

Fields Survey of Upstream Fish in Moei River, Salween Basin, Thailand and Myanmar

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Species diversity and distribution of upstream fish were studied in Moei River, Salween Basin, frontier of Thailand and Myanmar in January to June 2010. The study areas were separated into 3 types in accordance with ecosystem which were pool, riffle tributary stream and mainstream. The 5 order 8 family and 20 species of fishes were found. The mainstream shown most species diversity, eleven species of fishes were found e.g. Opsarius ornatus, Mystacoleucus argenteus, Puntius stoliczkanus, Neonoemacheilus labeosus, Acanthocobitis zonalternans, Acanthopsoides delphax, Lepidocephalichthys micropogon, Gagata cf. gasawyuh, Xenentodon cancila, Mastacembelus armatus, Parambassis vollmeri, Channa cf. gachua and Channa striata. The pools nine species of fishes were found e.g. Devario browni, M. argenteus, Puntius orphoides, Neolissochilus stracheyi, A. zonalternans, Schistura vinciguerrae, Nemacheilus cf. waltoni, Lepidocephalichthys berdmorei and M. armatus. The riffle tributary stream eight species of fishes were found e.g. O. ornatus, M. argenteus, P. stoliczkanus, Homaloptera bilineata, A. zonzlternans, X. cancila, M. armatus and P. vollmeri. The specimens from mainstream and riffle tributary stream are high similarity but the pool is low.

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