

An area-analytical zoogeographical classification of the gastropod family Neritidae.

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Abstract

The area-analytical classification of freshwater snails hasn't yet been achieved with the help of the fundamental publication of DE LATTIN (1967). The author presents an area-analytical classification of fourteen species of the family Neritidae.

Keywords: Neritidae, area-analytical classification, West-Palearctic elements, West-Asian elements.

Introduction

The area-analytical classification of freshwater snails is missing as opposed to many groups of invertebrate living creatures (like Odonata by DEVAI 1876 or Trichoptera by MALICZKY 1983. The author tries to repair this defect with the classification of the species of the Neritidae.

Material and Method

The author shows the range of the species on generalized maps, which were made by the data from literature. The refugial areas of the fauna elements are based on DEVAI's publication (1976) (figure 1).

Fauna groups

Holo-Mediterranean, Ponto-Caspian and West-Asian elements are found within the species of the family .

Theodoxus subthermalis ISSEL 1868 belongs to the Pre-Asian and the Iranian refugial areas, based on the occurrence of this species in Iran, in the rivers of the Caucasus region and Azerbaijan (figure 2).

Theodoxus pallasi (LINDHOLM 1924) is a member of the Ponto-Caspian fauna. The Caspian Sea, the Sea of Azov and the Black Sea at Alal and the Sulina (delta of Danube) are the general range of this species (SHADIN 1952) (figure 2).

Theodoxus schultzii (GRIMM 1877) (SHADIN 1952) is another species of this area – of the Caspian Sea region (figure 2).

The species of many refugial areas belong to the Holo-Mediterranean elements (figure 1a-c).

Theodoxus fluviatilis (LINNE 1758) is accepted as one oft hese (FORCART 1965, ILLIES 1978, JAECKEL & al. 1975, HOLYOAK 1983, LINDHOLM 1901, RUDZITE & al 1997, SCHLESCH & al. 1938, SOÓS 1943) (figure 2).

Theodoxus bourguignati RECLUZ 1852 is an Atlanto-Mediterranean element (GERMAIN 1931) (figure 2).

Theodoxus danubialis (C. PFEIFFER 1828), *Theodoxus transversalis* (C. PFEIFFER 1828) (figure 2) and *Theodoxus prevostianus* (C. PFEIFFER 1828) are species of Ponto-Mediterranean, Ponto-Pannonian and subrefugial areas. They have been pressed back by cultural effects (JAECKEL 1975, REISCHÜTZ & SEIDL 1982, SOÓS 1943) (figure 3).

Other Ponto-Mediterranean elements are *Theodoxus pilidei pilidei* (TOURNOUER 1879) and *Theodoxus varius* (MENKE 1828) without Ponto-Pannonian subareas (figure 3).

Theodoxus meridionalis (PHILIPPI 1836) with its occurrence in Sicily is a species of the South-Italian refugial area (COSSIGNIANI & al. 1995) (figure 3).

Theodoxus heldreichi (MARTENS 1878), *Theodoxus altenai* SCHÜTT 1965, *Theodoxus anatolicus* (RECLUZ 1841) (BILGIN 1980) are members of the Euxinian refugial area (figure 3).

Summary

The author gives an area-analytical classification of the family Neritidae based on DEVAI's publication (1976). The 14 species are attached to the arboreal zoo-biom and the West-Paleartic groups. The wide part of the species attached to Holo-Mediterranean area, numerically 11 species, 10 out of all attached to five refugial areas (figure 1), 2 species attached to the Ponto-Caspian refugial area and 1 species is an element of the West-Asian refugial area.

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**Fig. 1: System of freshwater refugial areas (fauna circles) and faunal elements
in the Arboreal of Palearctic region
(DE LATTIN 1967, Z. VARGA 1971, 1975) from Gy. DÉVAI 1976**



West-Palearctic Elements

1. South-mediterranean Elements
(Canarian, Mauretanian, Tyrrhenian, Cyprean, Cyprian Refugial areas)
1. Holomediterranean Elements
 - 1.a Atlantomediterranean
 - 1.b Adriatomediterranean Refugial areas
 - 1.c Pontomediterranean
 - 1.d South Italian
 - 1.e euxin
2. Ponto-Caspian Elements
Ponto-Caspian Refugial areas
3. West-Asian Elements
 - a.) Pre-Asian Elements
3. Syrian Refugial areas
4. Iranian
 - b.) Central-Asian Elements
5. Afghan Refugial areas
6. Turkestanian

East-Palearctic Elements

9. Mongolian Elements
Dzungarian Refugial areas
10. Mongolian-Altaic-Hangayn Refugial areas
11. Daurian Refugial areas
7. Siberian Elements
 - a.) West Siberian Elements
West Siberian Refugial areas
 - b.) Central Siberian Elements
Angaran Refugial areas
 - c.) East Siberian Elements
Stanovoy-Bureyan
 - d.) Manchurian Elements
Okhostkian Refugial areas
8. Kamchatkan
10. Sakhalin-Kurilian
11. Hokkaidon Refugial areas
12. Manchu-Ussurian

Pacific-Palearctic Elements

12. Japanese
13. Korean
14. Sino-Pacific Refugial areas
15. Sino-Tibethian
16. Yunnan

Note: The Korean Refugial area belongs to Manchurian elements by DE LATTIN 1967.

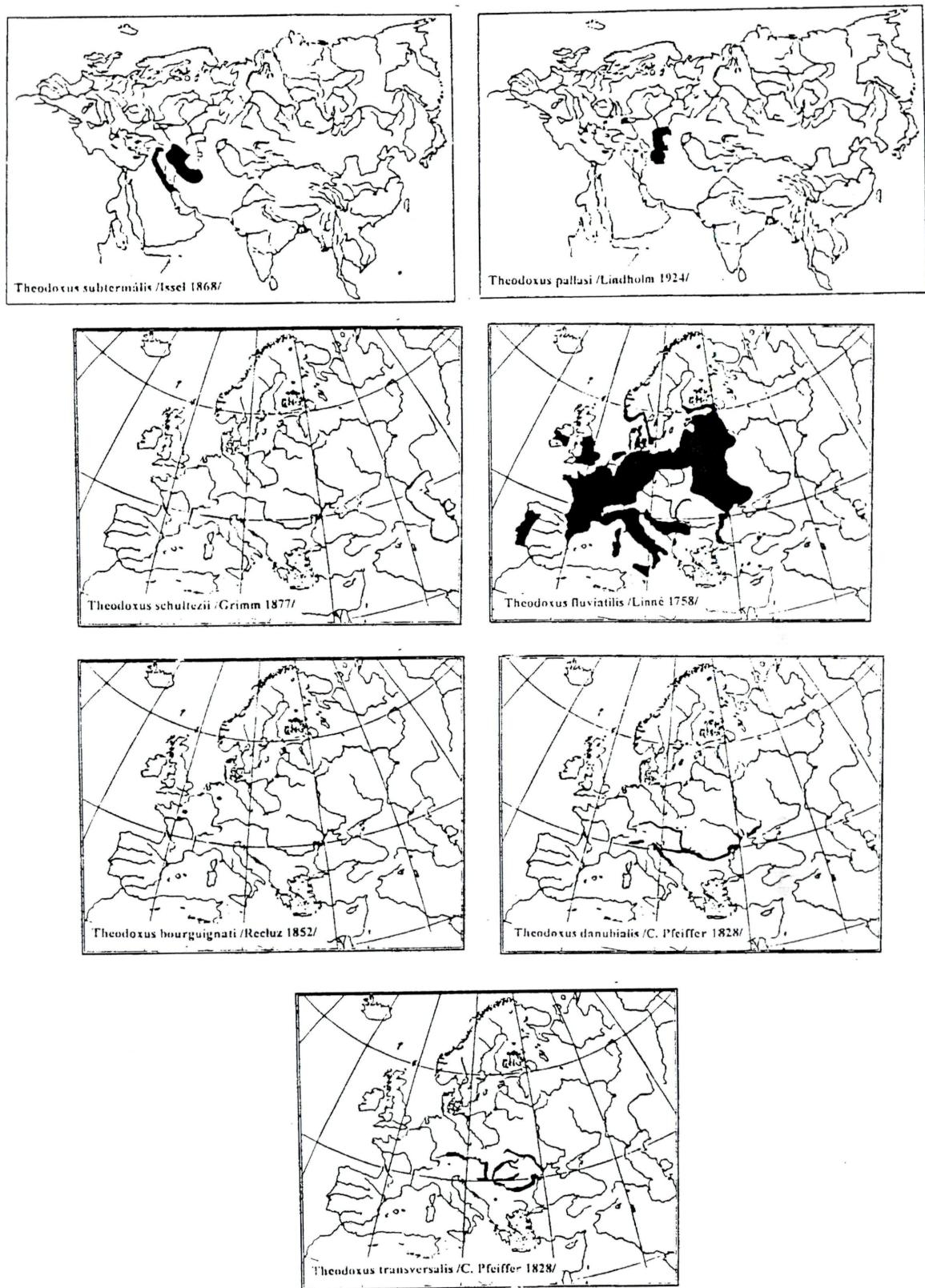


Fig. 2

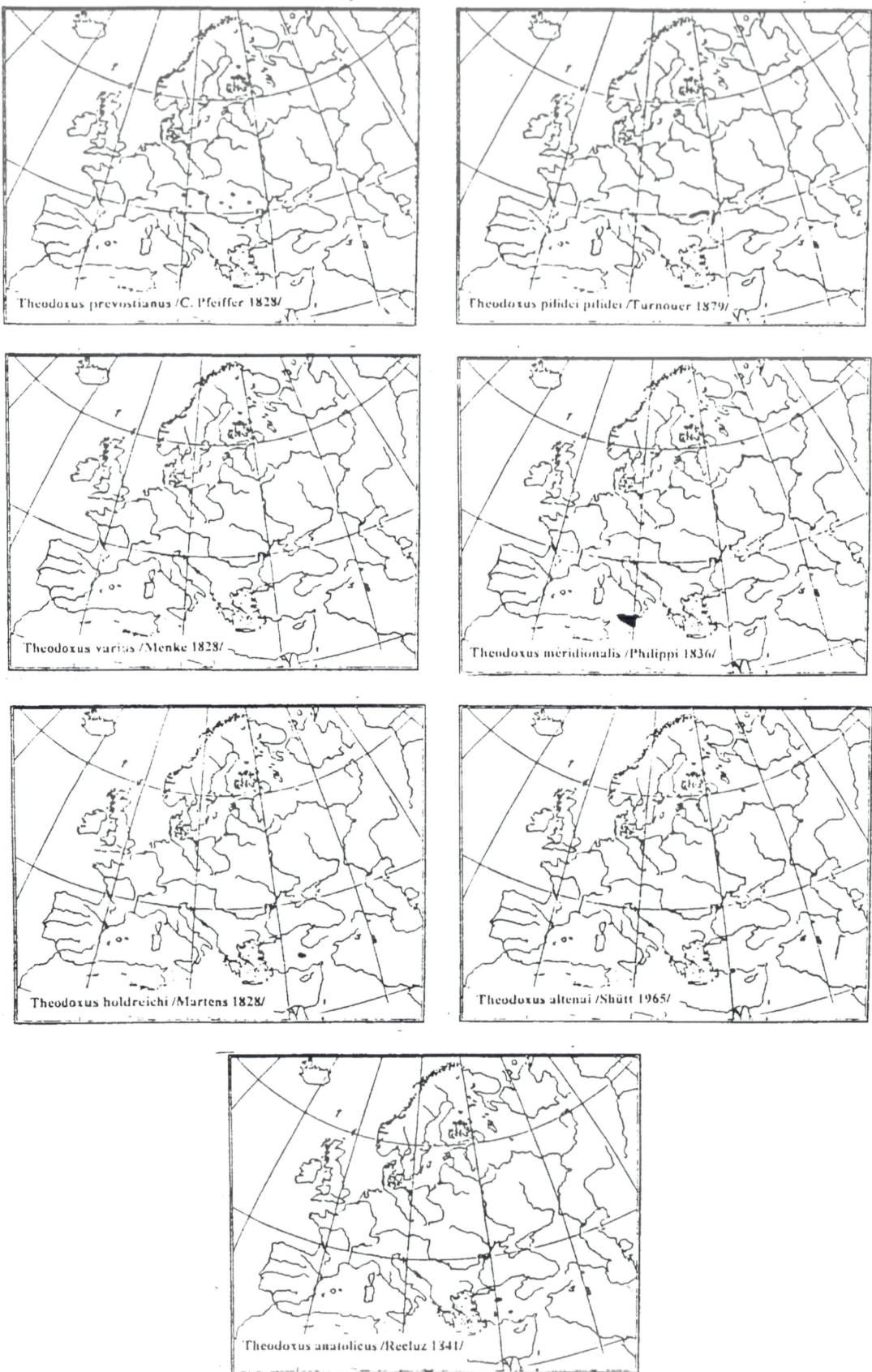


Fig. 3

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