

The First Report of Fresh Water Crab *Potamon Potamios* (Decapoda: brachyura) in Chahnimeh's Water Reservoirs from Sistan, Iran

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Abstract : The freshwater crab family (Potamidae Ortmann, 1896) is a big group and varies over 500 species in 74 genuses. This family distributed in South Europe, South Africa, East and South-east Asian. Iran's Sistan region located in the South East and recently after a decade of drought in the international wetland of Hamoon, in fact, the aquatic fauna in the Chahnimeh's water reservoirs had taken refuge. This paper reports the second site for *Potamon Potamios*, in the southern half of the Iran. The specimens were collected from the shallow water in reservoir banks with muddy bottom in July 2010. The morphological features, habitat and systematic, are described.

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