

## A new stenopodid shrimp of the genus *Odontozona* Holthuis, 1946 (Crustacea: Decapoda: Stenopodidea) from Taiwan

## Новая стеноподидная креветка рода *Odontozona* Holthuis, 1946 (Crustacea: Decapoda: Stenopodidea) с Тайваня

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**ABSTRACT.** The stenopodidean shrimp genus *Odontozona* Holthuis, 1946 is recorded from Taiwan for the first time with a new species *O. spiridonovi* sp.n. The new species is unique in the genus *Odontozona* by the propodus of the third pereiopod being swollen; more than twice the width of the carpus, and with the dorsal and ventral margins densely serrated. The new species is most similar to *O. stigmatica* Saito, Okuno et Anker, 2017 but differs in the armature on the ventral margin of the rostrum, the third maxilliped and the palm of the third pereiopod, as well as its coloration.

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**РЕЗЮМЕ.** Род стеноподидных креветок *Odontozona* Holthuis, 1946 впервые зарегистрирован на Тайване с описанием нового вида *O. spiridonovi* sp.n. Новый вид уникален в роде *Odontozona* вздутым проподусом третьих переопод, который более чем в два раза превышает ширину запястья, а дорсальные и брюшные края густо зазубрены. Новый вид наиболее похож на *O. stigmatica* Saito, Okuno et Anker, 2017, но отличается вооружением нижнего краярострума, третьих максиллипед и ладони (клешни) третьего переопода, а также окраской.

### Introduction

The stenopodid shrimp genus *Odontozona* Holthuis, 1946 is the most specious genus amongst stenopodid shrimps with 21 species known [De Grave, Fransen, 2011; Goy, 2015; Criales, Lemaitre, 2017; Saito *et al.*, 2017; Saito, Fujita, 2018]. These small-sized shrimps occur in different world oceans and are distributed from shallow waters to very deep sea (Table

1). Although nine species of *Odonozona* have been reported in the Indo-West Pacific, none has been recorded from Taiwan. During recent experimental trawling off Taiwan, a specimen of *Odonozona* was collected off the southwestern coast at about 150 m depth. Detailed examination of this specimen revealed that this specimen does not only represent the first record of the genus from Taiwan, it is also a species new to science.

The holotype is deposited in the National Taiwan Ocean University, Keelung (NTOU). The abbreviation of CP indicating the type of collecting gear, 4 m French beam trawl. The measurement given is carapace length (cl) measured dorsally from the postorbital margin to the posterior margin. Morphological terminology mainly follows Goy [2010] and Saito *et al.* [2017].

### Taxonomy

Family STENOPODIDAE Claus, 1872  
Genus *Odontozona* Holthuis, 1946

*Odontozona spiridonovi* sp.n.  
Figs 1–6.

MATERIAL EXAMINED. Holotype, ♂, cl 5.3 mm (NTOU M02298), Taiwan, TAIWAN 2020, stn. CP4210, 22°18.941'N, 120°20.570'E, 116–159 m, 14.11.2020.

DIAGNOSIS. Small-sized shrimp with laterally compressed body. Rostrum straight, directed forwards, with 7 dorsal, 3 ventral teeth. Carapace with cervical groove, armed with cincture of spines along posterior margin; hepatic and antennal spines acute. Posterolateral surface of carapace with 2–3 spinules on each side. Cornea darkly pigmented. Abdomen without sculpture, first and second pleura with transverse carina, sixth pleuron devoid of lateral spines and with sharp ventral angle. Scaphocerite bearing 5 lateral teeth. Palm of third pereiopod swollen and more than twice as broad as carpus, with both dorsal and ventral margins densely serrated. Fourth and fifth pereiopods with propodi subdi-

Table 1. Geographical and bathymetric ranges of the species of the genus *Odontozona* Holthuis, 1946.  
 Таблица 1. Географические и батиметрические ареалы видов рода *Odontozona* Holthuis, 1946.

Species	Geographical Range	Depth	References
<i>Odontozona addaia</i> Pretus, 1990	Mediterranean	5–20 m	Pretus, 1990; Chevaldonné, Pretus, 2021
<i>Odontozona anaphorae</i> Manning et Chace, 1990	Central Atlantic	10–30 m	Manning, Chace, 1990; Herrera et al., 2016
<i>Odontozona arbur</i> Saito, Okuno et Anker, 2017	Indo-West Pacific	0.5–36 m	Saito et al., 2017; Lee, 2020
<i>Odontozona crinoidicola</i> Saito et Fujita, 2009	Indo-West Pacific	3.2–7 m	Saito, Fujita, 2009; Saito et al., 2017
<i>Odontozona edwardsi</i> (Bouvier, 1908)	East Atlantic	511–2070 m	Bouvier, 1908; Goy, Cardoso, 2014
<i>Odontozona ensifera</i> (Dana, 1852)	Indo-West Pacific	2–440 m	Dana, 1852; Goy, 1981, 2015
<i>Odontozona edyli</i> Criales et Lemaître, 2017	Indo-West Pacific	12 m	Criales, Lemaître, 2017
<i>Odontozona fasciata</i> Okuno, 2003	Indo-West Pacific	6–45 m	Okuno, 2003; Goy, 2015
<i>Odontozona foresti</i> Hendrickx, 2002	East Pacific	1058–1270 m	Hendrickx, 2002; Hendrickx, Ayon-Parente, 2014
<i>Odontozona joegoyi</i> Hendrickx et Ayon-Parente, 2014	East Pacific	750–850 m	Hendrickx, Ayon-Parente, 2014
<i>Odontozona libertae</i> Gore, 1981	West Atlantic	7–56 m	Gore, 1981; Criales, 1997; De Grave, Anker, 2017
<i>Odontozona lopheliae</i> Goy et Cardoso, 2014	West Atlantic	459–665 m	Goy, Cardoso, 2014
<i>Odontozona meloi</i> Anker et Tavares, 2013	West Atlantic	81.6 m	Anker, Tavares, 2013
<i>Odontozona minoica</i> Dounas et Koukouras, 1989	Mediterranean	125–330 m	Dounas, Koukouras, 1989; Koukouras, Dounas, 2000
<i>Odontozona okunoi</i> Saito et Fujita, 2018	Indo-West Pacific	13–15 m	Saito, Fujita, 2018
<i>Odontozona rubra</i> Wicksten, 1982	East Pacific	5–10 m	Wicksten, 1982; Goy, 1992
<i>Odontozona sculpticaudata</i> Holthuis, 1946	Indo-West Pacific	0.5–70 m	Holthuis, 1946; Goy, 2015; Saito et al., 2017
<i>Odontozona spinosissima</i> Kensley, 1981	Indo-West Pacific	200 m	Kensley, 1981
<i>Odontozona spiridonovi</i> sp.n.	Indo-West Pacific	116–159 m	Present study
<i>Odontozona spongicola</i> (Alcock et Anderson, 1899)	Indo-Pacific	392–900 m	Alcock, Anderson, 1899; Alcock, 1901; Goy, 1992; Chen, Chan, 2021
<i>Odontozona stigmatica</i> Saito, Okuno et Anker, 2017	Indo-West Pacific	5 m	Saito et al., 2017
<i>Odontozona striata</i> Goy, 1981	West Atlantic	238–730 m	Goy, 1981; Okuno, 2003

vided into 4 articles, each with 22–27 movable spinules on ventral margin, carpi subdivided into 5–6 articles. Telson lance-shaped, dorsal surface with dorsolateral carinae bearing 3 strong spines; posterior margin with 2 posterolateral spines; lateral margin with shallow subproximal concavity and 1 distinct medial spine. Outer margin of uropodal endopod with 2 spines, dorsal surface with an intermediate spine and 1 longitudinal carina; outer margin of uropodal exopod with 6 spines, dorsal surface unarmed but with 2 longitudinal carinae.

DESCRIPTION. Small-sized shrimp with laterally compressed body. Rostrum (Figs 2, 4A, B) 0.37 times carapace length, compressed, straight, directed forward, reaching dis-

tal margin of third segment of antennular peduncle; dorsal margin armed with 7 teeth, proximal most tooth situated at level of postorbital margin; ventral margin armed with 3 teeth on anterior half; lateral ridge moderately developed, unarmed.

Carapace (Figs 2, 4A, B) rounded on posterolateral margin. Mid-dorsal carina moderately developed in anterior part of carapace. Orbital margin concave, inferior orbital angle rounded. Antennal lobe rounded. Acute antennal and hepatic spines present. Pterygostomial angle slightly rounded, not exceeding antennal lobe, armed with 3 large pterygostomial spines. Cervical groove prominent, posterior margin with cincture of 13 spinules, medial spinules similar in size as

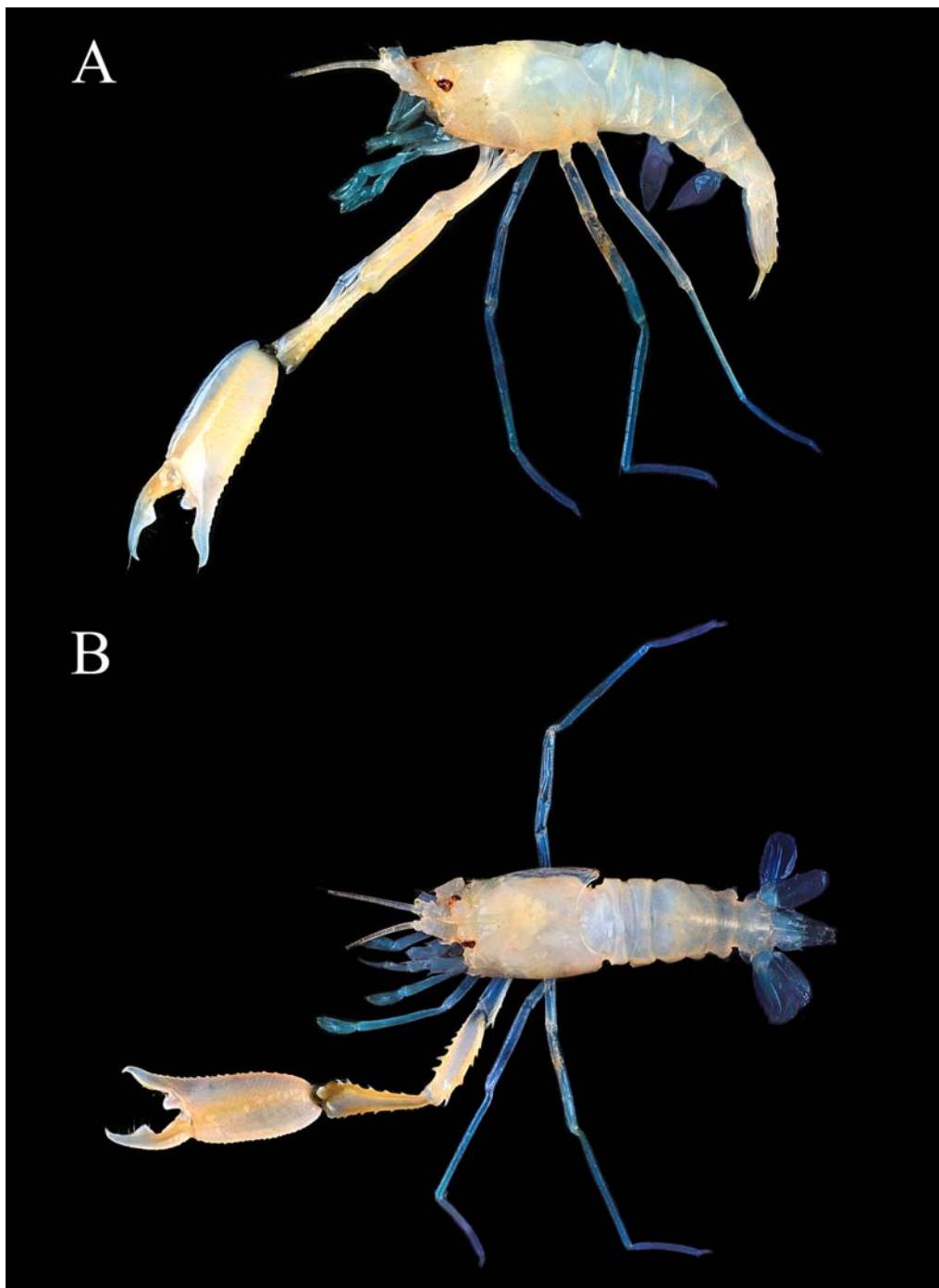


Fig. 1. *Odontozona spiridonovi* sp.n., Taiwan, holotype, ♂, cl 5.3 mm (NTOU M02298), right second, third and fifth pereiopods missing. A — lateral view; B — dorsal view.

Рис. 1. *Odontozona spiridonovi* sp.n., Тайвань, голотип, ♂, cl 5,3 мм (NTOU M02298), правые 2-й, 3-й и 5-й переопод отсутствуют. А — вид сбоку; В — вид сверху.

lateral spinules. Supraorbital region bearing 2 spines. Postero-lateral parts of carapace with 2–3 spinules on each side.

Eyes (Figs 2, 4A, B) well developed. Cornea shorter and narrower than peduncle, hemispherical, darkly pigmented. Mesial surfaces of eyestalks armed with many spinules.

Antennular peduncle (Figs 2, 4A, B) exceeding base of scaphocerite. First (basal) segment longest, slightly longer

than second segment. Stylocerite moderately large, acute, curved inwards. Second segment with 1 large dorsal and 1 lateral spines. Third segment as long as second segment, unarmed. Flagella slender.

Antennal basicerite robust (Figs 2, 4A, B), with dorso-lateral and ventrolateral spines. Scaphocerite semicircular in form, about 2 times longer than broad, bearing 5 teeth on

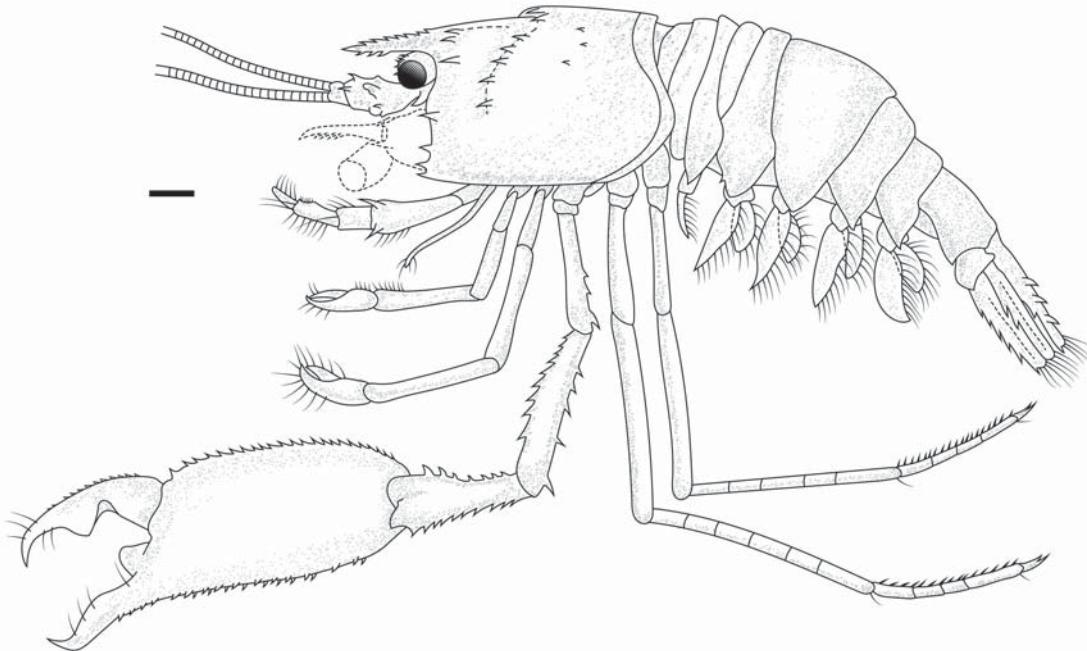


Fig. 2. *Odontozona spiridonovi* sp.n., Taiwan, holotype, ♂, cl 5.3 mm (NTOU M02298), lateral view. Scale bar: 1 mm.  
Рис. 2. *Odontozona spiridonovi* sp.n., Тайвань, голотип, ♂, cl 5,3 мм (NTOU M02298), вид сбоку. Масштаб 1 мм.

lateral margin, terminal tooth overreaching distal margin of lamella; dorsal surface with 2 longitudinal carinae fused at base; mesial margin strongly convex. Carpocerite cylindrical, reaching about midlength of antennal scale.

Epistome (Fig. 3A) anteriorly with 2 sharp, slightly curved lateral spines. Labrum rhombic, anterior and posterior margins strongly convex.

Mandible (Fig. 3B) stout, with robust palm composed of 3 articles. Distal segment oval but slightly pointed at tip, densely setose. Intermediate segment stout, decreasing in size posteriorly. Basal segment as long as median segment, increasing in size proximally. Incisor and molar processes not fully separate, margin of incisor with 2 large acute and 1 small stout teeth, margin of molar armed with 2 large acute teeth.

Maxillule (Fig. 3C, D) robust. Endopod slender and tapering distally. Coxal endite broad, with row of setae on distal margin. Basial endite moderately rectangular, truncated distally, with row of 13 slender subequal spines.

Maxilla (Fig. 3E) with sturdy, robust endopod. Coxal endite suboval. Basial endite oblong. Both coxal and basial endites distinctly bilobed. Scaphognathite well developed; anterior lobe rather large and rectangular, with dense long setae along anterior and inner margins; posterior lobe subquadrate and slightly truncated distally, inner and posterior margins with rows of setae.

Gills trichobranchiate, branchial formula shown in Table 2.

First maxilliped (Fig. 3F) with stout endopod consisting of 2 articles. Distal article tapering with long setae along outer margin. Proximal article subquadrate, with long setae on outer margin and basal inner margin. Coxal endites distinctly bilobed. Basial endite subtriangular, inner margin rounded and concave. Exopod well developed, robust and long. Epipod moderately large and distinctly bilobed, anteri-

or lobe rectangular, posterior lobe rather triangular, both margins of anterior and posterior lobes somewhat sinuously.

Second maxilliped (Fig. 3G) with robust 4-jointed endopod. Dactylus suboval, with dense fringe of setae along dorsal margin. Propodus short, less than half of dactylus in length, with dense cover of setae on dorsal margin. Carpus short, cup-like, with long setae on dorsal margin. Merus most robust, slightly longer than dactylus, dorsal margin straight, ventral margin convex and serrated, with long setae. Ischium, basis and coxa fused. Exopod moderately long, distally with long setae. Podobranches well developed. Epipod oval in shape.

Third maxilliped (Figs 2, 5A) pediform, setose. Dactylus 0.6 times as long as propodus, with 9 long setae on ventral margin. Propodus with distinct setiferous organs at distomesial angle, bearing numerous long setae on distal and dorsal margins. Carpus slightly longer than propodus and with dense long setae on ventral margin. Merus longest, about 2 times as long as propodus, somewhat widened distally, armed with single prominent submarginal spine at both dorsolateral and ventral-lateral distal angles. Ischium about 0.4 times as long as merus. Exopod reaching distal margin of endopodal merus, bearing several setae distally.

First 3 pereiopods chelate, greatly increasing in size posteriorly. First pereiopod (Figs. 2, 5B) slender, thin, overreaching scaphocerite by length of chela, with well-developed grooming apparatus; fingers about as long as palm, curved, leaving distinct hiatus, bearing tufts of long setae distally; carpus longest, 1.3 times as long as chela, cylindrical and slightly widened distally; merus 0.7 times length of carpus; ischium 0.6 times length of merus.

Second pereiopod (Figs 2, 5C) similar to first pereiopod, but longer (1.4 times) and lacking grooming apparatus. Dactylus 0.5 time length of propodus. Chela with outer margins convex, bearing numerous long setae in anterior part, cut-

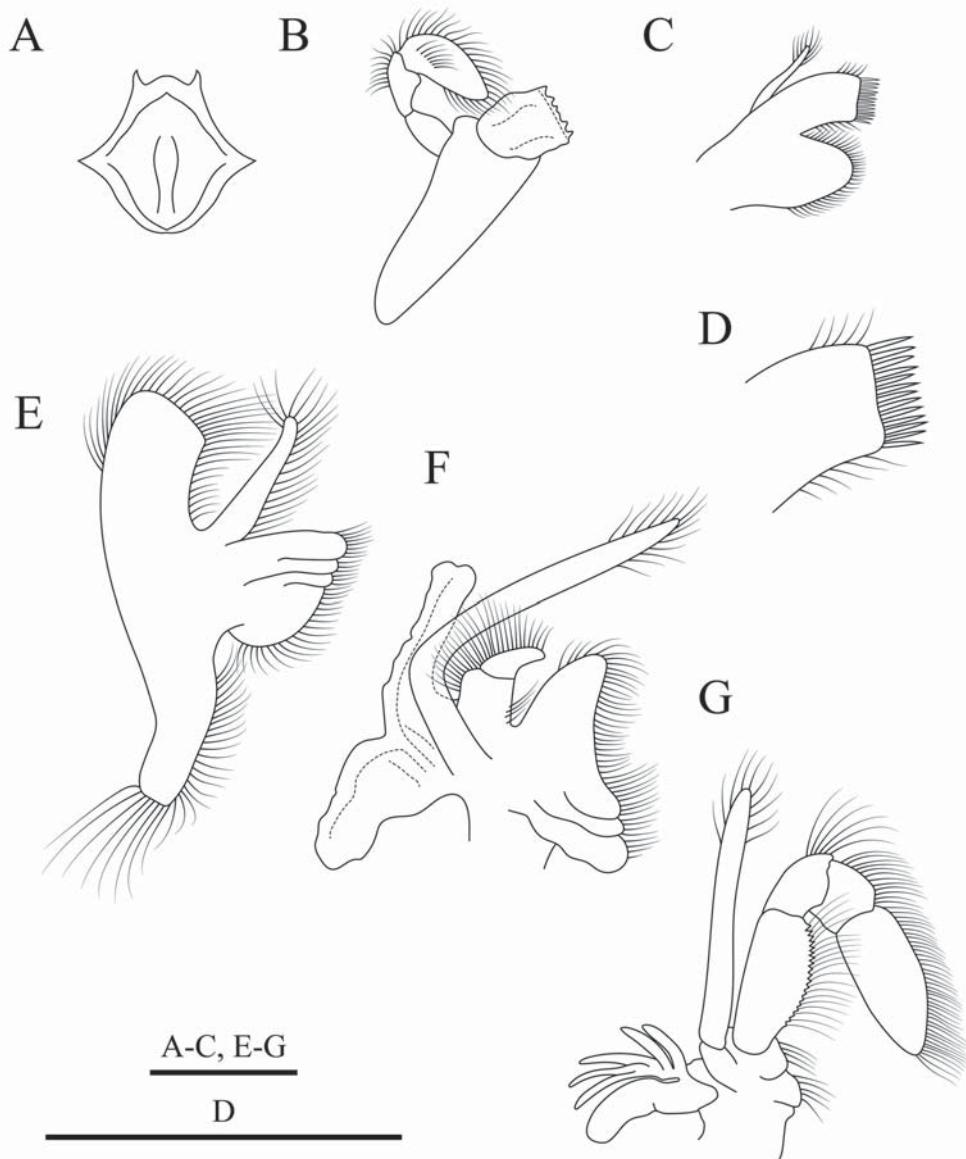


Fig. 3. *Odontozona spiridonovi* sp.n., Taiwan, holotype, ♂, cl 5.3 mm (NTOU M02298). A — epistome and labrum, ventral view; B — right mandible, ventral view; C — right maxillula, ventral view; D — basal endite of right maxillula, ventral view; E — right maxilla, ventral view; F — right first maxilliped, ventral view; G — right second maxilliped, ventral view. Scale bars: 1 mm.

Рис. 3. *Odontozona spiridonovi* sp.n., Тайвань, голотип, ♂, cl 5,3 мм (NTOU M02298). А — эпистома и нижняя губа, вид снизу; В — правая мандибула, вид снизу; С — правая максиллула, вид снизу; Д — базальный эндит 1-й максиллулы, вид снизу; Е — правая максилла, вид снизу; F — правая 1-я максиллипеда, вид снизу; G — правая 2-я максиллипеда, вид снизу. Масштаб 1 мм.

ting edges of fingers bearing submarginal row of short setae. Carpus longest, 1.8 times as long as chela. Merus 0.9 times length of carpus. Ischium 0.5 times meral length.

Third pereiopod (Figs 2, 5D, E) robust, extending beyond scaphocerite by half length of merus. Fingers slightly compressed, noticeably curved distally, crossed when closed, terminating in acute tips. Movable finger (dactylus) 0.4 times chela length; extensor margin strongly convex, bearing tufts of long setae distally, dorsomesial margin serrated with 12 spinules; cutting edge crested, with prominent triangular tooth near midlength, proximal part forming deep concavity accommodating tooth on fixed finger. Fixed finger with

cutting edge sinuous, also crested, proximal portion with 1 large blunt tooth, concavity in middle part opposing to dactylar tooth. Propodus distinctly swollen, more than twice as broad as carpus; lateral and mesial surfaces glabrous, gently convex; dorsal margin slightly convex and feebly carinate, armed with 23 distally directed spines, spines at proximal part smaller and more closely spaced, distal most and second spines furthest apart; ventral margin also gently convex, bearing 2 rows of 15 distally directed spines in each row but not in pairs. Carpus about half length of chela, dorsal margin with 7 acuminate, distally directed spines, decreasing in size proximally, ventral margin bearing 10 acute subequal spines.

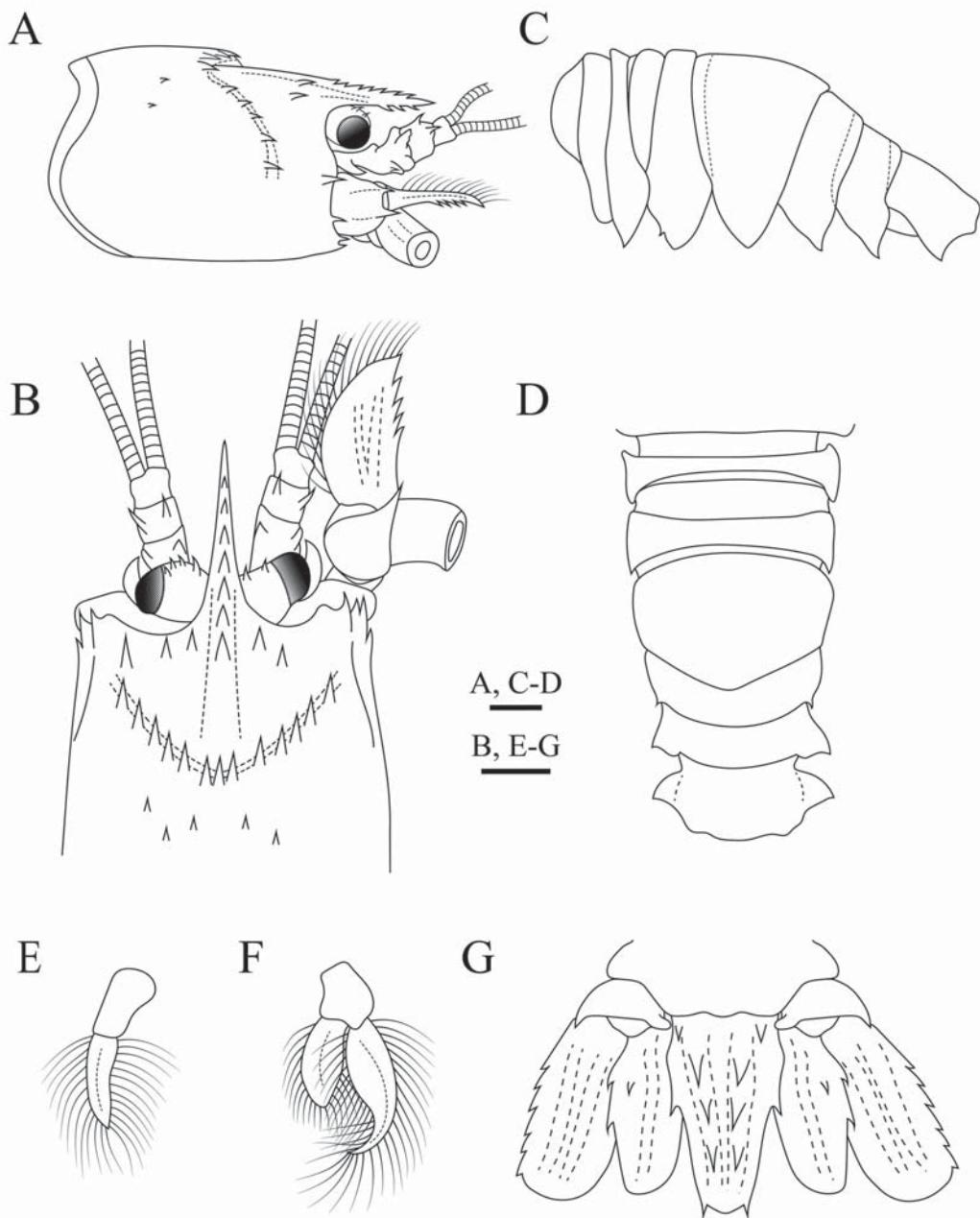


Fig. 4. *Odontozona spiridonovi* sp.n., Taiwan, holotype, ♂, cl 5.3 mm (NTOU M02298). A — right carapace and cephalic appendages, lateral view; B — anterior carapace and cephalic appendages, dorsal view (left antenna missing); C — left abdominal somites, lateral view; D — abdominal somites, dorsal view; E — left first pleopod, lateral view; F — right fifth pleopod, lateral view; G — telson and uropods, dorsal view (setae omitted). Scale bars: 1 mm.

Рис. 4. *Odontozona spiridonovi* sp.n., Тайвань, голотип, ♂, cl 5,3 мм (NTOU M02298). А — карапакс и ротовые прилатки, справа, вид сбоку; В — передняя часть карапакса и ротовые прилатки, вид сверху (левая антenna отсутствует); С — левые брюшные (абдоминальные) сомиты, вид сбоку; Д — брюшные (абдоминальные) сомиты, вид сверху; Е — левый 1-й плеопод, вид сбоку; F — правый 5-й плеопод, вид сбоку; G — тельсон и уроподы, вид сверху (щетинки удалены). Масштаб 1 мм.

Merus as long as carpus, with 9 dorsal spines increasing in size distally, ventral margin with 5 spines. Ischium 0.8 times length of merus, with 3 ventral spines, distal spine largest and elongated.

Fourth and fifth pereiopods (Fig. 6A–D) moderately slender and similar, both overreaching scaphocerite by carpus to dactylus. Dactyli distinctly biunguiculate, 0.2 times

length of propodus. Propodus 0.6 times carpal length, subdivided into 4 articles, flexor margin with row of 25–28 movable spinules. Carpus subdivided into 5–6 articles, sometimes with 1 stiff seta at dorsodistal angle. Merus 0.8 times carpal length. Ischium 0.6 times length of merus, unarmed.

Sixth thoracic sternite (Fig. 6E) with pair of thin, rectangular plates jointed medially; anterolateral angle blunt but elong-

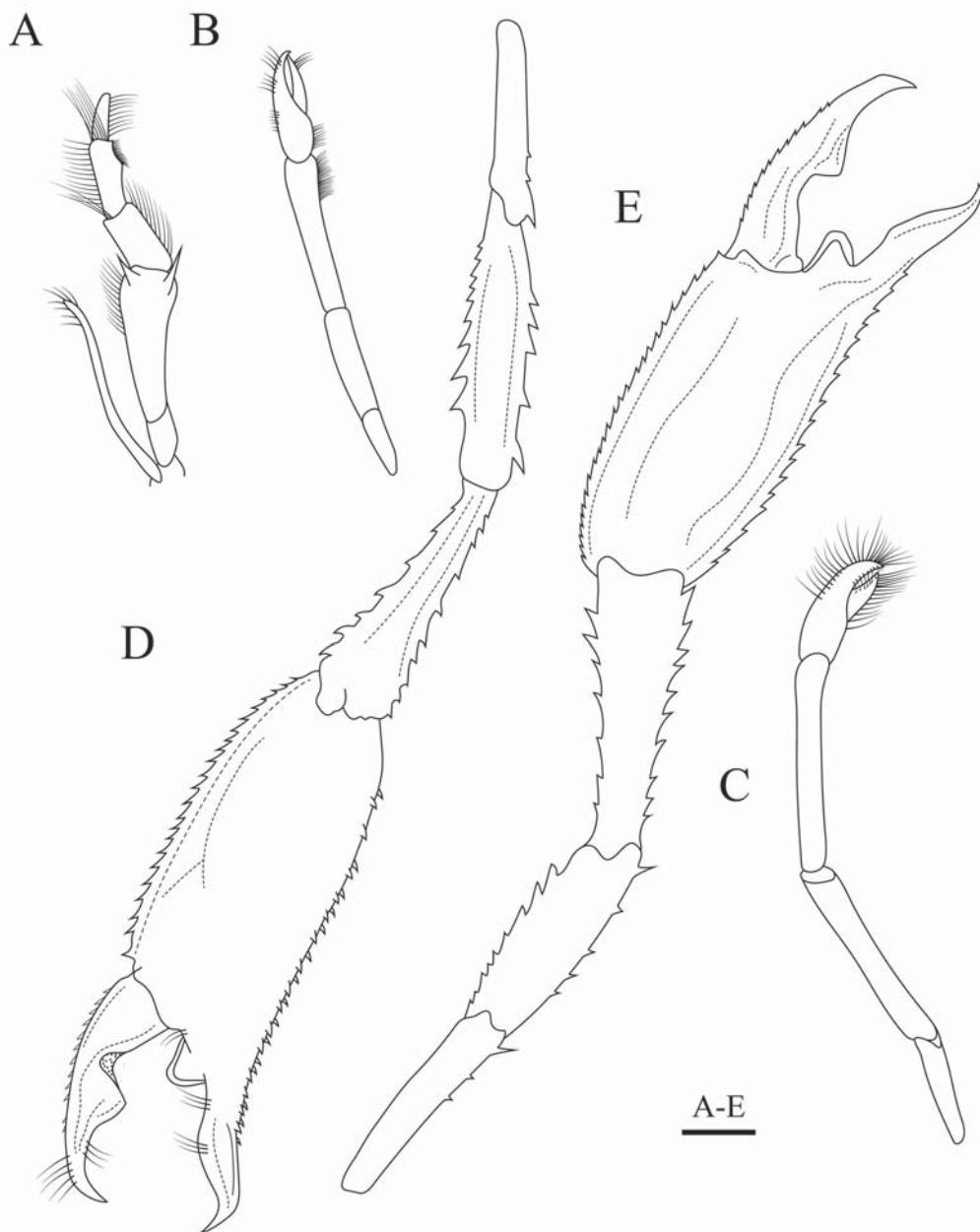


Fig. 5. *Odontozona spiridonovi* sp.n., Taiwan, holotype, ♂, cl 5.3 mm (NTOU M02298). A — left third maxilliped, lateral view; B — left first pereiopod, lateral view; C — left second pereiopod, lateral view; D — left third pereiopod, lateral view; E — left third pereiopod, mesial view. Scale bar: 1 mm.

Рис. 5. *Odontozona spiridonovi* sp.n., Тайвань, голотип, ♂, cl 5,3 мм (NTOU M02298). А — левая 3-я максиллипеда, вид сбоку; В — левая 1-я переопода, вид сбоку; С — левая 2-я переопода, вид сбоку; Д — левая 3-я переопода, вид сбоку; Е — левая 3-я переопода, мезиальный вид. Масштаб 1 мм.

gated; lateral margin concave; anteromesial margin unarmed; ventral surface concave, unarmed. Seventh thoracic sternite with pair of broad rectangular plates, anterolateral angle stout, lateral margin somewhat sinuous, anteromesial margin concave and smooth, ventral surface concave. Eighth thoracic sternite with pair of trapezoid plates, distolateral angle sharp, lateral margin deeply concave at anterior part, anteromesial margin sinuous, ventral surface concave and unarmed.

Abdomen (Figs 2, 4C, D) glabrous, without sculpture except for single transverse carina on first and second

somites. First pleuron unarmed and with anterior part ventrally rounded while posterior part sharply produced ventrally. Second pleuron bluntly pointed ventrally and bearing 1 spinule on anterior margin. Third somite largest, posterodorsal margin moderately produced posteriorly, pleuron unarmed and bluntly pointed. Fourth and fifth pleura unarmed but each strongly produced ventrally and terminating in acute tip. Sixth somite unarmed except for pleuron terminating ventrally into acute angle. First pleopod (Fig. 4E) uniramous, shorter than other pleopods. Second

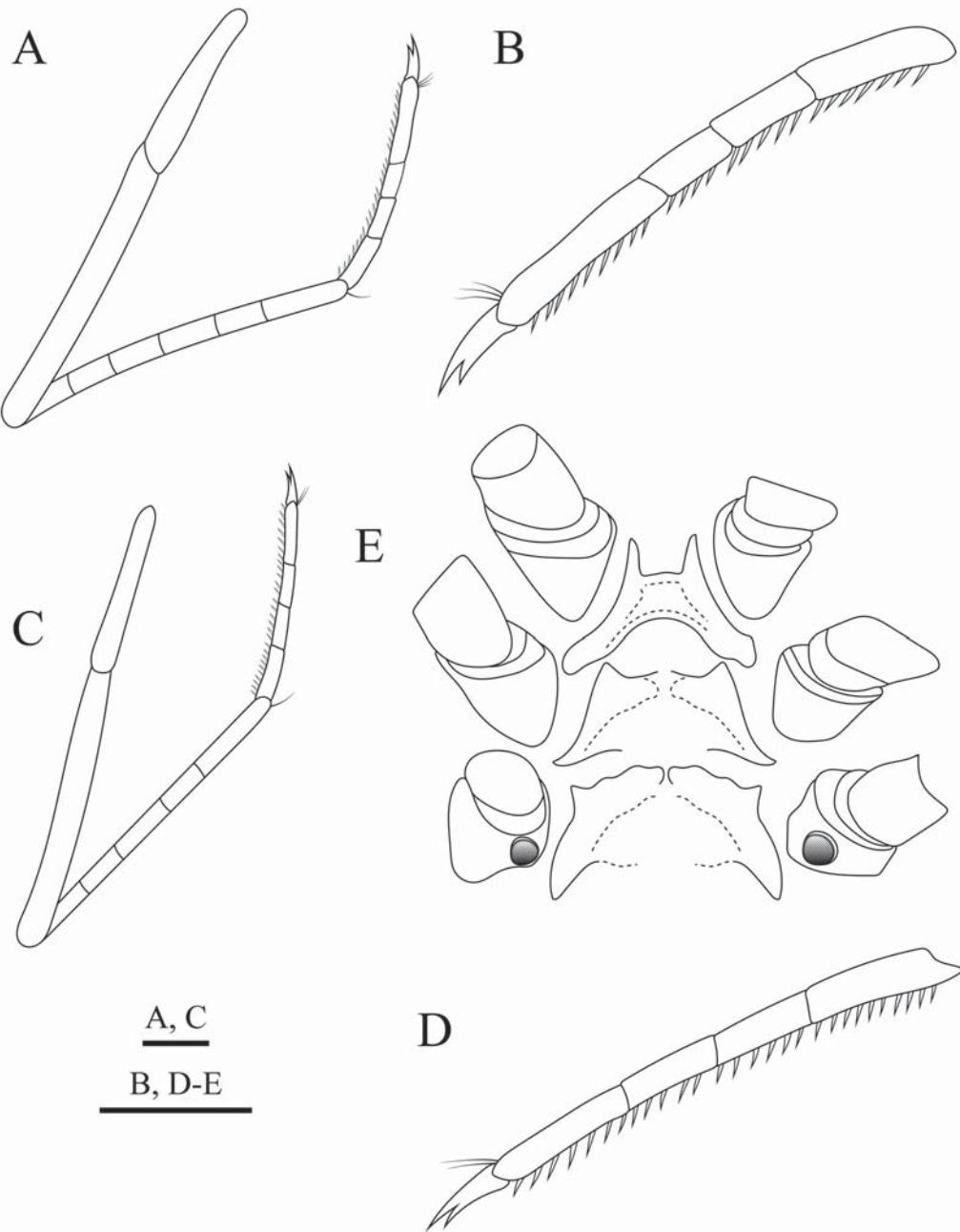


Fig. 6. *Odontozona spiridonovi* sp.n., Taiwan, holotype, ♂, cl 5.3 mm (NTOU M02298). A — left fourth pereiopod, lateral view; B — same, dactylus and propodus, lateral view; C — left fifth pereiopod, lateral view; D — same, dactylus and propodus, lateral view; E — sixth to eighth thoracic sternites, ventral view. Scale bars: 1 mm.

Рис. 6. *Odontozona spiridonovi* sp.n., Тайвань, голотип, ♂, cl 5,3 мм (NTOU M02298). А — левая 4-я переопода, вид сбоку; В — то же, дактилус и проподус, вид сбоку; С — левая 5-я переопод, вид сбоку; Д — то же, дактилус и проподус, вид сбоку; Е — 6-8-й грудные стерниты, вид снизу. Масштаб 1 мм.

to fifth pleopods (Figs. 2, 4F) biramous, unarmed, with protopods shorter than both rami.

Telson (Figs 2, 4G) lanceolate, 2 times longer than broad; armed with pair of posterolateral spines; dorsal surface bearing 2 longitudinal carinae, each carina armed with 3 strong spines; basal part bearing pair of spines near lateral margin; lateral margin with shallow subproximal concavity and 1 distinct medial spine. Uropods (Figs 2, 4G) well developed;

exopod with lateral margin serrated with 6 acute teeth, dorsal surface with 2 unarmed longitudinal carinae, posterior margin rounded; endopod with 2 sharp teeth on lateral margin, posterior margin rounded, dorsal surface with 1 longitudinal carina and 1 intermediate spine between longitudinal carina and lateral margin.

COLORATION. Body generally semitransparent mixed with yellowish brown tan (Fig. 1A, B). Rostrum and cephal-

Table 2. Branchial formula of *Odontozona spiridonovi* sp.n.  
Таблица 2. Жаберная формула *Odontozona spiridonovi* sp.n.

	Maxillipeds			Pereiopods				
	I	II	III	I	II	III	IV	V
Pleurobranchs	—	—	1	1	1	1	1	1
Arthrobranchs	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	—
Podobranchs	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Epipods	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	—
Exopods	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—

ic appendages, anterior and ventral carapace, merus of third pereiopod, abdominal pleura, posterior part of third abdominal somite to sixth abdominal somite, lateral parts of protopods of pleopods covered with dense fine black dots. Cornea darkly pigmented.

**SIZE.** The single specimen known is the male holotype with a carapace length of 5.3 mm and body length (excluding rostrum) of 16.2 mm.

**ETYMOLOGY.** This species is named in honor of Vassily Albertovich Spiridonov for his many contributions to decapod crustacean taxonomy.

**DISTRIBUTION.** Known only from the southwestern coast of Taiwan, at depths of 116–159 m.

**REMARKS.** Although the single specimen of this new species has the left antenna, distal parts of the right third maxilliped, right second, third and fifth pereiopods missing (Fig. 1B), it fits well with the characteristics of *Odontozona* in having the cervical groove with a cincture of spines, the abdomen without dorsal spines, the dactyli of the fourth and fifth pereiopods being biunguiculate [Holthuis, 1993; Goy, 2010].

Members of *Odontozona* can be separated into two groups according to the abdominal sculpture. The present new species belongs to the group with the abdomen not sculptured (vs. abdomen distinctly sculptured, containing *O. arbur* Saito, Okuno et Anker, 2017, *O. edyli* Criales et Lemaitre, 2017, *O. ensifera* (Dana, 1852), *O. rubra* Wicksten, 1982, *O. sculpticaudata* Holthuis, 1946 and *O. spinosissima* Kensley, 1981 [Holthuis, 1993; Goy, 1981, 2015; Kensley, 1981; Wicksten, 1982; Criales, Lemaitre, 2017; Saito et al., 2017]). This abdomen non-sculptured group can be further subdivided into two subgroups in terms of the spinulation on the carapace. *Odontozona spiridonovi* sp.n. fits into the subgroup with the carapace bearing few, scattered spinules (vs. carapace densely covered with spines, consisting of *O. addaia* Pretus, 1990, *O. anaphorae* Manning et Chace, 1990, *O. fasciata* Okuno, 2003, *O. foresti* Hendrickx, 2002, *O. meloi* Anker et Tavares, 2013, *O. minoica* Dounas et Koukouras, 1989, *O. okunoi* Saito et Fujita, 2018 and *O. striata* Goy, 1981 [Dounas, Koukouras, 1989; Manning, Chace, 1990; Pretus, 1990; Hendrickx, 2002; Okuno, 2003; Anker, Tavares, 2013; Saito, Fujita, 2018]. Besides, *O. spiridonovi* sp.n. is unique in the propodus of the third pereiopod being swollen and more than twice as broad as the carpus, and with both the dorsal and ventral margins densely serrated (Fig. 5D, E), it can be further distinguished from the seven known species of *Odontozona* with less spinose carapace and non-sculptured abdomen by the following characters.

*Odontozona spongicola* (Alcock et Anderson, 1899) can be easily separated from *O. spiridonovi* sp.n. in having the palm of the third pereiopod almost smooth [Holthuis, 1993; Goy, 2010; Chen, Chan, 2021]. The palm of the third pereiopod in *O. crinoidicola* Saito et Fujita, 2009 and *O.*

*liberta* Gore, 1981 has two rows of spines on the dorsal margin and one row of spines on the ventral margin [Gore, 1981; Saito, Fujita, 2009], instead of one row of spines on the dorsal margin and two rows of spines on the ventral margin as in *O. spiridonovi* sp.n. The cutting edges of the fingers of the third pereiopod are straight in *O. lopheliae* Goy et Cardoso, 2014 [Goy, Cardoso, 2014] but sinuous and crested in *O. spiridonovi* sp.n. (Fig. 5D, E). The Atlantic *O. edwardsi* (Bouvier, 1908) has transverse carinae on the first to third and the sixth abdominal somites [Goy, Cardoso, 2014], whereas only the first and second abdominal somite have transverse carinae in *O. spiridonovi* sp.n. (Fig. 4C, D). Moreover, the ischium of the third pereiopod has four sub-equal ventral spines in *O. edwardsi* [Goy, Cardoso, 2014] but one large and two small ventral spines in the new species (Fig. 5D, E). For the East Pacific species *O. joegoyi* Hendrickx et Ayón-Parente, 2014, *O. spiridonovi* sp.n. differs in bearing two outer teeth on the endopod of the telson (Fig. 4G, vs. unarmed in *O. joegoyi*, see Hendrickx, Ayón-Parente, 2014: fig. 1E), large antennal spine and three pterygostomial spines (Fig. 4A, B, vs. antennal spine small and eight pterygostomial spines in *O. joegoyi* [Hendrickx, Ayón-Parente, 2014: fig. 1A], scaphocerite semicircular and about twice as long as broad. (Fig. 4B, vs. lanceolate and about three times as long as broad in *O. joegoyi* [Hendrickx, Ayón-Parente, 2014: fig. 1D]).

The remaining species *O. stigmatica* Saito, Okuno et Anker, 2017 from the Ryukyu Islands near Taiwan appears to be most similar to *O. spiridonovi* sp.n. Nevertheless, *O. spiridonovi* sp.n. can be readily distinguished from *O. stigmatica* [Saito et al., 2017] in having more ventral rostral teeth (three in the new species, Fig. 4A vs. one in *O. stigmatica*), the third maxilliped with the merus bearing two spines and the ischium unarmed (Fig. 5A, vs. merus with seven spines and ischium with row of spines in *O. stigmatica*), propodus and carpus subdivided into less articles in the fourth and fifth pereiopods (4 in propodus and 5–6 in carpus for *O. spiridonovi* sp.n., Fig. 6A–D vs. 5 in propodus and 7–8 in carpus for *O. stigmatica*). The palm of the third pereiopod is subcylindrical, only 1.4 times as broad as the carpus and has the spines on the dorsal and ventral margins widely spaced in *O. stigmatica*. Moreover, *O. stigmatica* inhabits very shallow water (5 m deep) and has the body covered with many thin reddish stripes [Saito et al., 2017].

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