FISH SPECIES COMPOSITION, DISTRIBUTION AND CONSERVATION IN THE WUYI MOUNTAINS, CHINA

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Abstract. According to the fish checklist of 16 nature reserves in the Wuyi Mountains of China, a total of 126 freshwater fish species belonging to 5 orders and 17 families were present. Cypriniformes (consisting of 101 species and accounting for 69.8% of the total) was the major components of the fish fauna. And species of family Cyprinidae comprised 51.6% of the total and classified into 10 subfamilies. Overall, 72 species (57.1% of the total) were endemic to China. The comparison of species richness, endemic species richness and values of F-index, G-index and G-F index between the west and east slopes of Wuyi Mountains showed that there was a higher fish species diversity in the east slope. And among the three districts (i.e. the north, middle and south sections of Wuyi Mountains), fish species diversity was highest at the north section, good at the middle section and lowest at the south section. We divided 16 nature reserves into two regions according to geographical location and four regions according to river type through cluster analysis. Current threats to conservation of fish species diversity in the Wuyi Mountains were reviewed and management solutions were suggested.

Keywords: freshwater fish, species diversity, nature reserve, Jiangxi Province, Fujian Province

Introduction

The Wuyi Mountains is located in the southeast of China, and on the borderline between Jiangxi and Fujian province (*Fig. 1a*). It runs from the northeast to southwest with a length of about 540 km, and the highest peak is up to 2158 m. Therefore, the mountain range had been given "roof of the East China" (Guan, 2016). Streams in the mountain range flow into the Yangtze, Oujiang, Minjiang and Hanjiang rivers which drain into the East and South China seas (*Fig. 1b*). And the mountain range presents a subtropical humid monsoon climate with four distinct seasons. The annual average precipitation of Wuyi mountain is 1600 mm and 2000 mm, and the mean annual temperature range is from 17 to 20 °C, and annual average relative humidity was up to 78% (Guan, 2016).

In addition, the mountain range is a key area for the conservation of biodiversity in Chinese ecosystems. And it preserves the most typical, intact and largest zonal evergreen broad-leaved forest and subtropical forest ecosystems at the same latitudinal band of the world, so the mountain range had been called the "natural botanical garden", "insect world", "avian paradise" and so on (Liu et al., 2012). Fujian Wuyishan Nature Reserve (NR), the first national nature reserve, was created in 1979. By 2015, 45 nature reserves of different grades and types were established including 15 national

NRs, 14 provincial NRs, one city-level NR and 15 county-level NRs. Except for one paleontological relic reserve and seven wildlife reserves, the others are forest ecological reserves (Ministry of Ecology and Environment of the PRC, 2016). Among the 45 NRs, Tongboshan NR, Jiangxi Wuyishan NR, Yangjifeng NR, Matoushan NR, Ganjiangyuan NR, Jinpenshan NR, Lingyunshan NR, Laohunao NR, Fengyangshan NR, Fujian Wuyishan NR, Emeifeng NR, Minjiangyuan NR, Longxishan NR, Junzifeng NR, Tianbaoyan NR, and Guilongshan NR were investigated on fish species diversity. The Wuyi Mountains can be divided into two areas (east slope and west slope), the boundary between east slope and west slope is the ridge of Wuyi Mountains, not only important in physical geography, but also divided Jiangxi Province and Fujian Province. From north to south, the altitude of Wuyi Mountain ranges is getting lower, and can be divided into three regions (north section, middle section and south section) through the geographical division and the description of the location in the investigation report of the nature reserve (Zhong, 2004; Chen et al., 2009).

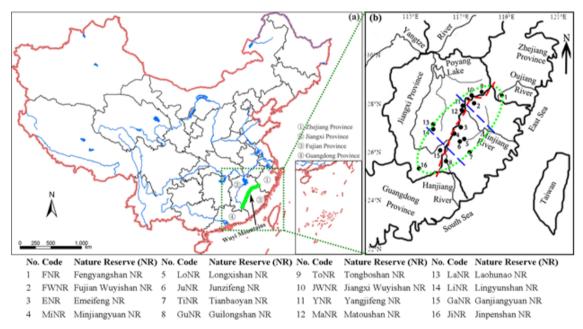


Figure 1. Maps showing the locations of Wuyi Mountains (a) and 16 nature reserves (b). In the map b, the Wuyi Mountains (the yellow elliptical region) is divided into two areas (west slope and east slope) by a dotted red line and three districts (north section, middle section and south section) by two blue broken lines

The 16 NRs are evenly located in the east and west slopes of the Wuyi Mountains, and lie on the north, middle and south sections of the mountain range (*Fig. 1b*). And the basic information of the 16 NRs was given in (*Table 1*).

Almost all of the rivers in those NRs were characterized by shallow water depths, surrounding by mountains, narrow channel widths and relatively fast currents flowing over boulder substrate. The main rivers in NRs are: Shiwudugang River in ToNR; Yanshanhe River in JWNR; Luxihe River, Luotanghe River and Guiganghe River in YNR; Matoushanhe River, Douhuanhe River in MaNR; Guganghe River in LaNR; Linchihe River in LiNR; Shiliaohe River, Pantianhe River in GaNR; Daqiaohe River in JiNR; Haohe River in FNR; Futunxi River, Chongyangxi River in FWNR; Shanxi

River, Puxi River and Yongxingqu River in ENR; Chuxi River, Suixi River in MiNR; Yujiaxi River, Lishanxi River and Weixi River in LoNR; Xiafangxi River, Xiayangxi River, Chenglanxi River and Zhushexi River in JuNR; Sukengxi River, Guixi River and Shushaxi River in TiNR; Tongfanghe River, Jinxihe River and Chenlianhe River in GuNR.

Table 1. Basic information of 16 nature reserves in the Wuyi Mountains, China. The nature reserve codes are the same as those in Figure 1

Nature reserve	Geographical coordinate	Area (km²)	Protection object	Protection type	Protection level	Stream basin
ToNR	118°12′-118°21′E 28°03′-28°15′N	108	Mid-subtropical broadleaved evergreen forests	Forest ecological	National	
JWNR	117°39′-117°55′E 27°48′-28°00′N	160.07	Mid-subtropical broadleaved evergreen forests, rare animals and plants	Forest ecological	National	
YNR	117°11′-117°28′E 27°51′-28°02′N	109.46	Amphibian, subtropical broadleaved evergreen forests	Wildlife	National	
MaNR	117°10′-117°18′E 27°43′-27°52′N	138.67	Subtropical broadleaved evergreen forests, rare plants	Forest ecological	National	Yangtze River
LaNR	115°51′-116°03′E 26°58′-27°17′N	220	South China tiger and habitats	Wildlife	Provincial	Kivei
LiNR	115°50′-116°01′E 26°50′-27°02′N	113.43	Subtropical broadleaved evergreen forests	Forest ecological	Provincial	
GaNR	116°03′-116°20′E 25°52′-26°06′N	161.01	Mid-subtropical broadleaved evergreen forests	Forest ecological	National	
JiNR	115°10′-115°15′E 25°11′-25°15′N	37.12	Subtropical broadleaved evergreen forests	Forest ecological	County	
FNR	119°03′-119°15′E 27°40′-27°58′N	260.52	forest ecosystems, rare animals and plants	Forest ecological	National	Oujiang River
FWNR	117°27′-117°51′E 27°33′-27°54′N	565.27	Mid-subtropical forest ecosystems	Forest ecological	National	
ENR	117°01′-117°10′E 26°52′-27°06′N	103	Rare birds, Isoetes orientalis and habitats, broadleaved deciduous forests of Fagus lucida	Wildlife	Provincial	
MiNR	116°46′-116°59′E 26°35′-26°49′N	130.22	Native populations of Bretschneidera sinensis and Taxus chinensis var mairei, unique biological community, forest vegetation of the Mingjiang river source	Wildlife	National	Minjiang
LoNR	117°13′-117°21′E 26°28′-26°37′N	156.93	Mid-subtropical forest ecosystems, rare animals and plants	Forest ecological	National	River
JuNR	116°47′-117°31′E 26°19′-26°39′N	180.61	Mid-subtropical broadleaved evergreen forests, Taxus chinensis var mairei	Forest ecological	National	
TiNR	117°28′-117°35′E 25°50′-26°01′N	110.15	Mid-subtropical broadleaved evergreen forests, wild orchidaceae, Tsuga longibracteata forest, Rhododendron simiarum forest, Sphagnum bog	Forest ecological	National	
GuNR	116°02′-116°40′E 25°02′-26°02′N	57.68	Mid-subtropical forest ecosystems	Forest ecological	Provincial	Hanjiang River

At present, many researchers have investigated biodiversity and distribution of the bryophytes, ferns, vascular plants, freshwater crabs and reptiles in the Wuyi Mountains (Guan, 2006; Li et al., 2006; Ye et al., 2007; Zhu, 2010; Cheng et al., 2011; Shi et al., 2012). Although many scholars have studied the biodiversity and composition of fish and published many related articles, the diversity of fish species in mountainous areas has not been comprehensively studied. In order to systematically understand the species diversity of fish in Wuyi Mountain, it is very important to comprehensively analyze the spatial distribution and composition of fish in Wuyi Mountain. The objectives of this study are to: (1) to describe the species composition and diversity of fish in 16 nature reserves; (2) analyse the biodiversity and relationship of fish in 16 nature reserves.

Materials and methods

Many papers have studied on the fish in 16 nature reserves, which is A good compilation opportunity to make a fish species list to research the Wuyi mountain's biodiversity. (Anonymity, 1981, 1997; Lin, 2002, 2004; Lin et al., 2005; Liu and Fu, 2006; Guo et al., 2011; Hu et al., 2011, 2015, 2018; Liu et al., 2012; Zeng et al., 2013; Li et al., 2015; Miao et al., 2016; Zhu et al., 2017). By re-analyze and summarize the research results of fish species diversity in nature reserves, biodiversity information can be obtained.

Nowadays, the G-F index is an important method for studying fish diversity, which is usually used to analyze species diversity of birds and mammals (Jiang and Ji, 1999; Yu et al., 2005; Li and Wu, 2006; Cai et al., 2009; Huang and Liu, 2011). Computing the diversity indexes at the genus level (G-index) and the family level (F-index); then to calculate the ratio of G-index and F-index as G-F index, the values can be either positive or negative.

(1) F-index:

$$D_F = -\sum_{k=1}^{m} D_{Fk} = -\sum_{k=1}^{m} \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i lnpi$$
 (Eq.1)

where n = the number of genera in family k, pi = Ski/Sk, Ski = the number of species in genus i, Sk = the number of species in family k, m = the total number of families in the class.

(2) G-index:

$$D_G = -\sum_{j=1}^p q_j ln q_j$$
 (Eq.2)

where qj = Sj/S, Sj = the number of species in genus j, S = the total number of species in the class, p = the total number of genus in the class.

(3) G-F index:

$$D_{G-F} = 1 - D_G / D_F$$
 (Eq.3)

Cluster analysis is often used to study the distribution of fish species and other community ecological problems. (Yin et al., 2016). A dataset containing all species from each site has been established to enable similarity measurements based on the presence (1) or absence (0) of each species from each site. (Huang et al., 2013). Pairwise similarities among all sites were computed in order to create a similarity coefficient matrix. The hierarchical cluster, furthest-neighbour method with pearson used for cluster analysis based correlation was on the matrix. All analyses were performed using SPSS 13.0 software.

Results

Composition of fish species

126 freshwater fish species (see Appendix 1) in the 16 NRs were recorded, belonging to five orders and 17 families. Cypriniformes (comprised of four families and 88 species, 69.8% of total species) was the dominant order followed by Siluriformes (five families and 21 species, 16.7%) and Perciformes (five families and 13 species, 10.3%), while Anguilliformes and Synbranchiformes were represented by two species respectively (*Table 2*). Species of family Cyprinidae comprised 51.6% of the total species richness and classified into 10 subfamilies (i.e. Danioninae, Leuciscinae, Cultrinae, Xenocyprinae, Hypophthalmichthyinae, Acheilognathinae, Gobioninae, Gobiobotinae, Cyprininae and Barbinae).

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Table 2. Fish di	versity indices in di	fferent districts of th	ne Wuyi Mountains	, China

District	G-index	F-index	G-F index	Species richness
West slope	1.6628	2.3287	0.2860	77
East slope	1.8365	2.9620	0.3800	100
North section	1.6261	2.9232	0.4437	91
Middle section	1.7948	3.0614	0.4137	101
South section	1.3090	1.5061	0.1309	30

Overall, 72 species (57.1% of the total species) are endemic to China, belonging to 11 families. Cyprinidae is the dominant family of endemic species (33 species) and the subdominant family was Balitoridae (16 species), and Bagridae (11 species), while Cobitidae, Amblycipitidae, Percichthyidae, Gobiidae, Sisoridae, Siluridae, Ondontobutidae and Osphronemidae were represented by only one or two species respectively (see *Appendix*).

Spatial variation of fish species diversity

Among the 16 NRs, eight reserves (including ToNR, JWNR, YNR, MaNR, LaNR, LiNR, GaNR and JiNR) are located in the west slope of the Wuyi Mountains, while other reserves (FNR, FWNR, ENR, MiNR, LoNR, JuNR, TiNR and GuNR) lie on the east slope of the mountain range. In addition, four reserves (ToNR, JWNR, FNR and FWNR) are located in the north section of the Wuyi Mountains, nine reserves (YNR, MaNR, LaNR, LiNR, ENR, MiNR, LoNR, JuNR and TiNR) in the middle section of

the mountain range, and three reserves (GaNR, JiNR and GuNR) in the south section of the mountain range (Fig. 1b).

A greater number of species (average: 42 vs. 21) and endemic species (19 vs. 11) were recorded from the east slope of the Wuyi Mountains compared to the west slope of the mountain range (*Fig.* 2). And the number of species and endemic species from the north section of the Wuyi Mountains was the largest (average: 36 and 20), followed by the middle section of the mountain range (35 and 15), while the average species number and endemic species number in the south section of the mountain range were only 15 and 8, respectively (*Fig.* 3).

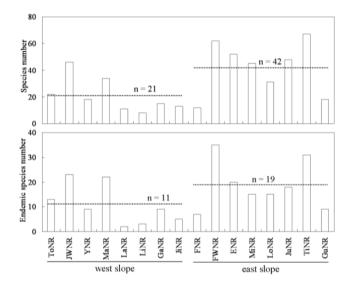


Figure 2. Species and endemic species richness in the west and east slopes of Wuyi Mountains, China (n = average number of fish species). The nature reserve codes are the same as those in Figure 1

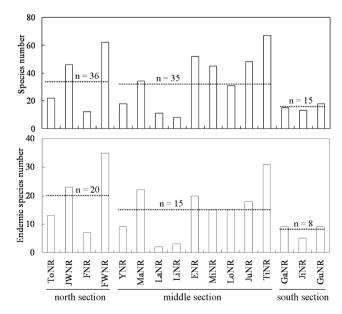


Figure 3. Species and endemic species richness in the north, middle and south sections of Wuyi Mountains, China (n = average number of fish species). The nature reserve codes are the same as those in Figure 1

In addition, greater values of F-index, G-index and G-F index were also obtained from the east slope of the Wuyi Mountains compared to the west slope of the mountain range. And F-index, G-index and G-F index in the north section and middle section of the mountain range were similar, while the F-index, G-index and G-F index in the south section of the mountain range were the lowest (*Table 2*). The species richness of north section, middle section have similarity. While the species richness of south section were the lowest, and the east slope's richness is higher than west slope.

Clustering analysis

By studying the presence-absence data of fish in each nature reserve in Wuyi Mountains, the fish fauna can be divided into four regions (*Fig. 4*). The first region included MiNR, ENR, JuNR, TiNR, FWNR and LoNR, their mountain streams belong to the Minjiang River Basin. The second and third regions were FNR and GuNR, their mountain streams flow into the Oujiang River or the Hanjiang River respectively. The fourth region included JWNR, LaNR, ToNR, JiNR, YNR, GaNR, LiNR and MaNR, their mountain streams belong to the Poyang Lake Basin which flows into the Yangtze River. In addition, according to the result of cluster analysis, 16 nature reserves can be divided into two faunas, the east slope and west slope of the Wuyi Mountains.

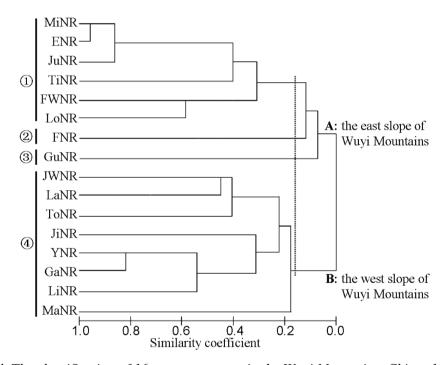


Figure 4. The classification of 16 nature reserves in the Wuyi Mountains, China. 1: Minjiang River System; 2: Oujiang River System; 3: Hanjiang River System; 4: Yangtze River System.

The nature reserve codes are the same as those in Figure 1

Discussion

Characters of fish species diversity

A total of 1323 species and 877 endemic species of freshwater fish had been reported in China (Xing et al., 2016). The results of the existing studies on the 16 nature reserves in the Wuyi Mountains showed that a total of 126 species (9.5% of all freshwater fish

species in China) and 72 endemic species (8.2% of all freshwater endemic species in China) were found to be distributed in mountain streams. Several endangered (Anguilla marmorata, Acrossocheilus wenchowensis, Liobagrus marginatus and Pseudobagrus medianalis) and vulnerable species (Leptobotia elongate, Siniperca obscura and Siniperca roulei) were found in the Wuyi Mountains, and most of them are endemic to China. The coldwater and endemic species (e.g. Rhynchocypris oxycephalus) had also been found in the mountain range. In addition, endemic species of families Balitoridae and Gobiidae, the sucker structure under their bodies allows them to attach to the boundary layer matrix created by water flow at the bottom of the water so as to survive in mountain streams, and they were found in most nature reserves within the mountain range. We can conclude that the diversity and conservation of freshwater fish species (especially endemic species) are highly dependent on the mountain stream environment of Wuyi Mountains. The stability and low disturbance of habitats (such as the introduction of less exotic species) may be the reason for the collection of rich species and endemic species in the mountain range. First-third streams are widely distributed in 16 nature reserves in Wuyi Mountains. Temperatures in the mountains also rarely reach 20 °C in summer because of the high forest coverage rates in the riparian areas of the mountain range. And the content of dissolved oxygen is high, which provides suitable living conditions for these fishes (Hu et al., 2011, 2015, 2018; Guo et al., 2011; Huang et al., 2013).

As environments be different, the species composition of fish also change (Cowx, 1994). The comparison of species number, endemic species number and values of Findex, G-index and G-F index between the west and east slopes of Wuyi Mountains showed that there was a higher fish species diversity in the east slope. And among the three districts (i.e. the north, middle and south sections of Wuyi Mountains), fish species diversity was highest at the north section, good at the middle section and lowest at the south section (Fu et al., 2003; Jang et al., 2003; Yin et al., 2016; Song et al., 2017). Existing studies for bryophytes, ferns, vascular plants, freshwater crabs and reptiles in the Wuyi Mountains showed the similar variation tendency (Guan, 2006; Li et al., 2006; Ye et al., 2007; Zhu, 2010; Cheng et al., 2011; Shi et al., 2012).

Current threats

The biodiversity of the Wuyi Mountains is threatened by a wide range of anthropogenic activities, including overexploitation and habitat change. Sedentary species are also affected by hydrological alterations and tend to redistribute along the river gradient (Araújo et al., 2013). Habitat alteration and destruction as the major cause of most extinctions of freshwater fishes (Thomas., 1994). Despite being prohibited by law, unsustainable and short-term fishing practices like electro-fishing are rampant throughout China (Zhao et al., 2015), causing great damage to fish resources in various regions of the country. In the mountain range, some people catch fish for food on streams using electro-fishing, rotenone or other poisons (Guo et al., 2011; Hu et al., 2011, 2015, 2018; Liu et al., 2012; Zeng et al., 2013; Miao et al., 2016). This kind of fishing had led to over-fishing which had also caused a rapid decline in fish biodiversity.

In recent decades, agricultural activity, increased demand for drinking water, and the construction of multi-purpose dams, artificial reservoirs, and levees and weirs have led to major changes in China's streams and rivers (Fu et al., 2003). In the mountain range,

dams had been built on streams in most of nature reserves (Guo et al., 2011; Hu et al., 2011, 2015, 2018; Liu et al., 2012; Zeng et al., 2013; Miao et al., 2016). Streams with faster flow rates often slow down and transformed into wide and slow-flowing streams. These factors have impeded the efficient migration of species migrating between different river habitats. This variation means that these organisms will be replaced by species which adapted to slower streams (Hu et al., 2009). Anthropogenic hydrological changes have had a negative affect the biodiversity of fish greatly.

Conservation recommendations

The Chinese government and environmental protection agencies have taken measures to protect the biodiversity of fish in these nature reserves, but these measures have not been effective. Changes brought by human activities and facilities accelerate the deterioration of mountain river environment, so the protection measures for fish biodiversity need to be improved and strengthened.

First, an in-depth understanding of both large-scale species richness patterns and endemism patterns is an essential basis for the conservation of freshwater fish resources (Oberdorff et al., 1999). A more comprehensive assessment of the status of freshwater fish stocks can be achieved using this method. But the data need to be updated in time for the protection agency to formulate the correct protection measures. Therefore, the overall freshwater fish resource assessment of Wuyi Mountains needs to be carried out as soon as possible. In addition, the government should establish a comprehensive database to update the status and information of species.

Second, the development of effective management measures is the first step to protect the species diversity and endemism of Wuyi mountain's fish, which will effectively control and manage the integrity of the fish life cycle and the maintenance of population quantity in the river. The government needs to improve the construction of fish passage facilities so that fish can migrate smoothly between rivers and breeding (Jang et al., 2003).

Third, Penalties for illegal activities should be increased in the mountain area of Wuyi Mountains, so as to better protect fish diversity and resource quantity better. At the same time, fishing must be prohibited in mountainous areas, especially the use of poison such as rotenone. Draft legislation on wildlife buffer zones in the Wuyi Mountains, promoting sustainable agriculture to prevent pollution and limit fishing activities (Jang et al., 2003).

Conclusion

These results indicate that the freshwater fish species diversity is closely related to the environment of Wuyi mountain streams, especially for the endemic species. However, fish biodiversity in the mountain range is facing numerous threats, such as over-exploitation and habitat alteration. Thus, the conservation of fish biodiversity has become urgent, and an integrated management plan should be developed and effectively implemented.

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APPENDIX 1

The list of fish and distribution of 16 nature reserves in the Wuyi Mountains, China. The nature reserve codes are the same as those in Figure 1. (The presence-absence data of fish species are obtained from Anonymity, 1981, 1997; Lin, 2002, 2004; Lin et al., 2005; Liu and Fu, 2006; Guo et al., 2011; Hu et al., 2011, 2015, 2018; Liu et al., 2012; Zeng et al., 2013; Li et al., 2015; Miao et al., 2016; Zhu et al., 2017)

Order/family/species	ToNR	JWNR	YNR	MaNR	LaNR	LiNR	GaNR	JiNR	FNR	FWNR	ENR	MiNR	LoNR	JuNR	TiNR	GuNR
Anguilliformes																
Anguillidae																
Anguilla japonica									+	+	+	+		+	+	+
Anguilla marmorata										+	+			+	+	
Cypriniformes																
Cyprinidae																
Aphyocypris chinensis											+	+		+		
Opsariichthys bidens	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Zacco platypus	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ctenopharyngodon idella		+													+	
Elopichthys bambusa											+	+				
Mylopharyngodon piceus		+														
Ochetobius elongatus											+	+		+		
*Rhynchocypris oxycephalus	+	+		+						+						
Squaliobarbus curriculus											+	+				
Culter alburnus	+														+	
Cultrichthys erythropterus	+									+			+		+	
Hemiculter leucisculus	+	+			+					+	+	+		+	+	
*Megalobrama amblycephala	+	+														
Megalobrama terminalis											+	+			+	
Pseudohemiculter dispar				+						+	+	+	+	+		

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Pseudohemiculter hainanensis		+													+	
Pseudolaubuca sinensis		+														
*Sinibrama macrops	+	+		+						+	+	+		+	+	
*Distoechodon compressus											+	+		+	+	
*Distoechodon tumirostris		+									+			+	+	+
Xenocypris argentea						+			+					+	+	
Xenocypris davidi		+														
Xenocypris microlepis															+	
*Aristichthys nobilis		+													+	
Hypophthalmichthys molitrix		+													+	
Acheilognathus barbatulus											+	+		+		
*Acheilognathus barbatus										+						
Acheilognathus chankaensis				+									+		+	
*Acheilognathus polylepis				+												
Acheilognathus tonkinensis										+	+	+	+	+	+	
*Rhodeus ocellatus		+	+				+	+					+			+
*Rhodeus sinensis		+														
Abbottina rivularis		+								+	+	+	+	+		
*Belligobio nummifer										+					+	
*Gnathopogon imberbis	+	+	+				+			+			+			
*Gnathopogon taeniellus										+					+	
Hemibarbus labeo		+									+	+	+	+	+	+
Hemibarbus maculatus		+			+			+		+					+	
*Huigobio chenhsienensis				+												
*Huigobio chinssuensis				+												
*Microphysogobio fukiensis										+	+	+	+	+		
*Microphysogobio kiatingensis		+								+						
*Pseudogobio vaillanti		+		+						+			+	+	+	
Pseudorasbora parva		+	+		+		+			+	+	+	+	+	+	

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*Rhinogobio typus														+	+	
*Sarcocheilichthys kiangsiensis																+
Sarcocheilichthys nigripinnis													+			
*Sarcocheilichthys parvus				+												
*Sarcocheilichthys sinensis fukiensis											+	+		+		
Saurogobio dabryi dabryi										+	+	+	+	+	+	
*Saurogobio gracilicaudatus				+												
Squalidus argentatus					+					+	+	+		+	+	
*Squalidus wolterstorffi										+			+	+		
*Gobiobotia longibarba											+	+				
Carassius auratus auratus		+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cyprinus carpio		+			+					+	+	+		+	+	
*Acrossocheilus hemispinus cinctus		+		+												
*Acrossocheilus hemispinus hemispinus										+	+	+	+	+	+	
*Acrossocheilus kreyenbergii											+	+		+	+	
*Acrossocheilus labiatus				+					+	+		+	+			
*Acrossocheilus parallens	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+					+	+
*Acrossocheilus spinifer										+						
*Acrossocheilus wenchowensis									+						+	
*Onychostoma barbatula	+	+	+	+				+		+	+	+	+	+	+	
Spinibarbus hollandi		+		+						+	+	+		+	+	
Nemacheilidae																
Schistura fasciolata				+						+						
Cobitidae																
Cobitis sinensis										+						
Cobitis taenia				+						+	+			+	+	
Misgurnus anguillicaudatus	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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*Leptobotia elongate										+						
*Leptobotia tientaiensis compressicauda										+					+	
Balitoridae																
*Formosania davidi	+									+	+	+		+	+	
*Formosania fascicauda									+	+						
*Formosania lacustre										+						
*Formosania stigmata		+					+	+		+			+		+	+
*Formosania tinkhami									+							+
Liniparhomaloptera disparis disparis				+												
*Pseudogastromyzon changtingensis		+														+
*Pseudogastromyzon changtingensis tungpeiensis	+															
*Pseudogastromyzon cheni																+
*Pseudogastromyzon fangi									+							
*Pseudogastromyzon fasciatus fasciatus		+		+						+	+	+	+	+	+	
*Vanmanenia caldwelli										+			+		+	
*Vanmanenia gymnetrus										+						
*Vanmanenia pingchowensis			+			+	+									
*Vanmanenia stenosoma	+	+		+	+											
*Vanmanenia xinyiensis							+	+								
*Hemimyzon formosanus									+							
Siluriformes																
Amblycipitidae																
*Liobagrus anguillicauda	+	+	+						+	+	+		+	+	+	
*Liobagrus marginatus				+												
Sisoridae																

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*Glyptothorax fukiensis		+							+				+	+	
Glyptothorax sinensis		+													
Siluridae															
Silurus asotus	+	+	+						+	+	+		+	+	
*Silurus meridionalis														+	
Clariidae															
Clarias fuscus		+	+	+			+		+	+	+	+	+	+	
Bagridae															
*Hemibagrus macropterus		+		+											
*Leiocassis crassilabris									+	+	+	+	+	+	
*Leiocassis tenuifurcatus				+					+	+	+			+	
Pelteobagrus fulvidraco			+	+					+	+	+	+	+	+	
*Pelteobagrus nitidus														+	
Pelteobagrus vachellii														+	
*Pseudobagrus adiposalis				+											
*Pseudobagrus albomarginatus				+					+	+	+		+	+	
*Pseudobagrus medianalis	+														
*Pseudobagrus ondon		+	+			+	+								
*Pseudobagrus taiwanensis	+														
*Pseudobagrus tenuis									+	+		+		+	
*Pseudobagrus truncatus		+		+					+	+		+		+	+
Pseudobagrus ussuriensis				+											
Synbranchiformes															
Synbranchidae															
Monopterus albus	+	+					+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+
Mastacembelidae															
Sinobdella sinensis									+						
Perciformes															
Percichthyidae															

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Siniperca chuatsi		+									+	+		+	+	
Siniperca knerii															+	
*Siniperca obscura										+	+				+	
*Siniperca roulei										+	+	+		+	+	
Siniperca scherzeri										+	+	+		+	+	
Odontobutidae																
*Micropercops swinhonis				+												
Gobiidae																
*Rhinogobius cliffordpopei	+	+	+	+			+									
*Rhinogobius davidi										+					+	+
Rhinogobius giurinus	+	+	+	+		+		+		+			+		+	+
Osphronemidae																
*Macropodus chinensis			+				+			+	+				+	
Macropodus opercularis						+					+	+		+	+	
Channidae																
Channa asiatica								+			+	+		+		
Channa maculata											+	+		+	+	+