

Amphipoda (Crustacea, Malacostraca)

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Brooding peracarid crustaceans – no larval stage / metamorphosis

- Size 1-3 cm usually (0.1-34 cm)
- In all marine habitats: often important in the ecosystem + freshwater & terrestrial
- Benthic (infauna, epifauna), nektobenthic, pelagic, troglophilic, ectoparasitic...
- Herbivores, detritivores, predators, scavengers...

Photos from WoRMS



Place of order **Amphipoda**  
within class **Malacostraca**  
(« macrocrustaceans »)

**Eumalacostraca** (subclass)

- **Syncarida**

- **Eucarida**

• Amphionidacea

• Euphausiacea

• Decapoda

- **Peracarida** (superorder)

• **Amphipoda** (order)

• Cumacea

• Isopoda

• Lophogastrida

• Mysida

• Tanaidacea

**Hoplocarida**

**Phyllocarida**

**10 000 species / 210 families total**

**2 000 freshwater species (20 % of total)**

- half of them subterranean

- most diverse in temperate environments

Higher classification in flux

Suborders (as of 2013)

• Gammaridea (4000 / 100)

• Hyperiidea (300 / 17)

• Ingolfiellidea (40 / 2)

• Senticaudata (5500 / 93)



## Database & checklist history and status

1.

Freshwater species list compiled for FADA (Väinölä et al. 2008), but not released :  
- goal of more complete documentation (referenced) not achieved (6 **regional** coeditors)  
- FADA output & user interface  
( → 2011)

2013 FADA amphipod project dismissed, **all activity moved to WAD / WoRMS** [to avoid repetition]

5.

2015 FADA is reactivated and FADA ↔ WoRMS autotransfer developed ?

**New checklist project launched !**

2.

- A. WoRMS growing from ERMS and RAMS (Costello, Bellan-Santini, Vader, DeBroyer...),
- B. Jim Lowry's private World List of Amphipoda (unpubl.)



3.

2010 **WAD = World Amphipoda Database** (in WoRMS)

2013 Amphipod Editor Team: Tammy Horton + 30 taxonomic co-editors, incl. c. 10 freshwater editors (only partial overlap with FADA)

4. Editors inactive. FADA data not merged to WAD so far



# World **Amphipoda** Database





## Freshwater amphipod checklist project (2000+ spp.)

- Fully referenced data entered & checked through WAD / WoRMS by c. 10 taxonomic editors
  - with help from WAD coordination (T Horton) & WoRMS data team (?)
- Aligned with previously compiled FADA data (so far owned by partly different editors)
- Streamlining input & output of specific fields (?)
- To be published also as a peer-reviewed publication, **referenced for sources of taxonomy (status reference) and overall distribution of all species** [as opposed to plain list based on personal authority] - a main incentive to the authors
- A pilot case for the WoRMS – FADA data link ?
- Pilot of using the tools for building new-generation checklist (referenced + electronically linked)

## Expectations for the workshop

To learn:

Clarifying procedures for smooth output / input / output of specified fields during trimming of checklists, from the WoRMS/WAD interface

Learning about use of the WoRMS Distribution data input (gazetteer principles)

Why would FADA not be a «context» within WoRMS ?

