

# Catalogue of the Lumbricidae (Annelida, Clitellata, Lumbricoidea) from South America, with remarks on the systematics of the Lumbricina

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## ABSTRACT

A catalogue of terrestrial Lumbricidae produced 28 nominal taxa (species and subspecies) reported to date from South America. Full synonyms and detailed South American occurrences are provided for each entity. This is the first detailed assessment of the distribution of South American Lumbricidae. *Bimastos sophiae*, known only from Argentina, and *Eiseniella tetraedra cerni*, known only from Chile, are presently the only taxa restricted to South America. The remaining species are widely distributed in temperate regions of the globe. Lumbricinae are of Holarctic origin and are mainly restricted to subtropical latitudes in South America, except for the mountain ranges of the Andes, extending northward into the tropical region up to Colombia and then the mountain ranges extending eastward along the Guayana shield along Venezuela and the Guyanas; in Brazil, lumbricids are restricted to the southern and southeastern states, primarily in the colder subtropical climate region and mountain ranges. The Lumbricina are megadrile earthworms characterized by a multilayered clitellum, eggs small relative to microdriles, gastrulation by emboly, intestinal specializations such as the typhlosole, a complex circulatory apparatus, two pairs of testicles and sperm sacs, and the male pores located at least two segments behind the posterior testes. The Lumbricoidea, which retain relatively small eggs, form the sister group of the Gondwanan Glossoscolecoidea plus Megascolecoidea, a clade characterized by having large ovaries with several egg-strings.

## KEY WORDS

Annelida,  
Lumbricidae,  
anthropogenic soil  
fauna,  
biodiversity,  
cold-adapted species,  
invasive and exotic  
species,  
earthworms,  
Neotropical region.

## RÉSUMÉ

*Catalogue des Lumbricidae (Annelida, Clitellata, Lumbricoidea) d'Amérique du Sud, et remarques sur la systématique des Lumbricina.*

Un catalogue des Lumbricidae terrestres a permis de mettre en évidence 28 taxa nominaux (espèces et sous-espèces) ayant été observés à ce jour en Amérique du Sud. Les synonymes et les occurrences en Amérique du Sud sont fournis en détail pour chaque entité. Ce travail représente la première évaluation détaillée de la distribution des Lumbricidae d'Amérique du Sud. *Bimastos sophiae*, connu uniquement en Argentine, et *Eiseniella tetraedra cerni*, connu seulement au Chili, sont actuellement les seuls taxa présents uniquement en Amérique du Sud. Les autres espèces sont largement distribuées dans les régions tempérées du globe. Les Lumbricina ont une origine holarctique et sont principalement cantonnés aux latitudes subtropicales d'Amérique du Sud, exception faite des régions montagneuses des Andes, ils s'étendent dans la région tropicale vers le nord jusqu'en Colombie et dans les zones de montagnes s'étirant vers l'est, le long du plateau guyanais qui borde le Venezuela et les Guyanes; au Brésil, les Lumbricidae ne sont présents que dans les états du sud et du sud-est, principalement dans la région climatique subtropicale plus froide et dans les zones montagneuses. Les Lumbricina sont des vers de terre mégadriles caractérisés par un clitellum à plusieurs couches cellulaires, des œufs relativement petits par rapport à ceux des microdriles, une gastrulation par embolie, des spécialisations intestinales telles que le typhlosole, un appareil circulatoire complexe, deux paires de testicules et de sacs spermatiques, et les pores mâles sont situés au moins deux segments derrière les testicules postérieurs. Les Lumbricoidea, qui conservent des œufs relativement petits, forment le groupe frère rassemblant les Glossoscolecoidea du Gondwana et les Megascolecoidea, un clade caractérisé par de grands ovaires contenant plusieurs rangs d'œufs.

## MOTS CLÉS

Annelida,  
Lumbricidae,  
faune anthropogénique,  
biodiversité,  
espèces adaptées au  
froid,  
espèces invasives et  
exotiques,  
vers de terre,  
région néotropicale.

## INTRODUCTION

Lumbricina Blainville, 1830 have a multilayered clitellum (the clitellum is single-layered in the microdriles), small eggs less than 110  $\mu\text{m}$  (they are larger than 300  $\mu\text{m}$  in microdriles), and gastrulation by emboly (by epiboly in microdriles). Furthermore, there are intestinal specializations such as the typhlosole, and the circulatory apparatus is complex (Brinkhurst 1982: 1044; Omodeo 1998: 53). Yamaguchi (1953) also created the taxon Diplotesticulata Yamaguchi, 1953 for the megadrile earthworms, distinguishing them from the Monotesticulata Yamaguchi, 1953, which included the microdrile worms (Jamieson 1981: 7). Another diagnostic character is the location of the male pores, at least two segments behind the

posterior testes (Sims 1980: 107). Linnaeus (1758) listed only one species of earthworm, *Lumbricus terrestris* Linnaeus, 1758. Not until the 1820s did Savigny recognize other species of earthworms from France for the first time (Gates 1978: 83). No detailed monograph exists for the Lumbricina (Ljungström 1970: 265).

Gates (1976a: 1) recognized that there are two types of ovaries in earthworms: Lumbricidae Rafinesque-Schmalz, 1815 have small ovaries, ending in a single, distal egg string. Megascolecoidea Rosa, 1891 have fan- to rosette-shaped ovaries, with several egg-strings, and eggs large relative to Lumbricoidea. The ovarian condition in Glossoscolecoidea was then unknown to this author, but Sims (1980) indicated that the ovaries of the Glossoscolecoidea are of the second type. I here follow Sims (1980) in consider-

ing three superfamilies: Lumbricoidea Rafinesque-Schamlz, 1815, Glossoscolecoidea Michaelsen, 1900, and Megascolecoidea Rosa, 1891.

When the present day distribution of earthworms is examined, it may tentatively be concluded that the superfamilies had emerged at about the time of the Triassic breakup of Pangea. The Glossoscolecoidea and Megascolecoidea are distributed in Gondwana, and the Lumbricoidea in the Euramerican parts of Laurasia (Sims 1982; Bouché 1983).

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, South American earthworms were studied largely by Luigi Cognetti de Martius and Wilhem Michaelsen, but also by others such as Frank Beddard, Daniele Rosa and Leon Černosvitov (Ljungström 1970: 266). More recently, major efforts were realized by Gilberto Righi, Andrés Zicsi, and Csaba Csuzdi. In this paper, I deal with the only lumbricoids found in South America, the Lumbricidae.

Since the arrival of European colonists in South America, European lumbricids have been introduced to new environments, arriving primarily in soil with potted plants, but also ship ballasts and other means (Gates 1982). Nevertheless, no lumbricids are known to have colonized tropical lowlands anywhere (Gates 1958). Lumbricids are adapted to cool temperate-zone and subarctic climates and they are able to maintain themselves in the tropics only at elevations well above the plains (Gates 1974a: 2). This group is mainly of central European origin, but has been widely dispersed by humans during the last five centuries, and lumbricids are now found on all continents except Australia (Lee 1985; Römbke & Hanagarth 1994: 12). Lumbricidae have been proposed to be the youngest of the megadriles (Gates 1975a: 1).

Ljungström (1972: 12) characterized lumbricid classification as “a taxonomic chaos unequalled among the Oligochaeta” (Gates 1980: 183). Cekanovskaya (1962) and Gates (1974a) documented that reproductive structures are not reliable for phylogenetic reconstruction (Omodeo 1998: 51). Gates (1978: 112) established three different lines of evolutionary development of the calciferous section of the gut. This certainly seems to provide at least one step toward a solution of the lumbricid chaos. Lumbricid excretory systems were also shown to provide

specifically invariant characters and bladder shape has been subgenerically definitive for *Octolasion* Örley, 1885 (Gates 1978: 112).

Blakemore (2005a: 61) considered *Glossoscolecidarus corduensis* (Weyenbergh, 1879), described originally as *Lumbricus corduensis* from Córdoba, Argentina (Weyenbergh 1879: 63), as a *nomen dubium*, a misidentification of a glossoscolecid.

Fragoso & Brown (2007) listed 32 species of Lumbricidae from Latin America, of which six are restricted to Mexico (Fragoso 2001). In this paper, I expand this list, providing full synonyms and detailed South American localities for all species known from the continent.

*Bimastos sophiae* Mercadal de Barrio & Barrio, 1988, from Argentina, and *Eiseniella tetraedra cerni* Blakemore, 2004, from Chile, are the only taxa known exclusively from South America. The Lumbricidae are restricted mainly to the subtropical latitudes of South America. Only some species extend into tropical latitudes, along the Andean ranges of Peru, Ecuador, and Colombia, and then eastwards, following the mountain ranges of the Guayana shield, along Venezuela and the Guyanas. In Brazil, they are present only in the mountains of the Atlantic forest biome in the southeast and southern regions, and in the cooler subtropical areas, generally associated with human disturbance (Brown *et al.* 2006). The anthropochorous species of lumbricids are similar to aquatic oligochaetes of Holarctic origin: “Most of the species need hibernation in cold for successful sexual reproduction and therefore cannot colonize the torrid zone” (Timm 1980: 55).

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

The present material is based on a compilation of references in the literature, including *Zoological Records*, *Biological Abstracts*, and further available online information or obtained from cross references in previously published works.

Synonyms are given in order to assure that the correct current name available for a taxon is obtained. The present list includes all valid taxa up to the latest taxonomic revision or authoritative taxo-

onomic opinion found in the literature. Of course, this does not eliminate the possibility that further revisions of previously identified material will uncover additional incorrect identifications.

The catalogue consists of a list of all currently available names of Lumbricidae cited to date from South America, with complete synonyms and indications of detailed localities in South America.

I have used three-letter abbreviations for South American countries and two-letter abbreviations for sampled states in Brazil.

#### ABBREVIATIONS

##### *South American countries*

ARG	Argentina;
BOL	Bolivia;
BRA	Brazil;
CHI	Chile;
COL	Colombia;
ECU	Ecuador;
FRG	French Guyana;
PAR	Paraguay;
PER	Peru;
URU	Uruguay;
VEN	Venezuela.

##### *Brazilian states*

DF	Distrito Federal;
MG	Minas Gerais;
PB	Paraíba;
PE	Pernambuco;
PR	Paraná;
RJ	Rio de Janeiro;
RS	Rio Grande do Sul;
SP	São Paulo.

#### SYSTEMATICS

The taxa marked with an asterisk (\*) are reported only from South America.

##### Suborder LUMBRICINA De Blainville, 1830

Terricolae Örsted, 1843: 2.

Megadrili Benham, 1890: 201.

Diplotesticulata Yamaguchi, 1953: 277.

Crassiclitellata Jamieson, 1988: 367.

##### Superfamily LUMBRICOIDEA

Rafinesque-Schmalz, 1815

Family LUMBRICIDAE Rafinesque-Schmalz, 1815

##### Genus *Allolobophora* Eisen, 1873

*Allolobophora* Eisen, 1873: 46. — Michaelsen 1910: 1. — Bouché 1972: 417. — Gates 1975a: 3. — Reynolds 1977: 35. — Blakemore 2002: 256. — Csuzdi & Zicsi 2003: 48.

*Allolobophora* Lütken, 1876: 49. — Reynolds & Cook 1976: 47.

*Helodrilus* (*Allolobophora*) (part.) – Michaelsen 1900a: 479.

*Allolobophora* (part.) – Stephenson 1930: 905. — Pop 1941: 518. — Omodeo 1956: 180. — Gates 1972a: 68. — Easton 1983: 475.

TYPE SPECIES. — *Lumbricus riparius* Hoffmeister, 1843 (valid as *Allolobophora chlorotica chlorotica* (Savigny, 1826)).

##### 1. *Allolobophora chlorotica chlorotica* (Savigny, 1826)

*Enterion chloroticum* Savigny, 1826: 183.

*Enterion virescens* Savigny, 1826: 183.

*Lumbricus anatomicus* Dugès, 1828: 289.

*Lumbricus chlorotica* – Dugès 1837: 17.

*Lumbricus riparius* Hoffmeister, 1843: 189.

*Lumbricus communis luteus* Hoffmeister, 1845: 29.

*Lumbricus viridis* Johnston, 1865: 60.

*Lumbricus riparius pallescens* Eisen, 1871: 966.

*Lumbricus riparius rufescens* Eisen, 1871: 966.

*Allolobophora riparia* – Eisen 1873: 46.

*Allolobophora neglecta* Rosa, 1882: 170.

*Allolobophora chlorotica* – Vejdovský 1884: 60. — Omodeo 1956: 180. — Gates 1972a: 69; 1980: 180. — Reynolds 1977: 36, fig. 4. — Sims & Gerard 1985: 50, fig. 12. — Zicsi 1993: 638. — Blakemore 2002: 259, fig. 4.1.

*Aporrectodea chlorotica* – Örley 1885: 22.

*Allolobophora cambrica* Friend, 1892a: 31.

*Allolobophora chlorotica curiosa* Ribaucourt, 1896: 46.

*Allolobophora morgensis* Ribaucourt, 1896: 47.

*Allolobophora waldensis* Ribaucourt, 1896: 47.

*Allolobophora cambria* (incorrect spelling for *Allolobophora cambrica* Friend, 1892) – Ribaucourt 1896: 94.

*Helodrilus (Allolobophora) chloroticus* – Michaelsen 1900a: 486.

*Octolasion hortensis* – Bretscher 1901: 221 (non *Allolobophora subrubicunda* f. *hortensis* Michaelsen, 1889: 15, valid as *Dendrobaena hortensis* (Michaelsen, 1889)).

*Allolobophora chlorotica kosovensis* Sapkarev, 1975: 39 (non *Allolobophora kosowensis* Karaman, 1968).

*Allolobophora chlorotica chlorotica* – Easton 1983: 475. — Blakemore 2002: 260; 2006: 1.

DISTRIBUTION. — CHI (Zicsi 1993: 638): Santiago and Talcahuano. URU (Beddard 1896: 62; Michaelsen 1900a: 486): Montevideo; Melilla; Joanicó (Grosso *et al.* 2006: 297; Grosso & Brown 2007: 283). PER: Cochabamba Prov.: Cochabamba: lake Titicaca (Cernosvitov 1939: 114). Bermuda, North America, Greenland, Europe, East Atlantic islands (Cernosvitov 1939: 114), Australia (Tisdall 1985: 291), New Zealand, and Saint Helena island (Blakemore 2002: 257).

## Genus *Aporrectodea* Örley, 1885

*Aporrectodea* Örley, 1885: 22. — Gates 1975b: 4. — Reynolds 1977: 40. — Easton 1983: 476. — Csuzdi & Zicsi 2003: 73. — Blakemore 2002: 267.

*Allolobophora* (part.) – Michaelsen 1900a: 480. — Stephenson 1930: 905. — Pop 1941: 518. — Omodeo 1956: 180. — Gates 1972b: 68.

*Eiseniona* Omodeo, 1956: 188 (type species: *Allolobophora handlirschi* Rosa, 1897).

*Allolobophora* – Gates 1972b: 2.

*Nicodrilus (Nicodrilus)* Bouché, 1972: 315 (type species: *Enterion terrestre* Savigny, 1826).

*Nicodrilus (Rhodonicus)* Bouché, 1972: 316 (type species: *Allolobophora arvena* Bouché, 1969).

*Koinodrilus* Qiu & Bouché, 2000a: 181 (type species: *Allolobophora georgii* Michaelsen, 1890).

TYPE SPECIES. — *Lumbricus trapezoides* Dugès, 1828.

## 2. *Aporrectodea caliginosa caliginosa* (Savigny, 1826)

*Enterion caliginosum* Savigny, 1826: 180.

*Enterion carneum* Savigny, 1826: 17.

*Lumbricus gordioides* Templeton, 1836: 235.

*Lumbricus lividus* Templeton, 1836: 235.

*Lumbricus purus* Dugès, 1837: 17.

*Lumbricus communis anatomicus* Hoffmeister, 1845 (part.): 28 (non *Lumbricus anatomicus* Dugès, 1828, valid as *Allolobophora chlorotica chlorotica* (Savigny, 1826)).

*Lumbricus communis cyaneus* (part.) – Hoffmeister 1845: 28 (non *Enterion cyaneum* Savigny, 1826: 17, synonym of *Octolasion cyaneum* (Savigny, 1826)).

*Lumbricus communis carneus* Hoffmeister, 1845: 28.

?*Lumbricus helenae* Kinberg, 1867: 98.

?*Lumbricus hortensiae* Kinberg, 1867: 98.

*Lumbricus novaehollandiae* Kinberg, 1867 (part.): 99 (part., valid as *Aporrectodea trapezoides* (Dugès, 1828)).

*Lumbricus communis olivaceus* Eisen, 1871: 964.

*Lumbricus communis pellucidus* Eisen, 1871: 964 (non *Lumbricus pellucidus* Templeton, 1834: 131, synonym of *Clitellio minutus* Templeton, 1834).

*Allolobophora turgida* f. *tuberculata* Eisen, 1874: 43.

*Allolobophora turgida* Eisen, 1874: 46. — Ljungström *et al.* 1973: 240.

*Lumbricus cyaneus* – Vejdovský 1883: 228.

*Lumbricus laevis* (incorrect spelling, part.) – Vejdovský 1883: 228.

*Lumbricus levis* (part.) – Vejdovský 1883: 228 (non *Lumbricus levis* Hutton, 1877).

*Lumbricus australiensis* Fletscher, 1886: 539.

*Allolobophora beddardi* Michaelsen, 1894: 182. — Ribaucourt 1896: 40.

*Allolobophora caliginosa* – Beddard 1896: 62. — Michael- sen 1899a: 27. — Righi 1979: 146; 1984a: 119. — Zicsi 1993: 638.

*Allolobophora inflata* Michaelsen, 1899b: 124.

- Helodrilus (Allolobophora) caliginosa* – Michaelsen 1899c: 27; 1904: 288.
- Helodrilus (Allolobophora) caliginosus* (part.) – Michaelsen 1900a: 482.
- Helodrilus (Allolobophora) caliginosa typicus* – Michaelsen 1900a: 482.
- Helodrilus borellii* Cognetti, 1904a: 2.
- Allolobophora similis* Friend, 1910a: 99.
- Allolobophora remyi* Cernosvitov, 1929: 149.
- Allolobophora caliginosa* f. *typica* – Cordero 1931: 353.
- Non *Allolobophora caliginosa* (part.) – Eaton 1942: 246. — Støp-Bowitz 1969: 191 (valid as *Aporrectodea trapezoides* (Dugès, 1828)).
- Allolobophora caliginosa* var. *hellenica* Tzelepé, 1943: 1.
- Allolobophora nocturna* Evans, 1946: 98.
- Allolobophora arnoldi* Gates, 1952: 1.
- Allolobophora molita* Gates, 1952: 3.
- Aporrectodea caliginosa* (part.) – Gerard 1964: 27. — Sims & Gerard 1985: 54.
- Allolobophora tuberculata* – Gates 1972a: 79.
- Allolobophora turgida* (part.) – Gates 1972a: 84.
- Nicodrilus caliginosus caliginosus* – Bouché 1972: 32.
- Nicodrilus caliginosus caliginosus* var. *paratypicus* Bouché, 1972: 33 (invalid infrasubspecific name).
- Nicodrilus (Nicodrilus) caliginosus alternisetosus* Bouché, 1972: 33.
- Helodrilus (Allolobophora) caliginosus* – Santelices *et al.* 1973: 67.
- Allolobophora australiensis* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 74.
- Helodrilus caliginosum* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 84.
- Allolobophora purus* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 160.
- Aporrectodea turgida* – Reynolds 1977: 56. — Gates 1977: 56. — Mischis 1999: 24. — Zicsi & Csuzdi 2001: 139.
- Aporrectodea caliginosa caliginosa* – Easton 1983: 476. — Blakemore 2006: 2.
- Aporrectodea caliginosa trapezoides* – Zicsi & Csuzdi 1988: 217; 2001: 139. — Zicsi 1993: 638.
- Aporrectodea caliginosa* – Blakemore 2002: 273, fig. 4.4-4.6.
- Nicodrilus monticola* Pérez-Onteniente & Rodríguez Babio, 2002: 517.
- Nicodrilus carochensis* Pérez-Onteniente & Rodríguez Babio, 2002: 520.
- Nicodrilus tetramammalis* Pérez-Onteniente & Rodríguez Babio, 2002: 521.

DISTRIBUTION. — CHI: Chiloé Island: Chonchi; Rayen-Buti (Zicsi & Csuzdi 2001: 139); Valdivia, Lita, Talcahuano, Corral, Juan Fernández, Titicaca, and Santiago (Beddard 1896: 62); Coquimbo Prov.: Norte Chico region (Santelices *et al.* 1973: 67). ARG: Santa Cruz Prov.: El Calafate way; Koluel Kaike; Piedra Buena; Caleta Olivia (Mischis *et al.* 2006: 179); Río Negro Prov. (Mischis 2007); Bariloche, on the way to Leao Liao; Chasicó; Las Grutas; El Bolson; Santa Cruz; Tucumán (Mischis & Herrera 2006: 292); Puerto Madryn; Gastre; La Pampa Prov.: La Pampa (Momo *et al.* 1993: 7; Giménez *et al.* 2005); Victoria (Mischis *et al.* 2006: 177); 9 de Julio (Mischis *et al.* 2006: 177); Buenos Aires Prov. (Beddard 1896: 62); Buenos Aires (Burela & Cazzaniga 2001: 49); Balcarte; General Pueyrredon (Righi 1984a: 119); San Luis Prov.: San Felipe dam; Suyuque Nuevo river; El Chorrilli; Cruz de Piedra; Pampa del Tamborero; Paso del Rey; San Francisco del Monte de Oro; Potrero de los Funes lake; Las Aguilas river; Virorco river; Quebrada de los Cóndores; El Trapiche; Estancia Grande (Mischis & Brigada 1985: 134); Córdoba Prov.: Cordoba; Carina; Piguillio; Tercero river; Primero river (Righi 1984a: 119); Sierras Chicas (Mischis 1999: 24); Santa Fé Prov. (Ljungström *et al.* 1973: 240). URU (Grosso *et al.* 2006: 297); San José; Melilla; Joanicó; Colonia Treita y Tres (Grosso & Brown 2007: 283); Montevideo (Beddard 1896: 62; Cordero 1931: 353); Colón (Rosa 1898: 277). PAR: Bañado, in the vicinity of Asunción (Righi 1984a: 119). BOL: Larecaja Prov.: Sorata; Manco Capac Prov.: La Paz Dep (Michaelsen 1902: 1); Obrajes; Unduavi; near La Paz; Sorata; Tarija Dep: near Tarija (Römbke & Zicsi 2007: 229); lake Titicaca: Kusijata: near Copacabana; Aroma Prov.: Huaraco (Römbke & Hanagarth 1994: 11); Oruro Dep.: Páña river: tributary of Poopo lake: Murillo Prov. (Zicsi 1993: 638). PER: Bamba river (Cernosvitov 1934a: 59). ECU: Pichincha Prov. (Zicsi & Csuzdi 1988: 217). COL: Bogotá (Fajardo & Prince 1976; Feijoo 2007). VEN: Páramo Gavidia (Fragoso & Brown 2007: 70). BRA (Moreira 1903: 125; Römbke & Hanagarth 1994: 11); RS: São Lourenço do Sul, Estrela, Canela, Estrela, Guaíba, Nova Petrópolis, Porto Alegre, Rolante, Herval, São Leopoldo, Mariluz, Sapucaia do

Sul, Santa Cruz do Sul, São Francisco de Paula, Canguçu, Piratini, Pinheiro Machado, Sobradinho, Novo Hamburgo, Charqueadas, Ilha G. Medeiros, Viamão, Pelotas (Righi 1967: 342; Knäpper & Hauser 1969: 411; Knäpper 1976: 39; Knäpper & Porto 1979: 137). Central America (Fragoso & Brown 2007: 70), North America, East Atlantic islands, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia (Righi 1979: 144), New Zealand and Saint Helena island (Blakemore 2002: 273).

### 3. *Aporrectodea georgii georgii* (Michaelsen, 1890)

*Allolobophora* (*Allolobophora*) *georgii* Michaelsen, 1890a: 53.

*Helodrilus* (*Allolobophora*) *georgii* – Michaelsen 1900a: 482.

*Allolobophora georgii* var. *transylvanica* Pop, 1938: 141.

*Allolobophora transvaalensis* Reynolds & Cook, 1976: 182 (incorrect spelling of *Allolobophora transylvanica* Pop, 1938).

*Aporrectodea georgii* – Easton 1983: 477. — Blakemore 2002: 280.

*Allolobophora georgii* – Mischis 1999: 24.

*Aporrectodea georgii georgii* – Fragoso & Brown 2007: 70.

DISTRIBUTION. — South America (Ljungström *et al.* 1975: 1). ARG (Mischis 2004: 261): Tierra del Fuego (Mischis & Moreno 2003: 49); Córdoba Prov.: Córdoba (Mischis 1996: 6); Sierras Chicas (Mischis 1999: 24). Europe and Middle East (Michaelsen 1900a: 482).

### 4. *Aporrectodea rosea rosea* (Savigny, 1826)

*Enterion roseum* Savigny, 1826: 182.

*Lumbricus roseus* – Dugès 1837: 17.

*Lumbricus communis anatomicus* (part.) – Hoffmeister 1845: 28 (non *Lumbricus anatomicus* Dugès, 1828, valid as *Allolobophora chlorotica chlorotica* (Savigny, 1826)).

*Allolobophora mucosa* Eisen, 1873: 47.

*Lumbricus aquatilis* Vejdovský, 1875: 199.

*Lumbricus muscosus* – Tauber 1879: 68.

*Allolobophora mediterranea* Örley, 1881a: 286.

*Lumbricus carneus* – Vejdovský 1882: 51 (non *Enterion carneus* Savigny, 1826, synonym of *Aporrectodea caliginosa caliginosa* (Savigny, 1826)).

*Allolobophora aquatilis* – Örley 1885: 24.

*Allolobophora aguatis* – Örley 1885: 28 (incorrect spelling).

*Allolobophora* (*Notogama*) *rosea* – Rosa 1893: 424.

*Allolobophora rosea macedonica* Rosa, 1893: 428. — Gerard 1964: 33 (non *Allolobophora macedonica* Sapkarev, 1971: 150, valid as *Helodrilus balcanicus* Cernosvitov, 1931).

*Allolobophora rosea* – Beddard 1896: 62. — Pop 1948: 69. — Gerard 1964: 23. — Zajonc 1970: 23. — Bouché 1972: 418. — Edwards & Lofty 1972: 217. — Righi 1979: 146; 1984a: 119. — Zicsi 1982: 437.

*Allolobophora danieli rosai* Ribaucourt, 1896: 39.

*Allolobophora alpestris* Bretscher, 1899: 420.

*Eisenia rosea* – Michaelsen 1900a: 478. — Lee 1959: 361. — Gates 1972b: 104; 1974b: 9. — Ljungström *et al.* 1973: 240. — Reynolds 1977: 78, fig. 24. — Easton 1980: 45. — Blakemore 1999: 183.

*Eisenia rosea* f. *bimastoides* – Cognetti 1901a: 17.

*Eisenia nobilli* Cognetti, 1903a: 2.

*Helodrilus* (*Bimastus*) *bimastoides* – Michaelsen 1903: 13.

*Dendrobaena diomedaeus* Cognetti, 1906: 1.

?*Helodrilus* (*Bimastus*) *indicus* Michaelsen, 1907: 188.

*Allolobophora rosea budensis* Stütz, 1909: 120.

*Eisenia rosea* var. *glandulosa* Friend, 1910b: 329.

*Helodrilus* (*Eisenia*) *rosea* – Michaelsen 1914: 251.

*Helodrilus* (*Eisenia*) *roseus* – F. Smith 1917: 165.

*Helodrilus* (*Allolobophora*) *prashadi* Stephenson, 1922: 440.

*Allolobophorus* (*Bimastus*) *indica* – Stephenson 1922: 441.

*Allolobophora* (*Eisenia*) *rosea* – Michaelsen 1923: 4.

*Eisenia rosea* var. *storkani* Cernosvitov, 1934a: 47.

*Eisenia rosea* f. *typica* – Kobayashi 1940: 285.

- Eisenia rosea* f. *macedonica* Kobayashi, 1940: 288.
- Allolobophora hattaii* Kobayashi, 1940: 290 (non *Drawida hatai* Oishi, 1932: 18).
- Allolobophora harbinensis* Kobayashi, 1940: 291.
- Allolobophora dairenensis* Kobayashi, 1940: 292.
- Drawida jeholensis* Kobayashi, 1941: 261.
- Allolobophora rosa* var. *paucipartita* Tzelepé, 1943: 1.
- Eophila kulagini* Malevic, 1949: 400.
- Allolobophora rosea dendrobaenoides* Omodeo, 1950: 1.
- Eisenia jenensis* Füller, 1953: 52.
- Eisenia moderata* Cekanovskaya, 1959: 350.
- Allolobophora rosea* f. *interposita* Plisko, 1965: 415.
- Allolobophora rosea* f. *alpina* Vedovini, 1967: 793.
- Allolobophora rosea rosea* – Bouché 1972: 418.
- Allolobophora rosea vedovinii* Bouché, 1972: 423.
- Helodrilus diomedranus* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 94.
- Bimastos indicus* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 117.
- Aporrectodea rosea* – Gates 1976b: 4. — Sims & Gerard 1985: 65, fig. 19. — Blakemore 2002: 287, fig. 4.7.
- Aporrectodea rosea rosea* – Easton 1983: 477. — Blakemore 2006: 2.
- Aporrectodea bowcrowensis* Reynolds & Clapperton, 1996: 77.
- DISTRIBUTION. — CHI: Chiloé island: Chonchi (Zicsi & Csuzdi 2001: 139); Valparaíso and Quillota (Beddard 1896: 62). ARG: Tierra del Fuego (Mischis & Moreno 2003: 49); Santa Cruz Prov.: El Calafate way; Tellier (Mischis *et al.* 2006: 179); Chubut (Mischis & Herrera 2006: 292); La Pampa Prov.: General Acha (Mischis *et al.* 2006: 178); La Pampa (Momo *et al.* 1993: 7); Buenos Aires Prov.: Buenos Aires (Burela & Cazzaniga 2001: 49); Bartolomé; Mitre; General Pueyrredon (Righi 1984a: 119); San Luis Prov. (Mischis & Brigada 1985: 134); Córdoba Prov.: Córdoba: Sierras Chicas (Mischis 1999: 19); Cosquin (Cognetti 1901b: 2); Tercero river; Manfredi; Piguellio (Righi 1984a: 119); Santa Fé Prov.: Santo Tomé; Paraná: La Capital (Righi 1978: 168); La Rioja Prov.: Velasco and Famatina mountain ranges (Mischis & Gleiser 1999: 61); Tucumán Prov. (Mischis 2007); Salta Prov.; Jujuy Prov. (Righi 1979: 147; Teisaire *et al.* 2003: 213). URU (Grosso *et al.* 2006: 297); Melilla; Joanicó (Grosso & Brown 2007: 283); Montevideo (Beddard 1896: 62); Canelones: Solis Grande brook (Cordero 1931: 353). BOL: Junin Prov. (Michaelsen 1923: 1); Munco-Capae Prov; Murillo Prov.: Nor Yungas Prov.: La Paz Dep.: Unduavi (Zicsi 1995: 606); La Paz Prov.: Valley of Zongo river: near Cambaya; Viscachani lagune (Righi & Römbke 1987: 524); Manco-Capac Prov.: Titicaca lake: Kusijata, near Copacabana; Ingavi Prov: Huacullani; Aroma Prov.: Oruro Dep: Huaraco (Römbke & Hanagarth 1994: 11; Zicsi 1995: 606). PER (Cordero 1931: 353). ECU: Pichincha Prov. (Zicsi & Csuzdi 1988: 217). COL (Michaelsen 1914: 205): Valle Dep.: El Cerrito (Feijoo 1993, 2007). BRA (Michaelsen 1892: 209; Moreira 1903: 125); RS: Porto Alegre (Michaelsen 1927: 370). Central America (Blakemore 2002: 287), North America, Europe, Africa, Middle East, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii (Righi 1979: 147).

##### 5. *Aporrectodea trapezoides* (Dugès, 1828)

- Lumbricus trapezoides* Dugès, 1828: 289.
- Lumbricus novae hollandiae* Kinberg, 1867 (part.): 99.
- Lumbricus capensis* Kinberg, 1867: 100.
- Lumbricus matutinus* Weyenbergh, 1879: 213.
- Allolobophora caliginosa beddardi* – Ribaucourt 1896: 53 (non *Allolobophora beddardi* Michaelsen, 1894, valid as *Allolobophora parva* Eisen, 1874).
- Allolobophora inflata* Michaelsen, 1899b: 124.
- Helodrilus (Allolobophora) caliginosus trapezoides* – Michaelsen 1900a: 483.
- Helodrilus (Helodrilus) mariensis* Stephenson, 1917: 414.
- Helodrilus (Allolobophora) caliginosus* – Lahille 1922: 18 (non *Enterion caliginosum* Savigny, 1826, synonym of *Aporrectodea caliginosa caliginosa* (Savigny, 1826)).
- Allolobophora (Eophila) mariensis* – Stephenson 1923: 504.
- Allolobophora caliginosa trapezoides* – Chen 1931: 168.
- Helodrilus caliginosus trapezoides* – Cordero 1931: 353.
- Eophila augilensis* Sciacchitano, 1932: 302.



*Dendrobaena samarigera graeca* Cernosvitov, 1938: 285.

*Allolobophora caliginosa* f. *trapezoides* – Gates 1941: 452. — Plisko 1973: 108.

*Allolobophora caliginosa* (part.) – Eaton 1942: 246. — Støp-Bowitz 1969: 191.

*Allolobophora iowana* Evans, 1948: 515.

*Allolobophora (Microphila) mariensis* – Omodeo 1956: 184.

*Allolobophora longa* (part.) – Reinecke & Ryke 1969: 515.

*Nicodrilus (Nicodrilus) caliginosus meridionalis* Bouché, 1972: 334.

*Allolobophora trapezoides* – Gates 1972a: 76.

*Aporrectodea caliginosa trapezoides* – Plisko 1973: 108. — Easton 1983: 477.

*Aporrectodea trapezoides* – Reynolds 1975: 3; 1977: 46, fig. 10. — Easton 1980: 41. — Blakemore 2002: 291, fig. 4.8a, b. — Fragoso & Brown 2007: 70.

DISTRIBUTION. — CHI: Juan Fernandez (Cernosvitov 1939: 114). ARG (Momo *et al.* 1993: 7; Mischis 2004: 261; Giménez *et al.* 2005); Tierra del Fuego (Mischis & Moreno 2003: 49); Chubut; Río Negro (Mischis & Herrera 2006: 292); Santa Cruz (Mischis & Moreno 2006: 292); Los Pampa Prov. (Mischis 2007); Buenos Aires Prov.: Buenos Aires (Burela & Cazzaniga 2001: 49); Isla Ella (Stephenson 1933: 938); San Luis Prov. (Mischis & Brigada 1985: 134); Córdoba Prov.: Córdoba (Righi 1979: 146; Mischis 1997: 62); Sierras Chicas (Mischis 1999: 24); Pampa de Achala (Mischis 1985: 130); Santa Fé Prov. (Ljungström *et al.* 1973: 240); La Capital and Paraná (Righi 1978: 169); Entre Ríos Prov.: Victoria (Cognetti 1901b: 2); La Rioja Prov.: Velasco and Famatina mountain ranges (Mischis & Gleiser 1999: 61); Catamarca Prov.: Las Pirquitas (Mischis & Righi 1999: 64); Tucumán Prov. (Mischis & Moreno 2003: 49); Salta Prov. (Mischis & Moreno 2003: 49); Jujuy Prov. (Mischis & Moreno 2003: 49). URU: Montevideo. PAR (Cordero 1931: 353). BOL: North Yungas Prov.: La Paz Dep.: Unduavi; Tarija Dep.: highway from Tarija do Entre-Ríos, km 15 (Zicsi 1995: 606). PER: Titicaca lake: Capachica (Cernosvitov 1939: 114); Cerro Atocongo; Huanuco Prov.: Chogosh (Michaelson 1923: 1; 1935: 1; Römbke 2007: 203). FRG (Righi 1979: 146). BRA: RS: Porto Alegre (Michaelson 1892: 209; 1927: 370); Guaíba estuary (Knäpper 1976: 39). North America, Europe, Africa, Middle East, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, and Saint Helena island (Righi 1979: 146).

## REMARKS

Römbke (2007) includes this species in the synonymy of *A. caliginosa caliginosa*, but Fragoso & Brown (2007) continue to list it as a distinct species.

## Genus *Bimastos* Moore, 1893

*Bimastos* Moore, 1893: 333; 1895: 473. — Gates 1969: 306; 1972b: 86; 1975b: 4. — Reynolds 1977: 61.

*Helodrilus (Bimastos)* – Michaelson 1900a: 501 (invalid emendation).

?*Glossoscolecoidarus* Michaelson, 1900b: 53 (type species: *Lumbricus corduensis* Weyenbergh, 1879).

*Bimastos* – Stephenson 1930: 913.

TYPE SPECIES. — *Bimastos palustris* Moore, 1895 (= *Bimastos* sp. – Moore 1893).

## 6. *Bimastos parvus* (Eisen, 1874)

*Allolobophora parva* Eisen, 1874: 46 – Easton 1983: 475. — Blakemore 2002: 264, fig. 4.3.

*Lumbricus (Allolobophora) parvus* – Vaillant 1889: 142.

*Dendrobaena constricta* (part.) – Friend 1893a: 19 (non *Allolobophora constricta* Rosa, 1884: 38, valid as *Dendrodrilus rubidus rubidus* (Savigny, 1826)).

*Allolobophora beddardi* Michaelson, 1894: 182.

*Allolobophora parvus* – Ribaucourt 1896: 80.

*Allolobophora parva udei* Ribaucourt, 1896: 80.

*Allolobophora constricta* var. *geminata* (part.) – Friend 1897: 459.

*Helodrilus (Bimastos) beddardi* – Michaelson 1900a: 502.

*Helodrilus (Bimastos) parvus* – Michaelson 1900a: 502.

*Allolobophora (Bimastos) parvus* – Michaelson 1900c: 10.

?*Bimastos longicinctus* F. Smith & Gittins, 1915: 548.

*Bimastos beddardi* – Pop 1948: 123.

*Eisenia parvus* – Pop 1948: 123. — Zicsi 1982: 436.

*Eisenia parva* (part.?) – Zicsi 1959: 170. — Zajonc 1970: 23. — Bouché 1972: 386.

*Bimastos parvus* (part. ?) – Edwards & Lofty 1972: 215. — Plisko 1973: 99. — Reynolds 1977: 61, fig. 16. — Sims & Gerard 1985: 48.

*Bimastos parvus* – Gates 1972a: 87. — Reynolds 1972: 1; 1974: 17. — Righi 1979: 141; 1984a: 119. — Schwert 1990: 353.

*Helodrilus longicinctus* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 129.

*Helodrilus parva* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 152.

*Bimastos beddardi beddardi* – Mercadal de Barrio & Barrio 1988: 1.

DISTRIBUTION. — ARG (Mischis 2004: 261): Córdoba Prov.: Córdoba (Mischis 1996: 6); Primero river (Righi 1984a: 118); Santa Fé Prov. (Ljungström *et al.* 1973: 240); Santo Tomé (Righi 1978: 169); Entre Ríos Prov.: Victoria (Cognetti 1901a: 2); Tucumán Prov.: Tucumán (Mischis & Herrera 2006: 292); Salta Prov.: Santa Victoria De Los Toldos (Teisaire *et al.* 2003: 213); Jujuy Prov. (Righi 1979: 141). VEN: Aragua State: Henri Pittier National Park: Rancho Grande (Righi 1984b: 244; Paoletti 1989: 435). BRA (Righi 1968a: 545): RS: Teutônia (Brown *et al.* 2006: 355; Camaquã Mun: Camaquã (Lima & Rodríguez 2007: 15); SP: Buri (Brown & James 2006: 147; James & Brown 2006: 56): Anhembi (Righi 1968b: 379). Central America, North America, Europe, Africa, Middle East, Asia, Australia, Tahiti, Hawaii, Saint Paul island (Righi 1979: 141), and Saint Helena island (Gates 1972b: 1).

#### REMARKS

Fragoso & Brown (2007) consider that this species is probably a synonym of *Bimastos parvus*.

#### 7\*. *Bimastos sophiae*

Mercadal de Barrio & Barrio, 1988,  
*species inquirenda*

*Bimastos beddardi sophiae* Mercadal de Barrio & Barrio, 1988: 1.

*Bimastos sophiae* – Blakemore 2005a: 20 (sp. inq.)

DISTRIBUTION. — ARG: Buenos Aires Prov. (Mercadal de Barrio & Barrio 1988: 1).

#### REMARKS

*Bimastos sophiae* Mercadal de Barrio & Barrio, 1988, described originally as *Bimastos beddardi sophiae*, from Buenos Aires, Argentina (Mercadal de Barrio & Barrio

1988: 1), was listed as a *species inquirenda*, unlikely to be native, and possibly representing a synonym of *Bimastos parvus* (Blakemore 2005a: 20).

#### Genus *Dendrobaena* Eisen, 1873

*Helodrilus (Dendrobaena)* Eisen, 1873: 53. — Gates 1975a: 3. — Reynolds 1977: 64. — Easton 1983: 478. — Blakemore 2002: 296.

*Helodrilus (Dendrobaena)* (part.) – Michaelsen 1900a: 488.

*Dendrobaena* (part.) – Stephenson 1930: 912. — Gates 1972a: 88. — Bouché 1972: 388.

*Omodeoia* Kvavadze, 1993: 132 (type species: *Allolobophora byblica* Rosa, 1893).

TYPE SPECIES. — *Enterion octaedrum* Savigny, 1826.

#### 8. *Dendrobaena cognetti* (Michaelsen, 1903)

*Helodrilus ribaucourti* Cognetti, 1901a: 21 (non *Allolobophora ribaucourti* Bretscher, 1901, valid as *Lumbricus rubellus rubellus* Hoffmeister, 1843).

*Helodrilus (Eophila) cognettii* Michaelsen, 1903: 130 (nom. nov. pro *Helodrilus ribaucourti* Cognetti, 1901, non Bretscher, 1901, valid as *Lumbricus rubellus* Hoffmeister, 1843).

*Dendrobaena cognetti gallurensis* Rota, 1992: 1383. — Zicsi 1993: 639.

*Dendrobaena cognetti*. — Zicsi 1993: 639. — Fragoso & Brown 2007: 70.

DISTRIBUTION. — CHI (Zicsi 1993: 639). Europe (Sims & Gerard 1985: 73).

#### REMARKS

Zicsi & Csuzdi (2007) continue to accept this species, which was considered a synonym of *D. pygmaea* by Blakemore (2002).

#### 9. *Dendrobaena hortensis* (Michaelsen, 1890b)

*Allolobophora veneta* forma *hortensis* Rosa, 1886: 674. — Beddard 1896: 96. — Michaelsen 1900a: 477.

- Allolobophora subrubicunda* var. *hortensis* Michaelsen, 1889: 15.
- Allolobophora hibernica* Friend, 1892c: 102.
- Allolobophora veneta* f. *hortensis* Michaelsen, 1899a: 27.
- Eisenia veneta hibernica* – Michaelsen 1900a: 477.
- Eisenia veneta hortensis* – Michaelsen, 1900a: 477.
- Allolobophora veneta tepidaria* Friend, 1904: 161.
- Allolobophora* (*Eisenia*) *veneta dendroidea* Friend, 1909: 243.
- Allolobophora* (*Eisenia*) *veneta robusta* Friend, 1909: 246.
- Eisenia veneta tepidaria* – Cernosvitov 1942: 239.
- Eisenia veneta robusta* – Cernosvitov 1942: 239.
- Eisenia birsteini* Malevic, 1947: 19.
- Dendrobaena veneta hibernica* – Gerard 1964: 38.
- Dendrobaena veneta hibernica dendroidea* Gerard, 1964: 39.
- Dendrobaena veneta hortensis* – Gerard 1964: 39.
- Dendrobaena nicaensis* Vedovini, 1971: 45.
- Eisenia hortensis* – Gates 1972a: 103. — Sims & Gerard 1985: 84, fig. 27. — Blakemore 1999: 183.
- Dendrobaena pseudohortensis* Sapkarev, 1977: 27.
- Dendrobaena hortensis* – Easton 1983: 478. — Zicsi 1993: 639. — Blakemore 2002: 299, fig. 4.9. — Fragoso & Brown 2007: 70.
- DISTRIBUTION. — CHI: Santiago (Beddard 1896: 62). ARG (Michaelsen 1900a: 477; Mischis 2004: 261). North America, Iceland, Azores, Europe, Africa and Australia (Blakemore 2002: 298).
- 10. *Dendrobaena octaedra octaedra***  
(Savigny, 1826)
- Enterion octaedrum* Savigny, 1826: 183.
- Lumbricus octaedrus* – Dugès 1837: 17.
- Lumbricus vetaedrus* (erroneous spelling) – Dugès 1837: 24.
- Lumbricus riparius* (part.) – Hoffmeister 1845: 30.
- Lumbricus flaviventris* Leuckart, 1849: 159.
- Lumbricus puter* Eisen, 1871 (part.): 959.
- Dendrobaena boeckii* Eisen, 1873: 53.
- Lumbricus boeckii* – Tauber 1879: 69.
- Dendrobaena camerani* Rosa, 1882: 172.
- Octolasion boeckii* – Örley 1885: 20.
- Allolobophora octaedra* – Rosa 1887: 2.
- Dendrobaena octaedra* – Vějdovský 1888: 41. — Tětry 1937: 144. — Gerard 1964: 37. — Bouché 1972: 388. — Gates 1974a: 16. — Reynolds 1977: 65, fig. 18. — Easton 1983: 479. — Sims & Gerard 1985: 70, figs 21, 22. — Zicsi 1993: 639. — Zicsi & Csuzdi 2001: 140. — Blakemore 2002: 301.
- Lumbricus* (*Dendrobaena*) *camerani* – Vaillant 1889: 113.
- Lumbricus* (*Dendrobaena*) *boeckii* – Vaillant 1889: 118.
- Lumbricus* (*Dendrobaena*) *octaedrus* – Vaillant 1889: 119.
- Allolobophora* (*Dendrobaena*) *octaedra* – Rosa 1893: 424.
- Allolobophora octaedra alpinula* Ribaucourt, 1896: 32.
- Allolobophora octaedra liliputiana* Ribaucourt, 1896: 32.
- Helodrilus* (*Dendrobaena*) *octaedrus* – Michaelsen 1900a: 494.
- Dendrobaena octaedrus casterinensis* Chinaglia, 1911: 1.
- Dendrobaena octaedra* var. *quadriversiculata* Pop, 1938: 139; 1948: 106.
- Dendrobaena octaedra* f. *typica* Pop, 1948: 104.
- Dendrobaena octahedra* (incorrect spelling) – Langmaid 1964: 34.
- Dendrobaena* (*Dendrobaena*) *octaedra* – Bouché 1972: 388.
- Dendrobaena octaedra octaedra*. — Blakemore 2006: 4.
- DISTRIBUTION. — CHI: Puerto Varas (Zicsi & Csuzdi 2001: 140). ARG (Fragoso & Brown 2007: 70). BOL:

North Yungas Prov.: La Paz Dep.: Unduavi (Zicsi 1995: 606); Murillo Prov.: Valle de Zongo: Cambaya; Viscachani lagune (Römbke & Hanagarth 1994: 11). ECU: Pichincha Prov.: Quito (Zicsi & Csuzdi 1988: 217). COL: Andes, about 120 km from Cali: Cabuyal river (Feijoo *et al.* 1999: 515); Bogotá (Michaelsen 1900a: 234); Valle Dep.: El Cerrito (Feijoo 1993, 2007). VEN: Páramos Escorial and Mucubaji (Feijoo *et al.* 2006: 305; Fragoso & Brown 2007: 70). North America, Iceland, Greenland, Madeira, Europe, Middle East, and Asia (Blakemore 2002: 300).

### 11. *Dendrobaena pygmaea* (Savigny, 1826)

*Enterion pygmaeum* Savigny, 1826: 183.

*Allolobophora minima* Rosa, 1884: 39 (non *Allolobophora minima* Muldal, 1952: 463, valid as *Murchieona minuscula* (Rosa, 1906)).

*Helodrilus* (*Dendrobaena*) *pygmaeus* – Michaelsen 1900a: 495.

*Dendrobaena pygmaea* – Gerard 1964: 37. — Easton 1983: 479. — Sims & Gerard 1985: 73. — Blakemore 2002: 303; 2005a: 28.

DISTRIBUTION. — CHI (Zicsi 1993: 639). Europe (Sims & Gerard 1985: 73).

### 12. *Dendrobaena veneta veneta* (Rosa, 1886)

*Allolobophora veneta* Rosa, 1886: 674.

*Dendrobaena bogdanovi* Kulagin, 1889: 14.

*Dendrobaena caucasica* Kulagin, 1889: 13.

*Eisenia veneta* – Michaelsen 1900a: 477. — Stephenson 1933: 934.

*Eisenia veneta zebra* Michaelsen, 1902: 39.

*Dendrobaena veneta succinta* Rosa, 1905: 104.

*Eisenia veneta* var. *concolor* Michaelsen, 1909: 35.

*Allolobophora veneta robusta* Friend, 1909: 243.

*Eisenia veneta* var. *picta* Michaelsen, 1910: 1.

*Eisenia veneta* var. *tumida* Friend, 1927: 281 (nom. nud.).

*Eisenia austriaca* Michaelsen, 1936: 35.

*Eisenia veneta* var. *balcanica* Cernovitov, 1937a: 81.

*Eisenia veneta* var. *crassa* Malevic, 1947: 17.

*Eisenia veneta* var. *minuta* Malevic, 1947: 18.

*Eisenia svetlovia* – Blakemore 2005b: 4; 2005c: 5.

*Dendrobaena veneta typica* – Gerard 1964: 38.

*Dendrobaena veneta zebra* – Gerard 1964: 39.

*Dendrobaena* (*Dendrobaena*) *veneta veneta* – Bouché 1972: 398.

*Lumbricus caucasica* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 86.

*Allolobophora caucasica* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 86.

*Dendrobaena veneta veneta* – Easton 1983: 479. — Blakemore 2005a: 30.

*Eisenia veneta* – Sims & Gerard 1985: 88, fig. 28. — Blakemore 1999: 183.

*Dendrobaena veneta* – Blakemore 2002: 305, fig. 4.10, 4.11.

DISTRIBUTION. — CHI (Muñoz-Pedreras *et al.* 2001: 27); Santiago: Quinta Normal (Blakemore 2002: 304). BRA: RS: Porto Alegre (Knäpper & Porto 1979: 137). North America, Europe, and Australia (Blakemore 2002: 304).

### Genus *Dendrodrilus* Omodeo, 1956

*Enterion* Savigny, 1826 (part.): 179.

*Dendrobaena* – Örley 1881b: 585.

*Octolasion* (part.) – Örley 1885: 13.

*Allolobophora* (part.) – Örley 1885: 23.

*Helodrilus* (*Dendrobaena*) (part.) – Michaelsen 1900a: 488.

*Helodrilus* (*Bimastos*) (part.) – Michaelsen 1900a: 501.

*Dendrobaena* (part.) – Pop 1941: 518. — Stöp-Bowitz 1969: 214. — Gates 1972b: 88. — Bouché 1972: 388. — Perel 1976: 635; 1977: 59; 1979: 200. — Mrcsic 1991: 260. — Qiu & Bouché 2000b: 205.

*Dendrobaena* (*Dendrodrilus*) Omodeo, 1956: 175.

*Dendrodrilus* – Plisko 1973: 78. — Gates 1975a: 4. — Reynolds 1977: 69. — Easton 1983: 479. — Blakemore 2002: 307.

TYPE SPECIES. — *Enterion rubidum* Savigny, 1826.

13. *Dendrodrilus rubidus rubidus*  
(Savigny, 1826)

- Enterion rubidum* Savigny, 1826: 182.  
*Lumbricus xanthurus* Templeton, 1836: 235.  
*Lumbricus rubidus* – Dugès 1837: 17.  
*Lumbricus puter* Hoffmeister, 1845: 33.  
*Lumbricus pieter* Udekem, 1865: 41.  
*Hypogeon havaicus* Kinberg, 1867: 101.  
*Lumbricus victoris* Perrier, 1872: 48.  
*Allolobophora norvegica* Eisen, 1873: 48.  
*Allolobophora arborea* Eisen, 1873: 49.  
*Allolobophora tenuis* Eisen, 1874: 44.  
*Allolobophora fraisei* Örley, 1881a: 285.  
*Dendrobaena puter* (part.) – Örley 1881b: 586.  
*Allolobophora constricta* Rosa, 1884: 38.  
*Octolasion constrictum* – Örley 1885: 20.  
*Allolobophora putra* (part.) – Vejvodský 1888: 41.  
*Lumbricus (Allolobophora) constrictus* – Vaillant 1889: 113.  
*Allolobophora nordenskiöldii* (incorrect spelling) – Michaelsen, 1891a: 3.  
*Allolobophora rubicunda* (incorrect spelling) – Beddard 1891: 273.  
*Allolobophora putris arborea* (part.?) – Rosa 1893: 433.  
*Dendrobaena constricta* (part.) – Friend 1893a: 19.  
*Allolobophora putris subrubicunda helvetica* Ribaucourt, 1896: 18.  
*Allolobophora darwini* Ribaucourt, 1896: 82.  
*Allolobophora rubida typica* – Michaelsen 1900a: 234.  
*Helodrilus (Dendrobaena) rubidus* – Michaelsen 1900a: 490.  
*Helodrilus (Bimastos) constrictus* – Michaelsen 1900a: 503.  
*Allolobophora (Bimastos) constricta* – Michaelsen 1900c: 10.  
*Helodrilus (Bimastos) constrictus* (part.) – Stütz 1909: 139.  
*Bimastos constrictus* – Michaelsen 1914: 202. — Ljungström *et al.* 1975: 29. — Feijoo *et al.* 2004: 220.  
*Helodrilus (Bimastos) tenuis* – F. Smith 1917: 157.  
*Bimastos tenuis* – Cernovitov 1934: 256. — Edwards & Lofty 1972: 215.  
*Dendrobaena magnesa* Tzelepé, 1943: 38.  
*Dendrobaena rubida* var. *tenuis* – Pop 1943: 21.  
*Dendrobaena subrubicunda* var. *papillosa* (part.) – Pop 1943: 21.  
*Dendrobaena (Dendrodrilus) rubida* – Omodeo 1956: 175.  
*Dendrobaena (Dendrodrilus) rubida* f. *tenuis* – Omodeo 1956: 175.  
*Dendrobaena rubida* (part.) – Zicsi 1959: 165; 1968a: 135.  
*Dendrobaena rubida* – Stöp-Bowitz 1969: 220. — Edwards & Lofty 1972: 216.  
*Dendrobaena tenuis* – Stöp-Bowitz 1969: 227.  
*Dendrobaena rubida* var. *typica* – Zajonc 1970: 22.  
*Dendrobaena (Dendrodrilus) rubida rubida* – Bouché 1972: 410.  
*Dendrobaena (Dendrodrilus) rubida tenuis* – Bouché 1972: 411.  
*Dendrobaena (Dendrodrilus) rubida* – Plisko 1973: 79.  
*Dendrobaena (Dendrodrilus) rubida* f. *tenuis* – Plisko 1973: 87.  
*Dendrobaena (Dendrodrilus) rubida* f. *typica* – Plisko 1973: 84.  
*Dendrodrilus rubidus* – Reynolds 1975: 3; 1977: 69, fig. 20. — Sims & Gerard 1985: 76, fig. 24. — Blakemore 2002: 308, fig. 4.12.  
*Dendrobaena pieter* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 156.  
*Allolobophora rubidum* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 165.  
*Dendrobaena valdiviensis* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 186.  
*Dendrodrilus rubidus tenuis* – Perel 1977: 60. — Easton 1983: 480. — Zicsi 1991: 175. — Mrcsic 1991: 270.

- Dendrodrilus rubidus* f. *tenuis* (part.) – Perel 1979: 200.
- Dendrobaena rubida rubida* – Zicsi 1982: 443.
- Dendrobaena rubida tenuis* – Zicsi 1982: 443.
- Dendrodrilus rubidus rubidus* – Easton 1983: 479. — Zicsi 1991: 174. — Mrsic 1991: 263. — Zicsi & Csuzdi 2007: 241.
- Dendrodrilus rubidus* – Qiu & Bouché 2000a: 195.
- Dendrodrilus tenuis* – Qiu & Bouché 2000a: 195.
- DISTRIBUTION. — CHI (Zicsi 1993: 639; Muñoz-Pederos *et al.* 2001: 27): Cape Horn: Orange Bay (Cernosvitov 1934: 256); Juan Fernandez islands (Gates 1972b: 21); Tierra del Fuego, Chiloé island: Cucao, Santiago, Coronel, Punta Arenas, Titicaca, Valparaiso, Talcahuano, Valdivia, Navarino island (Zicsi & Csuzdi 2001: 139); Valdivia, Coyinhué (Beddard 1896: 62). ARG (Mischiš 2004: 271): Tierra del Fuego (Mischiš & Moreno 2003: 49); Malvina islands: Port Stanley; Santa Cruz Prov.: El Calafate (Mischiš *et al.* 2006: 179); Santa Cruz (Mischiš & Herrera 2006: 292); Chubut Prov.: Comodoro Rivadavia (Mischiš *et al.* 2006: 179); Puerto Madryn (Righi 1978: 168); Rio Negro Prov. (Ljungström *et al.* 1975: 29); Buenos Aires Prov. (Michaelsen 1899a: 27; Mercadal de Barrio & Barrio 1988: 1); Córdoba Prov.: Córdoba (Mischiš & Herrera 1995: 70); Bariloche: Nahuel Huapi National Park; La Rioja Prov.: Iliar (Cordero 1942: 290); Velasco and Famatina mountain range (Mischiš & Gleiser 1999: 61); Tucumán Prov.: Tucumán (Teisaire & Roldán 1996: 1); Salta Prov.: Santa Victoria Dep.: Los Toldos (Teisaire *et al.* 2003: 213). URU: Montevideo (Fragoso & Brown 2007: 70). BOL: Murillo Prov.: La Paz Dep.: Cambaya; Valle de Zongo; Unduavi; lake Titicaca; Tarija Dep.: Tarija-Entre Ríos (Römbke & Hanagarth 1994: 12). PER (Michaelsen 1900a: 234). ECU: Bamba river and Loja (Gates 1972b: 21). COL: Bogotá (Michaelsen 1914: 202); Valle Dep.: El Cerrito (Feijoo 1993; 2007); Antioquia: Venice (Orozoco *et al.* 1996: 162). VEN: Colonia Tovar: Cruz Verde (Righi 1989: 1067). FRG: Camopi (Cernosvitov 1934a: 59). BRA: RJ: Rio de Janeiro and Petrópolis (Michaelsen 1927: 370); Itatiaia national park: abrigo Massenas (Righi 1980: 12). Central and North America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii and other oceanic islands, including sub-Antarctic islands (Blakemore 2002: 307).
- Allolobophora fraisei* Örley, 1881a: 285.
- Allolobophora puter* Örley, 1881b (part.): 581.
- Lumbricus subrubicunda* (part.) – Levinsen 1884: 242.
- Octolasion subrubicunda* – Örley 1885: 21.
- Allolobophora puter* – Beddard 1896: 12.
- Allolobophora putris* – Beddard 1896: 62 (non Hoffmeister, 1842).
- Allolobophora putris subrubicunda* var. *helvetica* Ribaucourt, 1896: 18.
- Allolobophora puter* f. *subrubicunda* – Michaelsen 1899c: 27.
- Allolobophora rubida subrubicunda* – Michaelsen 1900a: 234.
- Helodrilus (Dendrobaena) rubidus* var. *subrubicundus* – Michaelsen 1900a: 490; 1904: 289.
- Dendrobaena putris dieppi* Ribaucourt, 1901: 226.
- Helodrilus (Bimastus) constrictus* (part.) – Stütz 1909: 139.
- Dendrobaena arborea pygmaea* Friend, 1923: 23 (non *Enterion pygmaeum* Savigny, 1826, now *Dendrobaena pygmaea* (Savigny, 1826)).
- Dendrobaena subrubicunda* var. *papillosa* Pop, 1938: 139; 1949: 434 (non *Lumbricus papillosus* Friend, 1893).
- Dendrobaena rubida* var. *subrubicunda* – Pop 1943: 21.
- Dendrobaena (Dendrodrilus) rubida* f. *subrubicunda* – Omodeo 1956: 175.
- Dendrobaena rivulicola* Chandebois, 1958: 159.
- Dendrobaena rubida* (part.) – Zicsi 1968a: 135.
- Dendrobaena subrubicunda* – Støp-Bowitz 1969: 224. — Edwards & Lofty 1972: 215.
- Dendrobaena (Dendrodrilus) subrubicunda* – Bouché 1972: 414.
- Dendrobaena (Dendrodrilus) rubida* f. *subrubicunda* – Plisko 1973: 85.
- Helodrilus subrubicunda* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 176.
- Dendrodrilus rubidus subrubicundus* – Perel 1977: 60. — Easton 1983: 479. — Zicsi 1991: 175. — Mrsic 1991: 267. — Zicsi & Csuzdi 2007: 241.

#### 14. *Dendrodrilus rubidus subrubicundus* (Eisen, 1873)

*Allolobophora subrubicunda* Eisen, 1873: 51. — Rosa 1889: 146.

*Dendrodrilus rubidus subrubicunda* – Gates 1979: 154.

*Dendrodrilus rubidus* f. *subrubicunda* – Perel 1979: 201.

*Dendrobaena rubida subrubicunda* – Zicsi 1982: 443.

*Dendrodrilus subrubicundus* – Zicsi 1993: 639. — Qiu & Bouché 2000a: 195.

DISTRIBUTION. — CHI (Michaelsen 1900a: 491). ARG: Caleta Olivia (Mischis *et al.* 2006: 179). URU: Montevideo (Beddard 1896: 62; Michaelsen 1899a: 27; Cordero 1931: 354). ECU (Fragoso & Brown 2007: 70). COL (Michaelsen 1900a: 234). Subantarctic islands (Blakemore 2002: 307).

#### REMARKS

Michaelsen (1900a: 491) suggests that *Lumbricus valdiviensis* Blanchard, 1849 may be a synonym of *Dendrodrilus rubidus subrubicundus* (Eisen, 1873). However, following this possibility requires changing a well established species name due to the priority of the former name.

#### Genus *Eisenia* Malm, 1877

*Eisenia* Malm, 1877: 45. — Gates 1969: 305. — Reynolds 1977: 74. — Blakemore 2002: 312.

*Allolobophora* (*Notogamia*) Rosa, 1893: 399 (type species: *Enterion fetidum* Savigny, 1826, now *Eisenia fetida* (Savigny, 1826)).

*Eisenia* (part.) – Michaelsen 1900a: 474.

TYPE SPECIES. — *Enterion fetidum* Savigny, 1826.

#### 15. *Eisenia andrei* Bouché, 1972

*Eisenia fetida andrei* Bouché, 1972: 381 (nom nov. pro *Eisenia foetida* var. *unicolor* André, 1963). — Jaenike 1982: 6. — Casabe *et al.*, 2007: 232.

*Eisenia unicolor* – Øien & Stenersen 1984: 277.

*Eisenia andrei* – Sims & Gerard 1985: 79. — Fragoso & Brown 2007: 70.

DISTRIBUTION. — CHI (Muñoz-Pedreras *et al.* 2001: 27). ARG: Buenos Aires (Mischis & Herrera 2006: 292); Córdoba (Mischis 2007). BOL: La Paz city (Römbke &

Zicsi 2007: 229). BRA: PR (Brown *et al.* 2004: 33; James & Brown 2006: 56); SP (Brown & James 2006: 147; James & Brown 2006: 56); RJ (Brown *et al.* 2006: 339); MG: Juiz de Fora (Pérez-Losada *et al.* 2005: 318); DF: Brasília; PE; PB (Brown *et al.* 2006: 339). Europe (Bouché 1972: 381).

#### REMARKS

Blakemore (2002: 312) recently synonymized this species with *E. fetida*. However, Pérez-Losada *et al.* (2005: 317) were able to distinguish the two species on the basis of DNA sequences, and Dominguez *et al.* (2005) separated them on the basis of biological traits.

#### 16. *Eisenia fetida* (Savigny, 1826)

*Enterion fetidum* Savigny, 1826: 182.

*Lumbricus semifasciatus* Burmeister, 1835: 3.

*Lumbricus annularis* Templeton, 1836: 234.

*Lumbricus foetidus* – Dugès 1837: 17 (invalid emendation).

*Lumbricus olidus* Hoffmeister, 1842: 25.

*Lumbricus luteus* Blanchard, 1849: 42.

*Allolobophora foetida* – Eisen 1873: 50.

*Lumbricus rubro-fasciatus* Baird, 1873: 96.

*Eisenia foetida* – Malm 1877: 45. — Michaelsen 1900a: 475. — Lee 1959: 361. — Gerard 1964: 26. — Gates 1972b: 97. — Ljungström *et al.* 1973: 240. — Reynolds 1977: 74, fig. 22. — Righi 1979: 137; 1984a: 118. — Mischis 1999: 24.

*Lumbricus annulatus* Hutton, 1877: 352 (nec *Lumbricus annulatus* Perel, 1975: 995).

?*Allolobophora nordenskiöldii* Eisen, 1879: 6.

*Eisenia foetida* var. *fimetoria* Örley, 1881b: 563 (non *Enterion fimetorum* Fitzinger, 1833: 552).

*Endrilus annulatus* – W. W. Smith 1887: 136 (incorrect spelling of *Eudrilus*).

*Lumbricus* (*Allolobophora*) *annulatus* – Vaillant 1889: 147.

*Lumbricus* (*Allolobophora*) *foetidus* – Vaillant 1889: 149.

“*Lumbricus ruber*” – Blakemore 2005a: 33.

"*Lumbricus costatus*" Grube, 1892 (nom. nud. ?). — Blakemore 2005a: 33.

*Allolobophora (Notogama) foetida* – Rosa 1893: 424.

*Eisenia nordenskiöldi caucasica* Michaelsen, 1902: 1.

*Helodrilus (Eisenia) foetidus* – Michaelsen 1913: 551.

*Eisenia fetida attica* Tzelepé, 1943: 1.

*Eisenia fasciata* Backlund, 1948: 1.

*Eisenia fetida fetida* – Bouché 1972: 380.

*Helodrilus fetidum* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 101.

*Eisenia fetida* – Easton 1983: 480. — Sims & Gerard 1985: 80, figs 25, 26. — Romero Pinto & Chamorro Bello 1986: 42, fig. 1. — Blakemore 2002: 313, fig. 4.13, 4.14.

DISTRIBUTION. — CHI (Blanchard 1849: 42): Temuco (Muñoz-Pedrerros *et al.* 1997: 101); Santiago, Valparaíso, Concepción, Valdivia, Lota, Corral, Talcahuano. ARG (Di Masso 1999: 212; Mischis 2004: 261): Chubut Prov.: Chubut; Comodoro Rivadavia (Mischis *et al.* 2006: 179); Río Negro Prov.: Bariloche (Mischis *et al.* 2006: 178); Río Negro (Mischis & Herrera 2006: 292); Buenos Aires Prov.: Tornquist (Mischis *et al.* 2006: 177); Buenos Aires (Burela & Cazzaniga 2001: 49); Córdoba Prov. (Mischis 1982: 145; 1996: 6); Sierras Chicas (Mischis 1999: 24); Carlos Pas (Righi 1984a: 118); Pampa de Achala (Mischis 1985: 130); Santa Fé Prov.; Entre Ríos Prov. (Beddard 1896: 62; Ljungström *et al.* 1973: 240); Tucumán Prov.: Tucumán (Teisaire & Roldán 1996: 1). URU (Grosso *et al.* 2006: 297): Montevideo (Beddard 1896: 62; Cordero 1931: 353); Colonia; Tacuarembó; La Teja (Grosso & Brown 2007: 284). PER (Michaelsen 1900c: 1; Righi 1979: 139). PAR (Fragoso & Brown 2007). ECU: Pichincha Prov. (Zicsi & Csuzdi 1988: 217). COL (Michaelsen 1914: 205): Basurero "El Cortijo" (Romero Pinto & Chamorro Bello 1986: 41); Cundinamarca: Alban (Rodríguez *et al.* 1994: 91); Valle Dep.: Cali (Feijoo *et al.* 2004: 197); Palmira (Feijoo 1993, 2007). VEN (Hernandez *et al.* 1999: 139). FRG (Righi 1979: 139). BRA (Moreira 1903: 125); RS (Knäpper 1972a: 11; 1972b: 23; Knäpper & Porto 1979: 137); São Leopoldo (Righi 1967: 342); Porto Alegre (Michaelsen 1927: 370); Guaíba; Ivotí; Lajeado; Gramado; Belém Velho; Belém Novo; Movo Hamburgo; Mariluz; Sapucaia do Sul; Piratini; Tramandé; Viamão; Barra do Ribeiro; Sapucaia; Tramandaí (Knäpper 1972b: 23, 1976: 39); SC: Tubarão; perhaps PR; RJ; MG (Brown *et al.* 2006: 355). South Atlantic, Central and North America, Europe, Africa, Middle East, Asia, Australia, and New Zealand (Righi 1979: 139).

#### REMARKS

Many citations of this species may actually refer to *E. andrei* (Brown *et al.* 2006: 358).

#### 17. *Eisenia lucens* (Waga, 1857)

*Lumbricus lucens* Waga, 1857: 161.

*Lumbricus submontanus* Vejdovský, 1875: 199.

*Allolobophora foetida hungarica* Örley, 1881b: 563.

*Allolobophora tigrina* Rosa, 1896: 1.

*Allolobophora latens* Cognetti, 1903b: 7.

*Allolobophora rosea croatica* Stütz, 1909: 120.

*Allolobophora gavriloivi* Cernosvitov, 1942: 246.

*Eisenia tigrina* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 180.

*Helodrilus latens* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 126.

*Eisenia lucens* – Fragoso & Brown 2007: 71.

DISTRIBUTION. — BRA: RS (Knäpper & Porto 1979: 137); São Francisco de Paula (Knäpper 1977: 194); Porto Alegre: Guaíba estuary; Fontoura Xavier; Santo Ângelo (Knäpper 1976: 39). Holarctic (Michaelsen 1900c: 1).

#### Genus *Eiseniella* Michaelsen, 1900

*Allurus* Eisen, 1873: 43 (type species: *Enterion tetraedrum* Savigny, 1826).

*Tetragonurus* Eisen, 1873: 47 (type species: *Tetragonurus pupus* Eisen, 1874) (non Risso, 1810, Pisces).

*Eisenia* Vaillant, 1889 (nom. nov. pro *Tetragonurus* Eisen, 1873, non *Eisenia* Malm, 1877).

*Eiseniella* Michaelsen, 1900a: 471 (nom. nov. pro *Allurus* Eisen, 1873). — Blakemore 2002: 320.

TYPE SPECIES. — *Enterion tetraedrum* Savigny, 1826.

#### 18\*. *Eiseniella tetraedra cerni* Blakemore, 2004

*Eiseniella tetraedra* mut. *intermedia* Cernosvitov, 1934c: 17 (non *Eiseniella intermedius* Jackson, 1931: 123, valid as *Eiseniella tetraedra tetraedra* (Savigny, 1826)) – Zicsi 1993: 639.



*Eisenia tetraedra cerni* Blakemore, 2004: 99 (nom nov. pro *Eiseniella tetraedra* var. *intermedia* Cernosvitov, 1934c, non *Eiseniella intermedius* Jackson, 1931: 123, valid as *Eiseniella tetraedra tetraedra* (Savigny, 1826)). — Zicsi & Csuzdi 2007: 241.

DISTRIBUTION. — CHI: Santiago Prov.: La Plata; Maipú; Quebrada; Fundo: La Rinconada (Zicsi 1993: 639).

### 19. *Eiseniella tetraedra pupa* (Eisen, 1874)

*Tetragonurus pupus* Eisen, 1874: 47.

*Lumbricus* (*Eisenia*) *pupa* – Vaillant 1889: 154.

*Allurus hercynius* Michaelsen, 1890b: 7.

*Eisenia pupa* – Benham 1890: 266.

*Eiseniella tetraedra* mut. *quadripora* Cernosvitov, 1942: 240.

*Eiseniella hercynius* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 112.

*Allurus pupa* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 160.

*Helodrilus pupa* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 160.

*Eiseniella pupa* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 160.

*Eiseniella tetraedra pupa* – Fragoso & Brown 2007: 71.

DISTRIBUTION. — BRA: RS: Porto Alegre: Guaíba estuary (Knäpper 1976: 39). North America (Michaelsen 1900a: 474).

### 20. *Eiseniella tetraedra tetraedra* (Savigny, 1826)

*Enterion tetraedrum* Savigny, 1826: 184.

?*Lumbricus quadrangularis* Risso, 1826: 426.

?*Lumbricus amphisbaena* Dugès, 1828: 289.

*Lumbricus tetraedrus* – Dugès 1837: 17. — Eisen 1871: 966.

*Lumbricus agilis* Hoffmeister, 1843: 191.

*Lumbricus tetraedrus luteus* Eisen, 1871: 967.

*Lumbricus tetraedrus obscurus* Eisen, 1871: 968.

*Allurus tetraedrus* – Eisen 1873: 54. — Friend 1892b: 402. — Ribaucourt 1896: 69.

*Allurus neapolitanus* Örley, 1885: 12.

*Allurus ninii* Rosa, 1886: 680. — Michaelsen 1889: 10.

*Allurus hercynius* – Michaelsen 1889: 7.

*Allurus dubius* Michaelsen, 1889: 10.

*Lumbricus* (*Allolobophora*) *neapolitanus* – Vaillant 1889: 113.

*Lumbricus* (*Allurus*) *tetraedrus* – Vaillant 1889: 151.

*Allurus tetragonurus* Friend, 1892b: 402; 1892d: 194.

*Allurus amphisbaena* – Friend 1892b: 402.

*Allurus flavus* Friend, 1892b: 402.

*Allurus macrurus* Friend, 1893b: 461.

*Allurus tetraedrus berniensis* Ribaucourt, 1896: 69.

*Allurus tetraedrus novis* Ribaucourt, 1896: 69.

*Allurus tetraedrus infinitesimalis* Ribaucourt, 1896: 74

*Eiseniella tetraedra* – Michaelsen 1900a: 471. — Gerard 1964: 42. — Gates 1972a: 108. — Reynolds 1977: 84, fig. 26. — Sims & Gerard 1985: 90, figs 29, 30. — Blakemore 1999: 183; 2000: 33, fig. 22; 2002: 320, fig. 4.16.

*Eiseniella tetraedra hammoniensis* Michaelsen, 1909: 1.

*Allurus mollis* Friend, 1912: 63.

*Eiseniella intermedius* Jackson, 1931: 123 (non Cernosvitov, 1934).

*Eiseniella tetraedra* mut. *tetragonura* – Michaelsen 1932: 154 (pro *Allurus tetragonurus* Friend, 1892b).

*Eisenia tetraedra* f. *typica* – Cernosvitov 1937b: 107.

*Eiseniella tetraedra* var. *popi* Zicsi, 1960: 435.

*Eisenia tetraedra* – Vail 1974: 2.

*Eiseniella macrurus* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 131.

*Eiseniella mollis* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 139.

*Eiseniella tetraedra tetraedra* – Easton 1983: 481. — Zicsi & Csuzdi 2007: 241.

*Eiseniella tetraedra proponandra* Qiu & Bouché, 2000a: 181.

DISTRIBUTION. — CHI: Juncal (Cognetti 1901b: 2); Valparaiso (Michaelsen 1889: 12); Juan Fernandez and Navarino island (Anderson & Hendrix 2002: 143). ARG

(Mischis 2004: 261): Río Negro Prov. (Ljungström *et al.* 1975: 29); San Luis Prov. (Mischis & Brigada 1985: 134); Córdoba Prov.: Córdoba (Mischis & Herrera 2006: 293); Santa Fé Prov.: Yacarecito brook (Di Persia *et al.* 1982: 13); Entre Ríos Prov.: Ciudad de Paraná, middle Paraná river (Marchese 1984: 161; 1986: 246); La Plata river: Martín García island (Armendariz & César 2001: 212); Paraná river (Di Persia 1980: 77; Bertoldi de Pomar *et al.* 1986: 79; Montalto & Marchese 2005: 490); middle Paraná river (Marchese & Ezcurra de Drago 1983: 100; Ezcurra de Drago *et al.* 2007: 255); Lower Paraná river (Blettler & Marchese 2005: 62). BOL: La Paz Dep.: Murillo Prov.: Viscachani lagune (Römbke & Hanagarth 1994: 12); Manco Capac Prov.: lake Titicaca (Cernovitov 1939: 114). PER (Römbke & Hanagarth 1994: 12); Cucho Prov.: lake Langui; Puno Prov.: lake Titicaca; Saracocha; Juan Prov.: Huacapistana; Pachacayo; Cochabamba Prov.: Cochabamba (Michaelsen 1923: 1; Cernovitov 1939: 81; Zicsi 2007: 192; Fragoso & Zicsi 2007: 71). ECU: Pichincha Prov. (Zicsi & Csuzdi 1988: 217). COL: Valle Dep.: El Cerrito (Feijoo 1993; 2007). VEN: Chama river (Giani 1978: 270). BRA: RS/SC: Itá-Machadinho hydroelectric station (Pacheco *et al.* 1992: 23). North America, eastern Atlantic islands, Europe, Africa, India, Australia, New Zealand, and South Atlantic islands (Blakemore 2002: 319).

### Genus *Lumbricus* Linnaeus, 1758

*Lumbricus* Linnaeus, 1758 (part.): 647. — Müller 1774: 24. — Fabricius 1780: 277. — Templeton 1836: 235. — Hoffmeister 1845: 4. — Claus 1876: 416; 1880: 278. — Örley 1881b: 580.

*Enterion* Savigny, 1820 (part.) (type species: *Lumbricus terrestris* Linnaeus, 1758).

*Omilurus* Templeton, 1836: 235 (type species: *Omilurus omilurus* Templeton, 1836, valid as *Lumbricus festivus* (Savigny, 1826)).

*Lumbricus* – Eisen 1873: 45. — Michaelsen 1900a: 508. — Stephenson 1930: 914. — Gates 1975a: 3. — Reynolds 1977: 88. — Blakemore 2002: 325.

*Enterion* – Örley 1881b: 587.

*Allolobophora* (part.) – W. W. Smith 1894: 117.

TYPE SPECIES. — *Lumbricus terrestris* Linnaeus, 1758.

### 21. *Lumbricus friendi friendi* Cognetti, 1904

*Lumbricus papillosus* Friend, 1893b: 453, figs 1-5. — Michaelsen 1900a: 512.

*Lumbricus friendi* Cognetti, 1904b: 10 (nom nov. pro *L. papillosus* Friend, 1893b; non Müller, 1776, valid as *Arenicola marina* (Linnaeus, 1758), a polychaete. — Gerard 1964: 47. — Easton 1983: 482. — Sims & Gerard 1985: 102, fig. 35. — Blakemore 2002: 331.

*Lumbricus friendi friendi* – Blakemore 2005a: 44.

DISTRIBUTION. — URU: Rocha: Castillos; Montevideo (Cordero 1931: 353). Europe (Sims & Gerard 1985: 102).

### 22. *Lumbricus rubellus rubellus*

Hoffmeister, 1843

*Lumbricus rubellus* Hoffmeister, 1843: 187. — Michaelsen 1900a: 509. — Stephenson 1923: 508. — Reynolds 1977: 94, fig. 32. — Blakemore 2002: 332, fig. 4.17.

*Lumbricus campestris* Hutton, 1877: 351.

*Enterion rubellum* var. *parvum* Örley, 1881b: 588.

*Enterion rubellum* var. *magnum* Örley, 1881b: 589.

*Digaster campestris* (part.) – Hutton 1883: 586.

*Endrilus campestris* (part.) – W. W. Smith 1887: 137.

*Lumbricus rubellus* var. *curticaudatus* Friend, 1892e: 292.

*Allolobophora rubellus* – W. W. Smith 1894: 157.

*Lumbricus rubellus tatrensis* Nusbaum, 1895: 54.

*Allolobophora herculeana* Bretscher, 1899: 419.

*Allolobophora ribaucourti* Bretscher, 1901: 220 (non *Helodrilus ribaucourti* Cognetti, 1901b, valid as *Dendrobaena pygmaea* (Savigny, 1826)).

*Allolobophora relictus* Southern, 1909: 169.

*Lumbricus rubellus tristani* Pickford, 1932: 289.

*Lumbricus rubellus rubellus* – Bouché 1972: 368. — Easton 1983: 482.

*Lumbricus rubellus castaneooides* Bouché, 1972: 371.

*Lumbricus rubellus friendioides* Bouché, 1972: 372.

*Helodrilus relictus* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 163.

*Lumbricus relictus* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 163.

*Lumbricus rubellus rubellus* – Blakemore 2006: 6.

DISTRIBUTION. — CHI (Zicsi 1993: 639; Muñoz-Pedrerros *et al.* 2001: 27): Chiloé island: Chonchi, near Cucao, and near Huillanco; Ensenada (Zicsi & Csuzdi 2001: 139); Temuco (Muñoz-Pedrerros *et al.* 1997: 101). ARG: Tierra del Fuego Prov. (Mischis & Moreno 2003: 49): Santa Cruz Prov.: Río Gallegos; Los Antiguos (Mischis *et al.* 2006: 179); Santa Cruz (Mischis & Herrera 2006: 293). BOL: Murillo Prov.: La Paz Dep.: Viscachani lagune (Römbke & Hanagarth 1994: 12). COL: Bogotá (Fajardo & Prince 1976; Feijoo 1993, 2007). North America, east Atlantic islands, Tristan da Cunha island, Europe, Africa, Middle East, Australia, New Zealand and oceanic islands belonging to latter country (Blakemore 2002: 331).

### 23. *Lumbricus terrestris* Linnaeus, 1758

*Lumbricus terrestris* Linnaeus, 1758 (part.): 647. — Müller 1774: 24. — Fabricius 1780: 277.

*Lumbricus norvegicus* (part.) – Fabricius 1780: 277.

*Lumbricus terrester* (part.) – Blumenbach 1825: 365.

*Enterion herculeum* Savigny, 1826: 180.

*Lumbricus herculeus* – Dugès 1837: 17. — Rosa 1884: 22. — Tétay 1937: 151. — Bouché 1969: 89; 1970: 541; 1972: 352. — Bouché & Beugnot 1972: 697.

*Lumbricus agricola* Hoffmeister, 1842: 42.

*Lumbricus infelix* Kinberg, 1867: 98.

*Lumbricus americanus* Perrier, 1872: 44.

*Lumbricus studeri* Ribaucourt, 1896: 5.

*Lumbricus terrestris* – Michaelsen 1900a: 511. — Graff 1953: 324. — Gates 1958: 8; 1972b: 118. — Gerard 1964: 48. — Sims 1973: 27. — Reynolds 1977: 99, fig. 34. — Easton 1983: 475. — Sims & Gerard 1985: 106, figs 1, 4, 6, 9j, 37, 38. — Blakemore 2002: 335, fig. 4.18; 2006: 6.

DISTRIBUTION. — ARG: Malvina islands (Zicsi 1993: 639). URU (Grosso *et al.* 2006: 297): Montevideo (Cordero 1931: 355); Melilla (Grosso & Brown 2007: 284). North America, Greenland, Iceland, east Atlantic islands, Europe, Africa, India, and Tasmania (Blakemore 2002: 334).

### Genus *Octodrilus* Omodeo, 1956

*Octodrilus* Omodeo, 1956: 129.

*Octolasion (Purpureum)* Omodeo, 1952: 1 (type species: *Allolobophora lissaensis* Michaelsen, 1891).

TYPE SPECIES. — *Lumbricus complanatus* Dugès, 1828.

### 24. *Octodrilus complanatus* (Dugès, 1828)

*Lumbricus complanatus* Dugès, 1828: 289.

*Octodrilus complanatus* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 89. — Fragozo & Brown 2007: 71.

*Allolobophora complanatus* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 89.

*Dendrobaena complanatus* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 89.

*Octolasion complanatum* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 89. — Mercadal de Barrio 1978: 198.

DISTRIBUTION. — ARG (Mercadal de Barrio 1978: 198; Mischis 2004: 261; Giménez *et al.* 2005): Río Negro Prov.: El Bolsón; Las Grutas (Mischis *et al.* 2006: 178); Río Negro (Mischis & Herrera 2006: 293); Buenos Aires Prov.: Delta of Paraná river (Mischis *et al.* 2006: 177). East Atlantic islands and Africa (Michaelsen 1900a: 508).

### 25. *Octodrilus transpadanus* (Rosa, 1884)

*Enterion opium* Savigny, 1826 (part.): 183.

*Allolobophora transpadana* Rosa, 1884: 45.

*Allolobophora transpadana* var. *cinerea* Rosa, 1886: 679.

*Allolobophora cinerea recta* Ribaucourt, 1896: 67.

*Allolobophora sulfurica* Ribaucourt, 1896: 86.

*Allolobophora nivalis* Bretscher, 1899: 420.

*Octolasion transpadanum alpinum* Bretscher, 1905: 663.

*Octolasion transpadanus* – Pop 1947: 18. — Omodeo 1964: 73. — Zicsi 1968b: 233. — Plisko 1973: 1. — Reynolds & Cook 1976: 182.

*Lumbricus opium* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 148.

*Octolasion recta* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 162.

*Lumbricus transpadana* – Reynolds & Cook 1976: 182.

*Octodrilus transpadanus* – Mischis & Brigada 1988: 139. — Fragoso & Brown 2007: 71.

DISTRIBUTION. — ARG (Mischis 2004: 261): Río Negro Prov.: Bariloche (Mischis *et al.* 2006: 178); Río Negro (Mischis & Brigada 1988: 139); San Luis Prov. (Mishis & Brigada 1988: 139); Córdoba (Mischis & Herrera 2006: 293). Europe (Michaelsen 1900a: 507; Mischis & Brigada 1988: 140).

### Genus *Octolasion* Örley, 1885

*Alyattes* Kinberg, 1867: 99 (type species: *Lumbricus alyattes* Kinberg, 1867, valid as *Octolasion cyaneum* (Savigny, 1826)).

*Octolasion* Örley, 1885 (part.): 13. — Michaelsen, 1900a: 504. — Stephenson 1930: 914.

*Titanus?* (part.) – Vaillant 1889: 93.

*Lumbricus* (*Octolasion*) (part.) – Vaillant 1889: 113.

*Dendrobaena* (part.) – Vaillant 1889: 116.

*Lumbricus* (*Lumbricus*) (part.) – Vaillant 1889: 121.

*Lumbricus* (*Allolobophora*) (part.) – Vaillant 1889: 130.

*Octolasion* – Ribaucourt 1896: 95. — Gates 1975b: 4. — Reynolds 1977: 104. — Blakemore 2002: 341.

*Octolasion* (*Incolore*) Omodeo, 1952: 1 (type species: *Lumbricus terrestris lacteus* Örley, 1881, valid as *Octolasion lacteum lacteum* (Örley, 1881)).

*Octodrilus* Omodeo, 1956: 129 (type species: *Lumbricus complanatus* Dugès, 1828).

*Octolasion* – Bouché 1972: 253.

TYPE SPECIES. — *Lumbricus terrestris lacteus* Örley, 1881.

### 26. *Octolasion cyaneum* (Savigny, 1826)

*Lumbricus terrestris* (part.) – Müller 1774: 24.

*Enterion cyaneum* (part.) Savigny, 1826: 181.

*Lumbricus cyaneus* – Dugès 1837: 17. — Vaillant 1889: 124.

*Lumbricus stagnalis* Hoffmeister, 1845(part.): 35 (part valid as *Octolasion lacteum lacteum* (Örley, 1881).

non *Lumbricus communis cyaneus* – Hoffmeister 1845: 35 (valid as *Aporrectodea caliginosa caliginosa* (Savigny, 1826)).

*Lumbricus alyattes* Kinberg, 1867: 99. — Vaillant 1889: 96.

*Lumbricus* (*Dendrobaena*) *stagnalis* – Vaillant 1889: 118.

*Allolobophora studiosa* Michaelsen, 1890c: 50.

*Allolobophora* (*Octolasion*) *cyanea* (part.) – Rosa 1893: 424 (part valid as *Aporrectodea turgida* (Eisen, 1873)).

*Allolobophora cyanea stagnalis* – Rosa 1893: 455.

*Allolobophora* (*Octolasion*) *cyanea studiosa* – Ribaucourt 1896: 95.

*Octolasion cyaneum* – Michaelsen, 1900a: 506. — Lee 1959: 368. — Gerard 1964: 49. — Gates 1972a: 123; 1972b: 31. — Bouché 1972: 258. — Reynolds 1977: 105, fig. 36. — Easton 1983: 483. — Sims & Gerard 1985: 112, fig. 40. — Blakemore 2002: 342, fig. 4.19, 4.20. — Fragoso & Brown 2007: 71.

*Helodrilus kempfi* Stephenson, 1922: 441.

non *Octolasion cyaneum* – Ljungström & Emiliani 1971: 19. — Ljungström *et al.* 1973: 236 (valid as *Octolasion tyrtaeum* (Savigny, 1826)).

*Octolasion cyaneum* var. *armoricum* Bouché, 1972: 260.

*Octolasion cyaneum* – Edwards & Lofty 1972: 214.

DISTRIBUTION. — CHI (Muñoz-Pedrerros *et al.* 2001: 27): near Ensenada: Mount Osorno volcano (Zicsi & Csuzdi 2001: 139). ARG (Giménez *et al.* 2005): Tierra del Fuego Prov. (Mischis & Moreno 2003: 49); Santa Cruz Prov. (Mischis & Herrera 2006: 293); Chubut Prov.: Florentino Ameghino dam (Mischis *et al.* 2006: 179); Río Negro Prov.: Bariloche, lengas Wood (Mischis *et al.* 2006: 179); Buenos Aires Prov. (Mischis 2007); La Pampa (Momo *et al.* 1993: 7); Córdoba Prov.: Pampa de Achala (Mischis 1985: 130); Córdoba (Mischis 1996: 6); Sierras Chicas (Mischis 1999: 24); Santa Fé Prov. (Ljungström *et al.* 1973: 240); Entre Ríos Prov.: Victoria (Cognetti 1901b: 2). URU (Grosso *et al.* 2006: 297); Montevideo: Prado (Cordero 1931: 354); Cabaña; Melilla (Grosso & Brown 2007: 284). ECU: Pichincha Prov. (Zicsi & Csuzdi 1988: 218). BRA: RS: Pelotas; (Righi 1967: 342); Gramado; São Leopoldo (Brown *et al.* 2006: 355); Porto Alegre: Guaíba estuary (Knäpper 1976: 39). North America, Iceland, Azores, Europe, Asia, Australia, and New Zealand (Blakemore 2002: 341).

27. *Octolasion lacteum lacteum* (Örley, 1881)

?*Lumbricus communis cyaneus* – Hoffmeister 1845: 24 (non *Enterion cyaneum* Savigny, 1826)).

*Lumbricus stagnalis* Hoffmeister, 1845 (part.): 35 (part valid as *Octolasion cyaneum* (Savigny, 1826)).

*Lumbricus terrestris* var. *lacteus* Örley, 1881b: 584.

*Lumbricus terrestris* var. *rubidus* Örley, 1881b: 584 (non *Enterion rubidum* Savigny, 1826, valid as *Dendrodrilus rubidus rubidus* (Savigny, 1826)).

*Allolobophora profuga* Rosa, 1884: 47. — F. Smith 1900: 441.

*Allolobophora rubidus* – Örley 1885: 1.

*Octolasion rubidum* – Örley 1885: 16.

*Octolasion profugum* – Örley 1885: 17.

*Lumbricus (Allolobophora) profuga* – Vaillant 1889: 113.

*Allolobophora (Octolasion) rubida* – Ribaucourt 1896: 63.

*Allolobophora cyanea profuga sylvestris* Ribaucourt, 1896: 67.

*Octolasion lacteum* (part.) – Michaelsen 1900a: 506. — Gerard 1964: 50.

*Allolobophora (Octolasion) profuga* – Michaelsen 1900c: 11.

*Octolasion lacteum* – F. Smith 1917: 178. — Crossley *et al.* 1952: 71. — Edwards & Lofty 1972: 216.

*Octolasion himalayana* Cernovsítov, 1937b: 106.

*Octolasion ladeum* (incorrect spelling) – Goff 1952: 484.

*Octolasion tyrtaeum* (part.) – Gates 1972a: 125. — Reynolds 1977: 108.

*Octolasion lacteum lacteum* – Bouché 1972: 253. — Blakemore 2005a: 49.

*Octolasion lacteum* – Easton 1983: 483. — Blakemore 2002: 345, fig. 4.21. — Zicsi 1993: 639. — Zicsi & Csuzdi 2007: 242.

DISTRIBUTION. — CHI (Zicsi 1993: 638): Chiloé island; Chonchi (Zicsi & Csuzdi 2001: 139). URU: Montevideo: Colón (Rosa 1898: 277). BOL: Copacabana (Römbke &

Zicsi 2007: 229). PER: Junin Prov.: Pachacayo; Huacapistana (Michaelsen 1923: 1; Römbke 2007: 203; Fragoso & Brown 2007: 71). ECU (Zicsi 2007: 192; Fragoso & Brown 2007: 71). COL: Bogotá (Fajardo & Prince 1976); Vale Dep.: El Cerrito (Feijoo 1993, 2007). VEN: Páramo Escorial (Fragoso & Brown 2007: 71). Central America and Mexico (Fragoso & Brown 2007: 71), North America, Africa, Europe, Middle East, Asia (Blakemore 2002: 348).

28. *Octolasion tyrtaeum* (Savigny, 1826)

*Enterion tyrtaeum* Savigny, 1826: 180.

*Lumbricus tyrtaeus* – Dugès 1837: 17. — Michaelsen 1900a: 513.

*Lumbricus argentinus* Weyenbergh, 1879: 214.

*Octolasion gracile* Örley, 1885: 16.

*Lumbricus (Octolasion) gracilis* – Vaillant 1889: 113.

?*Allolobophora tyrtaea* – Ribaucourt 1896: 78.

*Octolasion lacteum* (part.) – Michaelsen 1900a: 506. — Gerard 1964: 50.

*Octolasion tyrtaeum* (part.) – Gates 1972a: 125. — Reynolds 1977: 108, fig. 38.

*Octolasion lacteum gracile* – Bouché 1972: 257.

*Octolasion tyrtaeum* – Gates 1972b: 35. — Reynolds 1977: 108, fig. 38. — Righi 1979: 139; 1984a: 118. — Easton 1983: 483. — Blakemore 2002: 348; 2005a: 49.

*Octolasion tyrtaeum tyrtaeum* – Sims & Gerard 1985: 115, fig. 41.

DISTRIBUTION. — CHI: Juan Fernandez islands (Römbke & Hanagarth 1994: 12); Imbabura Prov.; Pichincha Prov.; Quito (Zicsi & Csuzdi 1988: 218). ARG: Santa Cruz Prov. (Mischis & Gleiser 1999: 61); Río Negro Prov. (Righi 1979: 140); Buenos Aires Prov.: Buenos Aires (Burela & Cazzaniga 2001: 49); General Pueyrredon (Righi 1984b: 119); San Luis Prov. (Mischis & Brigada 1985: 134); Córdoba Prov.: Sierras Chicas (Mischis 1999: 24); Pampa de Achala (Mischis 1985: 130); near Caballos river (Righi 1984a: 118); Córdoba (Mischis 1997: 63). URU (Righi 1979: 140); Santa Fé Prov. (Ljungström *et al.* 1973: 240); Santa Fé (Righi 1984a: 118); San Tomé (Righi 1978: 168); La Rioja Prov.: Velasco and Famatina mountain range; Castro Barros Dep.: Tucumán Prov. (Mischis 2007). BOL: La Paz Dep.: Murilo Prov: Zongo river valley: near Cambaya (Righi & Römbke 1987: 524); Manco Capac Prov.:

lake Titicaca (Römbke & Hanagarth 1994: 12); Nor Yungas Prov.: Near Unduavi (Zicsi 1995: 606). ECU (Römbke & Hanagarth 1994: 12). COL: Bogotá: Valle Dep.: El Cerrito (Fajardo & Prince 1976; Feijoo 1993). BRA: RS: Porto Alegre: Guaíba estuary (Knäpper 1976: 39). North America, Azores, Atlantic Oceanic islands, Africa (Righi 1979: 140), Europe, Middle East, Asia and Australia (Gerard 1964: 50).

#### REMARKS

This species has been considered a synonym of *O. lacteum* by Csuzdi & Zicsi (2003).

#### DISCUSSION

The Lumbricina represent a monophyletic taxon containing all of the large earthworms (Sims 1980). Several alternative names have been applied to this monophylum: Terricolae, Megadrili, Diplotesticulata, and Crassiclitellata. Several autapomorphies support this clade: a multilayered clitellum, relatively small eggs, gastrulation by emboly, a complex circulatory apparatus, specialized intestinal pouches, calciferous glands, two pairs of testicles and of sperm sacs, and male pores located at least two segments behind the posterior testes. I propose that the group has its origin in Pangaea and split into two main lineages with the Triassic breakup of this continent: the Lumbricoidea in Laurasia and the Megascolecoida + Glossoscolecoida in Gondwana.

There are several approaches to the study of biodiversity of large, continental areas. An authoritative review of all the previous research in the last 250 years has rarely been attempted before, especially for most groups of non-insect invertebrates.

South America is a megadiverse continental area, perhaps the most diverse of the six continents on our globe. It is also the least known continent regarding basic faunistic and taxonomic initiatives.

In previous centuries most collecting efforts were undertaken by European colonists. All biological specimens were deposited in European museums and taxonomical papers were published in foreign languages. More recently, governmental restrictions have been imposed for the collecting and exchange of biological specimens, specially in Brazil. Much of the effort on biodiversity inventories obtained

during the last decade in South America have been published in national languages, sometimes in low impact journals, or in the grey literature, mainly in thesis works and government reports.

While most of the foreign taxonomic effort of European specialists has been conducted in Africa and Asia, the Americans have tended to concentrate their efforts for the study of tropical diversity in the Caribbean region.

All these facts contribute to the poor knowledge of the South American biota. Twenty eight species of Lumbricidae have been registered herein from the South American continent, adding species to the last overview (Fragoso & Brown 2007).

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