

# Checklist for Ciliate Species (Protozoa, Ciliophora) Living in Turkish Inland Waters and Flooded Zones

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**Özet:** *Türkiye içsularında yaşayan Siliyat türleri (Protozoa, Ciliophora) için kontrol listesi.* Bu çalışmada lokal siliyat çalışmaları bir araya getirilmiştir. Sonuç olarak, 2 suphyllum ve 10 sınıfa ait toplam 164 takson listelenmiştir. Altı takson cins düzeyine kadar teşhis edilmiştir. Bu çalışma Lynn (2003)'e göre revize edilmiş olan ve yüksek taksonlardaki değişimleri kapsayan Türkiye'deki ilk listedir.

**Anahtar Kelimeler:** Tür listesi, İçsular, Taşkın zonu, Ciliophora, Protist.

**Abstract:** The local ciliate studies were gathered in order to prepare a check list for the ciliates living in Turkish inland waters. As a result, total of 164 taxa belonging to 11 classes and 2 subphylum were listed. Six of these taxa were identified up to genus level. This was the first list for Turkey which was prepared according to the revised classification of Lynn (2003) and involves the changes in higher categories.

**Key Words:** Species list, Inland waters, Inundate zones, Ciliophora, Protist.

## Introduction

Ciliates are the major and the most conspicuous group of eukaryotic unicellular organisms (Corliss, 1979) that occur in different kind of environments, wherever there are sufficient nutrients, moisture and appropriate microhabitats (Hattori, 1994).

They are basically found from the poles to the equator, in sea ice and in hot springs, in desert soils and tropical forest litter, and in small temporary ponds to the major oceans and flooded zones of the inland waters (Foissner 1995, 1997a, 1997b, 1998, 2000; Foissner et. al., 1999, 2002, 2004; Laybourn-Parry, 1992).

Many disciplines showed that ciliated protozoa are obvious components of many microhabitats (Fenchel, 1987; Laybourn-Parry, 1984). As a part of ecosystem they have a great importance in carbon fixation and nutrient cycling (Finlay et al., 1997).

Although living in different habitats and having such a great importance in carbon cycle, free-living ciliates are not studied in Turkey until late nineties.

The most detailed studies were performed by Şenler et al. (1998), Şenler and Yıldız (1998, 1999, 2004) who worked specially on rivers, small ponds and sewage treatment plants and by Çapar (1997, 2005, 2007a,b) on free living pond and wetland ciliates. The aim of this study is to report a checklist of non-parazitic ciliates living in turkish inland waters and inundate zones of these areas.

The past decades has been seen the presentations of several different systems of classification for the phylum Ciliophora (Corliss, 1979; Lynn and Small, 1988; 1997; Puytorac et al., 1994, Small and Lynn, 1985). This is the first list

for Turkish Ciliate Fauna that takes into consideration the classification according to Lynn 2003. This classification has a lot of differences at upper category levels comparison to Corliss, 1979; Lynn and Small, 1988; 1997; Puytorac et al., 1994, Small and Lynn, 1985. All these important differences are pointed out in the manuscript in order to prevent further probable mistakes.

**Phylum:** CILIOPHORA Doflein, 1901

**Subphylum:** POSTCILIODESMATOPHORA Gerassimova and Seravin, 1976

**Classis:** KARYORELICTEA Corliss, 1974

**Ordo:** Loxodida Jankowski, 1980

**Familia:** Loxodidae Bütschli, 1889

**Genus:** *Loxodes* Ehrenberg, 1833

*L. striatus* (Engelmann, 1862)

**Classis:** HETEROTRICHEA Stein, 1859

**Ordo:** Heterotrichida Stein, 1859

**Familia:** Blepharismidae Jankowski in Small and Lynn, 1985

**Genus:** *Blepharisma* Perty, 1849

*B. elangatum* Perty, 1852

*B. hyalinum* Perty, 1849

**Familia:** Spirostomidae Stein, 1867

**Genus:** *Spirostomum* Ehrenberg, 1833

*S. ambiguum* Ehrenberg, 1838

*S. minus* Roux, 1901

*S. teres* Stein, 1867

**Familia:** Stentoridae Carus, 1863

**Genus:** *Stentor* Oken, 1815

*S. coeruleus* (Palas, 1766)

*S. mulleri* (Bory St. Vincent, 1824)

- S. multiformis* (Müller, 1786)  
*S. polyformis* Johnson, 1893  
*S. polymorphus* (Müller, 1773)  
 Subphylum: INTRAMACRONUCLEATA Lynn, 1996  
 Classis: SPIROTRICHEA Bütschli, 1889  
 Subclassis: Hypotrichia Stein, 1859  
 Ordo: Euplotida Small and Lynn, 1985  
 Subordo: Euplotina Small and Lynn, 1985  
 Familia: Aspidiscidae Ehrenberg, 1838  
 Genus: **Aspidisca** Ehrenberg, 1830  
*A. cicada* (Müller, 1786)  
*A. lynceus* (Müller, 1773)  
 Familia: Euplotidae Ehrenberg, 1838  
 Genus: **Euplotes** Ehrenberg, 1830  
*E. aediculatus* Pierson, 1943  
*E. affinis* (Dujardin, 1841)  
*E. patella* (Müller, 1773)  
 Subclassis: Choreotrichia Small and Lynn, 1985  
 Ordo: Tintinnida Kofoid and Campbell, 1929  
 Familia: Codonellidae Kent, 1881  
 Genus: **Codonella** Haeckel, 1873  
*Codonella* sp.  
 Ordo: Choreotrichida Small and Lynn, 1985  
 Subordo: Strobilidiina Small and Lynn, 1985  
 Familia: Strobilidiidae Kahl in Doflein and Reichenow, 1929  
 Genus: **Strobilidium** Schewiakoff, 1893  
*S. caudatum* (Fromental, 1876)  
*S. humile* Penard, 1922  
 Subclassis: Stichotrichia Small and Lynn, 1985  
 Ordo: Stichotrichida Fauré-Fremiet, 1961  
 Familia: Amphisiellidae Jankowski, 1979  
 Genus: **Amphisiella** Gourret and Roeser, 1888  
*Amphisiella* sp.  
 Genus: **Hemiamphisiella** Foissner, 1988  
*H. granulifera* (Foissner, 1987)  
*H. muscorum* (Kahl, 1937)  
 Familia: Spirofilidae von Gelei, 1929  
 Genus: **Chaetospira** Lachmann, 1856  
*C. mülleri* (Lachmann, 1856)  
 Ordo: Sporadotrichina Fauré-Fremiet, 1961  
 Familia: Oxytrichidae Ehrenberg, 1838  
 Genus: **Cyrtohymena** Foissner, 1989  
*C. citrina* (Berger and Foissner, 1987)  
*C. inquieta* (Stokes, 1887)  
*C. tetracirrata* (Gellért, 1942)  
 Genus: **Histiculus** Corliss, 1960  
*H. vorax* (Stokes, 1891)  
 Genus: **Oxytricha** Bory de St. Vincent in Lamouroux, Bory de St. Vincent and Deslongchamps, 1824  
*O. fennica* Reuther, 1961  
*O. lanceolata* Shibuya, 1930  
*O. nauplia* Berger and Foissner, 1987  
*O. setigera* Stokes, 1891  
 Genus: **Sterkiella** Foissner, Blatterer, Berger and Kohmann, 1991  
*S. histriomuscorum* Foissner, Blatterer, Berger and Kohmann, 1991  
 Genus: **Stylonychia** Ehrenberg, 1830  
*S. mytilus* (Müller, 1773)  
*S. pustulata* (Müller, 1786)  
 Genus: **Tachysoma** (Stokes, 1887)  
*T. pellionellum* (Müller, 1773)  
 Genus: **Urosoma** (Kowalewski, 1882)  
*U. caudata* (Stokes, 1885)  
*U. emarginata* (Stokes, 1885)  
*U. similis* (Foissner, 1982)  
 Familia: Trachelostylidae Small and Lynn, 1985  
 Genus: **Gonostomum** Sterki, 1878  
*G. affine* (Stein, 1859)  
*G. kuehnelti* Foissner, 1987  
*G. strenuum* (Engelmann, 1862)  
 Genus: **Hemisincirra** Hemberger, 1984  
*H. muelleri* Foissner, 1986  
*H. octonucleata* Hemberger, 1985  
*H. rariseta* Foissner, Agahta and Berger, 2002  
 Genus: **Lamtostyla** Buitkamp, 1977  
*L. longa* (Hemberger, 1985)  
*L. perisincirra* (Hemberger, 1985)  
 Genus: **Terricirra** Berger and Foissner, 1989  
*T. matsusakai* Berger and Foissner, 1989  
 Genus: **Hemiurosoma** Foissner, Agatha and Berger, 2002  
*H. similis* Foissner, 1987  
 Genus: **Paragonostomum** Foissner, Agatha and Berger, 2002  
*P. caudatum* Foissner, Agatha and Berger, 2002  
 Genus: **Anatoliocirrus** Özbek and Foissner, 2002  
*A. capari* Özbek and Foissner, 2002  
 Ordo: Urostylida Jankowski, 1979  
 Familia: Urostylidae Bütschli, 1889  
 Genus: **Holosticha** Wrzesniowski, 1877  
*H. kessleri* (Wrzesniowski, 1877)  
*H. pullaster* (Müller, 1773)  
 Genus: **Uroleptus** Ehrenberg, 1831  
*U. piscis* (Müller, 1773)  
 Subclassis: Oligotrichia Bütschli, 1887  
 Ordo: Halteriida Petz and Foissner, 1992  
 Familia: Halteriidae Claparède and Lachmann, 1858  
 Genus: **Halteria** Dujardin, 1841  
*H. grandinella* (Müller, 1773)  
 Ordo: Strombidiida Petz and Foissner, 1992  
 Familia: Strombidiidae Fauré-Fremiet, 1970  
 Genus: **Strombidium** Claparède and Lachmann, 1859  
*S. viride* Stein, 1867  
**Incertae sedis** in Class SPIROTRICHEA  
 Classis: ARMOPHOREA Jankowski, 1964  
 Ordo: Armophorida Jankowski, 1964  
 Familia: Caenomorphidae Poche, 1913  
 Genus: **Caenomorpha** Perty, 1852  
*C. uniserialis* Levander, 1894  
 Genus: **Cirranter** Jankowski, 1964  
*C. mobilis* (Penard, 1922)  
 Familia: Metopidae Kahl, 1927

Genus: **Bothrostoma** Stokes, 1887

*B. undulans* Stokes, 1887

Genus: **Brachonella** Jankowski, 1964

*B. spiralis* (Smith, 1894)

Genus: **Metopus** Claparède and Lachmann, 1858

*M. es* (Müller, 1776)

*M. hasei* Sondheim, 1929

*M. minor* Kahl, 1927

*M. striatus* Mc Murrich, 1884

Classis: LITOSTOMATEA Small and Lynn, 1981

Subclassis: Haptoria Corliss, 1974

Ordo: Haptorida Corliss, 1974

Familia: Actinobolinidae Kahl, 1930

Genus: **Actinobolina** Strand, 1928

*A. radians* (Stein, 1867)

*A. vorax* (Wenrich, 1929)

Familia: Didiniidae Poche, 1913

Genus: **Didinium** Poche, 1913

*D. nasutum* (Müller, 1773)

Genus: **Monodinium** Fabre-Domergue, 1888

*M. balbiani* (Fabre-Domergue, 1888)

Familia: Homalozoonidae Jankowski, 1980

Genus: **Homalozoon** Stokes, 1890

*Homalozoon* sp.

Familia: Lacrymariidae de Fromentel, 1876

Genus: **Lacrymaria** Bory de St. Vincent, 1826

*L. olor* (Müller, 1789)

Familia: Pseudoholophryidae Berger, Foissner and Adam, 1984  
Genus: **Pseudoholophrya** Berger, Foissner and Adam, 1983

*P. terricola* Berger, Foissner and Adam, 1984

Familia: Spathidiidae Kahl in Doflein and Reichenow, 1929

Genus: **Protospathidium** Dragesco and Dragesco-Kernéis, 1979

*P. muscicola* Dragesco and Dragesco-Kernéis, 1979

Genus: **Spathidium** Dujardin, 1841

*S. muscicola* Kahl, 1930

*S. muscorum* Dragesco & Dragesco-Kernéis, 1979

*S. procerum* Kahl, 1930

*S. spathula* Müller, 1786

Familia: Tracheliidae Ehrenberg, 1838

Genus: **Dileptus** Dujardin, 1840

*D. mucronatus* Penard, 1922

Genus: **Trachelius** Schrank, 1803

*T. ovum* (Ehrenberg, 1831)

Familia: Trachelophyllidae Kent, 1882

Genus: **Enchelyodon** Claparède and Lachmann, 1859

*E. elegans* (Kahl, 1926)

*E. nodosa* Berger, Foissner and Adam, 1984

Genus: **Lagynophrya** Kahl, 1927

*L. acuminata* (Kahl, 1935)

Genus: **Trachelophyllum** Claparède and Lachmann, 1859

*T. apiculatum* (Perty, 1852)

*T. pusillum* Claparède and Lachmann, 1859

Ordo: Pleurostomatida Schewiakoff, 1896

Familia: Amphileptidae Bütschli, 1889

Genus: **Amphileptus** Ehrenberg, 1830

*A. pleurosigma* (Stokes, 1884)

Familia: Litonotidae Kent, 1882

Genus: **Acineria** Dujardin, 1841

*A. incurvata* Dujardin, 1841

*A. uncinata* Tucolesco, 1962

Genus: **Litonotus** Wresniowski, 1870

*L. carinatus* (Stokes, 1885)

*L. crystallinus* (Vuxanovici, 1960)

*L. cynus* (Müller, 1773)

*L. lamella* (Müller, 1773)

Genus: **Loxophyllum** Dujardin, 1841

*Loxophyllum* sp.

Classis: PHYLLOPHARYNGEA de Puytorac et al., 1974

Subclassis: Phyllopharyngia de Puytorac et al., 1974

Ordo: Chlamydodontida Deroux, 1976

Familia: Chilodonellidae Deroux, 1970

Genus: **Chilodonella** Strand, 1928

*C. uncinata* (Ehrenberg, 1838)

Genus: **Phascalodon** Stein, 1859

*P. vorticella* Stein, 1859

Genus: **Thigmogaster** Deroux, 1976

*T. oppositovacuolatus* Agustin and Foissner, 1989

Genus: **Trithigmotoma** Jankowski, 1967

*T. cucullus* (Müller, 1786)

*T. steinii* (Blochmann, 1895)

Ordo: Dysteriida Deroux, 1976

Familia: Dysteriidae Claparède and Lachmann, 1858

Genus: **Trochilia** Dujardin, 1841

*T. minuta* (Roux, 1901)

Subclassis: Suctoria Claparède and Lachmann, 1858

Ordo: Exogenida Collin, 1912

Familia: Podophryidae Haeckel, 1866

Genus: **Podophrya** Ehrenberg, 1838

*P. halophila* Kahl, 1934

Genus: **Sphaerophrya** Claparède and Lachmann, 1859

*S. magna* (Maupas, 1881)

Classis: NASSOPHOREA Small and Lynn, 1981

Ordo: Microthoracida Jankowski, 1967

Familia: Microthoracidae Wrzesniowski, 1870

Genus: **Drepanomonas** Fresenius, 1858

*D. pauciciliata* Foissner, 1987

Classis: COLPODEA Small and Lynn, 1981

Ordo: Bryometopida Foissner, 1985

Familia: Kreyellidae Foissner, 1979

Genus: **Kreyella** Kahl, 1931

*K. minuta* Foissner, 1979

Ordo: Colpodida de Puytorac et al., 1974

Familia: Colpodidae Bory de St. Vincent, 1826

Genus: **Colpoda** Müller, 1773

*C. cucullus* (Müller, 1773)

*C. inflata* (Stokes, 1884)

*C. magna* (Gruber, 1879)

*C. minima* (Alekperov, 1985)

*C. steinii* Maupas, 1883

Ordo: Cyrtolophosidida Foissner, 1978

Familia: Platyophryidae de Puytorac, Perez-Paniagua and Perez-Silva, 1979  
 Genus: **Platyophryides** Foissner, 1987  
*P. latus* (Kahl, 1930)  
 Classis: PROSTOMATEA Schewiakoff, 1896  
 Ordo: Prostomatida Schewiakoff, 1896  
 Familia: Apsikratidae Foissner, Berger and Kohmann, 1994  
 Genus: **Apsiktrata** Foissner, Berger and Kohmann, 1994  
*Apsiktrata* sp.  
 Ordo: Prorodontida Corliss, 1974  
 Familia: Colepidae Ehrenberg, 1838  
 Genus: **Coleps** Nitzsch, 1827  
*C. hirtus* (Müller, 1789)  
*C. nolandi* Kahl, 1930  
 Familia: Holophryidae Perty, 1852  
 Genus: **Holophrya** Ehrenberg, 1831  
*H. discolor* Ehrenberg, 1833  
 Familia: Lagynidae (Schutze, 1854)  
 Genus: **Lagynus** Quennerstedt, 1867  
*L. elegans* (Engelmann, 1862)  
 Familia: Urotrichidae Small and Lynn, 1985  
 Genus: **Urotricha** Claparède and Lachmann, 1859  
*U. globosa* Schewiakoff, 1892  
 Classis: PLAGIOPYLEA Small and Lynn, 1985  
 Ordo: Plagiopylida Small and Lynn, 1985  
 Familia: Plagiopylidae Schewiakoff, 1896  
 Genus: **Plagiopyla** Stein, 1860  
*P. nasuta* Stein, 1860  
 Familia: Trimyemidae Kahl, 1926  
 Genus: **Trimyema** Lackey, 1925  
*T. compressa* Lackey, 1925  
 Classis: OLIGOHYMENOPHOREA de Puytorac et al., 1974  
 Subclassis: Peniculia Fauré-Fremiet in Corliss, 1956  
 Ordo: Peniculida Fauré-Fremiet in Corliss, 1956  
 Subordo: Frontoniina Small and Lynn, 1985  
 Familia: Frontoniidae Kahl, 1926  
 Genus: **Disematostoma** Lauterborn, 1894  
*D. buetschlii* Lautern, 1894  
 Genus: **Frontonia** Ehrenberg, 1838  
*F. angutsa* Kahl, 1931  
*F. leucas* Ehrenberg, 1833  
 Familia: Lembadionidae Jankowski in Corliss, 1979  
 Genus: **Lembadion** Perty, 1849  
*L. lucens* (Maskell, 1887)  
 Subordo: Parameciina Jankowski in Small and Lynn, 1985  
 Familia: Parameciidae Dujardin, 1840  
 Genus: **Paramecium** O. F. Müller, 1773  
*P. aurelia-complex* (Ehrenberg, 1838)  
*P. bursaria* (Ehrenberg, 1831)  
*P. caudatum* Ehrenberg, 1833  
*P. putrinum* (Clapare and Lachmann, 1859)  
 Familia: Urocentridae Claparède and Lachmann, 1858  
 Genus: **Urocentrum** Nitzsch, 1827  
*U. turbo* (Müller, 1786)  
 Subclassis: Scuticociliatia Small, 1967  
 Ordo: Philasterida Small, 1967

Familia: Cinetochilidae Perty 1852  
 Genus: **Cinetochilum** Perty, 1849  
*C. margaritaceum* (Ehrenberg, 1830)  
 Familia: Loxocephalidae Jankowski, 1964  
 Genus: **Dexiotricha** Stokes, 1885  
*D. granulosa* (Kent, 1888)  
 Familia: Philasteridae Kahl, 1931  
 Genus: **Philasterides** Kahl, 1931  
*P. armatus* (Kahl, 1926)  
 Familia: Pseudocohnilembidae Evans and Thompson, 1964  
 Genus: **Pseudocohnilembus** Evans and Thompson, 1964  
*P. pusillus* (Quennerstedt, 1869)  
*P. putrinus* (Kahl, 1928)  
 Familia: Uronematidae Thompson, 1964  
 Genus: **Uronema** Dujardin, 1841  
*U. nigricans* (Müller, 1786)  
 Ordo: Pleuronematida Fauré-Fremiet in Corliss, 1956  
 Familia: Cyclidiidae Ehrenberg, 1838  
 Genus: **Cyclidium** Müller, 1786  
*C. glaucoma* Müller, 1773  
*C. heptatrichum* Schewiakoff, 1893  
*C. terricola* Kahl, 1931  
 Familia: Pleuronematidae Kent, 1881  
 Genus: **Pleuronema** Dujardin, 1836  
*P. coronatum* Kent, 1881  
 Subclass: Hymenostomatia Delage and Hérouard, 1896  
 Ordo: Hymenostomatida Delage and Hérouard, 1896  
 Subordo: Tetrahymenina Fauré-Fremiet in Corliss, 1956  
 Familia: Glaucomidæ Corliss, 1971  
 Genus: **Glaucoma** Ehrenberg, 1830  
*G. reniforme* (Schewiakof, 1892)  
*G. scintillans* (Ehrenberg, 1830)  
**Incertae sedis** in Family Glaucomidæ  
 Genus: **Dexiotrichides** Kahl, 1951  
*D. centralis* (Stokes, 1886)  
 Familia: Tetrahymenidae Corliss, 1952  
 Genus: **Tetrahymena** (Furgason, 1940)  
*T. pyriformis* Lwoff, 1947  
 Familia: Turaniellidae Didier, 1971  
 Genus: **Colpidium** Stein, 1860  
*C. colpoda* (Losana, 1829)  
*C. truncatum* Stokes, 1885  
 Genus: **Dexiostoma** Jankowski, 1967  
*D. camphyllum* (Stokes, 1886)  
 Subclassis: Peritrichia Stein, 1859  
 Ordo: Sessilida Kahl, 1933  
 Familia: Astylozoidae Kahl, 1935  
 Genus: **Astylozoon** Engelmann, 1862  
*A. fallax* Engelmann, 1862  
*A. faurei* Kahl, 1935  
 Familia: Epistylididae Kahl, 1933  
 Genus: **Epistylis** Ehrenberg, 1830  
*E. coronata* Nush, 1970  
*E. digialis* (Linneus, 1758)  
*E. entzii* Stiller, 1933  
*E. pilicalitis* Ehrenberg, 1838

*E. rotans* Svec, 1897  
**Familia: Operculariidae** Fauré-Fremiet in Corliss, 1979  
**Genus: Opercularia** Goldfuss, 1820  
*O. coarctata* (Claparede and Lachmann, 1858)  
*O. micridiscum* Fauré-Fremiet, 1904  
**Familia: Opisthnectidae** Foissner, 1976  
**Genus: Opisthnecta** Fauré-Fremiet, 1906  
*Opisthnecta* sp.  
**Familia: Vaginicolidae** de Fromentel, 1874  
**Genus: Cothurnia** Ehrenberg, 1831  
*C. annulata* Stokes, 1885  
*C. omulata* Stokes, 1885  
**Genus: Platycola** Kent, 1882  
*P. decumbens* (Ehrenberg, 1830)  
**Genus: Vaginicola** Lamarck, 1816  
*V. tincta* Ehrenberg, 1830  
**Familia: Vorticellidae** Ehrenberg, 1838  
**Genus: Carchesium** Ehrenberg, 1830  
*C. polypinum* (Linneus, 1758)  
**Genus: Parazoothamnium** Piesik, 1975  
*Parazoothamnium* sp.  
**Genus: Vorticella** Linnaeus, 1767  
*V. campanula* (Ehrenberg, 1831)  
*V. convallaria* (Linneus, 1758)  
*V. microstoma* Ehrenberg, 1830  
*V. natans* Faure-Fremiet, 1924  
*V. octava* Stokes, 1885  
*V. picta* (Ehrenberg, 1831)  
**Familia: Zoothamniidae** Sommer, 1951  
**Genus: Zoothamnium** Bory de St. Vincent, 1826  
*Z. pygmaeum* d'Udekem, 1862  
**Ordo: Mobilida** Kahl, 1933  
**Familia: Trichodinidae** Claus, 1874  
**Genus: Trichodina** Ehrenberg, 1830  
*T. pediculus* Ehrenberg, 1831

The overwhelming portion of the ciliates with the occurrence of a total of 164 taxa belong to three systematic assemblages as oligohymenohorans (%30.5), spirotrichids (% 26.7) and litosmatids (% 16.5) (Table 1).

Table 1. Taxonomic groups including species numbers and their percentages.

Subphylum	Class	Species number	%
Postciliodesmatophora	Karyorelictea	1	0.6
	Heterotrichea	10	6.1
Intramacronucleata	Spirotrichea	44	26.7
	Armophorea	8	4.9
	Litostomatea	27	16.5
	Phyllopharyngea	8	4.9
	Nassophorea	1	0.6
	Colpodea	7	4.3
	Prostomatea	6	3.6
	Plagiopylea	2	1.2
	Oligohymenophorea	50	30.5

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