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The freshwater prawn from the northern part of the Bird's Head of Western Papua Province, Indonesia is poorly studied. So far, only 2 (two) species of freshwater prawn of the genus

(Fabricius, 1789). The specimens of the two species were collected by CBH von Rosenberg, a German naturalist, in 2nd June 1869 and 19th May 1870. Since then there had been no study on the freshwater prawn from the region till 2015. An

study conducted by surveying some parts of Manokwari region between April and May 2015. A total of 17 rivers and streams, two lakes and one water source were sampled in four regencies, i.e. Manokwari, Manokwari Selatan, Pegunungan Arfak and Tambrauw. The samples were

Sixteen species of *Macrobrachium* were obtained in all surveyed regencies, except for Pegunungan Arfak. The 14 *Macrobrachium* spp are new record for Manokwari and its adjacent area. The samples were mostly gained from lowland

latimanus and *M. spinipes*. So far, there are three species of *Macrobrachium* found only in Senopi and Kebar Districts, i.e. *M. cf bariense*, *M. cf lorentzi* and *M. cf natulorum*. Three economic important species are *M. lar*, *M. latimanus* and *M.*