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A NEW RECORD OF THE LESSEPSIAN SHRIMP, *OGYRIDES MJOEBERGI* (BALSS, 1921) (DECAPODA, OGYRIDIDAE) FROM THE LEVANTINE COAST OF TURKEY

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During a project (The Real Biodiversity of the Levantine Coast of Turkey and Impact of Alien Organisms on the Prevailing Ecosystem) founded by TUBITAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey), five specimens of the ogyridid shrimp, *Ogyrides mjoebergi* (Balss, 1921) were collected in total. The specimens were obtained by snorkelling over sandy bottoms at a depth of 5 m along the Levantine coasts of Turkey (fig. 1). The specimens, including the one photographed, are preserved in 4% formaldehyde and deposited in the Museum of the Faculty of Fisheries, Ege University, Bornova-Izmir (collection numbers: ESFM-MAL/2005-7, ESFM-MAL/2005-8, ESFM-MAL/2005-9). The specimens examined (fig. 2) are in accordance with the original description of *O. mjoebergi* by Balss (1921) and, consequently, no further description is required. A review of inventory studies relevant to this species indicates, that *O. mjoebergi* constitutes a new record for the Levantine coasts of Turkey.

All records of *O. mjoebergi* from the Mediterranean Sea so far are listed in table I. *Ogyrides mjoebergi* is one of the twelve species [*Ogyrides alphaeostris* (Kingsley, 1880) (western Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean); *O. delli* Yaldwyn, 1971 (Australia, New Zealand); *O. hayi* Williams, 1981 (western Atlantic Ocean); *O. limicola* Williams, 1955 (western Atlantic Ocean); *O. mjoebergi* (Balss, 1921) (Indo-West Pacific Ocean, Australia, Red Sea, and Mediterranean Sea); *O. occidentalis* (Ortmann, 1893) (western Atlantic Ocean); *O. orientalis* (Stimpson, 1860) (Indo-West Pacific Ocean); *O. rarispina* Holthuis, 1951 (eastern South Atlantic Ocean); *O. saldanhae* Barnard, 1946 (South Africa); *O. striaticauda* Kemp, 1915 (East Africa); *O. tarazonai* Wicksten & Mendez, 1988 (eastern Pacific Ocean);

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Fig. 1. Distribution of *Ogyrides mjoebergi* (Balss, 1921) in the Mediterranean Sea: ●, new localities; *, previously known localities.

Fig. 2. Lateral view of *Ogyrides mjoebergi* (Balss, 1921) (♂, TL = 9.16 mm) collected from Iskenderun Bay (Levantine coast of Turkey). [Photo by T. Özcan.]