

Rednose Labeo (*Labeo altivelis*)

Ecological Risk Screening Summary

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1 Native Range and Status in the United States

Native Range

From Froese and Pauly (2017):

“Africa: lower and middle reaches of the Zambezi River system, including the Shire and Lake Malawi. Also in Lake Mweru and the Luapula (upper Congo River basin)[Tshibwabwa 1997]. Range thought to extend to some East Coast rivers (Rufiji system) [Reid 1985].”

Status in the United States

This species has not been reported as introduced or established in the U.S.

Means of Introductions in the United States

This species has not been reported as introduced or established in the U.S.

2 Biology and Ecology

Taxonomic Hierarchy and Taxonomic Standing

From ITIS (2018):

“Kingdom Animalia
Subkingdom Bilateria
Infrakingdom Deuterostomia
Phylum Chordata
Subphylum Vertebrata
Infraphylum Gnathostomata
Superclass Actinopterygii
Class Teleostei
Superorder Ostariophysi
Order Cypriniformes
Superfamily Cyprinoidea
Family Cyprinidae
Genus *Labeo*
Species *Labeo altivelis* Peters, 1852”

From Eschmeyer et al. (2018):

“Current status: Valid as *Labeo altivelis* Peters 1852. Cyprinidae: Labeoninae.”

Size, Weight, and Age Range

From Froese and Pauly (2017):

“Max length : 49.0 cm TL male/unsexed; [Kolding et al. 1992]; max. published weight: 3.6 kg [Skelton 1993]; max. reported age: 9 years [Skelton 1993]”

Environment

From Froese and Pauly (2017):

“Freshwater; benthopelagic; potamodromous [Riede 2004].”

Climate/Range

From Froese and Pauly (2017):

“Tropical; 13°S - 22°S”

Distribution Outside the United States

Native

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Introduced

This species has not been reported as introduced or established outside of its native range.

Means of Introduction Outside the United States

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Short Description

From Boulenger (1909):

“Body strongly compressed, its depth 3 to $3\frac{1}{4}$ times in total length. Head $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{2}{3}$ times as long as broad, $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 times in total length; snout rounded, moderately prominent; eye perfectly lateral, in middle of head, 4 to 6 times in length of head; interorbital width $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{2}{5}$ length of head; width of mouth, with lips, $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 times in length of head; both lips with several rows of papillae, those of the outer row large and subconical, forming a strong fringe; edge of rostral flap entire; a minute barbel, hidden under folds on skin; tubercles on snout very small or absent. Dorsal III-IV 11-13, equally distant from head or eye and from caudal, its upper edge convex, longest rays $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{3}$ times length of head. Anal III 5, reaching, or nearly reaching, root of caudal. Pectoral as long as head or slightly shorter, not reaching ventral, the first ray of which falls below 3rd or 4th branched ray of dorsal. Caudal deeply emarginated, crescentic. Caudal peduncle as long as deep or a little deeper than long. [...] Olive above, yellowish beneath, with or without pink streaks along the series of scales; fins grey.”

Biology

From Froese and Pauly (2017):

“Prefers large rivers but is also found in large lakes and dams. Grazes on algae and ‘aufwuchs’ from rocks [Skelton 1993]. From October to December in Lake Moëro, the adults gather and migrate to the spawning grounds. They go up the Luapula River up to the foot of Johnston Falls where they undergo one massive spawning between January and March. This massive spawning of short duration is known as kapata in the Luapula-Moëro system and in the tributaries of the Luapula.”

Human Uses

From Bills et al. (2010):

“This species is of some economic importance especially during the low water conditions of the dry season.”

From Froese and Pauly (2017):

“This species is intensely fished and caviar is produce from eggs collected during migration from Lake Moëro to Luapula River [Tshibwabwa 1997].”

Diseases

From Khalil (1973):

“One mature female specimen of this species [*Camallanus kirandensis*] was recovered from the intestine of *Labeo altivelis* Peters, 1852.”

“One mature female specimen of a species of the genus *Philometroides* was recovered from *Labeo altivelis* Peters, 1852, from Banyati River, Rhodesia.”

No OIE-reportable diseases have been reported for this species.

Threat to Humans

From Froese and Pauly (2017):

“Harmless”

3 Impacts of Introductions

This species has not been reported as introduced or established outside of its native range.

4 Global Distribution



Figure 1. Known global distribution of *Labeo altivelis*. Map from GBIF Secretariat (2018).

5 Distribution Within the United States

This species has not been reported as introduced or established in the U.S.

6 Climate Matching

Summary of Climate Matching Analysis

The Climate 6 score (Sanders et al. 2014; 16 climate variables; Euclidean distance) for the Continental U.S. was 0.007, which is a medium climate match. In general, the Southern U.S. had a medium climate match, and all other parts of the U.S. had a low climate match. The climate match was high in Florida, medium in Arizona and Texas, and low in all other states.

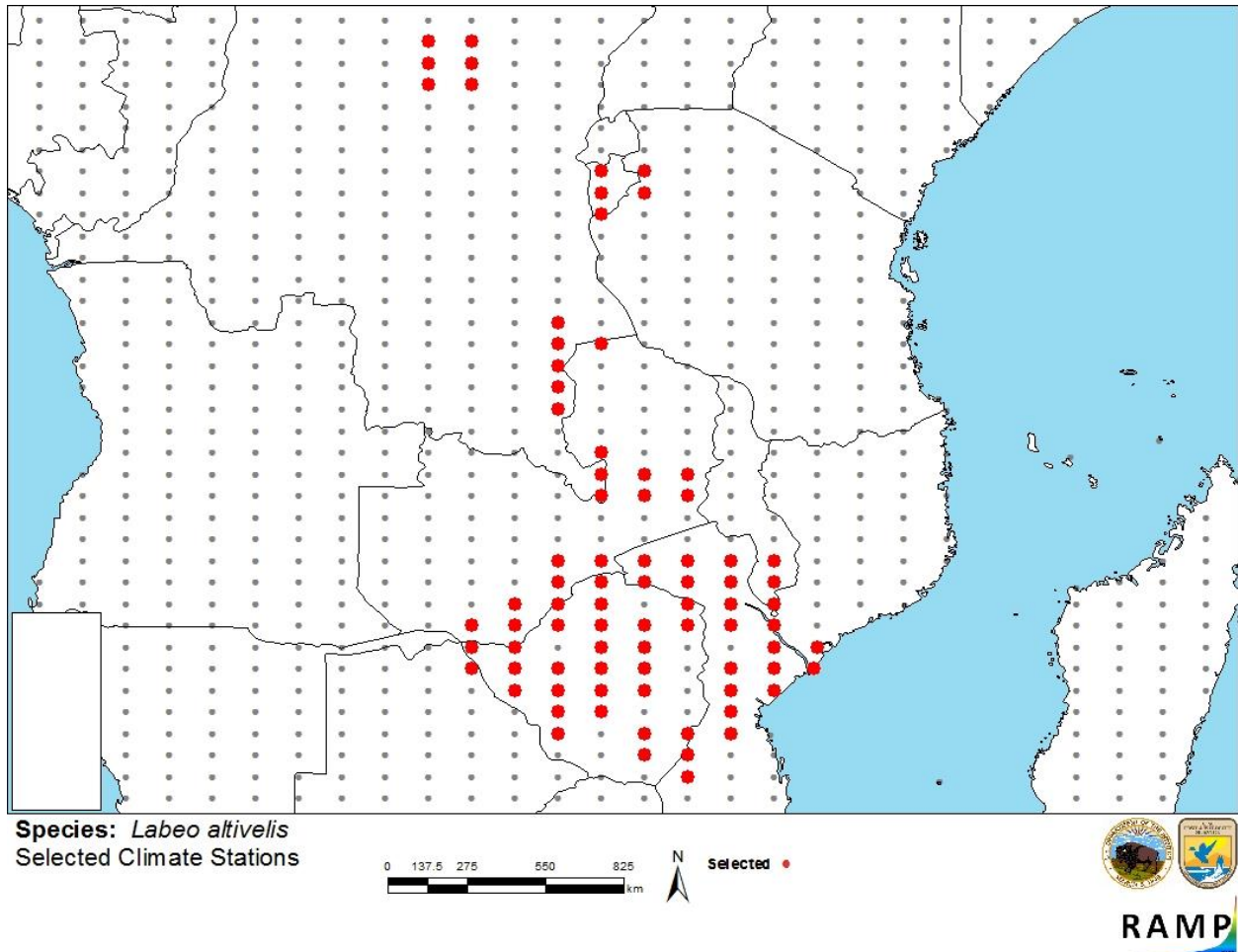


Figure 2. RAMP (Sanders et al. 2014) source map showing weather stations selected as source locations (red; Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Zambia, Malawi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Burundi, and Tanzania) and non-source locations (gray) for *Labeo altivelis* climate matching. Source locations from GBIF Secretariat (2018).

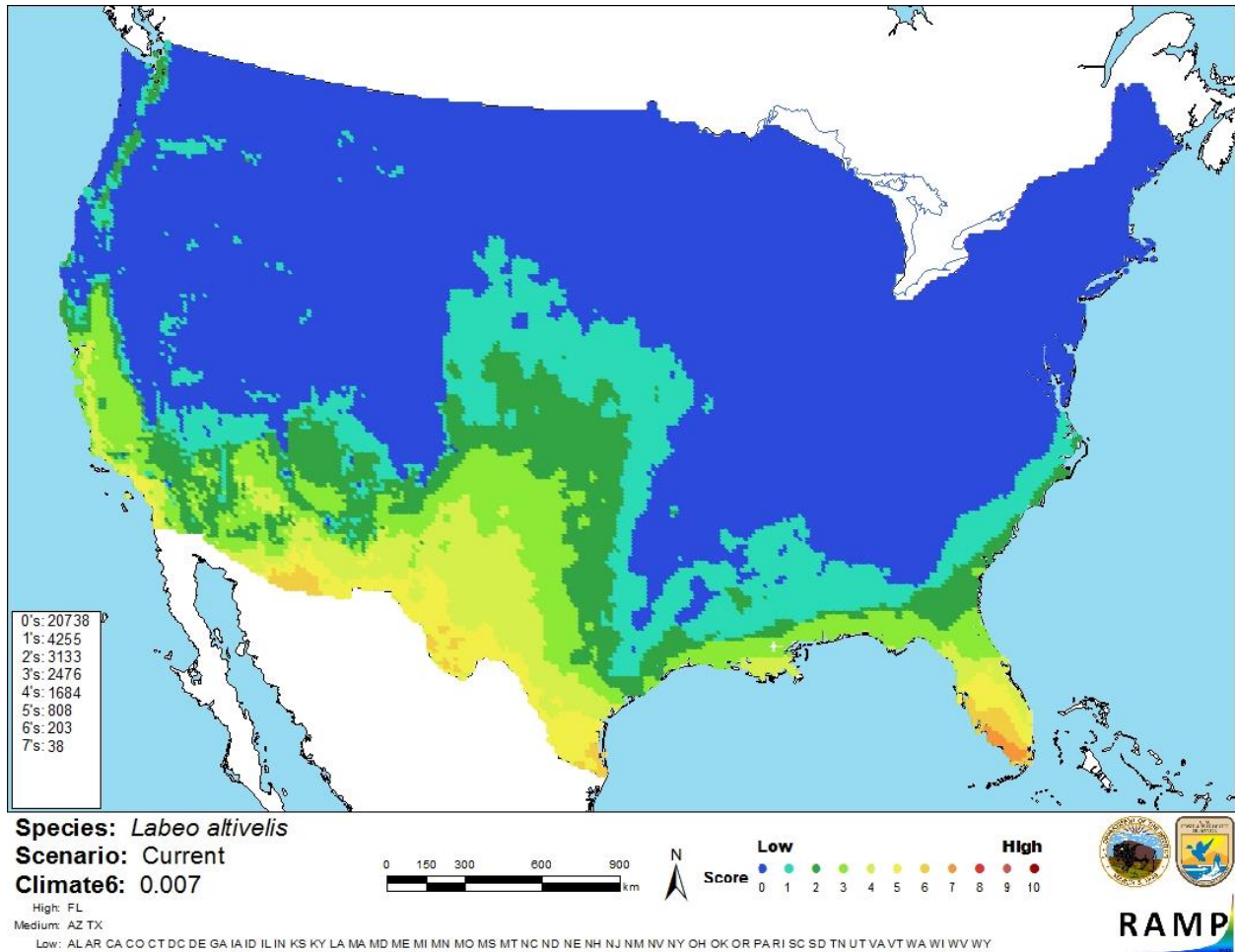


Figure 3. Map of RAMP (Sanders et al. 2014) climate matches for *Labeo altivelis* in the contiguous United States based on source locations reported by GBIF Secretariat (2018). 0=Lowest match, 10=Highest match.

The “High”, “Medium”, and “Low” climate match categories are based on the following table:

Climate 6: Proportion of (Sum of Climate Scores 6-10) / (Sum of total Climate Scores)	Climate Match Category
$0.000 < X \leq 0.005$	Low
$0.005 < X \leq 0.103$	Medium
≥ 0.103	High

7 Certainty of Assessment

There is some information available on the biology and distribution of *Labeo altivelis*. No introductions of this species outside of its native range have been documented. Because of this, no impacts of introductions have been documented, so certainty of this assessment is low.

8 Risk Assessment

Summary of Risk to the Contiguous United States

Labeo altivelis is a carp native to Africa. This species is important as a food fish, but it has never been reported as introduced outside of its native range. *L. altivelis* has a medium climate match with the contiguous United States. Because of a lack of information from which to base an assessment of invasive potential, certainty of this assessment is low. The overall risk assessment category is Uncertain.

Assessment Elements

- **History of Invasiveness (Sec. 3): Uncertain**
- **Climate Match (Sec. 6): Medium**
- **Certainty of Assessment (Sec. 7): Low**
- **Overall Risk Assessment Category: Uncertain**

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