

Distribution of the Stone Loaches (Pisces: Balitoridae) in Bulgaria – Past and Present Status

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Abstract: The recent distribution of the both species *Barbatula barbatula* and *Oxynoemacheilus bureschi* in Bulgaria is investigated and compared with the published data in the ichthyological literature. A tendency for extinction of *B. barbatula* in the eastern part of its areal in Bulgaria with a parallel diffusion of *B. bureschi* out of the type localities and coexistence of the two species is established.

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