Erratum - The freshwater diaptomid copepod fauna (Crustacea: Copepoda: Diaptomidae) of the Western Ghats of Maharashtra with notes on distribution, species richness and ecology

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ABSTRACT

This corrects the article entitled The freshwater diaptomid copepod fauna (Crustacea: Copepoda: Diaptomidae) of the Western Ghats of Maharashtra with notes on distribution, species richness and ecology' by the authors Mihir R. Kulkarni and Kalpana Pai, published with doi:10.4081/jlimnol.2015.1269. Two of the species reported were incorrectly identified in the earlier version, and the amendments with regard to their distribution and ecology are presented. We reported the occurrence of Megadiaptomus pseudohebes Ranga Reddy 1988, and Neodiaptomus intermedius Floßner, 1984 in the Western Ghats of Maharashtra in this article. However, it has been recently confirmed by critical examination and comparison with topotypic material that these are in fact new, hitherto undescribed species belonging to the genera Megadiaptomus Kiefer 1936, and Neodiaptomus Kiefer 1932, respectively. The formal description of these species is underway. As far as the data in this article are concerned, the species should be referred to as Megadiaptomus sp. and Neodiaptomus sp., respectively. This update should be noted with reference to the comments on the occurrence, distribution and ecology of these species mentioned in the article. The same applies to their mention in the Tables (1, 3) and Figures (1C, 2) as full binomial names or in the form of species codes 'Mpse' and 'Nint', respectively. This development does not affect any of the results or conclusions drawn from this study with the exception of distributional ranges of M. pseudohebes and N. intermedius sensu stricto.

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