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## 8. Crab-Infesting Bopyrid Isopods in the Philippines

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The bopyrid isopod is a marine parasite that is known to infect decapods such as crabs and shrimps. This parasite is unique in using crustaceans as both intermediate and definitive hosts. Bopyrid is diverse with 605 species, as reported by Williams and Boyko (2012)<sup>1</sup>, but may have increased its number at present. The highest diversity of bopyrids are within the North West Pacific, followed by the East Asian Sea and the Central Indian Oceans. Infestation of bopyrid causes negative effects on the morphology and reproductive capacity of decapod hosts.

Taxonomic research on bopyrid was well conducted in Japan among the Asian countries. Records was published as early as 1933 by carcinologist Prof. Sueo M. Shiino in the *Memoires of the College of Science, Kyoto Imperial University*, titled as *Bopyrids from Tanabe Bay* and produced five volumes from 1933 to 1939, not to mention his many separate taxonomic publications on bopyrid isopod<sup>2</sup>. In 2000, a preliminary check list of isopod crustaceans in Japan was published<sup>3</sup>, where 85 species of bopyrid species was listed.

Keponinae is a bopyrid subfamily that infest brachyuran crabs<sup>1, 4</sup>. This parasite is of great interest to the fishing industry because it inhibits the reproduction and body condition of crabs<sup>5, 6</sup>. In Japan, 14 species were known for this subfamily, but subsequently two species were added to the Japanese fauna<sup>4, 7</sup>. In the Philippines, bopyrid infesting brachyuran crab was first recorded by Prof. Harriet Richardson during the expedition of the U.S. Fisheries Steamer Albatross in the Philippine waters in 1907-1908<sup>8</sup>. Richardson collected ten species of bopyrid isopods, but only one species from the subfamily Keponinae was described to infest a true crab, the Xanthid crab. The subsequent publications for bopyrid isopod were recorded mostly from hosts Anomuran and shrimps. Until recently, Dela Cruz et al. (2020) recorded a parasitic isopod infecting a portunid crab collected in Manila Bay<sup>9</sup>. This recent publication added to the only record of a bopyrid isopod infecting brachyuran crab more than 100 years ago. A preliminary list of bopyrid isopods in the Philippines is given in Table 1. So far, 31 bopyrid species are known.

The Philippines is endowed with natural resources including the decopod crustaceans. A comprehensive checklist of Philippines decopods was published by Prof. Eulogio P. Estampador of The University of the Philippines in 1937 and updated the list in 1959<sup>10, 11</sup>. The listing includes 522 species belonging to 207 genera and 58 families. From this, about 307 species of brachyuran crabs were listed. Following this, many other taxonomic reports have been published on brachyuran crabs. Despite this diversity of crabs in the Philippines, studies on parasitic isopods have not received much attention. Considering the rich biodiversity of the country, the Philippines may have an abundant undescribed bopyrid isopod species.

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Table 1 List of bopyrid species in the Philippines

Bopyrid species	Host family	Host species	Philippine locality	Ref.
<b>Argeiinae</b>				
<i>Argeiopsis inhacae</i> Kensley, 1974	Stenopodidae	<i>Stenopus hispidus</i>	“Location unknown”	1)
<b>Bopyrinae</b>				
<i>Probopyrus ascendens</i> (Semper, 1880)	Palaemonidae	<i>Palaemon lar</i>	“Location unknown”	2)
<i>Parabopyrella</i> sp.	Lysmatidae	<i>Lysmata amboinensis</i>	“Location unknown”	3)
<b>Keponinae</b>				
<i>Allokepon monodi</i> (Bourdon, 1967)	Portunidae	<i>Portunus pelagicus</i>	Manila Bay	4)
<i>Cancricepon xanthi</i> (Richardson, 1910)	Xanthidae	<i>Phymodius unguulatus</i>	Lubang Island	5)
<b>Orbioninae</b>				
<i>Epipenaeon ingens ingens</i> Nobili, 1906	Penaeidae	<i>Penaeus semisulcatus</i>	Navotas Fishery Port*	6)
<i>Orbione halipori</i> Nierstrasz & Brender a Brandis, 1923	Solenoceridae	<i>Haliporoides sibogae</i>	Luzon Sea	7)
<i>Orbione thielemanni</i> Nierstrasz & Brender a Brandis, 1931	Penaeidae	<i>Penaeus semisulcatus</i>	Palawan	8)
<i>Parapeneon brevocoxalis</i> Bourdon, 1981	Penaeidae	<i>Penaeopsis rectacuta</i>	Cebu	8)
<i>Parapenaeon japonica</i> (Thielemann, 1910)	Penaeidae	<i>Metapenaeopsis velutinus</i>	Panay Island (Sibuyan Sea)	7)
<i>Parapenaeon secunda</i> Nierstrasz & Brender a Brandis, 1923	Penaeidae	<i>Metapenaeopsis palmensis</i>	Luzon Sea	7)
<i>Orbione bonnieri</i> Nobili, 1906	“Host unknown”		Tawi-Tawi	5)
<i>Orbione penei</i> Bonnier, 1900	“Host unknown”		Panay Island	5)

## Pseudioninae

<i>Aporobopyrina lamellata</i> Shiino, 1934	Porcellanidae	<i>Petrolisthes lamarckii</i>	Mindanao	9)
<i>Aporobopyrus galleonus</i> Williams & Madad, 2010	Porcellanidae	<i>Petrolisthes</i> sp	Mindoro (Puerto Galera)	10)
<i>Aporobopyrus retrorsa</i> (Richardson, 1910)	Munididae	<i>Munida andamanica</i>	Tablas Strait (Sibuyan Sea)	5)
		<i>Munida philippinensis</i>	Luzon Sea	11)
		<i>Munida kuboi</i>	Luzon Sea	11)
<i>Asymmetrione asymmetrica</i> (Shiino, 1933)	Calcinidae	<i>Calcinus minutus</i>	Batangas	12)
		<i>Clibanarius virescens</i>	Mindoro (Puerto Galera)	12)
		<i>Dardanus lagopodes</i>	“Location unknown”	12)
<i>Asymmetrione harmoniae</i> Williams, Boyko & Madad, 2019	Calcinidae	<i>Dardanus lagopodes</i>	Batangas; Cebu	12)
		<i>Dardanus megistos</i>	Bohol (Panglao Island)	12)
<i>Bopyrissa marami</i> Williams, Boyko & Madad, 2019	Calcinidae	<i>Calcinus gaimardii</i>	Puerto Galera; Cebu; Batangas	12)
		<i>Calcinus latens</i>	Batangas	12)
		<i>Calcinus minutus</i>	Mindoro (Puerto Galera)	12)
<i>Bopyrissa xiphidiostega</i> Williams, Boyko & Madad, 2019	Calcinidae	<i>Calcinus gaimardii</i>	Puerto Galera	12)
		<i>Calcinus minutus</i>	Batangas	12)
		<i>Dardanus lagopodes</i>	Cebu	12)
<i>Bopyrophryxus branchiabdrominalis</i> Codreanu, 1965	Parapaguridae	<i>Paragiopagurus acutus</i>	Mindoro	13)
<i>Eremitione clibanaricola</i> (Shiino, 1933)	Calcinidae	<i>Calcinus gaimardii</i>	Puerto Galera; Bataan	12)
		<i>Calcinus minutus</i>	Batangas	12)
<i>Munidion laterale</i> Richardson, 1910	“Galatheid”		(Davao Harbor) Dumalag Island	5)
	Munididae	<i>Paramunida scabra</i>	Luzon Sea	11)
<i>Pagurion tuberculata</i> Shiino, 1933	Calcinidae	<i>Dardanus lagopodes</i>	Batangas	12)
<i>Pleurocrypta macrocephala</i> Nierstrasz & Brender a Brandis, 1923	Porcellanidae	<i>Petrolisthes</i> sp	Mindoro (Puerto Galera)	10)
<i>Pleurocryptella laevis</i> (Richardson, 1910)	Munididae	<i>Agonida analoga</i>	Batangas (Malabrigo, Lobo)	11)
<i>Pseudione elongata elongata</i> (Hansen, 1897)	Nematocarcinidae	<i>Nematocarcinus</i> sp	Zamboanga	14)
<i>Pleurocryptella laevis</i> (Richardson, 1920)	“Host unknown”		Corregidor; Malabrigo	5)
<i>Pseudione fibriata</i> Richardson, 1910	“Host unknown”		Antique (Nogas Island, Sulu Sea)	5)
<i>Pseudione incerta</i> Richardson, 1910	“Host unknown”		Mindanao; Tagalo Light	5)
<i>Parione lamellata</i> Richardson, 1910	“Host unknown”		Bohol (Balicasag Island)	5)

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