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The comments is respect of my text (1), in the letter written by Külköylüoğlu et al. (2) mislead the reader and are unreal. My replies regarding such issues are as following:

1. Özuluğ (3) defended her thesis on 23.02.2000. The thesis defended in Scientific Institute of İstanbul University is only kept in the Institute except the committee of examiners and the candidate. It is not possible to know that on which time the thesis will be submitted and the content of the thesis since the date on which time the thesis will be defended only known by thesis jury members and the candidate. The only place where Özuluğ's thesis (3) can be reviewed is İstanbul University Central Library and Biology Library of Faculty of Science. This thesis (3) was sent to İstanbul University Central Library and Biology Library of Faculty of Science on 22.08.2000 by Scientific Institute of İstanbul University. My text (1) was taken by your periodical as of 21.04.2000, that is to say only month after approval of thesis (3). It is not possible to know three species, which are claimed to be a new species for Turkey and are mentioned in a thesis that I do not know even the topic and the extend of the thesis within 6 months period. Materials were gathered in 1999 for this study and three

species granted by me as a new record for Turkey, and materials were appointed by me before 10 months of defence of Özuluğ (3). It is out of scientific ethic to claim that the information pseudoreplication for a study fulfilled before 10 months, however issued after 1 month of such thesis.

2. Özuluğ's thesis (3) is not seasonal study and conducted by visiting arbitrarily select stations, and only two species were found in visited Mert Lake [Also, 14 species found in this lake by Altınsoçlu (1)]. Hamam, Erikli, Pedina and Saka lakes which are in the region where scarce longoz forest of Turkey exist, were not studied by Ozuluğ in this thesis which is claimed that it is regarding fauna of Thrace.

Consequently, the letter written by Külköylüoğlu et al. (2) is full mistakes committed by persons who indicate the importance of the scientific ethic in every opportunity. The opinions which have not been supported by obtaining no data how my publication prepared and publication's extend claimed in respect of this publication are the status full of questionnaires. It means to deem term meaningless which has holy place in world of science.

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