

Ecological Checklist of the Marine and Brackish-Water Harpacticoid Copepod Fauna in Korean Waters

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Sung Joon Song, Jinsoon Park, Bong-Oh Kwon, Jongseong Ryu, and Jong Seong Khim (2012) Ecological checklist of the marine and brackish-water harpacticoid copepod fauna in Korean waters. *Zoological Studies* 51(8): 1397-1410. The 1st comprehensive checklist of Korean marine harpacticoid copepods is provided here with the purpose of being more informative compared to other conventional checklists. The checklist includes data from both marine and brackish-water habitats, along with reports on the occurrence of a few common planktonic harpacticoids. The checklist comprises 88 taxa of species and subspecies belonging to 23 families and 58 genera, encompassing planktonic, free-living benthic, and invertebrate-associated benthic forms. Details of corresponding ecological data for the listed species are provided, including habitats, substratum, salinity range, lifestyle, and size range. The most speciose families are the Miraciidae and Thalestridae (11 species each), followed by the Harpacticidae and Porcellidiidae (8 species each), which were primarily collected from littoral algae. A historical review focusing on newly reported harpacticoid species from Korean marine and brackish-water habitats is presented as an indicator of scientific efforts in harpacticoid taxonomy in Korea. Eighty-eight Korean harpacticoids are categorized according to habitat type and life form, and their distributional characteristics are further discussed. Comparisons are also made with existing checklists from other regions across the world of comparable biogeographical coverage. Finally, the limitations, significance, and role of checklists are briefly discussed. <http://zoolstud.sinica.edu.tw/Journals/51.8/1397.pdf>

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Faunal checklists are important taxonomic scientific documents requiring the compilation of extensive datasets. They offer the most recent and proper scientific names of the taxonomic group of interest, often accompanying guides for identification (e.g., species keys and/or photographic information) (Goh and Chou 1996, Bruno et al. 2005), taxonomic revisions (Wells 2007), and reports of new taxa (Lee 2010).

Meantime, such checklists may also serve as starting points for other scientific disciplines (Hendrickx 1995, Goh and Chou 1996, Majka and Sikes 2009). First, many checklists aim to contribute to knowledge about biodiversity

(Bertini et al. 2004, Minton and Perez 2005, Majka and Sikes 2009, Alper et al. 2010, Ryu et al. 2012, Taheri et al. 2012) which has become an important global issue. Datasets of checklists are also used to obtain a deeper understanding of ecological issues, e.g., biogeography (Almeida and Coelho 2008) and speciation (Emerson 2005). Conservation biology is another discipline in which the acquisition and understanding of such databases might be essential (Graening et al. 2007). Furthermore, faunal checklists may be important and practical tools in other environmental sciences, for example, species lists must first be consulted for the development of experimental

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organisms from local fauna by ecotoxicologists, along with information about the ecological spectrum of target species (Römbke et al. 2010). Species lists may also be used as baseline data in the disciplines of environmental monitoring and environmental policy, in terms of understanding contemporary changes in local faunal compositions (Møller et al. 2010). Finally, access to comprehensive faunal checklists is an important component of environmental management to determine the appropriate strategy for species protection at local and regional scales (Majka and Sikes 2009).

However, to our understanding, the majority of faunal checklists might not meet the expectations of scientists from disciplines other than taxonomy. The reason for this is that information regarding species ecology (i.e., habitat, substratum, or salinity ranges) is often limited or even missing (Takeuchi 1999, Graening et al. 2007, Clark et al. 2008). Such omissions may be due to the highly specialized focus of faunal taxonomists. Hence, the inclusion of detailed ecological data in traditional faunal checklists may improve the quality of the classical content and extend the limited utility across a broad range of scientific disciplines.

The classification of harpacticoids in Korea exemplifies a group that requires the consolidation of taxonomic and ecological information. In Korea, studies on marine and brackish-water harpacticoids were pioneered by ecologists in the 1980s (Shim and Ro 1982, Kim and Huh 1983). However, taxonomic information in these initial efforts was limited. For example, systematic drawings and/or taxonomic comments were not provided for some marine plankton in those studies. Yeatman (1983) compiled the 1st taxonomic work of Korean harpacticoids, reporting the presence of *Tigriopus californicus* (Baker 1912). However, a later study (Song and Chang 1993) concluded this to be a misidentification of *T. japonicus* (Mori 1938), based on the original description and figures of the P4 exopod-3. Of note, Ho and Hong (1988) provided the 1st description of 2 new species from the southeastern coast of Korea (*Amenophia orientalis* and *Parathalestris infestus*), which cause pinhole disease on brown seaweed *Undaria finnatifida*.

Later, in the 1990s, several investigations of free-living benthic Korean harpacticoids in association with marine algae contributed towards improving taxonomic knowledge of this group (Song and Chang 1993 1995, Yoo and Lee 1993, Chang and Song 1995 1997a b, Kim and Kim

1997a, Song and Yun 1999, Song et al. 1999 2010). Of those studies, Kim and Kim (1997a) investigated the relationship between porcellid harpacticoid copepods and marine macroalgae (ecological aspects), with detailed descriptions of species belonging to the genus *Porcellidium* (taxonomic view). Invertebrate-associated harpacticoid copepods were also reported in the Korean fauna, including several indigenous species. For example, a number of species associations were recorded with isopod-infested wood, hermit crabs, and sea cucumbers (Kim 1991 1998, Kim and Kim 1996 1997b 1998). In 2000-2010, the interests of harpacticoid taxonomists further expanded into brackish-water environments, and a series of studies on brackish-water harpacticoids were carried out in estuaries and brackish lagoons (Lee and Chang 2003 2005 2007 2008a-c, Chang 2007 2008 2009). Still ongoing is the discovery of new species, as illustrated by recent studies of marine harpacticoids (Cho et al. 2010, Back and Lee 2011 2012, Kim et al. 2011a, Karanovic and Cho 2012).

Overall, earlier studies of Korean marine and brackish-water harpacticoids conveyed extensive taxonomic information. However, detailed ecological data were often provided implicitly or were even missing from the survey literature, possibly due to limited space, interest, or data availability. For instance, habitats of many species were described as 'estuarine' or 'coastal' (Song and Chang 1993, Lee and Chang 2007), which is too general for practical use. It should also be noted that the salinities of sampling sites are mostly not provided, even for brackish-water species (Chang 2007). This observation is particularly notable in terms of habitat and substratum, for which ambiguous and/or improper terms have occasionally been used, possibly due to the inattention of some taxonomists to the exact use of ecological/oceanographic terms or the mistranslation of Korean terms into English. For example, the terminology of 'ditch' and 'swamp', which are mainly used for freshwater areas, was applied to marine and brackish-water environments (Chang 2009).

While the provision of exact and extensive ecological data may be considered unnecessary in taxonomic studies, it can provide useful background information and hence be a practical tool for the fields of ecology, conservation biology, environmental sciences, and even fisheries management (Goh and Chou 1996, Almeida and Coelho 2008, Majka and Sikes 2009, Huang et al.

2012). Thus, in the present study, we performed a detailed literature review, incorporating both taxonomic and ecological aspects, to compile the 1st comprehensive faunal checklist of Korean marine and brackish-water harpacticoid copepods. In addition, the regional biogeographic distribution of Korean marine and brackish-water harpacticoids is presented. We also compared the biodiversity of the copepod fauna of South Korea with other regions around the world, particularly the Pacific Ocean (Japan and North America), the Caribbean Sea, and the British Isles.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Data collection

Data from all of the 46 peer-reviewed publications on the taxonomy of Korean marine and brackish-water harpacticoid copepods were gathered and assimilated. Twenty-eight studies from the literature were included on free-living benthic harpacticoids (Ho and Hong 1988, Song and Chang 1993 1995, Yoo and Lee 1993, Chang and Song 1997a b, Kim and Kim 1997a, Song and Yun 1999, Song et al. 1999 2001 2003 2007a 2007b, Lee 2003, Nam and Lee 2005 2006 2012, Lee et al. 2007, Back and Lee 2010 2011 2012, Back et al. 2011, Cho et al. 2011, Kim et al. 2011a b, Park and Lee 2011, Karanovic and Cho 2012, Park et al. 2012) and 4 studies in the literature on invertebrate-associated harpacticoids (Kim and Kim 1996 1997b 1998, Kim 1998). In addition, 14 ecological surveys of planktonic harpacticoids from marine and brackish-water habitats were also included (Shim and Ro 1982, Kim and Huh 1983, Chang and Kim 1991, Lee and Chang 2003 2005 2007 2008a-c, Huys et al. 2005, and Chang 2007 2008 2009), along with a report of a new Korean planktonic harpacticoid (Cho et al. 2010).

Species are listed alphabetically in accordance with taxonomic hierarchy, which is followed by ecological information, including habitat, substratum, salinity, lifestyle, and size range (Table 1). Corresponding references are presented after this information. In particular, a number of ambiguous and/or implicit terms shown in the ecological data were refined and specified by 1) a thorough context-based examination of the published literature, 2) additional research on the corresponding species and localities from other sources (e.g., from the published literature, the Internet, etc.), and 3) personal communication

with the original authors. It should be noted that the taxonomy and nomenclature of harpacticoid copepods in the present checklist (Table 1) followed the comprehensive work of Huys (2009) and others (Melville 1985, Huys 1990, Huys and Conroy-Dalton 2000, Willen 2000, Seifried 2003).

Data analysis

To improve our understanding of the regional distribution of Korean marine and brackish-water harpacticoid copepods, Korean coastal areas were divided into 8 regions (Fig. 1). These regions were modified from 10 administrative districts for coastal management, which were established by the Korean Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, and are primarily based on geographic scales. Briefly, the East Sea (east coast) was divided into 2 regions (east-central and east-south); the Yellow Sea (west coast) was also divided into 2 regions (west-central and west-south); and finally the southern coast was divided into 4 regions (southwest, south-central, southeast, and Jeju Island) (Fig. 1). Subsequently, species localities in each district were investigated through a literature survey.

For comparative purposes with other reported checklists worldwide, the following manuscripts, books, and websites were referred to: Huys et al. (1996), Suarez-Morales et al. (2006), Wells (2007), a Japanese checklist (<http://home.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/fishlab>), and a Californian checklist (http://www.fish.washington.edu/people/cordell/species_list.htm).

RESULTS

Faunal characteristics

The list includes 88 marine and brackish-water harpacticoid copepods, belonging to 23 families and 58 genera. In terms of genera, the families Miraciidae and Thalestridae were found to be the most diverse groups (11 genera each), followed by the Harpacticidae (8), Porcellidiidae (8), Peltidiidae (6), Ameiridae (5), Laophontidae (5), Canthocamptidae (4), Tachidiidae (4), Cletodidae (3), Dactylopusiidae (3), and Pseudotachidiidae (3). There are 10 families represented by only 1 or 2 species. The most speciose genera were *Porcellidium* (7 species) and *Parathalestris* (7 species), followed by *Ameira* (3 species) and *Harpacticus* (3 species). The remaining genera

comprised only 1 or 2 species.

It was possible to divide the species into 3 groups based on habitat, specifically, planktonic, free-living benthic, and invertebrate-associated benthic species (Fig. 2A). Out of the 88 species identified from previous records, 75 species (ca. 85%) were free-living benthic taxa, which had mainly been collected from macroalgae, sand, and pebbles. Seven species of harpacticoid were identified from a diverse number of marine invertebrates. Furthermore, the Korean fauna of marine and brackish-water harpacticoid copepods could also be divided into 4 groups based on

salinity ranges (Fig. 2B). Of the 88 species, 69 were marine, 14 brackish-marine, and just 4 were freshwater-brackish species. Thus, it appears that the Korean harpacticoid copepod fauna is primarily represented by free-living benthic taxa, with research having been focused in marine and semi-marine environments.

Checklist details

The list of 88 Korean marine and brackish-water harpacticoid copepods is presented in alphabetical order (Table 1) along with the

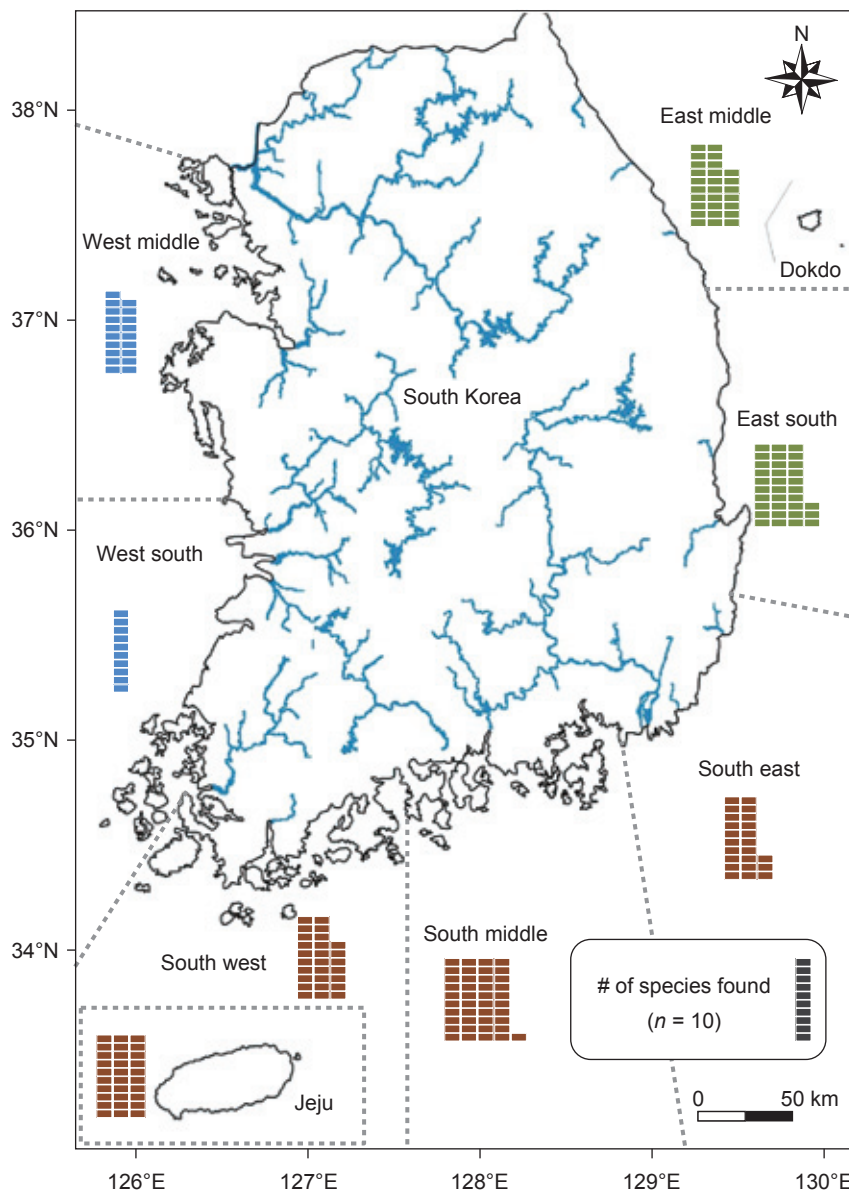


Fig. 1. Map of the study area in Korea and the total number of Korean harpacticoid copepods recorded in each region. The Korean coastal areas were categorized into 3 coastlines (west, south, and east) and further divided into 8 regions.

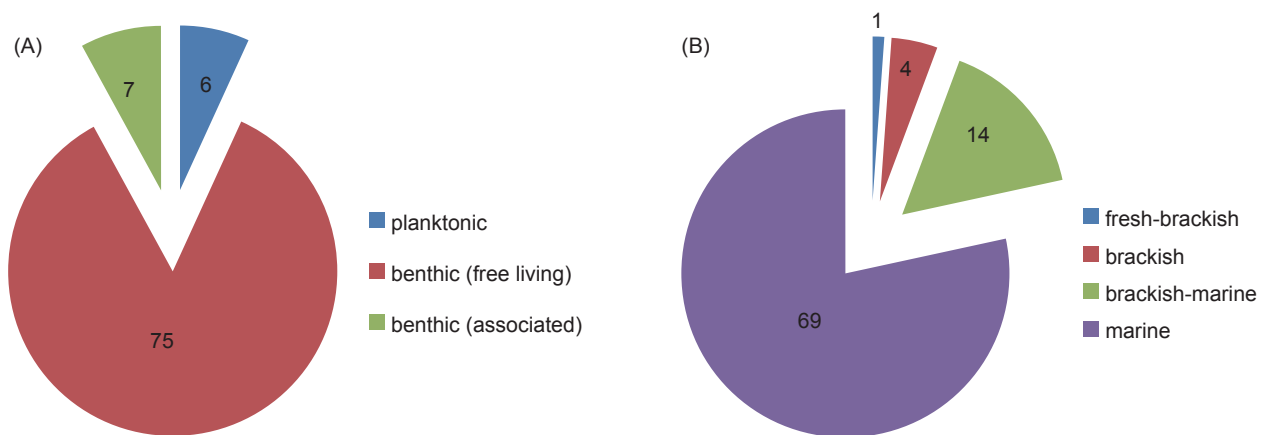


Fig. 2. Characteristics of Korean harpacticoid copepods in terms of (A) habitat categorized into 3 groups of planktonic, free-living benthic, and invertebrate-associated benthic forms and (B) salinity ranges categorized into 4 groups of freshwater-brackish, brackish, brackish-marine, and marine.

Table 1. Ecological checklist of Korean marine and brackish harpacticoid copepods, with detailed ecological data for each taxon

Family	Genus	Species	Body size (µm)	Ecological data							References
				Occurrence (# of sites)			Habitats (sampling areas)	Substratum (materials)	Salinity (category)	Life style (category)	
				west	south	east					
Family Ameiridae Monard, 1927											
Genus <i>Ameira</i> Boeck, 1865											
		<i>Ameira parvula</i> (Claus, 1886)	F: 500-600 M: 400-500	4	1	stream mouth, salt marsh, brackish lake	sand	brackish-marine	free-living benthic	Chang 2007	
		<i>Ameira zahaae</i> Karanovic and Cho, 2012	F: 448 M: 442	1		intertidal zone	mud	marine	free-living benthic	Karanovic and Cho 2012	
		<i>Ameira kimchi</i> Karanovic and Cho, 2012	F: 442-452 M: 430	1		littoral (33 m)	-	marine	free-living benthic	Karanovic and Cho 2012	
Genus <i>Nitocra</i> Boeck, 1865											
		<i>Nitocra koreanus</i> Chang, 2007	F: 720-830 M: 630	1	4	6	coastal well, estuary, lagoon, coastal marsh, 'swamp	-	brackish-marine	free-living benthic	Chang 2007
Genus <i>Pseudameira</i> Sars, 1911											
		<i>Pseudameira mago</i> Karanovic and Cho, 2012	F: 412-427	1		littoral (33 m)	-	marine	free-living benthic	Karanovic and Cho 2012	
Family Canthocamptidae Brady, 1880											
Genus <i>Heteropsyllus</i> T. Scott, 1984											
		<i>Heteropsyllus coreanus</i> Nam and Lee, 2006	F: 362-459 M: 258-306	1	4	sublittoral (35-159 m)	mostly muddy sand	marine	free-living benthic	Nam and Lee 2006	
Genus <i>Itunella</i> Brady, 1896											
		<i>Itunella arenaria</i> Lee and Chang, 2008	F: 460 ± 30 M: 378 ± 20		3	estuary, coastal well, beach	sand dune	brackish	free-living benthic	Lee and Chang 2008a	
Genus <i>Mesochra</i> Boeck, 1864											
		<i>Mesochra alaskana</i> Wilson, 1958	F: 430-510 M: 390-460		3	stream mouth, 'swamp	-	brackish	free-living benthic	Lee and Chang 2003	
		<i>Mesochra bisetosa</i> Lee and Chang, 2008	F: 740 ± 30 M: 680 ± 20	2		mouth of stream	muddy sand	brackish	free-living benthic	Lee and Chang 2008a	
Family Canuellidae Lang, 1944											
Genus <i>Scottolana</i> Por, 1967											
		<i>Scottolana bulbifera</i> (Chislenko, 1971)	F: 800 M: 810	1	1	subtidal	mud, sandy mud	marine	free-living benthic	Park and Lee 2011	
Genus <i>Sunaristes</i> Hesse, 1867											
		<i>Sunaristes japonicus</i> Ho, 1986	F: 2550 M: 2200		2	-	invertebrate	marine	invertebrate-associated	Kim 1998	
Family Cletodidae T. Scott, 1904											
Genus <i>Kollerua</i> Gee, 1994											
		<i>Kollerua longum</i> (Shen and Tai, 1979)	F: 444-447 M: 418-428		2	estuarine delta, reed marsh	-	brackish-marine	free-living benthic	Lee and Chang 2007	
Genus <i>Limnocletodes</i> Borutsky, 1926											
		<i>Limnocletodes angustodes</i> Shen and Tai, 1963	F: 510-530		2	estuary, salt marsh	-	brackish-marine	free-living benthic	Lee and Chang 2007	
		<i>Limnocletodes behningi</i> Borutsky, 1926	F: 429-475 M: 366-401	2	3	1	estuary, estuarine delta, salt marsh	-	brackish-marine	free-living benthic	Lee and Chang 2007
Family Dactylopusiidae Lang, 1936											
Genus <i>Dactylopusia</i> Norman, 1903											

Table 1. (Continued)

Family	Genus	Body size (μm)	Ecological data						References	
			Occurrence (# of sites)			Habitats (sampling areas)	Substratum (materials)	Salinity (category)		Life style (category)
			west	south	east					
	<i>Dactylopusia falcifera</i> Willey, 1935	F: 640 M: 610	1	3	littoral rocky shore	macroalgae on rock bottom	marine	free-living benthic	Song et al. 2001	
	<i>Dactylopusia paucitriculata</i> Chang and Song, 1997	F: 560-620	1	4	5	sublittoral, rocky shore	macroalgae	marine	free-living benthic	Chang and Song 1997a
	Genus <i>Paradactylopodia</i> Lang, 1944									
	<i>Paradactylopodia koreana</i> Chang and Song, 1997	F: 560-620	1	3	6	sublittoral	macroalgae on sand/rock bottom	marine	free-living benthic	Chang and Song 1997a
Family Darcythompsoniidae Lang, 1936										
	Genus <i>Leptocaris</i> T. Scott, 1899									
	<i>Leptocaris brevicornis</i> (van Douwe, 1905)	F: 574-645 M: 530 \pm 20	5			estuary, salt marsh	sandy mud	brackish-marine	free-living benthic	Lee and Chang 2008b
	<i>Leptocaris trisetosus pacificus</i> Lee and Chang, 2008	F: 689-753 M: 640 \pm 20	2			estuary, salt marsh	-	brackish-marine	free-living benthic	Lee and Chang 2008b
Family Ectinosomatidae Sars, 1903										
	Genus <i>Microsetella</i> Brady and Robertson, 1873									
	<i>Microsetella norvegica</i> (Boeck, 1865)	-	1	2		open ocean (surface layer, bottom layer)	-	marine	planktonic	Kim and Huh 1983; Shim and Ro 1982
	<i>Microsetella rosea</i> (Dana, 1848)	-	1			open ocean (surface layer)	-	marine	planktonic	Kim and Huh 1983
Family Hamondiidae Huys, 1990										
	Genus <i>Ambunguipes</i> Huys, 1990									
	<i>Ambunguipes rufocincta</i> (Brady, 1880)	-	1	4		² intertidal/subtidal zone	macroalgae	marine	free-living benthic	Song et al. 1999
Family Harpacticidae Dana, 1846										
	Genus <i>Harpacticella</i> Sars, 1908									
	<i>Harpacticella itoi</i> Chang and Kim, 1991	F: 650 M: 530	4	2		estuary, river mouth, ³ spring on the beach	sand, pebble	fresh-brackish	free-living benthic	Chang and Kim 1991; Song and Chang 1993
	<i>Harpacticella oceanica</i> Ito, 1977	F: 710	5	1		sand beach	sand	marine	free-living benthic	Song and Chang 1993; Song and Chang 1995
	Genus <i>Harpacticus</i> Milne Edwards, 1840									
	<i>Harpacticus comptonix</i> Monard, 1926	-		1		² beach	² sand	marine	free-living benthic	Song and Chang 1993
	<i>Harpacticus nipponicus</i> Ito, 1976	F: 680	6	1		² subtidal zone	² macroalgae on rock bottom	marine	free-living benthic	Song and Chang 1993; Song and Chang 1995
	<i>Harpacticus uniremis</i> Kroyer, 1842	-	7	5	6	² tidal flat, ² subtidal zone, water column	² macroalgae on rock bottom	marine	free-living benthic	Kim and Huh, 1983; Song and Chang, 1993
	Genus <i>Tigriopus</i> Norman, 1868									
	<i>Tigriopus japonicus</i> Mori, 1938	F: 1040-1160 M: 1030-1050	2	1	1	² rocky shore, ² splash zone	² rock bottom	marine	free-living benthic	Song and Chang 1993; Yeatman 1983 as <i>T. californicus</i>
	Genus <i>Zaus</i> Goodsir, 1845									
	<i>Zaus robustus</i> Ito, 1974	F: 530 M: 490		3		² intertidal/subtidal zone	² macroalgae on rock bottom	marine	free-living benthic	Song and Chang 1993
	<i>Zaus unisetosus</i> Ito, 1974	F: 540 M: 450	8	10		² intertidal/subtidal zone	² macroalgae on rock bottom	marine	free-living benthic	Song and Chang 1993; Song and Chang, 1995
Family Laophontidae T. Scott, 1905										
	Genus <i>Apolethon</i> Wells, 1967									
	<i>Apolethon articulatus</i> Lee and Chang, 2008	F: 503 \pm 32 M: 462 \pm 30	3	1		coastal marsh, reed marsh, estuary, lagoon	muddy sand	brackish-marine	free-living benthic	Lee and Chang 2008c
	Genus <i>Microchelonia</i> Brady, 1918									
	<i>Microchelonia koreensis</i> (Kim, 1991)	F: 502 M: 379	1	1	1	-	invertebrate	marine	invertebrate-associated	Kim 1991; Kim 1998
	Genus <i>Onychocamptus</i> Daday, 1903									
	<i>Onychocamptus bengalensis</i> (Sewell, 1934)	-		3		mudflat	mud	marine	free-living benthic	Lee and Chang 2005; Song and Chang 1995
	<i>Onychocamptus vitiospinulosa</i> (Shen and Tai, 1963)	F: 535-546 M: 480	2			estuary, reed marsh	-	brackish-marine	free-living benthic	Lee and Chang 2005
	Genus <i>Quinquelaophonte</i> Wells, Hicks and Coull, 1982									
	<i>Quinquelaophonte koreana</i> Lee, 2003	F: 579 \pm 800 M: 554-729	1			sandy beach	sand	marine	free-living benthic	Lee 2003
Family Louriniidae Monard, 1927										
	Genus <i>Lourinia</i> Wilson, 1924									
	<i>Lourinia armata</i> (Claus, 1866)	F: 750-950 M: 830-950	1	1		open ocean, coastal area	macroalgae	marine	free-living benthic	Yoo and Lee 1993
Family Miraciidae Dana, 1846										
	Genus <i>Amonardia</i> Lang, 1944									
	<i>Amonardia coreana</i> Song et al., 2007	F: 1043.6 M: 914.3	1			<i>Undaria</i> farm	macroalgae	marine	free-living benthic	Song et al. 2007a
	<i>Amonardia normani</i> (Brady, 1872)	-	4			² mudflat	macroalgae	marine	free-living benthic	Song and Chang 1995
	Genus <i>Amphiascoides</i> Nicholls, 1941									
	<i>Amphiascoides coreanus</i> Lee et al., 2007	F: 429-536 M: 353-459	2			beach	presumably sand	marine	free-living benthic	Lee et al. 2007

Table 1. (Continued)

Family	Genus	Body size (μm)	Ecological data						References	
			Occurrence (# of sites)			Habitats (sampling areas)	Substratum (materials)	Salinity (category)		Life style (category)
			west	south	east					
Genus <i>Dactylopodamphiascopsis</i> Lang, 1944										
	<i>Dactylopodamphiascopsis latifolius</i> (Sars, 1909)	-		5	² subtidal zone	macroalgae on rock bottom	marine	free-living benthic	Song et al. 1999	
Genus <i>Diosaccus</i> Boeck, 1872										
	<i>Diosaccus ezoensis</i> Ito, 1974	-	3	3	² subtidal zone	macroalgae on rock bottom	marine	free-living benthic	Song et al. 1999	
Genus <i>Macrosetella</i> A. Scott, 1909										
	<i>Macrosetella glacilis</i> (Dana, 1847)	-	2		open ocean (surface and bottom layer)	-	marine	free-living benthic	Shim and Ro 1982	
Genus <i>Onychostenhelia</i> Ito, 1979										
	<i>Onychostenhelia bispinosa</i> Huys and Mu, 2008	F: 723 M: 581	1	1	subtidal	mud	marine	free-living benthic	Kim et al. 2011b	
Genus <i>Sarsamphiascus</i> Huys, 2009										
	<i>Sarsamphiascus kawamura</i> (Ueda and Nagai, 2005)	F: 630-720 M: 530		2	lagoon, coastal marsh, tidal pool	-	brackish-marine	free-living benthic	Chang 2009a	
Genus <i>Schizopera</i> Sars, 1905										
	<i>Schizopera clandestina</i> Klie, 1924	F: 580-670	1	7	3	lagoon, well at salt farm, salt marsh, estuary, estuarine marsh, ⁴ ditch	-	brackish-marine	free-living benthic	Chang 2009a
	<i>Schizopera neglecta</i> Akatova, 1935	F: 620	1	7	2	reed marsh, lagoon, estuary, harbor, coastal ¹ swamp and ⁴ ditch, cave	-	brackish-marine	free-living benthic	Chang 2009a
Genus <i>Sinamphiascus</i> Mu and Gee, 2000										
	<i>Sinamphiascus dominatus</i> Mu and Gee, 2000	F: 370-540 M: 270-360	1	1	sublittoral (40-130 m)	sand, muddy sand	marine	free-living benthic	Nam and Lee 2012	
Family Nannopodidae Brady, 1880										
Genus <i>Huntemannia</i> Poppe, 1884										
	<i>Huntemannia doheoni</i> Song et al., 2007	F: 580-760 M: 640-1170	2	1	muddy sand flat	muddy sand	marine	free-living benthic	Song et al. 2007b	
Family Orthopsyllidae Huys, 1990										
Genus <i>Orthopsyllus</i> Brady and Robertson, 1873										
	<i>Orthopsyllus cf. linearis</i> (Claus, 1866)	-		1	intertidal, subtidal	macroalgae	marine	free-living benthic	Park et al. 2012	
Family Paramesochridae Lang, 1944										
Genus <i>Apodopsyllus</i> Huys, 2009										
	<i>Apodopsyllus gwakjiensis</i> Back and Lee, 2012	F: 550 M: 510		1	subtidal	sand	marine	free-living benthic	Back and Lee 2012	
	<i>Apodopsyllus unisetosus</i> Back and Lee, 2012	F: 655 M: 600		1	subtidal	sand	marine	free-living benthic	Back and Lee 2012	
Genus <i>Paramesochra</i> Scott, 1892										
	<i>Paramesochra taena</i> Back and Lee, 2010	F: 331 M: 277	1		subtidal (33-35 m) zone	sandy sediment	marine	free-living benthic	Back and Lee 2010	
Genus <i>Remanea</i> Klie, 1929										
	<i>Remanea naksanensis</i> Back et al., 2011	F: 553 M: 498		1	a brackish stream near a sandy beach	sand	brackish	free-living benthic	Back et al. 2011	
Family Parastenheliidae Lang, 1936										
Genus <i>Parastenhelia</i> Thompson and A. Scott, 1903										
	<i>Parastenhelia pyriformis</i> Song et al., 2003	F: 382-388 M: 332-354	1	1	subtidal zone	macroalgae on ² sand bottom	marine	free-living benthic	Song et al. 2003	
Family Peltidiidae Boeck, 1873										
Genus <i>Alteutha</i> Baird, 1845										
	<i>Alteutha depressa</i> (Baird, 1837)	-		4	² subtidal zone	² macroalgae on rock bottom	marine	free-living benthic	Song and Chang 1995	
Genus <i>Alteuthoides</i> Hicks, 1986										
	<i>Alteuthoides affinis</i> Kim and Kim, 1998	F: 760-890 M: 580-650		1	sublittoral zone	invertebrate	marine	invertebrate-associated	Kim and Kim 1998	
Genus <i>Clytemnestra</i> Dana, 1848										
	<i>Clytemnestra scutellata</i> Dana, 1849	-		2	open ocean (surface and bottom layer)	-	marine	planktonic	Shim and Ro 1982	
Genus <i>Goniopsyllus</i> Brady, 1883										
	<i>Goniopsyllus rostrata</i> Brady, 1883	-		1	open ocean (surface and bottom layer)	-	marine	planktonic	Shim and Ro 1982	
	<i>Goniopsyllus dokdoensis</i> Cho et al., 2010	F: 820-915 M: 960		1	open ocean (~200 m)	-	marine	planktonic	Cho et al. 2010	
Genus <i>Peltidium</i> Philippi, 1839										
	<i>Peltidium quinquesetosum</i> Song and Yun, 1999	F: 1860 M: 1290	2	1	sublittoral zone	macroalgae on rock bottom	marine	free-living benthic	Song and Yun 1999	
Family Porcellidiidae Boeck, 1865										
Genus <i>Kushia</i> Harris and Iwasaki, 1996										
	<i>Kushia gamoi</i> Harris and Iwasaki, 1996	-	4	2	shallow sublittoral	macroalgae	marine	free-living benthic	Kim and Kim 1997a as <i>Porcellidium gamoi</i>	
Genus <i>Porcellidium</i> Claus, 1860										
	<i>Porcellidium acutum</i> Kim and Kim, 1997	F: 908 M: 742	1	1	shallow sublittoral	macroalgae	marine	free-living benthic	Kim and Kim 1997a	
	<i>Porcellidium bipartitum</i> Kim and Kim, 1997	F: 1710 M: 1050		1	shallow sublittoral	macroalgae	marine	free-living benthic	Kim and Kim 1997a	

Table 1. (Continued)

Family	Genus	Body size (μm)	Ecological data					References		
			Occurrence (# of sites)			Habitats (sampling areas)	Substratum (materials)		Salinity (category)	Life style (category)
			west	south	east					
	<i>Porcellidium brevicaudatum</i> Thompson and A. Scott, 1903	F: 680 \pm 30 M: 500 \pm 30	1	-	-	invertebrate	marine	invertebrate-associated	Kim and Kim 1996	
	<i>Porcellidium brevicavum</i> Kim and Kim, 1997	F: 735 M: 623	1	-	shallow sublittoral	macroalgae	marine	free-living benthic	Kim and Kim 1997a	
	<i>Porcellidium ofunatense</i> Harris and Iwasaki, 1996	-	3	2	shallow sublittoral	macroalgae	marine	free-living benthic	Kim and Kim 1997a	
	<i>Porcellidium similis</i> Kim and Kim, 1996	F: 760 M: 500 \pm 30	2	3	-	invertebrate	marine	invertebrate-associated	Kim and Kim 1996	
	<i>Porcellidium wandoensis</i> Kim and Kim, 1997	F: 763 M: 616	2	1	shallow sublittoral	macroalgae	marine	free-living benthic	Kim and Kim 1997a	
Family Pseudotachidiidae Lang, 1936										
Genus <i>Pseudonsiella</i> Hicks, 1988										
	<i>Pseudonsiella longicauda</i> Kim and Kim, 1997	F: 630 M: 570	1	-	-	invertebrate	marine	invertebrate-associated	Kim and Kim 1997b	
Genus <i>Sentropis</i> Huys and Gee, 1996										
	<i>Sentropis coreana</i> Kim et al., 2011	F: 550 M: 530	1	-	upper sublittoral (2-3 m)	sand	marine	free-living benthic	Kim et al. 2011a	
Genus <i>Xylora</i> Hicks, 1988										
	<i>Xylora longiantennulata</i> Kim and Kim, 1997	F: 750-820 M: 640-710	1	-	-	invertebrate	marine	invertebrate-associated	Kim and Kim 1997b	
Family Rhizothricidae Por, 1986										
Genus <i>Rhizothrix</i> Sars, 1909										
	<i>Rhizothrix sejongi</i> Nam and Lee, 2005	F: 513-701 M: 416-555	1	-	beach	sand	marine	free-living benthic	Nam and Lee 2005	
Family Tachidiidae Boeck, 1865										
Genus <i>Euterpina</i> Norman, 1903										
	<i>Euterpina acutifrons</i> Dana, 1847	F: 500-750 M: 500-560	1	1	open ocean (surface layer)	-	marine	planktonic	Kim and Huh 1983; Cho et al. 2011	
Genus <i>Neotachidius</i> Shen and Tai, 1963										
	<i>Neotachidius coreanus</i> Huys et al., 2005	F: 690 \pm 40 M: 600 \pm 40	1	-	river mouth, reed marsh	mud	brackish-marine	free-living benthic	Huys et al. 2005	
	<i>Neotachidius parvus</i> Huys et al., 2005	F: 500 \pm 30 M: 450 \pm 30	2	12	brackish lake, salt marsh, estuary, reed marsh, ¹ swamp, ⁴ ditch	mud	brackish-marine	free-living benthic	Chang 2008; Huys et al. 2005; Song and Chang 1995 as <i>Tachidius triangularis</i>	
Genus <i>Tachidius</i> Lilljeborg, 1853										
	<i>Tachidius discipes</i> Giesbrecht, 1881	-	2	1	mudflat, Lagoon	mud	marine	free-living benthic	Chang 2008; Song and Chang 1995	
Family Thalestridae Sars, 1905										
Genus <i>Amenophia</i> Boeck, 1865										
	<i>Amenophia orientalis</i> Ho and Hong, 1988	-	1	-	-	macroalgae	marine	free-living benthic	Ho and Hong 1988	
Genus <i>Eudactylopus</i> A Scott, 1909										
	<i>Eudactylopus andrewi</i> Sewell, 1940	-	3	1	² sublittoral zone	² macroalgae on rock bottom	marine	free-living benthic	Chang and Song 1995	
	<i>Eudactylopus spectabilis</i> (Brian, 1923)	F: 1350 M: 1520	4	8	² sublittoral zone	² macroalgae on rock bottom	marine	free-living benthic	Chang and Song 1995	
Genus <i>Parathalestris</i> Brady and Robertson, 1873										
	<i>Parathalestris areolata</i> Ito, 1972	-	1	2	2 marina, ² sublittoral zone	macroalgae	marine	free-living benthic	Chang and Song 1997b; Back and Lee 2011	
	<i>Parathalestris bulbiseta</i> Lang, 1965	-	1	3	8 ² sublittoral zone	² macroalgae on rock bottom	marine	free-living benthic	Chang and Song 1997b	
	<i>Parathalestris infestus</i> Ho and Hong, 1988	-	3	1	beach, ² subtidal zone	macroalgae	marine	free-living benthic	Chang and Song 1997b; Ho and Hong 1988; Back and Lee 2011	
	<i>Parathalestris pacificus</i> Chislenko, 1971	-	2	1	² subtidal zone	² macroalgae on rock bottom	marine	free-living benthic	Chang and Song 1997b	
	<i>Parathalestris parviseta</i> Chang and Song, 1997	F: 1180 M: 860-900	2	-	² subtidal zone	² macroalgae on rock bottom	marine	free-living benthic	Chang and Song 1997b	
	<i>Parathalestris verrucosa</i> Ito, 1970	-	2	1	² subtidal zone	² macroalgae on rock bottom	marine	free-living benthic	Chang and Song 1997b	
	<i>Parathalestris jejuensis</i> Song and Hwang, 2010	F: 1225-1423	1	-	² subtidal zone	² macroalgae on rock bottom	marine	free-living benthic	Song and Hwang 2010	
Genus <i>Phyllothalestris</i> Sars, 1905										
	<i>Phyllothalestris sarsi</i> Sewell, 1940	F: 1100 M: 760	1	3	1 littoral rocky shore	macroalgae	marine	free-living benthic	Song et al. 2001	
Family Tisbidae Stebbing, 1910										
Genus <i>Scutellidium</i> Claus, 1866										
	<i>Scutellidium longicauda acheloides</i> Ito, 1976	-	2	-	² subtidal zone	² macroalgae on rock bottom	marine	free-living benthic	Song and Chang 1995	

¹the term 'swamp' seemingly represents the 'tidal pool' of the intertidal zone. ²data was not provided in the corresponding literatures yet available through personal communication with authors. ³the phrase 'spring on the beach' seemingly represents coastal groundwater seepage. ⁴the term 'ditch' seemingly represents 'small tidal channel' of the intertidal zone.

preferred habitat, substratum, salinity range, lifestyle, size range, and corresponding literature.

DISCUSSION

Faunal studies in Korea

Since Ho and Hong (1988) 1st described 2 new species (*Amenophia orientalis* and *Parathalestris infestus*) of the family Thalestridae, 88 harpacticoid copepods have been recorded in Korean marine and brackish waters, with 40 species (> 45%) being new to science; 2 in the 1980s, 14 in the 1990s, 17 in the 2000s, and 7 in the 2010s (Table 2). It is remarkable that 9 endemic species were added to the Korean fauna as new to science in 1997. Of these, 4 species belong to the family Porcellidiidae (Kim and Kim 1997a), 2 to the Thalestridae (Chang and Song 1997b), and 2 to the Pseudotachidiidae (Kim and Kim 1997b). Of additional note, invertebrate-associated marine harpacticoid copepods were extensively studied in the 1990s (Kim 1991 1998, Kim and Kim 1996 1997b), which was discontinued following the 2000s. Since 2000, a broader range of habitats (i.e., macroalgae, sand, mud, pebbles, and deep sea) has been investigated, with many new harpacticoid copepods being described, due to the strengthening of ecologically oriented research during this time.

Faunal distribution in Korea

Thirty-eight of the 88 harpacticoid species (about 40%) obtained from previous records appeared to be limited to just one of 8 coastal regions, while 20 species were found in 2 different regions (Fig. 3A). Furthermore, no species concurrently occurred throughout all 8 regions, and only 1 species occurred across 7 regions. However, it is unlikely that the majority of Korean marine harpacticoids are truly restricted to just a few localities. Rather, this observation may be attributed to the limited ecological information provided by authors in the taxonomic literature. Because the majority of these publications are solely taxonomic, ecological and/or biogeographical information is very limited. It should also be noted that faunistic studies of benthic harpacticoids are relatively rare.

Large-scale distribution patterns indicated that 71 of the 88 harpacticoid species were from the southern coast, including Jeju I., followed by

the East Sea (46 species) and Yellow Sea (26 species) (Fig. 3B). Furthermore, the number of sites surveyed, where new taxa were reported, was the greatest on the southern coast (64 sites on the southern coast), followed by the East Sea (32 sites on the east coast) and the Yellow Sea (15 sites on the west coast) (Table 2). These records indicate the paucity of taxonomic research effort on the west coast of Korea, which encompasses a relatively well-developed intertidal flat (2880 km²) along the shoreline (Sato and Koh 2004). In terms of co-occurrence, 34 species co-occurred on the southern coast and East Sea, while 21 species co-occurred on the southern coast and Yellow Sea. Only 12 species spanned all 3 seas (*Dactylopusia pauciarticulata*, *Harpacticus uniremis*, *Limnocletodes behningi*, *Microchelonia koreensis*, *Nitocra koreanus*, *Paradactylopusia koreana*, *Parathalestris areolata*, *P. bulbiseta*, *Phyllothalestris sarsi*, *Schizopera clandestina*, *S. neglecta*, and *Tigriopus japonicus*).

Faunal comparisons with other regions

The Korean fauna of marine and brackish-water harpacticoids was further compared to corresponding faunal assemblages from other regions (Table 3). A broad range of checklists was selected with comparable geographic scales to that of the Korean Peninsula, including Pacific regions (Japan and California, USA), Caribbean Sea, and northwestern Europe. Of note, the work of Wells (2007) was used as a reference because it includes the polyarthran families Longipediidae and Canuellidae, and encompasses approximately 4300 species or subspecies of 589 genera belonging to 56 families from across the world, with the provision of systematic identification keys to the specific or generic level.

Within the Pacific region, 142 species belonging to 29 families are listed in the checklist for Japan (<http://home.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/fishlab/>), and 182 species belonging to 28 families are listed for the Californian coast, USA (http://www.fish.washington.edu/people/cordell/species_list.htm). The number of species recorded in either region was about double that recorded in Korea. The checklist for the Caribbean Sea also had a similar number of listed species to those of Japan and California, with 178 species belonging to 33 families. In the Caribbean, the most speciose families were the Miraciidae and Laophontidae, with the insular Caribbean being nearly as diverse as the continental areas. Furthermore,

Table 2. List of Korean marine and brackish harpacticoid copepods (new to science only, 40 species), with regional occurrence across the three coasts in Korea (see Fig. 1)

Year	Species	Occurrence (# of sites in corresponding regions)							References		
		west coast		south coast			east coast				
		middle	south	west	Jeju	middle	east	south		middle	
1980s	88	<i>Amenophia orientalis</i>			1						Ho and Hong 1988
		<i>Parathalestris infestus</i>			1		2				Ho and Hong 1988
1990s	91	<i>Harpacticella itoi</i>			1	1	2		1	1	Chang and Kim 1991
		<i>Microchelonia koreensis</i>		1					1	1	Kim 1991
	96	<i>Porcellidium similis</i>			1	1			1	2	Kim and Kim 1996
	97	<i>Dactylopusia paucarticulata</i>	1			2	1	1	5		Chang and Song 1997b
		<i>Paradactylopusia koreana</i>		1		2			1	5	Chang and Song 1997b
		<i>Parathalestris parviseta</i>				1	1				Chang and Song 1997a
		<i>Porcellidium acutum</i>					1			1	Kim and Kim 1997a
		<i>Porcellidium bipartitum</i>					1				Kim and Kim 1997a
		<i>Porcellidium brevicavum</i>					1				Kim and Kim 1997a
		<i>Porcellidium wandoensis</i>			1		1		1		Kim and Kim 1997a
		<i>Pseudonsiella longicaudata</i>								1	Kim and Kim 1997b
		<i>Xylora longiantennulata</i>								1	Kim and Kim 1997b
	98	<i>Alteuthoides affinis</i>				1					Kim and Kim 1998
	99	<i>Peltidium quinquesetosum</i>					2		1		Song and Yun 1999
2000s	03	<i>Parastenhelia pyriformis</i>	1			1					Song et al. 2003
		<i>Quinquelaophonte koreana</i>	1								Lee 2003
	05	<i>Neotachidius coreanus</i>					1				Huys et al. 2005
		<i>Neotachidius parvus</i>	2		4	2	5	1			Huys et al. 2005
		<i>Rhizothrix sejongi</i>					1				Nam and Lee 2005
	06	<i>Heteropsyllus coreanus</i>		1	1	2	1				Nam and Lee 2006
	07	<i>Amonardia coreana</i>							1		Song et al. 2007a
		<i>Amphiascoides coreanus</i>					2				Lee et al. 2007
		<i>Huntemannia doheoni</i>	2				1				Song et al. 2007b
		<i>Nitocra koreanus</i>	1		1	2	1		3	3	Chang 2007
	08	<i>Apolethon articulatus</i>					1	2		1	Lee and Chang 2008c
		<i>Itunella arenaria</i>							3		Lee and Chang 2008a
		<i>Leptocaris trisetosus pacificus</i>					1	1			Lee and Chang 2008b
		<i>Mesochra bisetosa</i>	1	1							Lee and Chang 2008a
	10	<i>Goniopsyllus dokdoensis</i>								1	Cho et al. 2010
		<i>Paramesochra taeana</i>	1								Back and Lee 2010
		<i>Parathalestris jejuensis</i>				1					Song and Hwang 2010
2010s	11	<i>Remanea naksanensis</i>								1	Back et al. 2011
		<i>Sentiropsis coreana</i>				1					Kim et al. 2011a
	12	<i>Apodopsyllus gwakjiensis</i>				1					Back and Lee 2012
		<i>Apodopsyllus unisetosus</i>				1					Back and Lee 2012
		<i>Ameira zahaae</i>	1								Karanovic and Cho 2012
		<i>Ameira kimchi</i>					1				Karanovic and Cho 2012
		<i>Pseudameira mago</i>					1				Karanovic and Cho 2012
Sub-total											
1980s			0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	
1990s			1	2	3	8	10	4	15	6	
2000s			9	2	6	8	14	5	6	5	
2010s			1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	
Total			15			64			32		

approximately 800 species belonging to 53 families have been described for the British Isles, the land mass of which is of a similar size to the Korean Peninsula, with most harpacticoid families occurring in this region. In the British Isles, the number of harpacticoid families is notably high (comprising 53 families), even after taking into account the fact that the compiled data include species reported from adjacent waters of up to 200 m deep around the British Isles.

Considering the short historical period in the taxonomic study of Korean harpacticoid copepods, the current list is expected to grow rapidly, and many previously unreported taxa are likely to be discovered when previously unexplored environments undergo detailed surveys. The number of Korean harpacticoid copepods is expected to be much greater than that of current records (88 species), based on the known biodiversity of harpacticoid copepods from other regions of the world, particularly considering

the numbers reported from Pacific regions (142 species in Japan and 182 species in California).

The role of checklists

An informative checklist was developed through a critical reanalysis of existing taxonomic reports on Korean marine and brackish-water harpacticoid copepods. However, the absence and/or ambiguity of information provided in the corresponding literature constrained, to a certain extent, the potential usefulness of the present checklist to scientists from this and other disciplines. Following completion of the review, we suggest that future studies should take into consideration the following parameters: 1) the inclusion of ecological information, if any, including habitat, substratum, salinity, lifestyle, and size range, in the form of reader-friendly search data; 2) the careful use of specific terms, instead of coastal area, estuary, or marsh, rather clarifying

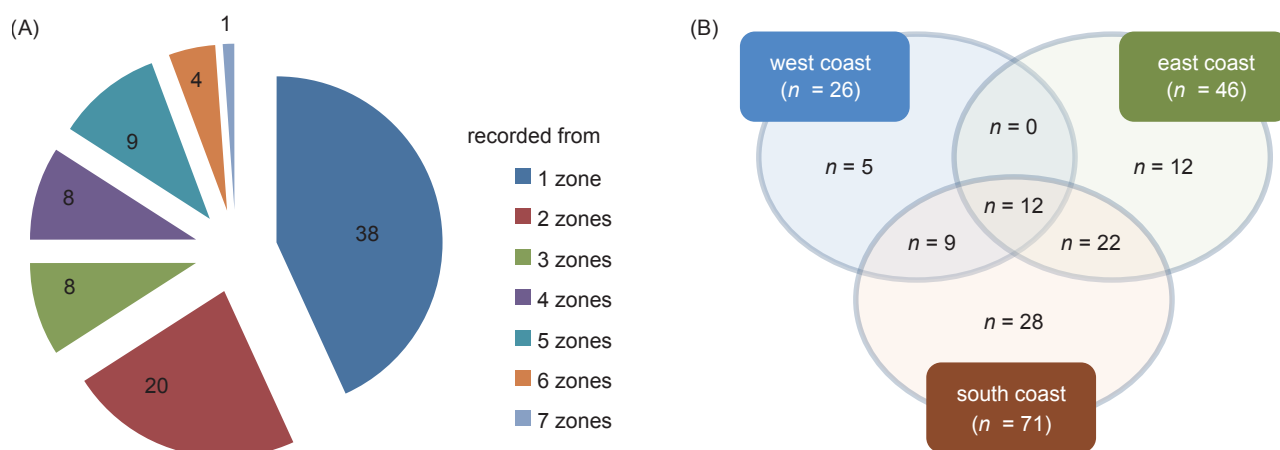


Fig. 3. Distributional characteristics of Korean harpacticoid copepods in terms of occurrence (A) across the 8 regions (= zones) and (B) across the 3 coasts (i.e., west, south, and east coasts) of Korea.

Table 3. Comparisons of Korean marine and brackish harpacticoid copepods with those reported from different regions of the world

Locality	Ratio of Species/Family	Reported number of			References
		Species	Genus	Family	
World	76.8	~4,300	589	56	Wells 2007
Northwestern Europe	15.1	~800	~190	53	Huys et al. 1996
California	6.5	182	101	28	http://www.fish.washington.edu/people/cordell/species_list.htm
Caribbean Sea	5.4	178	94	33	Suarez-Morales et al. 2006
Japan	4.9	142	76	29	http://home.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/fishlab
Korea	3.8	88	58	23	this study

upper intertidal or subtidal, mudflat or sandflat, low or high salinity, etc.; and finally 3) the proper use of relevant terms, by avoiding improper and/or arbitrary terms, such as swamp, ditch, tidal pool, and channel.

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