



BUILDING A PRAWN PASSAGE

The Government of the United States of America, through its development agency, Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), contributed to rehabilitating the Mount Coffee Hydro Power Plant, which was completed in 2019.

Anticipating environmental and social impact on the surrounding communities and environment, the Millennium Challenge Account-Liberia (MCA-L), which administers the MCC Compact funds, conducted studies on fish populations in the hydro plant watershed. Given the result of these studies, MCA-L is taking steps to prevent threats to the river prawn.



LENGTH:

4-6 inches long

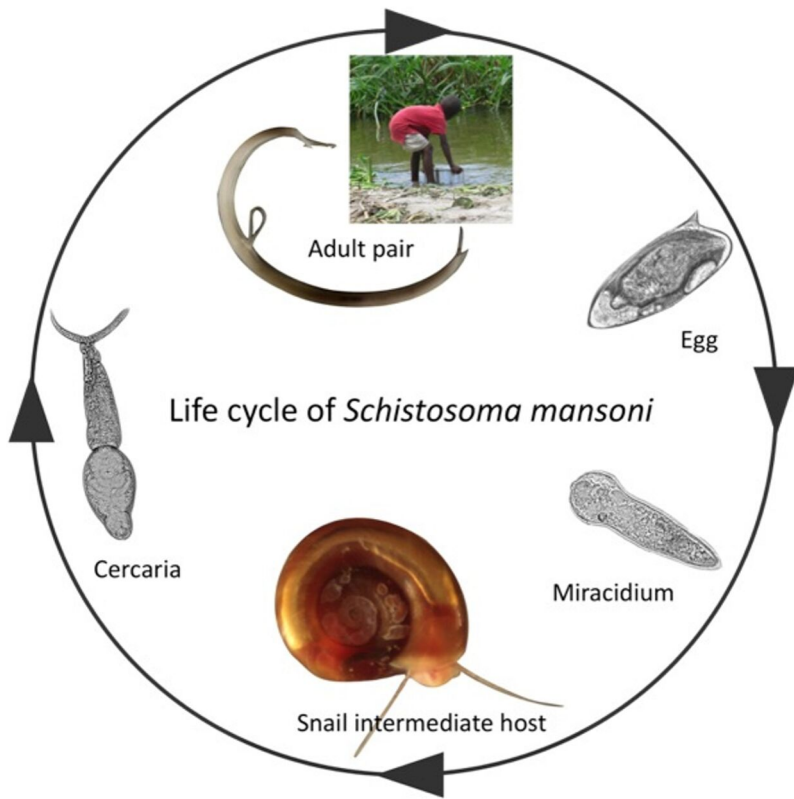
COMMON NAME:

African River prawn

COMMON LIBERIAN NAME:

Crawfish

Mitigating a decline in the prawn population positively impacts surrounding communities by controlling the spread of disease and by protecting a source of livelihoods for community members who fish the prawns. The prawns migrate between fresh water and saltwater to lay eggs during the rainy season.



206 million people required treatment for schistosomiasis in 2016, according to the World Health Organization



MCA-L is funding the construction of a passage to allow the river prawns to successfully migrate and lay their eggs.

The passage will allow the prawns to safely swim from one side of the dam to the other, stabilizing the current population.