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Butterfly diversity (Lepidoptera: Papilionoidea) in the Ziama Massif in Guinea and the adjacent Wonegizi and Wologizi Mountains in Liberia (West Africa): A transboundary conservation approach

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Abstract:

Five field surveys targeting the butterfly fauna across the transboundary landscape that encompasses the Ziama Massif in Guinea and the Wologizi and Wonegizi Mountains in Liberia (collectively called as the Ziama-Wonegizi-Wologizi Transboundary Forest Landscape) were conducted between November 2017 and April 2019. Altogether 564 species of butterfly were recorded from the research area, with 450 species from the Wologizi Mountains, 254 from the Wonegizi Mountains and 429 from the Ziama Massif. An additional five species recorded in Ziama were added to the list as literature data. The surveys revealed several taxa new to science as well as a high number of restricted-range species, endemic either to the Guinea Highlands or to the broader forest area of the Liberian subregion. The results of the ecological classification of the butterfly fauna in Ziama and Wologizi show intact forest fauna with 90% and 92% of the recorded species associated with forest habitats, respectively. These results, along with the high species richness and the outstanding number of restricted-range species, make this landscape one of the most important conservation areas for butterflies in the Liberian biogeographical subregion including the Nimba Mountains and the Greater Gola Landscape on the Liberia-Sierra Leone border.

Key words: Checklist, butterfly fauna, species richness, rapid biodiversity surveys, Upper Guinean Forest, Guinea Highlands, endemism, restricted range species, ecological composition.

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INTRODUCTION

The Upper Guinean Forest was once a single block of lowland rainforest area stretching from Central Sierra Leone to the western edge of the Dahomey Gap in South-Central Ghana. The majority of the forest has now been cleared and converted into agricultural land in Sierra Leone and Ivory Coast. The once continuous forest area is completely fragmented in the Forest Region of Guinea (south-east) and in south-central and south-western Ghana (Hawthorne & Abu-Juam, 1995). In Liberia, there are still over 4 000 000 hectares of forest in variable condition found in two more or less large unfragmented forest areas, but continuous pressure from forestry and agricultural interests and the need for fertile farmland from the growing local communities threatens the integrity of these forests, especially along roads and in the proximity of settlements (Christie et al., 2007).

Higher hills and mountainous areas are rather scarce in the eastern and central part of Upper Guinea and most of them

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are scattered over a vast area in the eastern Guinea Highlands between north-western Ivory Coast, northwestern Liberia and eastern Guinea. Two significant isolated mountains are found in Sierra Leone, including the highest mountain in West Africa, west of the Dahomey Gap (Mount Bintumani in the Loma Mountains). Several of these mountains used to be connected by lowland forest even in recent times, but deforestation has already resulted in complete isolation of the Tingi and Loma Mountains in Sierra Leone and other higher mountains in western Ivory Coast (e.g. Mount Tonkoui, Mount Péko).

The butterfly fauna of West Africa's higher hills and mountains has not been extensively studied, only a few, single-area checklists are available from the Atewa Range (Ghana) (Larsen, 2006a) and the Liberian part of the Nimba Mountains (Sáfián, 2014). Larsen (2005) also summarised the knowledge on the West African butterfly fauna, and he listed many interesting butterfly species from the Loma Mountains in Sierra Leone, the Fouta Djallon plateau in Guinea, Mount Péko and Mount Tonkoui in Ivory Coast and Tano Ofin in Ghana (Larsen, 2005, 2006a) including quite a few endemic species (e.g. Mylothris atewa Berger 1980, Iolaus djalloni Collins & Larsen, 1998).

No previous checklists or other publications are available on the butterfly fauna of the current study area, despite the book published on Liberian butterflies by Fox et al. (1965), the active work of IFAN (for acronyms see below) scientists in Guinea in the nearby Nimba Mountains (e.g. Stempffer, 1953; Bernardi, 1954; Evans, 1954; Stempffer, 1954; Bernardi & Condamin, 1963; Condamin, 1963; Condamin & Roy, 1963; Stempffer, 1963), and many records from Diecké Forest (Larsen, 2005). Only a few mentions of Ziama appear in scientific works on butterflies. In his comprehensive work on West African butterflies, Larsen (2005) lists Hypolimnas aubergeri from Sérédou, but the locality was misattributed to the Nimba Mountains. Sáfián & Takano (2019) corrected this error in their note on the updated distribution of H. aubergeri with further records also from Ziama. Belcastro & Oremans (2016) described a new species of skipper butterfly, Abantis fabiana Belcastro, 2016 with the type locality being Sérédou (uplands 1 000 m.a.s.l.), Forêt de Ziama. Claudio Belcastro also communicated a number of his previously unpublished records to Michel Libert (Libert, 2010), including a potentially new subspecies of Neurellipes helpsi (Larsen, 1994). Some of Belcastro's records also appear in the revisions of African Celaenorrhinus (s.l.) (Libert, 2014) and Liphyrini (Libert, 2016).

A rather comprehensive checklist of the butterfly fauna exists of the nearby Gola Forests (Greater Gola Landscape) across Liberia and Sierra Leone (Belcastro & Larsen, 2006; Sáfián, 2012) and from the Liberian side of the Nimba Mountains (Sáfián, 2014). Another, yet unpublished butterfly list was compiled by Sáfián from the Foya Proposed Protected Area, which is a lowland forest contiguous with the southern section of lowland forests of the Wologizi Proposed Protected Area.

In this paper, the authors summarise their data collected over five field surveys conducted across the Ziama-Wonegizi-Wologizi Transboundary Forest Landscape (ZWW) between November 2017 and April 2019, highlighting the most interesting findings and also the biogeographical and conservation importance of the area.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Acronyms and abbreviations

ABRI – African Butterfly Research Institute, Nairobi, Kenya

ANHRT – African Natural History Research Trust, Leominster, UK

CEP-MZUJ – Nature Education Centre, Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland

CFZ - Centre Forestier de N'Zérékoré, Guinea

FFI – Fauna and Flora International, Guinea and Liberia IFAN – Institut Fondamental d'Afrique Noire, Dakar, Senegal

WA BiCC - West Africa Biodiversity and Climate Change

SCNL – Society for the Conservation of Nature, Liberia USAID – United States Agency for International Development

ZWW – Ziama-Wonegizi-Wologizi Transboundary Forest Landscape, that encompasses the Ziama Biosphere Reserve (Massif de Ziama, Forêt Classée de Ziama) in Guinea and the Wonegizi (Mountains) and Wologizi (Mountains) Proposed Protected Areas in Liberia

Study area and sampling sites

The study area is described below and shown in Figure 1.

Wologizi Mountains

The Wologizi Mountains are part of the Wologizi Proposed Protected Area in Lofa County, also one of Liberia's Important Bird Areas (BirdLife International, 2020a) of approximately 20 000 hectares (excluding the large tract of lowland forest east of the mountain range). Not much further information is found in publications, except that the mountain formations are metamorphic, sedimentary and volcanic rocks rich in iron ore (White, 1973). Its highest peak Mount Wutewe (other spellings are also used, such as Wuteve or Wutuwi) is also the highest point of Liberia, with variable altitude given in the few references between 1 350 and 1 447 m.a.s.l. (Peal & Kranz, 1990; BirdLife International, 2020a). The mountains consist of two roughly south-north, long and narrow independent ridges, separated by a deep valley. The southern ridge is lower with its highest peak reaching about 1 050 m.a.s.l. The higher and longer northern ridge harbours two prominent peaks: Mount Wutewe (cc. 1 400 m.a.s.l.) and Mount Belegizi (cc. 1 186 m.a.s.l.). It branches to multiple massive spurs to both east and west and has a small plateau a few kilometres north of Mount Wutewe lying at about 1 100 m.a.s.l. The mountain slopes are very steep with several deeply incised valleys. Numerous water-courses are found below 800 m.a.s.l., and almost none above. Almost the entire mountain range is covered with primary forest, mainly of wet evergreen forest below and upland evergreen forest above 800 m.a.s.l. The peak area of Mount Wutewe is covered by a woodland thicket of shorter trees and shrubs. Rather large edaphic grassland savannah patches are found at the foothills of Wologizi around Lisco village on iron ore sedimentation. The forests on the main ridgeline and part of the Belegizi Ridge were damaged by wildfire during the extensive dry season in 2015, where regenerating secondary vegetation is overgrowing the damaged upland forest.

Wonegizi Mountains

Very little information could be gathered about the Wonegizi Mountains. They are encompassed by the Wonegizi Proposed Protected Area of approximately 20 000 hectares of forest land in Lofa County, situated north-east of Wologizi. The two were once connected, but an increasingly wider gap is being opened up by human activities for the growing need of agricultural land. The majority of the proposed protected area is covered by lowland forest, while the mountains, probably with upland forest at higher altitude, emerge mainly in the southeastern and north-eastern parts with the northern ridges directly connected and being part of the Ziama Massif. The highest peak is Mount Wonegizi (1 110 m.a.s.l.).

Ziama Massif (Massif de Ziama)

Ziama is the largest, single block rainforest area in Guinea, covering 119 019 hectares in the Ziama Massif and the surrounding lowland area. Administratively, the classified forest (Forêt Classée de Ziama) lies in the

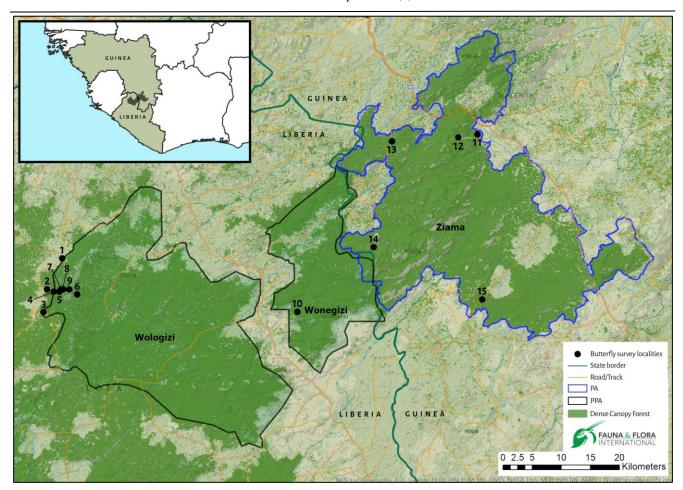


Figure 1 – The study area and the butterfly survey localities in the ZWW transboundary landscape (Liberia and Guinea). PA – protected area, PPA – protected area/proposed protected are boundary.

Macenta Prefecture of the Guineé Forestiére region and stretches for about 50 km from the Liberian border northeast towards Kerouane and Beyla Prefectures. It is part of the seven classified forests under the management of the CFZ.

Ziama has long been recognised for its intrinsic value, particularly for the internationally important population of forest elephant (Barnes & Awo, 2005), pygmy hippopotamus (Butzler, 1994), various species of endangered primates, the rich avifauna of over 280 species (BirdLife International, 2020b) and over 1 300 species of vascular plants, with most samples preserved in the Ziama Herbarium, Sérédou. Ziama also serves as a regionally important water catchment area. The forest reserve (forêt classée) was established in 1932 and designated as a Biosphere Reserve (Massif de Ziama) in 1980 (Brugiere & Kormos, 2008; www.unesco.org).

A significant part of Ziama Forest is covered by lowland rain forest of variable quality, mainly secondary forest in various stages of regeneration, interspersed with patches of forest plantations of native or in some cases non-indigenous species. The lowland forest remains relatively untouched, only a few kilometres away from human settlements and the inaccessible lower slopes of the massif. The upland zone of Ziama Massif, usually above 800 m, remains largely untouched, logged only above Sérédou town and large areas still qualify as primary upland evergreen forest. The entire forest is very densely interwoven by natural water courses, which support the

formation of various microhabitats, including stretches of riverine forest, lowland and upland marshes and swamps, also swamp forests. At higher altitudes, rocky outcrops often prevent the formation of deep soil and here closed canopy forest is interspersed with more open canopy drier forest patches on hilltops, while on the highest ridges even open, grassy patches occur.

Sampling localities

The sampling localities are described below and shown in Figure 1.

Wologizi Mountains

1. LISCO grassland and anthropogenic habitat (LIS). 8°9'56.1"N, 9°57'7"W (8.165586, -9.951939); 578 m.a.s.l.; 08–10.xii.2018.

The Lisco village is an old mining exploration settlement situated at the western foothills of Wologizi Mountains with extensive tall-grass savannah grassland, formed on iron rock sediments that originate from the mountains. Near and inside the settlement a variety of anthropogenic habitats are found, including old-grown mango trees, cassava, plantain and vegetable farms and fallow land.

 Wologizi savannah/forest edge (WSA). 8°7'9.4"N, 9°58'15.4"W (8.119278, -9.970944); 610 m.a.s.l.; 20– 30.xi.2017.

Tall-grass savannah habitat on iron sedimentation, similar

to that of Lisco and the lowland forest edge.

3. Dabu Road (DAB). 8°5'15.5"N, 9°58'21.6"W (8.087653, -9.972681); 530 m.a.s.l.; 30.xi.2017.

Secondary forest in different stages of regeneration and smaller patches of grassland (of the same character as above) alongside the road verges.

 Base (Lowland) Camp (WOB). 8°7'16.5"N, 9°57'41.5"W (8.121244, -9.961533); 603 m.a.s.l.; 20– 30.xi.2017.

Lowland secondary forest with dense undergrowth, with numerous signs of recent human activities (tree-felling, pole-cutting). Maranthaceae thickets are found along the old mining-exploration track near creeks.

5. Rosewood Camp (ROS). 8°6'14.8"N, 9°57'27.2"W (8.104131, -9.957569); 577 m.a.s.l.; 18–25.xi.2018.

Old-grown, natural looking secondary lowland forest with primary patches, with virtually no signs of logging or other disturbance. The landscape is very diverse with gentle hills interspersed with creeks and swamps and the deep valley between the two main ridges with untouched riverine vegetation (Fig. 2), except alongside the old LISCO exploration road.



Figure 2 – The deep and narrow river valley between the two main ridges in the Wologizi Mountains is outstandingly beautiful and harbours a very rich butterfly community with multiple rare and restricted-range species.

6. Elephant Ridge (ELR). 8°7'1.5"N, 9°55'24.2"W (8.117072, -9.923383); 1 002 m.a.s.l.; 23–28.xi.2018.

The northern section of the lower ridge of the Wologizi Mountains is frequently visited by forest elephants. It is covered entirely by primary upland rainforest, with obvious presence of local disturbance (playground, treefelling) caused by elephants on flatter hilltops or depressions.

7. Ridge Camp 1 (RC1). 8°7'10.3"N, 9°57'10.1"W (8.119517, -9.952817); 840 m.a.s.l.; 24–30.xi.2017.

Untouched upland forest on the ridge and the steep slope of a minor spur of the Belegizi Ridge, dominated by *Lophura alata*.

8. Ridge Camp 2 (RC2). 8°7'20.8"N, 9°56'50.7"W (8.122442, -9.947431); 880 m.a.s.l.; 22–30.xi.2018.

Disturbed upland forest on the ridge and untouched primary upland forest on the steep slopes of the lower section of the Belegizi Ridge.

9. Belegizi Ridge and Summit (BEL). 8°7'27.2"N, 9°56'10.9"W (8.124233, -9.936364); 1 086 m.a.s.l.; 28.xi.2017, 01–07.xii.2018.

The massive spur that leads to the Belegizi Summit where it connects the main northern ridge is a narrow mountain ridge with very steep slopes on both sides. Originally the entire ridge was covered by upland forest, but during a long-lasting wildfire at the end of the dry season (February to April) in 2015 the entire ridge burned down, destroying large tracts of this unique habitat type (Fig. 3). Now the ridge and the upper slopes are covered by herbaceous and woody secondary vegetation with a strong presence of various invasive plants (e.g. *Chromolaena odorata*) and those native but very successful in the initial stage of regeneration (e.g. sword-grass).



Figure 3 – Upland forest in the Wologizi Mountains. Note the burned twin-summits of Mount Belegizi. A large tract of upland forest has been destroyed or damaged by wildfire in 2015.

Wonegizi Mountains

10. Wetezu Camp (WET). 8°4'57.1"N, 9°34'47.9"W (8.082531, -9.579961); 550–711 m.a.s.l.; 19–27.iii.2019.

The single area surveyed in Wonegizi lies in hilly country with peaks between 500–600 m.a.s.l. The habitat inside the reserve is primary forest with mosaic patches of formerly farmed secondary forest along the forest edges. Disturbed habitats, including young regenerating fallow land, recently cleared and burned farmland and shaded cocoa-farms were also surveyed during trekking in and out the reserve.

Ziama Massif

11. Sérédou lowland forest (SEL). 8°21'25.7"N, 9°17'48.4"W (8.357144, -9.296772); 626 m.a.s.l.; 28–31.iii.2019.

The forest at the foothills of Ziama Massif is rather degraded due to decades of logging. There are large stands

of planted *Terminalia ivorensis* at lower altitude and forest quality gradually improves further away from Sérédou town.

12. Sérédou upland zone (SER). 8°21'14.5"N, 9°19'31.9"W (8.354036, -9.325536); 900–1 000 m.a.s.l.; 24.ii–07.iii.2019.

The upland zone of the Ziama Massif above Sérédou is covered largely by primary upland forest reaching over 1 000 m.a.s.l., with areas of logged secondary forest and several smaller watercourses and upland swamps, some of which have been converted into rice paddies and small vegetable farms (Fig. 4).



Figure 4 – Formerly upland swamp forest in Ziama above Sérédou. A strictly endangered habitat type drained and converted into plantain and banana farm and rice paddies. All wetlands in the upland zone should be treated as a prime conservation area.

13. Massadou lowland forest (MAS). 8°20'55.1"N, 9°26'8.0"W (8.343403, -9.437417); 555 m.a.s.l.; 08–17.iii.2019.

The lowland forest along the Massadou-Dopamaï road is old-grown secondary forest with patches of untouched primary lowland forest. Even from the public road which crosses this section of the forest the habitat looks very diverse with recognisable natural strata of high canopy rainforest, including the old emergent trees, as well as lowland swamps and temporary watercourses with swamp/riverine vegetation. The vegetation along the road-verges is regularly cut, occasionally burned, creating secondary open habitats with young, regenerating scrub.

 Dopamaï lowland forest (DOP). 8°11'3.7"N, 9°27'38.9"W (8.184361, -9.460806); 550 m.a.s.l.; 11, 16.iii.2019.

The lowland forest is more secondary around the village with old-grown patches, also a unique-looking semi-open canopy dry forest type is found in the summit area of the rocky hills.

15. Baignema lowland forest (BAI). 8°6′21.0″N, 9°17′39.3″W (8.105839, -9.294239); 500 m.a.s.l.; 28.iii–04.iv.2019.

The forest between Baignema and Fassankoni is a stretch of lowland secondary forest, which was heavily logged in the past. Its quality varies according to the intensity of past forest use. Some areas were planted with *T. ivorensis*,

which still dominate the higher canopy layer. The closed canopy secondary forest is often interspersed with more open canopy swamp forest and palm-thicket.

Limitations of the study

A near complete faunal checklist of butterflies from a high diversity African tropical forest area is difficult to accomplish. Up to now, only a few examples could be found, where the knowledge of the butterfly fauna could be considered comprehensive. All these examples are results of years, but usually decades, of data collecting by one or more authors, often supplemented by published literature records or museum collection data. In the Kakamega Forest in Kenya, the first published checklist contained only relatively few observations and it was published as a report of a field expedition by Emmel & Warren (1993) listing 223 identified species with a few that remained undetermined. Kühne et al. (2004) have published a much more comprehensive checklist of 491 butterfly species, correcting some of the previous mistakes of determination. However, this list needed the contribution of Steve Collins of ABRI, who has spent years conducting field work in Kakamega in the last four decades. An updated checklist was published just four years later (Collins, 2008), with critical revision of all previous published records. In West Africa, a near comprehensive list was produced by Larsen et al. (2007) in the Bobiri Forest Reserve and Butterfly Sanctuary, where multiple recorders have contributed to the checklist of 456 butterfly species, accounting approximately 75% of the estimated species richness, compiled over nine field trips in different seasons between 2003 and 2007. The compilation of the 644 butterfly species positively recorded and identified in the Liberian Nimba Mountains is a result of ten months of field work by Sáfián and various field assistants and collaborators (Sáfián, 2014; Sáfián, unpublished data).

The current ZWW butterfly checklist was compiled from records of expeditions to the Wologizi Mountains: two weeks in November – December 2017 and three weeks in November – December 2018, a 10-day field survey at a single location in the Wonegizi Mountains (March 2019) and two rapid field surveys in the Ziama Massif, three weeks in February – March 2019 and one week in March – April 2019. The field teams altogether spent ten weeks in the study area.

From the limited time and resources available, the teams were not able to sample the butterfly fauna in multiple seasons in each survey location: Wologizi was sampled only at the beginning of the dry season (in two consecutive years), Wonegizi was sampled at the beginning of the transition season (from dry to wet), while Ziama was sampled only during the last three weeks of the dry season and one week during the transition season (from dry to wet).

Logistical constraints also limited the study to the lowland and mid-altitude (upland) localities in both Wologizi and Ziama. The highest altitude forests above 1 200 m.a.s.l. were inaccessible and were therefore completely excluded from the sampling.

Identification, taxonomy and nomenclature

Identification of more difficult taxa was aided by various literature sources, including Larsen (2005, unpublished manuscript), Libert (1999, 2010, 2014, 2016, 2020), as well as examination of museum specimens in the ABRI, ANHRT and CEP-MZUJ scientific collections, supplemented by dissection and examination of male genitalia in various cases.

The generic order of the checklist of Rhopalocera largely follows the latest work of Williams (2015). *Brakefieldia* Aduse-Poku, Lee & Wahlberg, 2016 has replaced the genus *Heteropsis* in mainland Africa (Aduse-Poku *et al.*, 2016) with a single species in Ziama. *Haydonia* Pyrcz & Collins, 2020 was erected for a few former members of *Gnophodes* Westwood, 1849 (Pyrcz *et al.*, 2020). The establishment of the new Hesperiid genera *Isoteinon* Felder & Felder, 1862, *Argemma* Grishin, 2019 and *Lissia* Grishin, 2019 is a result of molecular revision of a large number of African and Asian taxa (Cong *et al.*, 2019).

The species order within each genus largely follows the comprehensive work on West African butterflies by Larsen (2005), except in genera where the revisions were published after Larsen's work, some with complete reordering of species (e.g. Henning & Williams, 2010; Libert, 2010, 2014; Pyrcz et al., 2020). Richardson's (2019) revision of Neptis was consulted and considered while compiling the list of Neptis, however in the cases of N. loma Condamin, 1971 and N. cf. constantiae Carcasson, 1961 (N. loma was synonymised with N. constantiae) and the similar N. metanira Holland, 1892 and N. cf. continuata Holland, 1892, the names with respective records are left as they were originally identified because of taxonomic uncertainties. Two further Neptis species could not be assigned to any described taxa.

Field methods

Conventional non-standardised capture with butterfly nets was used to record the majority of species. Field recorders collected specimens in sunny weather, usually between 08h30 and 16h30. This general collecting was supplemented by capture with fruit-baited net-traps, using modified IKEA PS FÅNGST storage nets, as described in detail in Sáfián *et al.* (2010), Maicher *et al.* (2018) for sampling in the understorey, while classical van Someren-Rydon traps (Rydon, 1964) were used to collect canopydwelling fruit-feeding butterflies.

Ecological classification

The ecological classification of West African butterflies is used to assess ecological position, intactness and conservation potential of an assessed habitat, survey area or even a country using the categories established by Larsen (1994) and further developed by Larsen (2006a) and also by Sáfián (2012, unpublished) with the inclusion of new West African taxa, based on the distribution pattern and observed habitat preferences of each species occurring in the area. The species in each category do not necessarily occur solely in one particular habitat, but are centred on it, sometimes with high fidelity, therefore they are much less likely to be found or appear very rarely

outside of their ecological niche, except during migration, dispersal or occasionally due to other, unexplained ecological factors.

Forest-dwelling butterfly species are further sub-divided according to forest types, which are generally distributed following precipitation patterns and altitude in the following groups: Wet Forest Species (WET) are centred on lowland hyper-wet and wet evergreen rainforest, a widely distributed forest type in Liberia which occurs also in parts of Guinea. The group Mesophilous Forest Species (MEF) contains a large number of butterflies, which have wider ecological tolerance towards wetter climatic conditions but occur commonly also in the moist- and dry semi-deciduous forests of the Ghana subregion in the Upper Guinea forest zone. Dry Forest Species (DRF) are most commonly found along the rather narrow forestsavannah transition zone in West Africa, also in drier forest formations in the Dahomey Gap (Togo Mountains), the drier coastal forests of Ghana, Ivory Coast and southeastern Liberia and in the north in mountainous areas in Ivory Coast and Guinea. They usually express little ecological tolerance and many of them are localised. Upland Forest Species (UPF) occur only in mid-altitude (upland) evergreen forest, a special habitat type in West Africa, which harbours several restricted-range, often narrowly endemic, butterfly species. Only a few of such

upland localities exist in Ghana and eastern Liberia, more in the Guinea Highlands. Montane Forest Species (MTF) are extremely restricted to the very few unique forest areas in the Guinea Highlands above 1 400 m.a.s.l. Currently, only a single species is known to be associated with high altitude montane forest habitats in West Africa west of the Dahomey Gap (Sáfián, 2018). Many forest butterfly species with a wide ecological tolerance and distribution are not usually restricted to any of the forest types mentioned above, but occur across the forest zone, also penetrating the Guinea savannah zone along rivers. They are listed under All Forest Species (ALF). West African butterflies associated with open habitat formations are sorted into the following categories: Guinea Savannah Species (GUI) inhabit the rather broad, wooded-savannah zone north of the Upper Guinean forest and also the savannah area in the Dahomey Gap including the savannah slopes of the Togo Mountains. The butterfly fauna of mid-altitude wooded-savannah area of the Nimba Mountains also show strong similarities with those inhabiting Guinea savannah habitats. A high proportion of butterfly species in this group express moderate tolerance to habitat degradation and some could survive in cleared areas or in disturbed, open canopy habitats in the forest zone. Sudan Savannah Species (SUD) inhabit the dry, grassy-scrubby savannah zone, between the Guinea savannah and the arid Sahel zone, these species usually have little tolerance to habitat degradation, are often connected with specialised food plants and only a few can penetrate the forest zone by migration or by dispersal to the south during the dry season. Species associated with special microhabitats (SPE), such as swamps or other wetlands are often found only locally in more open habitat formations. The Ubiquitous group of butterflies (UBQ) consists of generally mobile species, often with migratory tendencies, and they can establish colonies in all kinds of habitat from dry grasslands to forest glades or in degraded areas inside the forest zone, also in and around human

settlements. The habitat preference of a few butterfly species is insufficiently known (INS) for accurate classification.

RESULTS

Faunistic results

In the three study areas across the ZWW, altogether 564 butterfly species were recorded during five field surveys between November 2017 and April 2019. When including literature data, the total number of species recorded from the ZWW is 569 (see references below). In the Wologizi Mountains 450 butterfly species were recorded, 360 in 2017 and 362 in 2018 with 90 new area records. During the surveys in Ziama Forest in February and April 2019 altogether 429 species were positively recorded and identified, while records of another 5 species were found in literature sources (Libert, 2010, 2014; Belcastro & Oremans, 2016; Libert, 2016) making the total recorded species 434. During the one-week survey in Wonegizi Nature Reserve, 254 species were found from a single locality.

In Wologizi, 108 species were found that were not in the other two study areas. A further 93 species were found only in Ziama Forest, and thus recorded only from Guinea, and only seven species were recorded only from Wonegizi. Another 15 species were recorded only in Wologizi and Wonegizi, making the total of 134 species recorded only from Liberia.

A checklist of the species found in each area is given in Appendix 1.

Taxonomic novelties

From the collected material, eight potentially new taxa were identified, five species and three subspecies. Three of them are already formally described: *Eagris tetrastigma lomana* Belcastro & Sáfián, 2020, *Gorgyra ziama* Belcastro & Sáfián, 2020 and *Telchinia pseudepaea ziama* Belcastro, Boireau & Sáfián, 2020 (Sáfián *et al.*, 2020a,c), while the others await description: *Pseudathyma cf. neptidina, Neurellipes helpsi* ssp. nov., *Eresiomera* sp. nov., *Stempfferia michelliberti* sp. nov. and *Cephetola wologizi* sp. nov. (manuscript names).

Eagris tetrastigma (Mabille, 1891) is now divided into three rather easily recognisable subspecies between Central Africa and the Ghana subregion of West Africa. Subspecies subolivescens previously represented the species in West Africa. It was recognised by Belcastro westernmost that the population morphologically nearer to the nominate subspecies with its more yellow hindwing underside and a firm and narrow, black marginal line. Male specimens of the populations occurring in the Liberian subregion show consistent differences and were recently described as subspecies lomana Belcastro & Sáfián, 2020 (Sáfián et al., 2020a). Specimens in the type series were found in hyperwet and wet lowland forests in Liberia and in both lowland and upland forest in the Loma Mountains, Sierra Leone and in Ziama.

Gorgyra ziama Belcastro & Sáfián, 2020 is a Liberian

subregion endemic butterfly, which appears to be the western vicariant of the Congolian forest species *G. kalinzu* Evans, 1949. The latter is distributed between Uganda and eastern Nigeria (Larsen, 2005). *Gorgyra ziama* was first collected in the Ziama Forest in Guinea by Claudio Belcastro but was later found also in Liberia (Putu Range, Wologizi Mountains) and Sierra Leone (Tonkolili Forest Reserve) (Sáfián *et. al.*, 2020a).

One *Cephetola* species in the family Lycaenidae, subfamily Poritiinae, collected only in Wologizi on the Belegizi Ridge, is identified as new to science, close to *Cephetola aureliae* Libert, 1999. The latter is known only from Eastern DRC (North Kivu and Ituri Forest) (Ducarme, 2018) and no closely related species was known previously from Upper Guinea.

Eresiomera sp. was also collected only in upland forest in Wologizi. It is currently under investigation whether the Liberian population is conspecific with the very poorly known *E. jacksoni* or whether it represents an undescribed species. Belcastro (pers. comm.) collected a series of females in the Gola Rainforest National Park, Sierra Leone.

Stempfferia nr. zelza (S. michelliberti sp. nov.) is recognised as new to science, recorded previously only as a few specimens from western Ivory Coast (Sáfián et al., in prep.), a single female from the Nimba Mountains in Liberia (Sáfián, 2014) and from a single male specimen collected in the Gola Forest, Sierra Leone (Belcastro, pers. comm.).

The Ziama population of the rare and very local lycaenid *Neurellipes helpsi* (Larsen, 1994) (Fig. 5), first illustrated in Libert (2010), certainly represents an undescribed taxon as recognised by Belcastro (pers. comm., teste Libert, 2010).





Figure 5 – Male of *Neurellipes helpsi* ssp. nov., a unique butterfly, found only in upland wetland (creeks, swamps) habitats in Ziama: a) upper side and b) underside.

The population of *Pseudathyma cf. neptidina* from Mount Tonkoui (western Ivory Coast), the Ziama Forest and from the higher plateaus of Fouta Djallon could well represent an undescribed western vicariant, rather than a disjunct population of a Guineo-Congolian species – as mentioned in Larsen (2005).

A new subspecies *Telchinia pseudepaea ziama* Belcastro, Boireau & Sáfián, 2020 was also collected and recognised by Belcastro from Ziama. It is also known from a few specimens collected in the Nimba Mountains in Guinea, Ivory Coast and Liberia and Mount Tonkoui in Ivory Coast (Sáfián *et al.*, 2020c).

Taxa of conservation concern

Restricted-range butterfly taxa are often of conservation concern (https://www.iucnredlist.org; Mecenero *et al.*, 2013), including potentially narrowly distributed endemics, as well as endemics to the Guinea Highlands and Liberian subregion. All potentially new taxa fall in one of these categories, however the knowledge on the distribution of many of them is still limited and their status could change as a result of further research.

Narrowly endemic taxa are often found in a single locality or a discreet ecological or biogeographical unit. Usually very few butterflies in the West African butterfly fauna fall into this category. Currently, two undescribed taxa collected at a single locality during the surveys fall in this category: Cephetola wologizi sp. nov. was collected only in the Wologizi Mountains on an individual hilltop in undisturbed upland forest. Neurellipes helpsi ssp. nov. is known only from a single locality in upland swamp forest in Ziama. Both taxa would currently fall in the Critically Endangered (CR) category according to the IUCN Red List criteria (IUCN, 2012): both have a single population with an area of occupancy less than 10 km² and the habitats of both are directly threatened by human activities causing wildfires and drainage/clearance of upland wetland habitats, respectively, matching criteria B2b (see details below, under Conservation issues and implications).

Guinea Highlands endemic taxa are sporadically distributed in the mountainous area between north-western Ivory Coast across north-western Liberia, northern Sierra Leone and the Fouta Djallon landscape to the Senegal border. Multiple West African butterfly species are known to be restricted to the pre-montane, upland and sub-montane forest habitats of one or more of the mountains ranges and several of them were collected in the ZWW landscape.

Bettonula bettoni nimba Collins & Larsen, 2005, previously known only from two specimens collected in the Nimba Mountains (Larsen, 2005), was caught in Liberia for the first time (Wologizi Mountains). A strong colony of Hypolimnas aubergeri Hecq, 1987 was found near Rosewood Camp in Wologizi. Definitely the largest known population of Euphaedra aubergeri Hecq, 1977 was discovered in the upland forest of Wologizi (Fig. 6), where males were observed hill-topping in small numbers on each surveyed hilltop between 800–1000 m.a.s.l with natural forest cover. For decades, this species was recorded only around its type locality, Danané (Ivory

Coast), but most natural forest habitats have already disappeared due to deforestation (Larsen, 2005) and the species is now presumably extinct from that area. Only one quite recent record is known from Liberia, collected on Mount Beeton in West Nimba (Sáfián, 2014). This species was also found during the survey in Wonegizi.



Figure 6 – *Euphaedra aubergeri*, a Guinea Highlands endemic butterfly.

Mylothris melita sp. nov. Belcastro & Warren-Gash (manuscript name) (Warren-Gash, in press) was previously collected only at its type locality, on the summit of Mount Kakoulima near Conakry in Guinea and in the Fouta Djallon plateau. The species was also found in Wologizi, a new country record for Liberia.

Uranothauma belcastroi Larsen, 1997 is locally abundant in the upland forest above Sérédou in Ziama Forest but was not recorded from Wologizi or Wonegizi (Fig. 7). It was previously known only from Mount Tonkoui in Ivory Coast, the Nimba Mountains (Liberia, Guinea and Ivory Coast), the Loma Mountains in Sierra Leone and from a recent unpublished record (Sáfián, pers. obs.) from the Fouta Djallon, Guinea.



Figure 7 – *Uranothauma belcastroi* is a Guinea Highland endemic butterfly.

Two recently described *Epitola* sensu lato, *Cephetola* wingae Sáfián, 2015, *Stempfferia katikae* Sáfián, 2015 and a Theclinae *Pilodeudorix mano* Sáfián, 2015 were recorded in the upland forest in Wologizi. All were described from the Nimba Mountains and were previously known only from the Nimba area (Sáfián, 2015b; Sáfián *et al.*, 2015a), but a single male specimen of *P. mano* was

also collected in the upland forest above Sérédou in Ziama Forest (Sáfián, 2020). *Pseudathyma cf. neptidina* and *Telchinia pseudepaea ziama* Belcastro, Sáfián & Boireau, 2020 were recorded from the upland forest zone of Ziama. The latter was collected only in a few other localities in Northern Liberia (Haut Cavally, Nimba Mountains) and on the Ivory Coast/Guinea border (Nimba Mountains), while the former is known to occur only in a few upland/sub-montane forests in the Guinea Highlands: Loma Mountains in Sierra Leone (Larsen, 2005) and Fouta Djallon in Guinea (Sáfián, unpublished).

Liberian subregion endemic taxa are distributed in a poorly defined, narrow forest area between the Sassandra River in Western Ivory Coast and Central Sierra Leone, sometimes referred to as the Liberia Forest Region (Larsen, 2005). This forest area receives higher annual precipitation compared to the eastern part of the Upper Guinean forest zone (CILSS, 2016) and evidence shows that this area has been one of the West African refuges during the drier periods in the Pleistocene (e.g. Van Rompaey, 1993; Plana, 2004). Some of these taxa also occur in the Guinea Highlands but quite a few are confined to the lowland forests and do not or only slightly penetrate the Guinea Highlands. Ceratrichia crowleyi Riley, 1925 is generally common in wet lowland forest in the Liberian subregion, it has a disjunct population also in south-western Ghana (Ankasa National Park) (Larsen, 2005). Euriphene lomaensis Belcastro. 1986 was found exclusively in the Liberian subregion, while E. leonis (Aurivillius, 1899) is also known from a couple of specimens from south-western Ghana and Eastern Ivory Coast. Larsen (2005) still considers it as a Liberian subregion endemic species. Parasiomera alfa Sáfián, 2015 and Geritola pacifica Sáfián & Libert, 2015 were discovered and described recently from the hyper-wet lowland forest of Gola in western Liberia (Sáfián et al., 2015; Sáfián & Collins, 2015). The latter one was found also in the neighbouring Foya Proposed Protected Area (Sáfián, 2020). Their records from Wologizi are currently the northernmost occurrences for both species. Neurellipes ferenczi Libert, 2010 is known only from three specimens, all collected in Guinea. The holotype was found in Coyah (Libert, 2010), the second specimen in the Nimba Mountains (Sáfián, unpublished), while the third near Baignema in secondary lowland forest in Ziama. The distribution of the three localities indicate its presence also in Liberia. Iolaus liberiana Sáfián, 2017 is known only from a few specimens in lowland forest in Liberia's Nimba Mountains (Sáfián, 2017) and Ziama. Gorgyra ziama, Stempfferia nr. zelza and Eagris tetrastigma lomana are also considered as Liberian subregion endemic butterflies.

New country records and other records of biogeographic interest

Twelve species are reported for the first time in Liberia, since the publication of Larsen (2005) and the subsequent publications and biodiversity survey reports by Brattström (2010), Sáfián (2012, 2014, 2015a,b), Sáfián & Collins (2015) and Sáfián *et al.* (2013, 2015a,b, 2019),

For Guinea, 82 species are new country records since the publications of Larsen (2005, 2006b), the taxonomic revisions by Libert (2010, 2014, 2016) and the three short

taxonomic papers by Belcastro and Oremans (2016), Sáfián (2018) and Sáfián *et al.* (2020a).

Several of the new country records are also of biogeographical interest as they represent either a unique occurrence in an ecologically different area or a significant range extension.

Bicyclus uniformis (Bethune-Baker, 1908) is widely distributed in Central Africa but is rare and local in the Upper Guinean forest, known mainly from localities in Ghana (Larsen, 2005). More recently Brattström *et al.* (2016) list it from Guinea (Nimba Mountains), the first record for this country. It was also found in Wologizi (upland forest) and Wonegizi (lowland forest), the first Liberian specimens. Quite a few also came to bananabaited traps in both lowland and upland forest in Ziama. The Wologizi specimens represent the westernmost occurrence of the species with a significant range extension. The reason why the species was not found elsewhere in Liberia is unknown.

Bicyclus mesogenina (Grünberg, 1912) was not known to occur in West African until a couple of specimens collected in Ziama Forest during the current field surveys were identified as Bicyclus mesogenina, based on the wing morphology and male genitalia. Bicyclus mesogenina was recently resurrected from synonymy (Aduse-Poku et al., 2016). So far, the species is known from Guinea as two male specimens collected in upland forest above Sérédou in Ziama (Florczyk et al., in prep.).

Apaturopsis cleochares (Hewitson, 1873) is rare in West Africa, and is difficult to collect, because imagos mostly stay in the canopy. The butterfly is more easily captured by fruit-baited traps, set at canopy level (Larsen, 2005). The first Liberian specimen was collected in a canopy trap in Wonegizi.

Euryphurana nobilis (Staudinger, 1891) was recorded from Liberia (Larsen, 2005) but with no precise locality shown. In Wologizi, a female was observed in the deep valley between the two main ridges in the afternoon hours but could not be collected. It was investigating a sun-lit leaf low down in the thick undergrowth, opening its wings, turning and then jumping onto another leaf just some 20 cm away.

Bebearia ashantina (Dudgeon, 1913) is a rare Upper Guinean endemic species, previously recorded only in Ghana and Ivory Coast (Larsen, 2005). It was first recorded in Liberia in the Putu Mountains in 2012 but the record remained unpublished (Sáfián, pers. obs.). B. ashantina was found in upland forest both in Wologizi and Ziama, also in lowland forest near Massadou and Dopamaï.

Iridana agneshorvathae Collins, Larsen & Sáfián, 2008 is a very poorly known species, which was known as three specimens from Ghana and Benin. The first Liberian record from Wologizi is the first for the Liberian subregion, a significant range extension. The recent knowledge on the species was summarised in Sáfián et al. (2020b).

Pilodeudorix mera (Hewitson, 1873) was previously

collected only on Mount Péko, Ivory Coast in West Africa west of the Dahomey Gap (Larsen, 2005). The two specimens found in upland forest in Wologizi are of great interest and indicate the species' presence elsewhere in the Guinea Highlands. These populations could represent an undescribed taxon, but further specimens and application of molecular methods are needed before a conclusion can be reached on its taxonomic status.

Ecological composition and patterns

More complete datasets are available from Wologizi and Ziama to allow for a comparison of ecological patterns. However, for Wonegizi, all butterflies came from a single locality collected during a one-week rapid survey Therefore, the Wonegizi dataset was excluded from the comparison, because insufficient data could cause significant bias in the ecological composition towards more easily recordable open habitat species and widespread and common generalists.

Despite the huge difference in species recorded and the surveys conducted in completely different seasons in each area, the ecological composition of the butterflies of Wologizi and Ziama show surprisingly similar patterns (Figs 8–10).

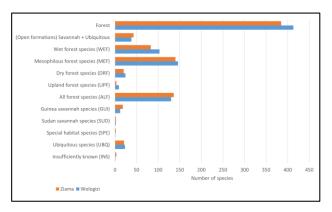


Figure 8 – Number of butterfly species in each ecological group.

The dominance of forest-dwelling butterfly species in both areas was expected, with 92% in Wologizi and 90% in Ziama This, together with the 8% and 10%, respectively, of combined open area species (savannah-dwelling and ubiquitous species), corresponds to the butterfly fauna in the transboundary landscape of Gola Forests (Sierra Leone and Liberia), a diverse forest landscape of outstanding conservation value (Sáfián, 2012).

The differences at a finer scale are more significant, particularly in the WEF and DRF groups where species have a rather narrow ecological tolerance and they rarely occur outside their optimal habitats.

Although the proportion of DRF is almost equal in both samples (5% in Wologizi, 4.5% in Ziama), the proportion of WEF is higher in Wologizi (23%) than Ziama (19%). This is probably a bias caused by the time of sampling as the microclimatic conditions are still much more favourable for WEF in the beginning of the dry season, when Wologizi was sampled. Towards the end of the dry season, when Ziama was sampled the forest interior often dries out, and the activity of WEF is generally low. In the

Gola Forests, WEF represent 20% of the butterfly fauna, and does not differ significantly from those recorded in Ziama and Wologizi. Although the overall proportion of WEF is not outstandingly high – it is 26% of the Ghanaian butterfly fauna (Larsen, 2006a) – it indicates an intact forest interior with a low level of disturbance and a healthy forest ecosystem.

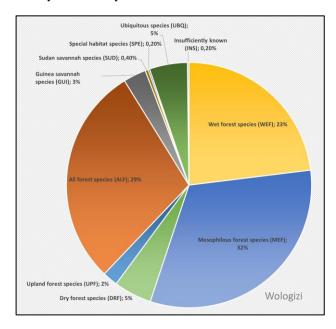


Figure 9 – The proportion of butterfly species in each ecological group found at Wologizi.

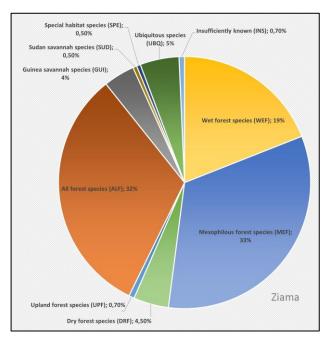


Figure 10 – The proportion of butterfly species in each ecological group found at Ziama.

The MEF group is rather tolerant to seasonality and not surprisingly they are represented equally in both Wologizi (32%) and Ziama (33%). In Gola, the proportion of MEF is even higher, reaching 35% (Sáfián, 2012).

Species in the ALF group have a wide ecological tolerance, the majority being generally common. They are equally represented in Ziama (32%) and the Gola Forest Landscape (32%) (Sáfián, 2012), compared to Wologizi (29%).

The West African UPF group often represents species with narrow distributions (see above, under Taxa of conservation concern). The 2% of UPF in Wologizi is an outstanding value, which is comparable only to the Nimba Mountains (Sáfián, 2014), an area of global conservation importance for its high biodiversity and high rate of endemism. The low value and proportion of UPF in Ziama does not necessarily reflect the actual situation, since during the survey, the upland forests were unusually dry in March 2019 and UPF could have been simply out of season or present only in low densities. Apparently, as expected, no UPF were reported in the Gola Forests landscape (Sáfián, 2012).

Although species from the MNF group are not expected to occur in Wologizi and Ziama, it should be noted that the highest altitude areas (above 1 100 m.a.s.l.) were excluded from the surveys in both areas.

Both the GUI and SUD groups were slightly better represented in Ziama (4.5% and 0.5%), probably because the northernmost sampling point is almost 30 km further north from the southernmost surveyed point in Wologizi, and the Ziama Massif is already extending into the forestsavannah transition zone in the north. Towards the end of the dry season, climatic conditions were also more favourable for several GUI and SUD species to disperse into open areas inside the forest, mainly along roads. In Wologizi, the majority of GUI and the few SUD (3% and 0.4%) species were actually recorded in the edaphic savannah grassland areas at the foothills. In the Gola Forests, the proportion of open habitats species (GUI+SUD) were even lower, represented by only 3% of the species associated with Guinea savannah habitats and a single species associated with Sudan savannah.

The proportion of species in the UBQ group (5% for both Wologizi and Ziama) is relatively high for rainforest areas but was only 3% in the Gola Forest landscape (Sáfián, 2012). They clearly indicate habitat degradation, also explained in more detail below among other conservation issues.

The proportion of species in both the SPE and INS groups was insignificant in both areas.

DISCUSSION

Butterfly diversity of ZWW in a West African context

Generally, the butterfly fauna of the Upper Guinean forest zone are significantly poorer compared to those in Lower Guinea or in the Congo Basin, but are still considerably rich with approximately 1 000 species (Larsen, 2005). In the same work, the estimated species richness in Korup National Park on the Nigerian border in Cameroon exceeds 1 000 butterfly species, while in the Ituri Forest in the eastern DRC 1 105 species were recorded over a 40 year period by Ducarme (2018) and his local assistants. In contrast, not even the highest predicted species richness exceeds 700 species in Upper Guinea and is usually lower between 500 and 670 in a single forest area of substantial size in good condition (Larsen, 2006a; Larsen *et al.*, 2007, 2009; Sáfián, 2012, 2014).

Compared to other forest areas in West Africa, west of the

Dahomey Gap, the recorded species richness (569 species) in the ZWW does not appear to be outstanding at first sight. Larsen *et al.* (2009) estimate the species richness to slightly exceed 600 species in major protected forest areas in Ghana (e.g. Bia, Kakum, Ankasa National Parks, Bobiri Butterfly Sanctuary), while only in the unique upland forests of Atewa Range does species richness approach approximately 700 species (Larsen, 2007), based on meticulous species-to-species level analysis.

In the Liberian subregion (the once continuous forest area between western Ivory Coast and central Sierra Leone) of West Africa, the species richness of butterflies seems to be considerably higher, similar to that of Atewa. In the Nimba Mountains alone Sáfián (2014) estimates approximately 700 species with 644 species positively recorded and identified. However, this estimate excludes the specialist butterflies that are confined to mid-altitude savannah, high-altitude grassland and the high-altitude forest habitats in the Guinean and Ivorian part of Nimba.

Results of the only other transboundary study on West African butterflies across the Gola Forest Landscape (Gola Rainforest National Park, Sierra Leone and Gola Forest National Park, Liberia) (Belcastro & Larsen, 2006; Sáfián, 2012) show similar figures of recorded and estimated species richness (576 and 700, respectively). However, it should be stressed that both Ziama and Wologizi were visited only during a single-season period at the beginning and at the end of the dry season (Wologizi: November - December, Ziama: February -April), and the higher altitude habitats above 1 200 m.a.s.l. were excluded from the field studies due to logistical constraints in both areas. Wonegizi was surveyed only for one week at a single site (March 2019). The species composition and in particular the high recorded number of restricted range species observed during these short surveys suggest a higher species richness with the presence of many more, yet unrecorded, generally common and widespread forest butterflies in these areas, but further comprehensive studies are necessary to establish more accurate estimates.

The conservation value of ZWW as judged from the butterfly fauna

The ZWW is probably the only area in West Africa which could protect a wide range of forest habitats from lowland forest to upland forest (maybe just reaching the submontane zone above 1 300 m.a.s.l.), and to the drier woodlands on rocky outcrops, also important microhabitats such as upland creeks and swamps. The ZWW also extends across an ecological gradient from the hyperwet lowland forest area of western Liberia to the southern edge of the forest-Guinea savannah transition zone. The diverse butterfly fauna clearly corresponds to this diversity of habitats, with multiple species of conservation concern, including seven undescribed or newly described taxa, two of which have not been recorded elsewhere (Cephetola wologizi sp. nov. and Neurellipes helpsi ssp. nov.). The richness of endemic species is also outstanding with a mixture of Liberian subregion endemic lowland forest specialists (with records of Geritola pacifica and Parasiomera alfa) and pre-montane or upland forest butterflies previously known only from the Nimba

Mountains (*Pilodeudorix mano*, *Cephetola wingae* and *Stempfferia katikae*), or those distributed in a slightly wider area in the Guinea Highlands (*Hypolimnas aubergeri* and *Euphaedra aubergeri*) (Sáfián & Takano, 2019; Sáfián, 2020). The outstanding richness of endemic and restricted range species could be a result of the ZWW being part of a refuge area for forest butterflies, where some species were able to move along both the ecological and altitudinal gradient, while others could remain restricted to their respective micro-habitats, when drier periods caused disconnection of forest areas in West Africa. It would not be surprising, as the area overlaps with one of the hypothetical Pleistocene forest refugia identified by Guillaumet (1967) cited in Van Rompaey (1993), also highlighted by Leal (2001).

The ecological composition in both Wologizi and Ziama clearly shows an intact forest butterfly fauna, where the adverse effects of habitat disturbance is almost negligible, only enriching the butterfly communities with ubiquitous species or savannah elements with better dispersal abilities (*Junonia hierta cebrene*, *Catacroptera cloanthe*, *Telchinia serena* and *Acraea caecilia*). The presence of quite a few dry forest and savannah species with rather narrow tolerance to ecological conditions (*Graphium adamastor* and *Bicyclus campa*) reflect the proximity of zonal Guinea Savannah. Actually, the scattered mountains of the Guinea Highlands play an important role in conserving the Ziama forest, as their geographic position result in precipitation much higher than elsewhere further east in West Africa (CILSS, 2016).

The third major importance of the ZWW landscape is its size. With its 114 000 hectares, Ziama is by far the largest protected area in Guinea. The three forest areas cover well over 200 000 hectares of natural habitats, Wonegizi being contiguous with Ziama and Wologizi is also proposed to be re-connected via wildlife corridors. Although the Nimba Mountains harbour a similarly unique butterfly fauna (Sáfián, 2014), its size is about the quarter of that of the ZWW landscape and that already includes the Zor, Blei and Gba Community Forests, whose protection status is very fragile and they suffer from continuous human disturbance. With its size, the ZWW landscape could most probably effectively mitigate the increasing extremities of global climate change, providing a buffer for the protection of the numerous special butterfly habitats.

Conservation issues and implications

Currently within the ZWW, only the Massif du Ziama Man and Biosphere Reserve is formally protected, although both Wonegizi and Wologizi appear on the list of proposed protected areas (PPA) in Liberia. The Wologizi Mountains are rich in iron ore and could easily become a target for mining prospection, as happened previously in the 1960s (White, 1973). Without formal protection, Wologizi is also threatened by a range of human activities. Although hunting would not directly affect butterfly populations, it was reported by local communities that the devastating wildfire in 2015, which caused the destruction of upland forest on the main Wologizi ridge and also partially on the Belegizi ridge (Fig. 3) had originated from a poachers' camp, who had settled inside the forest for several months, smoking their meat on site. Unfortunately, this fire coincided with an

extremely long dry season, previously unprecedented in the region, but recently longer and more severe dry seasons appear more frequently. The regeneration of the upland forest will take several decades even without any further negative effect of wildfire events. Further damage in Wologizi is caused by illegal wood-cutting and logging. Serving the international demand, rosewood (*Pterocarpus* spp.) poachers cause regular damage by opening new roads into the forest and thinning out rosewood individuals (Fig. 11). During our field survey, illegal logging of Terminalia superba and T. ivorensis trees (pitsawing) in commercial quantities were observed in Wologizi. Both Pterocarpus and Terminalia species are known larval food plants for various butterflies in West Africa (Larsen, 2005) and their disappearance from the arboraceous vegetation could influence the abundance of butterfly populations.



Figure 11 – Poaching of rosewood (*Pterocarpus* spp.) and other timber species in Wologizi reduces food-source availability for a number of butterflies and opens up the forest for other illegal activities.

Inside Wonegizi, no illegal logging or farming activities have been observed, however, the clearance of forest habitats outside the PPA is approaching its boundary. As visible also on the map of Figure 1, the connection between Wologizi and Wonegizi is lost due to recent deforestation along the main Zorzor-Voinjama road. From the ZWW landscape conservation perspective, the importance of the re-establishment of connection between the forest areas by a number of re-forested corridors should be a priority. In the corridors, the canopy cover should be unbroken, and the forest interior microclimate should be maintained (to approach natural forest structure). The present disjunction of the two forest areas causes further fragmentation of forest butterfly populations, which in extreme cases could lead to complete isolation. It is well known that a significant proportion of forest interior butterflies have little ability to penetrate or fly through eroded forest habitats and some of them will completely avoid flying into or through open areas (e.g. Elbers & Bossart, 2009; Sáfián et al., 2010).

Large areas of lowland forest in Ziama were extensively logged and later re-planted with multiple timber tree species, such as *T. ivorensis*, but non-indigenous forest stands also exist in the lowland areas along the N'Zérékoré – Sérédou road. Although the butterfly studies in the ZWW focused on more natural forest communities

with low disturbance, it should be mentioned that these forest stands maintain lower butterfly diversity and are therefore of lower conservation concern compared to natural primary and old-grown secondary forest.

It is a general practice that lowland marshes and swamps inside Ziama Forest were provided to local communities for wood harvest and subsequent food production. However, in certain areas this has become so excessive that virtually all forest in the wetlands was completely cleared and the land converted into intensively managed farms, disregarding plant and animal communities directly associated with wetland habitats. This practice should be strictly controlled, and only limited wetland areas should be selected for agriculture utilisation. The same practice was observed in upland forest above Sérédou village (Fig. 4). The wetlands in the upland zone are not only part of the water-catchment area of Sérédou and other communities, but they belong to a unique and endangered biotope, upland swamp, which is known to occur in West Africa only in the Atewa Range in Ghana (small plateau swamps), worthy of strict protection (McCullough et al., 2007), and in the central depressions of the Ziama Massif (possibly other undocumented locations also exist in the Loma Mountains in Sierra Leone). Two butterflies found are directly associated with this habitat type. Neurellipes helpsi is known only from the Atewa Range as well as from a possible record from Banco forest in Ivory Coast and now also from Ziama Forest (both confirmed records are upland localities). The latter population is taxonomically distinct from the Ghana population and thus endemic to Ziama. The other species is Pseudathyma cf. neptidina, which is known from a few mountainous areas in West Africa between western Ivory Coast and Fouta Djallon in Guinea. Larsen (2005) already mentioned that this species could be strictly associated with permanent water courses. The populations in the Guinea Highlands are possibly taxonomically distinct from the Central African one and thus endemic to the mountainous areas in Sierra Leone, Guinea and Ivory Coast. For the protection of the populations of these butterflies, further utilisation of upland wetland Ziama should be completely avoided and the land previously moved into utilisation should be reclaimed for conservation purposes and abandoned for natural processes to restore upland forest habitats.

Another conservation issue observed in Ziama is unnecessarily wide forest clearance alongside the road verges between Massadou and Sedimaï communities. Larger trees were already felled several years ago, but the regenerating young arboraceous vegetation seems to be cut back every few years on both sides by a variable width between 10–20 metres, leaving the area completely open. This practice exposes the forest to drought and further edge effects. Invasive plants, such as Chromolaena odorata have already established along the road verges, also various savannah butterflies with the ability to penetrate open areas inside the forest zone (e.g. Colotis euippe, Junonia hierta cebrene) already appear, following the widely open road verges. Here the vegetation is also regularly burned in the dry season, making the forest even more exposed to climatic effects. Following the clearing and burning, various crops are planted alongside the road. The continuity of such practices would virtually bisect the

forest, preventing or reducing gene-flow and dispersal of deep forest-dwelling butterflies (and probably other immobile insects) between the two sections (e.g. *Euphaedra* and *Euriphene* species), as mentioned above regarding the lack of corridors between Wologizi and Wonegizi. The road maintenance in the communities around Ziama seems to be dependent solely on local practice, as road verges through Ziama Forest from Baignema to Fassankoni are well maintained, preserving the arboraceous vegetation. It is also very similar in Diecké Classified Forest some 80 km southeast of Ziama, where disturbance of the forest is minimised even along the main road to Liberia.

Conclusions

It is almost certain that with further surveys in the ZWW the butterfly checklist will continue to grow from the current, already considerably high number. This is indicated by the limitations of the current studies since each survey locality was visited only during a single season while seasonality of butterflies is usually well pronounced. Also, the highest altitude habitats were completely excluded from the surveys in all three areas. Other studies in mountainous areas in the region indicate the presence of several upland specialist butterflies, which could be targeted in future studies.

The high number of recently described and some still undescribed taxa, presumably of restricted-range species, the outstanding representation of Liberian subregion and Guinea Highlands endemics and various species having not been found in Liberia or in Guinea during previous studies are all clear indicators of the outstanding natural value of the area.

Although conservation work faces various challenges in all three areas, the ecological composition of the butterfly fauna clearly shows an intact forest butterfly community with little signs of disturbance and alteration of natural habitats.

There is no doubt, that the ZWW is amongst the most important ecosystems in the Liberian subregion of the Upper Guinean forest zone with altogether 200 000 hectares of forest habitats. Furthermore, the three areas represent a faunal transition between the hyper-wet lowland forests of Sierra Leone-Liberia in the south, towards the northern dry forest and transitional forest zone in Guinea, as well as a complete altitudinal gradient from lowland to upland forest and its diverse geological features that allowed the formation of microhabitats, where butterflies could establish highly localised populations.

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APPENDIX 1

Checklist of butterflies recorded in the Wologizi Mountains, the Wonegizi Mountains and in the Ziama Massif. Subspecific names are listed only when they are not represented by the nominate subspecies in the study area.

- † New records for Liberia (since the publication of Sáfián (2014).
- * New records for Guinea (since the publication of Larsen (2005).

Green highlight – Species found only in Ziama Forest during the field surveys and thus recorded only in Guinea.

Blue highlight – Species found only in the Wologizi Mountains during the field surveys and thus recorded only in Liberia.

Red highlight – Species found only in the Wonegizi Mountains during the field surveys and thus recorded only in Liberia.

Ochre highlight – Species found in both Wologizi and Wonegizi during the field surveys, and thus recorded only in Liberia.

PAPILIONIDAE

Graphium angolanus baronis (Ungemach, 1932) – ZIA:

Graphium tynderaeus (Fabricius, 1793) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, ELE, BEL; **ZIA:** SER, BAI

Graphium latreillianus (Godart, 1819) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS

Graphium adamastor (Boisduval, 1836) – ZIA: SER

Graphium leonidas (Fabricius, 1793) – **WOL:** DAB, WOB, ROS, RC2, ELE, BEL; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Graphium illyris (Hewitson, 1873) – **WOL:** ROS, ELE; **ZIA:** SER, BAI

Graphium policenes (Cramer, 1775) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, BAI

Graphium antheus (Cramer, 1779) – WOL: ROS; WON: WET; ZIA: SER, MAS, BAI

Papilio antimachus Drury, 1782 - WOL: ELE, BEL

Papilio dardanus Brown, 1776 – WOL: RC2, ELE; WON: WET; ZIA: SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Papilio phorcas Cramer, 1775 – **WOL:** DAB, WOB, ROS, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS

Papilio horribilis Butler, 1874 – **WOL:** WOB, ROS; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Papilio chrapkowskoides nurettini Koçak, 1983 – WOL: WOB, ROS; WON: WET; ZIA: SER, MAS, DOP, BAI Papilio sosia Rotschild & Jordan, 1903 - WOL: WOB; ZIA – SEL

Papilio nireus Linnaeus, 1758 – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC2, ELE, BEL; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, BAI

Papilio menestheus Drury, 1773 – WOL: WOB, ROS, ELE, BEL; WON: WET; ZIA: SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Papilio demodocus Esper, [1798] – **WOL:** LIS, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** DOP

Papilio cyproeofila Butler, 1868 – WOL: DAB, WOB, ROS, RC1, ELE, BEL; WON: WET; ZIA: SEL, SER, MAS. BAI

Papilio zenobia Fabricius, 1775 – **WOL:** WOB, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS

*Papilio cynorta Fabricius, 1793 – WOL: ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE; WON: WET; ZIA: SEL, SER, MAS

HESPERIIDAE COELIADINAE

Coeliades chalybe (Westwood, 1852) – WOL: ELE; ZIA: SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
Coeliades forestan (Stoll, [1782]) – WOL: BEL, WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; ZIA: SEL, SER
Coeliades hanno (Plötz, 1879) – ZIA: MAS, DOP

Katreus johnstoni (Butler, 1888) – WOL: ROS, RC2, ELE

†Ortholexis dimidia (Holland, 1896) – WOL: ROS

*Ortholexis hollandi (Druce, 1909) – WOL: RC1; ZIA: MAS

PYRGINAE

Celaenorrhinus maesseni Berger, 1976 – WOL: WOB, ROS

Celaenorrhinus plagiatus Berger, 1976 – WOL: WOB, ROS: ZIA: SEL, SER

†Bettonula bettoni nimba (Collins & Larsen, 2000) – WOL: ROS, ELE; ZIA: SER

Apallaga safiani Libert, 2014 – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE; **ZIA:** SER, MAS

Apallaga leona Berger, 1975 – WOL: ROS, RC2

Apallaga ankasa (Larsen & Miller, 2005) – **WOL:** WOB *Apallaga galenus* (Fabricius, 1793) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS,

ELE; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Apallaga galkasa Libert, 2014 – **WOL:** ROS, RC1, ELE; **ZIA:** MAS

Apallaga confusa occidentalis Libert, 2014 – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, ELE, BEL

Apallaga perconfusa Libert, 2014 - WOL: RC2

Tagiades flesus (Fabricius, 1781) – **WOL:** BEL, WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Eagris denuba (Plötz, 1879) – **WOL:** RC1, ELE, BEL; **ZIA:** SEL, SER

Eagris decastigma decastigma Mabille, 1891 – WOL: WOB, RC2

Eagris subalbida (Holland, 1893) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS Eagris hereus quaterna (Mabille, 1890) – **ZIA:** SER, MAS

Eagris tetrastigma lomana Belcastro & Sáfián, 2020 – WOL: WOB, ROS; ZIA: SER

Procampta rara Holland, 1892 – **ZIA:** MAS, DOP Calleagris lacteus dannatti (Ehrmann, 1893) – **WOL:**

Eretis plistonicus (Plötz, 1879) – **WOL:** WOB; **ZIA:** SER Sarangesa tertullianus (Fabricius, 1793) – **WOL:** WOB, ELE; **ZIA:** SER

Sarangesa tricerata (Mabille, 1891) – **ZIA:** SER, DOP Sarangesa thecla (Plötz, 1879) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS; **ZIA:** SER

Sarangesa bouvieri (Mabille, 1877) – **ZIA:** SER Sarangesa brigida (Plötz, 1879) – **ZIA:** SEL Abantis fabiana Belcastro, 2016 – **ZIA:** SER Spialia ploetzi occidentalis de Jong, 1977 – **ZIA:** SER Astictopterus anomoeus (Plötz, 1879) – **ZIA:** SER Prosopalpus styla Evans, 1937 – **WOL:** WOB, ROS

HESPERIINAE

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Gorgyra heterochrus (Mabille, 1890) – WOL: WOB; ZIA: SER
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Gorgyra aburae (Plötz, 1879) – ZIA: DOP

*Gorgyra ziama Belcastro & Sáfián, 2020 – WOL: ELE; ZIA: SER, DOP

*Gorgyra bina Evans, 1937 – WOL: WOB, RC2; ZIA: SER, DOP

*Gorgyra afikpo Druce, 1909 – ZIA: BAI

Gorgyra diversata Evans, 1937 – WOL: WOB

*Gorgyra sara Evans, 1937 - ZIA: SER, DOP

*Gorgyra pali Evans, 1937 – WOL: RC1, ELE; ZIA: SEL, SER, MAS

Ceratrichia phocion (Fabricius, 1781) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, BEL; **ZIA:** SER, MAS

*Ceratrichia crowleyi Riley, 1925 – WOL: WOB, ROS; ZIA: SEL, MAS

Ceratrichia nothus (Fabricius, 1787) – WOL: WOB, ROS, RC1, ELE; ZIA: SEL

*Argemma argyrosticta (Plötz, 1879) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS; **ZIA:** BAI

*Argemma maesseni (Miller, 1971) – WOL: WOB; ZIA: MAS

Ceratricula semilutea (Mabille, 1891) – **WOL:** RC1, RC2; **ZIA:** SER, DOP

Teniorhinus watsoni Holland, 1892 – WOL: RC1, RC2, ELE

*Teniorhinus ignita (Mabille, 1877) – WOL: RC2; ZIA: MAS

Pardaleodes incerta murcia (Plötz, 1883) – **ZIA:** MAS Pardaleodes edipus (Stoll, 1781) – **ZIA:** SER

Pardaleodes sator (Westwood, 1852) – **WOL:** WOB, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **ZIA:** SER

Pardaleodes tibullus (Fabricius, 1793) – **WOL:** WOB, BEL; **ZIA:** MAS

Xanthodisca rega (Mabille, 1890) – **WOL:** WOB, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **ZIA:** SER

Rhabdomantis galatia (Hewtison, 1868) - WOL: ELE, BEL

Rhabdomantis sosia (Mabille, 1891) – WOL: WOB

Osmodes laronia (Hewitson, 1868) – WOL: WOB; ZIA: SER, MAS

Osmodes thora (Plötz, 1884) – **WOL:** BEL; **ZIA:** SEL Osmodes distincta Holland, 1896 – **WOL:** WOB, RC2, ELE; **ZIA:** SER

Osmodes adon (Mabille, 1890) - WOL: RC2

Osmodes lindseyi occidentalis Miller, 1971 – WOL: WOB; ZIA: MAS

Osmodes costatus Aurivillius, 1896 – WOL: WOB; ZIA: SER, BAI

*Paracleros biguttulus (Mabille, 1890) – **WOL:** WOB; **ZIA:** MAS

*Paracleros substrigata (Holland, 1893) – WOL: WOB; ZIA: SER

Paracleros maesseni Berger, 1978 – WOL: WOB

Acleros ploetzi Mabille, 1890 – WOL: WOB; ZIA: SER, MAS

Acleros mackeni olaus (Plötz, 1884) – **ZIA:** SEL, MAS

Acleros nigrapex Strand, 1913 – WOL: WOB, RC1, RC2; ZIA: SER, MAS

Semalea pulvina (Plötz, 1879) – **WOL:** WOB, BEL; **ZIA:** SER

*Semalea atrio (Mabille, 1891) – **WOL:** ROS, BEL; **ZIA:** MAS

Semalea arela (Mabille, 1891) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS Hypoleucis ophiusa (Hewitson, 1866) – **WOL:** WOB,

Hypoleucis tripunctata Mabille, 1891 – WOL: WOB; ZIA: SER

*Meza indusiata (Mabille, 1891) – **WOL:** RC1, ELE; **ZIA:** MAS

Meza meza (Hewitson, 1877) – **ZIA:** SER *Meza elba* (Evans, 1937) – **WOL:** RC2

Meza cybeutes volta Miller, 1971 – **WOL:** RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **ZIA:** SER

Paronymus xanthias (Mabille, 1891) – **WOL:** WOB, ELE; **ZIA:** SEL

Paronymus ligora (Hewitson, 1876) – **ZIA:** MAS, DOP, BAI

Paronymus nevea (Druce, 1910) – **WOL:** RC2, ELE; **ZIA:** MAS

Andronymus caesar (Fabricius, 1793) – ZIA: MAS

Andronymus hero Evans, 1937 – WOL: WOB, RC1, ELE; ZIA: SEL, SER

Andronymus helles Evans, 1937 - WOL: RC1

Andronymus evander (Mabille, 1890) – **WOL:** WOB; **ZIA:** SEL, MAS, DOP

Mopala orma (Plötz, 1879) – ZIA: SER, MAS, DOP

*Gretna carmen Evans, 1937 – WOL: ROS; ZIA: MAS Gretna cylinda (Hewitson, 1876) – WOL: WOB, ROS; ZIA: SER

Gretna lacida (Hewitson, 1876) – **ZIA:** SER Pteroteinon laufella (Hewitson, 1868) – **ZIA:** MAS Pteroteinon iricolor (Holland, 1890) – **WOL:** ROS

*Pteroteinon laterculus (Holland, 1890) – **WOL:** WOB; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, BAI

*Pteroteinon capronnieri (Plötz, 1879) – ZIA: MAS

Pteroteinon caenira (Hewitson, 1867) – **WOL:** RC1; **ZIA:** SER

*Pteroteinon ceucaenira (Druce, 1910) – **ZIA:** SER

Leona leonora (Plötz, 1879) – **WOL:** WOB; **ZIA:** SER Leona luehderi (Plötz, 1879) – **WOL:** RC2, ELE

Caenides soritia (Hewitson, 1876) – ZIA: BAI

*Caenides benga (Holland, 1891) – **WOL:** WOB; **ZIA:** SEL

Caenides dacela (Hewitson, 1876) – **WOL:** WOB *Caenides hidaroides* Aurivillius, 1896 – **WOL:** BEL *Caenides dacena* (Hewitson, 1876) – **WOL:** ROS

Monza alberti (Holland, 1896) – **WOL:** WOB, BEL; **ZIA:** SER, MAS

Monza cretacea (Snellen, 1872) – **WOL:** WOB; **ZIA:** SER

Noctulana noctula (Druce, 1909) – **WOL:** WOB, BEL; **ZIA:** SER

*Melphinyet unistriga (Holland, 1893) – **ZIA:** MAS

*Melphinyet tarace (Mabille, 1891) – ZIA: DOP

Melphina melphis (Holland, 1893) – WOL: ELE, BEL

*Melphina statira (Mabille, 1891) – **WOL:** RC1, ELE; **ZIA:** DOP

*Melphina malthina (Hewitson, 1876) – **ZIA:** DOP *Fresna netopha* (Hewitson, 1878) – **WOL:** ELE

Fresna cojo (Karsch, 1893) – **ZIA:** BAI

Fresna carlo Evans, 1937 – **WOL:** WOB

Platylesches galesa (Hewitson, 1877) – **WOL:** RC1, ELE; **ZIA:** SER

Platylesches rossii Belcastro, 1986 – WOL: BEL; ZIA: MAS

Platylesches picanini (Holland, 1894) - WOL: WOB,

ELE; ZIA: SER, MAS, DOP

*Platylesches lamba Neave, 1910 - ZIA: SER

Pelopidas mathias (Fabricius, 1798) - ZIA: SER

Borbo fanta (Evans, 1937) – ZIA: SER

Borbo borbonica (Boisduval, 1833) – WOL: WOB

Borbo fatuellus (Hopffer, 1855) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC2, ELE, BEL; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, DOP

Larsenia perobscura (Druce, 1912) – WOL: BEL; ZIA: SEL, SER, MAS, DOP

Larsenia gemella (Mabille, 1884) – WOL: BEL

NYMPHALIDAE DANAINAE

Danaus chrysippus (Linnaeus, 1758) – WOL: LIS, DAB, BEL: WON: WET; ZIA: SEL, SER, MAS, DOP

Tirumala petiverana (Doubleday, 1847) – **ZIA:** SER, BAI

Amauris niavius (Linnaeus, 1758) – **WOL:** WSA, DAB, WOB, ELE, BEL; **ZIA:** SER, MAS

Amauris tartarea Mabille, 1876 – WOL: LIS, ELE, BEL; ZIA: SER

Amauris hecate (Butler, 1866) – WON: WET; ZIA: SER, BAI

Amauris damocles (Fabricius, 1793) – **WOL:** DAB; **ZIA:** SER

LIBYTHIINAE

Libythea labdaca Westwood, 1851 – **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, BAI

SATYRINAE

Gnophodes parmeno Doubleday, 1849 – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, BAI

*Haydonia pythia (Fabricius, 1793) – **WOL:** ROS; **ZIA:** SER, MAS

†Haydonia harpa Karsch, 1893 – WOL: ROS

Melanitis leda (Linnaeus, 1758) – **WOL:** ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS

Melanitis libya Distant, 1882 – **WOL:** ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** MAS

Elymniopsis bammakoo (Westwood, [1851]) – **WOL:** ROS; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Bicyclus xeneas occidentalis Condamin, 1965 – WON: WET; ZIA: SER, MAS

Bicyclus evadne (Cramer, 1779) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Bicyclus ephorus Weymer, 1892 – WOL: RC1, ELE; WON: WET: ZIA: MAS

Bicyclus zinebi (Butler, 1869) – **WOL:** ROS, RC1, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS

†Bicyclus uniformis (Kirby, 1887) – WOL: ELE; WON: WET; ZIA: SER, MAS

Bicyclus procora (Karsch, 1893) – WOL: WOB, ROS, ELE; WON: WET; ZIA: SER

Bicyclus trilophus jacksoni Condamin, 1961 – WOL:

*Bicyclus maesseni Condamin, 1971 – WOL: ROS; ZIA: BAI

Bicyclus larseni Vande weghe, 2009 – WOL: WOB; WON: WET; ZIA: MAS, BAI

Bicyclus taenias (Hewitson, 1877) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** MAS

Bicyclus vulgaris (Butler, 1868) - WOL: WOB, ROS,

RC1, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, BAI *Bicyclus dorothea* (Cramer, 1779) – **WOL:** DAB, WOB, ROS, ELE; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Bicyclus sandace (Hewitson, 1877) – WOL: DAB, WOB; ZIA: MAS

*Bicyclus sambulos unicolor Condamin, 1971 – WOL: ELE; WON: WET; ZIA: SER, MAS

Bicyclus sangmelinae Condamin, 1963 – WOL: WOB, ROS, RC1, ELE, BEL; WON: WET; ZIA: SER, MAS *Bicyclus mesogenina Grünberg, 1912 – ZIA: SER

Bicyclus mandanes Hewitson, 1873 – WOL: RC1, RC2; ZIA: SER

Bicyclus auricruda (Butler, 1868) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS

Bicyclus campa (Karsch, 1893) – ZIA: SER

Bicyclus angulosa (Butler, 1868) – WON: WET; ZIA: SER

Bicyclus abnormis (Dudgeon, 1909) – WOL: ROS, RC1; WON: WET; ZIA: SER, MAS, BAI

Bicyclus safitza (Westwood, 1850) – ZIA: SER

Bicyclus funebris (Guérin-Méneville, 1844) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Bicyclus dekeyseri (Condamin, 1958) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, BEL; **ZIA:** SER

Bicyclus madetes (Hewitson, 1874) – **WOL:** ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS

Bicyclus martius (Fabricius, 1793) – WOL: DAB, WOB, ROS, RC1, ELE; WON: WET; ZIA: SER, MAS, BAI Hallelesis halyma (Fabricius, 1793) – WOL: DAB, WOB, ROS; WON: WET; ZIA: SER, DOP, BAI

Brakefieldia decira (Plötz, 1880) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS

Ypthima doleta Kirby, 1880 – **WOL:** LIS, DAB, WOB; **ZIA:** SER, DOP

CHARAXINAE

Charaxes varanes vologeses (Mabille, 1876) – WOL: WSA

Charaxes fulvescens senegala van Someren, 1975 – WOL: DAB, WOB, ELE; WON: WET; ZIA: SER, MAS, BAI

Charaxes candiope (Godart, 1824) – ZIA: SER

Charaxes protoclea Feisthamel, 1850 – WOL: LIS, DAB, WOB, ROS, ELE, BEL; WON: WET; ZIA: SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Charaxes boueti Feisthamel, 1850 – **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Charaxes cynthia Butler, 1866 – WOL: WOB, ROS, RC2, ELE; WON: WET; ZIA: SEL, SER, MAS, BAI

Charaxes lucretius Cramer, [1775] – **WOL:** DAB, ROS, RC1; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Charaxes castor (Cramer, 1775) – **WOL:** ROS, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, BAI

Charaxes brutus (Cramer, 1779) – **WOL:** WOB, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, RAI

Charaxes pollux (Cramer, 1775) – **WOL:** DAB, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS

Charaxes eudoxus (Drury, 1782) - WOL: BEL

Charaxes tiridates (Cramer, 1777) – **WOL:** DAB, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, BAI

Charaxes numenes (Hewitson, 1859) - WOL: WOB,

- RC1, ELE, BEL; WON: WET; ZIA: SEL, SER, MAS, BAI
- Charaxes smaragdalis butleri Rothschild, 1900 WOL: ROS, RC1, RC2
- Charaxes imperialis Butler, 1874 WOL: RC2; WON: WET; ZIA: MAS, DOP
- Charaxes ameliae doumeti Henning, 1989 WOL: DAB, WOB, ELE; WON: WET; ZIA: SEL, SER, MAS, BAI Charaxes hadrianus Ward, 1871 WOL: WOB, RC2,
- ELE; WON: WET; ZIA: SER, MAS
- Charaxes nobilis claudei le Moult, 1933 ZIA: SEL
- *Charaxes zingha* (Stoll, 1780) **WOL:** DAB, WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
- *Charaxes etesipe* (Godart, 1824) **WOL:** LIS, WOB, ROS, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, BAI
- Charaxes achaemenes atlantica van Someren, 1970 ZIA: SEL
- Charaxes eupale (Drury, 1782) **WOL:** LIS, DAB, WOB, ROS, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
- *Charaxes subornatus couilloudi* Plantrou, 1976 **WOL:** ROS, ELE
- Charaxes anticlea (Drury, 1782) **WOL:** WOB, RC1, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS
- *Charaxes hildebrandti gillesi Plantrou, 1973 WOL: ROS; WON: WET; ZIA: SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
- Charaxes etheocles (Cramer, 1777) WOL: WOB, ROS; WON: WET; ZIA: SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
- *Charaxes petersi van Someren, 1969 **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, BAI
- Charaxes virilis van Someren & Jackson, 1952 **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS
- *Charaxes cedreatis* Hewitson, 1874 **WOL:** WOB, ROS; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, BAI
- Charaxes pleione (Godart, 1824) **WOL:** WOB, ROS; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER
- Charaxes paphianus falcata (Butler, 1872) **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS
- *Charaxes nichetes bouchei Plantrou, 1974 WOL: ROS; WON: WET; ZIA: SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
- Charaxes porthos gallayi van Someren, 1968 WON: WET; ZIA: SEL, MAS
- Charaxes zelica Butler, 1869 WON: WET; ZIA: SER, SEL, MAS, BAI
- Charaxes lycurgus (Fabricius, 1793) **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** MAS
- *Charaxes mycerina (Godart, 1824) WOL: RC2; WON: WET; ZIA: SEL, MAS
- Charaxes doubledayi Aurivillius, 1899 ZIA: SER
- *Charaxes eurinome* (Cramer, 1775) **WOL:** BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, BAI
- *Palla violinitens (Crowley, 1890) **WOL:** WOB, ROS; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, MAS, BAI
- Palla decius (Cramer, 1777) **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
- *Palla ussheri* (Butler, 1870) **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
- *Palla publius Staudinger, 1892 WOL: ROS; WON: WET; ZIA: SEL, SER, MAS, DOP

APATURINAE

*Apaturopsis cleochares (Hewitson, 1873) – **WON:** WET

NYMPHALINAE

- *Kallimoides rumia* (Doubleday, 1849) **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
- Vanessula milca (Hewitson, 1873) ZIA: SER
- Antanartia delius (Drury, 1782) **WOL:** DAB, WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
- *Precis octavia* (Cramer, 1777) **WOL:** BEL; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, BAI
- Precis pelarga (Fabricius, 1775) **WOL:** DAB, WOB, ROS, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP
- *Precis sinuata* Plötz, 1880 **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, DOP, BAI
- *Precis milonia* Felder & Felder, 1867 **WOL:** WOB, ROS, ELE, BEL
- Hypolimnas misippus (Linnaeus, 1764) **WOL:** WOB, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
- Hypolimnas anthedon (Doubleday, 1845) WOL: DAB, WOB, ROS, RC2, ELE, BEL; WON: WET; ZIA: SER, BAI
- *Hypolimnas dinarcha* (Hewitson, 1865) **WOL:** WOB, ROS, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, BAI
- Hypolimnas aubergeri Hecq, 1987 WOL: ROS; ZIA: MAS
- *Hypolimnas salmacis (Drury, 1773) **WOL:** DAB, WOB, ROS, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, BAI
- Salamis cacta (Fabricius, 1793) WOL: ROS, ELE; ZIA: MAS, BAI
- Protogoniomorpha cytora (Doubleday, 1847) **WOL:** WOB; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
- Protogoniomorpha parhassus (Drury, 1782) **WOL:** DAB, WOB, ROS; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
- Junonia orithya madagascariensis Guenée, 1865 WOL: LIS, WSA
- Junonia oenone (Linnaeus, 1758) WOL: BEL; WON: WET; ZIA: SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
- Junonia hierta cebrene Trimen, 1870 ZIA: MAS
- Junonia sophia (Fabricius, 1793) **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP
- *Junonia stygia* (Aurivillius, 1894) **WOL:** WOB; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, BAI
- *Junonia chorimene* (Guérin-Méneville, 1844) **WOL:** BEL, **WON:** WET
- *Junonia terea* (Drury, 1773) **WOL:** DAB, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
- Catacroptera cloanthe (Stoll, 1781) **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** BAI

CYRESTINAE

Cyrestis camillus (Fabricius, 1781) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, BAI

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Biblya anvatara crameri Aurivillius, 1894 – **WOL:** WSA; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP, BAI *Mesoxantha ethosea* (Drury, 1782) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS,

- RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, DOP, BAI
- *Ariadne enotrea (Cramer, 1779) **WOL:** DAB, WOB; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, DOP, BAI
- *Ariadne albifascia (Joicey & Talbot, 1921) **WOL:** DAB, ROS; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP
- Neptidopsis ophione (Cramer, 1777) **WOL:** DAB, WOB, RC1, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
- *Eurytela hiarbas (Drury, 1782) **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC2; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

HELICONINAE

Acraea camaena (Drury, 1773) – **WOL:** WOB
Acraea endoscota Le Doux, 1928 – **WOL:** BEL; **WON:**WET

Acraea leucographa jolyi Pierre, 2009 – WOL: ELE

Acraea quirina (Fabricius, 1781) – **WOL:** ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP

Acraea zetes (Linnaeus, 1758) – **WOL:** BEL; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Acraea abdera eginopsis Aurivillius, [1899] – WOL: RC1; ZIA: DOP

Acraea egina (Cramer, 1775) – **WOL:** DAB, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, DOP Acraea caecilia (Fabricius, 1781) – **WOL:** WSA, BEL; **ZIA:** MAS Acraea pseudegina Westwood, 1852 – **WOL:** DAB

Acraea rogersi Hewitson, 1873 – WOL: RC2, ELE, BEL; ZIA: SER

Acraea alcinoe Felder & Felder, [1865] - ZIA: SER

*Acraea epaea (Cramer, [1779]) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, BAI

Acraea macaria (Fabricius, 1793) – **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS

Acraea umbra (Drury, 1782) – WOL: RC1, BEL; ZIA: SER, MAS

Acraea vestalis Felder & Felder, [1865] – **WOL:** BEL, WOB; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER

Telchinia alciope/aurivillii – **WOL:** DAB, WOB, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS

Telchinina bonasia (Fabricius, 1775) – **WOL:** DAB, WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, DOP

Telchinia circeis (Drury, 1782) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL

Telchinia encedana (Pierre, 1976) – **WOL:** WOB, WSA; **ZIA:** SER

Telchinia encedon (Linnaeus, 1758) – WOL: LIS, DAB; ZIA: SER

Telchinia jodutta (Fabricius, 1793) – **WOL:** DAB, WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER

Telchinia lycoa Godart, 1819 – **WOL:** DAB, WOB, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET

Telchinia pharsalus (Ward, 1871) – **WOL:** BEL; **ZIA:** SER

Telchinia polis (Pierre, 1999) – **WOL:** RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP

*Telchinia pseudepaea ziama Belcastro, Boireau & Sáfián, 2020 – **ZIA:** SER

Telchinia serena (Fabricius, 1775) – **WOL:** LIS, DAB, WOB, SOR, BEL; **ZIA:** SER

*Telchinia perenna (Doubleday, [1847]) - WOL: LIS;

ZIA: SER

MAS, DOP, BAI

Lachnoptera anticlia (Hübner, 1819) – **WOL:** WOB, RC2; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP, BAI *Phalanta eurytis* (Doubleday, 1847) – **WOL:** LIS, WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER,

LIMENITINAE (LIMENITIDINAE)

Harma theobene Doubleday, 1848 – **WOL:** ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS

Cymothoe fumana (Westwood, 1850) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** MAS, DOP, BAI

Cymothoe egesta (Cramer, 1775) – WOL: ROS; WON: WET; ZIA: SEL, MAS, DOP, BAI

Cymothoe druryi van Velzen & Larsen, 2009 – WON: WET

Cymothoe althea (Cramer, 1776) – **WOL:** RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Cymothoe jodutta (Fabricius, 1793) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, BAI

Cymothoe mabillei Overlaet, 1944 – WOL: RC1, ELE; WON: WET; ZIA: MAS

Cymothoe sangaris (Godart, 1824) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Pseudoneptis bugandensis ianthe Hemming, 1964 – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC2, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Pseudacraea eurytus (Linnaeus, 1758) – WOL: WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE; WON: WET; ZIA: SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Pseudacraea boisduvalii (Doubleday, 1845) – **WOL:** BEL; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS

Pseudacraea lucretia (Cramer, [1775]) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Pseudacraea warburgi Aurivillius, 1892 – **WOL:** WOB, ROS; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** DOP, BAI

Pseudacraea semire (Cramer, 1779) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Neptis nemetes Hewitson, 1868 – **WOL:** DAB, WOB, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP

Neptis metella (Doubleday, 1848) – **WOL:** RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Neptis serena Overlaet, 1955 – WOL: LIS, BEL; ZIA: SER

*Neptis loma Condamin, 1971 – **ZIA:** SER, MAS Neptis cf. constantiae Carcasson, 1961 – **WOL:** BEL

Neptis alta Overlaet, 1955 – WOL: ROS, ELE; ZIA:

*Neptis puella Aurivillius, 1894 – **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS,

Neptis metanira Holland, 1892 – **WOL:** ROS; **ZIA:** MAS Neptis cf. continuata Holland, 1892 – **WOL:** ROS Neptis lamtoensis Pierre-Baltus, 2007 – **WOL:** BEL

Neptis quintilla Mabille, 1890 – **WOL:** BEL; **ZIA:** SER, DOP

*Neptis strigata Aurivillius, 1894 – WOL: ELE; ZIA:

*Neptis nicoteles Hewitson, 1874 – WOL: ROS; WON:

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WET; ZIA: MAS
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- *Neptis nicobule Holland, 1892 ZIA: MAS, DOP
- *Neptis mixophyes Holland, 1892 WOL: RC1; ZIA: MAS
- *Neptis trigonophora melicertula Strand, 1912 **ZIA:** MAS
- Neptis agouale Pierre-Baltus, 1978 WOL: WOB; WON: WET
- *Neptis troundi Pierre-Baltus, 1978 **ZIA:** SER, DOP
- *Neptis sp. 1.* **WOL:** WOB
- Neptis sp. 2. WOL: WOB
- Evena crithea (Drury, 1773) **WOL:** WOB, ROS; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP
- *Evena niji (Fox, 1965) **WOL:** WOB, ROS; **ZIA:** SER, MAS
- Evena oberthueri (Karsch, 1894) **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS
- Evena angustatum (Felder & Felder, 1867) **WOL:** WOB, ROS; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, DOP, BAI
- Euryphura togoensis Suffert, 1904 WOL: RC2, ELE; WON: WET
- Euryphura chalcis (Felder & Felder, 1860) **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
- Euryphurana nobilis (Staudinger, 1891) **WOL:** ROS Hamanumida daedalus (Fabricius, 1775) **ZIA:** BAI
- Aterica galene (Brown, 1776) **WOL:** DAB, WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
- *Cynandra opis* (Drury, 1773) **WOL:** WOB, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** DOP
- Euriphene veronica (Stoll, 1780) **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
- Euriphene simplex (Staudinger, 1891) WOL: RC1, RC2, ELE; WON: WET; ZIA: SER, MAS, BAI
- *Euriphene amicia gola* Fox, 1965 **WOL:** WOB; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** DOP
- *Euriphene aridatha feronia* (Staudinger, 1891) **WOL:** WOB, RC1, RC2, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** DOP
- Euriphene coerulea Boisduval, 1847 **WOL:** WOB, ROS; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI *Euriphene lomaensis Belcastro, 1986 **WOL:** ELE; **ZIA:** SER, MAS
- Euriphene gambiae vera Hecq, 2002 **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** DOP, BAI
- Euriphene ampedusa (Hewitson, 1866) **WOL:** RC1, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS
- Euriphene leonis (Aurivillius, 1899) **WOL:** RC1, RC2, ELE; **WON:** WET
- *Euriphene atossa* (Hewitson, 1865) **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** MAS, DOP, BAI
- *Euriphene doriclea (Drury, 1782) WOL: WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE; WON: WET; ZIA: SER, MAS, BAI
- Bebearia osyris (Schultze, 1920) **WOL:** RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER
- *Bebearia carshena (Hewitson, 1871) **WOL:** WOB; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** MAS
- *Bebearia absolon* (Fabricius, 1793) **WOL:** WOB, ROS; **WON:** WET
- *Bebearia mandinga* (Felder & Felder, 1860) **WOL:** WOB, RC2, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER
- *Bebearia oxione (Hewitson, 1866) **WOL:** RC1, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, DOP

- Bebearia barce (Doubleday, 1847) **WOL:** ROS, RC1, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER
- Bebearia mardania (Fabricius, 1793) **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER
- Bebearia cocalia (Fabricius, 1793) **WOL:** WOB, ROS, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, BAI
- Bebearia sophus (Fabricius, 1793) **WOL:** WOB, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, BAI
- Bebearia arcadius (Fabricius, 1793) **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP
- *Bebearia laetitia* (Plötz, 1880) **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC2, ELE; **ZIA:** MAS, DOP
- Bebearia phantasina (Staudinger, 1891) **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS
- Bebearia demetra (Godart, 1824) **WOL:** RC1, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, MAS
- Bebearia maledicta (Strand, 1912) WOL: WOB
- *Bebearia ashantina (Dudgeon, 1913) **WOL:** ELE; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP
- *Bebearia cutteri harleyi* Fox, 1968 **WON:** WET *Euphaedra aubergeri* Hecq, 1977 – **WOL:** ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE; **WON:** WET
- Euphaedra medon (Linnaeus, 1763) **WOL:** RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
- Euphaedra gausape (Butler, 1866) **WOL:** DAB, WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP
- Euphaedra judith Weymer, 1892 WOL: WOB, ROS
- Euphaedra xypete (Hewitson, 1865) **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC2, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, BAI
- Euphaedra hebes Hecq, 1980 WOL: WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE; WON: WET; ZIA: SEL, MAS, BAI
- Euphaedra diffusa albocoerulea Hecq, 1976 **WOL:** WOB, ROS, ELE; **ZIA:** MAS, DOP, BAI
- Euphaedra crockeri (Butler, 1869) **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** MAS, BAI
- Euphaedra eusemoides (Grose-Smith & Kirby, 1889) WOL: RC2; ZIA: MAS
- Euphaedra sarcoptera sarcoptera (Butler, 1871) **WOL:** WOB, RC2
- Euphaedra cyparissa cyparissa (Cramer, 1775) **WOL:** WOB, ELE
- Euphaedra themis (Hübner, 1807) **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1
- Euphaedra labouerana eburnensis Hecq, 1979 WOL: WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; WON: WET
- Euphaedra minuta Hecq, 1982 WOL: RC1; WON: WET
- Euphaedra modesta Hecq, 1982 WOL: WOB, RC2
- Euphaedra janetta (Butler, 1871) **WOL:** WOB, RC1; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** MAS, DOP
- Euphaedra vetusta (Butler, 1871) WOL: WOB
- Euphaedra ceres (Fabricius, 1775) **WOL:** WOB, ROS; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, BAI
- Euphaedra phaethusa (Butler, 1866) **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, BAI
- Euphaedra tenebrosa Hecq, 1983 WON: WET
- *Euphaedra francina (Godart, 1824) **WOL:** WOB, ROS; **ZIA:** SEL, BAI

Euphaedra eleus (Drury, 1782) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, ELE; **ZIA:** MAS, BAI

*Euphaedra zampa (Westwood, 1850) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, ELE; **ZIA:** SEL

Euphaedra edwardsi (van der Hoeven, 1845) – **WOL:** ROS; **WON:** WET

Euphaedra perseis (Drury, 1773) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS; **WON:** WET

Euphaedra harpalyce (Cramer, 1777) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, MAS, DOP, BAI

Euphaedra eupalus (Fabricius, 1781) – **WOL:** RC1, RC2, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, MAS

Pseudathyma sibyllina (Staudinger, 1890) – **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP

Pseudathyma cf. neptidina Karsch, 1894 – ZIA: SER

PIERIDAE COLIADINAE

Catopsilia florella (Fabricius, 1775) – WOL: LIS, DAB, BEL; WON: WET; ZIA: SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Eurema senegalensis (Boisduval, 1836) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Eurema hecabe solifera (Butler, 1875) – **WOL:** DAB, WOB, ROS; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Eurema floricola leonis (Butler, 1886) – **WOL:** DAB, WOB, ROS; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Eurema brigitta Stoll, 1780 - WOL: WOB

PIERINAE

Nepheronia argia (Fabricius, 1775) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Nepheronia thalassina (Boisduval, 1836) – **WOL:** DAB, WOB, ROS, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Nepheronia pharis (Boisduval, 1836) – **WOL:** ROS; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, DOP, BAI

Colotis euippe (Linnaeus, 1758) – WOL: LIS; WON: WET; ZIA: MAS, DOP, BAI

Belenois calypso (Drury, 1773) – **WOL:** WOB, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP, BAI *Appias sylvia* (Fabricius, 1775) – **WOL:** ROS, RC1, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, BAI

*Appias phaola (Doubleday, 1847) – ZIA: SER

Appias sabina (Felder & Felder, [1865]) – **WOL:** LIS, ROS, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET

Leptosia alcesta (Stoll, [1782]) – **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, DOP, BAI

Leptosia medusa (Cramer, 1777) – **WOL:** DAB, WOB, ROS, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Mylothris chloris (Fabricius, 1775) – **WOL:** LIS, WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **ZIA:** SER, DOP

Mylothris dimidiata Aurivillius, 1898 – **WOL:** ROS, RC1; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER

†Mylothris melita Belcastro & Warren-Gash, 2020 (manuscript name) – **WOL:** ROS, RC2

Mylothris poppea (Cramer, 1777) – **WOL:** WOB, BEL; **ZIA:** DOP

Mylothris boireaui Warren-Gash (manuscript name) – ZIA: SER

Mylothris rhodope (Fabricius, 1775) – **WOL:** DAB, WOB, ROS, ELE; **ZIA:** SER

Mylothris spica (Möschler, 1884) – WOL: BEL Mylothris jaopura Karsch, 1893 – WOL: ROS, BEL; WON: WET

Mylothris schumanni Suffert, 1904 – WOL: RC2; ZIA: MAS

LYCAENIDAE PORITIINAE

Ptelina carnuta (Hewitson, 1873) – **WOL:** ROS, WOB, RC1; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI *Pentila petreia Hewitson, 1874 – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2; **ZIA:** MAS

Pentila condamini Stempffer, 1963 – WOL: WOB, RC1

Pentila abraxas (Westwood, 1851) – WOL: RC2; ZIA: MAS, DOP

Telipna acraea (Westwood, [1851]) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE; **ZIA:** SER

Telipna semirufa (Grose-Smith & Kirby, 1889) – ZIA: MAS, DOP

Ornipholidotos nympha Libert, 2000 – WOL: ROS, RC1 Mimacraea neurata Holland, 1895 – WOL: RC1, RC2; ZIA: BAI

*Mimacraea darwinia Butler, 1872 – WOL: RC1, ELE; WON: WET; ZIA: SER, MAS, BAI

*Mimeresia libentina (Hewitson, 1866) – ZIA: DOP

Mimeresia moyambina (Bethune-Baker, 1904) – **WOL:** RC1, RC2, ELE

Mimeresia debora catori (Bethune-Baker, 1904) – **WOL:** RC1

Mimeresia issia Stempffer, 1969 – WOL: RC1, RC2

Eresiomera bicolor (Grose-Smith & Kirby, 1890) –

WOL: RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; WON: WET

Eresiomera petersi (Stempffer & Bennett, 1956) – **WOL:** RC1

†Eresiomera sp. – **WOL:** RC1

Parasiomera alfa Sáfián, 2015 - WOL: RC2

Citrinophila marginalis Kirby, 1887 – WOL: ROS; ZIA: MAS

Citrinophila similis (Kirby, 1887) – WOL: WOB

*Citrinophila erastus (Hewitson, 1866) – **WOL:** RC1, RC2, BEL; **ZIA:** SER, MAS

Eresina maesseni Stempffer, 1956 – WOL: BEL; ZIA: SER

Eresina fusca (Cator, 1904) - WOL: WOB, BEL

Liptena griveaudi Stempffer, 1969 – WOL: WOB, ROS; ZIA: SER

Liptena alluaudi Mabille, 1890 – **WOL:** RC1, ELE; **ZIA:** MAS

Liptena xanthostola coomassiensis Hawker-Smith, 1933
– ZIA: SER

Liptena septistrigata (Bethune-Baker, 1903) – **WOL:**

Liptena bia Larsen & Warren-Gash, 2008 – **WOL:** WOB, RC2, BEL

†Liptena seyboui Warren-Gash & Larsen, 2003 – WOL:

*Liptena flavicans (Grose-Smith & Kirby, 1891) – **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS

Liptena helena (Druce, 1888) – WOL: WOB, ROS, RC1; WON: WET; ZIA: SER, MAS, DOP

*Liptena catalina (Grose-Smith & Kirby, 1887) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** DOP

- *Kakumia otlauga* (Grose-Smith & Kirby, 1890) **WOL:** WOB, ROS; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** MAS, DOP
- Falcuna leonensis Stempffer & Bennett, 1963 WOL: DAB, ROS, RC1; WON: WET; ZIA: SER, MAS, DOP Falcuna campimus (Holland, 1890) ZIA: SER, MAS, DOP
- Tetrarhanis symplocus Clench, 1965 **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, RC2; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS
- *Tetrarhanis baralingam (Larsen, 1998) **WOL:** WOB; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP
- *Tetrarhanis stempfferi (Berger, 1954) **WOL:** RC1, RC2; **ZIA:** SER
- *Larinopoda eurema* (Plötz, 1880) **WOL:** WOB, RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
- Micropentila brunnea (Kirby, 1887) **WOL:** WOB, RC1, RC2, BEL; **ZIA:** MAS
- †*Iridana agneshorvathae* Collins, Larsen & Sáfián, 2008 **WOL:** BEL
- *Cerautola ceraunia* (Hewitson, 1873) **WOL:** RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL
- *Cerautola crowleyi* (Sharpe, 1890) **WOL:** RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL
- Cerautola miranda (Staudinger, 1889) **WOL:** BEL Cerautola subargentea continua Libert, 1999 **WOL:** RC2, BEL
- Epitola posthumus (Fabricius, 1793) **WOL:** ELE, BEL Epitola occidentalis Libert, 1999 **WOL:** WOB, RC1, RC2
- *Phytala elais catori* Bethune-Baker, 1903 **WOL:** WOB *Cephetola doleta* (Kirby, 1890) **WOL:** BEL
- Cephetola pinodes (Druce, 1890) WOL: BEL
- Cephetola subcoerulea (Roche, 1954) **WOL:** BEL
- Cephetola sublustris (Bethune-Baker, 1904) WOL: BEL
- Cephetola obscura (Hawker-Smith, 1933) **WOL:** RC2 Cephetola wingae Sáfián, 2015 – **WOL:** RC1
- †Cephetola cf aureliae WOL: BEL
- Geritola gerina (Hewitson, 1878) WOL: RC1
- *Geritola albomaculata* (Bethune-Baker, 1903) **WOL:** RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL
- Geritola pacifica Sáfián & Libert, 2015 WOL: RC1, RC2
- *Stempfferia dorothea (Bethune-Baker, 1904) **ZIA:** SER
- Stempfferia moyambina (Bethune-Baker, 1903) **WOL:** ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE
- Stempferia katikae Sáfián, 2015 WOL: BEL
- Stempfferia leonina (Staudinger, 1888) **WOL:** ELE; **ZIA:** DOP
- Stempfferia ciconia (Grose-Smith & Kirby, 1892) **WOL:** RC2, ELE, BEL
- *Stempfferia cf. zelza (Hewitson, 1873) **ZIA:** DOP Stempfferia michelae Libert, 1999 **ZIA:** DOP
- Aethiopana honorius divisa (Butler, 1901) **WOL:** RC1, RC2, ELE; **ZIA:** SER, BAI
- Epitolina dispar (Kirby, 1887) **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP
- Epitolina melissa (Druce, 1888) **WOL:** WOB, ROS, RC1, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

MILETINAE

[?]Euliphyra mirifica Holland, 1890 – **ZIA:** SER Euliphyra leucyania (Hewitson, 1874) – **ZIA:** SER

- Aslauga marginata marginalis Kirby, 1890 **WOL:** RC1, RC2, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL
- Spalgis lemolea pilos Druce, 1890 **WOL:** RC2; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP
- Megalopalpus zymna (Westwood, 1851) WOL: WOB; WON: WET
- *Megalopalpus metaleucus Karsch, 1893 WOL: ROS; ZIA: SER, BAI

APHNAEINAE

Aphnaeus orcas (Drury, 1782) – **ZIA:** SER, MAS, BAI Aphnaeus nimbaensis Sáfián & Libert, 2013 – **WOL:**

Cigaritis iza (Hewitson, 1865) – **ZIA:** SER Pseudaletis leonis (Staudinger, 1888) – **WOL:** RC1

POLYOMMATINAE

- Anthene larydas (Cramer, 1780) **WOL:** LIS, DAB, WOB, ROS, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
- Anthene sylvanus (Drury, 1773) **WOL:** WOB, ELE, BEL; **ZIA:** BAI
- Anthene yevui Libert, 2010 ZIA: SER
- Anthene rubricinctus derubescens Libert, 2010 **WOL:** WOB, ROS, ELE, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
- Anthene agumatsa Libert, 2010 WOL: ROS; WON: WET; ZIA: MAS
- Anthene liodes (Hewitson, 1874) **WOL:** WOB, ROS, BEL; **ZIA:** SER
- Anthene princeps (Butler, 1876) **ZIA:** SER, MAS, BAI Anthene irumu (Stempffer, 1948) **WOL:** DAB; **ZIA:** MAS
- Neurellipes lusones (Hewitson, 1874) **WOL:** ROS; **ZIA:** SER
- Neurellipes fulvimacula (Mabille, 1890) WON: WET Neurellipes juba (Fabricius, 1787) – WOL: WOB; WON: WET; ZIA: SER
- *Neurellipes helpsi Larsen, 1994 ZIA: SER
- Neurellipes lyzanius (Hewitson, 1874) **WOL:** WOB, RC1, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, MAS, DOP, BAI Neurellipes ferenczi Libert, 2010 **ZIA:** BAI
- Neurellipes lachares (Hewitson, [1878]) **WOL:** ROS; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** BAI
- Neurellipes atewa (Larsen & Collins, 1998) **ZIA:** SER Neurellipes lysicles (Hewitson, 1874) **WOL:** BEL; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP
- *Triclema lucretilis* (Hewitson, 1874) **WOL:** ROS, ELE *Triclema lamias* (Hewitson, 1878) **ZIA:** MAS
- *Triclema fasciatus (Aurivillius, 1895) **ZIA:** SER, MAS
- [†]*Triclema staudingeri* (Grose-Smith & Kirby, [1894]) **WOL:** WOB, ROS; **ZIA:** SER
- Triclema phoenicis Karsch, 1893 **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP, BAI
- Cupidesthes lithas (Druce, 1890) ZIA: BAI
- *Cupidesthes jacksoni Stempffer, 1969 ZIA: MAS
- Pseudonacaduba sichela (Wallengren, 1857) **WOL:** LIS, DAB, ROS; **ZIA:** SER, MAS
- Lampides boeticus (Linnaeus, 1767) WOL: WSA, WOB, BEL
- *Uranothauma falkensteini* (Dewitz, 1879) **WOL:** DAB, WOB, ROS; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, BAI

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Uranothauma belcastroi Larsen, 1997 – ZIA: SER
Uranothauma cyara stactalla (Karsch, 1895) – WOL:
WOB, ROS; ZIA: SER, MAS, BAI
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Cacyreus lingeus (Stoll, 1782) - WOL: WOB

Leptotes pirithous (Linnaeus, 1767) – **WOL:** DAB, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Tuxentius carana kontu (Karsch, 1893) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS; **ZIA:** SER, MAS

Eicochrysops hippocrates (Fabricius, 1793) – WOL: LIS, WSA, DAB, WOB, RC2; ZIA: SER, MAS

Euchrysops malathana (Boisduval, 1833) – **WOL:** LIS, DAB, BEL; **ZIA:** SER

Euchrysops osiris (Hopffer, 1855) – WOL: WSA; ZIA: SER

Lepidochrysops parsimon Fabricius, 1775 – WON: WET

Thermoniphas micylus (Cramer, 1780) – **WOL:** DAB, WOB; **ZIA:** DOP

Oboronia punctatus (Dewitz, 1879) – **ZIA:** SEL, SER, BAI

Oboronia ornata (Mabille, 1890) – **WOL:** DAB, WOB, ROS; **ZIA:** SER, DOP, BAI

Azanus mirza (Plötz, 1880) – **WOL:** LIS, DAB, WOB, ROS, ELE; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS, BAI Azanus isis (Drury, 1773) – **WOL:** DAB, ROS, RC1, BEL; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, BAI

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Myrina silenus (Fabricius, 1775) - ZIA: SER

Iolaus eurisus (Cramer, 1779) – **WOL:** RC2; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, DOP

Iolaus iulus Hewitson, 1869 – **WOL:** RC2, BEL; **ZIA:** SER, MAS

Iolaus alcibiades Kirby, 1871 – **WOL:** BEL; **ZIA:** MAS, DOP

Iolaus calisto (Westwood, 1851) – WOL: BEL; ZIA: MAS

Iolaus laonides Aurivillius, 1898 – WOL: BEL

*Iolaus liberiana Sáfián, 2017 - ZIA: MAS

Iolaus timon (Fabricius, 1787) – WOL: RC1, RC2, ELE

Iolaus moyambina* (Stempffer & Bennett, 1959) – **ZIA: MAS, DOP

*Iolaus pollux oberthueri (Riley, 1929) – ZIA: DOP

*Iolaus sappirus (Druce, 1902) – WON: WET; ZIA: DOP

Iolaus bellina* (Plötz, 1880) – **ZIA: MAS New record for Guinea

*Iolaus fontainei (Stempffer, 1956) – ZIA: DOP

Iolaus aethria Karsch, 1893 – **WOL:** WOB; **ZIA:** SEL, SER, MAS

Iolaus iasis Hewitson, 1865 – **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER Hypolycaena philippus (Fabricius, 1793) – **ZIA:** MAS Hypolycaena liara Druce, 1890 – **WOL:** RC1, RC2, ELE, BEL

*Hypolycaena lebona (Hewitson, 1865) – **ZIA:** DOP

Hypolycaena scintillans Stempffer, 1957 – WON: WET; ZIA: SEL, DOP

Hypolycaena dubia Aurivillius, 1895 – WON: WET; ZIA: SEL, BAI

Hypolycaena antifaunus (Westwood, 1851) – **WOL:** WOB, ROS; **ZIA:** SER, BAI

Hypolycaena hatita Hewitson, 1865 – WOL: ROS, ELE; WON: WET; ZIA: SER

*Hypolycaena nigra Bethune-Baker, 1914 – **WOL:** WOB, ROS, BEL; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Dapidodigma hymen (Fabricius, 1775) – **ZIA:** MAS, DOP

Dapidodigma demeter Clench, 1961 – WOL: WOB

Oxylides faunus (Drury, 1773) – **WOL:** ROS, RC2; **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP, BAI

Deudorix antalus (Hopffer, 1855) - WOL: BEL

Deudorix lorisona (Hewitson, 1862) – **WOL:** RC1; **ZIA:** SER, DOP, MAS

Hypomyrina mimetica Libert, 2004 - WOL: RC1, ELE

Paradeudorix eleala (Stempffer, 1964) – **WOL:** ROS, RC1, RC2, ELE; **ZIA:** SER, MAS

*Pilodeudorix mano Sáfián, 2015 – WOL: RC2, ZIA: SER

Pilodeudorix virgata (Druce, 1891) – **WOL:** RC1, ELE; **ZIA:** MAS, DOP

Pilodeudorix camerona (Plötz, 1880) – **WOL:** RC1, RC2, BEL; **ZIA:** SER

Piloeudorix zela (Hewitson, 1869) – **ZIA:** SER, MAS, DOP

†*Pilodeudorix mera* (Hewitson, 1873) – **WOL:** ELE *Pilodeudorix otraeda* (Hewitson, 1863) – **ZIA:** SER *Pilodeudorix leonina* (Bethune-Baker, 1904) – **WOL:** RC1

Pilodeudorix aurivilliusi (Stempffer, 1954) – WOL: RC1 Pilodeudorix kiellandi (Congdon & Collins, 1998) – WON: WET

Pilodeudorix violetta (Aurivillius, 1897) – **WON:** WET; **ZIA:** DOP