

# Campodeidae (Hexapoda, Diplura) from caves of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

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## Zusammenfassung

Von 2007 bis 2011 wurden in 82 Höhlen und künstlichen Hohlräumen des Großherzogtums Luxemburg Tiere gesammelt. Unter rund 90.000 gesammelten Tieren waren 37 Doppelschwänze. Sie teilen sich in 7 Arten auf, von denen die folgenden cavernicol sind: *Campodea (Campodea) lankesteri*, *Campodea (Campodea) wallacei*, *Litocampa humilis humilis*.

Neu für Luxemburg sind alle 7 Arten: *Campodea (Campodea) lankesteri*, *Campodea (Campodea) lubbocki*, *Campodea (Campodea) plusiochaeta*, *Campodea (Campodea) remyi*, *Campodea (Campodea) subdives*, *Campodea (Campodea) wallacei*, *Litocampa humilis humilis*.

## Abstract

From 2007 to 2011, animals were collected from 82 caves in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Within 90,000 individuals, 37 were diplurans representing 7 species. The following species are classified as cavernicolous: *Campodea (Campodea) lankesteri*, *Campodea (Campodea) wallacei*, and *Litocampa humilis humilis*.

All 7 species are new for Luxembourg: *Campodea (Campodea) lankesteri*, *Campodea (Campodea) lubbocki*, *Campodea (Campodea) plusiochaeta*, *Campodea (Campodea) remyi*, *Campodea (Campodea) subdives*, *Campodea (Campodea) wallacei*, and *Litocampa humilis humilis*.

## Résumé

Entre 2007 et 2011, 90 000 spécimens d' animaux ont été récoltés dans 82 cavités naturelles et artificielles du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg, dont eux 37 diploures représentant 7 espèces. Les espèces suivantes sont considérées comme cavernicoles: *Campodea (Campodea) lankesteri*, *Campodea (Campodea) wallacei*, *Litocampa humilis humilis*.

Toutes les espèces sont signalées pour la première fois dans ce pays: *Campodea (Campodea) lankesteri*, *Campodea (Campodea) lubbocki*, *Campodea (Campodea) plusiochaeta*, *Campodea (Campodea) remyi*, *Campodea (Campodea) subdives*, *Campodea (Campodea) wallacei*, *Litocampa humilis humilis*.

# 1 Introduction

References about Diplurans in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg do not exist so far, but we can find some Dipluran bibliography from the Campodeidae family in countries close by (see as example Arevad 1957; Bareth 2006; Condé 1947a, 1954; Condé & Bareth 1998; Paclt 1961, 1965). Very few information exist from caves and subterranean environment in all areas of Europe north of the Alps: North of France, Belgium, Ireland, Great Britain, Denmark, Germany, Benelux and Scandinavian countries (Bareth 1999, 2000). The greater part of the summarizing publications on cave fauna in Central Europe (Belgium: Leruth 1939; Switzerland: Strinati 1965; Germany: Dobat 1975, 1978; Weber 1988, 1989, 1991, 2001, 2012; Zaenker 2001) do not list diplurans to species level. Recently Weber (unpublished) collected diplurans in caves from Rhenish Palatinate and Saarland (South West Germany) with 8 species, 5 of them identical to those found in Luxembourg.

Out of 90,000 collected animals in the years from 2007 to 2011 in Luxembourg caves, 37 specimens were Diplurans. Diplurans are therefore a rare group. All collected Diplurans are determined.

# 2 Results

## *Campodea (Campodea) lankesteri* Silvestri 1912

Diagnosis: Body length (excluding cerci) 5-7 mm. Epicuticle with thick microdenticles. Clothing setae thin and glabrous. Antennae with 26 to 28 antennomeres, cupuliform organ with 4 bare sensilla, sensillum of third antennomere in sternal position. Notal macrochaetae thick with few barbs: 1, 1, 1 ma, 1, 1, 0 la, 1, 1, 1 lp; marginal setae with barbs. Calcars robust with thick barbs. Urotergites macrochaetae: 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1 ma; 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0 la; 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 5 lp. Urosternite I male with glandular g1-setae in several continuous rows, trapezoidal appendages with glandular a2-setae. Cerci shorter than the body worn long macrochaetae with distal barbs and clothing setae scarcity. Spermatozoid fascicles 60 mm in diameter, 30 mm wide; filament 100 mm long in 8 to 9 spiral turns.

Distribution: Wide distribution range through septentrional Europe: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Ireland and Sweden (Agrell 1944; Arevad 1957; Bagnall 1915, 1918a; Christian 1992; Condé 1947a; Condé & Barbier 1957; Good, Blackith & Higgins 1989; Leleup 1948; Marten 1939; Silvestri 1912; Womersley 1927; Wygodzinsky 1941a).

With 14 specimens, it is the mostly found Diplura species in Luxembourg caves. However, it is found

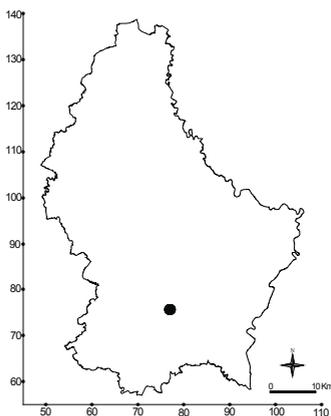


Fig. 1: Caves with *Campodea (C.) lankesteri* in Luxembourg.

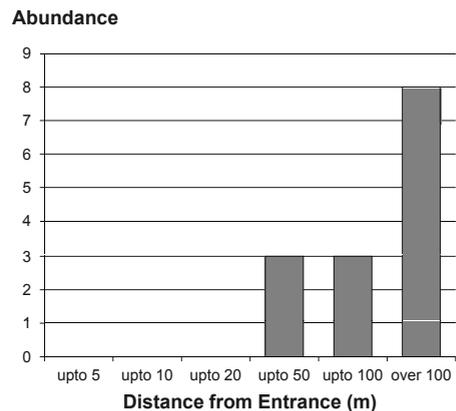


Fig. 2: Numbers of *Campodea (C.) lankesteri* caught at different distances from the entrance in Luxembourg caves.

only in one casemate in Luxembourg City. Even another casemate very close by contains another species. *C. lankesteri* was found only in traps, over the whole year and only deep inside the artificial cave (Fig. 2). We assume that it generates stable subterranean populations and is therefore eutroglophile. To prove that we know some references of *C. lankesteri* in subterranean habitats, such as Leleup (1948) (confused with *Campodea giardi* Silvestri, 1912) in the Grotte de Goyet (Belgium) (Condé 1947a) and also Bareth (2000) reported this species as very abundant in a MSS (Mesovoid shallow stratum or Superficial underground compartment) location in Liège, a province of Belgium.

### *Campodea (Campodea) lubbocki* Silvestri 1912

Diagnosis: Body length (excluding cerci) 3.5 mm. Epicuticle without ornamentation. Clothing setae short. Antennae with 19 to 23 antennomeres, cupuliform organ with 4 bare sensilla, sensillum of third antennomere in sternal position. Notal macrochaetae small: 1, 1, 1 ma, 1, 1, 0 la, 1, 1, 1 lp; marginal setae with few barbs. One trochanteral sensillum; calcars with few barbs. Urotergites macrochaetae: 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1 ma (short and small), 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0 la, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 3, 5 lp. Urosternite I male with glandular g1-setae in some continuous rows, subtrapezoidal appendages with seasonal glandular a2-setae. Cerci as long as the body with 9 to 15 articles worn short macrochaeta and abundant clothing setae. Spermatozoid fascicles 30 mm in diameter, 10-12

mm wide; filament 180-200 mm long, 1,5-2 mm in wide, in 2,5 to 3 spiral turns.

We found it in 1 specimen in a casemate in Luxembourg City, 75 m distant from the entrance. Due to the limited findings in caves so far, we classify it as eutrogloxene.

Distribution: The species has a wide distribution through northwest of Europe: Austria, Belgium, France, Great Britain, Italy, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland (Agrell 1944; Bagnall 1918a; Bareth 2007; Christian 1992; Condé 1947a, 1947b, 1961; Condé & Barbier 1957; Condé & Bareth 1998; Condé & Mathieu 1958; Denis 1924, 1930; Husson 1946; Olsen 1996; Orelli 1956; Pagés 1951; Ramanelli 1990; Silvestri 1912; Womersley 1927). Outside Europe it is located in USA (Condé 1973) and also cited in Santa Helena Island (Azores) where it could be considered as invasive species (Condé & Bareth 1970) due to it is frequent in urban gardens. Bareth (2000) refers this species in a location from the MSS in Liège province (Belgium) and in Husson (1946) it is cited inside of humid cave in Nancy (France).

### *Campodea (Campodea) plusiochaeta* Silvestri 1912

Diagnosis: Body length (excluding cerci) 2-4 mm. Epicuticle with thin microdenticles and rosette formations. Clothing setae short and glabrous. Antennae with 19 to 23 antennomeres (until 27 antennomeres in some Greece population (Condé

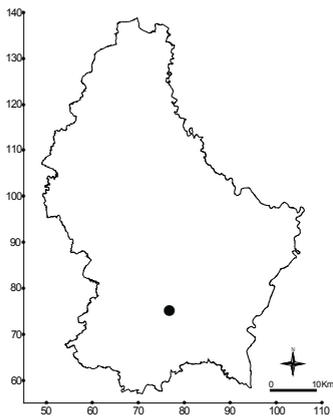


Fig. 3: Caves with *Campodea (C.) lubbocki* in Luxembourg.

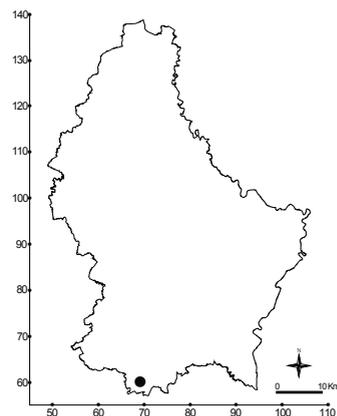


Fig. 4: Caves with *Campodea (C.) plusiochaeta* in Luxembourg.

1984); cupuliform organ with 4 bare sensilla; sensillum of third antennomere in tergal position (or in sternal position in the septentrional populations -form *gardneri* by Bagnall 1918a). Notal macrochaetae with thin barbs: 1, 1, 1 ma, 1, 1, 0 la, 1, 1, 1 lp. Sedas marginales with some few thin barbs. Calcars with 2-3 thick barbs. Urotergites macrochaetae: 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0 la, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 3, 5 lp. Urosternite I male with glandular g1-setae in several continuous rows, subtrapezoidal appendages with glandular a2-setae. Cerci shorter than the body with 6-7 articles worn long macrochaeta and clothing setae scarcity, latero-internal macrochaetae with 1-2 thin barbs. Spermatozoid fascicles 45-50 mm diameter, 20-23 mm wide, filament 550-600 mm long, 5-6 mm diameter, in 5-6 spiral turn.

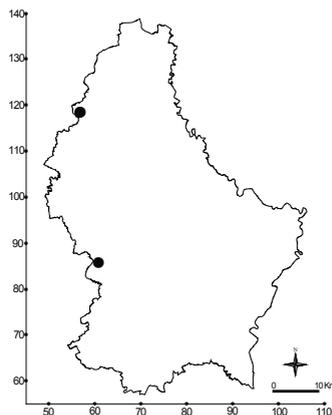
Distribution in Luxemburg + map.

Only one specimen was found in an iron mine in South Luxemburg, surprisingly more than 100 m distant from the entrance. Due to the lack of findings in other caves, we classify *C. plusiochaeta* as eutrogloxene.

Distribution: It is widespread in the Holarctic region, but it may be a complex of mix of several species. In Euro-Mediterranean area it occupies several countries: Algeria, Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Morocco, Montenegro, Norway, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland and Turkey (Arevad 1957; Bareth 1963, 1986; Blesic 1996, 1998a, 2001; Borset 1968; Christian 1992; Condé 1947a, 1947c, 1947d, 1948a, 1948b, 1950, 1951a, 1953, 1961, 1984; Condé & Mathieu 1957; Condé & Poivre 1982; Denis 1930; Husson 1946; Olsen 1996; Paclt 1956, 1961, 1965; Pagés 1951; Ramellini 1995, 2000; Rusek 1963; Sendra & al. 2010; Sendra & Jiménez 1983, 1986; Sendra & Moreno 2004; Silvestri 1912, 1932a; Stach 1928, 1964; Wygodzinsky 1941b) by reaching Ukraine (Tarashchuk 1979) and Russia (Silvestri 1912). It is also well spread in USA (Allen 1994; Condé 1973) and known in Saint Helena Island (Condé & Bareth 1970).

### ***Campodea (Campodea) remyi* Denis 1930**

Diagnosis: Body length (excluding cerci) 4-5 mm. Epicuticle with thin microdenticles and rosette formations. Clothing setae short and glabrous. Antennae with 27 to 30 antennomeres; cupuliform organ with 4 bare sensilla; sensillum of third



**Fig. 5:** Caves with *Campodea (C.) remyi* in Luxemburg.

antennomere in tergal position. Notal macrochaetae with few barbs: 1, 0, 0 ma, 1, 1, 0 la, 1, 1, 0 lp; marginal setae thick and with plenty of barbs almost spiny. One small trocanteral sensillum; calcars with 1-2 barbs. Urotergites macrochaetae: 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0 la, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 3, 5 lp. Urosternite I male with seasonal glandular g1-setae continuous rows, appendages widened distal with seasonal glandular a2-setae. Cerci longer than the body with 11-12 articles worn thin and glabrous macrochaetae and shorter and thin clothing setae. Spermatozoid fascicles 40-50 mm diameter, 15-20 mm wide; filament 550-750 mm long in 6 to 8 spiral turns.

Five specimens were found in two abandoned railway tunnels. It counts as eutrogloxene.

Distribution: Widespread in Central Europe: Bosnia-Herzegovina, France, Germany, Romania, Slovenia and Switzerland (Bareth 1974; Bareth & Juberthie 1996; Blesic 1981, 1996; Bockemühl 1956; Condé 1947a; Denis 1930; Ionescu 1955, 1951, Orelli 1956; Paclt 1961, 1965; Wygodzinsky 1940, 1941b).

### ***Campodea (Campodea) subdives* Silvestri 1932**

Diagnosis: Body length (excluding cerci) 3 mm. Epicuticle without ornamentation. Clothing setae short and glabrous. Antennae with 20 to 24 antennomeres (28-29 in a female from a cave of Mallorca Island); cupuliform organ with 4 bare sensilla; sensillum of third antennomere in sternal position. Notal macrochaetae with thin barbs: 1, 1, 1 ma, 1, 1, 0 la, 1, 1, 1 lp; marginal setae with distal

thin barbs. Calcars with short barbs. Urotergites macrochaetae 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0 la, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 5 lp. Urosternite I male with glandular g1-setae continuous rows. Cerci (in Anatolian specimens) with 7-8 articles, basal articles with long macrochaetae, medial and distal articles with short macrochaetae and clothing setae numerous almost as long as macrochaetae.

We found this species only in one schist mine near Perlé, but in two traps and 6 specimen 40 and 50 m distant from the entrance. As these are the only cave findings so far, we assume the species is eutrogloxene.

Distribution: Its dispersal distribution could be show that it is a rare species or perhaps a doubt species that belong to other species. It is referred in few locations along the euro-Mediterranean area. Described from Rodas Island (Greece: Silvestri 1932) and later cited from Algeria (Condé 1948a), and more recently in a cave from Mallorca Island (Spain: Condé 1955; Vandell & al. 2007) and in several endogean stations from Anatolia peninsula (Turkey: Sendra & al. 2010).

***Campodea (Campodea) wallacei* Bagnall 1908  
= *C. simulatrix* Wygodzinsky 1941**

Diagnosis: Body length (excluding cerci) 3-4 mm. Epicuticle without ornamentation. Clothing setae long and thin. Antennae with 24 to 30 antennomeres (31-32 in specimens found in caves); cupuliform organ with 4 bare sensilla; sensillum of third antennomere in tergal position. Notal macrochaetae long and thin with numerous

barbs: 1, 1, 1 ma, 1, 1, 0 la, 1, 1, 1 lp; marginal setae thick and with some thin barbs. Calcars robust with thick barbs. Urotergites macrochaetae: 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0 la, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 3, 5 lp. Urosternite I male with glandular g1-setae in a continuous rows, appendages without glandular a2-setae. Cerci with 8-10 articles worn long macrochaetae and clothing setae scarcity. Spermatozoid fascicles 45-50 mm diameter, 12-15 mm wide, filament 560-600 mm long, 3-4 mm diameter, in 4-5 spiral turns.

We found this species in only one cave, the Meischtrefer Hiel which is one of the few natural limestone caves in Luxembourg. 10 specimens were found, only in traps 47 to 62 m distant from the entrance and distributed over the whole year. It builds stable subterranean populations and counts therefore as eutroglophile.

Distribution: Spread through north and central Europe: Great Britain, France, north of Italy, Sweden, Romania, Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro, Croatia, Slovakia, Slovenia (Agrell 1944; Bagnall 1918b; Bareth 2006; Bareth & Condé 1985; Blesic 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996, 1998a, 1998b, 1998c, 2000, 2001; Condé 1947a, 1948a, 1950, 1962; Ionescu 1951, 1955; Minelli & al. 1995; Pagés 1951; Ramellini 2000; Wygodzinsky 1941a, 1941b). In few occasions it has been found in caves (Condé 1951b, 1957).

***Litocampa humilis humilis* Condé 1948**

Diagnosis: Body length (excluding cerci) 4-7 mm. Epicuticle with thin microdenticles. Clothing setae

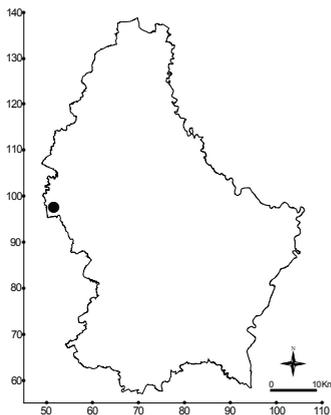


Fig. 6: Caves with *Campodea (C.) subdives* in Luxembourg.

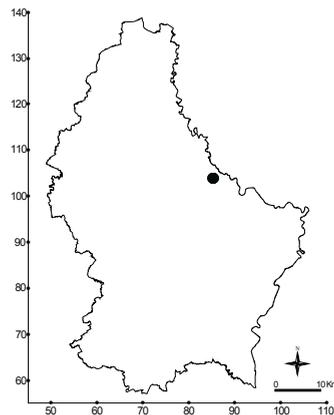


Fig. 7: Caves with *Campodea (C.) wallacei* in Luxembourg.

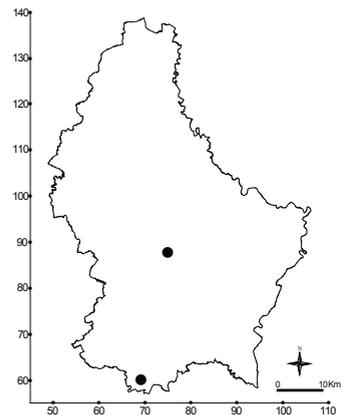


Fig. 8: Caves with *Litocampa humilis humilis* in Luxembourg.

**Tab. 1:** Campodeidae in Central Europe \* South Germany: Caves only

Species	Luxembourg	Belgium	Denmark	North Germany	South Germany*	North France
<i>Campodea lankesteri</i> Silvestri 1912	+	+	+	+	-	+
<i>Campodea lubbocki</i> Silvestri 1912	+	+	-	-	+	+
<i>Campodea plusiochaeta</i> Silvestri 1912	+	-	+	+	+	+
<i>Campodea remyi</i> Denis 1930	+	-	-	+	+	+
<i>Campodea wallacei</i> Bagnall 1918	+	-	-	-	+	+
<i>Campodea subdives</i> Silvestri 1932	+	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Litocampa humilis</i> Condé 1948	+	+	-	-	+	+
<i>Campodea fragilis</i> Meinert 1865	-	+	+	+	+	+
<i>Campodea staphylinus</i> Westwood 1842	-	-	-	+	+	+
<i>Campodea silvestrii</i> Bagnall 1918	-	-	+	+	-	+
<i>Campodea taunica</i> Marten 1939	-	-	-	+	-	+
<i>Campodea charchardi</i> Condé 1947	-	-	-	-	-	+
<i>Campodea westwoodi</i> Bagnall 1918	-	-	-	-	-	+
<i>Campodea meinerti</i> Bagnall 1918	-	-	-	-	+	+
<i>Campoda rophalota</i> Denis 1930	-	-	-	-	-	+
<i>Litocampa hubarti</i> Bareth 1999	-	+	-	-	-	-
<i>Plusiocampa dobat</i> Condé	-	-	-	-	+	-
Total number of species	7	5	4	7	8	14

short and glabrous. Antennae with 27 to 33 antennomeres; cupuliform organ with 4 bare sensilla; sensillum of third antennomere in sternal position. Notal macrochaetae with thin barbs along 2/3 distal: 1, 1, 1 ma, 1, 1, 0 la, 1, 1, 1 lp; marginal setae with some thin barbs. Calcars with 4-6 barbs; tarsal claws with small lateral crests. Urotergites 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0 la, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 3, 5 lp. Urosternite I male with glandular g1-setae in several continuous rows, appendages widened distal with glandular a2-setae. Cerci shorter than the body with 10 to 12 articles worn macrochaetae with few distal thin barbs and thin clothing setae scarcity. Sperma-

tozoid fascicles 65-70 mm diameter, 14-15 mm wide, filament 1200-1600 mm, 5.7 mm de diameter in 10 spiral turns.

Distribution: *L. humilis* is a frequent species in the subterranean domain. It is known in caves from East of France (Pagés 1951; Condé 1948c, 1951b, 1962), Germany (Condé 1949) and also found in a cave from the north-west of Ireland. Recently, Bareth (2000) localized it in Belgian caves. In any of the specimens found in caves, *L. humilis* shows troglomorphic adaptations to the subterranean domain, but there is only one exception in a cave near Cluj (Romania) where a population of this species

shows 14 sensilla with fingerlike expansions in their cupuliform organ, due to Condé (1991) proposed a new subspecies: *Litocampa humilis comasi*.

In Luxembourg caves, *L. humilis humilis* seems to be a rare species. We found one specimen in the Millesteng, although 24 traps were stationed in this cave and another specimen in the Minière Hainaut II, where we positioned 72 traps over the whole year. Both specimens were found in the downright darkness. We could consider *L. humilis humilis* as eutroglobiont species, but without obvious troglomorphic adaptations.

### 3 Discussion

Although there was not any knowledge of Diplurans in Luxembourg, the result of this extensive sampling has shown a high diversity, a total of seven species (Table 1) from only 37 specimens collected. Firstly we want to point out the logical absence of any species of Japygidae family due to the dry environment preference of their species, not usual in caves (subterranean environments in general). Secondly the high diversity found if we compare with the Campodeids fauna of the nearest countries (Table 1), that it is lower in Belgium and Denmark, and it is similar in North of Germany but higher in North of France where the Diplurans has been well prospected (Bareth 2006).

By karstic and biospeleological features Luxembourg is included in Europe north of the Alps, a region which includes (Gunn 2006) North of France, Germany, the British Islands, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. This region has a relatively small number of hypogean taxa compared to Southern Europe. This fact reflects the glacial history and post-glacial colonization of taxa. It is north of the boundary of the highest subterranean endemic zone defined by Juberthie & Decu (1994). Only a couple of eutroglobiont Diplura taxa inhabit this region (*L. humilis* and *L. hubarti*), one of them, *L. humilis*, in the subterranean environment of Luxembourg. Further two more species, *C. lankesteri* and *C. wallacei-simulatrix* could be considered eutroglobiont.

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