



## Increasing Knowledge of Biodiversity on the Orphan Seamount: A New Species of *Tedania* (*Tedaniopsis*) Dendy, 1924

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A new Tedania species (Porifera) was collect using remotely operated vehicles during the Canadian mission HUD2010-029 and the British RRS Discovery Cruise DY081, on the Orphan Seamount near the Orphan Knoll, northwest Atlantic, between 2999.88 and 3450.4 m depth. Orphan Knoll is an isolated, drowned continental fragment 550 km northeast Newfoundland in the Labrador Sea. This region is biologically rich and complex and in 2007, the regional fisheries management organization operating in the area regulated that no vessel shall engage in bottom-contact fishing activities until reviewed in 2020 with a review slated at the end of this year. Members of the genus Tedania are uncommon in the temperate northern hemisphere with only six species known previously: Tedania (Tedania) anhelans; Tedania (Tedania) pilarriosae; Tedania (Tedania) suctoria; Tedania (Tedania) urgorrii; Tedania (Tedaniopsis) gurjanovae; and Tedania (Tedaniopsis) phacellina. The particular features of the new sponge we describe are the very peculiar external morphology which is tree-like with dichotomous branching - a morphology not previously described in this subgenus; and the combination of spicules found: long styles, the typical tornotes of the subgenus and two sizes of onychaetes. Additional information is provided on other species of Tedaniopsis described from the Atlantic Ocean. Based on the characteristics reported, we propose a new species, Tedania (Tedaniopsis) rappi sp. nov. in honor of Prof. Hans Tore Rapp (1972–2020), University of Bergen, Norway, a renowned sponge taxonomist and coordinator of the Horizon 2020 SponGES project. The holotype of T. (T.) phacellina Topsent, 1912 from the Azores, the only other northern Atlantic species in the subgenus Tedaniopsis, was reviewed for comparison.

#### Keywords: sponges, VMEs, taxonomy, new species, Tedania (Tedaniopsis) rappi

## INTRODUCTION

Orphan Knoll is an isolated, drowned continental fragment 550 km northeast of Newfoundland in the Labrador Sea (NW Atlantic) (Meredyk et al., 2020). The top of Orphan Knoll stands at 1,800–2,000 m and is marked by a series of protruding mounds at depths of between 1,800 and 2,300 m. The Orphan Seamount is located 9 km northeast of the southern-most extension of Orphan Knoll and is a volcanic seamount (Meredyk, 2017). Physical properties indicate that

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mid-depth waters above Orphan Knoll are in a boundary region between outflow from the Labrador Sea (subpolar gyre) and northward flow of the North Atlantic Current (subtropical gyre). Near-bottom current measurements provide evidence for anticyclonic (clockwise) circulation around the knoll (Greenan et al., 2010) that could have impacts on the benthic communities. The Orphan Basin-Orphan Knoll region is biologically rich and complex (Wudrick et al., 2020), and strongly influenced by local processes and advection.

By the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) to protect coral, sponges and other vulnerable marine ecosystems from impact by bottom contact fishing gear. Orphan Knoll is also considered an Ecologically or Biologically Significant Area (EBSA) by the Convention on Biological Diversity (2015).

In 2010, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) in collaboration with academic partners conducted a multidisciplinary oceanographic survey of Flemish Cap and Orphan Knoll onboard the CCGS *Hudson* in support of the identification and characterization of vulnerable marine ecosystems as part of Canada's contribution to the NEREIDA program (NAFO, 2016).

On Orphan Knoll and its associated seamount (Orphan Seamount), the remotely operated vehicle (ROV) ROPOS was used to collect high-resolution continuous video and digital still images of Orphan Knoll's diverse benthic communities and geological landscape. Specimen samples were collected using the manipulator arm of ROPOS to serve as taxonomic voucher specimens. We augment data collected during this survey with samples collected during the Isotope CYcling in the LABrador Sea (ICY-LAB) mission onboard RRS *Discovery* in 2017. The overall aim of that mission was to understand nutrient and isotope cycling regions of the Labrador Sea and Greenland fjords (Hendry et al., 2019).

During dive number 1340 by ROV ROPOS at Orphan Seamount, the holotype of the new species was collected. The transect took place between depths of 1,862 and 3,004 m, with an average of 2,455 m and a distance traveled of 11,515 m (Wudrick et al., 2020). This new species of the genus *Tedania* Gray, 1867, was collected close to 3,000 m in depth, inside the NAFO closed area and CBD EBSA, where the substrate were rocks of volcanic origin (Meredyk et al., 2020).

The genus *Tedania* is cosmopolitan and comprises 83 species, with 29 of them distributed in the northern hemisphere (Van Soest et al., 2021). *Tedania* is characterized by having diactinal ectosomal tornotes, or tylotes, usually provided with spines on the tyles, or smooth oxea-like spicules with mucronate apices. Choanosomal megascleres are styles with smooth or microspined bases and the microscleres are onychaetes that characterize the Family Tedaniidae Ridley and Dendy, 1886. The choanosomal megascleres (styles) are arranged in plumose, reticulate, plumoreticulate or dendritic columns in the genus *Tedania* and the ectosomal skeleton is tangential or paratangential.

The genus *Tedania* had been subdivided into different subgenera. Desqueyroux-Faúndez and Van Soest (1996) followed by Van Soest (2002) created a subgeneric classification of *Tedania* with three subgenera: *Tedania*, *Tedaniopsis*, and *Trachytedania*. The last one is considered currently to be a valid genus (Cristobo and Urgorri, 2001; Van Soest, 2017)

and is characterized by species having acanthostyles as choanosomal megascleres. Recently, a third subgenus was recognized, Stylotedania Van Soest, 2017 and nowadays the World Porifera Database (Van Soest et al., 2021) consider again three valid subgenera: Tedania Gray, 1867, Tedaniopsis Dendy, 1924, and Stylotedania Van Soest, 2017. The first one, differentiates those species of genus Tedania with ectosomal diactinal spicules with smooth or microspined heads, choanosomal monactinal or diactinal spicules and onychaetes. The second differentiates those where the ectosomal diactinal spicules have smooth heads, the choanosomal spicules are monactinal or diactinal and the typical onychaetes are present. The third differentiates those in which the ectosomal and choanosomal spicules are monactinal, diactinal spicules being absent and also have onychaetes (Van Soest, 2017; Aguilar-Camacho et al., 2018).

#### MATERIALS AND METHODS

Sampling was carried out on board the CCGS *Hudson* using the remotely operated vehicle ROPOS, in July 2010 during mission HUD2010-029 and on the RRS *Discovery* Cruise DY081 with the ROV *ISIS*, in July 2017. During the Hudson mission, a single specimen was collected using the manipulator arm of ROPOS at 2999.88 m depth from Orphan Seamount (**Figure 1**) and stored in its "biobox" until the ROV surfaced. A Seabird 49 CTD attached to this ROV provided temperature (2.1°C) and salinity (34.89‰) data at the time of collection. During the RRS *Discovery* cruise, sponges were collected either using the manipulator arms, or using a suction system. Upon recovery of the ROV to the surface, samples were transferred to buckets and taken into a wet lab for processing. Then, each sponge sample was labeled, measured and photographed.

The specimen from ROPOS was immediately preserved in 70% ethanol upon surfacing. The sample from ROV ISIS was carried in pre-chilled seawater into the cold room  $(4^{\circ}C)$  to commence sampling triage and was preserved in 95% ethanol.

Details of the specimens examined are deposited in PANGAEA<sup>®</sup> Data Publisher<sup>1</sup> under the digital object identifier (DOI): https://doi.pangaea.de/10.1594/PANGAEA.924814

For the study of dissociated spicules, the organic matter was digested in sodium hypochlorite following the methods of Rapp (2006) and Cárdenas and Rapp (2012) and digested in nitric acid for SEM, following methods described in Cristobo et al. (1993). Spicules and skeleton were coated with gold-palladium using an Emscope Sputter coater SC 500 and examined with a Hitachi S570 SME at Station Marine d'Endoume (France) and a JEOL-JSM-6610 LV of the Oviedo University. The data for spicule sizes are based on 25 measurements for each spicule category, comprising minimum, maximum and average lengths in micrometers ( $\mu$ m). A light microscope (Nikon Eclipse 50i with a Nikon DS-Fi1 camera) was used. The skeleton was also photographed with the same camera system and stacking performed using the Helicon Focus program (129 images).

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**Specimen Locations** 

NAFO Closure

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Holotype CCGS Hudson

Paratype RRS Discovery

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46°W

50°N

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FIGURE 2 | Tedania (Tedaniopsis) rappi sp. nov. (A,B) Environment of holotype. (C) In situ collection of holotype. (D) View of two specimens from the downward facing camera. (E) Detail of the surface of the holotype on which the oscula are seen. (F) Holotype. (G) Tedania (Tedaniopsis) phacellina, Topsent's holotype located in the display cases of the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco. Note that figures (F,G) are on the same scale to compare the proportions and shapes of both species.





DNA was extracted from the holotype using a Qiagen DNeasy Blood and Tissue Kit (QIAgen) following an adapted version of the protocol provided by the manufacturer (overnight incubation in lysis buffer and proteinase K). We selected two molecular markers to amplify, 18S rDNA (18S) and 28S rDNA (28S). The complete 18S (1,766 bp) was amplified in three legs using the primers 1F-5R, 4F-7R, and a.20-9R (Giribet and Wheeler, 2001), and a fragment of 589 bp of 28S (D6 - D8 region) was amplified using the primers CMPOR1490F and CMPOR2170R (Morrow et al., 2012). D6 - D8 region was selected because these where the most successful PCRs regarding 28S. All 18S fragments were amplified using the PCR protocol 94°C, 5 min; (94°C, 1 min, 52°C, 1 min, 72°C, 1 min) × 38 cycles; 72°C, 10 min. We used a different protocol for 28S of 94°C, 5 min; (94°C, 1 min, 55°C, 1 min, 72°C, 1 min) × 38 cycles; 72°C, 10 min. All DNA markers were amplified in 12.5 µL reactions using 10.5  $\mu$ L of VWR Red Tag DNA Polymerase 1.1× Master Mix (VWR International bvba/sprl, Belgium), 0.5 µL of the forward and reverse primers, and 1 µL of DNA template. PCR products,

stained with GelRed<sup>®</sup> (Biotium, United States), were visualized in a 2.5% agarose gel electrophoresis, run at 90 V for 30 min. Sequencing was conducted on an ABI 3730XL DNA Analyser (Applied Biosystems, United States) at the Molecular Core Labs (Sequencing Facility) of the NHMUK, using the forward and reverse primers mentioned above. The DNA was degraded and the results were negative, probably because the genomic DNA loses quality in depth water samples (Kersken et al., 2018).

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Global subgenus maps were derived from data provided by the World Porifera Database (Van Soest et al., 2021).

### RESULTS

In this study we analyzed a new species of the *Tedaniopsis* subgenus collected in Orphan Seamount and re-examined *Tedania* (*Tedaniopsis*) *phacellina* Topsent, 1912 from Azores for comparison. This material is described and illustrated. The new species described here has the taxonomic authority restricted to Ríos, Cristobo, and Kenchington.

Systematics follow the SystemaPorifera (Hooper and Van Soest, 2002) chapter on Family Tedaniidae (Van Soest, 2002) and Morrow and Cárdenas (2015).

Phylum PORIFERA Grant, 1836 Class DEMOSPONGIAE Sollas, 1885 SubClass HETEROSCLEROMORPHA Cárdenas et al., 2012 Order POECILOSCLERIDA Topsent, 1928 Family TEDANIIDAE Ridley and Dendy, 1886 Genus *Tedania* Gray, 1867

Definition: Tedaniidae with differentiated ectosomal and choanosomal megascleres Van Soest (2002).

Subgenus Tedaniopsis Dendy, 1924

Diagnosis: *Tedania* with relatively long thick, smooth styles, occasionally modified to anisostrongyles or anisoxeas, as structural megascleres. Ectosomal megascleres are mucronate or tylostrongylote tornotes occasionally with one or more vestigial spines (Desqueyroux-Faúndez and Van Soest, 1996).

*Tedania* (*Tedaniopsis*) *rappi* Ríos, Cristobo and Kenchington sp. nov.

Type material: Holotype: TBD Orphan Seamount (NW Atlantic), 50.1119; -45.3199. Depth 2999.88 m, Coll. CCGS *Hudson*, 19.07.2010, 1 specimen. Rock substrate. In 70% Ethanol Canadian Museum of Nature number CMNI 2020-0004. Paratype: Atlantic Reference Centre (ARC) Museum (ARC 81604) Orphan Seamount (NW Atlantic), 50.0484; -45.3757, 3,450 m depth, Coll. RRS *Discovery*, 08.07.2017, 1 specimen. Rock substrate. In 100% Ethanol.

Holotype of *Tedania (Tedaniopsis) phacellina* Topsent, 1912, was revised. Museé Oceanographique Monaco; Collection of S.A.S. Le Prince de Monaco Station 2183, 28th August 1905, 1,998 m in depth. A small fragment (Schizotype) was analyzed by SEM.

Derivatio nominis: In honor of Prof. Hans Tore Rapp (1972–2020), University of Bergen, Norway, a renowned sponge taxonomist and dear colleague, who described 50 new species of sponges for science. Prof. Rapp was also coordinator and leader of the EU Horizon 2020 SponGES project which focused much needed attention on deep-sea sponges and their habitats.

#### Description

The *habitus* of the new species is arborescent, erect, branching, tree-like in appearance, flat, fan-shaped, it grows in one plane (bidimensional structure, **Figure 2D**). Size: 25 cm (width)  $\times$  15 cm (height). Attached to the substrate by a short and

single peduncle [1 cm (width)  $\times$  2 cm height] from which it branches mainly in dichotomous arrangement; often, the branches anastomose between them (**Figures 2B,E**). The ends of each branch are rounded (**Figure 2**). The holotype (half of the whole specimen) measures 19 cm long and 12 cm wide (Paratype  $6.5 \times 6$  cm). Each branch is elliptical in section from 5 to 9 mm. Slightly velvety surface with pores (oscules <1 mm diameter) arranged in regular distribution along branches. Consistency flexible and elastic. Color in life and in preservation white.

#### Skeleton

The choanosomal skeleton is a loose reticulation of bundles of 2–5 styles (paucispicular) with weaker interconnections of 1–2 spicules cemented with spongin (**Figures 3A,B,D**). The ectosomal skeleton consists of bundles of tornotes that are projected in bouquets to the surface (**Figure 3E**). Onychaetes, of two sizes, are scattered in the choanosome and within spongin fibers (**Figures 3G,H**). Both size classes of onychaetes can be placed among the tornotes of the ectosomal skeleton and frequently in tricodragmata (**Figure 3F**).



FIGURE 5 | Spicules of *Tedania (Tedaniopsis) rappi* sp. nov. (Holotype) as seen with a Scanning Electron Microscope. (A) Styles. (B) Tornotes. (C) Onychaetes I. (D) Onychaetes II.

# *Spicules* Styles, Tornotes, and Onychaetes

Styles (**Figures 4A,B, 5A**). Straight or slightly curved near the basal end with a sharp point in the apical end. Uniform in length and thickness: 457.94 (505)  $554.64 \times 11.41$  (14.05) 17.41 µm (Holotype). 406 (459)  $504 \times 14$  (15.3) 17 µm (Paratype).

Tornotes (**Figures 4A–C**, **5B**) Anisotornotes, with slightly inflated and lanceolate ends one of them more mucronate than the other. Measurements:  $363.13 (408.68) 440.400 \times 5.79 (6.58)$  7.42 µm (Holotype). 379 (399.8)  $422 \times 6$  (7.2) 8.6 µm (Paratype).

Onychaetes of two sizes. The largest (I) are 203.3 (234.40) 268.02  $\mu$ m long (Holotype) 240 (268.3) 307  $\mu$ m long (Paratype) (**Figures 4C, 5C**). The smallest (II) are 67.85 (76.19) 86.28  $\mu$ m long (Holotype) 68 (79.8) 82  $\mu$ m long (Paratype) (**Figures 3F–H, 4C,D, 5C,D**). The largest have uneven ends, one pointed and the other more or less rounded. The smaller ones have one end pointed and the other straight with 3–4 spines. We have observed the largest onychaetes grouped in trichodragmata (**Figures 3, 4**).

#### **Distribution and Ecology**

Orphan Seamount, where this new species was collected, is in a transition area between the Arctic and the Temperate Northern Atlantic ecoregions (Spalding et al., 2007). Specimens of the new species were seen in the slopes NE and SW of Orphan Seamount (Labrador Sea, NW Atlantic) attached to rocks of volcanic origin at 2,999–3,450 m; the mean bottom temperature was of  $2.39 \pm 0.03^{\circ}$ C.

On the rock where the holotype specimen was sampled, there were at least 10 specimens of the same species and 39 in the whole transect (ROV dive number 1340, 11,515 m in total

distance on bottom). The most characteristic fauna associated with the habitat are other Porifera mainly belonging to genus Geodia which represents the highest biomass and the highest number of specimens of the sponge grounds, mainly due to G. phlegraei (Sollas, 1880), and also G. megastrella Carter, 1876, G. barretti Bowerbank, 1858, G. atlantica (Stephens, 1915), G. macandrewii Bowerbank, 1858, and G. hentscheli Cárdenas et al., 2010. Other frequent Porifera are *Lissodendoryx* (*Lissodendoryx*) complicata (Hansen, 1885), Hexadella detritifera Topsent, 1913, Stryphnus fortis (Vosmaer, 1885), and Polymastia corticata Ridley and Dendy, 1886. Also hexactinellids such as Farrea herdendorfi Duplessis and Reiswig, 2004, cup-like species such as Asconema fristedti Tabachnick and Menshenina, 2007, Chenolasma sp. and cylindrical species such as Dictyaulus romani Murillo et al., 2013 or representatives of the families Euplectellidae or Rosellidae were present. Other invertebrates included Cnidarians such as Bathypathes sp., representatives of the family Clavulariidae, Chrysogorgiidae, several species of Scleractinia, Anthomastus sp., Echinoderms and fishes. The total number of individuals of each taxon/morphotype, abundance by transect and a pictorial guide of megafauna can be seen in Wudrick et al. (2020).

#### Remarks

The most notable difference from other species of subgenus *Tedaniopsis* is the erect, tree-like appearance of this species, which has never been recorded before in this subgenus. Goodwin et al. (2012) and Aguilar-Camacho et al. (2018) compiled the data from the majority of species of this subgenus from the Antarctic and South Atlantic and worldwide respectively, and none have any features like the new species, being mostly massives, such as *Tedania (Tedaniopsis) charcoti* Topsent, 1907; *T. (T.) armata* 

**TABLE 1** | Spicule characteristics of *Tedania* (*Tedaniopsis*) species from the northern hemisphere.

Specie	Megascleres (μm)		Microscleres (µm)		Habitus	Depth (m)	Distribution
	Choanosomal	Ectosomal	Onycha	etas	-		
T. (T.) phacellina	Style	Tornote	Largest (I)	Smaller (II)			
Topsent, 1912	515–550 × 20–23	440–470 × 7	290–330 × 1.7	70–80	Erect blade	1,998	Azores
Topsent, 1912 re-measured (this study)	Styles I: 384.64 (471.65) 519.53 × 9.55 (16.78) 26.67 N = 25 Styles II: 438 (467.90) 511.04 × 5.7 (7.55) 11.58 N = 7	348.61 (379.23) 408 × 5.79 (7.20) 9.27 N = 25	180.08 (252.15) 285.26 <i>N</i> = 25	49.48 (64.93) 85.89 <i>N</i> = 25	Erect blade	1,998	Azores
T. (T.) gujarnovae							
Koltun, 1958	260–343 × 8–14	202–280 × 4–8	197–312 × 2	77–157 × 3–4	Cushion- shaped	60–100	E Tatar Strait, off Sakhalin, USSR
Bakus, 1964	296–373 × 9–13	204–252 × 4–7	142–265 × 1.5–1.6	40–91 × 2.2–3.5	Amorphous encrusting sponge	73–198	President Channel and San Juan Channel, San Juan Archipelago
T. (T.) rappi sp. nov.							
Holotype	457.94 (505) 554.64 × 11.41 (14.05) 17.41 <i>N</i> = 25	363.13 (408.68) 440.44 × 5.79 (6.58) 7.42 <i>N</i> = 25	229.93 (257.49) 277.22 N = 25	67.85 (76.19) 86.28 <i>N</i> = 25	Tree-like	2,999	Orphan Seamount
Paratype	406 (459) 504 × 14(15.3)17 N = 25	379 (399.8) 422 × 6(7.2)8.6 <i>N</i> = 25	240 (268.3) 307 × 1(1.2)2 N = 25	68 (79.8) 82 N = 20	Tree-like	3,450	Orphan Seamount

Sarà, 1978; T. (T.) corticata Sarà, 1978; T. (T.) laminariae Sarà, 1978; T. (T.) cristagalli Dendy, 1924; T. (T.) gracilis Hentschel, 1914; T. (T.) massa Ridley and Dendy, 1886; T. (T.) sarai Bertolino et al., 2007; T. (T.) tenuicapitata Ridley, 1881; T. (T.) vanhoeffeni Hentschel, 1914; globular such as T. (T.) gracilis Hentschel, 1914; T. (T.) lanceta Koltun, 1964; cup shaped such as T. (T.) turbinata (Dendy, 1924); T. (T.) infundibuliformis Ridley and Dendy, 1886; T. (T.) tantula (Kirkpatrick, 1907) or crust such as T. (T.) aurantiaca Goodwin et al., 2012 and T. (T.) wellsae Goodwin et al., 2012. The differences with respect to the two species from the northern hemisphere are also *habitus*, the spicule morphology and their ecology (Table 1). Topsent (1912) described Tedania (Tedaniopsis) phacellina from the NW São Miguel Island, in the Azores at 1,998 m in depth. Only one specimen was found and it has not been seen since, but it is a shallower species than the new one. Its shape is clearly different: T. (T.) phacellina, above its attachment, first rolls up into a cone, then, almost immediately, reopens to take the form of a vertical blade, flat and without branches. The blade is divided into two parts: the lower, narrow, in a fairly deep gutter; the upper one, longer, wider and slightly concave. It has the appearance of an oar paddle. T. (T.) rappi, as described above is branched, arborescent, and tree-like in appearance. Regarding the size, T. (T.) phacellina, is a large and robust sponge (47 cm high) (Figure 2).

 
 Table 1 presents a comparison of the Tedania (Tedaniopsis)
 species from the northern hemisphere. Habitus is very different among them: Arborescent in the new species, cushion-shaped in T. (T.) gujarnovae and lamellate or cup-shaped in T. (T.) phacellina. Although they present a similar composition of the spicular types, differences between the three species can be appreciated. The styles of T. (T.) gujarnovae are clearly shorter (260–373  $\mu$ m) than in the new species (406–554.6  $\mu$ m). Those of T. (T.) phacellina,  $(384-550 \times 9.5-26 \mu m)$  similar in length to T. (T.) rappi, however, they are much thicker (11.4-17.4  $\mu$ m in the new) This is a remarkable difference. Also a second category of styles was found in the analysis of the holotype (Figures 6, 7); these are slightly thinner (5.7-11.5  $\mu$ m) and scarce. The ectosomal tornotes are shorter in T. (T.) gujarnovae (202-280 µm) than in T. (T.) phacellina (348.6-470 µm) and in T. (T.) rappi (363-440.4 µm). In T (T.) rappi tornotes are mucronate in one end while T. (T.) phacellina have a short end (conical). In T. (T.) phacellina the ends are slightly more swollen than in T. (T.) rappi; tornotes do not have lanceolate ends in T. (T.) gujarnovae. The largest onychaetes in T. (T.) gujarnovae  $(142-312 \,\mu\text{m})$  are also slightly smaller than in the other two species: T. (T.) rappi (229.9-307 µm), T. (T.) phacellina (180-330  $\mu$ m). However, the small onychaetes (40–157  $\mu$ m) are larger than in the other two species: T. (T.) rappi (67.8–86.2  $\mu$ m), T. (T.) *phacellina* (49.4–85.8 μm).

In the three species, the bathymetric distribution is quite different: in shallower waters from the South Sakhalin and the South Kurile Island region, *T. (T.) gujarnovae* (60–190 m), *T. (T.) phacellina* from the Azores (1998 m) and the one that has been found deeper is *T. (T.) rappi* (2999–3450 m) from Orphan Seamount, in the North Western Atlantic.

A comparative table of all *Tedania* (*Tedaniopsis*) described species worldwide can be seen in Goodwin et al. (2012) and

Aguilar-Camacho et al. (2018). Therefore, the new species is characterized by the external appearance as tree-like with dichotomous branching, long styles, the typical tornotes of the subgenus with lanceolated ends and two sizes of onychaetes.

## DISCUSSION

The principal reviews of the *Tedania* genus have been carried out by Bergquist and Fromont (1988); Desqueyroux-Faúndez and Van Soest (1996), Van Soest (2002), and Aguilar-Camacho et al. (2018). The genus *Tedania* actually contain 83 species (Van Soest et al., 2021), 60 of them are included in the *Tedania* subgenus, 21 in *Tedaniopsis*, 1 in *Stylotedania* and one more without a description—*Tedania rubra* Von Lendenfeld, 1888 synonymized with *Tedania anhelans* by Hooper and Wiedenmayer (1994) but it remains *incertae sedis* as the description of Lendenfeld is inadequate (added by Van Soest, 2010 in Van Soest et al., 2021).

Most species of the genus *Tedania* have been reported from the southern hemisphere (54). The subgenus

![](_page_8_Figure_10.jpeg)

FIGURE 6 | Spicules of *Tedania* (*Tedaniopsis*) phacellina, Topsent, 1912.
(Holotype) as seen with a Scanning Electron Microscope. (A) Styles.
(B) Tornotes. (C) Onychaetes I. (D) Onychaetes II.

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FIGURE 7 | Tedania (Tedaniopsis) phacellina, Topsent, 1912. (A) Schyzotype, the small fragment extract from the holotype used in this paper. (B,C) Section of choanosomal skeleton where the bundles of styles can be seen. (D,E) Skeleton around the aquiferous system composed of multispicular tracts and styles; onychaetes covering the tracts and imbibed in the spongin can be seen. (F,G) Bundles of ectosomal tornotes. (H) Onychaetes in trichodragmata.

*Tedania* is present in all oceans except Antarctica where the subgenus that predominates is *Tedaniopsis* (19 spp.). The distribution of *Tedania* (*Stylotedania*) folium Van Soest, 2017 is the tropical-Atlantic Guyana shelf (**Figures 8, 9**). With respect to the northern hemisphere, the subgenus *Tedania* is represented by 26 species. The most abundant is *Tedania (Tedania) ignis* (Duchassaing de Fonbressin and Michelotti, 1864) frequent in both hemispheres, from the Bermudas in the north to Santa Catarina, southeast Brazil, Belize

![](_page_10_Figure_4.jpeg)

FIGURE 8 | Map of ecoregions (Spalding et al., 2007) showing the global diversity and distribution of the subgenus *Tedania* (blue marine dots for holotypes, light blue dots other records) and *Stylotedania* (red dot holotype) based on data derived from the World Porifera Database 2020.

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FIGURE 9 | Map of ecoregions (Spalding et al., 2007) showing the global diversity and distribution of the subgenus *Tedaniopsis* (purple dots for holotypes, pinks dots for other records) based on data derived from the World Porifera Database 2020 combined with the new data from the present study.

in the west and Fernando de Noronha, northeast of Brazil. The species was first noted in Hawaii in 1950 (Núñez-Pons et al., 2017). The occurrence of this species includes the Tropical Atlantic, Temperate South America and Eastern Indo-Pacific ecoregions (Spalding et al., 2007). Tedania (Tedania) suctoria Schmidt, 1870, has a wide distribution in both ecoregions and one more. From the Kola Fiord (Breitfuss, 1912) and Davis Strait (Murillo et al., 2018)in the Arctic to Cape Vert in the Tropical Atlantic ecoregion (Topsent, 1928) and the Azores (Topsent, 1904, 1928) in the Temperate North Atlantic ecoregion. Tedania (Tedania) anhelans (Vio G in Olivi,, 1792) is one of the most common species, distributed from the Celtic Seas in the north to the Gulf of Guinea in the south, the Azores in the west and the Levantine Sea in the east. Other species that live in the Temperate Northern Atlantic waters are Tedania (Tedania) pilarriosae Cristobo, 2002 and Tedania (Tedania) urgorrii Cristobo, 2002.

In the northern hemisphere the subgenus *Tedaniopsis* has been represented until now by two species: *Tedania (Tedaniopsis) phacellina* Topsent, 1912 in the Azores (Temperate Northern Atlantic) and *Tedania (Tedaniopsis) gurjanovae* Koltun, 1958 in Tatar Strait (Koltun, 1959) and San Juan Archipelago (Bakus, 1964) in the Temperate Northern Pacific ecoregion.

In summary, the main differences found between *T*. (*T*.) rappi (Tr) and *T*. (*T*.) phacellina (Tp) are the very different habitus – arborescent (Tr)/massive (Tp)—(**Figure 2**), coanosomal skeletal arrangement – paucispicular (Tr)/multispicular tracts (Tp)—(**Figures 3, 4, 7**); styles thickness –double in Tp–. Head terminations of tornotes –mucronate (Tr)/conical (Tp) with the ends somewhat swallowed in Tr–. The onychaetes have short spines (Tr) and the base is blunt (**Figures 5, 6**).

In fact, the new *Tedania* (*Tedaniopsis*) *rappi* is the first species of this subgenus in the Arctic ecoregion as defined by Spalding et al. (2007). It was found not infrequently in an area closed to protect vulnerable marine ecosystems from the impacts of bottom contact fishing and in a CBD EBSA, the latter conferring enhanced motivation to identify and adopt appropriate measures for conservation and sustainable use by all industrial sectors. The identification of this unique species may warrant including the area in networks of marine protected areas in accordance with international law.

#### DATA AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

The datasets generated for this study can be found in the online repositories. The names of the repository/repositories and accession number(s) can be found below: ZooBank (urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:4535FF69-E29C-4C2B-B47F-EC78117 C8F2C).

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