The blood sucking on human by Placobdella costata (O. F. Müller, 1846) (Hirudinida: Glossiphoniidae) - case study with notes on body form

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Abstract

Abstract: 1. In our paper four events of blood sucking on human by Placobdella costata were described. 2. Human blood was sucked by both adults and juvenile specimens of P. costata. 3. The feeding strategies of juveniles under parental care are presented. 4. New data of juvenile specimens body form are presented. 5. Information on the potential role of mammals in species dispersion and habitat preferences of leeches are under consideration.

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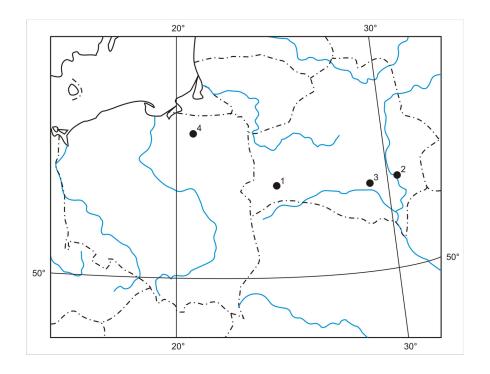
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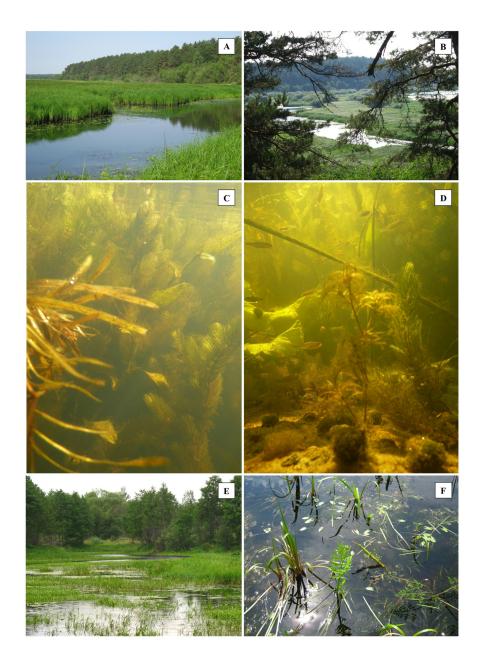
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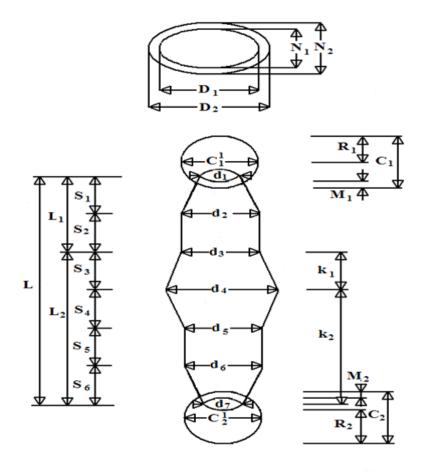
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