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## First finding of endemic leech *cystobranthus pawlowskii* (sket, 1968), parasitizing *oncorhynchus mykiss* (walbaum, 1792) from fish farm in republic of albania

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The endemic leech was found for the first time in 1936, and was named *Cystobranthus fasciatus* by the scientist Pawlowski. Slovenian biologist B. Sket (1968) fully systematically described and renamed this leech later as *Cystobranthus pawlowskii*, and placed in endemic leeches belonging to the family Piscicolidae. This endemic leech has been found only in Lake Ohrid so far. It lives on different fish groups from Lake Ohrid (carp, trout, etc.) as parasitic form. In our research study we found in trout fish farm in Tushemisht, R. Albania. It is a first finding of *Cystobranthus pawlowskii* parasitizing *Oncorhynchus mykiss*, and causing a massive mortality in fish farm.

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