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New records of Leptostracans (Crustacea, Phyllocarida) from the eastern Mediterranean

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Abstract: Knowledge about leptostracans from the Mediterranean Sea is still scarce. Examination of samples collected from the Aegean Sea off Turkey and from Cyprus in the eastern Mediterranean Sea revealed new localities and range extensions for 2 species of leptostracans: *Nebalia strausi* Risso, 1826, and *N. kocatasi* Moreira, Koçak, and Katagan, 2007. The record of *N. kocatasi* is the first for Cyprus and for the Levantine Basin. Additional specimens (*Nebalia* sp. 1 and *Nebalia* sp. 2) might prove to belong to 2 new species but the lack of material prevents their formal description.

Key words: Leptostraca, *Nebalia*, eastern Mediterranean, distribution, new records

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