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研究成果の学術的意義や社会的意義

As rice is the staple food in Japan, it is essential to fully understand the rice field ecosystem. Yet ostracods, which are often abundant in rice fields, are poorly studied, and their impacts on rice harvests not fully understood. This project aimed to address this issue.

研究成果の概要(英文)：Our research resulted in a better understanding of ostracods inhabiting rice fields, and the discovery of two new ostracods species from rice fields, one of which we have described, and the second one we are working on. We have identified a possible route for invasive ostracod species to enter and become established in Japan, namely the pet trade, and these species have the potential to become invasive in Japanese rice fields.

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1 . 研究開始当初の背景

Of the over 6,000 species of flora and fauna associated with rice fields, many can have an influence on the rice field ecosystem. Ostracods are known to be one of the most abundant and diverse microfaunal groups in rice fields, and some scientific studies have demonstrated that they can influence rice harvests. However, there is very little research in this area, with some fundamental questions remaining unanswered. Many rice field ostracod species are poorly described, which hinders taxonomic and ecological work, and some are new species that have yet to be described and named. It is therefore essential to reassess and improve the taxonomy of rice field species in order to be able to form the crucial foundations of rice field studies. In other countries, a number of ostracod species found in rice fields are considered invasive, with rice fields facilitating the introduction and spread to surrounding natural habitats. There are some species in Japan that are likely invasive, but to identify such species, the taxonomy needs to be improved and expanded. It is essential to know which species are likely invasive, and provide detailed descriptions so that they can be identified and monitored in the future. Potential routes for invasive freshwater ostracods also need to be identified.

2 . 研究の目的

The purpose of the research was to expand the data available on freshwater ostracods inhabiting rice fields in

Japan, re-describe poorly known species, describe and name species currently unknown to science, produce DNA barcodes of common rice field species, create a taxonomic framework of rice field ostracods, and highlight species that may be invasive to Japan.

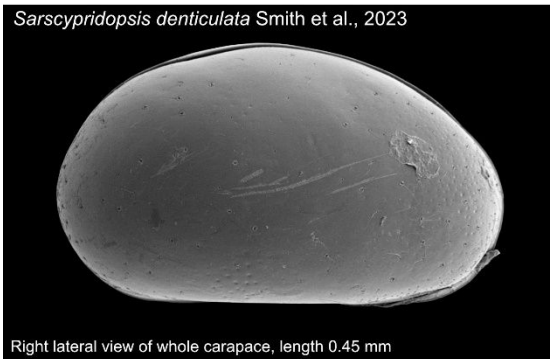
3 . 研究の方法

The taxonomic aspects of this study relied on conventional techniques of ostracod taxonomy. Dissections of ostracod specimens were conducted using very fine needles, with the appendages mounted on glass slides and sealed under a cover slip for transmitted light microscopy observations. Valves were kept dry in micropalaeontological cavity slides. For imaging, scanning electron microscopy was used for the valves, while appendages were drawn using high magnification optical microscopy. In order to facilitate taxonomic assessments, and increase the ease of species identification, the entire suite of limbs was targeted for drawing, and carapaces extensively photographed. DNA barcoding used standard techniques.

4 . 研究成果

A new species of the genus *Sarscypridopsis* was recovered from a rice field in Kanagawa Prefecture, and this was extensively described and figured in a published paper to facilitate its future identification. The genus is mostly restricted to Africa, with only a couple of species found outside of this region, and with no congeners found nearby. The species that it most closely resembles is

native to Botswana. We therefore suspect that this species could be invasive in Japan.



A second new species, belonging to the genus *Dolerocypris*, was found in a rice field in Osaka. We are currently targeting the collection of additional specimens to facilitate a description. Three species of *Dolerocypris* are known from Japan, two from rice fields, and one from springs. It is therefore probable that this new species is native to the Japanese fauna.

Unfortunately, DNA barcoding of ostracod species was only partially successful. Of the 14 species targeted, only three species provided useable DNA barcodes. Although there has been some work using DNA analyses of ostracods, this technology is proving to be difficult to leverage for ostracods, and has yet to make a significant impact on taxonomic studies.

We have identified 18 ostracod species that are contaminants of pet shops' and hobbyists' aquaria in Japan. Some of these are also found in Japanese rice fields, but seven are found elsewhere and are exotic in Japan. These exotic species, from North and South Americas, South East Asia and Africa, are also found in rice fields in different countries. This highlights

that these exotic species could potentially become invasive in Japanese rice fields, and that the pet trade is a viable route for invasive species to enter the country. Three species were undescribed. One species, most likely from South East Asia as evidenced by its congeners, is now described, named and published, which will provide a basis for further monitoring. Work on the other species is underway and at an advanced stage. This work highlights that some species previously only known from rice fields in Japan are also present in the pet trade, and poses the question, are they invasive in Japan?

A redescription was given of the ostracod *Potamocypris sudzukii* Okubo, 1992, a species that is found in rice fields and irrigation ponds in the Nansei Islands. Since a brief initial description 30 years ago, this species had not been reported since. The single paratype known to exist (the other type material is lost) was used to extensively redescribe and figure the species, and this revealed that it was in the wrong genus. It was transferred to the genus *Siamopsis*, previously only known from Thailand, the Philippines and Indonesia, in a recently published paper. It is envisaged that the correct genus assignment and redescription will facilitate further rice field records of this species in the future.

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