çapak balığı, tahta balığı/Marmara, Aegean, Black Sea watersheds and Kura-Aras River Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Acanthobrama centisquama Heckel, 1843 [N], Orontes bream/-/Orontes River Basin. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Acanthobrama marmid Heckel, 1843 [N], Tigris bream/Akçapak balığı/Euphrates, Tigris and Orontes

river basins. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Küçük et al. 2014)

Acanthobrama microlepis (De Filippi, 1863) [N], Blackbrow bleak/İnci balığı/Kura-Aras River Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Küçük et al. 2014)

Acanthobrama orontis Berg, 1949 [E], -/-/Ceyhan and Orontes river basins. (Küçük et al. 2014, Freyhof & Özuluğ 2014).

Acanthobrama thisbeae Freyhof & Özuluğ, 2014 [E], -/-/Ceyhan and Orontes river basins. (Freyhof & Özuluğ 2014). Reported as *Acanthobrama tricolor* by previous authors.

Alburnoides bipunctatus (Bloch, 1782) [N], Schneider/Noktalı inci balığı/All Anatolia except south western Anatolia-Mediterranean region. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kottelat & Freyhof 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Alburnoides eichwaldii (De Filippi, 1863) [N], Kura chub/Noktalı inci balığı/Kura-Aras River Basin. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Alburnoides emineae Turan, Kaya, Ekmekçi & Doğan, 2014 [E], Beyazsu chub/-/Beyazsu Stream, drainage of Euphrates River. (Turan et al. 2014a)

Alburnoides fasciatus (Nordmann, 1840) [N], Transcaucasian spirlin/-/Northeastern Anatolia. (Kuru 2004)

Alburnoides manyasensis Turan, Ekmekçi, Kaya & Güçlü, 2013 [E], Manyas spirlin/-/Koca Stream, drainage of Lake Manyas. (Turan et al. 2013b)

Alburnoides recepi Turan, Kaya, Ekmekçi & Doğan, 2014 [E], Recep's chub/-/Merzimen Stream, drainage of Euphrates River. (Turan et al. 2014a)

Alburnoides velioglui Turan, Kaya, Ekmekçi & Doğan, 2014 [E], Velioglou's chub/-/Northern Euphrates drainage. (Turan et al. 2014a)

Alburnus adanensis Battalgazi, 1944 [E], Adana bleak/İnci balığı/Seyhan and Ceyhan river basins. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Alburnus akili Battalgil, 1942 [Ex], Beyşehir bleak/Gövce/Beyşehir Lake, Central Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Alburnus alburnus (Linnaeus, 1758) [N], Bleak/İnci balığı/Marmara Basin, northwestern Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Alburnus attalus Özuluğ & Freyhof, 2007 [E], Bakır shemaya/-/Drainage of Bakır River, western Anatolia, Aegean Region. (Özuluğ & Freyhof 2007)

Alburnus baliki Bogutskaya, Küçük & Ünlü, 2000 [E], Antalya bleak/İnci balığı/Manavgat River, Antalya. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Alburnus battalgilae Özuluğ & Freyhof, 2007 [E], Gediz shemaya/İnci balığı/Drainage of Gediz River. (Özuluğ & Freyhof 2007)

Alburnus caeruleus Heckel, 1843 [N], Tigris bleak/İnci balığı/Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Alburnus carinatus Battalgil, 1941 [E], Manyas shemaya/İnci balığı/Manyas and Apolyont (Uluabat) Lakes. (Freyhof & Kottelat 2007)

Alburnus demiri Özuluğ & Freyhof, 2008 [E], Eastern Aegean bleak/İnci balığı/Western Anatolia. (Özuluğ & Freyhof 2008b)

Alburnus chalcooides (Güldenstadt, 1772) [N], Caspian she-

- maya/Tatlısu kolyoz balığı/Black Sea and Caspian Sea watersheds of Anatolia, introduced many lakes in Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Alburnus derjugini* Berg, 1923 [N]**, Georgian shemaya/İnci balığı/Harşit River, Giresun. (Kottelat & Freyhof 2007)
- Alburnus escherichii* Steindachner, 1897 [E]**, North Caucasian bleak/İnci balığı/Sakarya and Kızılırmak river basins. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Alburnus filippii* Kessler, 1877 [N]**, Kura bleak/İnci balığı/Kura-Aras River Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Alburnus heckeli* Battalgil, 1944 [E]**, Hazar bleak/Hazar inci balığı/Hazar Lake. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Alburnus hohenackeri* Kessler, 1877 [N]**, Transcaucasian bleak/İnci balığı/Kura-Aras River Basin. (Fricke et al. 2007)
- Alburnus istanbulensis* Battalgil, 1941 [E]**, Thracian shemaya/İnci balığı/Northwestern Anatolia. (Özluğ & Freyhof 2007)
- Alburnus kotschyti* Steindachner, 1863 [E]**, Arsuz bleak/İnci balığı/Arsuz Creek, İskenderun Bay watershed. (Fricke et al. 2007)
- Alburnus mossulensis* Heckel, 1843 [N]**, Mossul bleak/Tatlısu gümüş balığı/Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Alburnus nasreddini* Battalgil, 1944 [E]**, Eber bleak/İnci balığı/Eber Gölü, Afyonkarahisar. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Alburnus nicaeensis* Battalgil, 1941 [E]**, İznik shemaya/İnci balığı/Iznik Lake. (Freyhof & Kottelat 2007)
- Alburnus orontis* Sauvage, 1882 [N]**, Orontes bleak/Anadolu inci balığı/Orontes River Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Alburnus schischkovi* (Drensky, 1943) [N]**, Black Sea bleak/-/European Black Sea watersheds (Kottelat & Freyhof 2007)
- Alburnus selcuklui* Elp, Şen & Özluğ, 2015 [E]**, Selçuk shemaya/-/Tigris River system. (Elp et al. 2015)
- Alburnus sellal* Heckel, 1843 [N]**, Sellal bleak/Gümüş balığı/Orontes, Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Alburnus tarichi* (Güldenstädt, 1814) [E]**, Van bleak/İnci kefali/Van Lake Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Alburnus timarensis* Kuru, 1980 [E]**, Karasu Sha Kuli/İnci kefali/Karasu Stream, Van Lake Basin. (Kuru 2004, Elp et al. 2013)
- Blicca bjoerkna* (Linnaeus, 1758) [N]**, White bream/Tahta balığı/Marmara, Aegean and Black Sea watersheds, Kura-Aras River Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Chondrostoma angorense* Elvira, 1987 [E]**, Ankara nase/-/Sakarya and Kızılırmak river watersheds. (Fricke et al. 2007)
- Chondrostoma beysehirense* Bogutskaya, 1997 [E]**, Beyşehir nase/-/Beyşehir Lake. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Chondrostoma colchicum* Derjugin, 1899 [N]**, Colchic nase/Kababurun balığı/Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Chondrostoma cyri* Kessler, 1877 [N]**, Kura nase/-/Kura-
Aras River Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007 as *Chondrostoma oxyrhynchum*)
- Chondrostoma fahirae* (Ladiges, 1960) [E]**, Tefenni minnow/İncilevrek balığı/Burdur, Antalya, Muğla provinces. (Fricke et al. 2007)
- Chondrostoma holmwoodii* (Boulenger, 1896) [E]**, Izmir nase/-/Aegean Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Chondrostoma kinzelbachi* Krupp, 1985 [N]**, Orontes nase/-/Orontes River Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Chondrostoma meandrense* Elvira, 1987 [E]**, Menderes nase/-/Büyük Menderes River Basin. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Chondrostoma nasus* (Linnaeus, 1758) [N]**, Sneep/Kababurun balığı/cime, kızılkanat/Western Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Chondrostoma regium* (Heckel, 1843) [N]**, King Nase/Kababurun balığı/Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Chondrostoma vardarense* Karaman, 1928 [N]**, Vardar nase/-/European Aegean Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Ladigesocypris ghigii* (Gianferrari, 1927) [E]**, Rhodes minnow/-/Southwestern Anatolia. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Ladigesocypris mermere* (Ladiges, 1960) [E]**, Izmir minnow/-/Gediz River. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Leucaspis delineatus* (Heckel, 1843) [N]**, Belica/-/European Black Sea watersheds. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Leuciscus aspius* (Linnaeus, 1758) [N]**, Asp/Kocaağız balığı/European Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Leuciscus idus* (Linnaeus, 1758) [N]**, Ide/-/European Black Sea watersheds. (Fricke et al. 2007)
- Leuciscus vorax* (Heckel, 1843) [N]**, Tigris asp/Sis balığı/Orontes, Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Petroleuciscus kurui* (Bogutskaya, 1995) [E]**, Tigris chub/Tatlısu kefali/Tigris River basins. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Petroleuciscus smyrnaeus* (Boulenger, 1896) [E]**, Izmir chub/-/Aegean Sea watersheds. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Phoxinus phoxinus* (Linnaeus, 1758) [N]**, Eurasian minnow/Ot balığı/Northwestern Anatolia. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Phoxinus strandjae* Drensky, 1926 [N]**, Bulgarian minnow/-/European Black Sea watersheds. (Saç & Özluğ 2015)
- Pseudophoxinus alii* Küçük, 2007 [E]**, Pamphylian spring minnow/-/Antalya region. (Küçük 2007)
- Pseudophoxinus anatolicus* (Hankó, 1925) [E]**, Anatolian minnow/Yağ balığı/Beyşehir Gölü, Akgöl and Tuz Gölü. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Pseudophoxinus antalyae* Bogutskaya, 1992 [E]**, Antalya minnow/-/Kirkgöz Stream and Köprü Çayı, Antalya. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Pseudophoxinus battalgilae* Bogutskaya, 1997 [E]**, Beyşehir minnow/-/Beyşehir Lake watersheds. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

- Pseudophoxinus burduricus* Küçük, Gölle, Güçlü, Çiftçi & Erdogan, 2013 [E], Burdur spring minnow/-/Burdur Lake-watersheds. (Küçük et al. 2013)
- Pseudophoxinus caralis* (Battalgil, 1942) [E], Beyşehir minnow/-/Beyşehir Lake. (Bogutskaya et al. 2006)
- Pseudophoxinus crassus* (Ladiges, 1960) [E], Fat spring minnow/-/Eastern tributaries of Tuz Lake. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Pseudophoxinus egridiri* (Karaman, 1972) [E], Eğirdir minnow/Yağ balığı/Eğirdir Lake. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Pseudophoxinus elizavetae* Bogutskaya, Küçük & Atalay, 2006 [E], Sultan Sazlığı minnow/-/Sultan Sazlığı wetland, Kayseri. (Bogutskaya et al. 2006)
- Pseudophoxinus evliyae* Freyhof & Özuluğ, 2010 [E], Lycian spring minnow/-/Western Anatolia. (Freyhof & Özuluğ 2010a)
- Pseudophoxinus fahrettini* Freyhof & Özuluğ, 2010 [E], Pisidian spring minnow/-/Köprü River drainage, central Anatolia. (Freyhof & Özuluğ 2010b)
- Pseudophoxinus firati* Bogutskaya, Küçük & Atalay, 2006 [E], Euphrates spring minnow/-/Euphrates River drainage. (Bogutskaya et al. 2006)
- Pseudophoxinus handlirschi* (Pietschmann, 1933) [Ex], Handlirsch's minnow/Kavinne/Eğirdir Lake. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Pseudophoxinus hittitorum* Freyhof & Özuluğ, 2010 [E], Hittitic spring minnow/-/Beyşehir Lake. (Freyhof & Özuluğ 2010c)
- Pseudophoxinus kervillei* (Pellegrin, 1911) [N], Orontes minnow/Ot balığı/Orontes River Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Pseudophoxinus maeandri* (Ladiges, 1960) [E], Apamean spring minnow/-/Upper Büyük Menderes drainage. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Pseudophoxinus maeandricus* (Ladiges, 1960) [E], Menderes brook minnow/Ot balığı/Büyük Menderes River watershed, Hotamis Lake, Aksaray and Nigde. (Kuru 2004)
- Pseudophoxinus ninae* Freyhof & Özulug, 2006 [E], Onaç spring minnow/-/Onaç drainage, central Anatolia. (Freyhof & Özulug 2006)
- Pseudophoxinus turani* Küçük & Güçlü, 2014 [N], Turan's minnow/-/Orontes River drainage. (Küçük & Güçlü 2014)
- Pseudophoxinus zekayi* Bogutskaya, Küçük & Atalay, 2006 [E], Ceyhan spring minnow/-/Ceyhan River Basin. (Bogutskaya et al. 2006)
- Pseudophoxinus zeregi* (Heckel, 1843) [N], Orontes phoxinellus/İncilevrek balığı/Orontes Rives Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Rutilus frisii* (Nordmann, 1840) [N], Kutum/Levkıt balığı/Black Sea and Sea of Marmara watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Rutilus rutilus* (Linnaeus, 1758) [N], Roach/Kızılıgöz balığı/European Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Scardinius elmalensis* Bogutskaya, 1997 [E], Antalya rudd/-/Kara Lake, Antalya. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Scardinius erythrophthalmus* (Linnaeus, 1758) [N], Rudd/Kızılkanat/European Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Squalius adanaensis* Turan, Kottelat & Doğan, 2013 [E], Adana chub/-/Seyhan River Basin. (Turan et al. 2013a)
- Squalius anatolicus* (Bogutskaya, 1997) [E], Beyşehir dace/-/Beyşehir Lake. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Squalius aristotelis* Özuluğ & Freyhof, 2011 [E], Tuzla chub/-/Western Anatolia. (Özuluğ & Freyhof 2011a)
- Squalius berak* Heckel, 1843 [N], Mesopotamian chub/-/Lower Euphrates River Basin. (Turan et al. 2013a)
- Squalius borysthenicus* (Kessler, 1859) [N], Dnjepr chub/Tatlısu kefali/Black Sea and Sea of Marmara watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Squalius cappadocicus* Özuluğ & Freyhof, 2011 [E], Cappadocian chub/-/Melendiz River in Lake Tuz Basin. (Özuluğ & Freyhof 2011a)
- Squalius carinus* Özuluğ & Freyhof, 2011 [E], Chocolate chub/-/Isikli Lake watersheds. (Özuluğ & Freyhof 2011a)
- Squalius cephaloides* (Battalgil, 1942) [E], Thick lipped chub/-/Northern Armutlu Peninsula. (Özuluğ & Freyhof 2011a)
- Squalius cephalus* (Linnaeus, 1758) [N], European chub/Tatlısu kefali/Western Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Squalius cii* (Richardson, 1857) [N], European chub/Tatlısu kefali/Northwestern Anatolian watersheds. (Stoumboudi et al. 2006)
- Squalius fellowesii* (Günther, 1868) [E], Aegean chub/-/Southwestern Anatolia. (Turan et al. 2009b)
- Squalius kossugi* (Karaman, 1972) [E], -/-/Tahtalı River, İzmir. (Turan et al. 2009b)
- Squalius kottelati* Turan, Yilmaz & Kaya, 2009 [E], Striped chub/-/Orontes, Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Turan et al. 2009b)
- Squalius lepidus* Heckel, 1843 [N], Tigris dace/Akbalık/Orontes, Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Squalius orientalis* (Nordmann 1840) [N], Dace/-/Eastern Anatolia, Aras River Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007)
- Squalius orpheus* Kottelat & Economidis, 2006 [N], Orpheus dace/-/European Black Sea watersheds. (Kottelat & Economidis 2006)
- Squalius pursakensis* (Hankó, 1925) [E], Sakarya chub/-/Sakarya River Basin. (Turan et al. 2009b)
- Squalius recurvirostris* Özuluğ & Freyhof, 2011 [E], Akşehir chub/-/Eber, Akşehir and İlgin Lakes watersheds. (Özuluğ & Freyhof 2011a)
- Squalius seyanensis* Turan, Kottelat & Doğan, 2013 [E], Seyhan dace/-/Zamanti Stream, upper Seyhan River Basin. (Turan et al. 2013a)
- Squalius spurius* Heckel, 1843 [N], Orontes dace/-/Orontes River Basin. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Squalius turcicus* De Filippi, 1865 [E], Transcaucasian chub/-/Kura-Aras River Basin. (Doadrio & Carmona 2006)
- Vimba melanops* (Heckel, 1839) [N], Macedonian vimba/-/Northwestern Anatolia. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Vimba mirabilis* (Ladiges, 1960) [E], Menderes bream/Ulubat balığı/Büyük Menderes River Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Vimba vimba* (Linnaeus, 1758) [N], Baltic vimba/Eğrez, karaburun balığı/European Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Subfamily DANIONINAE**
- Barilius mesopotamicus* Berg, 1932 [N], Mesopotamian

- minnow/-/Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Family COBITIDAE**
- Subfamily COBITINAE**
- Cobitis battalgili* Bacescu, 1962 [E], Battalgil spined loach/Taşiyen balığı/southwestern part of central Anatolia. (Erk'akan & Özdemir 2014)
- Cobitis bilseli* Battalgil, 1942 [E], Beysehir spined loach/Koca taşiyen balığı/Beyşehir Lake, southwestern part of central Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Cobitis damlae* Erk'akan & Özdemir, 2014 [E], Dalaman spined loach/Taşiyen balığı/Dalaman River drainage, Burdur. (Erk'akan & Özdemir 2014)
- Cobitis elazigensis* Coad & Sarieyyüpoğlu, 1988 [N], Tigris spined loach/Taşiyen balığı/Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Cobitis evreni* Erk'akan, Özeren & Nalbant, 2008 [E], Ceyhan spined loach/Taşiyen balığı/Kömür Stream, upper Ceyhan River Basin. (Erk'akan et al. 2008a)
- Cobitis fahirae* Erk'akan, Atalay-Ekmekçi & Nalbant, 1998 [E], Küçük Menderes spined loach/Taşiyen balığı/Aegean Sea watersheds. (Erk'akan et al., 1998; Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Cobitis kellei* Erk'akan, Atalay-Ekmekçi & Nalbant, 1998 [E], Göksü spined loach/Taşiyen balığı/Göksü watershed, Tigris River Basin. (Erk'akan et al., 1998; Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Cobitis levantina* Krupp & Moubayed, 1992 [N], Orontes spined loach/Taşiyen balığı/Orontes River Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Cobitis phrygica* Battalgazi, 1944 [E], Aci spined loach/Taşiyen balığı/Acığöl, Burdur, Salda and Sögüt lakes watersheds, Burdur. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Cobitis pontica* Vasil'eva & Vasil'ev, 2006 [N], Pontic spined loach/Taşiyen balığı/European Black Sea, Sea of Marmara watersheds. (Vasil'eva & Vasil'ev 2006, Kottelat & Freyhof 2007)
- Cobitis puncticulata* Erk'akan, Atalay-Ekmekçi & Nalbant, 1998 [E], Spotted spined loach/Taşiyen balığı/Kuş Lake, Balikesir. (Erk'akan et al., 1998; Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Cobitis simplicispina* Hankó, 1925 [E], Sakarya spined loach/Taşiyen balığı/Some tributaries of Sakarya River Basin, western parts of central Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Cobitis splendens* Erk'akan, Atalay-Ekmekçi & Nalbant, 1998 [E], Splendid spined loach/Taşiyen balığı/Western Black Sea coastal watersheds of Anatolia. (Erk'akan et al., 1998; Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Cobitis strumicae* Karaman, 1955 [N], Bulgarian spined loach/Taşiyen balığı/European Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Cobitis turcica* Hankó, 1925 [N], Turkish spined loach/Taşiyen balığı/Central Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Cobitis vardarensis* Karaman, 1928 [N], Vardar spined loach/Taşiyen balığı/Iznik Lake and European Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Misgurnus fossilis* (Linnaeus, 1758) [N], Weatherfish/-/European Black Sea watersheds. (Fricke et al. 2007)
- Sabanejewia aurata* (De Filippi, 1863) [N], Golden spined loach/Taşiyen/Kura-Aras River Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007)
- Sabanejewia balcanica* (Karaman, 1922) [N], Balcan spined loach/-/European Black Sea watersheds. (Fricke et al. 2007) Treated as *Sabanejewia aurata* by authors (e.g. Nalbant & Bianco 1998)
- Sabanejewia caspia* (Eichwald, 1838) [N], Caspian spined loach/-/Kura-Aras River Basin. (Fricke et al. 2007)
- Family NEMACHEILIDAE**
- Barbatula barbatula* (Linnaeus, 1758) [N], Stone loach/-/Black Sea watersheds. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Oxynoemacheilus anatolicus* Erk'akan, Özeren & Nalbant, 2008 [E], Burdur loach/-/Inlet of Karamanlı Dam Lake, Burdur. (Erk'akan et al. 2008b)
- Oxynoemacheilus angorae* (Steindachner, 1897) [N], Angora loach/Çamur balığı/Central, northern and eastern Anatolia. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Oxynoemacheilus araxensis* (Banarescu & Nalbant, 1978) [E], Aras loach/-/Kura-Aras, Tigris and Euphrates rivers basins. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Oxynoemacheilus argyrogramma* (Heckel, 1847) [N], Two spot loach/Çöpçü balığı/Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Kuru 2004)
- Oxynoemacheilus atili* Erk'akan, 2012 [E], Lake Beysehir loach/ Çöpçü balığı/Eflatun Pınarı, Beysehir Lake. (Erk'akan 2012)
- Oxynoemacheilus banarescui* (Delmastro, 1982) [E], Paphlagonian sportive loach/-/Central Black Sea watersheds. (Kuru 2004)
- Oxynoemacheilus brandtii* (Kessler, 1877) [N], Kura loach/Çöpçü balığı/Kura River Basin. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Oxynoemacheilus burenschi* (Drensky, 1928) [N], Bulgarian stone loach/Çöpçü balığı/Black Sea watersheds. (Fricke et al. 2007)
- Oxynoemacheilus ceyhanensis* (Erk'akan, Nalbant & Özeren, 2007) [E], Elbistan loach/Çöpçü balığı/Ceyhan River Basin. (Erk'akan et al. 2007)
- Oxynoemacheilus cinicus* (Erk'akan, Nalbant & Özeren, 2007) [E], -/Çöpçü balığı/Cin Stream, Kütahya to Denizli. (Erk'akan et al. 2007)
- Oxynoemacheilus cyri* (Berg, 1910) [E], Göle loach/Çöpçü balığı/Upper Kura River Basin. (Fricke et al. 2007)
- Oxynoemacheilus ercisanus* (Erk'akan & Kuru, 1986) [E], Van loach/Çöpçü balığı/Van Lake Basin. (Freyhof et al. 2011, Kottelat 2012)
- Oxynoemacheilus erdali* (Erk'akan, Nalbant & Özeren, 2007) [E], -/Çöpçü balığı/Murat River, Tigris River Basin. (Erk'akan et al. 2007)
- Oxynoemacheilus eregliensis* (Banarescu & Nalbant, 1978) [E], Central Anatolian loach/Çöpçü balığı/Eregli, Konya. (Kuru 2004)
- Oxynoemacheilus evreni* (Erk'akan, Nalbant & Özeren, 2007) [E], Ceyhan sportive loach/Çöpçü balığı/Tekir stream, Ceyhan River Basin. (Erk'akan et al. 2007)
- Oxynoemacheilus frenatus* (Heckel, 1843) [N], Banded Tigris loach/Çöpçü balığı/Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Oxynoemacheilus germencicus* (Erk'akan, Nalbant & Özeren, 2007) [E], Çoruh River Basin. (Erk'akan et al. 2007)

- eren, 2007) [E],** Carian loach/Çöpçü balığı/Germencik, Aydin. (Erk'akan et al. 2007)
- Oxynoemacheilus insignis (Heckel, 1843) [N],** Syrian loach/Çöpçü balığı/Sünnepe Creek, Kilis. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Oxynoemacheilus kaynaki Erk'akan, Özeren & Nalbant, 2008 [E],** Melid loach/Çöpçü balığı/Göksu River, Euphrates River Basin drainage. (Erk'akan et al. 2008b)
- Oxynoemacheilus kosswigi (Erk'akan & Kuru, 1986) [E],** Paphlagonian loach/Çöpçü balığı/Yıldızeli Stream, Sivas. (Erk'akan & Kuru, 1986)
- Oxynoemacheilus mediterraneus (Erk'akan, Nalbant & Öz-eren, 2007) [E],** Pamphylian loach/Çöpçü balığı/Madenli-Aksu Stream, Egirdir, Isparta. (Erk'akan et al. 2007)
- Oxynoemacheilus mesudae Erk'akan, 2012 [E],** Isiki loach/Çöpçü balığı/Aegean Sea watersheds. (Erk'akan, 2012)
- Oxynoemacheilus namiri (Krupp & Schneider 1991)[E],** Levantine loach/Çöpçü balığı/Orontes River Basin. (Birecikligil & Çiçek 2011)
- Oxynoemacheilus panthera (Heckel, 1843) [N],** Tiger loach/Çöpçü balığı/Eastern Anatolia. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Oxynoemacheilus paucilepis (Erk'akan, Nalbant & Özeren, 2007) [E],** Mancilik dwarf loach/Çöpçü balığı/Mancilik Stream, Sivas. (Erk'akan et al. 2007)
- Oxynoemacheilus phoxinoides (Erk'akan, Nalbant & Özeren, 2007) [E],** Iznik loach/Çöpçü balığı/Iznik. (Erk'akan et al. 2007)
- Oxynoemacheilus samanticus (Banarescu & Nalbant, 1978) [E],** Kizilirmak sportive loach/Çöpçü balığı/Lower Eu-phrates River Basin. (Kuru 2004)
- Oxynoemacheilus seyhanensis (Banarescu, 1968) [E],** Samanti loach/Çöpçü balığı/Upper Seyhan River Basin. (Kottelat 2012)
- Oxynoemacheilus seyhanicola (Erk'akan, Nalbant & Özeren, 2007) [E],** Cilician loach/Çöpçü balığı/Seyhan River Basin. (Erk'akan et al. 2007)
- Oxynoemacheilus simavicus (Balik & Banarescu, 1978) [E],** Simav loach/Çöpçü balığı/Simav, Kütahya. (Kuru 2004)
- Oxynoemacheilus theophilii Stoumboudi, Kottelat & Bar-bieri 2006 [N],** -/Çöpçü balığı/Madra Creek, Bergama, Izmir. (Erk'akan et al. 2007, Kottelat 2012)
- Oxynoemacheilus tigris (Heckel, 1843) [N]** Tigris loach/Çöpçü balığı/Euphrates and Tigris river basins and eastern Mediterranean watersheds. (Kuru 2004)
- Paracobitis zargawraensis Freyhof, Esmaeili, Sayyadzadeh & Geiger, 2014 [N],** Western crested loach/-/Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007 as *P. malapterura*)
- Schistura chrysicristinae Nalbant, 1998 [N],** Batman crested loach/-/Batman River, Tigris River Basin. (Fricke et al. 2007)
- Seminemacheilus ispartensis Erk'akan, Nalbant & Özeren, 2007 [E],** Southern pond loach/-/Isparta Creek, Isparta. (Erk'akan et al. 2007)
- Seminemacheilus lendlii (Hankó, 1925) [E],** Anatolian loach/Çöpçü balığı/Anatolian Black Sea watersheds and central Anatolia. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Turcinoemacheilus kosswigi Banarescu & Nalbant, 1964 [N],** Kosswig's loach/Çöpçü balığı/Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Kuru 2004)
- Turcinoemacheilus minimus Esmaeili, Sayyadzadeh, Özu-lug, Geiger & Freyhof, 2014 [N],** Ceyhan loach/-/Upper Göksu River, Ceyhan River Basin. (Esmaeili et al. 2014a)
- Order CHARACIFORMES**
- Family SERRASALMIDAE**
- Pygocentrus nattereri Kner, 1858 [I],** Red pira-nha/Piranha/Reported from Sakarya Lake. Probably an aquarium released species. (Tarkan 2006)
- Order SILURIFORMES**
- Family BAGRIDAE**
- Mystus pelusius (Solander, 1794) [N],** Tigris mys-tus/Mezopotamya kedi balığı/Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Family SILURIDAE**
- Silurus glanis Linnaeus, 1758 [N],** Wels catfish/Yayın balığı/Black Sea watersheds, translocated into some parts of Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Silurus triostegus Heckel, 1843 [N],** Tigris catfish/-/Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Family SISORIDAE**
- Subfamily GLYPTOSTERNINAE**
- Glyptothorax armeniacus (Berg, 1918) [N],** Armenian mountain cat/Iğneli küçük yayın balığı/Eastern and southeast-Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Glyptothorax couus (Linnaeus, 1766) [N],** Tigris cat/-/Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Coad 2015). Apparently the same as *Arius couus* Hyrtl, 1859.
- Glyptothorax kurdistanicus (Berg, 1931) [N],** Iran cat/Vantuzlu yayın balığı/ Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Glyptothorax steindachneri (Pietschmann, 1913) [N],** Stein-dachner's cat/-/Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Coad 2015)
- Family CLARIIDAE**
- Clarias gariepinus Burchell, 1822 [N],** North African cat-fish/Karabalık, sekiz büyük/Southern Anatolia and translocated some other parts of Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Family HETEROPNEUSTIDAE**
- Heteropneustes fossilis (Bloch, 1794) [I],** Stinging catfish/-/Reported from Tigris River (Ünlü et al. 2011).
- Family LORICARIIDAE**
- Pterygoplichthys disjunctivus (Weber, 1991) [I],** Vermiculated sailfin catfish/-/Reported from Orontes River. (Yalçın Özdelek 2007).
- Order ESOCIFORMES**
- Family ESOCIDAE**
- Esox lucius Linnaeus, 1758 [N],** Northern pike/Turna balığı/Black Sea and central Anatolian lake watersheds and introduced widespread to Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)
- Order SALMONIFORMES**
- Family SALMONIDAE**
- Subfamily COREGONINAE**
- Coregonus macrophthalmus Nüsslin, 1882 [I],** Gangfisch/-/Introduced to Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık

2007)

***Coregonus wartmani* (Bloch, 1784) [I]**, Blaufelchen/-/Introduced to Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004 as *C. lavaretus*)

***Stenodus leucichthys* (Güldenstädt, 1772) [ExT]**, Sheefish/-/Kura-Aras River Basin. (Fricke et al. 2007)

Subfamily SALMONINAE

***Oncorhynchus mykiss* (Walbaum, 1792) [I]**, Rainbow trout/Gökkuşağı alabalığı/Main culture fish in freshwater both rives and dams, introduced to all parts of Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

***Salmo abanticus* Tortonese, 1954 [E]**, -/Abant alası/Abant Lake, introduced to Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004)

***Salmo caspius* Kessler, 1877 [N]**, Caspian trout/Hazar alası/Kura-Aras River Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

***Salmo chilo* Turan, Kottelat & Engin, 2012 [E]**, Chilo trout/-/Upper Ceyhan River Basin (Turan et al. 2012b).

***Salmo coruhensis* Turan, Kottelat & Engin, 2010 [E]**, Coruh trout/-/Eastern Anatolia Black Sea watersheds (Turan et al. 2010).

***Salmo euphrataeus* Turan, Kottelat & Engin, 2014 [E]**, Euphrates trout/-/Northeastern tributaries of Euphrates River (Turan et al. 2014b).

***Salmo kottelati* Turan, Doğan, Kaya & Kanyılmaz, 2014 [E]**, Antalya trout/-/Alakır Stream, Antalya. (Turan et al. 2014c)

***Salmo labecula* Turan, Kottelat & Engin, 2012 [E]**, Seyhan trout/-/Seyhan River drainage. (Turan et al. 2012b)

***Salmo labrax* Pallas, 1814 [N]**, Black Sea salmon/Alabalık, denizalası/Black Sea and adjacent watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)

***Salmo okumusi* Turan, Kottelat & Engin, 2014 [E]**, Okumus trout/-/Western tributaries of Euphrates River. (Turan et al. 2014b)

***Salmo opimus* Turan, Kottelat & Engin, 2012 [E]**, Opimus trout/-/Ceyhan River tributaries and Alara Stream, Antalya. (Turan et al. 2012b)

***Salmo platycephalus* Behnke, 1968 [E]**, Flathead trout/Zamanti alası/Upper part of Seyhan River Basin. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

***Salmo rizeensis* Turan, Kottelat & Engin, 2010 [E]**, Rize trout/-/Eastern Anatolia Black Sea watersheds. (Turan et al. 2010)

***Salmo salar* Linnaeus, 1758 [I]**, Atlantic salmon/Somon/-/Introduced for salmon farming in Black Sea, not established in wild. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Innal & Erk'akan 2006)

***Salmo tigris* Turan, Kottelat & Bektaş, 2011 [E]**, Tigris trout/-/Upper tributaries of Tigris River Basin. (Turan et al. 2011)

***Salmo trutta* Linnaeus, 1758 [I]**, Brown trout/Alabalık/Introduced in Sea of Marmara, Aegean and Mediterranean Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

***Salvelinus alpinus* (Linnaeus, 1758) [I]**, Arctic char/-/Introduced to Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Tarkan et al. 2015)

***Salvelinus fontinalis* (Mitchill, 1814) [I]**, American brook

trout/Kaynak alabalığı/Introduced to Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Tarkan et al. 2015)

Order ATHERINIFORMES

Family ATHERINIDAE

Subfamily ATHERININAE

***Atherina boyeri* Risso, 1810 [N]**, Big-scale sand smelt/Gümüş balığı/All coasts of Anatolian brackish waters, widespread to lakes some parts of Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)

***Atherina hepsetus* Linnaeus, 1758 [N]**, Mediterranean sand smelt/Çamuka balığı/All coasts of Anatolian brackish waters, marginally entering freshwater habitats. (Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)

Order CYPRINODONTIFORMES

Family POECILIIDAE

Subfamily POECILIINAE

***Gambusia holbrooki* Girard, 1859 [I]**, Holbrook's mosquito-fish/Sivrisinek balığı/Introduced and widespread into Anatolia to provide biological control for mosquitoes. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Family CYPRINODONTIDAE

Subfamily CYPRINODONTINAE

***Aphanius anatoliae* (Leidenfrost, 1912) [E]**, Anatolian giant killifish/Dişli sazancık balığı/Lakes and wetlands in western and central Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007) *Aphanius meridionalis* Aksıray, 1948 from Söğüt Lake has been treated as a junior synonym of this species by authors.

***Aphanius asquamatus* (Sözer, 1942) [N]**, Scaleless killifish/Dişli sazancık balığı/Eastern Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

***Aphanius danfordii* (Boulenger, 1890) [E]**, Danford's killifish/Dişli sazancık/Wetlands in central Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

***Aphanius fasciatus* (Valenciennes, 1821) [N]**, Mediterranean banded killifish/Dişli sazancık/Sea of Marmara, Aegean and Mediterranean Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

***Aphanius fontinalis* Aksıray, 1948 [E]**, Burdur killifish/Dişli sazancık/Yarışlı and Burdur Lakes, Burdur. (Pfleiderer et al. 2014)

***Aphanius icoii* Aksıray, 1948 [E]**, Konya killifish/Dişli sazancık/Konya province, Central Anatolia. (Pfleiderer et al. 2014)

***Aphanius maeandricus* Aksıray, 1948 [E]**, Maeander killifish/-/Springs near source of Büyük Menderes River, southwestern Anatolia. (Pfleiderer et al. 2014)

***Aphanius marassensis* Pfleiderer, Geiger & Herder, 2014 [E]**, Kızılırmak killifish/-/Kızılırmak River Basin. (Pfleiderer et al. 2014)

***Aphanius mento* (Heckel, 1843) [N]**, Pearl-spotted killifish/Dişli sazancık balığı/Orontes, Seyhan and Ceyhan river basins. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

***Aphanius saldae* Aksıray, 1955 [E]**, Salda killifish/Dişli sazancık/Salda Lake, Burdur. (Pfleiderer et al. 2014)

***Aphanius splendens* (Kosswig & Sözer, 1945) [E]**, Splendid killifish/-/Lake Gölcük, central Anatolia. (Parenti 2002)

***Aphanius sureyanus* (Neu, 1937) [E]**, Sureyan killifish/Dişli sazancık/Burdur Lake, central Anatolia. (Kuru 2004, Fricke

et al. 2007)

Aphanius transgrediens (Ermin, 1946) [E], Acipinar killifish/Dişli sazancık/Acığöl Lake, Burdur. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Aphanius villwocki Hrbek & Wildekamp, 2003 [E], Villwock's killifish/Dişli sazancık /Sakarya River Basin. (Kuru 2004)

Order GASTEROSTEIFORMES

Family GASTEROSTEIDAE

Gasterosteus aculeatus Linnaeus, 1758 [N], Three-spined stickleback/Dikence balığı/Western Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Pungitius platygaster (Kessler, 1859) [N], Southern nine-spine stickleback/Uzun dikence balığı/European Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Order SYNGNATHIFORMES

Family SYNGNATHIDAE

Subfamily SYNGNATHINAE

Nerophis ophidion (Linnaeus, 1758) [N], Straight-nose pipefish/Deniz iğnesi/All coasts of Anatolian brackish waters, entering freshwater habitats. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)

Syngnathus abaster Risso, 1827 [N], Blackstripe pipefish/Iğne balığı, deniziğnesi balığı/All coasts of Anatolian watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)

Order SYNBRANCHIFORMES

Family MASTACEMBELIDAE

Mastacembelus mastacembelus (Banks & Solander in Russel, 1794) [N], Euphrates spiny eel/Dikenli yılambalığı/Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Order PERCIFORMES

Family MORONIDAE

Dicentrarchus labrax (Linnaeus, 1758) [N], European sea-bass/Levrek balığı/All coasts of Anatolian brackish waters. (Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)

Dicentrarchus punctatus (Bloch, 1792) [N], Spotted sea-bass/Levrek balığı/Mediterranean and Aegean Sea coasts of Anatolian brackish waters, entering freshwater habitats. (Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)

Morone chrysops (Rafinesque, 1820) X *Morone saxatilis* (Walbaum, 1792) [I], Hybrid striped bass/Ak levrek X Çizgili levrek melezi/Kemer Dam Lake, Aydn. (Geldiay & Balık 2007)

Family CENTRARCHIDAE

Lepomis gibbosus Linnaeus, 1758 [I], Pumpkinseed/Güneş levreği/Introduced and spreading to western Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Family PERCIDAE

Subfamily PERCINAE

Gymnocephalus cernua (Linnaeus, 1758) [N], Ruffe/-/European Black Sea watersheds. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Perca fluviatilis Linnaeus, 1758 [N], European perch/Tatlısu levreği/Northwestern parts of Anatolia, introduced into some lakes in Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık

2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Subfamily LUCIOPERCINAE

Sander lucioperca (Linnaeus, 1758) [N], Zander/Sudak/Northwestern parts of Anatolia, widely introduced into other parts of Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Sander volgensis (Gmelin, 1789) [I], Zander/Uzun levrek/introduced into some parts of Anatolia. (Freyhof 2013)

Family MUGILIDAE

Chelon labrosus (Risso, 1827) [N], Thicklip grey mullet/Kefal, mavraki/All coasts of Anatolian brackish waters. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)

Chelon saliens (Risso, 1810) [N], Leaping mullet/Kefal, koker balığı, kastros/All coasts of Anatolian brackish waters. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)

Liza carinata (Valenciennes, 1836) [LI], Keeled mullet/Bildircin kefal/Mediterranean coasts of Anatolian brackish waters. (Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)

Liza haematocheila (Temminck & Schlegel, 1845) [I], So-iuy mullet/Rus kefali/Introduced into Russian part of the Sea of Azov and dispersed through Black Sea, Sea of Marmara and northern Aegean Sea brackish waters. (Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)

Liza ramada (Risso, 1827) [N], Thinlip mullet/Pulatarina balığı, ceran/All coasts of Anatolian brackish waters. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)

Mugil cephalus Linnaeus, 1758 [N], Flathead mullet/Haskefal, topan kefal/All coasts of Anatolian brackish waters. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)

Oedalechilus labeo (Cuvier, 1829) [N], Boxlip mullet/Dudaklı kefal/Estuaries in Sea of Marmara, Aegean Sea and Mediterranean Sea watersheds, entering freshwater habitats. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)

Planiliza abu (Heckel, 1843) [N], Abu mullet/Kefal/Euphrates and Tigris river basins. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Planiliza aurata (Risso, 1810) [N], Golden grey mullet/Altınbaş kefal/All coasts of Anatolian brackish waters. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoglu et al. 2014)

Family CICHLIDAE

Subfamily PSEUDOCRENILABRINAE

Cichlid species given below had been imported into Turkey by universities as part of government authorized research programmes (Tarkan et al. 2015) and they that have escaped from aquaculture facilities and probably interbreed and form hybrids in natural environment. Because of hybridization it is not easy to exact species identification of the specimens caught from wild.

Coptodon rendalli (Boulenger, 1897) [I], Redbreast tilapia/İsrail çipurası, tatlı su çipurası, tilapya/Introduced into southern Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Innal, 2012)

Coptodon zillii (Gervais, 1848) [I], Redbelly tilapia/Israil çipurası, tatlı su çipurası, tilapya/Introduced into southern Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Innal, 2012)

Oreochromis aureus (Steindachner, 1864) [I], Blue tilapia/Israil çipurası, tatlı su çipurası, tilapya/Introduced into southern Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Fricke et al. 2007, Innal 2012)

Oreochromis mossambicus (Peters, 1852) [I], Mozambique tilapia/Israil çipurası, tatlı su çipurası, tilapya/Introduced into southern Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Innal 2012)

Oreochromis niloticus (Linnaeus, 1758) [I], Nile tilapia/Israil çipurası, tatlı su çipurası, tilapya/Introduced into southern Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Fricke et al. 2007, Innal 2012)

Sarotherodon galilaeus (Linnaeus, 1758) [I], Mango tilapia/Tilapya/Introduced into southern Anatolia. (Innal 2012)

Family BLENNIIDAE

Subfamily SALARIINAE

Salaria fluviatilis Assoy del Rio, 1801 [N], Freshwater blenny/Tatlusu horozbinası/Mediterranean, Marmara and Aegean seas watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Salaria pavo (Risso, 1810) [N], Peacock blenny/Horozbina/Anatolian coastal watersheds, entering brackish and freshwater habitats. (Bilecenoğlu et al. 2002, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoğlu et al. 2014)

Family GOBIIDAE

Subfamily GOBINAE

Babka gymnotrachelus (Kessler, 1857) [N], Racer goby/Küçük kayabalığı/Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Benthophilus nudus Berg, 1898 [N], Black Sea tadpole-goby/Iribaş kayabalığı/Black Sea watersheds. [Miller, 1986 as *B. stellatus* (non Sauvage, 1874), Kottelat & Freyhof 2007]

Knipowitschia caucasica (Berg, 1916) [N], Caucasian goby/Kayabalığı/Marmara, Aegean and Black seas watersheds, introduced into Eğirdir Lake. (Bilecenoğlu et al. 2002, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoğlu et al. 2014)

Knipowitschia ephesi Ahnelt, 1995 [E], Ephesus goby/-/Büyük Menderes River Basin. (Fricke et al. 2007)

Knipowitschia longecaudata (Kessler, 1877) [N], Longtail goby/-/Black Seas watersheds. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Knipowitschia mermere Ahnelt, 1995 [E], Marmara goby/Mermer kayabalığı/Sea of Marmara watersheds. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Mesogobius batrachocephalus (Pallas, 1814) [N], Knout goby/Kurbağakayaşı balığı, yassıkafa kayabalığı/Black Sea and Sea of Marmara watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoğlu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoğlu et al. 2014)

Neogobius fluviatilis (Pallas, 1814) [N], Monkey goby/Tatlusu kayası balığı/Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Fricke et al. 2007)

Neogobius melanostomus (Pallas, 1814) [N], Round goby/Kocabışkaya balığı, kum kayabalığı/Aegean, Marmara and Black Sea watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoğlu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoğlu et al. 2014)

Ponticola constructor (Nordmann, 1840) [N], Blackbelly river goby/Kaya balığı/Eastern Black Sea watersheds. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007)

Ponticola cyrius (Kessler, 1874) [N], Kura goby/Kaya balığı/Kura-Aras River Basin. (Fricke et al. 2007)

Ponticola eurycephalus (Kessler, 1874) [N], Mushroom goby/Kayabalığı/Black Sea watersheds. (Bilecenoğlu et al. 2002, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoğlu et al. 2014)

Ponticola platyrostris (Pallas, 1814) [N], Flatsnout goby/Sarı kayabalığı/Eastern Black Sea watersheds of Anatolia. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoğlu et al. 2014)

Ponticola ratan (Nordmann, 1840) [N], Ratan goby/Kayabalığı/Black Sea and Sea of Marmara watersheds. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoğlu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoğlu et al. 2014)

Ponticola rizensis (Kovacic & Engin, 2008) [E], Iyidere goby/Kayabalığı/Iyidere Stream drainage, northeastern Black Sea. (Kovacic & Engin 2008)

Ponticola syrman (Nordmann, 1840) [N], Syrman goby/Kayabalığı/Black Sea and Sea of Marmara watersheds. (Bilecenoğlu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoğlu et al. 2014)

Ponticola turani (Kovacic & Engin, 2008) [E], Aksu goby/Kaya balığı/Aksu Stream, northeastern Black Sea. (Kovacic & Engin 2008)

Proterorhinus semilunaris (Heckel, 1839) [N], Western tubenose goby/Kaya balığı/European Black Sea, northern Aegean Sea and Sea of Marmara watersheds. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007 as *P. marmoratus* (non Pallas 1814), Kottelat & Freyhof 2007)

Order PLEURONECTIFORMES

Family SCOPHTHALMIDAE

Scophthalmus maeoticus (Pallas, 1814) [N], Black Sea brill/Kalkan/Black Sea coasts brackish waters, entering freshwater habitats. (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoğlu et al. 2014).

Family PLEURONECTIDAE

Subfamily PLEURONECTINAE

Platichthys luscus (Pallas, 1814) [N], Mediterranean flounder/Derepisi/All coasts of Anatolian brackish waters. (Geldiay & Balık 2007, Bilecenoğlu et al. 2002, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007, Bilecenoğlu et al. 2014).

Discussion

Based on the presented checklist of this study, we are documented the presence of a total of 368 fish species (plus 10 questionable species) from the inland waters of Turkey. The confirmed freshwater fishes of Turkey comprise 368 species in 104 genera, 31 families, 16 orders and 2 classes. Compared with the last published checklist of freshwater fish of Turkey (261 species) (Fricke et al. 2007), the present checklist shows an increase in species number of 41% (107 species). This increase has resulted mainly from new species records and taxonomic re-evaluations of existing taxa on the basis of new information and adoption of a new systematic concept. Some species that were probably missed out accidentally from previous checklists added have been in the present study. For example in the previous checklists (Geldiay & Balık

2007, Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007) missed the species *Oxyñoemacheilus ercisiánus* which was reported by Erk'akan and Kuru (1986) from Lake Van Basin.

Habitat degradation, pollution, introduction of non-native fishes and many anthropological influences upon nature are the main threats to this unique ichthyofauna of Turkey (Tarkan et al. 2015). Hence there are many causes for the extinction of some freshwater fish species in Turkey. *Crossochelus caudomaculatus*, a formerly endemic species of Amik Lake, is now globally extinct caused by the drying of the lake. *Alburnus akili* and *Pseudophoxinus handlirschi* are endemic species restricted to Lake Beyşehir and Lake Eğirdir, respectively. *Sander lucioperca* is a translocated species which was introduced into these lakes by governmental organizations in 1955 (Küçük 2012). Following that introduction, both *A. akili* and *P. handlirschi* became globally extinct due to the piscivorous behaviour of *S. lucioperca*.

Some species, including *Caspiomyzon wagneri*, *Acipenser persicus*, *A. sturio* and *A. caspia* are endemic in the Black and Caspian Sea basins, and had been listed for the freshwater ichthyofauna of Turkey in previous checklists. Those species, as well as the Caspian Sea population of *Stenodus leucichthys*, have seen a sharp decline after the construction of dams in the Caspian Sea watershed including the Kura and Aras rivers (Fricke et al. 2007, Freyhof & Kottelat 2008). These species are extinct in Turkey due to the construction of dams which have cut off the fish migration routes, and the change of their reproductive environments. *Salmo salar* is naturally distributed in temperate and Arctic zones in the Northern Hemisphere including the Black Sea coasts of Anatolia (Kottelat & Freyhof 2007). Though the species is extinct in the wild, it was re-introduced in Black Sea for aquaculture (Innal, 2012, Tarkan et al. 2015).

In this study, some records were disregarded and excluded from Turkey's freshwater ichthyofauna even listed in previous checklists (Kuru 2004, Geldiay & Balık 2007, Fricke et al. 2007) as discussed below.

Gambusia affinis (Baird & Girard, 1853) is an invasive species reported from many parts of Anatolia and listed in the previous studies (Kuru 2004, Geldiay & Balık 2007, Fricke et al. 2007) and also *G. holbrooki* was reported from Turkey in recent years. Both *G. affinis* and *G. holbrooki* were reported from Europe. However, only presence of *G. holbrooki* could be confirmed recently according to the result from genetic studies (Vidal 2010). This species probably has been confused with *G. holbrooki* and it needs further study to validate the occurrence of *G. affinis* into inland waters of Turkey.

Squalius ghigii (Gianferrari, 1927) inhabits into Rhodos Island, Greece (Kottelat & Freyhof 2007). The species misidentified from Turkey and the records from Turkey refer to *L. irideus* and *L. mermere* (Bogutskaya, 1996).

Alburnus albîdus was reported from Sapanca Lake (Özülug et al. 2007). However this report probably misidentified and confused with *A. alburnus* (Fricke et al. 2007).

Salmo macrostigma (Duméril, 1858) has been reported as *S. macrostigma* or *S. trutta macrostigma* from many parts of Turkey (e.g. Basusta et al. 2014) and listed in some previous checklists (Kuru 2004, Geldiay & Balık 2007). Recent studies showed that the range of *S. macrostigma* is restricted to Algeria (Delling & Doadrio 2005, Kottelat & Freyhof 2007).

The distribution ranges of *Gobio gobio* (Linnaeus, 1758)

and *Barbus barbus* (Linnaeus, 1758) do not include Turkey (Kottelat & Freyhof 2007). The latter species has been split into many taxa the Turkish records are based on *Barbus bergi*.

Alosa braschnikowi (Heckel, 1843) listed in previous was listed in the previous checklist as *Rutilus sojuchbulagi* (Fricke et al. 2007). However distribution range of the species is brackish waters of Caspian Sea and nonanadrom species (Afraei Bandpei et al. 2012). Therefore the species can not reach Turkish waters.

Romanogobio persus is endemic species to Orumiye Lake (Iran) (Coad, 2006). That's why these species are listed or defined incorrectly in Turkey.

Although *Ponticola kessleri* (Günther, 1861) was listed in previous checklists (Kuru 2004, Fricke et al. 2007); this species is naturally distributed in the northern parts of the Black Sea, not including the Black Sea coasts of Anatolia (Kottelat & Freyhof 2007). Indeed the species has not been listed in the checklist of the marine fishes of Turkey (Bilecenoglu et al. 2002, 2014). The Turkish record seems to be based on a misidentification.

According to Eschmeyer and Fricke (2015) some species which were synonymised are also excluded from the checklist. *Orthrias tschajissuensis* and *O. euphraticus* are synonyms of *Oxyñoemacheilus argyrogramma*; *Barbatula pulsiz* is a junior synonym of *Oxyñoemacheilus ercisiánus*; *Alburnus pallidus* is a junior synonym of *A. sellal*; *Rutilus heckelii* is a synonym of *R. rutilus*; *R. kutum* is a synonym of *R. frisii*; *Barbatula bergamensis* is a synonym of *Orthrias theophili*; *Cobitis kurui* is a synonym of *Cobitis vardarensis*; *Aphanius burdurensis* is a synonym of *A. sereyanus*; *Aphanius chantrei* and *A. splendens* are synonym of *A. anatoliae*.

Alburnus schischkovi (Drensky, 1943) was previously considered as a junior synonym of *Alburnus mento* (Heckel, 1837) by (Parin et al. 2014), and reported from European parts of Turkey (Kottelat & Freyhof 2007). However distributions range of *A. mento* is now restricted to some parts of Germany and Austria (Kottelat & Freyhof 2007), and *A. schischkovi* is considered as a valid species.

Some species given below are listed as questionable in this study, their presence in Turkish freshwaters needs confirmation.

Pseudophoxinus sojuchbulagi (Abdurakhmanov, 1950) was listed in the previous checklist as *Rutilus sojuchbulagi* (Fricke et al. 2007). The distribution range of the species is now considered as restricted to Azerbaijan (Bogutskaya et al. 2006).

The distribution range of *Phoxinus colchicus* Berg, 1910 is not clear (Naseka 2010), and the historical record from Hopa has not been confirmed yet in recent years (Kottelat & Freyhof 2007). The species is probably restricted to the northeastern Black Sea coasts (Naseka 2010).

Another species, *Gobio caucasicus*, is distributed near the northeastern coasts of Anatolia (Naseka et al. 2006). Although this species is listed as a valid species in FishBase (Froese & Pauly 2015) its status is uncertain in Eschmeyer and Fricke (2015).

Cyprinodon tenuiradius is found in the Gulf and Lake Marlu basins in Iran. The species has been listed from the Aras River system of eastern Turkey by Fricke et al. (2007), this record may be based on a confusion of the modern Aras or Araxes River with the classical Araxes or Kor River of Fars (Coad 2015).

Benthophilus stellatus distributed in Black Sea, Sea of Azov and rivers and estuaries of the Caspian Sea basin (Miller 1986). However, the species has been confused with *Benthophilus nudus* Berg, 1898.

Luciobarbus brachycephalus inhabits in the Caspian and Aral seas and their tributaries. The species reported from lower Kura and Aras rivers in Iran and Azerbaijan (Coad 2015). Its presence in Turkey needs confirmation by specimens.

Hemigrammocapoeta nana (Heckel, 1843) is restricted to Damascus and Jordan River basins, and Qishon River. Previous records from Turkey have been based on misidentified *H. culiciphaga* Pellegrin, 1927.

Acanthobrama tricolor (Lortet, 1883) is now considered as endemic to Syria (Freyhof, 2014). Previous records from Turkey were based on *A. thisbeae* Freyhof & Özluğ, 2014.

Sabanejewia caucasica (Berg, 1906) has not been reported previously in Turkey. According to some ichthyologist (personnel communications with Dr. Soheil Eagderi and Dr. Hamed Mousavi-Sabet) the species may be distributed in Turkey. However the species was reported as a questionable in Georgia by Reshetnikov et al. (1997).

Introduction and distribution of exotic and translocated species in freshwater habitats in Turkey well evaluated in the previous studies (Çetinkaya 2006, İnnal & Erk'akan 2006, İnnal 2012, Tarkan et al. 2014, 2015). The range extensions of some exotic species have been continuing into other parts of Anatolia and have been becoming invasive in the freshwater biomes of Turkey. Some of the introduced species could not breed naturally (e.g. *Oncorhynchus mykiss*), however, this species continue to presence in freshwater habitats. They continued to escape from aquaculture unit. While some invasive species spread rapidly and colonized into aquatic habitats in Anatolia after introduction (e.g. *Carassius gibelio* and *Pseudorasbora parva*), some of them could not become widespread, and even some ones have failed to establish self-sustaining populations in the wild environment after introduction (e.g. *Salvelinus alpinus*, *Coregonus macrourus* and *C. wartmanni*, *Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*). Additionally, some species had been imported into Turkey by aquaculture research stations at universities and/or governmental research hatcheries, but never released into the natural environment (e.g. *Acipenser baeri*, *Ictalurus punctatus* and *Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*) (İnnal 2012, Tarkan et al. 2015). Up to now, nearly 24 exotic species (except *Salmo salar*) have re-

ported from inland waters of Turkey in wild (Çetinkaya 2006, İnnal & Erk'akan 2006, İnnal 2012, Tarkan et al. 2014, 2015). The checklist only includes introduced species reported from the natural environment in Turkey. The exotic species have been cultured in closed systems are not listed in this checklist.

Turkey and neighboring countries were compared in terms of the number of species of freshwater ichthyofauna (Table 2). Nonetheless, this comparison highlights the species richness of Turkey is the richest one of any other country. Owing to the increased efforts paid to taxonomic studies carried out in poorly known region of Turkey, it will be probable that many new fish species will be recorded from Turkey. Additionally, number of the fish species will be increase with the influx of exotic fish species into Turkey should also not be ignored.

An obvious candidate for this comparison is Iran a neighboring country which had its freshwater fish fauna recently summarized (Esmaili et al. 2010) and has been updated regularly a website contains valuable commentary on individual taxa namely Freshwater Fishes of Iran prepared by Brain W. Coad (Coad 2015). According to studies given above freshwater fish fauna of Iran recognized 206 species. Although the land expanse of Iran is two times larger than that of Turkey, the number of freshwater fish species reported from Iran (206 species) is circa over 55% of the Turkey (368 species). In addition, beyond the sheer number of species of Turkey relative to its size, the diversity and endemism of fishes that contribute to that fauna is impressive. The endemic fish species consist of 41.58% of the total freshwater fish fauna.

Therefore, both total numbers of fish species and endemic species over the reported numbers by the author.)

Although many new species described from Turkey in just recent years, there have still been not an applicable identification keys and many lack of zoogeography of freshwater fishes of Turkey. Therefore, further research and taxonomic revisions are urgently needed on the freshwater fish fauna of Turkey. In this context, we believe that some of newly reported species are ambiguous and need additional discussion and deliberation by the ichthyological authorities. Not only new records but also old records being revised as new information are received with the point of view historical data. A very serious problem with ichthyological literature (especially papers in the recent past) is that authors uncriti-

Table 2. Diversity of fishes of neighboring countries.

Country	# Total Species	# Endemic (Rate)	# Introduced (Rate)	Source
Iran	202	39 (19.30%)	25 (11.5%)	Esmaili et al. (2010, 2014b)
Iran*	206	43 (20.87%)	23 (11.17%)	Coad, 2015
Iraq	62		9 (14.52%)	Coad, 2010
Syria	73		8 (10.96%)	Froese and Pauly, 2015
Armenia	39	3 (7.69%)	11 (28.21%)	Gabrielyan, 2001
Georgia	61		10 (16.39%)	Ninua and Japoshvili, 2008
Bulgaria			26 (24.53%)	Uzunova and Zlatanova, 2007
Bulgaria	106			Carpio et al. 2013
Greece	162		25 (15.43%)	Economou et al. 2007
European Continent	522			Carpio et al. 2013
			33 (6.32%)	Kottelat & Freyhof 2007
Turkey	368	153 (41.58%)	28 (7.61%)	This study

(* Some new species reported from Iran in recent years (e.g. Mousavi-Sabet et al. 2015a,b; Vatandoust & Eagderi 2015).

cally rely on earlier data, the result that many reviews are merely compilations of old and often incompatible information. Errors are thus propagated over long periods of time (Kottelat & Freyhof 2007). Actually the same case applies for the freshwater ichthyofauna of Turkey.

However, some new species were reported from in a single basin or eco-region with in very narrow range geographically to each other. It is probably that there are members of same species distributed with in a small range of subpopulations of the species. For example, both *C. turani* and *C. erhani* are valid species newly described from Seyhan and Ceyhan River, respectively (Ozulug & Freyhof 2008a, Turan et al. 2008a). However Erk'akan & Özdemir (2011) imply that both of them are synonymous with *C. barroisi* and there are only minor morphologic distinctions among them. Precisely for this reason, recent new fish records from Turkey should be carefully evaluated, argued and revised with a deep knowledge and with a wide perspective. As a result of the emergence of some fish species that are probable that to be synonymous each other with a reduction in the total number of species.

Most of the newly described species originated from central and western Anatolia where ichthyologically relatively good sampled regions of Turkey in recent. There are few faunistic studies conducted on eastern parts of Turkey. The ichthyofauna of eastern parts of Anatolia has been still poorly known (Coad & Sarieyyüpoğlu 1988). Besides distributions of occurrence of some fish species into Turkey's water basins are controversial. In this way there is no doubt that exploration of the Turkey's fish fauna is still far from complete. Notwithstanding had been conducted many research on the freshwater fishes of Turkey, numerous new records have to be expected, as well as a number of Anatolian endemic species.

An understanding of the diversity of the freshwater ichthyofauna of any country is crucial so that scientists, policy makers, resources managers, and members of the public can better evaluate the impact of human activities on the freshwater fishes within the country (Maldonado-Ocampo et al. 2008). The freshwater ichthyofauna of Turkey still incomplete. Therefore this checklist may provide guideline for continuing studies of the freshwater ichthyofauna of Turkey. Because of the checklist prepared mainly based on the earlier data provided by previous checklists, future research will result in additions to, and refinements of, our knowledge of that species-level diversity of that fauna, major components of which remain poorly understood or in many instances unknown. One must not read too much into this ratio in light of the numerous uncertainties involving the number of freshwater species resident in Turkey and the often-demonstrated major gaps in our knowledge of their actual geographic distributions.

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