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Broader biological surveys of Coastal NSW are completed  
Specific coastal area surveys ongoing  
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**Translocation of the Yabby, *Cherax destructor*, into coastal drainages of the Central & Mid North Coast of New South Wales, Australia.**

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## Abstract

The Yabby, *Cherax destructor*, is a native of the Murray Darling Drainage Basin and naturally found west of the Great Divide in NSW. It is a widespread species in inland river systems, it is robust, fast growing and highly fecund. This species is a recreational and commercial fishing species and used frequently for aquaculture and as a pet in the aquarium trade. Subsequently it has become established in parts of Australia outside its natural range.

Intensive surveys of the Central and Mid North Coastal regions of NSW over the last six years as part of the Australian Crayfish Project has discovered new information on the distribution of all species throughout this region. This paper documents sites of *C. destructor* translocation in these coastal drainages of eastern New South Wales, Australia. Potential implications of these translocations are discussed with regard to the native aquatic fauna of the region.

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