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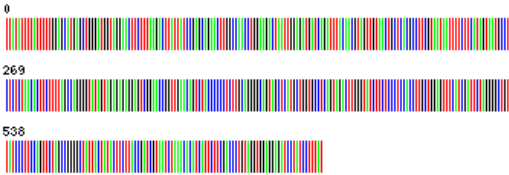
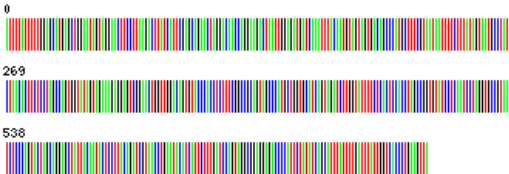
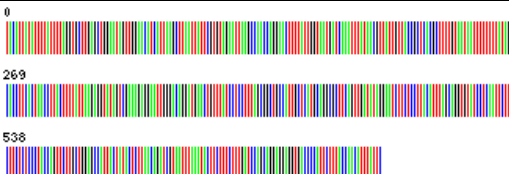

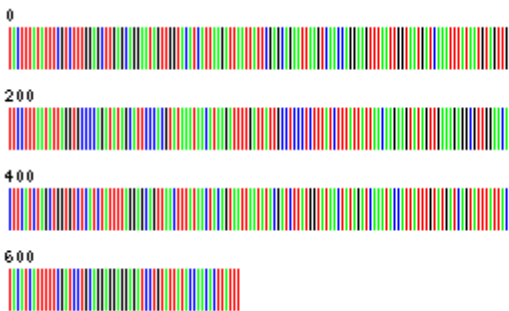
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| S.No. | Specimen Name                      | Authors   | BIN Number               | Date       | Barcode   |
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| 1.    | <i>Panulirus polyphagus</i>        | Tyni Joice Raj, T.G., Shyla Suganthi, A., and Teeni Janet Raj, T.G. | BOLD: AAX2557            | 03/03/2021 |    |
| 2.    | <i>Panulirus versicolor</i>        | Tyni Joice Raj, T.G., Shyla Suganthi, A., and Teeni Janet Raj, T.G. | BOLD: AAD3352            | 03/03/2021 |    |
| 3.    | <i>Oziotelphusa bowvieri</i>       | Teeni Janet Raj, T.G., Shyla Suganthi, A. and Tyni Joice Raj, T.G.  | BOLD: ACB4571            | 05/07/2021 |    |
| 4.    | <i>Oziotelphusa parakkai</i>       | Teeni Janet Raj, T.G., Shyla Suganthi, A. and Tyni Joice Raj, T.G.  | Process ID: SDP678008-21 | 03/07/2021 |   |
| 5.    | <i>Pseudosesarma kadiapattinam</i> | Teeni Janet Raj, T.G., Shyla Suganthi, A. and Tyni Joice Raj, T.G.  | Process ID: SDP678005-21 | 24/03/2021 |  |





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## A new species of freshwater crab of the Genus *Oziotelphusa* Muller, 1887 from Tamil Nadu, India (Brachyura: Gecarcinucidae)

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### ABSTRACT

A new species of freshwater crab of the genus *Oziotelphusa* Muller, 1887, is described from a lake in Tamil Nadu, southern India. *Oziotelphusa parakkai* sp. is recognized as a new species based on a unique combination of characters of the abdomen, carapace, chelipeds, and first gonopods.

**Key words :** *Oziotelphusa*, *Gecarcinucidae*, *Brachyura*, *Crustaceans*, *Paratelphusa*, *Taxonomy*.

### Introduction

Until recently little attention had been paid to the freshwater crabs of India (*Potamidae* and *Gecarcinucidae*), there has been an upsurge of interest in this group and a number of workers are now active in this field with the result that the number of species is increasing rapidly (Raghavan *et al.*, 2015; Kumar *et al.*, 2017; Pati *et al.*, 2017; Smrithy Raj *et al.*, 2017). Despite this increased effort, there is still a lot of species awaiting discovery.

Species of the gecarcinucid *Oziotelphusa* Müller, (1887) are generally found in rice fields, river embankments and streams in the low lying areas of Sri Lanka and southern India (Bahir and Yeo, 2005; Pati & Sharma, 2012). *Oziotelphusa* is found in both Sri Lanka (*O. hippocastanum*, *O. ceylonensis*, *O. minneriyansis*, *O. stricta*) and southern India (*O. aurantia*, *O. bouvieri*) (Ng and Tay, 2001). The present

study describes a new species of this genus (*O. parakkai* sp. nov.) from Parakkai, Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu, India.

### Materials and Methods

Freshwater crabs (*Oziotelphusa parakkai* sp. nov.) were collected by hand at night from the channel near Lake Parakkai, Nagercoil, Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu, in southern India. This species hides in its burrow during day time. Live crabs were photographed and others were preserved in 70% ethanol and were either dissected or used for morphometric and molecular analyses. Specimens were deposited in Zoological Survey of India, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The terminology and measurements for the morphological study followed Cumberlidge (1999), Ng (1998), Ng and Tay (2001) and Bahir and Yeo (2007). Carapace Width (CW) and Carapace

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## A new species of freshwater crab of the genus *Oziotelphusa* Müller, 1887 (Crustacea: Decapoda: Brachyura: Gecarcinucidae) from Tamil Nadu, southern India

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### Abstract

A new species of gecarcinucid freshwater crab of the genus *Oziotelphusa* Müller, 1887, is described from stationary or slow-flowing bodies of water in Keeriparai near Nagercoil, in the state of Tamil Nadu in southern India. *Oziotelphusa ravi*, **new species**, is distinguished from its congeners by several distinct characters: the median tooth of the posterior margin of epistome forms a distinct bilobed tip in frontal view, the male pleonal somite 6 is narrowly trapezoidal and slightly wider than long with the lateral margins concave, the terminal segment of the male first gonopod is distinctly bent laterally (along the longitudinal axis) at an angle of about 45°, and the proximal part of the outer margin of the subterminal segment of the male first gonopod has a prominent deep concavity.

**Key words:** Taxonomy, new freshwater crab, Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu, rice fields

### Introduction

Freshwater crabs (Potamidae and Gecarcinucidae) are among the more poorly studied groups of animals because of their secretive habits. Although many new studies have been published and numerous new taxa described in recent years, the number of undiscovered new species is still high due to the paucity of surveys carried out on freshwater crabs in the many habitats in India (Bahir & Yeo 2007; Raghavan *et al.* 2015; Kumar *et al.* 2017; Pati *et al.* 2017).

Gecarcinucid species of *Oziotelphusa* Müller, 1887, are generally rice field crabs and are widely distributed along the low lying areas of Sri Lanka and India (Bahir & Yeo 2005; Pati & Sharma 2012). Seven species of *Oziotelphusa* are known thus far from India (Pati *et al.* 2012). The present paper deals with a new species of *Oziotelphusa* recently collected from Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu state, southern India.

### Material and methods

Methods of measurement and anatomical terminology follow Ng (1998), Ng & Tay (2001) and Davie *et al.* (2015). The size of the specimens (in millimetres) refers to carapace width and length, respectively. The specimens are deposited in Western Ghats Regional Centre, Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Calicut, Kerala; museum collections of the Department of Aquatic Biology and Fisheries, University of Kerala (DABFUK), India; and the Zoological Reference Collection (ZRC) of the Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum, National University of Singapore. The abbreviations G1 and G2 are used for the male first and second gonopods, respectively.

