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## Macrofauna associated to fish ponds in the Oriental Plains of Colombia

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Aquaculture in Restrepo (Department of Meta, Colombia) is based in nine fish species basically: (*Brycon siebenthale*, *Callophysus macropterus*, *Cyprinus carpio*, *C. carpio specularis*, *Oreochromis* spp., *Piaractus brachipomum*, *Prochilodus magdalenae*, *Pseudoplatystoma fasciatum*, *Tilapia nilotica*), but periodically suffer from natural predators that are introduced into the ponds or arrive with water as eggs and larvae. A list of these predators is reported for the first time: insects (Aeshnidae, Baethidae, Belostomatidae, Coenagrionidae, Chironomidae, Dytiscidae, Gomphidae, Libellulidae, Notonectidae, Veliidae), river shrimps (*Forsteria venezuelensis* Rathbun, *Macrobrachium amazonicum* Heller, *M. brasiliense* Heller), fish (*Ancistrus trira-*

*diatus*, *Electrophorus electricus*, *Farlowella acutirostris*, *Hypostomus plecostomus*, *Loricariichthys typus*), birds (*Ardea cocoi*, *Elanus lecurus lecurus*, *Diaptrius ater*, *Sterna simplex*), turtle (*Podocnemis expansa*), caiman (*Caiman crocodilus*), snakes (*Amphybaena alba*, *Atractus* sp., *Boa constrictor*, *Erythrolampus aescapularii*) and an aquatic mammal (*Pteronura brasiliensis* Gmelin). The insects were confirmed by Ramón Mena and Eduardo Flórez, the crustaceans by Martha Campos-Rocha, the fish by Germán Galvis-Vergara and the snakes by Olga Castaño, all Institute of Natural Sciences, National University of Colombia (Bogotá), where the organisms are in the cataloguing process.

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