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DISTRIBUTION PECULIARITIES OF THE ANODONTIN BIVALVES (UNIONIDAE) FROM GENUS BERINGIANA

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In Russia distribution area of the genus *Beringiana* belongs to the East-Siberian subregion of the Palearctic Region while all other anodontin genera of the Russian Far East (*Cristaria*, *Sinanodonta*, *Anemina*, *Buldowskia*, *Amuranodonta*, and *Kunashiria*) inhabit the Chino-Indian Region [1]. In Russia mollusks of the genus *Beringiana* were collected in Yakutia (Indigirka and Kolyma river basins), Magadan District (Nizhniaya Kolyma, Kava, Anadyr, Khatyrka and Ola river basins), Kamchatka District and Paramushir Is. (northern Kuril Islands) [2], [3], [4], [5]. Besides Russia, bivalves of the genus were also registered in Aleutian Islands, Alaska, coastal line of the Washington State (USA) and west Canada [5], [6], [7], [8]. Before our investigation the genus *Beringiana* included 3 species – *B. beringiana*, *B. youkonensis*, and *B. taranetzi* [9].

This investigation is based on collections of the Institute of Biology and Soil Sciences, Vladivostok, and Zoological Institute, St.-Petersburg. Specimens from southern Kamchatka and Paramushir are collected during the International Kuril Island Project (IKIP), grants DEB-9400821, DEB-9505031 of the U.S. National Science Foundation, and grant BSAR-401 of the Japan Society.

As a result of IKIP, new species *B. compressa* from Paramushir Is. is described [4]. Later a taxonomic review reveals that in northeastern Russia and northwestern America the genus *Beringiana* includes 9 species where 4 species – *B. chereshnevi*, *B. derzhavini*, *B. kamchatica*, *B. georgiensis* – are added to the list as new for science and *B. taranetzi* is redescribed as a member of the genus *Arsenievinaia* [5].

In northern Kurils we register only 1 locality of the genus in Pernatoye L., Paramushir Is. [4], [5], [10], although in 1930s this genus was also mentioned for Zerkalnoye (Paramushir) and Bolshoye (Shumshu Is.) lakes [3]. In Kamchatka we note 7 localities of the genus, including Azabachie, Suzutsi and Stolbovoye lakes, Kamchatka and Blizhniaya river basins. During IKIP *Beringiana* is collected in Yavinskoye L. (Kamchatka) for the first time.

Species *B. compressa* is known from Pernatoye L. (Paramushir) only [4]. Species *B. derzhavini* is described from Blizhniaya river basin (Kamchatka) only [5]. Mollusks of *B. chereshnevi*, first known from Suzutsi L. (Kamchatka) only [5], we also identify in samples from Azabachie L. Bivalves of *B. kamchatica*, first collected in Kamchatka, Paramushir and Aleutian Islands [5], we now register in Kava R. (Magadan District). Mollusks of *B. beringiana* occur in Kamchatka, Paramushir, Aleutian Islands, Alaska, Canada [5], [7], [8]. Species *B. kennerlyi*, *B. oregonensis* and *B. georgiensis* are known from USA and Canada [5]. Our revision shows that *B. youkonensis* occurs in all distribution area of the genus.

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