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Dear friends of the elegans-group fishes,

Here is, with some delay, the 10th elegans newsletter. The main reason for this was to include the lists of fishes kept of as many friends as possible.

However, the species list is not 100 per cent complete. Thus, I want to inform you that the next 'check of species kept' will be in March 2005, because ENL 11 will be issued in April, before the next DKG yearly meeting that will be held in the beginning of May 2005 in Dresden.

ENL 10, presented here contains an article by Mike Behm, which most of you may have received by email. It is repeated here without any change, because it is still of relevance. My sincere thanks are to Mike, he took the job to do this and took some load of me.

A second article deals with *A. chauchei*. I was able to make contact with the collector of that strain *A. chauchei*. With his advice we were able to identify the locality which was until now called either Oltombo or Ollombo or Olombo. Rüdiger Wagner has made contact, and he reports what about experience of the collector in the field.

Finally, again the topic species coordinators. I think it does not work as it was supposed in Zwickau. The topic has to be repeated in Dresden. Please think about other models.

To the very last I thank André Kahnt (DKG 339) who did the job to prepare laying out and distribution of ENL 10 although he is (not yet) a member of the working group. I can say my computer and me are still no good friends André and I live in the same village, and he has facilities, time and always a cup of coffee for me.

Sincerely Jürgen Heidler

Coming back - what is „A. chauchei RPC 96/5“?

The fish was collected by Reinhardt Sawatzky in 1996 (site 5) in the Peoples Republic Congo (Congo-Brazzaville). The late Wolfgang Grell handed me two males and females and their offspring thereafter reached the *A. elegans*-working group. W. Grell told me the name of the locality, ‚Ollombo or similar‘ he said. After several attempts with the assistance of Juergen Heidler I was able to contact Mr Sawatzky. He was very pleased that after so many years people were interested in his collection and it was a pleasure for him to provide the following facts and information:

Reinhardt Sawatzky describes in an E-mail memory of the collecting site as follows:

„The fish was collected in 1996 about 2 -3 km ahead of Ollombo coming from Brazzaville – i.e. S of Ollombo. I was in a small settlement of 3 - 4 shacks, I believe. We went across a courtyard an then ca. 1-300 m into the forest. On our way we met several pond with very low water level (5 to 40 cm deep and partly very muddy). These ponds or basing for water (fort he use of the people)were partly connected; water movement was not apparent. I believe water was not ground-water but the remnants of a dryed out stream. I remember a approximately 1m depp hole. When I treid to collect there, people had a go on me and I was instructed, this was the local watering place and as far as I can remeber this was the locality where I collected the Aphyosemion in question, and of which I took some photos in the field. Geographischen data: ~ 1°16 S / ~ 15° 53 E

- This fits the data I found in the inernet, see below -

Concerning the map, if you have the map 100 % and detected Ollombo you find the Abatsambi (river). I do not remember the name of the dried out stream but it finally drains into the Bili-river, that flows into the Komo-river whcih is side river of the Alima-river“. R. Wagner has the map and will hand it to any interested person.

Water chemistry: pH = 5,8 conductivity = 33µS (=µhos) (information R. Sawatzky).



The fish from Ollombo, foto made in the field by R. Sawatzky

The locality (S von Oyo – more than 300m a.s.l.) is far away from the known localities of *A. chauchei* (see map on our web site); even the drainage areas of rivers differ.

Probably the fish from Ollombo is different from *A. chauchei* and scientifically undescribed – hopefully that the scientific work of our member Dr. U. Schliwen will help to solve also this question.

Attempts to identify the locality of *A. chauchei* Masepè (or how the locality is named) have not been successful – but I keep on trying!

The biology differs between the two strains (Ollombo und Masepè) (in DKG Journal).

I propose to name the fish *Aphyosemion aff. chauchei* RPC 96/5 (Ollombo, Sawatzky) as long as we don't have more information about its identity.

Here is additional information concerning Ollombo (and Oyo), available in the Internet.

Ollombo, Congo Page

[World:Congo:Region des Plateaux](#)

Latitude	-1.2713889	Longitude	15.9	Altitude (feet)	1128
Lat (DMS)	1° 16' 17S	Long (DMS)	15° 54' 0E	Altitude (meters)	343

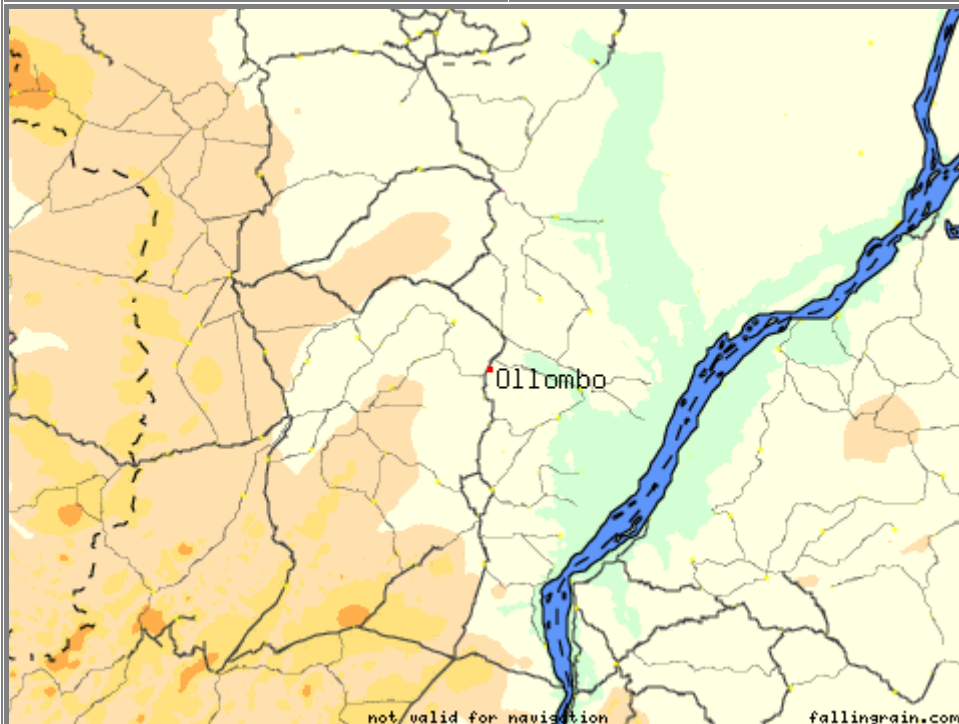
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[Google links for Ollombo](#)

[Google links for Ollombo, Congo](#)

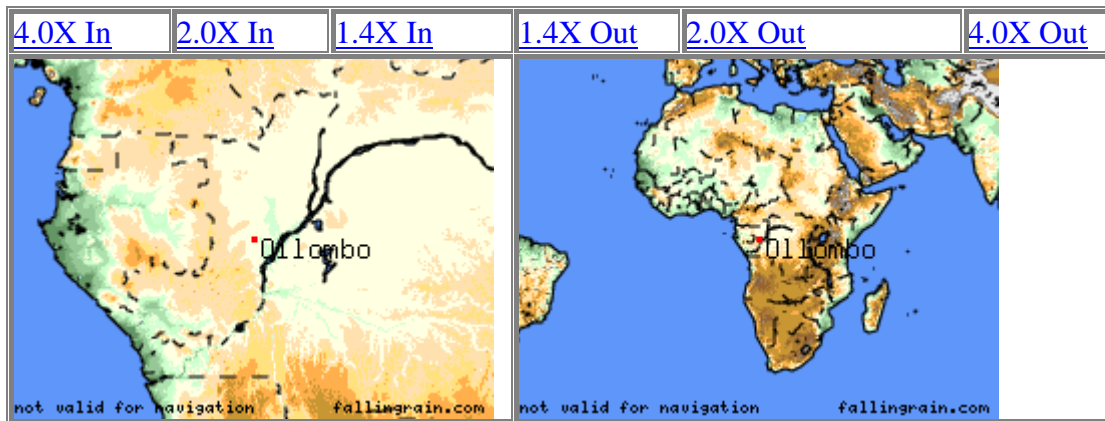
[FAST/Alltheweb images for Ollombo](#)

[FAST/Alltheweb images for Ollombo, Congo](#)



120.0 nm east and west of Ollombo. Mercator projection.

[Illuminated](#) [Bigger](#) [Smaller](#) [Wider](#) [Narrower](#) [Taller](#) [Shorter](#) [Reset](#)



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Ollombo Region des Plateaux -1S 15 W 343m/1128ft üNN

Ollombo Region des Plateaux -1S 15 W 414m/1361ft üNN

Oyo Region de la Cuvette 0 15W 319m/1049ft

Oyo Region de la Cuvette -1S 15W 316m/1040ft

Oyo Region de la Cuvette -1S 15W 359m/1181ft

<http://www.congo.h1.ru/admin1.jpg>

Sincerely Rüdiger (DKG 522)

PS: Further information on the site (jpg-file of R. Sawatzky) are passed on demand.
Publication here is impossible because the quality of the draft is of low quality.

AG-elegans meeting in Zwickau 2004

Dear killifish friends and AG-elegans members!

Show and meeting in Zwickau 2004 have passed since some time and now we want to appear aa members of the working group. In Zwickau some things have changed. We have a new leader of the working group. Because of his job Axel Schwekendiek ended the leadership and ,handed' the leadership with the approval of the working-group memebtrs present to Jürgen Heidler. Members and guests of the meeting were:

Gerhard Rosch

Mike Militzer

Jürgen Heidler

Rainer Eisenblätter (guest)

Hans Jürgen Blum

Klaus Pietz

Mike Behm

Ulrich Hesse (guest)

Hartmut Reusch

Axel Schwekendiek

Dietrich Erle (guest)

Heinz Krüger (guest)

To incorporate a many working-group mebers as possible into active co-operation the topic species co-ordinator was picked up again. A species co-ordinator should actively corresponds with mebers and friends to keep the strains or species in the hobby, and he ist he person to be contacted if information from ,outside' the working group is demanded. Further, he should keep contact with the keepers of strains, and have an overview of the status of the species in the working group (numbers of fishes

kept, difficulties, and many things more). This information is to be published in the newsletters for all interested persons.

Here are species and coordinators at the moment:

chauchei – Rüdiger Wagner
christyi – Jürgen Heidler
cognatum – Jürgen Heidler
congicum – Mike Behm
decorsei – Hartmut Reusch
elegans - Hans Jürgen Blum
lamberti – Mike Behm

lefiniense – Hans Jürgen Blum
margaretae - Hans Jürgen Blum
rectogoense – Mike Behm
schiotzi - Hans Jürgen Blum
sp. Oyo – Klaus Pietz
sp. Epoma – Klaus Pietz

Unfortunately we have no coordinator for *A. polli*. It was nice if there is a voluntary until mid September before a new Newsletter will be issued. Another topic was core species. Criteria for core species maybe easy to keep and to spawn, or localities that in the near future will not be imported again or a extraordinary colourful strain.

After some discussion the following core species were defined:

christyi HZ 85/8 (red label, because low amount of offspring)
congicum Z 82/17
cognatum Lake Fwa (re-import almost impossible)
rectogoense G 76/11 (G. Rosch handed 6 trios to an Blum, Krüger, Behm)
sp. Oyo and sp. Epoma (because of strong interest)

A. lamberti is no longer core species because there are frequent imports. However, this does not mean we all prefer core species. As many strains as possible should be kept but there is a great deal of weight on the core species.

Time to discuss other topics was not sufficient .

But a few further remarks were made.

As Jürgen Heidler was ill for a longer period we (Klaus Pietz, Mike Behm) decided to be more active via e-mail and take some weight from Jürgen. If possible all working-group-members should make their contribution. Jürgen maybe contacted by phone (see below). „E-mail contacts“ will be held by Klaus and me. Give question and tips to us and we will contacts Jürgen Heidler whenever necessary.

Further we will remember the next species registration and ENL 10. All reports to our addresses until 31 August, we need some time to put all information into the right order. We also need texts for the forthcoming ENL. We'd like to have reports of species co-ordinators e.g. some lines to *A. christyi* HZ 85/8 or *lamberti* G 92/4 (both species marked red).

We are a bit worried about the information of Hans Jürgen Blum that he wants to have his membership 'rested'. After some discussion we convinced him to co-operate as an active member. It was a painful loss if in particular we take a look into the species list..

This is a short, a little bit late information to the forthcoming ENL 10. We hope for some reaction to these lines from all of you.

Klaus Pietz und Mike Behm

Species list - November 2004

Art	Population	Anzahl/Status	Züchter
Aphyosemion chauchei	"Ollombo; RPC (Z) 96/5"	safe	Pietz DKG 91
		safe	Militzer
		safe	Fischer DKG 175
		safe	Kraska DKG 433
		1M 1W JT	Maesen BKV
		2M 2W	Ott DKG 360
		3M 8W JT E	Wagner DKG 522
	"Obeya, RPC 91/6"	6M 6W JT	Maesen BKV
Aphyosemion christyi	"HZ 85/8"	safe	Pietz DKG 91
		2M 1W JT	Maesen BKV
		2M 14W	Wagner DKG 522
		6M 5W	Erle DKG 643
		safe	Kraska DKG 433
		4M 13W	Wagner DKG 522
		3M 6W JT	Ott DKG 360
	"HZ 85/22"	1M 1W endangered	Kraska DKG 433
Aphyosemion cognatum	"Kisangani 2003"	2M 2W 20JT	Erle DKG 643
		safe	Kraska DKG 433
		JT	Maesen BKV
		8M 8W JT	Ott DKG 360
		safe	Militzer
		endangered	Pietz DKG 91
	"Kinshasa, CI 03"	3M 3W	Weber AKA
	"DDR-Stamm"	3M 2W	Heidler DKG 484
Aphyosemion cognatum (Neuimport Congo)	"Z 82/2"	2M 2W	Erle DKG 643
		2M 1W	Heidler DKG 484
		10M 14W JT E	Wagner DKG 522
	"Madimba"	10 M 4W 20JT	Behm DKG1100
		safe	Militzer
		safe	Pietz DKG 91
	"Gilima, Z 91/3"	2M viele W	Weber AKA
	"Kinshasa"	3M 3W	Weber AKA
	"Kenge" CIZ/93	7JT	Behm DKG1100
	"River Maindombe" OJ 8/03	1M 1W	Weber AKA
"Kinsuka"	3M 3W	Weber AKA	
	JT	Maesen BKV	
	3M 3W	Pütz DKG 33	
	6M 8W	Wagner DKG 522	
	"TAAG 2004/12"	2M 2W	Addis BKA
Aphyosemion sp. aff. cognatum	"Lake Fwa"	safe	Weber AKA
		3W 3M 50JT	Pietz DKG 91
		3M 3W	Pütz DKG 33
		4M 3W	Kurachi DKG 314
		available	Roßkopf DKG 40
Aphyosemion congicum	"Z 82/17"	3M 4W JT	Erle DKG 643
		safe	Fischer DKG 175
		3M 3W	Maesen BKV
		6M 1W JT	Pelletier AKA

		safe 10M 10W 16M 10W safe safe	Kraska DKG 433 Tomczyk DKG 561 Behm DKG1100 Militzer Pietz DKG 91
Aphyosemion decorsei	"Bangui, KCF 5"	3M 3W safe 5M 5W JT safe safe	Erle DKG 643 Kraska DKG 433 Ude DKG 991 Militzer Pietz DKG 91
Aphyosemion spec. aff. decorsei	"RCA 91/1"	safe	Weber AKA
	"Lobaye"	safe safe safe	Kraska DKG 433 Weber AKA Militzer
Aphyosemion elegans	"Boende 2002"	safe 1M 1W 4M 1W JT E 1M 1W JT 1M 5W JT E safe 1M 1W 6 JT 2M 2W	Pietz DKG 91 Ude DKG 991 Ott DKG 360 Kraska DKG 433 Maesen BKV Fischer DKG 175 Krüger DKG 1079 Tomczyk DKG 561
	"Lui Kotale"	8M 6W JT E 4M 4W	Wagner DKG 522 Schwekendiek DKG 585
Aphyosemion lamberti	"G 88/7"	4M 1W	Behm DKG1100
	"G 92/4"	2M 10W	Tomczyk DKG 561
	"GHH 97/11"	18M 13W 2M 2W safe safe	Behm DKG1100 Fischer DKG 175 Militzer Pietz DKG 91
	"BSWG 97/9"	5M 5W 2M 2W available	Weber AKA Kurachi DKG 314 Roßkopf DKG 40
Aphyosemion lefiniense	"TDK 97/17"	safe endangered	Weber AKA Pietz DKG 91
	"CI 96"	2M 2W 1JT safe 1M 1W JT E	Krüger DKG 1079 Kraska DKG 433 Maesen BKV
Aphyosemion margaretae	"HZ 85/14"	2M 2W 1M 1W JT	Ott DKG 360 Kraska DKG 433
Aphyosemion polli	"CI 04"	4M 4W	Ude DKG 991
	"Kinshasa"	safe	Militzer
		endangered	Pietz DKG 91
	"Kinshasa 2001"	2M 2W	Fischer DKG 175
	"CI 2001"	1M 2W	Wagner DKG 522
Aphyosemion rectogoense	"Aquarienstamm"	safe safe available	Pietz DKG 91 Militzer Muschitz DKG 93
	"G 76/11"	1M 2W 3M 9W 4M 12W	Krüger DKG 1079 Behm DKG1100 Rosch DKG 75
	"G 92/11"	1M 2W JT E	Wagner DKG 522
	"PEG 95/16"	4M 4W	Weber AKA

		available	Roßkopf DKG 40
Aphyosemion schioetzi	"Ngombe, Z 91/1"	5 JT 3M 4W	Pelletier AKA Maesen BKV
Aphyosemion spec.	" Epoma, RPC 91/1 "	safe safe 1M 1W JT 4M 10W	Pietz DKG 91 Militzer Kraska DKG 433 Wagner DKG 522
Aphyosemion spec.	" Oyo; RPC 91/8 "	safe safe safe 3M 2W 5M 2W 3M 2W	Pietz DKG 91 Militzer Kraska DKG 433 Ott DKG 360 Wagner DKG 522 Krüger DKG 1079
Legende	safe alarming endangered		

M=male W=female JT=young specimen E=eggs

Finally a few words to species registration. As Jürgen announced, the following registration will be in March 2005 and all reports should be made until 31 March 2005 to me (m.behm@web.de - Tel. 0351/4708378). With this I hope to reduce Jürgen's amount of work and his „Antipathy against computers“. I hope you can understand that.

Concerning the ENL-10 species registration I want to state there are several species and populations that are more or less heavily endangered. For example, the very nice *A. lamberti* G 92/4 makes troubles in reproduction is now only in tanks of Horst Tomczyk. Male-female-proportion is unfavourable because both males are very young, and there were some losses. This is only one example. Probably our foreign members and friends can help us to find specimens of endangered species in their own associations and finally help the working-group to keep strains in the hobby.

Finally I take the opportunity to mention our „problem child“ *A. polli*. Unfortunately there is still no species coordinator for his species, who cares about coordination of distributional data and more. We have 4 strains of *A. polli* in the hobby and every strain is endangered – this is unsatisfactory. I here try again to enlist members or/and friends to actively take part in the working group. Although species coordinators remain controversial our main goal is the maintenance of all strains. Reactions and debates seriously wanted.

Mike Behm