

Editorial Notes and Announcements

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New Fish Collection at the Kagoshima University Museum, Japan, with Change of Registration Code

The Kagoshima University Museum, located in the southern part of Kyushu Island, was established in 2001 as the seventh national university museum in Japan. Subsequently, the Kagoshima University, including the museum, turned into an “independent administrative institution” in 2004 as a result of the Japanese administrative reform plan. Although history of the museum is short, natural scientific and archaeological collections have steadily increased. The current biggest collection at the museum is of botanical dried specimens, mainly collected from Kyushu Island and the Ryukyu Islands, southern Japan, which number more than 170,000.

The first author (Ichthyology) was appointed as the fifth research staff member of the museum in November, 2005. Until 2005, about 8,000 fish specimens, mainly collected from Kagoshima waters, were donated to the museum from Faculty of Fisheries, Kagoshima University, but most specimens were not registered. Several fish specimens were already registered as part of the Kagoshima University Museum Vertebrate Collection (abbreviated as KAUM-VE) for publications (Table 1). Because the KAUM-VE collection has included recent and fossil mammals, reptiles, amphibians and fishes, and it is hard to manage such a large number of groups together, we decided to exclude fish specimens from KAUM-VE collection. The new code for fish collection is KAUM-I. (Kagoshima University Museum Ichthyology). Most fish specimens previously reported with a KAUM-VE number retain the original number, but change from VE to I. (Table 1).

In 2006, digitization of fish collection data began and we noticed that registration numbers (KAUM-VE 10, -VE 11 and -VE 12) for three paratypes of *Bregmaceros pseudolanceolatus* reported by Torii et al. (2004) were pre-occupied by three non-type specimens of *Bregmaceros japonicus* by Torii et al. (2003; redescription of *B. japonicus*).

Table 1. List of all specimens of the Kagoshima University Museum Fish Collection published before 2005, with previous and corresponding new registration numbers

Family	Species	Type	Publication	Published registration number	* New registration number
Gonostomatidae	<i>Sigmops longipinnis</i>	Non-type	Ozawa and Katayama (2003)	KAUM-VE 1	KAUM-I. 1
Gonostomatidae	<i>Sigmops longipinnis</i>	Non-type	Ozawa and Katayama (2003)	KAUM-VE 2	KAUM-I. 2
Gonostomatidae	<i>Sigmops longipinnis</i>	Non-type	Ozawa and Katayama (2003)	KAUM-VE 3	KAUM-I. 3
Gonostomatidae	<i>Sigmops longipinnis</i>	Non-type	Ozawa and Katayama (2003)	KAUM-VE 4	KAUM-I. 4
Salmonidae	<i>Oncorhynchus keta</i>	Non-type	Shinomiya et al. (2003)	KAUM-VE 5	KAUM-I. 5
Salmonidae	<i>Oncorhynchus keta</i>	Non-type	Shinomiya et al. (2003)	KAUM-VE 6	KAUM-I. 6
Salmonidae	<i>Oncorhynchus keta</i>	Non-type	Shinomiya et al. (2003)	KAUM-VE 7	KAUM-I. 7
Bregmacerotidae	<i>Bregmaceros japonicus</i>	Non-type	Torii et al. (2003)	KAUM-VE 8	KAUM-I. 8
Bregmacerotidae	<i>Bregmaceros japonicus</i>	Non-type	Torii et al. (2003)	KAUM-VE 9	KAUM-I. 9
Bregmacerotidae	<i>Bregmaceros japonicus</i>	Non-type	Torii et al. (2003)	KAUM-VE 10	KAUM-I. 51
Bregmacerotidae	<i>Bregmaceros japonicus</i>	Non-type	Torii et al. (2003)	KAUM-VE 11	KAUM-I. 49
Bregmacerotidae	<i>Bregmaceros japonicus</i>	Non-type	Torii et al. (2003)	KAUM-VE 12	KAUM-I. 50
Bregmacerotidae	<i>Bregmaceros pseudolanceolatus</i>	Paratype	Torii et al. (2004)	KAUM-VE 10	KAUM-I. 10
Bregmacerotidae	<i>Bregmaceros pseudolanceolatus</i>	Paratype	Torii et al. (2004)	KAUM-VE 11	KAUM-I. 11
Bregmacerotidae	<i>Bregmaceros pseudolanceolatus</i>	Paratype	Torii et al. (2004)	KAUM-VE 12	KAUM-I. 12
Bregmacerotidae	<i>Bregmaceros pseudolanceolatus</i>	Paratype	Torii et al. (2004)	KAUM-VE 13	KAUM-I. 13
Bregmacerotidae	<i>Bregmaceros pseudolanceolatus</i>	Paratype	Torii et al. (2004)	KAUM-VE 14	KAUM-I. 14
Gobiidae	<i>Rhinogobius</i> sp. YB	Non-type	Shinomiya et al. (2005)	KAUM-VE 8	KAUM-I. 808
Gobiidae	<i>Rhinogobius</i> sp. YB	Non-type	Shinomiya et al. (2005)	KAUM-VE 9	KAUM-I. 809
Gobiidae	<i>Rhinogobius</i> sp. YB	Non-type	Shinomiya et al. (2005)	KAUM-VE 10	KAUM-I. 810
Gobiidae	<i>Rhinogobius</i> sp. YB	Non-type	Shinomiya et al. (2005)	KAUM-VE 11	KAUM-I. 811

The type specimens retain the original numbers, and KAUM-VE 10, -VE 11 and -VE 12 of *B. japonicus* are herein re-registered as KAUM-I. 51, -I. 49 and -I. 50 respectively (Table 1). In addition, four specimens of *Rhinogobius* sp. YB (KAUM-VE 8, -VE 9, -VE 10 and -VE 11: preoccupied by *Bregmaceros* spp.) reported by Shinomiya et al. (2005) are also re-registered as KAUM-I. 808, -I. 809, -I. 810 and -I. 811 respectively (Table 1).

Since November 2005, color photographs of most fish specimens newly registered have been taken before formalin fixation, and registered in the Image Database of Fishes in KAUM.

The current fish collection is mainly made up of fishes collected from Kagoshima waters and also includes smaller collections of the Ryukyu Islands, Sea of Japan, and Cambodian freshwater fishes. Unfortunately, Ozawa's (formerly Faculty of Fisheries, Kagoshima University) important larval fish collection was disposed of in 2003. Recently, various Australian fish specimens have been donated to the museum from the Australian Museum Fish Collection, Sydney (AMS), Australian National Fish Collection at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation's Marine and Atmospheric Research laboratories in Hobart, Tasmania (CSIRO), Queensland Museum Fish Collection, Brisbane (QM), and Western Australian Museum Fish Collection, Perth (WAM). A variety of volunteers, including local fishermen, aquarium staff, university students, and general public, have actively worked together with the authors on management of the Kagoshima University

Museum Fish Collection. We welcome further donations of fish specimens and your loan requests. Contact: The Kagoshima University Museum, 1-21-30 Korimoto, Kagoshima 890-0065, Japan (Shigeko Fukumoto, shigeko@kaum.kagoshima-u.ac.jp, in Japanese only; Hiroyuki Motomura, motomura@kaum.kagoshima-u.ac.jp, in English/Japanese).

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