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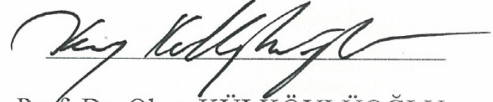
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ABSTRACT

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During this study, 36 ostracod taxa (22 living and 14 sub-recent) were randomly collected with 4155 individuals from 81 sites in Karabük region (4,145 km²) in 26 – 28 July 2012. All taxa are new reports for the region. First two axes of Canonical Correspondence Analysis (CCA) displayed 73.4% of the total inertia (6.245) of the relationship between species and environmental variables. Among the species, *Heterocypris incongruens*, *H. salina*, *Ilyocypris bradyi* and *Psychrodromus olivaceus* were found as the most frequently occurring species. When *H. incongruens* showed relatively higher optimum and tolerance values more than the mean values of 14 species analyzed, others showed species-specific tolerance and optimum levels. Majority of the species were mostly found from 50 troughs followed by stream, ditch, springs, ponds, lake and cave water. Results suggest that although troughs are artificial, they can provide suitable habitats for

ostracods. However, converting natural water sources to troughs will eventually lower the species quality and diversity.

In contrast, total of 30 ostracod taxa (19 living and 11 sub-recent) with 2738 individuals were randomly collected from 81 sites in Düzce region (2573 km²) in 21-24 September, 2012. out of the individuals collected 16 species are new reports for Düzce region. First two axes of Canonical Correspondence Analysis (CCA) displayed 74% of the total inertia (5.488) for the relationship between species and environmental variables. Among the species *H.salina*, *I.bradyi*, *C.neglecta*, *P.olivaceus* were found as the most frequently occurring species when the last three species were also common in Karabük.

During comparative analyses, two critical hypotheses were tested which includes: (i) numbers of species are equally distributed at the same altitudinal ranges in Düzce and Karabük that altitude alone does not effect species distribution, and (ii) no difference found in the means numbers of species between the two regions. Results showed that there was no significant difference (means numbers of species between two region) in the diversity and change in the numbers of species within the corresponding altitudinal ranges.

Keywords: Ostracoda, distribution, tolerance, optimum, cosmopolitan, diversity, Karabük, Düzce.

ÖZET

DÜZCE VE KARABÜK (TÜRKİYE) BÖLGESİNDEKİ OSTRAKODA (CRUSTACEA) ÇEŞİTLİLİĞİNİN KARŞILAŞTIRMALI ANALİZİ VE EKOLOJİK ÖZELLİKLERİNİN BELİRLENMESİ

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Karabük bölgesinde 36 takson toplanmıştır bunların 22 tanesi canlı form, 14'ü ise güncel kabuk formundadır. Toplam 81 istasyondan 4155 birey toplanmıştır, Karabük bölgesi 4,145 km² yüz ölçümüne sahiptir. Arazi çalışması 26-28 Temmuz 2012 tarihleri aralığında yapılmıştır. Türlerin hepsi Karabük bölgesi için yeni kayıttır. Çok Yönlü Bağlantılı Uyum Analizi (CCA) nde ilk iki eksenle türler ve çevresel değişkenler arasındaki ilişkiyi %73.4, toplam varyans ise (6.245) olarak açıklamıştır. Tüm türler arasında *Heterocypris incongruens*, *H. salina*, *Ilyocypris bradyi* and *Psychrodromus olivaceus*, en sık görülen türlerdir. *H. incongruens* 14 tür arasında en yüksek optimum ve tolerans seviyesine sahip olan türdür. Diğerleri ise sadece belli çevresel değişkenliklere karşı optimum ve tolerans seviyeleri değişmektedir. Yalaktan diğer değişik sucul ortamlarına göre daha çok örnekleme

yapılmıştır. Yalak sayısı 50 kadardır ve bunu dere, küçük su yolu, kaynak, su birikintisi, göl ve mağara suyu takip etmektedir.

Düzce’de 21-24 Eylül 2012 tarihleri arasında 81 istasyondan 2738 birey, 19 ü canlı 11 kabuk formu olmak üzere toplamda 30 takson kaydedilmiştir. Düzce ili 2573 km² yüz ölçümüne sahiptir. Daha önce yapılmış olan çalışmalarda 7 takson ve 3 tür kaydedilmiştir. Bunlar *Candona* sp., *Ilyocypris* sp., *Pseudocandona* sp., *Candona neglecta*, *Psychrodromus* sp., *Ilyocypris bradyi*, *I. inermis*. Diğer 16 tür ise Düzce için yeni kayıttır. Çok Yönlü Bağlantılı Uyum Analizi (CCA) nde ilk iki eksen türler ve çevresel değişkenler arasındaki ilişkiyi %74.0, toplam varyans ise 5.488 olarak açıklamıştır. Türler arasında *Psychrodromus olivaceus*, *Heterocypris salina*, *Ilyocypris bradyi*, *Candona neglecta* olmak üzere en sık görülen türlerdir. Örneklemelerin yükseklikleri 7-1295 m arasındadır. Ancak, bizim görüşümüz yüksekliğin türlerin dağılımı üzerindeki etkisi ikinci planda yer almaktadır.

İki bölge için 2 hipotez bulunmaktadır. Bunlar; (i) türler aynı yükseklik aralıklarında dağılımları eşittir (ii) Karabük ve Düzce deki ortalama tür sayısı arasında farklılık yoktur. Sonuçlar iki bölge arasındaki çeşitlilik olarak birbirinden farklı olduklarını ortaya koymaktadır. Bu çalışma ilerdeki yapılacak çalışmalar için bir ön taslak niteliği taşımaktadır.

Keywords: Ostrakod, Dağılım, Optimum, tolerans, Çeşitlilik, Karabük, Düzce.

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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Ostracoda

Ostracoda was first described by O.F. Müller in 1776. The name ‘Ostracoda’ comes from Greek word ‘Ostrakon’ which means ‘shell’. Ostracods are small (0.3-5mm) aquatic invertebrate crustaceans but some marine ostracods are about 30mm long (Meisch 2000). Ostracods can live in different aquatic bodies ranging from hot springs (Külköylüoğlu et al., 2003) to very cold waters (Delorme, 1991) in a widegeographical range (Külköylüoğlu et al., 2010). They have bivalved shell formed from calcium carbonate. They are known to be the oldest microfossil animals, and also are known as bioindicator species (Curry, 1999). Their carapace and valves have been used for paleolimnological and paleoclimatic studies in the aquatic ecosystem because ostracods help to understand past history of environment by means of using their carapace. They are also known as a popular model organisms for research on the evolution of reproductive modes (Martens, 1998a) and as proxies for climate and ecosystem changes (Holmes et al., 2002). If ostracods habitat preference and tolerance levels of individual species are known, their future habitat conditions can be estimated (Külköylüoğlu et al., 1998; Mezquita et al., 1999; Külköylüoğlu, 1999).

Ostracoda belongs to the Phylum Arthropoda and Subphylum Crustacea. They evolved from Cambrian age and were reported in the Devonian time. Ostracoda

has two subclasses; Podocopa and Myodocopa (Horne et al., 2002). There are three orders of Ostracoda: Myodocopa, Platycopida and Podocopida (Meisch, 2000). Podocopa includes three orders as Podocopida, Platycopida and Palaecopida (Horne, 2003). Species while Podocopida include freshwater, brackish and some marine species. The freshwater ostracods have three subfamilies which are Cypridoidea, Cytheroidea and Darwinuloidea (Meisch, 2000).

General Morphology of Ostracoda

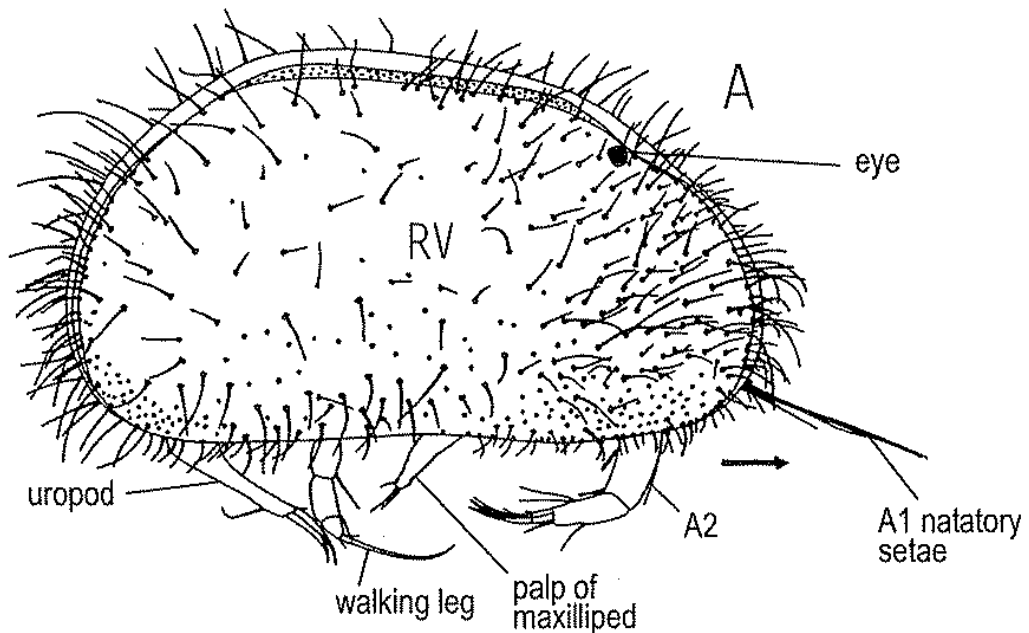


Figure 1. Ostracod example seen from lateral view of the right valve (RV) (Meisch 2000). (A1: first antenna, A2: second antenna).

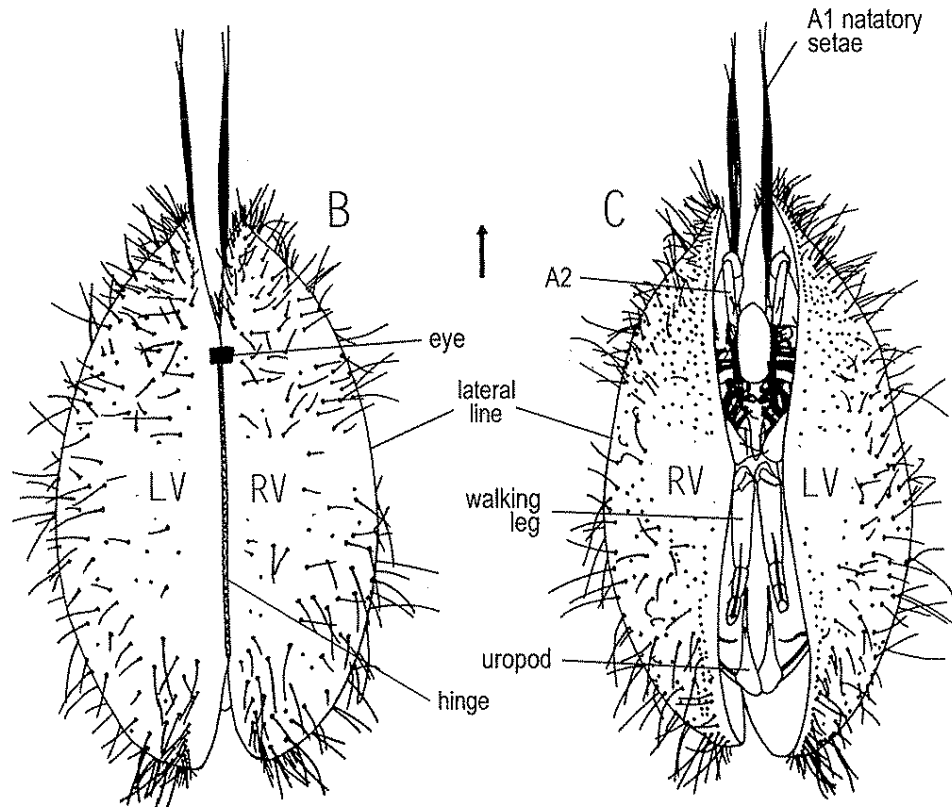


Figure 2. Ostracod example seen from dorsal and ventral view (Meisch 2000). (LV: Left valve, RV: Right valve, A1: first antenna, A2: Second antenna).

The ostracod body (Fig. 1) is enclosed between two calcified valves that are connected in the dorsal part with simple chitinous or complex calcite nonslip locking device (hinge) (Fig. 2). The carapace is an important part of the ostracod anatomy because it protects the animal from predators and provides stability for the benthic way of life. Ostracod's soft parts are protected within the valves, sometimes some parts can be out of valves such as the uropodal rami, walking and cleaning legs, first and second antenna. The valves are controlled by complex mechanisms of central adductor muscles that muscles scars are one of the tools to be used for species identification (Martens, 1998). Ostracod have two different eyes; one compound eyes situated in Myodocopida and 'nauplius' eyes are known in the Podocopida, Platycopida, Palaeocopida and Halocyprida (Kesling, 1951).

Some of the appendages found in ostracods are antennule (A1), antennae (A2), the mandibles (Md), Maxillule (Mx1), first thoracopod (T1), second thoracopod (T2), third thoracopod (T3), limbs and furca (uropod) (Meisch 2000; Martens 2003). However, both carapace and soft body parts are critically used during taxonomic description.

Ecology

Ostracods can live in nearly all aquatic habitats such as marine and non-marine habitats. Marine habitats included fluctuating salinities in water, non-marine habitats include freshwater habitats, brackishwater habitats, and groundwater habitats. Freshwater habitats can be permanent or temporary, limnetic or with increased ionic content, epigeal or hypogean, stagnant or flowing (Meisch, 2000). Thus, species are found in a variety of habitats such as lakes (pelagic and littoral zones benthic zones), lakelets, ponds, springs, creeks, streams, troughs, cave waters, ditches, irrigation canals, hot springs, waterfalls, dams. They are rarely found in semi-terrestrial environments such as the species *Scottia pseudobrownia* (Veugf, 1971).

Ostracods have different types of nutrition. Some are predators, herbivores, omnivores or detritivores. Some cytheroid ostracods are found to be symbionts, commensal or ectoparasites on the appendages of hypogean Isopoda, Decapoda (Hobbs and Peters, 1977).

Ostracod distribution can be active by swimming or walking and/or passive (e.g., by human activities, natural events (rain, wind), animal activities (like birds, fishes, cows and others)). Both types of movement provide their wide spread distribution all over the world.

Hypotheses of the study

1) H1: There is no difference in the (alpha) species diversity of ostracods in particular habitats of Düzce and Karabük regions.

Rationality: Some of the earlier studies (Külköylüoğlu et al. 2004) displayed similar ostracod species diversities at the local (alpha) diversity level. Such similarities may depend on several factors but can put insight into understanding of overall species diversity. Since Karabük and Düzce regions have geographical and ecological similarities, one may assume that species diversity would be similar. Although types of sampling sites are similar in both regions, comparison of species diversity in particular habitats (e.g., springs, troughs) will provide to see alpha values. Whatever the answer is it will bring out possibilities of comparison of these two regions.

2) H2: There is no difference in the gamma species diversity of ostracod species between Düzce and Karabük.

Rationality: Some of the earlier studies done at the higher e.g., regional gamma species diversity (Külköylüoğlu et al. 2012) levels displayed similar ostracod diversities. As known, gamma diversity, theoretically, includes bigger sampling sites. Therefore, I would like to make the first comparison of gamma diversities between these two regions (i.e. Karabük and Düzce). Finding gamma diversities can also help to understand beta diversity in two regions. Such conclusion can help to understand the levels of dis/similarities.

Aims of this study

The aims of this study are to (1) contribute to the knowledge on the Ostracoda fauna of Karabük and Düzce, (2) estimate ecological tolerance and optimum values of species to different ecological variables, (3) determine the most effective environmental variable(s) on species distribution and (4) compare three levels of (alpha,beta and gamma diversity) of species diversities between the sites.

CHAPTER II

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Site Description

The fieldwork in the towns of the two regions (Akçakoca, Yığılca, Kaynaşlı, Gölyaka, Gümüşova, Cumayeri, Çilimli and Merkez) of Düzce (Figure 3) and (Eflani, Safranbolu, Ovacık, Eskipazar, Yenice and Merkez) of Karabük (Figure 4)). was done in randomly selected 162 different sites with 13 different aquatic bodies (lakes, lakelets, ponds, springs, creeks, streams, troughs, cave water, ditches, canals, hot springs, waterfall, dams).

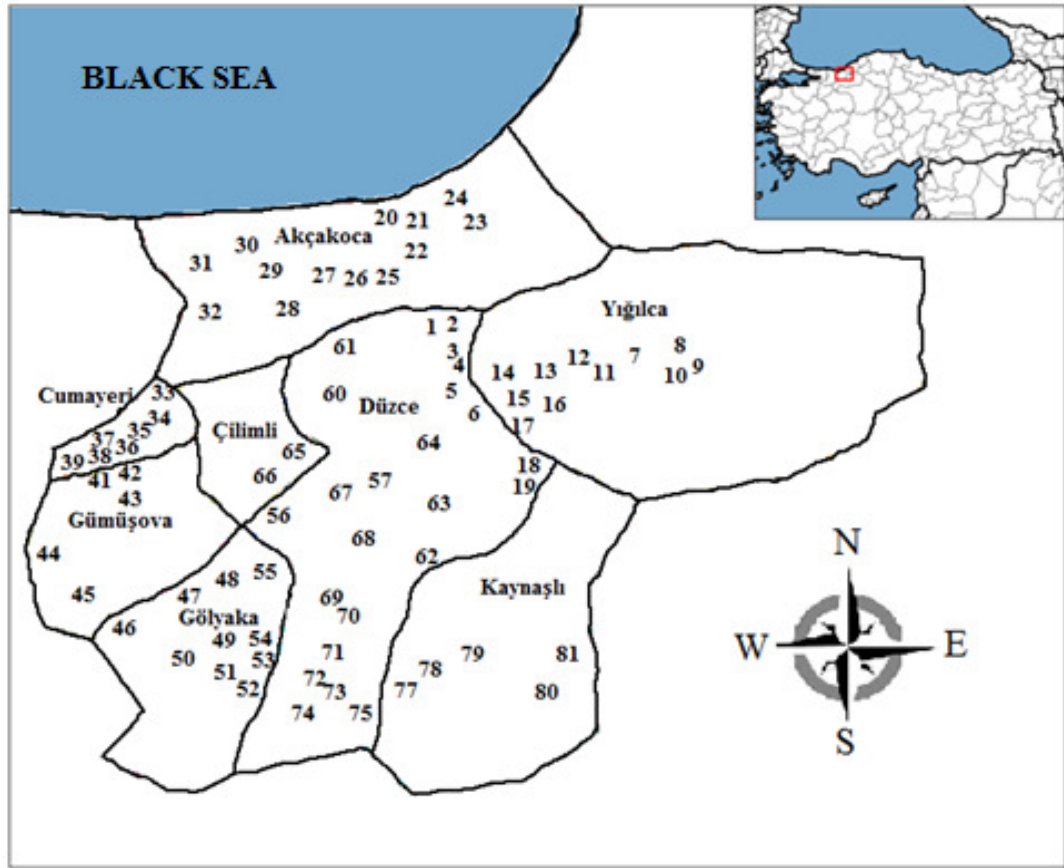


Figure 3. The map illustrates 81 stations in Düzce.

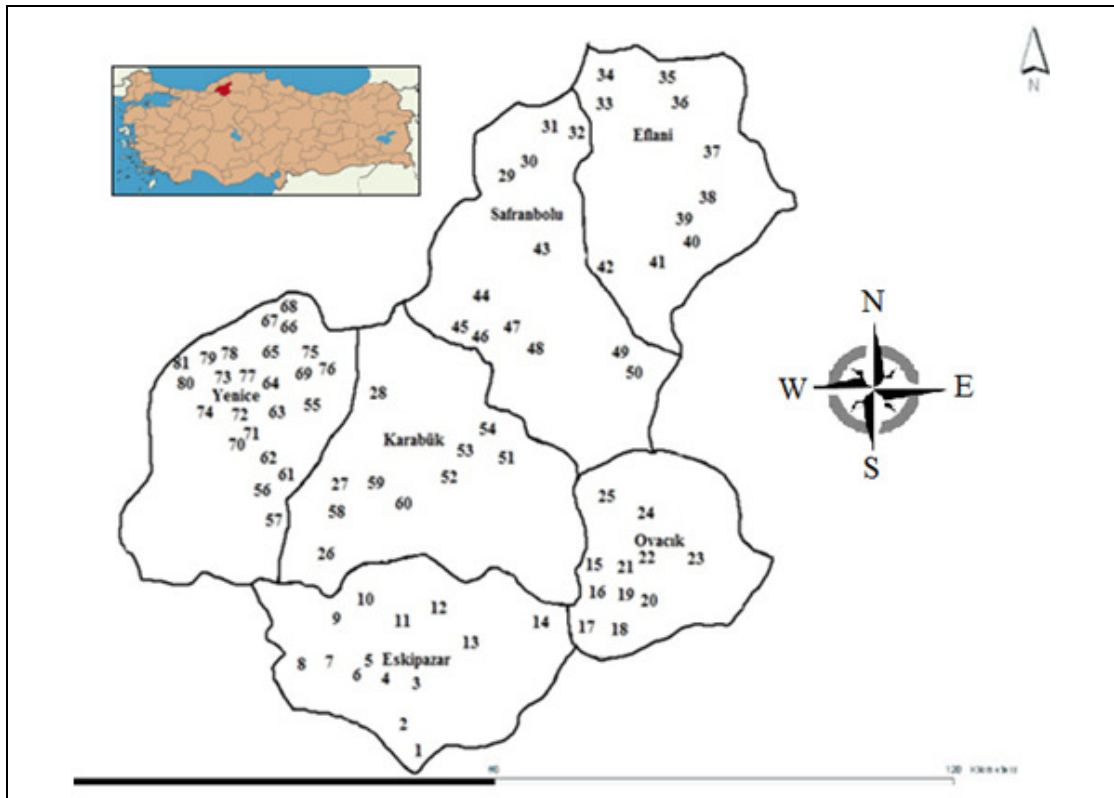


Figure 4. The map illustrates 81 stations in Karabük.

Methodology

Samples were collected on 26th – 28th July 2012 and 21th-24th September 2012 from Karabük and Düzce, respectively. Eleven ecological variables (i.e. pH, water temperature (°C), air temperature (°C), altitude (m), electrical conductivity (µS/cm), specific conductivity (µS/cm), moisture (%), Atmospheric Pressure (mmHg), salinity (ppt), total dissolved solids (mg/l), dissolved oxygen (mg/l) were measured in each site. Moisture, air temperature and wind values were measured with Testo 410-2 model of anemometer. Geographical positioning system (Garmin GPS 45 XL) was used to record altitudes and coordinates. All other variables were measured in situ by YSI Professional Plus.

Ostracod samples were collected with a standard hand net and fixed in 70% ethanol and kept in 250ml plastic jars. In the laboratory, samples were separated with sieves of different mesh sizes of 0.25mm, 1.00mm, 1.50mm. All samples were washed again and fixed in 70% ethanol prior to further analysis. Samples were separated under the Olympus ACH IX stereomicroscope and sorted into sample bottles and later fixed in 70% ethanol. Body parts and carapaces were used for taxonomic identification. Olympus BX – 51 was used for dissecting of body parts and slide preparation of each parts was preserved. Identification of ostracod into species was carried out by using taxonomic keys of Meisch (2000) and Karanovic (2012).

Statistical Analyses

C2 program (Juggins 2003) was used to measure tolerance and optimum values of 12 species for the five most influential ecological variables (pH, water temperature, dissolved oxygen, specific conductivity, SHE) in Karabük and five

variables (pH, dissolved oxygen, electrical conductivity, water temperature and atmospheric pressure) for 11 species in Düzce.

Canonical Correspondence Analyses (CCA) (after DCA) with Monte Carlo Permutation (499) test (data was log (e) transformed and rare species were downloaded) to explain relationship between ecological variables and species (Ter Braak and Barendregt, 1986).

Species Diversity and Richness program version 4.2 (Seaby and Henderson 2006) was used to compare species richness and diversity between Karabük and Düzce.

Alpha, Beta and Gamma Diversity

There are three levels of species diversity measures (alpha, beta and gamma diversity). Alpha, beta and gamma diversity was defined by Whittaker in 1972. Alpha diversity or within habitat diversity, is known as by the number of species found in a certain area (Whittaker, 1972). Accordingly, habitat's size diversity could be change because there will be more space for more species (Külköylüoğlu, 2012).

Beta diversity (species turnover) between habitat diversity was used for comparison of diversity among ecosystem; and generally expressed as the differences between the areas compared.

Gamma diversity which is the total diversity according to (Hunter, 2002) was also used as the diversity of the entire landscape. It was considered as composite of both alpha and beta diversity (Peet, 1974). Although the application of these diversity types are not common in ostracods Külköylüoğlu et al., (2012) suggested good possibility of using the diversity indices to compare between Düzce and Karabük region.

Unweighted Pair Group Mean Averages (UPGMA) was used to show relationship among species of Karabük and Düzce area. The UPGMA analyses were formed with Multi - Variate Statistical Package (MVSP) version 3.1 (Kovach 1998).

Nonparametric method of Pearson Correlation Analyses was used to display correlations among ecological variables in both area Karabük and Düzce (SPSS version 11.0).

CHAPTER III

RESULTS

Taxonomy

Total of 50 taxa from 41 genera were reported at 148 of 162 different sampling sites in both regions (Düzce and Karabük). All species belong to three families: Candonidae, Ilyocyprididae and Cyprididae.

Taxonomy:

PYHLUM: ARTHROPODA Latreille, 1806

SUBPHYLUM: CRUSTACEA Pennat, 1777

CLASS: OSTRACODA Latreille, 1806

SUBCLASS: PODOCOPA Müller, 1894

ORDER: PODOCOPIDA Sars, 1866

Suborder Podocopina Sars, 1866

Infraorder Cypridocopina Jones, 1901

Düzce

In Düzce, 30 taxa were reported from 73 of 81 different aquatic habitats, habitat types like (troughs, streams, cave water, springs, ponds, lakelets, lakes, creeks) (Table 1).

Superfamily Cypridoidea Baird, 1845

Family Candonidae Kaufmann, 1900

Subfamily Candoninae Kaufmann, 1900

Genus *Candona* Baird, 1845

Candona neglecta Sars, 1887

Candona candida (O.F. Müller, 1776)

Genus *Pseudocandona* Kaufmann, 1900

Pseudocandona sp.

Subfamily Cyclocypridinae Kaufmann, 1900

Genus *Cypria* Zenker, 1854

Cypria ophtalmica (Jurine, 1820)

Cypria sp.

Genus *Cyclocypris* Brady&Norman, 1889

Cyclocypris leavis (O.F. Müller, 1776)

Family Ilyocyprididae Kaufmann, 1900

Subfamily Ilyocypridinae Kaufmann, 1900

Genus *Ilyocypris* Brady&Norman, 1989

Ilyocypris bradyi Sars, 1890

Ilyocypris decipiens Masi, 1905

Ilyocypris inermis Kaufmann, 1900

Ilyocypris monstifica (Norman, 1862)

Ilyocypris sp.

Family Cyprididae Baird, 1845

Subfamily Cypridinae Baird, 1845

Genus *Cypris* O.F. Müller, 1776

Cypris pubera O.F. Müller, 1776

Cypris sp.

Subfamily Eucypridinae Bronshtein, 1947

Genus *Tonnacypris* Diebel & Pietrzeniuk, 1975

Tonnacypris lutaria (Koch, 1838)

Subfamily Herpetocypridinae Kaufmann, 1900

Genus *Psychrodromus* Danielopol & Mc Kenzie, 1977

Psychrodromus olivaceus (Brady & Norman, 1899)

Psychrodromus sp.

Subfamily Cyprinotinae Bronshtein, 1947

Genus *Heterocypris* Claus, 1892

Heterocypris incongruens (Ramdohr, 1808)

Heterocypris salina (Brady, 1868)

Heterocypris sp.

Subfamily Cypridopsinae Kaufmann, 1900

Genus *Cypridopsis* Brady, 1867

Cypridopsis vidua (O.F. Müller, 1776)

Cypridopsis sp.

Genus *Potamocypris* Brady, 1870

Potamocypris arcuata (Sars, 1903)

Potamocypris similis O. F. Müller, 1912

Potamocypris variegata (Brady & Norman, 1889)

Potamocypris sp.

Superfamily Cytheroidea Baird, 1850

Family Limnocytheridae Klie, 1938

Subfamily Limnocytherinae Klie, 1938

Genus *Limnocythere* Brady, 1867

Limnocythere sp.

Table 1. Shows the species diversity of 10 different aquatic bodies in Düzce. Abbreviations; Cc: *Candona candida*, Cn: *C. neglecta*, Cd: *Candona* sp., Cv: *Cypridopsis vidua*, Cp: *Cypridopsis* sp., Co: *Cypria ophtalmica*, Cs: *C. sywulae*, Cp: *Cypris pubera*, Cy: *Cypris* sp., Cl: *Cyclocypris laevis*, Ds: *Dolerocypris sinensis*, Ib: *Ilyocypris bradyi*, Id: *I. decipiens*, Ii: *I. inermis*, Im: *I. monstifica*, Ic: *Ilyocypris* sp., Lc: *Limnocythere* sp., Hi: *Heterocypris incongruens*, Hs: *H. salina*, Hc: *Heterocypris* sp., Pa: *Potamocypris arcuata*, Ps: *P. similis*, Pv: *P. variegata*, Po: *Psychrodromus olivaceus*, Py: *Psychrodromus* sp., Pc: *Pseudocandona* sp., Tl: *Tonnacypris lutaria*.

Habitats	Numbers of Stations	Species
Trough	17	Po, Hs, Pa, Cv, Pv, Ps, Hi, Cn, Pc, Py, Cy, Pm
Stream	26	Po, Hs, Ps, Ib, Hi, Ii, Cn, Ic, Cd, Py, Pm, Cp
Puddle	7	Po, Pl, Hs, Id, Im, Ic, Hc, Py
Waterfall	7	Ps, Ic, Cd, Hc, Pm
Lake	4	Cv, Cc, Cp, Cs
Pond	5	Hi, Tl, Cl
Cave	2	-
Spring	7	Po, Ps, Ds, Ib, Hi, Cc, Cn, Pc, Hc, Py
Creek	1	-
Water canal	4	Cp

The species diversity of streams and troughs (12 species in each) were higher than spring (9 species) and puddles (8 species). While species diversity of waterfalls (5 species), lakes (4 species), ponds (3 species) and water channels (1 species) were relatively low respectively. (see Table 1).

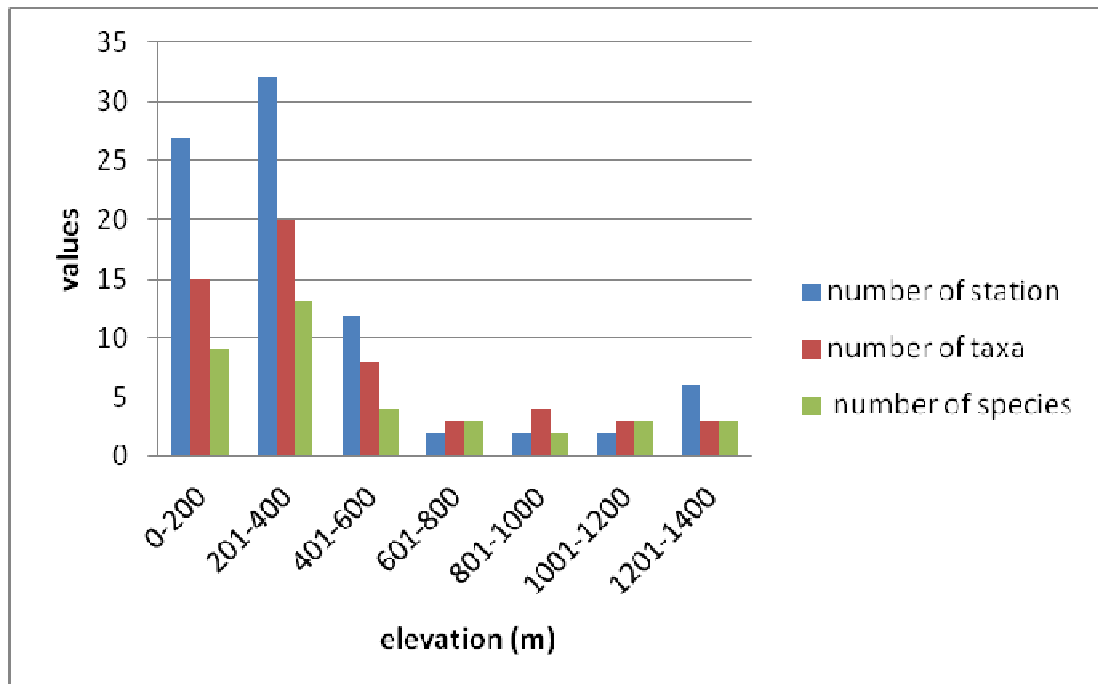


Figure 5. Number of species, taxa and stations within 200 m of altitudinal range.

The highest numbers of species (13 species) was found the range of 201-400 m.a.s.l with highest sampling sites than others such as 27 and 8 sites in 0-200m of range. The number of species between 401-1400 m a.s.l. was not statistically different from others (e.g.,3 species in 601-800 m a.s.l., 2 species in 801-1000 m, 3 species in 1201-1400 m) while number of sampling stations were different at the range of 401-600 m (12 sites) and 1201-1400 m a.s.l. (6 sites). The number of species and taxa recorded between 401-1400 m.a.s.l were not significantly different. (Figure5).

Table 2. Optimum and tolerance values of 11 species to 5 different variables. Abbreviations; DO: Dissolved oxygen, EC: Electrical conductivity, Tw: water temperature, Alt: Altitude, PO: *Psychrodromus olivaceus*, HS: *Heterocypris salina*, HI: *H. incongruens*, CV: *Cypridopsis vidua*, PS: *Potamocypris similis*, IB: *Ilyocypris bradyi*, II: *I. inermis*, CC: *Candona candida*, CN: *C. neglecta*, CL: *C. lactea*, CLA: *C. laevis*.

				pH		DO		EC		Tw		Alt	
Name	Count	Max	N2	Opt	Tol	Opt	Tol	Opt	Tol	Opt	Tol	Opt	Tol
PO	13	155	4.02	7.94	0.18	7.62	1.16	505	132	16.5	1.87	252	311
HS	9	200	4.11	8	0.12	7.89	1.01	590	192	17.1	2.44	222	167
CV	2	82	1.02	7.95	0.08	7.06	0.64	649	5.44	20.8	1.34	344	68
PS	6	188	1.57	8.51	0.34	8.87	1.3	230	224	21.6	4.73	218	355
IB	5	110	2.93	8.23	0.23	9.6	1.67	496	214	13.6	1.98	291	378
HI	8	125	2.51	7.95	0.26	6.76	2.83	538	186	14	1.76	415	362
II	4	13	3.8	8.24	0.14	9.72	0.73	454	101	13.4	2.45	423	415
CC	2	81	1.68	8	0.62	7.22	6.51	359	177	14.5	2.9	533	413
CN	3	325	1.06	7.66	0.4	8.25	0.65	358	33.3	14.7	1.06	1101	332
CL	2	83	2	7.21	0.16	1.01	1.05	435	183	19.6	1.84	1270	311
CLA	2	100	1.35	7.13	0.16	0.51	1.05	523	183	20.5	1.84	1270	311
			mean	7.89	0.24	6.77	1.69	467	148.24	16.93	2.20	576.2	311.1
			min	7.13	0.08	0.51	0.64	230	5.44	13.4	1.06	218	68
			max	8.51	0.62	9.72	6.51	649	224	21.6	4.73	1270	415

The results of table 2 shows that all the five variables are important for the survival of all the eleven species and each species have different tolerance level and optimum level for each parameters.

Table 3. The summary table of Canonical Correspondence Analysis (CCA).*Represents the results of Detrended Correspondence Analysis (DCA). 11 species with 5 variables from 33 sites.

Axes	1	2	3	4	Total inertia
Eigenvalues :	0.782	0.368	0.200	0.110	5.488
Lengths of gradient* :	9.452	3.199	2.520	2.371	
Species-environment correlations :	0.921	0.729	0.545	0.447	
Cumulative percentage variance of species data :	14.3	21.0	24.6	26.6	
of species-environment relation:	50.3	74.0	86.9	93.9	
Sum of all eigenvalues	5.488				
Sum of all canonical eigenvalues	1.554				

18 The value of 74.0 and variables of 5.488 in axes two recorded for the CCA diagram and table 3 shows a good species environmental relationship in 5 five variables in selected 33 sites.

The second axes of CCA explained 74% relationships between species and environmental variables (Table 3). The diagram of CCA shows that the most effective factor was water temperature (Tw) ($P=0.010$; $F=2.45$) on species followed by altitude (Alt) ($P=0.0020$; $F=3.58$), pH ($P=0.0020$; $F=3.55$), dissolved oxygen ($P=0.0020$; $F=3.74$) and electrical conductivity (EC) ($P=0.2780$; $F=1.26$). The species *P. olivaceus*, *I. bradyi*, *I. inermis*, *H. incongruens*, *C. candida* and *C. neglecta* are located on the opposite site of water temperature while *C. vidua*, and *P. similis* and *H. salina*, are at the same site with dissolved oxygen, water temperature, electrical conductivity and pH (Figure 6).

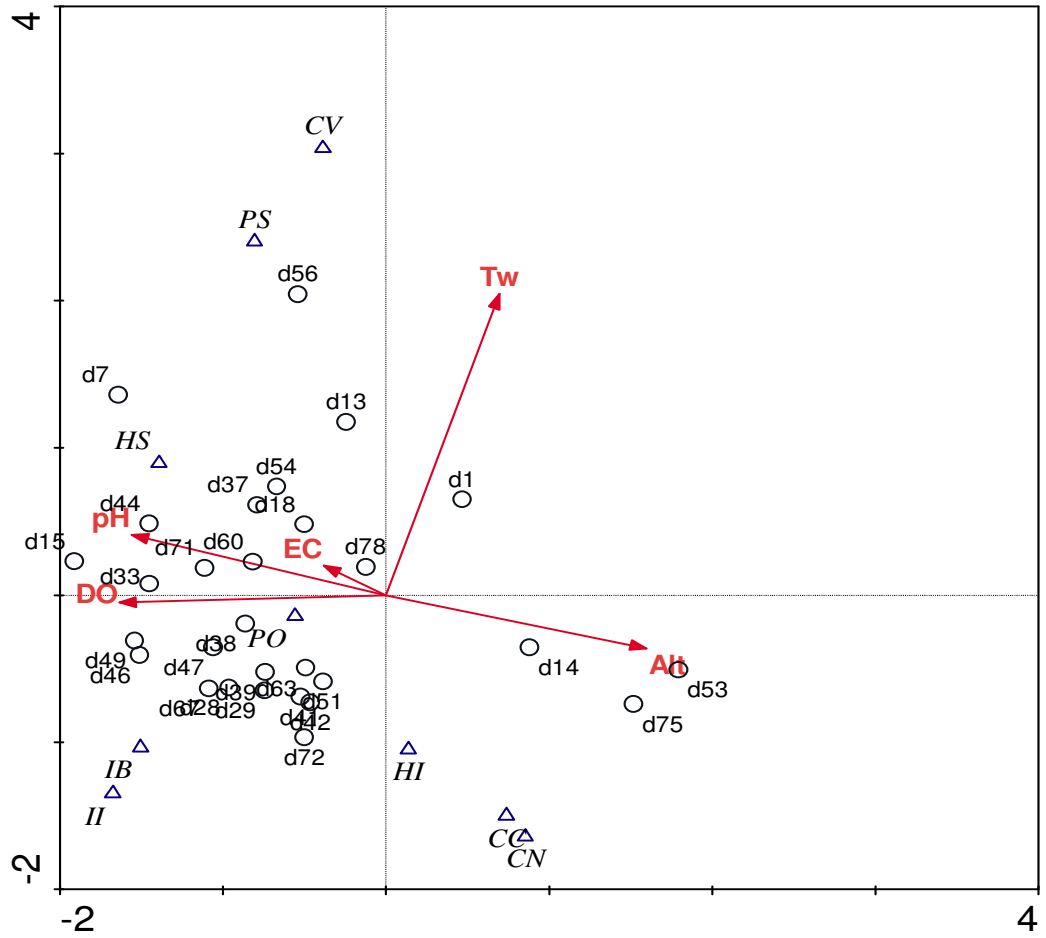


Figure 6. Canonical Correspondence Analysis (CCA) shows the relationship between 11 species and 5 environmental variables in Düzce. Abbreviations: CN: *Candona neglecta* CC: *C.candida* CV; *Cypridopsis vidua* HI: *Heterocypris incongruens*, HS: *Heterocypris salina*, IB: *Ilyocypris brady*, II: *I. inermis*, PS: *Potamocypris similis*.

Karabük

In Karabük, 36 taxa were reported from 75 of 81 different aquatic habitats, habitat types like (trough, stream, puddle, waterfall, lake, pond, cave, spring, creek, water canal) (Table 4).

Superfamily Cypridoidea Baird, 1845

Family Candonidae Kaufmann, 1900

Subfamily Candoninae Kaufmann, 1900

Genus *Candona* Baird, 1845

Candona improvisa Ostermeyer, 1937

Candona neglecta Sars, 1887

Candona sp.

Genus *Fabaeformiscandona* Krstic, 1972

Fabaeformiscandona sp.

Genus *Schellencandona* Meisch, 1996

Schellencandona sp.

Genus *Pseudocandona* Kaufmann, 1900

Pseudocandona albicans (Brady, 1864)

Pseudocandona sp.

Family Ilyocyprididae Kaufmann, 1900

Subfamily Ilyocypridinae Kaufmann, 1900

Genus *Ilyocypris* Brady&Norman, 1989

Family Ilyocyprididae Kaufmann, 1900

Subfamily Ilyocypridinae Kaufmann, 1900

Genus *Ilyocypris* Brady&Norman, 1989

Ilyocypris bradyi Sars, 1890

Ilyocypris decipiens Masi, 1905

Ilyocypris inermis Kaufmann, 1900

Ilyocypris sp.

Family Cyprididae Baird, 1845

Subfamily Cypridinae Baird, 1845

Genus *Cypris* O.F. Müller, 1776

Cypris sp.

Subfamily Eucypridinae Bronshtein, 1947

Genus *Eucypris* Vavra, 1891

Eucypris pigra (Fischer, 1851)

Eucypris sp.

Genus *Prionocypris* Brady&Norman, 1896

Prionocypris sp.

Subfamily Herpetocypridinae Kaufmann, 1900

Genus *Herpetocypris* Brady&Norman, 1889

Herpetocypris brevicaudata Kaufmann, 1900

Herpetocypris chevreuxi (Sars, 1896)

Herpetocypris sp.

Genus *Psychrodromus* Danielopol&Mc Kenzie, 1977

Psychrodromus olivaceus(Brady & Norman, 1889)

Psychrodromus fontinalis(Wolf, 1920)

Psychrodromus sp.

Subfamily Cyprinotinae Bronshtein, 1947

Genus *Heterocypris* Claus, 1982

Heterocypris incongruens (Ramdohr, 1808)

Heterocypris reptans (Kaufmann, 1900)

Heterocypris salina(Brady, 1868)

Heterocypris sp.

Subfamily Cypridopsinae Kaufmann, 1900

Genus *Cypridopsis* Brady, 1867

Cypridopsis vidua(O.F. Müller, 1776)

Cypridopsis sp.

Genus *Potamocypris* Brady, 1870

Potamocypris fallax Fox, 1967

Potamocypris similis G.W. Müller, 1912

Potamocypris smaragdina (Vávra, 1891)

Potamocypris pallida Alm, 1914

Potamocypris variegata (Brady & Norman, 1889)

Potamocypris villosa (Jurine, 1820)

Potamocypris sp.

Superfamily Cytheroidea Baird, 1850

Family Limnocytheridae Klie, 1938

Subfamily Limnocytherinae Klie, 1938

Genus *Limnocythere* Brady, 1867

Limnocythere inopinata (Baird, 1843)

Limnocythere sp.

Table 4. It shows species diversity of 8 different aquatic bodies in Karabük. Some abbreviations are used for species are given as Ci: *Candona improvisa*, Cn: *C. neglecta*, Cd: *Candona* sp., Cv: *Cypridopsis vidua*, Cp: *Cypridopsis* sp., Cy: *Cypris* sp., Ec: *Eucypris* sp., Ep: *Eucypris* sp., Fc: *Fabaeformiscandona* sp., .Ib: *Ilyocypris bradyi*, Id: *I. decipiens*, Ii: *I. inermis*, Ic: *Ilyocypris* sp., Li: *Limnocythere inopinata*, Lc: *Limnocythere* sp., Hc: *Herpetocypris chevreuxi*, Hc: *Herpetocypris* sp., Hb: *Herpetocypris brauicaudata*, Hi: *Heterocypris incongruens*, Hs: *H. salina*, Hr: *H. reptans*, Hc: *Heterocypris* sp., Ps: *Potamocypris similis*, Pfa: *P. fallax*, Pp: *P. pallida*, Ps: *P. smaragdina*, Pv: *P. variegata*, Pv: *Potamocypris villosa*, Pm: *Potamocypris* sp., Pc: *Pseudocandona* sp., *Psychrodromus olivaceus* (Po), *Psychrodromus fontinalis* (Pf), Py: *Psychrodromus* sp., Pa: *Pseudocandona albicans*, Pc: *Pseudocandona* sp., Pz: *Prionocypris zenkeri*, Sc: *Schellencandona* sp.

Habitats	Numbers of stations	Species
Trough	50	Hi, Hs, Ib, Ic, Cd, Pf, Ii, Po, Ps, Hc, Pc, Ec, Pp, Sc, Pv, Pz, Hr, Pfa, Cn, Ep
Stream	14	Pa, Hi, Hs, Ib, Pm, Po, Ps, Pz, Pse, Pfa, Ps, Li
Cave water	1	-
spring	3	Ib, Pf, Hc, Fc, Hb
Pond	7	Hi, Hs, Ib, Ic, Pm, Po, Cd
Lakelet	3	Hi, Ic, Cd, Pm, Cy, Cv, Lc, Id
Lake	1	-
Creek	2	Hs, Ic

The species diversity of trough (20 species) and stream (12 species) were higher than lakelet (8 species), pond (7 species), creek (2 species), and spring (5 species) whereas, no species was found from lake and cave sampling sites.

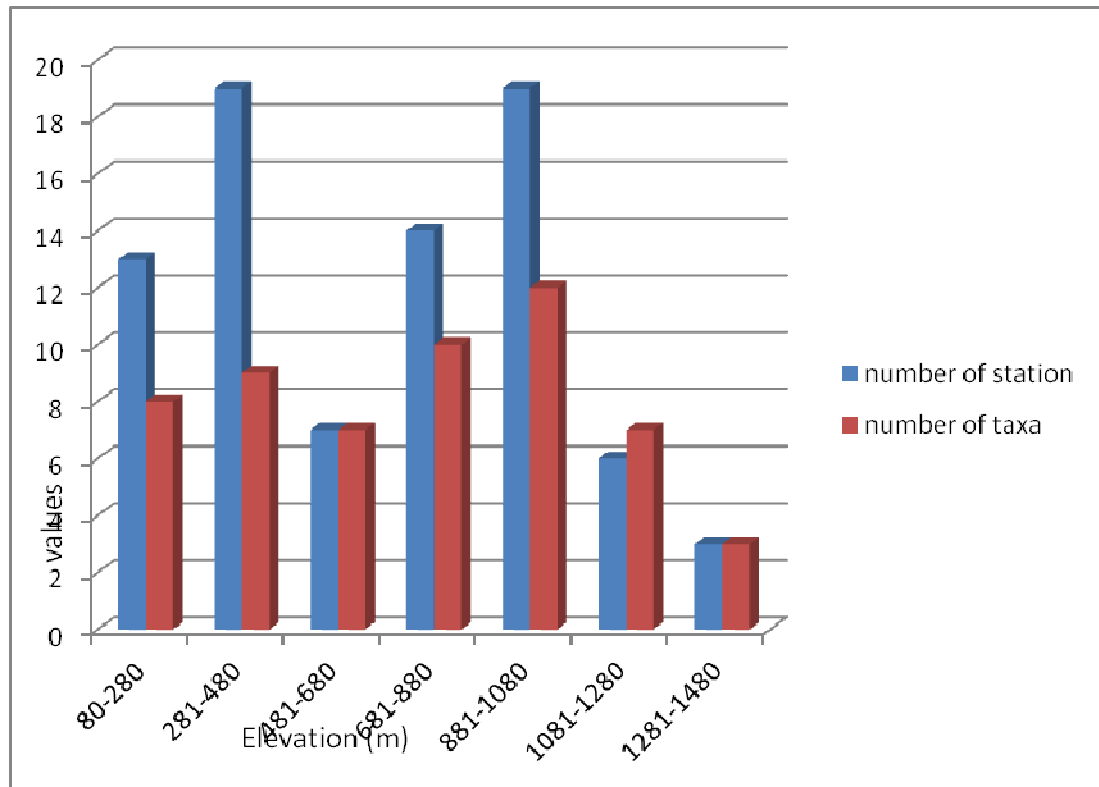


Figure 7. Number of taxa and stations at the range of 80-1480m in Karabük.

The highest number of species(12 taxa) (Fig. 7) was found at the range of 881-1080 masl. with highest sampling sites (19 sites) followed by range 681-880masl with 14 species and 8 sites. The number of species between 481-680 m were not statistically different from each other (e.g.,8 taxa in 80-280 m,; 9 taxa in 281-480 m) while thenumber of sampling stations were different at the range of 1281-1480m a.s.l. (3 species).

Table 5. This table show that optimum and tolerance value of 12 species (at least two occurrences) to 5 ecological variables such as pH, Dissolved oxygen, Redox potential, electrical conductivity, water temperature, altitude and 12 species such as Po (*Psychrodromus olivaceus*), HS (*Heterocypris salina*), PSI (*Potamocypris similis*), IB (*Ilyocypris brady*), HI (*Heterocypris incongruens*), II(*Ilyocypris inermis*), Cn(*Candona neglecta*), *Psychrodromus fontinalis* (PFO), PP (*Potamocypris pallida*), PZE (*Prionocypris zenkeri*), PFA (*Potamocypris fallax*), LI (*Limnocythere inopinata*).

					pH		Tw		DO		SHE		Ecs	
	Code	Count	Max	N2	Opt	Tol	Opt	Tol	Opt	Tol	Opt	Tol	Opt	Tol
1	HI	24	700	5.61	7.91	0.34	23.1	4.69	6.14	3.09	181	31.4	959	563
2	HSA	14	162	5.96	7.93	0.21	24.3	3.08	6.09	2.16	164	15.8	674	195
3	IB	12	32	7.73	7.85	0.34	22.7	3.87	7.36	1.45	172	23.8	722	426
4	PFO	5	145	2.14	7.5	0.14	13.9	3.47	7.82	1.18	197	10.8	620	49.7
5	II	4	19	2.32	7.64	0.31	16.6	8.81	7.41	2.22	185	23	581	55.2
6	PO	12	163	4.41	7.87	0.13	20.6	2.49	6.19	1.64	166	9.89	664	309
7	PSI	5	16	3.33	7.87	0.11	21.8	3.74	6.35	1.92	168	7.38	451	84.1
8	PP	3	103	1.34	7.89	0.4	19.5	2.69	6.13	2.41	165	27.1	673	262
9	PZE	2	44	1.14	7.91	0.07	22.5	1.27	8.92	2.48	164	6.84	615	48.6
10	PF	2	31	1.19	8.28	0.18	17.8	3.46	8.56	1.34	150	4.73	456	27.7
11	CN	2	17	1.12	7.21	0.37	17.4	1.41	4.63	1.28	214	23.1	1687	300
12	LI	2	160	1.03	8.69	0.82	24.3	2.83	7.59	2.67	115	48.2	1990	218
	Mean				7.88	0.29	20.4	3.49	6.93	1.99	170	19.3	841	212
	Max				8.69	0.82	24.3	8.81	8.92	3.09	214	48.2	1990	563
	Min				7.21	0.07	13.9	1.27	4.63	1.18	115	4.73	451	27.7

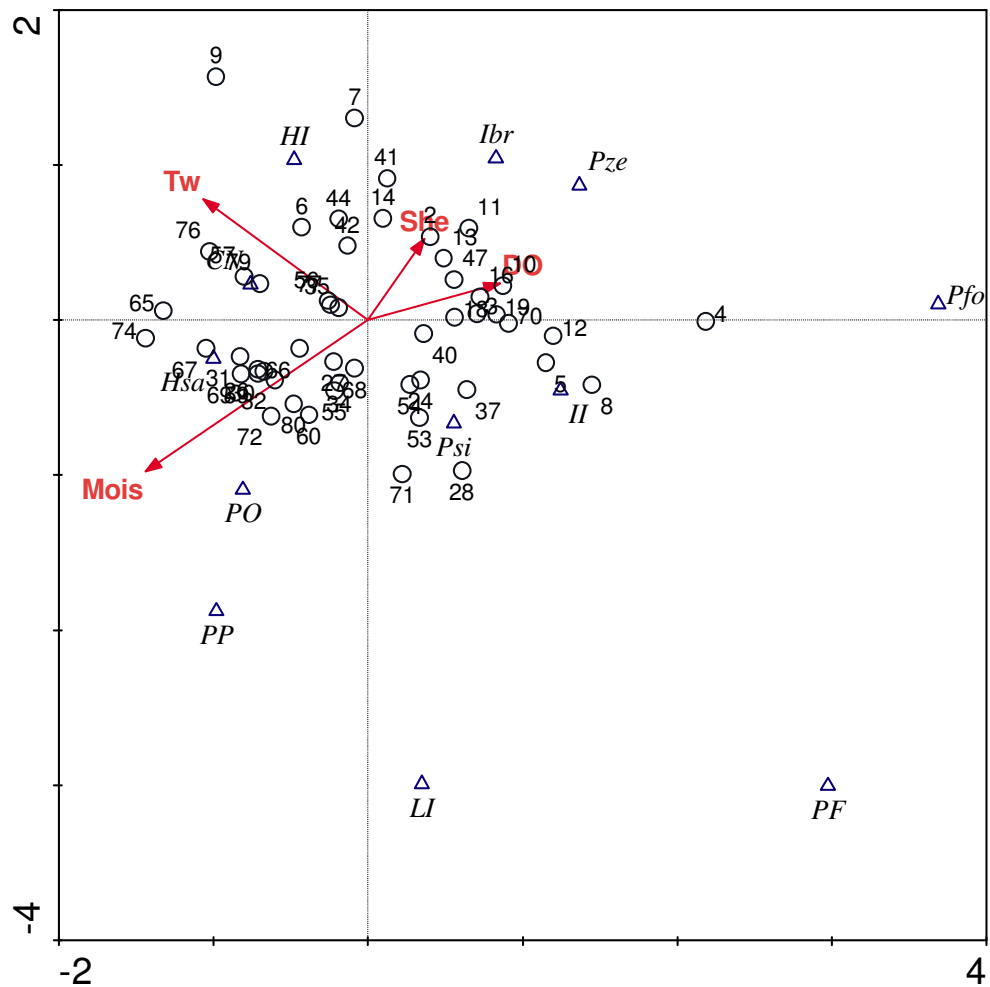


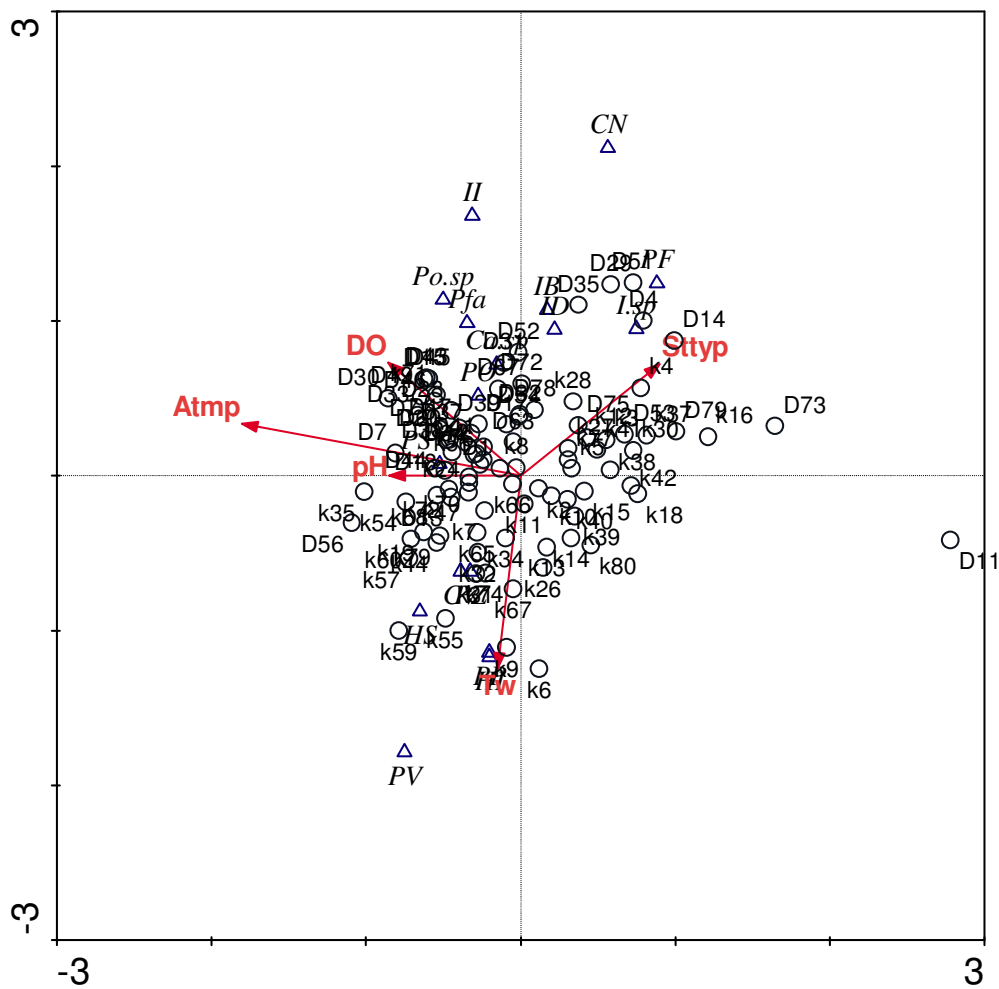
Figure 8. Canonical Correspondence Analysis (CCA) exhibits relationship between 12 species and four environmental variables.

Table 6. Summary table of CCA with four environmental variables and 12 species in Karabük. Lengths of gradient 6.832 (first two axes) moisture ($P=0.008$, $F=2.317$) and water temperature ($P=0.014$, $F=1.976$) were the most effective factors on species, followed by dissolved oxygen and redox potential.

Axes	1	2	3	4	Total inertia
Eigenvalues:	0.369	0.193	0.165	0.039	6.245
Species-environment correlations:	0.729	0.513	0.492	0.254	
Cumulative percentage variance					
of species data:	5.9	9	11.6	12.3	
of species-environment relation:	48.2	73.4	94.9	100	
Sum of all eigenvalues:					6.245
Sum of all canonical eigenvalues:					0.766

Comparison of Düzce and Karabük

In Düzce and Karabük, 10 recent and 8 subrecent forms of ostracods were found these includes *C. neglecta*, *Candona* sp., *Cypridopsis vidua*, *Cypridopsis* sp., *Cypris* sp., *Ilyocypris bradyi*, *I. decipiens*, *I. inermis*, *Ilyocypris* sp., *Limnocythere* sp., *Heterocypris incongruens*, *H. salina*, *Heterocypris* sp., *Potamocypris similis*, *P. variegata*, *Psychrodromus olivaceus*, *Psychrodromus* sp., *Pseudocandona* sp.



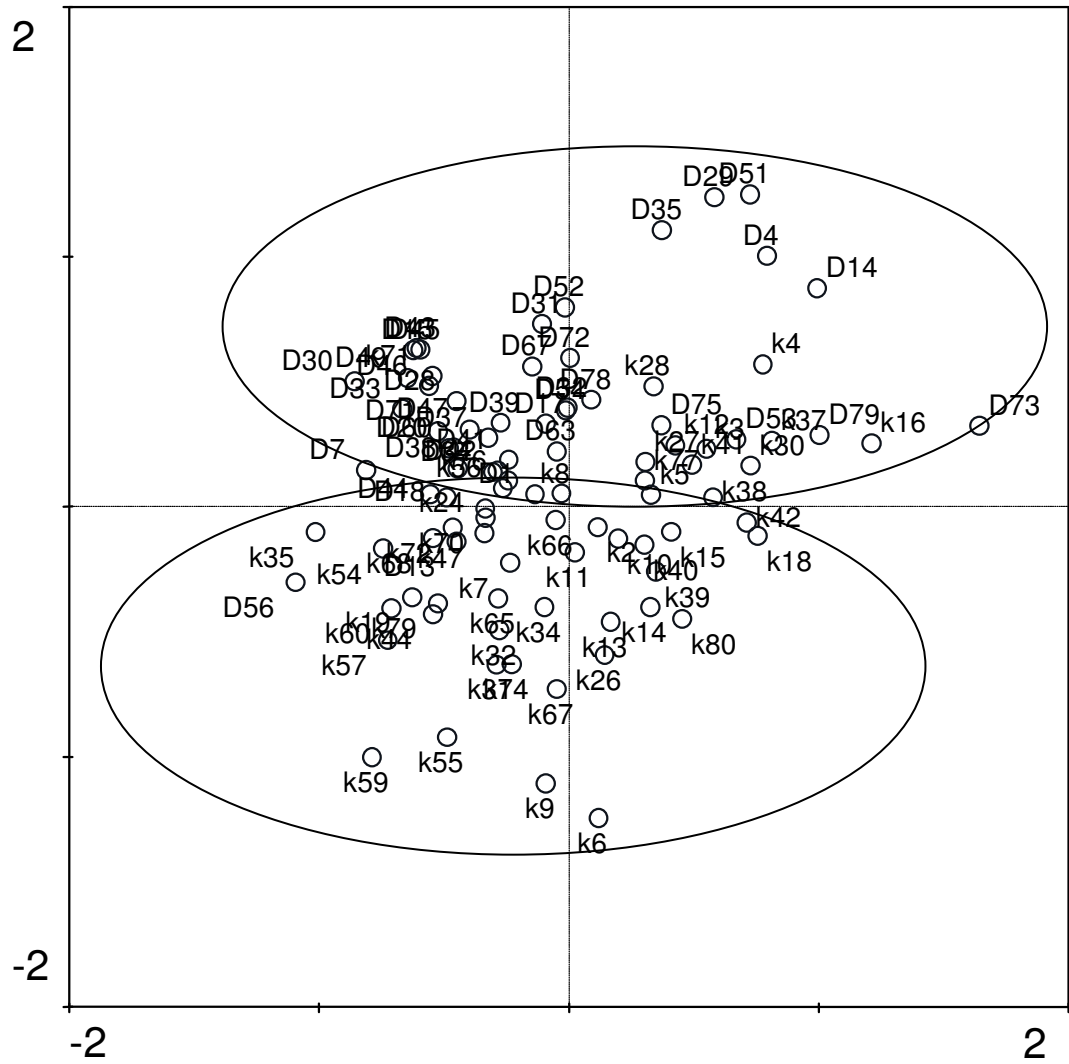


Figure 10. CCA diagram shows relationships numbers between of stations in Karabük and Düzce. Note that most of the Düzce variables grouped in positive area (upper part of the axes) while Karabük variables accumulated in the negative area (lower part of the axes).

Table 7. Summary table of CCA with five environmental variables and 12 species.

*DCA result.

Axes	1	2	3	4	Total inertia
Lengths of gradient* :	7.982	5.339	4.700	4.083	
Eigenvalues :	0.512	0.190	0.133	0.084	9.265
Species-environment correlations :	0.761	0.561	0.459	0.372	
Cumulative percentage variance					
of species data :	5.5	7.6	9.0	9.9	
of species-environment relation:	52.8	72.5	86.2	94.9	
Sum of all eigenvalues :					9.265
Sum of all canonical eigenvalues:				0.969	

Table 8. Optimum (Opt) and tolerance (Tol) values of 20 species (at least two occurrences) to seven variables.

				Stty		pH		DO		Tw		EC		Atmp		Alt	
Code	Co	Max	N2	Opt	Tol	Opt	Tol	Opt	Tol	Opt	Tol	Opt	Tol	Opt	Tol	Opt	Tol
HI	32	700	6.69	0.97	0.82	7.909	0.327	6.200	2.986	22.2	5.27	919.1	545.3	702.9	33.13	634.9	345.83
HS	23	200	9.39	0.99	0.68	7.967	0.160	7.064	1.832	20.3	4.598	628.6	187.5	728.7	12.56	311.3	191.22
IB	16	110	6.11	3.37	3.03	8.077	0.343	8.767	1.954	16.8	5.681	553.5	314.3	712.4	35.66	506.7	481.28
I.sp	17	3	14.2	3.72	2.88	8.105	0.314	7.118	2.129	19.4	4.539	479.2	179.7	671.1	132.8	484.1	343.66
Ca.sp	7	1	7	2.42	1.90	8.155	0.322	7.717	2.768	18.1	6.467	424.8	194.9	706.9	40.21	648.7	475.76
PF	5	145	2.13	1.01	0.45	7.499	0.140	7.816	1.179	13.8	3.470	619.9	48.78	657.8	23.25	548.4	686.95
Po.sp	7	8	2.8	2.35	1.46	8.219	0.207	8.508	1.597	18.9	4.975	733.6	474.0	717.8	24.85	476.0	280.71
II	8	19	6.07	1.58	0.53	7.985	0.374	8.748	1.798	14.7	5.314	507.0	103.6	710.60	41.25	611.5	444.30
PO	25	163	8.39	1.44	1.62	7.903	0.151	6.922	1.525	18.4	2.985	583.1	236.4	725.67	31.19	391.6	367.19
PS	11	188	2.13	1.32	1.75	8.417	0.408	8.491	1.797	21.6	3.963	263.0	195.5	734.92	41.01	319.0	465.86
PP	3	103	1.33	1	1.67	7.891	0.403	6.127	2.405	19.5	2.692	672.6	256.9	733.82	36.21	268.1	436.78
PV	2	16	1.65	1	1.67	7.960	0.028	6.210	2.227	21.8	2.616	672.4	50.13	729.58	6.788	357.3	26.870
CV	3	82	1.147	1.32	3.41	7.988	0.427	7.025	0.4714	21.1	4.444	622.6	139.5	729.36	35.740	378.05	367.945
ID	2	25	1.3120	3.41	2.12	7.816	0.6505	6.2789	0.148	18.1	7.778	424.5	123.6	736.27	47.800	308.69	516.188
PZ	2	44	1.1357	1.06	0.70	7.913	0.0707	8.9159	2.4819	22.4	1.272	615.4	47.73	702.79	15.556	610.31	185.137
Pfa	2	31	1.1917	1.91	0.70	8.277	0.1767	8.5576	1.3435	17.7	3.464	456.4	27.21	687.65	38.113	803.58	444.063
CN	5	325	1.1692	1.14	2.57	7.632	0.3548	8.0690	2.1466	14.8	1.718	426.0	388.8	671.68	36.864	1069.3	473.625
CC	2	81	1.6834	7.15	2.12	8.003	0.6151	7.2246	6.5053	14.4	2.899	359.2	147.6	717.93	34.789	532.61	412.95
CL	2	83	1.9993	6	1.67	7.207	0.1555	1.0063	1.0465	19.6	1.838	434.9	169.4	322.65	464.85	1270	385.909
CLA	2	100	1.3487	6	1.67	7.133	0.1555	0.5057	1.0465	20.5	1.838	522.5	121.8	100.28	464.85	1270	385.909
			Mean	2.46	1.67	7.903	0.289	6.863	1.969	18.7	3.891	545.9	197.6	660.06	79.879	590.03	385.909

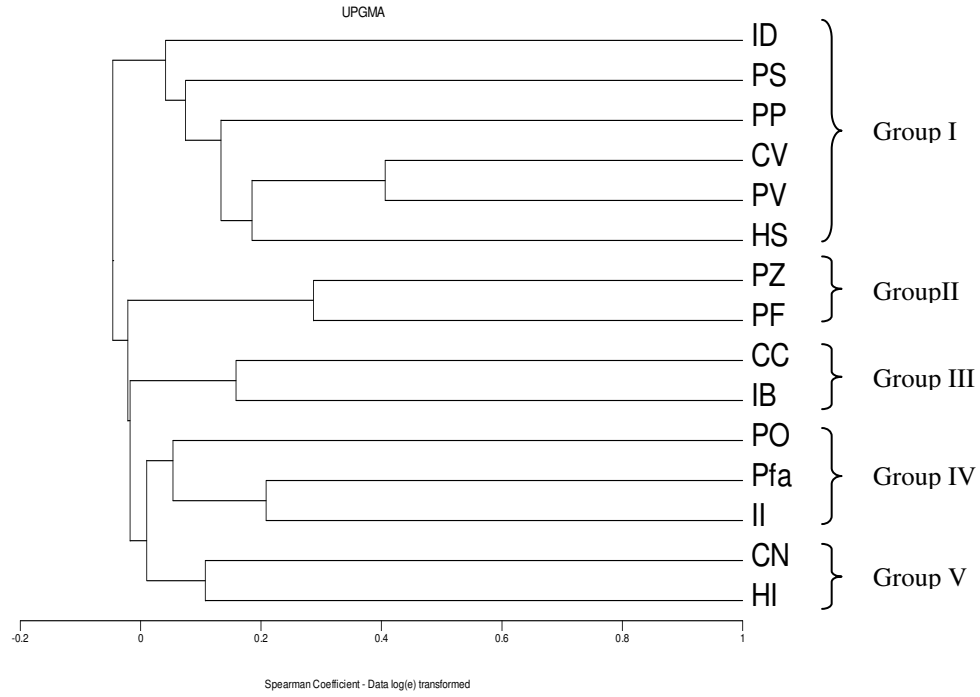


Figure 11. Shows the diagram of Unweighted Pair Group Mean Averages (UPGMA) shows clustering relationship of 15 species with 96 stations in Karabük and Düzce. Abbreviations were illustrated in Table 5.

Table 9. Pearson Correlation analyses shows relationship between five environmental variables. Abbreviations: Station type: STTYP, Dissolved oxygen: DO, water temperature: Tw, atmospheric pressure: ATMP, altitude: ALT.

		STTYP	pH	DO	Tw	ATMP	ALT
STTYP	Pearson Correlation	1	.201*	-0.118	-0.007	-0.106	0
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.	0.49	0.254	0.948	0.305	0.999
	N	96	96	96	96	96	96
Ph	Pearson Correlation	.201*	1	.487*	0.15	.202*	
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.049	.	0	0.145	0.048	0.32
	N	96	96	96	96	96	96
DO	Pearson Correlation	-0.118	.487**	1	-0.187	.226*	-0.148
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.254	0	.	0.068	0.027	0.151
	N	96	96	96	96	96	96
Tw	Pearson Correlation	-0.007	0.15	-0.187	1	-0.81	.228*
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.948	0.145	0.068	.	0.432	0.026
	N	96	96	96	96	96	96
ATMP	Pearson Correlation	-0.106	.202*	.226*	-0.081	1	-.466**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.305	0.048	0.027	0.432	.	0
	N	96	96	96	96	96	96
ALT	Pearson Correlation	0	-.219*	-0.148	.228*	-.466**	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.999	0.032	0.151	0.026	0	.
	N	96	96	96	96	96	96

Table 9 shows the pearson correlation between parameters properties pH and station type have positive relation pH, dissolved oxygen were found to have more positive correlation with station type than temperature atmospheric pressure and altitude. * 0.05, ** 0.01.

Table 10. Shannon-Wiener Diversity used to compare more than one ecosystem and explain all and each ecosystem.

Comparison Düzce and Karabük	All Sample Index:	3.676
	JackknifeStdError:	0.1975
Karabük Shannon (14 species)	All Sample Index:	3.084
	JackknifeStdError:	0.2089
Düzce Shannon (13 species)	All Sample Index:	2.875
	JackknifeStdError:	0.1636
Karabük Simpson (14 species)	All Sample Index:	13.95
	JackknifeStdError:	3.286
Düzce Simpson (14 species)	All Sample Index:	13.96
	JackknifeStdError:	2.61
Karabük Beta Diversity	WhittakerBw:	7.84
Düzce Beta Diversity	WhittakerBw:	8.263

The results on table 10 revealed the diversity index calculated for all the sites studied. Alpha diversity of Karabük and Düzce based on the number of all living species are 24 and 19, respectively. This exhibits higher that alpha diversity of Karabük than Düzce. Indeed, Shannon Diversity index values were 3.084 and 2.87 for Karabük and Düzce, respectively.

CHAPTER IV

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

Species assemblages in Düzce

Total of 81 stations were visited in Düzce province. No ostracod was found in eight stations (6, 17, 24, 69, 70, 80, 81, 79). While a total of 30 taxa including 19 living species and 11 subrecent forms were found in other sites. Cosmopolitans showed dominancy in their abundance and occurrence as it was the result for *H. salina* with 9 times occurrence with 641 individuals; *Ps. olivaceus* occurred 13 times with 450 individuals; *C. neglecta* encountered 3 times with 334 individuals; *I. bradyi* 5 times occurrence with 240 individuals; *P. similis* found 6 times with 238 individuals.

Candona candida was found in two different aquatic bodies (lake and spring) located at 114m and 698m, respectively. it is regarded as cosmopolitan due to its widespread occurrence and high tolerance levels to different environmental variables (Külköylüoğlu 2004). The species was actually reported from Lake Efteni (Düzce) by Altınsaçlı and colleagues (1983). Table 2 shows the mean tolerance and optimum values for the species. Accordingly, optimum values of pH and dissolved oxygen were higher than the mean of the other species. CCA diagram (Figure 8) illustrates a negative relationship of the species with water temperature. Sarı (2007) found the species closer to the center of CCA diagram but in this case *C. candida* was located outside of the center in the opposite side of temperature.

Two species of the genus *Cyclocypris* (*C. laevis*, *C. sywulae*) were found from a pond located at about 1270 m. Both species (*C. laevis* and *C. sywulae*) were found in Torkul pond at the same elevation ranges. Table 2 shows the mean tolerance and optimum values for the species. Until now, there is not much ecological knowledge for this species.

Other than the species discussed so far, the following five species (*Cypris pubera*, *Doleracypris sinensis* was found in spring, *Ilyocypris monstifica*) was found from puddle in 208m. *Tonnocypris lutaria* was found from puddle and elevation in 510m. *Potamocypris arcuata* was found from trough at 331m) are encountered only one time during this study.

Species assemblages in Karabük

Total of 81 sites were visited in Karabük province. No living ostracods was found in 6 stations (stations 63, 36, 49, 20, 45, 81). While total of 36 taxa including 22 living and 14 subrecent species were found in province. In general, cosmopolitan species occurred more frequently than the other species for example, *H. incongruens* was found 24 times with 2097 individuals, *H. salina* encountered 14 times with 546 individuals, *P. olivaceus* occurred 12 times with 433 individuals, and *I. bradyi* 11 times with 127 individuals.

Limnocythere inopinata was found in trough (station no 53) and stream (station no 69) between 354-659m. Yu Yin et al. (1999) found this species in waters where temperature was changed in 15–20°C as similar to our result. In contrast to the study of Klkylođlu et al. (2014) -except redox potential- The ecological optimum levels for the variables (pH, water temperature, dissolved oxygen, electrical conductivity) of the species were higher. Besides, this species was reported from waters with relatively high salinity (Cohen et al., 1983) which is also the case in the

present study where the species exhibited high optimum levels for pH and electrical conductivity. According to CCA diagram, *L. inopinata* was located around and closer to the center. This may imply wide tolerance ranges of the species to different environmental variables. Earlier studies (Geiger, 1994; Meisch, 2000) reported that this species would prefer highly alkaline water bodies supported by the present study. The species was found along with another species *Paralimnocythere* sp. Considering the habitat (trough) and water types (pH=8.7, redox potential=114.45, dissolved oxygen=7.64, electrical conductivity=1980, salinity=1.02, water temperature=24.3), it was interesting to find both species from this trough. Although the identification of this species is not yet known, occurrence of both species together may suggest two possibilities: 1) either species are adapted to the relatively freshwater conditions (pH=7.54, redox potential=182.65, dissolved oxygen=3.86, electrical conductivity=476.7, salinity=0.25, water temperature=20.3), or 2) water is of brackish (or saline) type that is what the species usually prefer. Further studies should continue.

Psychrodromus fontinalis was found in trough and spring between 589-1189m altitude which was the highest point in Karabük that no other species was found at this altitude Klkyliglu et al. (2012) pinpointed that *P. fontinalis* could have wide ranges of distribution with the highest optimum estimate for altitude. According to Table 8, optimum levels of dissolved oxygen and redox potential of the species was higher than the mean of total but pH, electrical conductivity and water temperature were lower than that of the mean. In CCA diagram, *P. fontinalis* was located far away the center, suggesting that the species' tolerance levels to different variables may be much broader than what is known previously. Comparing to the results of Klkyliglu et al., (2012), electrical conductivity, redox potential and

water temperature were higher but pH and dissolved oxygen values were lower than our results. Overall, although there are not enough ecological information about the species, the findings suggest that *P. fontinalis* (like its conspecific cosmopolitan *P. olivaceus*) appears to have relatively high tolerances. Since nothing much is known, further studies are required to clarify the issue.

Prionocypris zenkeri was from trough and stream between 592-879m altitude. This species has high tolerances to dissolved oxygen because of its occurrences in two different habitat. The optimum level is higher than the findings of Klkylođlu et al.(2012). According to CCA diagram *P. zenkeri* relationship with SHE and dissolved oxygen and not relationship with moisture. In CCA diagram, this species have positive relationship with dissolved oxygen and and SHE but it has negative relationship with moisture. Uak (2012) reported this species with a positive relationship to moisture but our results showed a negative relationship.

Potamocypris fallax was found from trough and stream between 231-859m. Pieri et al.,(2009) found in stream and spring. Dissolved oxygen and pH optimum levels higher than mean but water temperature and SHE optimum levels lower than mean. According to CCA, we can say this species so far from ecologic parameters and center.

Potamocypris pallida was found from a trough between 191-981m. of altitude. Generally, all optimum and tolerance levels so close to each other and falls between the same range in the means. In CCA this species has positive relationship with moisture both negative relationship and dissolved oxygen negative relationship with SHE and dissolved oxygen. Although its relatively common occurrence, ecological knowledge is not well known about it.

Other than the species discussed so far, the following five species *P. albicans*, *C. improvisa*, *P. villosa*, *H. chevreuxi*, *H. brevicaudata*, *E. pigra*, *H. reptans*, *P. smaragdina*) are encountered only one time during this study.

Comparison results of species assemblages

Candona neglecta was found from Düzce and Karabük at the ranges of 204-1121 m and 470-530 m a.s.l., respectively. As seen, the species was found in relatively wide altitudinal ranges, suggesting a broad geographical distribution. Accordingly, distributional range of this species in Karabük is limited within about 60 m of altitudinal range and is overlapped in Düzce. Table 8 shows the mean tolerance and optimum values for species. In CCA, this species is located on the opposite site of the water temperature. Also, tolerance and optimum values of the species for temperature were found lower than the mean of total while dissolved oxygen value was higher but pH value was equal with the mean (Table 7). This agrees with the findings of Yılmaz (2005) in springs.

Cypridopsis vidua a cosmopolitan species (Külköylüoğlu, 2013) was found from a trough and a lake sample of Düzce in 125-347 m of altitude. In contrast, it was found from lakelet in Karabük at about 938m a.s.l. However the species can also be seen in different habitats such as springs (Külköylüoğlu, 2006). Table 8 shows the mean tolerance and optimum values for the species. Generally all ecological tolerance levels are higher than the mean and this is supported by Placios-Fest (2001). If found this species to have high salinity tolerance, and high level of electrical conductivity the studies. Positive relationship with water temperature, was also found on the species located on the same diratum.

Ilyocypris bradyi was found from trough, spring and stream habitats in Düzce. In Karabük, additionally, it was also encountered from ditch and puddle.

Xiangzhong (2010) reported the abundance of this species and in rivers, springs, and puddles. Külköylüoğlu et al.,(2007) found the species also from many different aquatic bodies of Turkey, even in aneutrophic lake, Lake Yeniçağa. Similar results were also documented from the aquatic habitats of Spain (Mezquita et al. 1999). According the CCA results, this species has negative relationship with water temperature but showed a positive relationship with station type. Supporting findings come from the tolerance values of the species (Table 7) where tolerance of the species to water temperature and electrical conductivity were lower than the mean of total but higher for pH and dissolved oxygen values.

Ilyocypris decipiens was found from a puddle in Düzce but a lakelet in Karabük. It was reported from ricefield in Italy (Rossi et al. 2003). Although habitats displayed some levels of similarities, altitudinal differences are evident between these two studies. One may consider that altitudinal range of the species is much wider than what we know previously. In CCA, this species has negative relationship with water temperature, interpreting that species may prefer cold to warm waters (Table 8). Scharf et al., (2005) found from the species lake in Germany and they did not find living from they found just valves in 70cm of depth.

Ilyocypris inermis was only found from a stream in Düzce between 137 and 960m but it was found in a trough in Karabük at the range of 231-1135m. Külköylüoğlu et al. (2010) reported the species from several different types of aquatic habitats such as creek, stream and irrigation canal. Tolerance values of the species both in Düzce and Karabük seem to be relatively high where it was located on the opposite site of the temperature (Table 8, Figure 9). Also, findings of Külköylüoğlu and Yılmaz (2006) and Meisch (2000) support the results that the species has negative relationship with water temperature and conductivity.

Heterocypris incongruens was found from trough, stream, pond and spring in Düzce between 124-1270m. In Karabük, it was found from trough, stream, ditch, pond and spring between 171-1390m. Both altitudinal ranges overlap each other, suggesting a wide geographical distribution of the species. Besides, this cosmopolitan species is also known to tolerate wide changes in the values of water variables. Thus, as it was suggested, *H. incongruens* can be called as “cosmoecious” species (Külköylüoğlu 2013). This may imply that this species has wide tolerance for altitude and habitat preference. Table 8 shows the mean tolerance and optimum values of the species where it showed higher optimum and tolerance values for pH, DO, EC, and Tw than the mean of total. According to CCA, this species has positive relationship with water temperature. Xiangzhong et al. (2010) reported this species tolerating low oxygen values that supports our results since the species optimum values for dissolved oxygen lower than mean.

Heterocypris salina was found from trough, stream and puddle in Düzce between 196 and 372m of elevation. This species was also found from trough, stream, pond and creek between 118 and 1015m in Karabük. Similarly, Uçak (2012) found the species from trough, stream and dam in Ankara region. Generally, this species seems to be widely distributed as is the case for many cosmopolitan species. In contrast to *H. incongruens*, *H. salina* showed low tolerance ranges to the oxygen values. This is probably because of its habitat preferences where increasing temperature and salinity values eventually reduces dissolved oxygen values. In CCA diagram, the species was placed in the opposite site of the station type, implying habitat preferences of the species. *H. salina* positive displayed relationship with electrical conductivity referring preference in saline water. According to

Klkylođlu and Vinyard (2000) *H.salina* is ahalobiont species in high saline waters.

Potamocypris similis was found from trough, stream, waterfall and spring in Dzce between 124-817m. while it was found from trough, creek and pond in Karabk between the elevation of 445-1252m. Accordingly, this species seems to have wide occurrences in variety of habitats. Most recently, Klkylođlu and Sarı (2012) showed a positive relationship of the species with dissolved oxygen implying species habitat preference with high oxygenated (and relatively low temperature) waters. This is supported in the present study that the species exhibited relatively higher optimum value for dissolved oxygen than the total mean (Table 8). This, however, does not indicate any positive or negative relationship since this study did not do such analysis for the species. Unfortunately, there is not much information known about the ecology of the species. Further studies are suggested.

Potamocypris variegata was found from troughs in both Dzce and Karabk at about at 347m and 385m, respectively. However, the distribution of the species is not limited to troughs (Meisch, 1985, Klkylođlu et al. 1995, Mezquita et al., 1999).

Psychrodromus olivaceus was found from trough, stream, puddle and spring in Dzce between 141-1121m. In Karabk, it was found from trough, spring and a ditch. The species is one of the most frequently occurring one among the others in Turkey that it seemsto show a cosmopolitan distribution (Klkylođlu et al., 2012). According to CCA, the species was located near the center of diagram supporting the idea above. As shown in Table 8, dissolved oxygen was the only variable with higher value than the mean of others.

According to Pearson correlation analysis, possible relationships among some of those environment variables and species (and both) were shown. In Table 9, there was a negative relationship between altitude and atmospheric pressure altitudinal ranges.

In this study UPGMA with 15 species in 96 sites from Düzce and Karabük. Accordingly, there are five clustering groups based on species occurrence (Figure 11).

UPGMA in first group includes six species (*I. decipiens*, *P. similis*, *P. pallida*, *C. vidua*, *P. variegata*, *H. salina*) reported from trough, creek and streams, except *I. decipiens* and *C. Vidua* which were found in lakelet. Generally, they prefer well oxygenated waters but two of them (*P. pallida* and *P. variegata*) were found in poor-oxygenated water bodies. All six species were encountered in waters with relatively high water temperature ($\geq 20^{\circ}\text{C}$) in a large altitudinal ranges.

Second group of UPGMA dendrogram has two species (*P. zenkeri* and *Ps. fontinalis*). Of which, *P. zenkeri* is known with its cosmopolitan distribution (Külköylüoğlu 2013) while *Ps. fontinalis* appears to have limited distribution as was the case in some previous studies (Karakaş-Sarı 2006, Sarı 2007, Uçak, 2012). Although studies revealed that *P. zenkeri* was usually accompanied by *I. inermis* (or *I. bradyi*) from springs and waters related to springs (Rossetti et al. 2005, Külköylüoğlu and Sarı 2012), we found them from non-flowing or slow water bodies of Karabük and Düzce during this study.

Third group covers two cosmopolitan species *C. candida* and *I. bradyi* which were generally found in trough and spring. Occurrence of both species together from the sampling sites has already been revealed in previous studies (e.g., see Külköylüoğlu and Sarı 2012). Both species are called as “cosmoecious” species

when they show high levels of tolerances to different values in a wide geographical ranges (Külköylüoğlu 2013). Such similarity was found in their ecology when they exhibited similar pH levels (7.9) and electrical conductivity (341- 613 mS/cm) values.

Fourth group of UPGMA was three species *P. olivaceus*, *P. fallax*, and *I. inermis*. They were found in well-oxygenated alkaline (mean pH 8) waters of trough, stream and springs. All these three species can be found in a relatively high temperature ranges from 13 to 21°C.

Fifth clustering group has also two cosmopolitan species, *C. neglecta* and *H. incongruens*. During this study, they were found from trough, stream and spring. Both species do have swimming ability which provides them to move actively away water bodies.

The small difference between the cities low (0.214) suggest variation between the areas. In comparison, alpha diversity values were found 23, 46, and 40 in Diyarbakır (Akdemir, 2011), Kahramanmaraş (Külköylüoğlu 2012), and Bolu (Sarı, 2007). Accordingly, our values were similar to the results of Diyarbakır results. Similar to the Shannon diversities, there are no significant difference in the abundance (dominance) of the two area with 13.95 and 13.96 of the Simpson dominance values found in Karabük and Düzce, respectively.

Based on the similarities in types of habitats, numbers of sampling sites and numbers of species shared in both areas, Gamma diversity can be evaluated for these two areas. Thus, combination of the numbers of species found in both area refers Gamma diversity, where 10 of 33 were common species (*C. neglecta*, *I. bradyi*, *I. decipiens*, *I. inermis*, *C. vidua*, *P. olivaceus*, *H. incongruens*, *H. salina*, *P. similis*, *P. variegata*) Of which, 14 and 9 living species were found from Karabük and Düzce, respectively. It can, however, be unrealistic to make such combination for other areas

(cities that mentioned above) since these are of certain kinds of variations among them. Besides, there are no specific works on Gamma diversity of the areas to make comparison in Turkey.

As seen in Table 9, Beta diversity value within each regions studied was higher (8.263) in Düzce than the Karabük (7.84) regions. Implication of this result is based on the differences in the numbers of different habitat types and species per habitat types. For example, while 50 of 81 sites were troughs in Karabük (where scarcity of water was apparent), 17 troughs of 81 sites were (out of 81 sites) in Düzce. Thus, we may suggest that increasing types of suitable habitats can increase numbers of species among the sites within the areas.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1. Karabük's ecological variables.

St. No	Station name	St. type	pH	She	DO	%S (DO)	EC	Spec. EC	Sal	T w	TDS	Atmp	Coordinates	Alt	Mois
1	İ.pasa stream	2	7.57	207.84	0.75	8.9	739	758	0.37	23.7	0.494	674.6	40°152'165"N, 32°37'960"E	1004	19.5
2	Bayındır trough	1	7.97	211.03	7.45	80.6	1016	1152	0.57	18.8	0.7475	672.5	40°52'449"N, 32°36'038"E	1015	24.6
3	Tasman trough	1	7.43	213.69	6.05	60.1	548	681	0.33	14.7	0.442	672.5	40°54'977"N, 32°33'346"E	1005	29
4	Tefen trough	1	7.42	203.08	8.68	80.2	468.6	626.6	0.31	11.8	0.4075	639.7	40°54'867"N, 32°912'1036"		
5	Railroad trough	1	7.44	199.95	4.79	47.3	710	895	0.44	14.3	0.5785	688.9	40°56'188"N, 32°31'955"E	781	21.9
6	Dry trough	1	7.59	176.05	0.89	11.9	696	633	0.3	30.3	0.4095	686.7	40°56'093"N, 32°30'252"E	807	18.6
7	A.Özkan trough	1	7.43	193.79	104.1	8.86	617	597	0.29	26.7	0.39	684.1	40°55'908"N, 32°29'934"E	844	18
8	Goksu stream	2	8.3	149.72	83.9	83.9	391	450	0.22	18.2	0.2819	682.9	40°55'666"N, 32°28'256"E	859	19.2
9	İsmail bey trough	1	7.78	167.29	6.93	79.5	462.2	503.5	0.24	36.7	0.3276	662.2	40°55'683"N, 32°26'535"E	1135	17.3
10	Nameless trough	1	7.71	180.24	8.27	89.4	385	427.5	0.21	19.7	0.2782	653.6	40°55'256"N, 32°24'492"E	1252	19.2
11	Adiller trough	1	8.06	164.15	10.84	128.6	513	525	0.25	24	0.338	643.5	40°53'907"N, 32°23'073"E	1390	17.2
12	1994 trough	1	7.55	193.37	7.11	71.1	495.5	609.6	0.3	15.2	0.3959	672	40°55'900"N, 32°37'244"E	1012	20.5
13	Nameless trough	1	7.9	166.23	6.99	83.2	388.2	388.9	0.19	24.8	0.2536	657.9	40°55'965"N, 32°40'771"E	1178	17
14	Limnocene spring	4	8.14	147.05	7.85	103.7	512	468	0.22	30	0.3055	657.9	40°55'984"N, 32°40'804"E	1189	17.4
15	5li trough	1	7.88	171.37	7.61	83.6	463.6	514.8	0.25	19.2	0.3347	643.2	40°58'369"N, 32°50'483"E	1436	22.5
16	Limnocene spring	4	7.48	195.63	5.37	58	499.4	568.2	0.28	18.8	0.3705	640.2	40°58'581"N, 32°51'247"E	1436	20.1
17	Pelitçik trough	1	7.42	193.68	4.03	52	877	832	0.4	27.8	0.5395	659.9	41°00'075"N, 32°51'264"E	1189	25.9
18	Pöyrek trough	1	7.22	210.34	2.7	28.5	1129	1316	0.66	17.4	0.858	675	41°00'761"N, 32°53'608"E	981	23.6
19	Nameless trough	1	8.66	136.38	10.32	23.5	582	595	0.29	23.8	0.3835	686.6	41°02'298"N, 32°58'040"E	833	23
20	Çamaşırhane trough	1	7.49	197.25	6.4	74.1	117.9	1253	0.62	22	0.8125	680.2	41°02'505"N, 32°55'867"E	913	30
21	Long trough	1	7.36	199.35	5.51	63.5	905	960	0.47	22	0.624	670.3	41°02'264"N, 32°53'484"E	1036	30.5
22	Alıncak torugh	1	7.46	193	7.24	83.2	693	746	0.36	21.3	0.4875	661.7	41°03'718"N, 32°52'979"E	1153	34
23	Small pond	5	7.65	178.23	0.78	10.1	1051	1015	0.5	26.8	0.663	688.5	41°30'79"N, 32°50'920"E	826	42.1
24	Bagirsak 1 stream	2	8.18	148.26	8.28	92.4	963	1052	0.52	20.6	0.6825	716.8	41°06'101"N, 32°48'438"E	456	44.3
25	Tek trough	1	7.54	191.62	7.28	72.6	527	601	0.29	18.5	0.39	671.2	41°21'104"N, 32°42'012"E	999	48
26	Gogoren trough	1	7.85	166.75	4.71	54.1	597	628	0.3	22.3	0.4095	667.5	41°20'831"N, 32°41'494"E	1047	61.5
27	Feride goncuoglu trough	1	7.63	179.97	8.37	88.5	548	640	0.31	17.5	0.416	667.2	41°21'540"N, 32°41'938"E	1068	60.5
28	Gövören creek	2	8.03	161.16	9	85.7	280	364.2	0.18	12.9	0.2366	666.8	41°22'450"N, 32°42'291"E	963	59.8
29	YSE trough	1	8.05	156.64	4.11	45.1	367.5	408.4	0.2	19.7	0.2652	698.6	41°23'735"N, 32°43'667"E	692	65.6
30	Roadside ditch	5	7.69	179.09	3.94	44.3	1400	1527	0.77	20.7	0.9945	701.9	41°21'399"N, 32°43'368"E	659	61.2
31	Eflani foucet trough	1	7.99	161.42	3.92	47.4	728	735	0.36	24.5	0.481	722.6	41°27'558"N, 32°46'617"E	385	58.7
32	Creek pond	5	7.85	169.7	4.38	50.1	487.8	525	0.25	21.3	0.3412	717.9	41°28'347"N, 32°48'893"E	445	60.6
33	Small pond	2	8.05	159.66	6.69	75.2	469.9	514.2	0.25	20.6	0.3441	704.8	41°30'900"N, 32°53'363"E	606	51.3

34	Ulupınar trough	1	8.12	152.55	6.17	71.9	555	589	0.29	22	0.3835	687.5	41°31'441"N, 32°55'201"E	822	52.6
35	Çamlık Haslemonoğlu trough	1	7.89	169.22	7.54	87.6	476.4	500.7	0.24	22.5	0.3256	789.4	41°32'257"N, 32°57'491"E	796	45
36	7/7/2008 trough	1	7.85	169.45	5.19	60.5	450.4	474.4	0.23	22.3	0.3081	680.8	41°31'330"N, 32°57'501"E	903	48.3
37	Kavaloğlu trough	1	7.25	211.79	4	38.3	453.4	589.1	0.29	12.4	0.39	671.9	41°29'204"N, 32°57'339"	1015	39.5
38	Bostancılar lake led	6	8.14	152.28	7.06	80.5	283.3	278	0.13	26.1	0.1807	677.8	41°27'371"N, 32°56'976"E	945	30.6
39	Ortakcılar lake led	6	8.61	123.41	6.46	82.1	197.2	188.3	0.09	27.6	0.1222	678	41°25'646"N, 33°00'603"E	938	40
40	Tabaklar stream	2	7.82	173.23	5.63	63.2	437.5	475.8	0.23	20.8	0.3087	682.2	41°23'982"N, 32°58'472"E	879	32.5
41	30June1990 trough	5	7.74	178.92	8.78	92.3	468	549.2	0.27	26.5	0.3539	680	41°24'790"N, 32°55'781"	900	17.5
42	Big ditch	5	7.74	179.21	5.2	64.9	573	556	0.27	25.6	0.364	680.6	41°23'461"N, 32°49'189"E	915	27.2
43	Foucet trough	1	7.99	163.51	6.85	44.2	414.5	422.9	0.2	23.9	0.275	678	41°22'705"N, 32°46'508"E	933	32.5
44	Ceviz trough	1	7.99	160.24	8.96	114.2	743	707	0.34	27.7	0.4615	711	41°15'130"N, 32°41'710"E	551	29.8
45	Mencilis magarası stream	2	7.81	185.23	10.81	95	302.4	434.5	0.21	9.1	0.2821	696	41°16'425"N, 32°37'526"E	685	38.8
46	Mencilis mağara içi	3	7.6	189.82	4.86	47.1	411.2	540.2	0.26	12.5	0.351	689.4			45.4
47	Aslanlar trough	1	7.92	163.56	9.14	106.2	598	625	0.3	22.6	0.4095	704.2	41°15'536"N, 32°40'335"E	592	24.8
48	Konarı lake	7	7.1	191.85	5	61.9	755	740	0.36	26	0.481	717.5	41°13'217"N, 32°47'031"E	437	33
49	Araç creek	8	7.67	182.06	8.51	99.7	737	769	0.38	22.9	0.5005	718.3	41°11'984"N, 32°54'624"E	411	28.9
50	Toprakcuma trough	1	7.89	160.17	9.59	135	901	779	0.37	33.2	0.507	717.4	41°12'325"N, 32°54'207"E	413	30
51	Ovacık river	2	8.25	141.98	7.38	93.8	703	668	0.32	27.8	0.4355	726.2	41°07'850"N, 32°40'632"E	312	44.4
52	Abdi bag trough		8.83	106.81	6.75	84.6	1792	1709	0.86	27.6	0.1115	697.4	41°10'372"N, 32°41'292"E	646	46
53	Oluk trough	1	8.7	114.45	7.64	92	1980	2008	1.02	24.3	1.3065	697.5	41°10'474"N, 32°41'360"E	659	43.7
54	Yello pond	6	9.59	62.89	13.63	186.3	6610	5992	3.23	30.4	3.9	694	41°10'810"N, 32°41'985"E	704	45.1
55	Camli trough	1	8.67	119.53	5.67	75.5	954	917	0.45	27.1	0.598	691.1	41°11'218"N, 32°41'774"E	747	47.4
56	Belenkoy trough	1	7.69	185.55	8.23	91	1143	1265	0.63	20	0.819	720.5	41°09'887"N, 32°36'626"E	393	50.2
57	11/03/1989 trough	1	8.17	144.35	8.71	112.7	1057	995	0.49	28.3	0.65	721.2	41°09'870"N, 32°36'894"E	382	52.1
58	Odemis trough	1	8.1	155.96	6.72	81.9	525	526	0.25	24.9	0.3445	718.5	41°09'443"N, 32°35'700"E	417	53.7
59	Yangın deposu trough	1	8.64	116.6	5.66	75.5	2154	1088	1	29.3	1.2935	719.8	41°09'534"N, 32°35'591"E	408	55.4
60	Pirinçlik stream	2	8.72	138.42	6.71	77.7	612	643	0.31	22.5	0.416	734.2		251	62.4
61	Soguk su trough	1	7.92	173.96	10.88	88	346.5	473.6	0.23	10.9	0.318	715.4	41°09'466"N, 32°27'919"E	231	66.5
62	Soğuksu leaking	2	7.91	132.32	10.51	97.2	311.7	417.8	0.2	70.2	0.2717	735.2	41°09'466"N, 32°27'919"E	231	
63	Hes şantiye stream	2	8.14	153.39	6.12	68.8	332.3	362.2	0.17	20.7	0.2353	740.5	41°11'453"N, 32°26'426"E	172	67.6
64	Balıkısık stream	2	7.89	173.08	7.29	86.5	538	551	0.27	23.8	0.3575	740.3	41°12'538"N, 32°25'124"E	181	69.2
65	Çamlıköy trough	1	7.69	179.15	5.48	65.6	669	681	0.33	24	0.442	729.2	41°13'823"N, 32°25'905"E	307	69.2
66	Aziziye Ören trough	1	7.7	183.6	6.34	69.1	677	760	0.37	19.3	0.494	710.4	41°13'030"N, 32°26'681"E	530	58.5
67	Mezarlık trough	1	7.78	172.99	2.01	24.6	401.1	404.3	0.19	24.7	0.2626	718.7	41°12'673"N, 32°25'934"E	443	59.5
68	Mezarlık spring	4	7.93	158.62	8.49	94	94.9	435.5	0.21	20.2	0.2827	720	41°12'605"N, 32°25'885"E	428	54.8
69	İncebacak stream	2	7.54	182.65	3.86	43.1	476.7	524.5	0.25	20.3	0.3406	726.5	41°10'112"N, 32°21'050"E	354	65.7
70	İncebacak köy girişi trough	1	7.77	166.79	7.24	79.9	519	569	0.28	20.4	0.3705	729	41°10'463"N, 37°21'111"E	317	20.4

71	Nizam Hayratı	1	8.05	156.4	10.29	99.3	406.7	523.3	0.25	13.3	0.34	736.8	41°11'576"N, 32°71'671"E	231	72.3
72	Kadir Hayratı 1/8/2005	1	7.95	160.94	6.61	72.5	542	606	0.29	19.4	0.3965	740.3	41°11'782"N, 32°21'869"E	191	72.5
73	Şeker Pınar Kanyonu	2	8.29	148.77	9.87	98.9	360.8	440.6	0.21	15.5	0.286	740.9	41°11'938"N, 32°21'737"E	185	70.1
74	Hacıosman trough	1	7.7	176.36	2.75	33.2	593	594	0.29	24.9	0.3835	737.2	41°13'888"N, 32°21'744"E	228	69.5
75	Yortan trough	1	7.71	176.27	6.92	90.8	802	742	0.36	29.2	0.481	733.1	41°15'463"N, 32°21'058"E	264	57.1
76	Demir yolu üstü leaking	5	8	157.18	9.01	115.4	626	594	0.29	27.8	0.3835	741.7	41°12'095"N, 32°22'935"E	171	55.9
77	Derebasi trough	1	7.18	216.3	4.53	47.5	1484	1741	0.89	17.3	1.131	715	41°14'558"N, 32°17'976"E	470	46.5
78	Köy içi trough	1	7.61	182.82	9.3	97.2	571	656	0.32	18.2	0.429	727.2	41°14'081"N, 32°18'274"E	333	54.2
79	Derebacı trough	1	7.9	161.98	7.46	92.5	627	618	0.3	25.8	0.403	727.6	41°14'036"N, 32°18'337"E	323	51
80	Filyos creek	8	8.43	129.36		79.2	642	599	0.29	28.9	0.39	744.8	41°12'949"N, 32°14'041"E	118	43
81	İl sınırı leaking	5	7.58	194.59	8.68	94.2	585	638	0.31	20.7	0.416	747	41°16'144"N, 32°09'737"E	82	44.7

Appendix 2. Düzce's Ecologic variables.

St. no	St. name	St. type	pH	She	DO	%S(DO)	EC	s.EC	Sal	T w	T air	TDS	Atmp	Coordinates	Alt
1	Kurtsuyu village	3	8.47	124.875	6.46	68.2	200	233.2	0.11	17.5	18.3	0.1514	715.3	40°59'412"N, 31°12'164"E	510
2	Kurtsuyu cave	7	7.65	163.845	9.47	80.3	330	461.4	0.23	11.7	16.3	0.3023	725.6	40°57'968"N, 31°13'419"E	387
3		3	7.91	133.93	9.04	82.9	334.7	452	0.22	20.8	11.4	0.2938	725.6	40°57'968"N, 31°13'419"E	387
4	Kurtsuyu spring	8	8.05	150.565	6.76	67.7	396.2	491.1	0.24	14.9	26.1	0.3192	721.9	40°58'589"N, 31°13'425"E	429
5	Subatak spring	8	7.74	135.88	7.51	72.9	313.7	399.3	0.19	13.8	23.5	0.2593	723.1	40°58'399"N, 31°13'358"E	433
6		1	7.76	150.99	92.1	94.6	371.3	444.9	0.22	16.4	25.2	0.2892	370	40°58'014"N, 31°10'240"E	370
7		1	8.18	112.895	11.59	131.4	519	566	0.27	20.7	29	0.3705	731.8	40°57'656"N, 31°10'406"E	331
8	Saklıkent waterfall	4	8.29	136.84	8	80.5	346.1	425.3	0.21	15.4	28.4	0.2763	709.8	40°56'433"N, 31°29'415"E	582
9	Saklıkent cave?	7	8.33	126.18	10.54	93	301.9	426.2	0.21	9.8		0.2769	702.5	40°56'429"N, 31°29'416"E	656
10		3	8.23	115.82	6.88	76.4	360.6	396.6	0.19	20.2	19.7	0.2581	475	40°57'003"N, 31°29'213"E	475
11		2	8.62	96.545	90.8	95.7	351.6	409.2	0.2	17.7	20.9	0.2659	358	40°58'058"N, 31°27'862"E	358
12	Serenaltı village	2	8.12	114.1	7.13	77.2	511	577	0.28	19	21.4	0.377	734.8	40°56'952"N, 31°23'257"E	320
13	Hacı Ahmet trough	1	7.95	123.73	7.07	80.6	597	649	0.32	20.8	21.1	0.4225	732.2	40°57'124"N, 31°23'226"E	347
14		8	7.55	145.5	4.25	44.5	458.7	542.3	0.26	17	21.1	0.3523	736.3	40°56'692"N, 31°20'408"E	300
15	Dutlar village	1	7.58	146.83	13.54	49.2	538	614	0.3	18.8	20.8	0.3965	735.6	40°56'379"N, 31°20'286"E	290
16			7.95	132.365	5.07	56.4	402.1	455.6	0.22	18.9	20.4	0.2958	735.9	40°55'809"N, 31°18'362"E	304
17	Hasanlar barajı	5	8.22	115.63	7.78	85.5	308.5	335.1	0.16	20.8	18.8	0.2178	739.4	40°55'673"N, 31°18'294"E	251
18		1	8.04	125.285	7.66	82.3	459.4	528.9	0.26	18.1	20.1	0.3438	735	40°55'941"N, 31°17'196"E	312
19		2	8.01	127.065	7.56	82.6	387.3	438.7	0.21	18.9	20.7	0.2854	744.6	40°54'394"N, 31°15'388"E	197
20	Altunçay village	1	7.94	108.69	8.39	88.1	165.8	191.4	0.09	16.4	18	0.1241	739.1	41°01'266"N, 31°12'723"E	279
21	Dereköy stream	2	7.8	139.39	7.88	80.7	318.1	380.2	0.18	16.4	17.2	0.247	753.9	41°00'717"N, 31°13'738"E	123
22	Dadallı stream	2	7.85	130.655	6.82	69.9	301.2	361.5	0.17	16.3	20.6	0.2346	760.9	41°03'709"N, 31°12'117"E	44
23	Akkaya stream	2	7.99	121.415	9.26	94.7	190.5	230.7	0.11	15.9	19.6	0.1502	763.2	41°06'135"N, 31°15'107"E	7
24	Doğancılar village	3	8.23	103.6	7.05	78.8	105	113.6	0.05	21	21.3	0.0741	750.9	41°03'571"N, 31°88'839"E	143
25	Belören spring	8	7.95	117.13	5.82	60.1	74.7	88.5	0.04	16.8	20.5	0.0579	752.7	41°03'483"N, 31°08'843"E	122
26	1985 trough	1	8.16	109.46	6.93	74.2	101.8	116	0.05	18.6	20.5	0.0754	753.5	41°02'595"N, 31°09'105"E	110
27	Yeşilköy stream	2	8.2	126.01	8.53	86.5	329.9	402.2	0.19	15.6	24.2	0.2613	753.7	41°01'672"N, 31°06'617"E	108
28	Sarıyayla trough	1	8.19	119.74	9.98	97.1	287.6	369.4	0.18	13.4	22	0.2398	720.6	41°00'908"N, 31°04'786"E	494
29	Yaylacık spring	8	8.21	122.64	9.23	89.6	255.6	328.2	0.16	13.4	22	0.2132	725.1	41°00'282"N, 31°04'114"E	452
30	Arabacı stream	2	8.4	107.845	11.38	115	338.5	411.2	0.2	15.7	20.5	0.2671	755.6	41°02'626"N, 31°05'085"E	104
31	Aktaş waterfall	4	8.17	117.55	9.23	89.9	281.9	356.4	0.17	14	23		736	41°00'797"N, 31°02'534"E	319
32	Hemşin village	3	7.69	129.36	6.25	64.3	387.7	462.3	0.22	16.6	23.2	0.3003	745.6	41°01'537"N, 31°01'480"E	208
33	Esmahanım stream	2	8.2	116.99	9.67	99.4	329.6	394.5	0.19	16.4	23	0.2561	754.1	40°59'856"N, 30°59'249"E	114
34	Akpınar stream	2	7.96	122.34	6.35	67.1	487.3	569.5	0.28	17.4	24.5	0.3698	745.1	40°55'863"N, 30°57'930"E	198

35	Melen creek	9	8.28	112.205	8.67	90.3	437.2	512.9	0.25	17.3	22	0.3325	753.8	40°54'436"N, 30°56'969"E	113
36	Harmankaya waterfall	4	8.08	122.385	8.51	94.9	550	606	0.29	20.1	21.4	0.3965	757	40°56'625"N, 30°56'182"E	76
37	Çelikdere village	3	8.32	112.475	8.37	87.9	401.1	468.1	0.23	17.5	20	0.3042	731.8	40°55'622"N, 30°53'916"E	372
38		1	8.04	122.055	7.84	73.2	291.7	349.9	0.17	16.3	20.8	0.2275	733.8	40°54'988"N, 30°53'596"E	
39	Üveyzbeli trough	1	7.68	144.64	7.87	78.7	548	673	0.33	15.4	20	0.4365	736	40°53'902"N, 30°53'322"E	319
40	Hacıkadirler stream	2	8.12	124.54	6.11	66.8	448.6	500.3	0.24	19.4	22.2	0.3256	753.6	40°50'794"N, 31°00'636"E	115
41	Sırtınar trough	1	8.04	113.405	6.17	59.2	484.3	624.2	0.31	13.3	17.8	0.4056	729.5	40°53'374"N, 30°56'093"E	401
42	Recep muhtar trough	1	7.93	141.345	5.18	50.3	514	657	0.32	13.7	19.6	0.429	745.3	40°52'584"N, 30°55'577"E	250
43	Kıyıköy stream	2	8.23	121.63	10.29	97.5	441.6	575.5	0.28	12.8	18.8	0.3744	751.8	40°52'584"N, 30°55'577"E	250
44	Soguksu trough	1	8.14	117.1	7.35	76.5	698	823	0.41	17	18.5	0.533	741.6	40°51'331"N, 30°53'898"E	261
45	Halilbey stream	2	8.34	118.29	10.53	99	403.4	531.1	0.26	12.4	19.7	0.3452	743.8	40°51'331"N, 30°53'898"E	
46	Yesilyayla stream	2	8.11	118.295	9.21	90.8	380.7	473.7	0.23	14.7	21.5	0.3081	754.3	40°47'366"N, 30°51'186"E	137
47	Dereköy trough	1	7.88	137.17	8.22	82.6	502	667	0.3	15.2	21.6	0.403	737.4	40°48'769"N, 30°53'847"E	319
48	Kıydüzü pond	6	7.97	125.095	4.19	46.8	193.2	210.4	0.1	20.7	24.4	0.1365	728.7	40°47'720"N, 30°58'227"E	423
49	Aksu stream	2	8.32	118.525	10.5	103.5	247.7	310.5	0.15	14.5	27.4	0.2015	745.3	40°45'056"N, 30°54'286"E	228
50	cay village stream	2	8.36	202.33	10.27	104.5	279.6	337.5	0.16	16	26.2	0.2197	749.9	40°45'349"N, 30°56'431"E	174
51	Sacmalipinar spring	8	8.25	120.305	9.83	93.7	223.2	288.3	0.14	13.3	26	0.1482	704	40°43'620"N, 30°57'401"E	698
52	Guzeldere waterfall	4	8.32	133.36	10.02	94.5	118.2	155.2	0.07	12.6	24.5	0.1008	717	40°43'344"N, 31°02'632"E	538
53	Efteni lake 1	5	7.38	154.04	0.63	6.7	459.2	538.7	0.26	17.4	24.6	0.3497	753.2	40°45'254"N, 31°03'624"E	114
54	Efteni lake 2	5	8.07	124.665	6.16	67	562	636	0.31	18.9	26	0.416	753.4	40°45'480"N, 31°02'211"E	125
55	İcmeler village melen	2	7.66	142.965	29.2	2.71	496.1	561.7	0.27	18.9	23.9	0.3653	753.2	40°49'311"N, 31°01'524"E	105
56	Saziye village trough	1	8.58	96.665	8.96	105.8	162.8	169.8	0.08	22.9	26.6	0.1105	752.2	40°50'676"N, 31°02'836"E	124
57	Serefiye water channel	10	8.62	92.995	14.59	176	168.3	176.2	0.89	22.7	26.5	0.144	748.9	40°53'093"N, 31°01'987"E	165
58	Hızar stream	2	8.27	141.1	9.49	94.1	215.8	267	0.13	15	26	0.1735	730.1	40°55'733"N, 31°04'023"E	389
59	Yenivakık stream 2	2	8.2	118.765	8.99	93	409.6	484.5	0.23	16.9	25.1	0.3146	746.7	40°54'118"N, 31°05'359"E	209
60	Yaka village stream	2	8.07	127.07	7.86	81.7	423.5	498.2	0.24	17.2	24.3	0.3327	747.5	40°54'877"N, 31°08'086"E	196
61	Bogazici stream	2	8.11	122.34	7.62	71.5	421.4	512.6	0.25	15.4	22.3	0.3335	741.3	40°57'483"N, 31°17'077"E	264
62	Muncur stream	2	8.17	126.985	9.1	87.7	378.5	476.8	0.23	14.1	17.2	0.36	742.6	40°48'894"N, 31°15'407"E	239
63	Sallar stream	2	7.69	158.17	4.55	45.4	690	849	0.42	15.2	18	0.5525	748.2	40°50'928"N, 31°13'850"E	193
64	Akyazı water channel	10	8.09	136.285	8.92	94.7	849	977	0.49	18.1	21.4	0.637	748	40°53'977"N, 31°10'929"E	194
65	Esenler water channel	10	8.26	120.855	9.93	96.6	407.4	512.3	0.25	14.3	22.8	0.3328	749.7	40°54'118"N, 31°05'359"E	209
66	Mamure water channel	10	8.02	125.39	9.57	98.1	325.6	389.6	0.19	16.4	23.2	0.2535	751.7	40°50'577"N, 31°06'743"E	138
67	Turaplar	3	7.84	136.26	7.42	73.1	503	628	0.31	14.6	26.8	0.4095	751	40°48'715"N, 31°07'453"E	141
68		1	7.76	138.2	3.84	38.2	514	635	0.31	15	24.9	0.416	751.6	40°48'343"N, 31°06'016"E	134
69	Aydınpınar waterfall 1	4	8.59	109.975	10.28	99.9	137.9	117.2	0.08	13.5	22.5	0.1151	731.7	40°44'675"N, 31°06'264"E	352
70	Aydınpınar waterfall 2	4	8.23	123.78	8.82	84.5	135	73.8	0.08	13.8		0.1131	731.5	40°44'675"N, 31°06'264"E	352
71	Bey village stream	2	8.17	128.095	8.79	90.4	382.8	455.2	0.22	16.7	27.2	0.2958	744.9	40°46'279"N, 31°09'832"E	204

72	Torkul stream	2	8.4	115.73	10.28	92.9	248.1	340.1	0.16	10.8	28.5	0.221	681.2	40°41'465"N, 31°08'205"E	960
73	Torkul pond 1	6	7.32	151.155	1.76	18.7	267.8	303.1	0.14	18.3	27.7	0.1976	657.4	40°40'764"N, 31°10'383"E	1270
74	Torkul pond 2	6	7.1	209.665	0.28	3.3	518	562	0.27	20.9		0.364		40°40'764"N, 31°10'383"E	1270
75		1	7.64	142.395	8.23	81.1	287.6	358.2	0.17	14.7	23.5	0.2327	667.7	40°41'086"N, 31°08'979"E	1121
76		2	8.37	115.835	9.54	94.5	328.3	404.9	0.2	15.1	26	0.2652	725.2	40°43'188"N, 31°14'415"E	439
77	Derdin Hot spring	8	6.62	201.415	0.63	8.3	9702	8824	4.9	29.9	24.1	5.746	725.6	40°43'271"N, 31°14'482"E	472
78	Samandere waterfall	4	8.59	106.26	8.37	82.3	272.2	340.7	0.16	14.6	24.3	0.2203	696.4	40°41'457"N, 31°15'635"E	817
79	Topuk village pond 1	6	8.27	110.92	5.4	57.3	148.5	170.6	0.08	18.2	22.2	0.1112	655.1	40°41'489"N, 31°21'690"E	1295
80	Topuk village pond 2	6	8.73	89.435	8.09	91.3	148.2	160.2	0.08	21.1		0.104	654.9	40°41'489"N, 31°21'690"E	1295
81	Dipsiz lake	5	8.41	95.485	6.31	70.6	85.6	54.5	0.04	20.1	20.8	0.0611	676.6	40°43'289"N, 31°23'031"E	1009

Appendix 3. Karabük’s species. Abbreviation in Table 6.

St. No	Pa	Pz	Hi	Hs	Ib	Lsp	Cd	Pf	Ci	Hc	Pm	Pv	Ii	Po	H. sp.	Ps	Hcs	Py	Fc	Hb	Ec	Pp	Sc	Ep	Pv	Cy	Cv	Lc	Id	Pz	Cp	Hr	Pc	Pf	Ps	Cn	Li
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PHOTOS

Photo 1. Station 15. Ovacık in Karabük.



Photo 2. Station 17. Hasanlar Dam in Düzce.



Photo 3. Station 33. Eflani in Karabük.



Photo 4. Station 48. Hot spring in Karabük.



Photo 5. Station 48. Kıy düzü pond in Düzce.



Photo 6. Station 73. Torkul pond in Düzce.



Photo 7. Station 23. Düzce Akkaya stream.



Photo 8. Station 42. Natural environmental in Karabük.



Photo 9. Station 39. Ortakçılar pond in Karabük.

