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Complete Larval Development of *Emerita holthuisi* Sankolli, 1965 (Crustacea: Decapoda: Hippidae) Reared in the Laboratory

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Abstract: *Emerita holthuisi* Sankolli, 1965 is the representative of the family Hippidae reported from Pakistan by Tirmizi, 1977. During 1994 and 1995 *E. holthuisi* was reared in the laboratory from hatching to megalopal stage. The development of *E. holthuisi* was followed by zoea I-VI and megalopa, this process was completed within 52 days in the laboratory at room temperature (25-27 °C) by using filtered seawater with salinity 30-32‰ and pH 7.8-7.9. The larval and megalopal stages are illustrated, described and compared with the larvae and megalopae of the 3 species: *Emerita holthuisi*, *E. talpoida*, and *E. rathbunae*. The same species was studied by Sankolli, 1967 from India; the second was described by Rees, 1959, from North Carolina; and the third was described by Knight, 1967, from Mexico.

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