

Project Update: February 2014

A new species of water bug (Hemiptera) has been described from Belize as a result of this project. The bug belongs to the Potamocoridae family - a family restricted in distribution to the Neotropics. The new species has also resulted in the synonymisation of the two genera that comprise the family because it possess morphological features previously used to discriminate them. The bug has been named *Potamocoris isbiru*. 'Isbiru' is a Q'eqchi' Maya word and it was chosen to honour the work of the Maya rangers of the Ya'axche Conservation Trust who collected or assisted in the collection of many of the new specimens.

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