

A new species of *Dollfusentis* Golvan, 1969 (Palaeacanthocephala: Illiosentidae) in the striped mojara, *Eugerres plumieri* (Perciformes: Actinoptergii), from Bahía de Chetumal, Quintana Roo, México

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Abstract

A new species, *Dollfusentis salgadoi* n. sp., is described from *Eugerres plumieri*, Bahía de Chetumal, Quintana Roo, México. The new species is most similar to *D. bravoae*, but has 17–19 hooks per longitudinal row on the proboscis (excluding the ventral crescent), longer lemnisci (2250 ± 391 , n=44), testes that are longer and wider (322 ± 38 , n= 25 long and 176 ± 29 , n= 25 wide), and a uterine bell that is smaller (289 ± 61 , n= 23 long and 80 ± 24 , n= 23 wide). *Dollfusentis bravoae* has 16–17 hooks per longitudinal row on the proboscis, shorter lemnisci (2015 ± 516 , n=9), testes that are shorter and not as wide (218 ± 46 , n= 6 long and 136 ± 24 , n= 6), and a uterine bell that is larger (321 ± 64 , n= 4 long and 78 ± 33 , n= 4 wide). Adults of all other known species of the genus inhabit the intestine of their host, but adults of *D. salgadoi* n. sp. inhabit the rectum of its host.

Key words: *Dollfusentis salgadoi* n. sp., Acanthocephala, Illiosentidae, Gerreidae, *Eugerres plumieri*, Bahía de Chetumal, Quintana Roo, México

Resumen

Se describe una especie nueva, *Dollfusentis salgadoi* n. sp., de *Eugerres plumieri* de la Bahía de Chetumal, Quintana Roo, México. La especie nueva es similar a *D. bravoae*, pero ésta tiene de 17–19 ganchos en cada hilera longitudinal de la proboscis, los lemniscos son más largos (2250 ± 391 , n=44), los testículos son más largos y anchos (322 ± 38 , n= 25 de largo; y 176 ± 29 , n= 25 de ancho) y la campana uterina es más pequeña (289 ± 61 , n= 23 de largo; y 80 ± 24 , n= 23 de ancho). *Dollfusentis bravoae* tiene de 16–17 ganchos en cada hilera longitudinal de la proboscis, los lemniscos más pequeños (2015 ± 516 , n=9), los testículos son de menor tamaño (218 ± 46 , n= 6 de largo y 136 ± 24 , n= 6 de ancho) y la campana uterina es más grande (321 ± 64 , n= 4 de largo y 78 ± 33 , n= 4 de ancho). Los adultos del resto de las especies conocidas de éste género habitan en el intestino de su hospedero; sin embargo, los adultos de *D. salgadoi* n. sp. habitan en el recto de su hospedero.

Palabras claves: *Dollfusentis salgadoi* n. sp., Acanthocephala, Illiosentidae, Gerreidae, *Eugerres plumieri*, Bahía de Chetumal, Quintana Roo, México

Introduction

The most comprehensive descriptions of members of *Dollfusentis* Golvan, 1969 are those of Salgado-Maldonado (1976). In that work he commented that acanthocephalans of the genus *Dollfusentis* Golvan, 1969 are encountered frequently as parasites of fish from the eastern Mexican coast. During a study of the parasites of fish from Bahía de Chetumal, Quintana Roo, México, we found members of striped mojarra, *Eugerres plum-*