

June 2016 *Macrobiotus naskreckii* sp. nov., a New Tardigrade (Eutardigrada: Macrobiotidae) of the *Hufelandi* Group from Mozambique

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Abstract

In this paper, *Macrobiotus naskreckii* sp. nov., a new species of the *hufelandi* group from the Gorongosa National Park in Mozambique, is described. The analysis have revealed that *M. naskreckii* sp. nov. is most similar to *M. kristenseni*, *M. ramoli* and *M. serratus*. The new species differs from *M. kristenseni* mainly through a different shape of egg processes and clearly dentate lunules IV; from *M. ramoli* mainly by smaller eggs and a smaller number of egg processes on the circumference; from *M. serratus* mainly by the absence of the reticulation between the egg processes. This is a third record of tardigrades from Mozambique and apart of the new species reported here, three other taxa from Gorongosa National Park are provided: *Minibiotus* cf. *intermedius*, *Minibiotus* sp. and *Paramacrobiotus* cf. *richtersi*.

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