



The Status and Distribution of Freshwater Fish Endemic to the Mediterranean Basin

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1. Background

1.1 Values and Threats of Mediterranean Wetlands

Freshwater in the Mediterranean basin is of huge economic, environmental and livelihood importance. However, with a growing population of 450 million people, and also being the worlds main tourist destination with around 175 million visitors a year, the freshwater resources are under a huge amount of pressure.

Wetlands in the region provide income at both an artisanal and commercial scale including the provision of valuable seasonal grazing land, fisheries, agricultural land, reeds for thatching and hunting grounds. Many communities depend upon wetlands for transport and the local population, tourists, agriculture and industry also demand a clean, safe and constant water supply. Wetlands also provide many indirect benefits for which the economic value is difficult to estimate such as flood control, storm protection, groundwater recharge and sediment, pollution and nutrient retention.

All of these services and products depend upon functioning freshwater ecosystems. If the ecological and physical integrity of the ecosystem are compromised fisheries may fail, flooding may be more frequent and severe, and clean drinking water will become ever more scarce.

Historically wetlands in the Mediterranean have been viewed as wastelands with their only perceived value being conversion for other purposes, mainly agriculture. This has resulted in around half of all the regions wetlands being lost. Of those that remain industrialisation, the intensification and expansion of agriculture, an increasing population and the tourism industry have also led to major ecosystem degradation and nearly every important river in the Mediterranean basin has been dammed.

The main current threats to wetlands are:

- Eutrophication resulting from urban sewage and agricultural runoff
- Drainage for irrigation and drinking water
- Dam construction which limits sediment and nutrient flow downstream to deltas and affects species migrations and fisheries productivity
- Over fishing of lakes and lagoons
- Industrial pollution

To protect critical services such as flood control and valuable economic and livelihood benefits all users of freshwater including biodiversity need to be taken into consideration when managing water resources.

1.2 Threatened Status

The threatened status of plants and animals is one of the most widely used indicators for assessing the condition of ecosystems and their biodiversity. It also provides an important tool in priority setting exercises for species conservation. At the global level the best source of information on the conservation status of plants and animals is the *IUCN Red List of Threatened Species* (IUCN 2004). The Red List provides taxonomic, conservation status, and distribution information on taxa that have been

evaluated using the *IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria: Version 3.1* (IUCN 2001). This system is designed to determine the relative risk of extinction, with the main purpose of cataloguing and highlighting those taxa that are facing a higher risk of global extinction (i.e. those listed as Critically Endangered, Endangered and Vulnerable).

For inland waters the coverage of species assessed for the Red List is still very poor. Nonetheless, it is clear that of those species that have been assessed a disproportionately high number are threatened with extinction.

1.3 Objectives of the Assessment

The regional assessment has two main objectives:

- To assist in regional planning through provision of a baseline database reporting the status and distribution of freshwater fish endemic to the Mediterranean basin, and:
- To develop a network of regional experts to enable future assessments and the continued updating of the baseline dataset.

The assessment provides two main direct outputs:

- A report on the status of freshwater fish endemic to the Mediterranean region, to include a Red List assessment of freshwater fish and identification of the centres of freshwater fish biodiversity and their main threats.
- A freely available database holding the baseline data for monitoring the status and distribution of the endemic freshwater fish of the Mediterranean basin.

IUCN will ensure the wide circulation of this document to relevant decision makers, NGOs, and scientists to assist in mobilizing conservation action on the ground.

2. Assessment Methodology

2.1 Global Assessment

This was a global Red List assessment, so only species endemic to the Mediterranean region were assessed. Due to lack of time and funds a full Mediterranean regional assessment, which would include all non-endemic species, could not be undertaken. This will be covered by the full-scale European (planned) and northern Africa regional assessments (2006).

2.2 Mediterranean Region

The Mediterranean region in terms of freshwater systems was defined by identifying all the river basins that flowed into the Mediterranean Sea using GIS and the HYDRO1k drainage basin layer (Figure 1). The Nile River was not included in this assessment as it will be included in the parallel Northern African and Eastern African Assessments. The project took advantage of the presence of regional and national ichthylogical experts and included in the assessment additional river basins outside the Mediterranean region, most notably throughout the rest of Spain, all of Portugal and the Atlantic coast of Morocco.

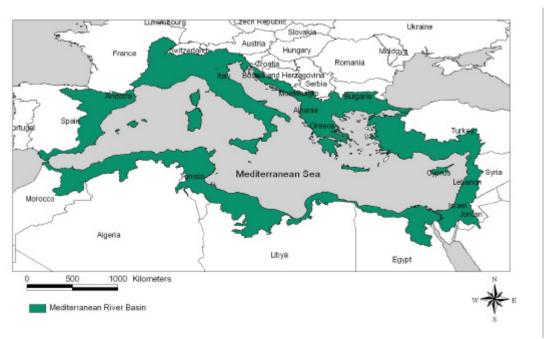


Figure 1. Mediterranean river basins as defined for this project.

2.3 Assessment

All the species selected had their threatened status assessed according to the 2001 IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria version 3.1 (www.redlist.org/info/categories _criteria2001.html) by Dr. Alain Crivelli, Coordinator of the Aquatic Fauna Programme at Tour du Valat, using existing literature and data sources. All the data collected, including information on distribution, conservation measures, threats, utilisation, habitats and ecology were entered into the IUCN SSC Species Information Service Data Entry Module (SISDEM).

2.4 Evaluation Workshop

Expert ichthyologists for the Mediterranean region identified by Dr William Darwall (IUCN Freshwater Biodiversity Assessment Programme Officer) and Dr Alain Crivelli were invited to attend a five-day regional evaluation workshop held at the IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation in Malaga. The initial assessments (SISDEM species summary reports with distribution maps) were distributed to all participants before the workshop to allow them to review the data presented and prepare any changes. The participants, and staff from the IUCN Freshwater Biodiversity Assessment Programme and the IUCN Red List Programme evaluated the assessments to check they complied with guidelines for applying the IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria and included the most up to date, comprehensive information.

The resulting assessments therefore provide the best possible scientific consensus concerning species status and are fully backed up in the database with relevant literature and references. Annual updates to the status information will be made as and when new information becomes available.

3. Results

3.1 Initial Assessments

In the initial assessment 249 Mediterranean endemic freshwater fish species were assessed.

3.2 Evaluation of Assessments

During the evaluation workshop species were added and deleted from the assessment based upon new evidence (unpublished data, grey literature and personal expertise from further studies) regarding their status as true endemics of the Mediterranean region and their taxonomic status. The final number of species assessed and evaluated was 253. See Appendix 3 for information on each species including distribution maps.

3.3 Threatened Status

The breakdown of species Red List status is given in Table 1, and in Figure 2. To summarise, 56% of the Mediterranean endemic freshwater fish species are threatened, with 18% Critical, 18% Endangered and 20% Vulnerable. Only 20% (52 species) are assessed as Least Concern and 41 (16%) species remained as Data Deficient. For a full list of the species assessed and their Red List Category see Appendix 1.

Table 1. Red List Status. Summary of the Red List assessments of the threatened status of Mediterranean endemic freshwater fish (2001 IUCN Red List Categories & Criteria).

	IUCN Red List Categories	No. species
	Extinct (EX)	7
	Extinct in the Wild (EW)	1
Threatened	Critically Endangered (CR)	45
Categories	Endangered (EN)	46
Categories	Vulnerable (VU)	51
	Near Threatened (NT)	10
	Least Concern (LC)	52
	Data Deficient (DD)	41
	Total number of fish species assessed	253

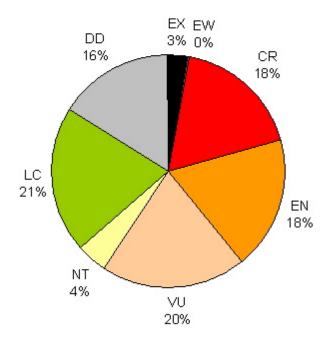


Figure 2. Breakdown of the proportions of taxa within each category of globally threatened status (2001 IUCN Red List Categories & Criteria). The categories are abbreviated as: EX- Extinct; EW-Extinct in the Wild; CR-Critically Endangered; EN-Endangered; VU-Vulnerable; NT-Near Threatened; LC-Least Concern; DD-Data Deficient.

3.4 Species Richness

3.4.1 Mediterranean Endemic Freshwater Fish (Figures 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15)

Centres of species richness include the Po river basin in Northern Italy (Figure 5), the lower Orontes in South West Turkey, lake Kinneret in Israel (Figure 9) and the Lower Guadiana in South Spain (Figure 13) all with between 11-17 species. Slightly lower levels, between 8-10 species, are found in the Neretva and Cetina river basins of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia respectively (Figure 5) the Acheloos, Axios and the lower Pinios river basins in Greece, Lakes Prespa and Ohrid on the Greece, Albanian and FYROM border (Figure 7), the Orontes river basin in West Syria and South West Turkey, the Hula Basin on the Israel Syria border, and the Menderes and lower Gediz rivers in Eastern Turkey (Figure 9). The same level of species richness is also found in some rivers not strictly included as part of the Mediterranean basin, namely the Rio Tajo (Tejo in Portugal), the coastal basins of the Golfo De Cadiz and the Rio Guadiana in Spain (Figure 13).

^{*} Note when using grids to analyse species richness based upon river basin distributions, some grid squares over estimate species richness. This occurs where the grid square overlaps two bordering river basins, the result is that the grid square will count the number of species in both river basins. This results in 'lines' of apparent high species richness that follow the borders between some river basins. This artefact can be seen most clearly in Spain, parts of Morocco and the South of Turkey in the following figures.

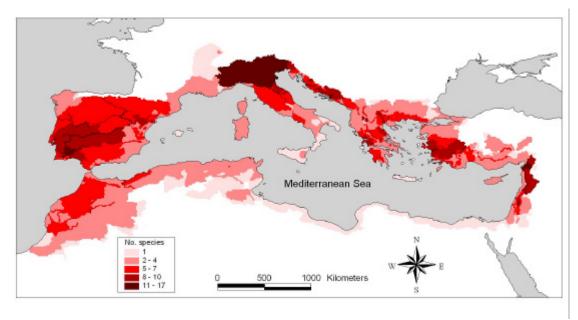


Figure 3. Species Richness of the Mediterranean endemic freshwater fish (mapped to a 5 minute grid following natural breaks)

3.4.2. Threatened Mediterranean Endemic Freshwater Fish (Figures 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14)

The greatest concentrations of threatened endemic Mediterranean freshwater fish is in the Rio Guadiana in Southern Spain and Portugal (not strictly part of the Mediterranean basin) (Figure 14) with between 8-10 species. The Orontes river basin in West Syria and South West Turkey, Lake Kinneret and the Hula basin in northern Israel (Figure 10), the lower Neretva river in Croatia and Bosnia Herzegovina (Figure 6), Lake Prespa on the Greece, Albania and FYROM border (Figure 8) and parts of the Tajo river in Spain and Portugal (Figure 14) all contain between 6-7 threatened species.

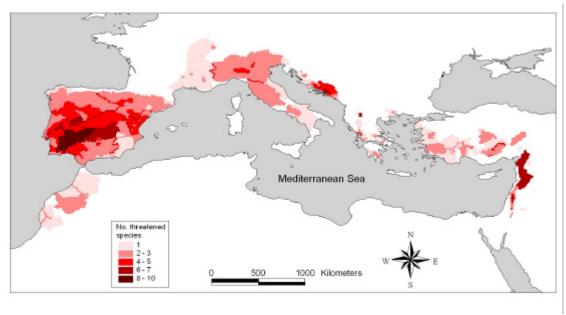


Figure 4. Species richness of threatened Mediterranean endemic freshwater fish (mapped to a 5 minute grid following natural breaks)

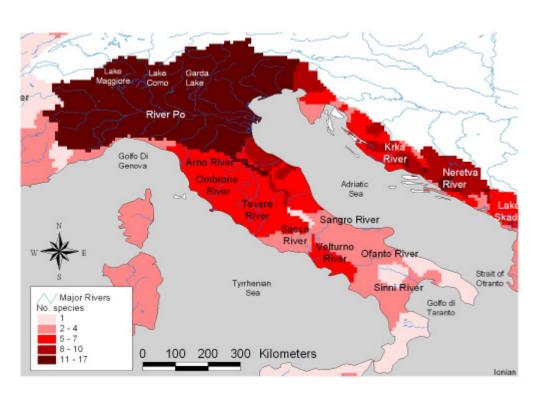
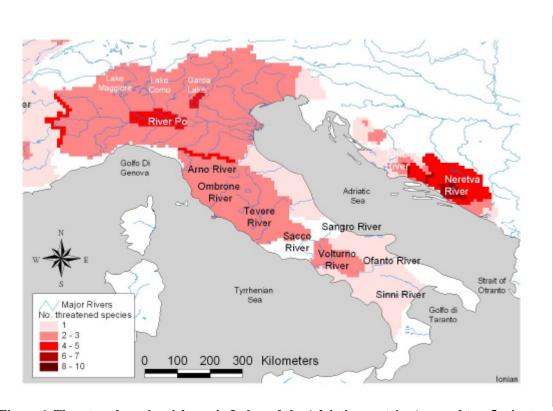


Figure 5. Species richness in Italy and the Adriatic countries (mapped to a 5 minute grid following natural breaks)



 $Figure \ 6. \ Threatened \ species \ richness \ in \ Italy \ and \ the \ Adriatic \ countries \ (mapped \ to \ a \ 5 \ minute \ grid \ following \ natural \ breaks)$

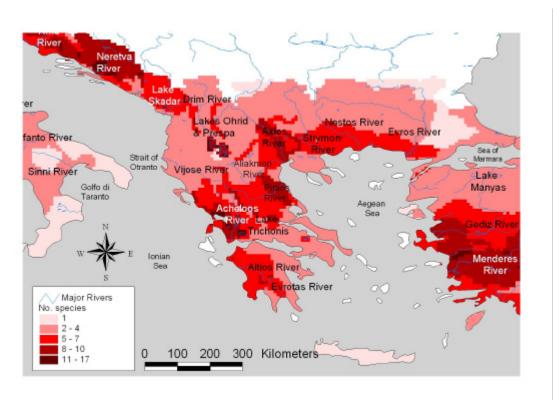


Figure 7. Species richness in Greece, Albania, Bulgaria and the FRYOM (mapped to a 5 minute grid following natural breaks)

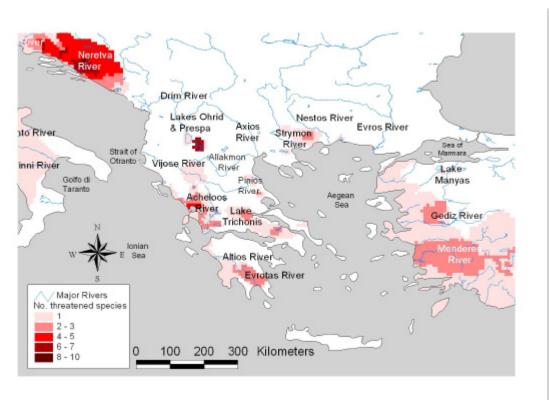


Figure 8. Threatened species richness in Greece, Albania, Bulgaria and the FRYOM (mapped to a 5 minute grid following natural breaks)

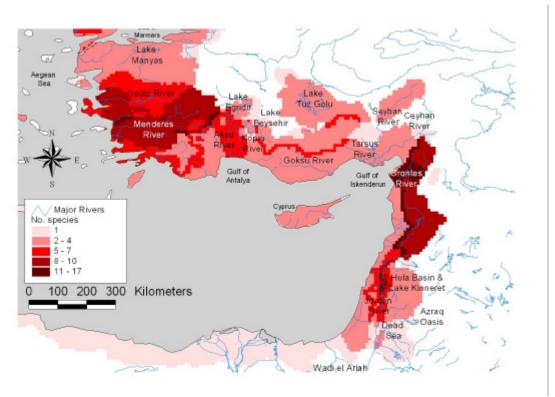


Figure 9. Species richness in Turkey and the Middle East countries (mapped to a 5 minute grid following natural breaks)

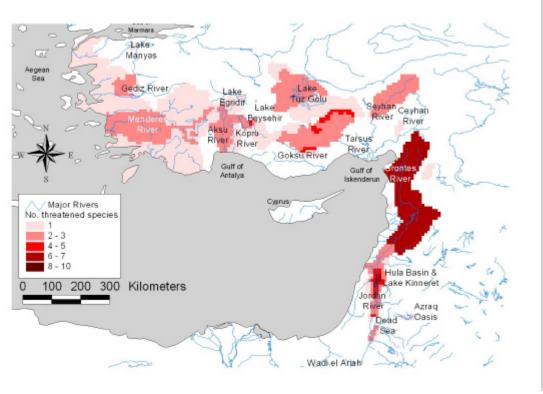


Figure 10. Threatened species richness in Turkey and the Middle East countries (mapped to a 5 minute grid following natural breaks)

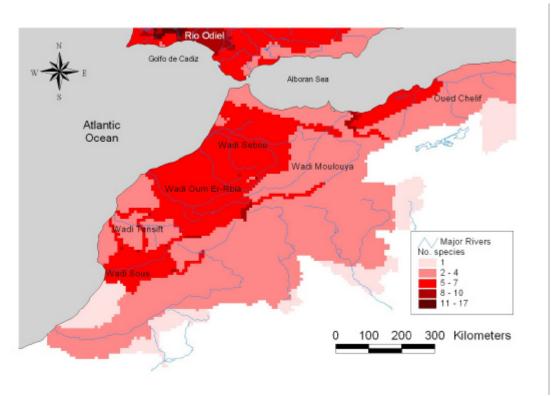
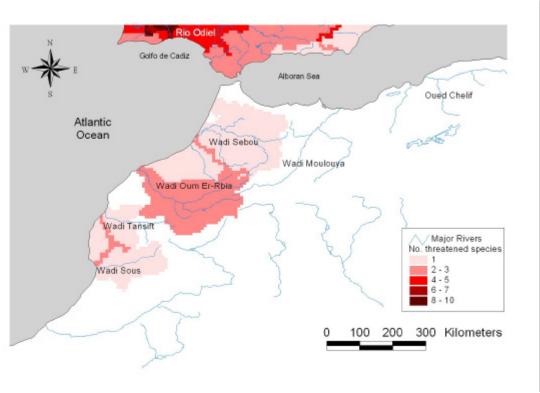


Figure 11. Species richness in Morocco (mapped to a 5 minute grid following natural breaks)



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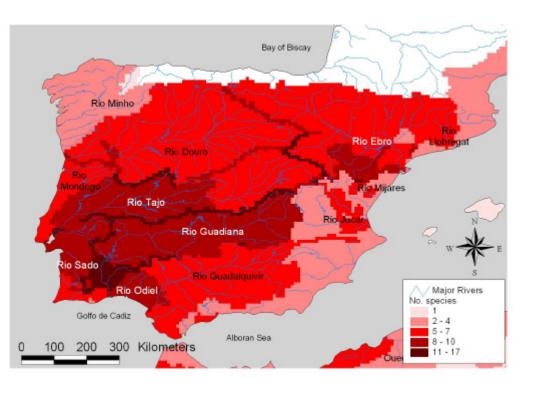


Figure 13. Species richness in Spain and Portugal (mapped to a 5 minute grid following natural breaks)

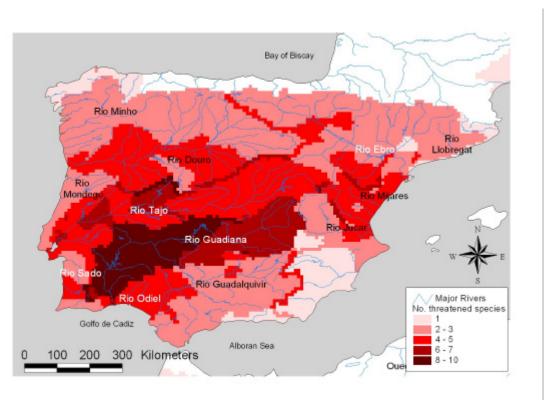


Figure 14. Threatened species richness in Spain and Portugal (mapped to a 5 minute grid following natural breaks)

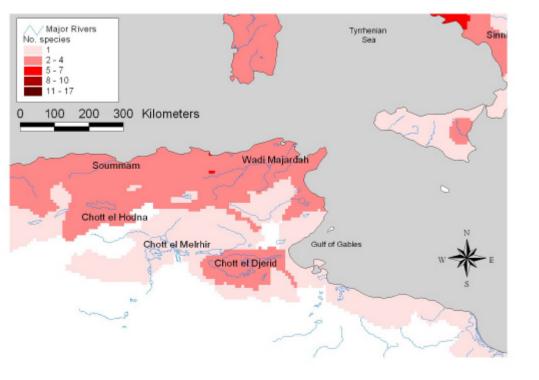


Figure 15. Species richness in Algeria and Tunisia (mapped to a 5 minute grid following natural breaks)

3.5 Threats Identified

Table 2 presents a breakdown of the major threats to Mediterranean endemic freshwater fish. Water pollution and water extraction are the two greatest current threats, and along with drought are believed to be the main threats in the future. Other major threats that have been highlighted are intrinsic factors such as restricted range and limited dispersal, and invasive species and the construction of dams. For a complete breakdown of all the threats that were selected see Appendix 2.

Table 2. Major threats to Mediterranean endemic freshwater fish as selected in the SIS DEM *Note: More than one threat category can be selected for each species.

	No. species effected by the threat			
Threat category	As a past threat	As a present threat	As a future threat	
Pollution (affecting habitat or species)	141	178	197	
Water extraction	115	160	183	
Restricted range	139	140	143	
Limited dispersal	137	137	141	
Drought	41	112	180	
Invasive alien species (affecting the species)	65	89	111	
Dam construction	68	81	88	

3.6 River Basin Protection and Management

River basins are complex, open systems with ill-defined boundaries. They fulfil many important functions from supplying water to households and agriculture to acting as navigation channels, they also provide a habitat for many different species, which in turn are valuable resources through activities such as fishing and recreation. It is essential that there is sufficient water of the right quality in the right place at the right time for the social, environmental and economic services provided by these freshwater systems to be protected and developed. Integrated River Basin Management (IRBM) is much broader than traditional water management and is receiving increasing attention as a method to achieve sustainable development of large river basins (www.riverbasin.org). The term 'integration' refers to the various aspects that need to be considered in order to achieve sustainable development of river basins. IRBM encompasses various policy areas including land-use planning, agriculture and erosion control and incorporates water demand and supply, transboundary aspects, the linkages between water the environment and development (incl. poverty alleviation), as well as organisational and institutional aspects at different scales.

A large part of the Mediterranean basin is included within the European Union (EU) (Spain, France, Italy, Slovenia, Greece, Malta and Cyprus - and Croatia and Turkey who are aspiring to membership), and through its Water Framework Directive it is taking an IRBM approach. The purpose of the Directive is to establish a framework for the protection of inland surface waters (rivers and lakes), transitional waters (estuaries), coastal waters and groundwater. It will ensure all aquatic ecosystems and, with regard to their water needs, terrestrial ecosystems and wetlands meet 'good status' by 2015 (http://www.jncc.gov.uk). To meet clear objectives that must be achieved by specified dates, each member state has to establish river basin districts and produce a river basin management plan for each district.

The data provided through this assessment is essential for the implementation of an IRBM approach. It will also allow the impacts of IRBM to be monitored, which can feed into an adaptive management process.

4. Conclusions

4.1 Methodology – Lessons Learned

The data set presented here is part of a wider Mediterranean assessment that is assessing other taxa such as amphibians and reptiles. However these data can be viewed independently and represent an essential resource for anyone involved in water resource development planning, or conservation and environmental planning throughout the region. It is hoped that by presenting this dataset, both regional and international researches will be stimulated to provide new data and to improve on the quality of that already provided. It is also hoped that, with time, the spatial resolution of the data will be improved, particularly for species distributions within river basins. Geographic bias in sampling intensity has been identified as a problem in representing a true regional picture of species distributions and threatened status. For example, the lack of data for Northern Africa (except Morocco and parts of Tunisia and Algeria) fish species is apparent. As these sampling biases become apparent, such as through this study, it is hoped that researchers will be encouraged to focus their efforts on the lesser known regions and work towards eliminating this current bias in sampling.

4.2 Conservation Priorities

A number of sites have been identified as regionally important for endemism, and threatened endemic species, the main sites being the Po river, Orontes river, lake Kinneret and Hula basin, Guadiana river, Tajo (Tejo in Portugal) river, Neretva and Cetina river basins, Acheloos river, Axios river, Lakes Prespa and Ohrid and the Menderes river. The main threats have been identified as water pollution and extraction, introduced species, drought and dam construction. The challenge now is to ensure that the information collated and presented here and in the SIS database is made readily available for policy makers and environmental planners in a format that can easily be employed for integration within the development planning process.

4.3 Application of Project Outputs

The outputs from this project can be applied at the regional scale by organisations such as IUCN to prioritise sites for inclusion in regional research programmes and for identification of internationally important sites of biodiversity. All the species assessed in this project will be submitted for inclusion in the IUCN global Red List (www.iucnredlist.org).

5. Future Work

If the biodiversity data sets collated by the project are to be effectively integrated within the environmental or development planning process then:

- i) the data that have been collated will need to be voluntarily kept up to date by the network of Mediterranean ichthylogical experts, who have provided their valuable time and expertise for this project, when the SISDEM is available online, and;
- ii) established links between regional decision makers and policy makers and the partner organisations must be maintained and strengthened and the data sets must be made available to these people and/or organisations, and;
- iii) a "best practice methodology" for the process of integrating biodiversity information within the development/ environmental planning process must be developed. This methodology should aim to both provide the information in a "user-friendly" format for all stakeholders and to provide guidelines as to when and where the information should be made available. Efforts to take this process forward are a major component of a newly initiated Pan-African five-year assessment funded by the European Union.

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Appendix 1 Full List of Species Assessed

Family	Genus	Species	IUCN Red List Category
Acipenseridae	Acipenser	naccarii	Critically Endangered (CR)
Balitoridae	Barbatula	bureschi	Least Concern (LC)
Balitoridae	Barbatula	eregliensis	Critically Endangered (CR)
Balitoridae	Barbatula	namiri	Data Deficient (DD)
Balitoridae	Barbatula	pindus	Vulnerable (VU)
Balitoridae	Barbatula	samantica	Endangered (EN)
Balitoridae	Barbatula	seyhanensis	Endangered (EN)
Balitoridae	Barbatula	simavica	Critically Endangered (CR)
Balitoridae	Barbatula	tschaiyssuensis	Endangered (EN)
Balitoridae	Nemacheilus	dori	Critically Endangered (CR)
Balitoridae	Nemacheilus	insignis	Data Deficient (DD)
Balitoridae	Nemacheilus	jordanicus	Endangered (EN)
Balitoridae	Nemacheilus	leontinae	Data Deficient (DD)
Balitoridae	Nemacheilus	pantheroides	Endangered (EN)
Balitoridae	Nemacheilus	sp.	Endangered (EN)
Balitoridae	Nun	galilaeus	Data Deficient (DD)
Blenniidae	Salaria	economidisi	Critically Endangered (CR)
Blenniidae	Salaria	fluviatilis	Least Concern (LC)
Cichlidae	Astatotilapia	flaviijosephi	Endangered (EN)
Cichlidae	Haplochromis	desfontainii	Data Deficient (DD)
Cichlidae	Tristramella	intermedia	Extinct (EX)
Cichlidae	Tristramella	magdelainae	Extinct (EX)
Cichlidae	Tristramella	sacra	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cichlidae	Tristramella	simonis	Least Concern (LC)
Clupeidae	Alosa	macedonica	Vulnerable (VU)
Clupeidae	Alosa	vistonica	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cobitidae	Cobitis	arachthosensis	Endangered (EN)
Cobitidae	Cobitis	bilineata	Least Concern (LC)
Cobitidae	Cobitis	bilseli	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cobitidae	Cobitis	calderoni	Endangered (EN)
Cobitidae	Cobitis	dalmatina	Vulnerable (VU)
Cobitidae	Cobitis	fahireae	Least Concern (LC)
Cobitidae	Cobitis	hellenica	Endangered (EN)
Cobitidae	Cobitis	kurui	Least Concern (LC)
Cobitidae	Cobitis	levantina	Vulnerable (VU)
Cobitidae	Cobitis	maroccana	Vulnerable (VU)
Cobitidae	Cobitis	meridionalis	Vulnerable (VU)
Cobitidae	Cobitis	narentana	Vulnerable (VU)
Cobitidae	Cobitis	ohridana	Least Concern (LC)
Cobitidae	Cobitis	paludica	Vulnerable (VU)
Cobitidae	Cobitis	puncticulata	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cobitidae	Cobitis	punctilineata	Vulnerable (VU)
Cobitidae	Cobitis	stephanidisi	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cobitidae	Cobitis	trichonica	Endangered (EN)

Family	Genus	Species	IUCN Red List Category
Cobitidae	Cobitis	turcica	Endangered (EN)
Cobitidae	Cobitis	vettonica	Endangered (EN)
Cobitidae	Cobitis	zanandreai	Vulnerable (VU)
Cottidae	Cottus	petiti	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Acanthobrama	centisquama	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Acanthobrama	lissneri	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Acanthobrama	telavivensis	Extinct in the Wild (EW)
Cyprinidae	Acanthobrama	terraesanctae	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Alburnus	akili	Extinct (EX)
Cyprinidae	Alburnus	albidus	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Alburnus	belvica	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Alburnus	orontis	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Alburnus	galilus	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Anaecypris	hispanica	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Aulopyge	huegeli	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	albanicus	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	antinorii	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	bocagei	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	callensis	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	caninus	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	canis	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	chantrei	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	comizo	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	cyclolepis	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	euboicus	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	figuiguensis	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	fritschii	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	graecus	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	graellsii	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	guiraonis	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	haasi	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	harterti	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	issenensis	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	ksibi	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	labiosa	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	lepineyi	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	longiceps	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	lorteti	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	macedonicus	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	magniatlantis	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	magnananis massaensis	Least Concern (LC)
	Barbus	massaensis meridionalis	Near Threatened (NT)
Cyprinidae Cyprinidae	Barbus		Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae		microcephalus	· · ·
* 1	Barbus	moulouyensis	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	nasus	Near Threatened (NT)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	pallaryi	Least Concern (LC)

Family	Genus	Species	IUCN Red List Category
Cyprinidae	Barbus	paytonii	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	peloponnesius	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	plebejus	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	prespensis	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	reinii	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	sclateri	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	setivimensis	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	steindachneri	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Barbus	tyberinus	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Capoeta	antalyensis	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Capoeta	bergamae	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Capoeta	pestai	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinidae	Chondrostoma	arcasii	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Chondrostoma	arrigonis	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinidae	Chondrostoma	beysehirense	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Chondrostoma	duriense	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Chondrostoma	genei	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Chondrostoma	holmwoodii	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinidae	Chondrostoma	kinzelbachi	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Chondrostoma	knerii	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Chondrostoma	lemmingii	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Chondrostoma	lusitanicus	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinidae	Chondrostoma	macrolepidotus	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Chondrostoma	meandrense	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Chondrostoma	miegii	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Chondrostoma	oretanum	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinidae	Chondrostoma	phoxinus	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Chondrostoma	polylepis	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Chondrostoma	prespense	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Chondrostoma	scodrense	Extinct (EX)
Cyprinidae	Chondrostoma	soetta	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Chondrostoma	toxostoma	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Chondrostoma	turiense	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Chondrostoma	vardarense	Near Threatened (NT)
Cyprinidae	Chondrostoma	willkommii	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Garra	ghorensis	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinidae	Gobio	benacensis	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Gobio	elimeius	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinidae	Gobio	hettitorum	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae		caudomaculata	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinidae	Hemigrammocapoeta	culiciphaga	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinidae	Hemigrammocapoeta	kemali	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinidae	Hemigrammocapoeta	nana	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Ladigesocypris	ghigii	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Ladigesocypris	irideus	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinidae	Ladigesocypris	mermere	Data Deficient (DD)

Family	Genus	Species	IUCN Red List Category
Cyprinidae	Leuciscus	anatolicus	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Leuciscus	spurius	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinidae	Leuciscus	svallize	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Mirogrex	hulensis	Extinct (EX)
Cyprinidae	Pachychilon	macedonicum	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinidae	Pachychilon	pictum	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Petroleuciscus	smyrnaeus	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinidae	Phoxinellus	adspersus	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Phoxinellus	alepidotus	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Phoxinellus	croaticus	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Phoxinellus	dalmaticus	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinidae	Phoxinellus	fontinalis	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinidae	Phoxinellus	ghetaldii	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Phoxinellus	jadovensis	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinidae	Phoxinellus	krbavensis	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinidae	Phoxinellus	metohiensis	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Phoxinellus	pseudalepidotus	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Pseudophoxinus	anatolicus	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Pseudophoxinus	antalyae	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinidae	Pseudophoxinus	battalgili	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Pseudophoxinus	callensis	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinidae	Pseudophoxinus	crassus	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Pseudophoxinus	drusensis	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Pseudophoxinus	egridiri	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinidae	Pseudophoxinus	epiroticus	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinidae	Pseudophoxinus	fahirae	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinidae	Pseudophoxinus	handlirschi	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinidae	Pseudophoxinus	kervillei	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Pseudophoxinus	laconicus	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinidae	Pseudophoxinus	maeandri	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinidae	Pseudophoxinus	maeandricus	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinidae	Pseudophoxinus	minutus	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinidae	Pseudophoxinus	prespensis	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Pseudophoxinus	punicus	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinidae	Pseudophoxinus	stymphalicus	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Pseudophoxinus	syriacus	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinidae	Pseudophoxinus	thesproticus	Near Threatened (NT)
Cyprinidae	Pseudophoxinus	zeregi	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinidae	Rutilus	aula	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Rutilus	basak	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Rutilus	karamani	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Rutilus	ohridanus	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Rutilus	prespensis	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Rutilus	rubilio	Near Threatened (NT)
Cyprinidae	Rutilus	ylikiensis	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinidae	Sabanejewia	larvata	Least Concern (LC)

Family	Genus	Species	IUCN Red List Category
Cyprinidae	Scardinius	acarnanicus	Near Threatened (NT)
Cyprinidae	Scardinius	elmaliensis	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinidae	Scardinius	graecus	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinidae	Scardinius	scardafa	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinidae	Squalius	alburnoides	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Squalius	aradensis	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Squalius	carolitertii	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Squalius	illyricus	Near Threatened (NT)
Cyprinidae	Squalius	keadicus	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Squalius	lucumonis	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Squalius	microlepis	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Squalius	palaciosi	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinidae	Squalius	peloponnensis	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Squalius	prespensis	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Squalius	pyrenaicus	Near Threatened (NT)
Cyprinidae	Squalius	torgalensis	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Squalius	zrmanjae	Near Threatened (NT)
Cyprinidae	Telestes	beoticus	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinidae	Telestes	montenigrinus	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Telestes	muticellus	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Telestes	pleurobipunctatus	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Telestes	polylepis	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinidae	Telestes	turskyi	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinidae	Telestes	ukliva	Extinct (EX)
Cyprinidae	Tropidophoxinellus	hellenicus	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinidae	Tropidophoxinellus	spartiaticus	Vulnerable (VU)
Cyprinidae	Tylognathus	klatti	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinidae	Varicorhinus	angorae	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinidae	Varicorhinus	maroccanus	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinidae	Vimba	melanops	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinodontidae	Aphanius	anatoliae	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinodontidae	Aphanius	apodus	Data Deficient (DD)
Cyprinodontidae	Aphanius	baeticus	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinodontidae	Aphanius	fasciatus	Least Concern (LC)
Cyprinodontidae	Aphanius	iberus	Endangered (EN)
Cyprinodontidae	Aphanius	richardsoni	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinodontidae	Aphanius	sirhani	Critically Endangered (CR)
Cyprinodontidae	Aphanius	sureyanus	Data Deficient (DD)
Gasterosteidae	Pungitius	hellenicus	Critically Endangered (CR)
Gobiidae	Economidichthys	pygmeus	Least Concern (LC)
Gobiidae	Economidichthys	trichonis	Endangered (EN)
Gobiidae	Knipowitschia	croatica	Vulnerable (VU)
Gobiidae	Knipowitschia	ephesi	Critically Endangered (CR)
Gobiidae	Knipowitschia	goerneri	Data Deficient (DD)
Gobiidae	Knipowitschia	mermere	Critically Endangered (CR)
Gobiidae	Knipowitschia	milleri	Critically Endangered (CR)

Family	Genus	Species	IUCN Red List Category
Gobiidae	Knipowitschia	panizzae	Least Concern (LC)
Gobiidae	Knipowitschia	punctatissima	Near Threatened (NT)
Gobiidae	Knipowitschia	thessala	Endangered (EN)
Gobiidae	Padogobius	bonelli	Least Concern (LC)
Gobiidae	Padogobius	nigricans	Vulnerable (VU)
Percidae	Zingel	asper	Critically Endangered (CR)
Percidae	Zingel	balcanicus	Data Deficient (DD)
Petromyzontidae	Eudontomyzon	hellenicus	Critically Endangered (CR)
Petromyzontidae	Lethenteron	zanandreai	Least Concern (LC)
Salmonidae	Acantholingua	ohridana	Vulnerable (VU)
Salmonidae	Salmo	aphelios	Data Deficient (DD)
Salmonidae	Salmo	balcanicus	Data Deficient (DD)
Salmonidae	Salmo	carpio	Critically Endangered (CR)
Salmonidae	Salmo	letnica	Data Deficient (DD)
Salmonidae	Salmo	lumi	Data Deficient (DD)
Salmonidae	Salmo	macedonicus	Data Deficient (DD)
Salmonidae	Salmo	macrostigma	Data Deficient (DD)
Salmonidae	Salmo	marmoratus	Least Concern (LC)
Salmonidae	Salmo	pallaryi	Extinct (EX)
Salmonidae	Salmo	peristericus	Endangered (EN)
Salmonidae	Salmo	platycephalus	Critically Endangered (CR)
Salmonidae	Salmothymus	obtusirostris	Endangered (EN)
Siluridae	Silurus	aristotelis	Data Deficient (DD)
Valenciidae	Valencia	hispanica	Critically Endangered (CR)
Valenciidae	Valencia	letourneuxi	Critically Endangered (CR)

Appendix 2 Full List of Threats Identified

Table of the threat categories chosen in the SIS DEM for Mediterranean endemic freshwater fish.

Key:

1. Habitat loss/degradation (human induced)	Layer 1 (Top layer)
1.3. Extraction	Layer 2
1.3.2. Fisheries	Layer 3
1.3.2.1. Subsistence	Layer 4 (bottom layer)

Threat Category	No. species selecting threat		g threat
	Past	Present	Future
1. Habitat loss/degradation (human			
induced)	158	183	200
1.1. Agriculture	1	1	1
1.3. Extraction	131	170	189
1.3.2. Fisheries	14	11	10
1.3.2.1. Subsistence	7	6	5
1.3.2.2. Artisanal/small scale	12	9	8
1.3.2.3. Industrial/large scale	1	0	0
1.3.6. Groundwater extraction	115	160	183
1.3.7. Other extraction	5	6	6
1.4. Infrastructure development	73	87	96
1.4.2. Human settlement development	1	2	2
1.4.3. Tourism development	2	2	3
1.4.4. Transport - land/air	0	0	1
1.4.5. Water transport development	2	2	2
1.4.6. Dams building	68	81	88
1.4.7. Telecommunications development	2	2	2
2. Invasive alien species (affecting the			
species)	65	89	111
2.1. Alien competitors	7	7	9
2.2. Alien predators	19	26	28
2.3. Hybridizers	5	8	9
3. Harvesting	10	14	14
3.1. Harvesitng for food	7	10	10
3.1.1. Subsistence use	5	7	7
3.1.2. Subnational/national trade	6	6	6
3.1.3. Regional/international trade	2	2	2
3.5. Harvesting for culture/scientific/leisure	2	4	4

^{*} Note: More than one threat category can be selected for each species.

^{*} Note: The threats are accumulative. For example if 1.3.1. Dam building is selected it also selects the 'upper layers' to that category, in this case it would be 1.3. Iinfrastructure development and 1. Habitat loss/degradation. If 4.1 Drought is selected 4. Natural Disasters is also selected.

^{*} Note: If more than one lower category is selected it only adds once to the upper category. For example, if 3.1.1. Agricultural, 3.1.2. Domestic and 3.1.3. Industrial Water pollution are all selected for one species, it would only add once to 3.1. Water Pollution and once to 3. Pollution.

^{*} Note: Upper categories can be selected on their own. For example 1. Habitat loss/degradation can be selected without specifying a lower category.

^{*} Note: As there currently is no threat category for Water Extraction, 1.3.6. Ground Water Extraction under Habitat Loss was selected as a surrogate.

Threat Category	No. spe	ecies selecting	threat
	Past	Present	Future
3.1.1. Subsistence use	0	1	1
3.1.2. Subnational/national trade	1	2	2
3.1.3. Regional/international trade	1	2	2
3.6. Other harvesting	1	1	1
Accidental mortality	2	2	2
4.1. Bycatch	2	2	2
4.1.1. Fisheries related bycatch	2	2	2
4.1.1.2. Hooking	1	2	2
4.1.1.4. Dynamite	1	0	0
4.1.1.5. Poisoning	2	2	2
6. Pollution (affecting habitat or			
species)	141	178	197
6.2. Land pollution	0	1	1
6.2.1. Agriculture land pollution	0	1	1
6.2.2. Domestic land pollution	0	1	1
6.3. Water pollution	135	175	195
6.3.1. Agriculture water pollution	57	72	72
6.3.2. Domestic water pollution	44	59	59
6.3.3. Industrial water pollution	31	36	36
6.3.7. Sediment	1	1	1
6.3.8. Sewage	24	27	26
7. Natural disasters	42	113	181
7.1. Drought	41	112	180
7.3. Temperature extremes	1	1	1
8. Changes in native species dynamics	2	3	5
8.2. Predators	2	2	2
8.4. Hybridizers	0	0	2
9. Intrinsic factors	161	162	166
9.1. Limited dispersal	137	137	141
9.2. Poor recruitment/reproduction	5	5	5
9.5. Low densities	4	4	4
9.7. Slow growth rates	3	3	3
9.8. Population fluctuations	3	3	3
9.9. Restricted range	139	140	143
9.10. Other intrinsic factor	12	12	12
10. Human disturbance	1	1	1
10.1. Recreation/tourism	0	1	1
10.7. Unknown	1	0	0
11. Other threat	1	1	2
12. Unknown threat	23	21	21
13. No threat	1	2	2
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Appendix 3 Example Species Summary and Distribution Map

You can download all the species summaries and distribution maps at www.iucn.org/themes/ssc/programs/freshwater.

Barbatula samantica	Region: 1
Taxonomic Authority: (Banarescu & Nalbant, 1978) Synonyms:	Common Names:
Orthrias brandti samantica Banarescu & Nalbant, 1978	Common Names.
Order: Cypriniformes	Family: Balitoridae
Notes on taxonomy: The taxonomy of Barbatula is in need of revision.	
General Information	
03 P	Freshwater Marine
Geographic Range of species: B. samantica is found only in the Zamanti Stream of the Seyhan Rive	Habitat and Ecology Information: er, Riverine species.
Turkey.	STEET OF THE PROPERTY OF THE P
Conservation Measures: None known to be in place.	Threats: Water pollution (Canli et al. 1998), water extraction, drought and the
\$40.00 \$40.00 \$1	construction of a fuel pipeline are the main threats to the species.
Species population information: No published data on trends, but the population is believed to be	
declining as a result of habitat degradation.	
Native - Native - Presence Presence	Extinct Reintroduced Introduced Vagrant
Country Distribution Confirmed Possible	Extinct Reinfloddiced Infloddiced Vagrant
Turkey ☑	
Upper Level Habitat Preferences Sc	core Lower Level Habitat Preferences Score
5.1 Wetlands (inland) - Permanent Rivers/Streams/Creeks (includes waterfalls)	1
Major threats	Conservation Measures
	tuture Code Conservation measures In place Needed
1 Habitat Loss/Degradation (human induced)	✓ 1 Policy-based actions
1.3 Extraction	1.2 Legislation
1.3.6 Groundwater extraction 1.4 Infrastructure development	 ✓ 1.2.1 Development ✓ 1.2.1.1 International level
1.4.6 Dams	✓ 1.2.1.2 National level
6 Pollution (affecting habitat and/or species)	✓ 1.2.2 Implementation
6.3 Water pollution	▼ 1.2.2.1 International level
7 Natural disasters ☐ ✓	✓ 1.2.2.2 National level
7.1 Drought 🔲 🗹	✓ 3 Research actions
9 Intrinsic factors	✓ 3.2 Population numbers and range ✓
9.1 Limited dispersal 9.9 Restricted range ✓ ✓	✓ 3.3 Biology and Ecology ✓ 3.4 Habitat status
9.9 Restricted range	✓ 3.4 Habitat status
	4 Habitat and site-based actions
	4.1 Maintenance/Conservation
Utilisation of Species	
Purpose∏ype of Use Subsistence	• National International <i>Other purpose:</i> Not used
Primary forms removed from the wild 100% >75%	51-75% 26-50% <25% Other forms removed from the wild:
Source of specimens in commercial trade 100% >75%	51-75% 26-50% <25% Other source of specimens:
Trend in wild offtake/harvest in relation to total wild population	numbers over last five years:
Trend in offtake/harvest produced through domestication/culti	vation over last five years:
CITES:	
Red Listing	
Red List Assessment: Endangered (EN)	☐ Possibly Extinct
Red List Criteria: B1ab(iii)	
Rationale for the Red List Assessment: The species is restricted to the Zamanti Stream in the Seyhan River watershed. Extent of occurrence is estimated at less than 5,000 km². It is known from no more than five locations and	
habitat quality is declining as a result of pollution, water extraction, drought and dam construction. Current Population Trend: Decreasing Date of Assessment: 14/12/2004	
Assessor(s): A.J. Crivelli	
Evaluator: A. Karatash, F. Erk'akan, N. Bogutskaya & M. Goren	
Notes on Red listing:	
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