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Southern range extension of the river swimming crab (or herring bow crab) *Varuna litterata* into coastal New South Wales, Australia

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Abstract

The river swimming crab *Varuna litterata* is recorded from the Coffs Harbour area of NSW for the first time based on specimens collected from 3 sites 40 km apart. Previously only recorded as far south as south east Queensland, their presence so far south represents a major range extension (250 km south) and the likely hood of a strengthening East Coast Current contributing to this range extension is discussed.

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