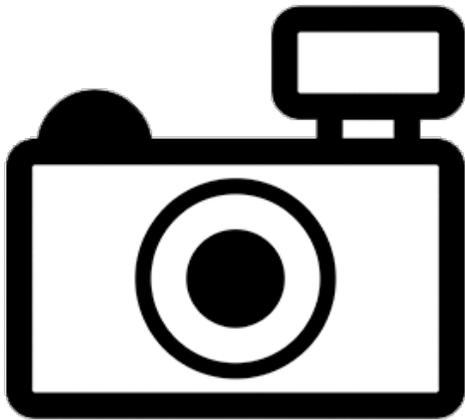


***Paradoxoglanis parvus* (a catfish, no common name)**

Ecological Risk Screening Summary

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, March 2012
Revised, January 2019
Web Version, 2/16/2021

Organism Type: Fish
Overall Risk Assessment Category: Uncertain



No Photo Available

1 Native Range and Status in the United States

Native Range

From Froese and Pauly (2019):

“Africa: middle Congo River system and the Kumbinanimi River system just north of the Congo River mouth [Democratic Republic of the Congo] [Norris 2002; Seegers 2008].”

From Moelants (2010):

“*Paradoxoglanis parvus* is distributed in the Central Congo River system, from Pool Malebo (Stanley Pool) upstream into the middle Ubangui and as upstream in the Congo as Kisangani. It has not been verified from the Lower Congo, but is present in the Kumbinanimi system, a small coastal basin just north of the Congo mouth (Norris 2002).”

Status in the United States

No records of *Paradoxoglanis parvus* in the wild or in trade in the United States were found.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has listed the tilapia *P. parvus* as a prohibited species. Prohibited nonnative species (FFWCC 2020), “are considered to be dangerous to the ecology and/or the health and welfare of the people of Florida. These species are not allowed to be personally possessed or used for commercial activities.”

From Mississippi Secretary of State (2019):

“All species of the following animals and plants have been determined to be detrimental to the State's native resources and further sales or distribution are prohibited in Mississippi. No person shall import, sell, possess, transport, release or cause to be released into the waters of the state any of the following aquatic species [including all species of Family Malapteruridae] or hybrids thereof.”

From Texas Parks and Wildlife (2020):

“The organisms listed here [including all species of Family Malapteruridae] are legally classified as exotic, harmful, or potentially harmful. No person may possess or place them into water of this state except as authorized by the department. Permits are required for any individual to possess, sell, import, export, transport or propagate listed species for zoological or research purposes; for aquaculture(allowed only for Blue, Nile, or Mozambique tilapia, Triploid Grass Carp, or Pacific White Shrimp); or for aquatic weed control (for example, Triploid Grass Carp in private ponds).”

Means of Introductions in the United States

No records of *Paradoxoglanis parvus* in the wild in the United States were found.

Remarks

No additional remarks.

2 Biology and Ecology

Taxonomic Hierarchy and Taxonomic Standing

According to Fricke et al. (2019), *Paradoxoglanis parvus* Norris, 2002 is the current valid and original name of this species.

From ITIS (2019):

Kingdom Animalia
Subkingdom Bilateria
Infrakingdom Deuterostomia
Phylum Chordata
Subphylum Vertebrata

Infraphylum Gnathostomata
Superclass Actinopterygii
Class Teleostei
Superorder Ostariophysi
Order Siluriformes
Family Malapteruridae
Genus *Paradoxoglanis*
Species *Paradoxoglanis parvus* Norris, 2002

Size, Weight, and Age Range

From Froese and Pauly (2019):

“Max length : 16.9 cm SL male/unsexed; [Norris 2002]”

Environment

From Froese and Pauly (2019):

“Freshwater; demersal.”

Climate

From Froese and Pauly (2019):

“Tropical”

Distribution Outside the United States

Native

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Introduced

No records of introductions of *Paradoxoglanis parvus* were found.

Means of Introduction Outside the United States

No records of introductions of *Paradoxoglanis parvus* were found.

Short Description

From Froese and Pauly (2019):

“Anal spines: 0; Anal soft rays: 8 - 12; Vertebrae: 37 - 41. Diagnosis: lateral line short, rarely longer than 28% SL, most commonly 18-22% SL; nearly always 6 pelvic-fin rays; generally 2 sensory pores between inner mental barbels; caudal saddle and bar pattern absent; no sharply defined pectoral fin markings [Norris 2002].”

Biology

No information on the biology of *Paradoxoglanis parvus* was found.

Human Uses

From Moelants (2010):

“This species is harvested for human consumption.”

Diseases

No information on diseases of *Paradoxoglanis parvus* was found. **No records of OIE-reportable diseases (OIE 2021) were found for *P. parvus*.**

Threat to Humans

From Froese and Pauly (2018):

“Harmless”

This species is classified within the electric catfish family of Malapteruridae but no reports were found indicating that this species could cause harm to humans.

3 Impacts of Introductions

No records of introductions of *Paradoxoglanis parvus* were found.

4 History of Invasiveness

No records of introductions of *Paradoxoglanis parvus* were found, so the history of invasiveness is no known nonnative population.

5 Global Distribution

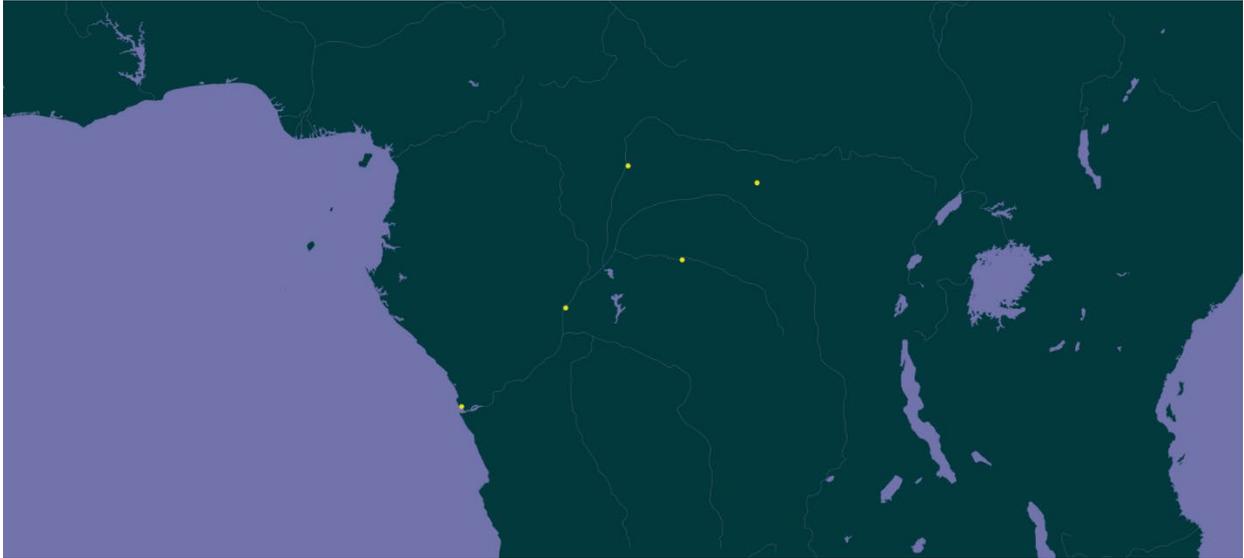


Figure 1. Known global distribution of *Paradoxoglanis parvus*. Locations are in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Map from GBIF Secretariat (2019).

6 Distribution Within the United States

No records of *Paradoxoglanis parvus* in the wild in the United States were found.

7 Climate Matching

Summary of Climate Matching Analysis

The climate match for *Paradoxoglanis parvus* was low for the majority of the contiguous United States with parts of southern Florida having medium climate matches. There were no areas of high match. The Climate 6 score (Sanders et al. 2018; 16 climate variables; Euclidean distance) for the contiguous United States was 0.001, low (scores between 0.000 and 0.005, inclusive, are classified as low). All States had an individually low climate score except for Florida, which had a medium climate score.

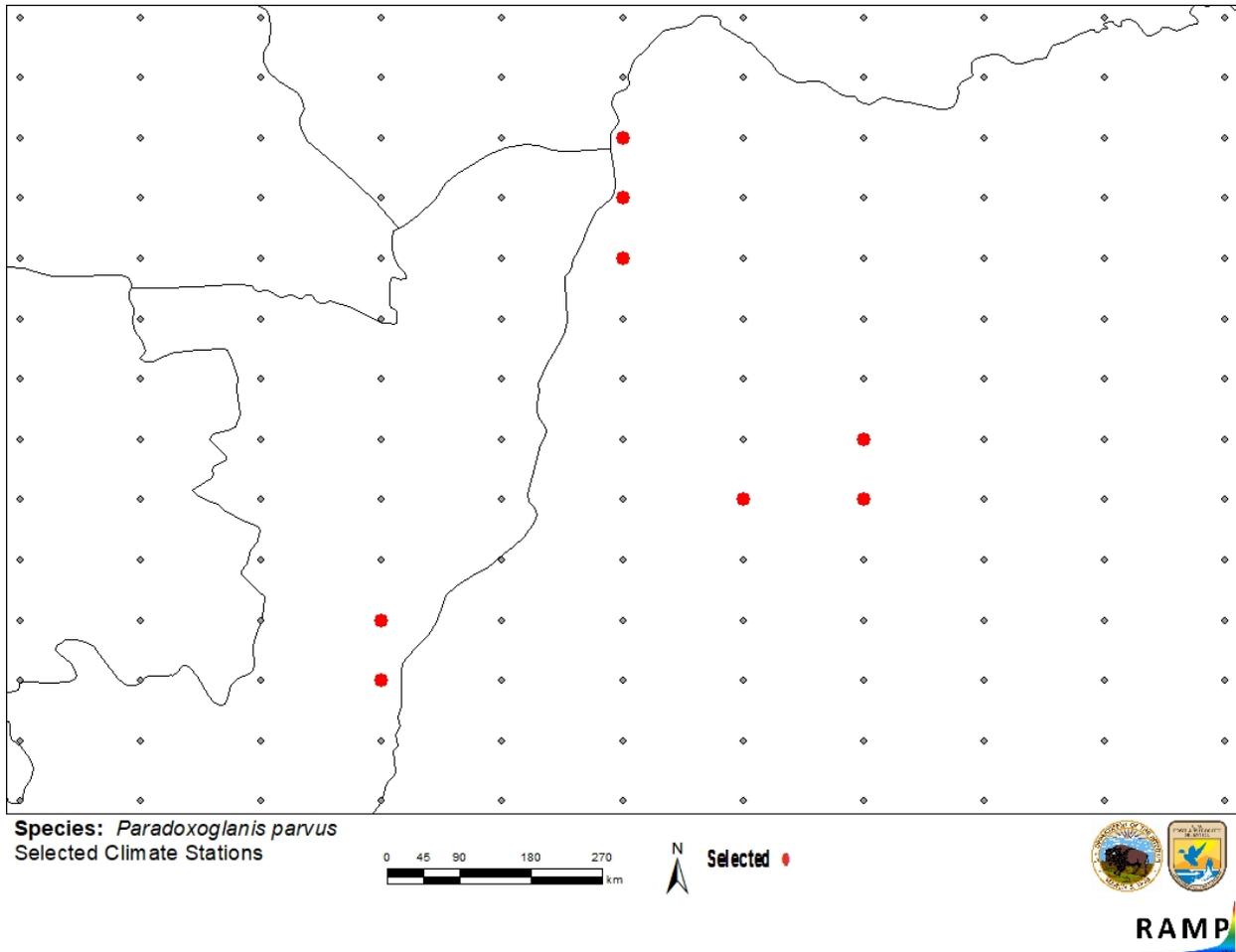


Figure 2. RAMP (Sanders et al. 2018) source map showing weather stations in Africa selected as source locations (red; Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of the Congo) and non-source locations (gray) for *Paradoxoglanis parvus* climate matching. Source locations from GBIF Secretariat (2019). Selected source locations are within 100 km of one or more species occurrences and do not necessarily represent the locations of occurrences themselves.

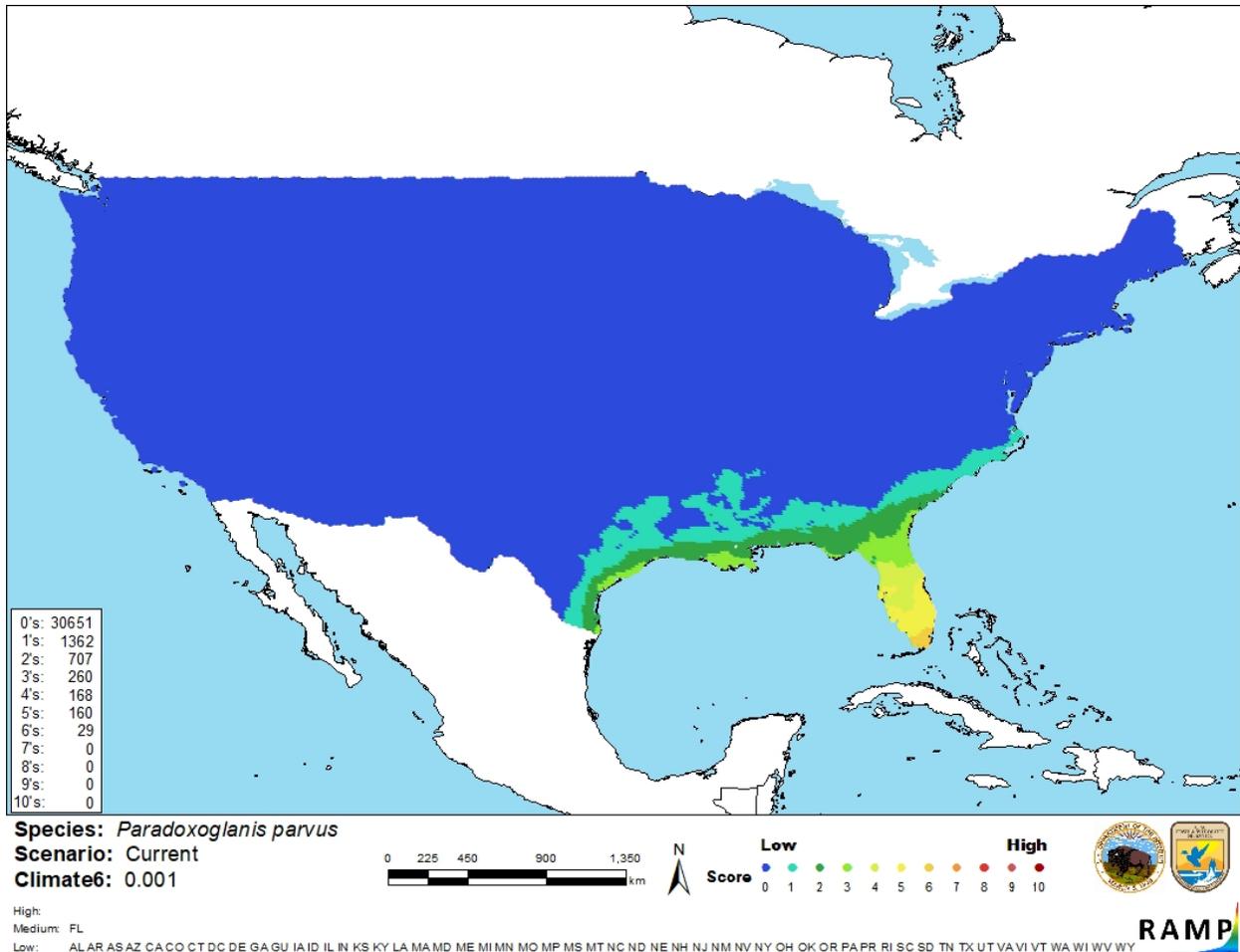


Figure 3. Map of RAMP (Sanders et al. 2018) climate matches for *Paradoxoglanis parvus* in the contiguous United States based on source locations reported from GBIF Secretariat (2019). Counts of climate match scores are tabulated on the left. 0/Blue = Lowest match, 10/Red = Highest match.

The High, Medium, and Low Climate match Categories are based on the following table:

Climate 6: (Count of target points with climate scores 6-10)/ (Count of all target points)	Overall Climate Match Category
$0.000 \leq X \leq 0.005$	Low
$0.005 < X < 0.103$	Medium
≥ 0.103	High

8 Certainty of Assessment

The certainty of assessment for *Paradoxoglanis parvus* is low. There is minimal information available for this species. No information on introductions of *Paradoxoglanis parvus* was found.

9 Risk Assessment

Summary of Risk to the Contiguous United States

Paradoxoglanis parvus is an African electric catfish native to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The history of invasiveness is no nonnative population. *P. parvus* has not been reported as introduced or established anywhere in the world outside of its native range. This species is not found in trade but is harvested for food. The overall climate match for the contiguous United States was low. Almost all of the contiguous United States had a low match, except for southern Florida which had a medium match. The certainty of assessment is low. The overall risk assessment category is uncertain.

Assessment Elements

- **History of Invasiveness (Sec. 4): No Known Nonnative Population**
- **Overall Climate Match Category (Sec. 7): Low**
- **Certainty of Assessment (Sec. 8): Low**
- **Remarks/Important additional information:** No additional information
- **Overall Risk Assessment Category: Uncertain**

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