

Kimberley marine biota. Historical data: polychaetes (Annelida)

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ABSTRACT – We examined all the previously published records of polychaetes from the Kimberley Project Area as well as unpublished records from Australian museum records and updated any recent nomenclatural changes. Over 260 species from 43 families have been reported and we suggest that this number will increase considerably as more survey work is carried out in the area and additional habitats such as soft sediments are properly surveyed. At this stage many of these species appear to have wide distributions with few endemic species recorded, but we anticipate this will increase with taxonomic revisions incorporating both molecular and morphological techniques. We hope this paper will advertise the availability of this material to specialists for incorporation into their Australian revisions.

KEYWORDS: natural history collections, species inventory, Kimberley region, biodiversity, north west Australia, baseline

INTRODUCTION

The importance of utilising natural history collection datasets to provide baseline biodiversity information for conservation and environmental management decisions is now recognised (Pyke and Ehrlich 2010). The Kimberley region of Australia is currently of great interest for its conservation value, with a number of proposed marine protected areas, and also for its oil and gas reserves, fishing and aquaculture activities, nature based tourism, and proposed development (Department of Environment and Conservation 2009). Consequently, baseline data to characterise the values and assets in the region are needed (Wood and Mills 2008).

The Western Australian Museum (WAM) and other Australian natural history institutions have undertaken marine biodiversity surveys of the species present in the Kimberley, but many of these data and their interpretations are either unpublished or published in specialist taxonomic literature, so not readily accessible to researchers and managers. To address this, WAM instigated an extensive data compilation of major taxa known from the Kimberley region. Wilson (2014) has

reviewed the habitat and historical background of the Kimberley Project Area. Here, we document what is currently known about shallow water polychaete diversity within the Kimberley Project Area.

POLYCHAETES (ANNELIDA)

Polychaetes are a major component of the marine benthos in terms of number of both individuals and species. They range in length from less than 1 mm to over 1 m. Polychaetes are currently classified into more than 80 families with over 15,000 species known worldwide and many remaining to be described. They vary considerably in morphology and life style, including many different types of feeding strategies (carnivores, deposit and filter feeders, herbivores, parasitic or commensal). They exhibit a considerable range of reproductive strategies including both sexual and asexual. Some species live only a few weeks, while others live for several years. They may breed almost continuously, or have a restricted breeding season. Some survive spawning and others do not. They live in a wide variety of marine habitats from the supra-littoral to the deep sea: some live in sediments, others bore

into hard substrates or are firmly attached to them, while others move freely over the substrate, swim in the water column or are commensal on a range of animals. Some are tubicolous, living in muddy/sandy or calcareous tubes. For all these reasons polychaetes have been widely used as surrogates for the entire benthic community. Because they occupy all levels within the food chain a diverse polychaete assemblage provides a good indication of a healthy environment. In addition, some taxa (e.g. some species of Capitellidae, such as *Capitella* spp.) are good indicators of polluted environments. As well as marine species, others occur in estuarine areas and freshwater habitats, and some terrestrial species live in damp environments (Beesley et al. 2000; Rouse and Pleijel 2001).

HISTORY

Historical collections of polychaetes from the Kimberley coast are scarce. In the late 1800s and early 1900s two expeditions collected in Western Australia: the German *S.M.S. Gazelle* between 1874 and 1876 and the south west Australian Hamburg expedition led by Michaelsen and Hartmeyer in 1905. The former did not extend north of the Dampier Archipelago and the latter only reached north to Shark Bay. Apparently, the only European expedition that sampled the Kimberley coast was the Swedish Mjöberg Scientific Expedition (1910–1911), for which the polychaetes were reported by Johansson (1918) and Augener (1922). All the polychaetes described by Augener came from a small area off Cape Jaubert in the southern Kimberley. No further notable collecting of polychaetes occurred until 1975 when Hartmann-Schröder and Hartmann collected at several sites around Broome and Derby as part of their Australia-wide investigation of intertidal polychaetes and ostracods. All the specimens studied by Augener (1922) and Hartmann-Schröder (1979) – over 260 specimen lots – were deposited in the Zoologisches Institut und Zoologisches Museum der Universität

Hamburg, Germany (HZM), except for some paratypes, which are housed at WAM.

The first extensive survey of polychaetes along the Kimberley coast was made in 1988 (Hutchings 1989). Polychaetes were collected from 29 locations with 121 species identified (Table 1). Many of the species collected during this survey were new and have been described subsequently (Hutchings and Glasby 1990; Hutchings and Reid 1990, 1991; Pillai 2009; Murray et al. 2010). Polychaetes were also collected during a 1991 survey of 21 locations along the coast between Broome and Wyndham (referred to as the KIRE 91), by WAM where 54 taxa were identified, to either species or family level by Hanley (1992). Hanley recorded the greatest diversity within the Polynoidae with 20 species identified, including three new species. Other common families were the Nereididae and Terebellidae. Hanley was particularly interested in polynoids commensal with holothurians, crinoids, alcyonarians and gorgonians and with one species commensal in tubes of terebellids. In a second survey to the southern Kimberley in 1994, polychaetes associated with intertidal hard substrates and mangroves were collected. Specimens from both surveys are lodged at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT). Hanley (1995) provides a list of the polychaete families collected with the polynoids and the eunicids identified to species. Both of these reports suggest a high diversity of polychaetes with new species as well as widely distributed ones commonly found in similar habitats throughout northern Australia, although many of these widely distributed species need to be carefully re-examined to confirm their identifications.

Additional surveys were carried out by MAGNT and also by WAM in the 1980s and in 2008, but polychaetes were not specifically targeted and no species lists were compiled. These included an initial 1984 survey of Ashmore, Cartier and Hibernia Reefs by MAGNT (Russell 2005), followed by those in 1987 and 1992, yielding many polychaete specimens now housed at MAGNT.

TABLE 1 Number of locations, species and families of the polychaetes sampled during main survey expeditions in the region and presented as reports. *Number of species not presented in the report so the number was extracted from the database.

Survey year	No. locations	No. species	No. families	Reference
1988	29	121	13	Hutchings 1989*
1991	21	54+	21	Hanley 1992
1994	10	50+	22	Hanley 1995

All the records discussed above are incorporated into the present study.

Previous research in the region on other taxonomic groups such as fishes (Hutchins 1999), echinoderms (Marsh and Marshall 1983) and corals (Veron and Marsh 1988) revealed some general patterns of the fauna in the region. Firstly, species richness and composition were different inshore compared to offshore. Secondly, more endemic species occur inshore compared to more widespread species offshore: we have tested this using data collected by Hanley for the distribution of commensal species of polynoids.

AIMS

1. Collate records of shallow water (<30 m) polychaete species in the Kimberley Project Area that are verified by specimens lodged in Australian museum collections (1880s – 2009) to provide a baseline diversity dataset;
2. identify collection and taxonomic bias and gaps;
3. test whether there are proportionally more wide ranging species (e.g. Indo-West Pacific or Indo-Pacific) occurring offshore compared to inshore – i.e. species that inhabit clear oligotrophic waters versus endemic or Indo-Australian species that would have higher tolerances to the silty turbid waters occurring along the coast; and
4. explore cross shelf differences in species richness and composition for commensal Polynoid species.

METHODS

The Kimberley Project Area encompasses an area west and north of the Kimberley coast (from south of Broome northward and eastward to the Western Australia–Northern Territory border) extending beyond the 1000 m bathymetric contour, with the coastline forming a natural inshore boundary, as shown in Figure 1 (see Sampey et al. 2014, for a full explanation of the study area).

For the purpose of this synthesis we are using the classical concept and family membership of the polychaetes (e.g. Fauchald 1977, Rouse and Pleijel 2001). Largely based on molecular data, the clitellates (leeches and oligochaetes), sipunculans, and siboglinids have been moved recently into the polychaetes, but these groups are even less well known from the region. So, while clitellates and sipunculans are widespread and probably diverse in the Kimberley, they are poorly known and will not be considered any further in this review.

The methodology follows that outlined by Sampey et al. (2014). Briefly, polychaete species data were sourced from the collection databases of WAM (July 2010), MAGNT (August 2009) and AM (August 2009), as well as the species reported on WAM survey expeditions of 1988, 1991 and 1994 along the Kimberley coast (Hutchings 1989; Hanley 1992, 1995).

Species names represent a hypothesis that is subject to change as new information (morphology, genetic, behaviour, distribution ranges) is discovered (Gaston and Mound 1993); at this stage all species listed herein are recognised only on the basis of morphological characters (i.e. morphospecies). The species names and taxonomic placement of the records in the dataset were checked in an attempt to present the currently accepted name and to resolve synonymies and old combinations, but the specimens were not re-examined for this study (Sampey et al. 2014). Species names were checked using online databases (Appeltans et al. 2010; ABRS 2011) to identify the currently accepted taxonomic name, and based either on recently published data or research currently being undertaken. However, this does mean that the species names are more up-to-date for some families, and this reflects the current knowledge of Australian polychaetes.

SPATIAL INFORMATION, COLLECTION DETAILS AND MAPPING

As described in Sampey et al. (2014), data from all sources were collated into a single database. Location and collecting details were checked and verified. The locations of the specimen records were visualised using ARCGIS v9, ArcMap v9.3. Maps of species richness and sampling effort were generated for each main location. Since species richness patterns are highly dependent on sampling effort, we calculated the number of collecting events at a location to provide an indication of relative sampling effort. A collecting event was defined by the season and year of collecting, and the full list of locations, latitude and longitude and other relevant collection information is provided for all taxonomic groups in Table 4 in Sampey et al. (2014).

Throughout this paper ‘inshore’ refers to locations along the coast, and the numerous islands and reefs found shoreward of the 50 m depth contour (Figure 1). ‘Offshore’ refers to the shelf edge atolls, which arise from deeper waters (200–400 m) along the continental margin.

BIOGEOGRAPHIC AND HABITAT CODING

Species were coded for their known habitat and biogeographic range (Sampey et al. 2014). If a species did not conform to a single code then appropriate combinations were used.

The following biogeographic codes were used:

- Western Australian endemic (WA). Currently known only from Western Australian waters, often from the type locality only; may eventually prove to be a Northern Australian endemic with more collecting effort.
- Northern Australian endemic (NA). Found throughout tropical Australian waters.
- Southern Australian endemic (SA). Found throughout temperate Australian waters and its presence in the Kimberley is the northern extent of its known range; although this may represent a lack of data and should be treated with caution.
- Australian endemic (A). Found throughout tropical and temperate Australian waters.
- Indo-Australian (IA). Found throughout Australian and Indonesian waters, may extend to the Philippines.
- Indo-West Pacific (IWP). Found throughout the Red Sea, Indian and Western Pacific Oceans.
- Indo-Pacific (IP). Found throughout the Red Sea, Indian Ocean and throughout the Pacific Ocean.
- West Pacific (WP). Found throughout the Western Pacific, although presence in Kimberley indicates its occurrence in at least the eastern Indian Ocean.
- Central Pacific (CP)*. Found throughout the Central Pacific.
- Tropicopolitan (T)*. Found throughout all tropical oceans.
- Circumglobal (C)*. Found throughout all oceans in both tropical and temperate waters.

Codes indicated by an asterisk (*) are the most problematic and need to be treated with caution; this is especially true for families for which no recent Australian revision has been undertaken. Our knowledge of the distribution and habitat of the polychaete fauna of the Pacific, South East Asia and the Indian Ocean is poor and dominated by widespread species. However, we expect with additional studies, many of these species will be found to consist of several morphologically similar species each with discrete non-overlapping ranges.

Within its distribution range, a species may be restricted to certain habitat types. We provided an indication of the habitats sampled in the Kimberley

region to date by coding species for their preferred habitat, if known, as follows:

- Intertidal (i). Found in the intertidal zone, which is extremely large as a result of the large tidal range.
- Subtidal (s). Found in the subtidal or sublittoral zone.
- Hard substrate (H). Found associated with hard substrates (e.g. rock, coral, rubble).
- Soft substrate (S). Found associated with soft substrates (e.g. sand, mud).
- Estuarine (E). Found in estuarine or brackish waters.
- Epizoic (EZ). Always found in an external association with a particular species of animal.
- Unknown (U).

DATA ANALYSES

To explore composition differences across the shelf, the total number of commensal polynoid species was calculated for each location (reef, island, or atoll) and then visualised using non-metric multi dimensional scaling (nMDS) using the Bray-Curtis distance measure.

RESULTS

NUMBER OF SPECIMENS IN COLLECTIONS

A total of 1,046 registered specimen lots of polychaete species were included in this dataset (excluding lots in overseas museums) (Table 2a). A 'lot' represents between one and many individuals from the same site. The number of lots included was variable across families, ranging from one for 11 families, which usually coincided with that family not being identified to species (e.g. Maldanidae species), to 210 for the Polynoidae, the most consistently collected and identified family in the Project Area (Tables 2 and 3). The number of specimen lots housed in the various institutions was also variable (413 species, 40%, AM; 588 species, 56%, MAGNT; and 45 species, 4%, WAM; Table 2).

Many lots were excluded from the present dataset (814 species, 44%; Table 2b). This was primarily due to incomplete identification or where the records are not consistent with any recognisable nomenclature. This material needs to be re-examined. Three lots were collected in waters deeper than 30 m. A further 125 lots of polychaetes are available in WAM, but these were not included in the dataset due to late cataloguing of samples.

The oldest Kimberley polychaete record housed in

collections of Australian museums was *Myzostoma stochoeides* Atkins, 1927, taken off crinoids collected by H.L. Clark at Cape Villaret in 1929 and housed in the AM collections. A number of species, including *Perkinsyllis augeneri* (Hartmann-Schröder, 1979) collected by Hartmann-Schröder at Broome in 1975, are located in the collections of WAM. The oldest MAGNT Kimberley specimen was *Platynereis uniseris* Hutchings and Reid, 1991 collected from Ashmore Reef in 1983. This reflects the dearth of collecting in the Kimberley region from the early 1900s to the late 1970s.

Up to 2009, 30 new polychaete species have been described from the Kimberley, belonging to eight families (Capitellidae, Glyceridae, Nereididae, Phyllodocidae, Pilargidae, Serpulidae, Syllidae, and Terebellidae). In addition, several new species and genera of Polynoidae in the MAGNT collection have been flagged as new by R. Hanley, but have yet to be formerly described (Table 3). Work is underway by M. Capa and C. Watson (MAGNT) describing new species of Sabellidae and Chrysopetalidae, respectively. It is anticipated that future collecting events in the Project Area will yield many more new species and records of polychaetes for the area.

SPECIES RICHNESS AND COLLECTING EFFORT

A total of 261 taxa belonging to 43 families of polychaetes were recorded in our dataset (Table 3). Sixteen families have not yet been sorted to morphospecies: Euphrosinidae, Lumbrineridae, Nephtyidae, Sphaerodoridae, Maldanidae, Opheliidae, Orbiniidae, Paraonidae, Questidae, Scalibregmatidae, Chaetopteridae, Magelonidae, Poecilochaetidae, Spionidae, Ampharetidae, and Flabelligeridae (Table 3). In part this reflects the lack of expertise in these families worldwide, although some are currently being investigated, and this paper may help to alert the worldwide polychaete community to the availability of this material for study.

Polychaete data are available for 69 locations in the Project Area (Table 4, Figures 1–3). Species richness ranged from 80 (at Broome) to one (at 12 inshore and one offshore location; Table 4, Figure 2). Collecting effort was highly variable, with nine collecting events occurring at Broome, but only one at 48 other locations (Table 4, Figure 3). The number of polychaete families collected at any one location was also highly variable with 29 families collected at Broome compared to only one family at 16 other locations (Table 4). The presence or absence of polychaete families reported at a location very much depends on the habitats sampled and the collector. More polychaete species have been reported from

inshore (232 species) than offshore (82 species; Tables 3, 6 and 7). However, collecting effort is substantially different for these areas of the shelf, with more collecting inshore compared to offshore or midshelf (25 versus 13 locations, respectively). At the time of writing, no collecting had occurred at Browse Island (midshelf) for polychaetes. The eastern Kimberley has not been sampled for polychaetes, nor have Seringapatam or Imperieuse Reef (Rowley Shoals) (Figure 1). The Polynoidae is likely to have had a more even collecting effort than others (see Discussion) and of the 33 species total, 27 are reported from inshore sites, 21 from offshore sites and 15 occurred in both. There is a weak inshore versus offshore difference in species composition (MDS plot, Figure 4), which may be explained partially because many species recorded here are commensal on echinoderms, which show a similar inshore versus offshore difference in both richness and composition (Sampey and Marsh 2015).

BIOGEOGRAPHY AND HABITATS

The majority of polychaete species were widespread (in all categories C, CP, IA, IP, IWP, T, WP) both inshore (111 species, 49%) and offshore (45 species, 54%) (Table 5).

The proportion of endemics (those in categories WA, A, NA and SA) inshore (87 species, 38%) was more than twice the proportion of endemics offshore (12 species, 14%) (Table 5). The proportion of Indo-Australian species was also higher inshore (20 species, 9%) versus offshore (5 species, 6%) (Table 5). The dominance of widely distributed species is also reflected in the Polynoidae. In this family one, and possibly up to four, species are narrow range endemics (*Australaugeneria michaelseni* Pettibone, 1969). Three new undescribed taxa identified by Hanley (Table 3, Figure 1, 2), and another three polynoid species occur in the Kimberley as well as in other parts of Australia. Twenty five species of polynoids found in the Kimberley also occur throughout the Indo-West Pacific region.

A high proportion of the species were associated with hard substrates: 70 species (31%) inshore versus 19 species (23%) offshore. However, some species were associated with soft substrates (41 species, 18% inshore versus 4 species, 5% offshore, Table 6). Three species were estuarine (Table 6). Most species had an unknown substrate preference (72 species, 34% inshore versus 27 species, 32% offshore; Table 6). However, it should be noted that many families not represented are those that live exclusively buried in soft sediments, which were not sampled.

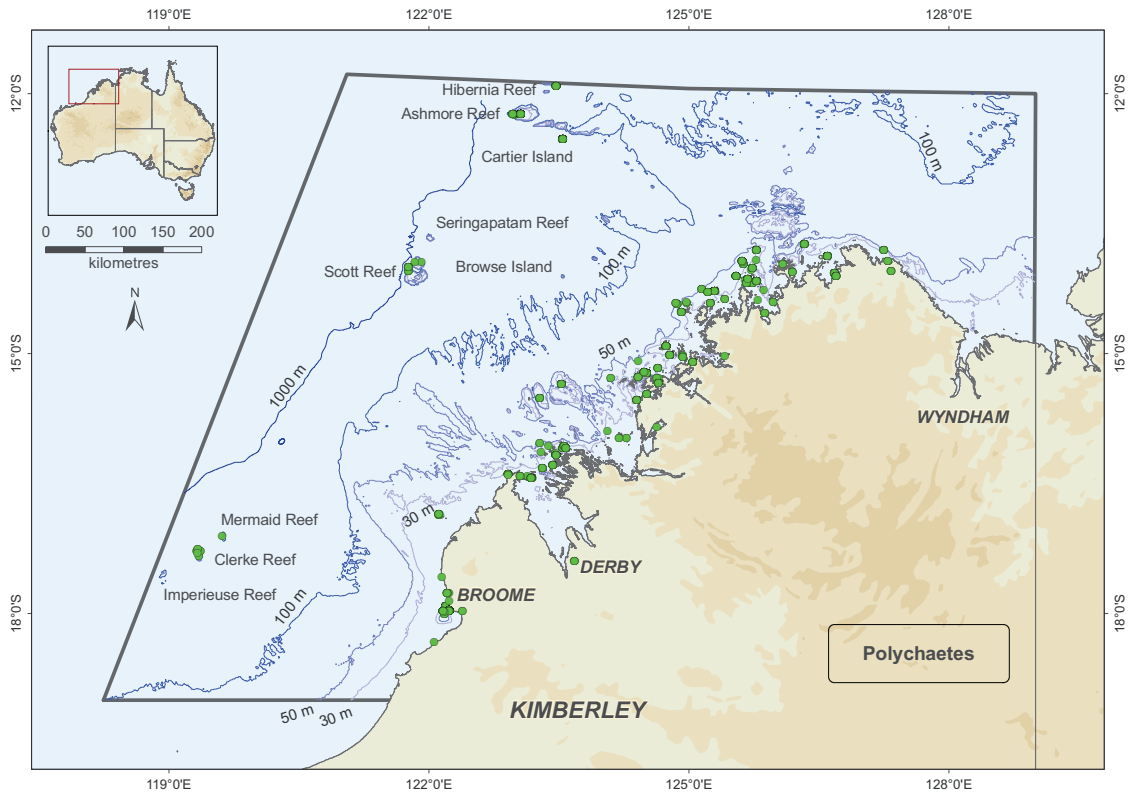


FIGURE 1 Location of records of polychaete species in the Kimberley Project Area of Western Australia. The Project Area boundary is marked in grey. Map projection: GDA94, Scale: 1:6, 250,000.

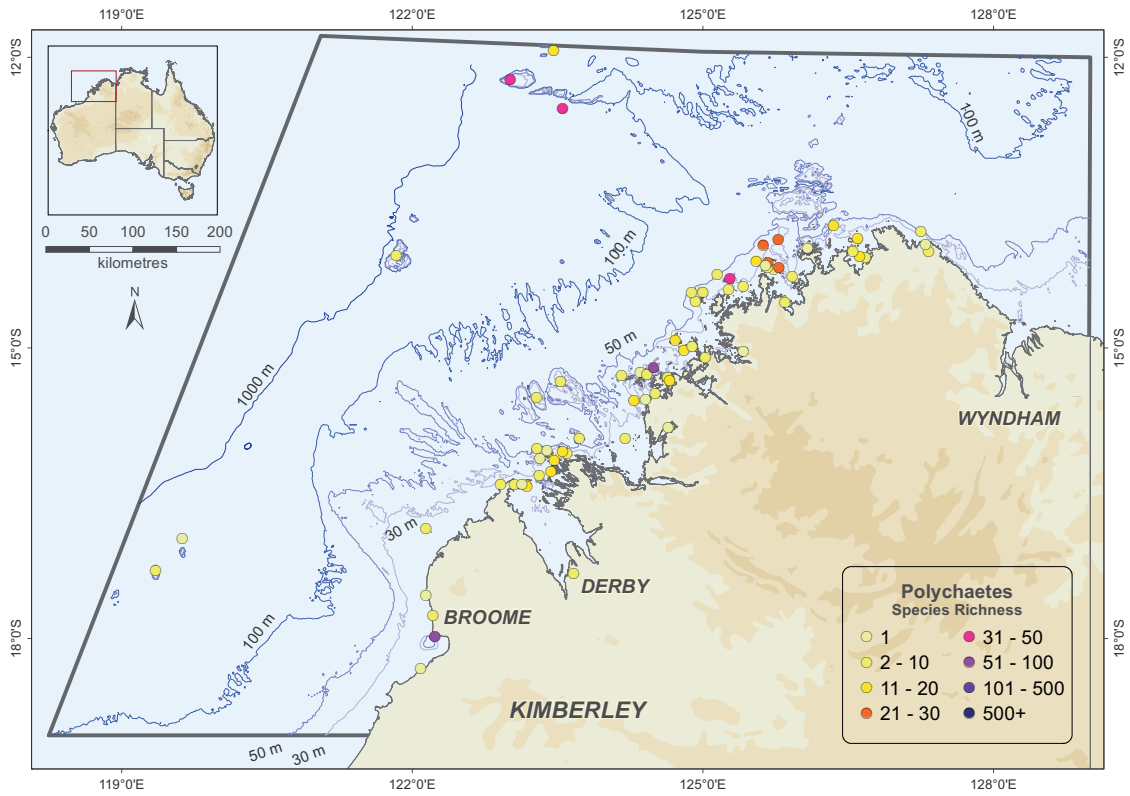


FIGURE 2 Species richness of polychaetes for each main location. Map projection: GDA94, Scale: 1:6, 250,000.

DISCUSSION

These results demonstrate that the polychaete fauna of the Project Area remains largely under sampled and undescribed. Collection gaps are methodological since the sampling effort has been concentrated mostly in shallow water hard substrates. Sampling across the shelf, including soft sediments between reefs, certainly would reveal a highly diverse polychaete assemblage. The data are also biased towards larger species, and fine sorting of soft sediments and washings from broken up hard substrates would yield additional species. Further, existing collections reflect surveys that were inventory focussed and somewhat biased toward certain families, which were the interest of the particular workers undertaking the collecting (e.g. Polynoidae).

Identification efforts have been greatest on certain families (e.g. Nereididae, Terebellidae, Polynoidae), which have been the subject of recent taxonomic research. Within the WAM, AM and MAGNT collections there are unidentified polychaetes, some sorted to family and included in this study, others not. This highlights the lack

of funding for taxonomic research and the lack of taxonomic expertise in particular polychaete families. Nevertheless, some of this material (e.g. Sabellidae, Sabellariidae, Oweniidae) is currently being examined with new species to be described. We also anticipate that some of these specimens will be found to represent species endemic to the areas.

It is premature to make any generalisations about the polychaete fauna of the Project Area as so much is still unknown. Our discussion focuses on what is known from the limited families studied to date and highlights some collection and taxonomic gaps, which will provide a basis to focus future research.

SPECIES RICHNESS PATTERNS

The 261 taxa listed in our dataset represent a low species richness estimate of polychaetes for the Project Area if compared to other tropical areas (Hutchings personal observation). Causes for this low diversity are the limited collecting effort mentioned above together with the superficial identification of specimens of particular families.

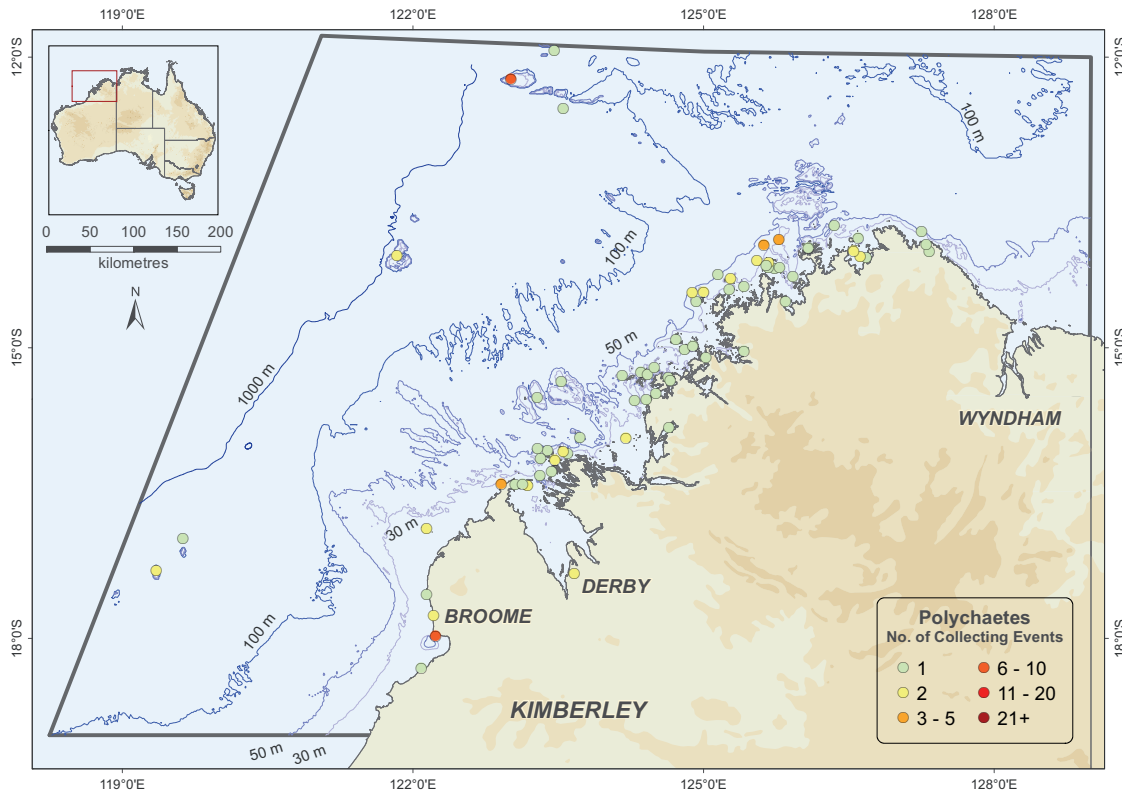


FIGURE 3 Number of collecting events for polychaetes at each main collecting location. This was based on a count of the season code and provides an indication of sampling effort. Map projection: GDA94, Scale: 1:6, 250,000.

TABLE 2 Number of registered specimen lots of Kimberley polychaetes housed in Australian natural history collections. Included are those lots identified to species or able to be distinguished as a separate species. Excluded lots are those that were incompletely identified or from deepwater (>30 m) locations.

Included families	AM	MAGNT	WAM	Total	Excluded families	AM	MAGNT	WAM	Total
Acoetidae		2		2	Acoetidae		1		1
Ampharetidae		1		1	Amphinomidae		25	4	29
Amphinomidae	1	5		6	Aphroditidae		1	1	2
Aphroditidae	4	2	1	7	Arenicolidae			2	2
Capitellidae			1	1	Capitellidae		33		33
Chaetopteridae		19		19	Chrysopetalidae	3	53		56
Chrysopetalidae	29	5		34	Cirratulidae		27		27
Cirratulidae		1		1	Dorvilleidae		5		5
Dorvilleidae	1			1	Eunicidae	1	96	2	99
Eunicidae	2	28		30	Euphrosinidae		3		3
Euphrosinidae		1		1	Glyceridae		16	1	17
Flabelligeridae		5		5	Hesionidae		23	1	24
Glyceridae		11	1	12	Lumbrineridae		26		26
Goniadidae	4	1		5	Myzostomidae	1			1
Hesionidae		11		11	Nereididae	2	80	13	95
Lumbrineridae		2		2	Oeonidae		16		16
Magelonidae		1		1	Onuphidae	2	2	3	7
Maldanidae		9		9	Oweniidae		4	1	5
Myzostomidae	1		12	13	Pectinariidae			1	1
Nephtyidae		7		7	Phyllodocidae		26		26
Nereididae	70	54	16	140	Pilargidae		3		3
Oeonidae		1		1	Polynoidae	30	71	2	103
Onuphidae	3	4		7	Sabellariidae		4	1	5
Opheliidae		26		26	Sabellidae	6	32	1	39
Orbiniidae		14		14	Serpulidae	24	14	2	40
Oweniidae		9		9	Sigalionidae		7		7
Paraonidae		2		2	Syllidae	12	84		96
Pectinariidae	1		1	2	Terebellidae	1	45		46
Phyllodocidae		10	1	11	Total	82	697	35	814
Pilargiidae			1	1					
Poecilochaetidae		2		2					
Polynoidae	4	206		210					
Questidae		1		1					
Sabellariidae	1		1	2					
Sabellidae	31	8		39					
Scalibregmatidae		3		3					
Serpulidae	96	45	1	142					
Sigalionidae	1	2		3					
Sphaerodoridae	1			1					
Spionidae		14		14					
Syllidae	75	11	6	92					
Terebellidae	88	64	3	155					
Trichobranchidae		1		1					
Total	413	588	45	1046					

TABLE 3 Species of polychaetes recorded from the Project Area. Codes are defined in Biogeographic and Habitat Coding, above. The superscript associated with the EZ habitat code indicates the animal with which the polychaete species is associated; soft corals¹, crinoids², ophiuroids³, holothurian *Stichopus*⁴.

Taxa	Biogeographic code	Habitat code	Inshore	Offshore	Publications and location
Family: Amphinomidae					
<i>Chloëia flava</i> (Pallas, 1766)	IP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Eurythoe complanata</i> (Pallas, 1766)**	T	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hartmann-Schröder (1979)
<i>Pseudourythoe oculifera</i> (Augener, 1913)*		I ^{sh}	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979)
Family: Dorvilleidae					
<i>Dorvillea</i> sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Eunicidae					
<i>Eunice afra</i> Peters, 1854	IP	U ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Eunice afra punctata</i> Peters, 1854*	T	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome Augener (1922)
<i>Eunice antennata</i> Savigny in Lamarck, 1818*			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Eunice aphroditois</i> (Pallas, 1788)			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Eunice cf. johnsoni</i> Hartman, 1954			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Eunice longicirris</i> Grube, 1869*	IWP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		Augener (1922)
<i>Eunice paupera</i> Grube, 1878			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Eunice siciliensis</i> (Grube, 1840)*	NA	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Augener (1922)
<i>Eunice torresiensis</i> McIntosh, 1885			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Eunice tubifex</i> Crossland, 1904**	IWP	U ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome, Augener (1922)
<i>Lysidice ninetta</i> Audouin and Milne Edwards, 1833**	C	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome Augener (1922)
<i>Lysidice robusta</i> Stimpson, 1856*	IWP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Marphysa mossambica</i> (Peters, 1854)			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Nematonereis</i> sp. nov.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Nematonereis unicornis</i> (Grube, 1840)*	C	U ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Palola siciliensis</i> (Grube, 1840)			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Euphrosinidae					
<i>Euphrosinidae</i> sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Family: Lumbrineridae					
<i>Lumbrineris</i> sp.*			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Lumbrineridae</i> spp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Oeonidae					
<i>Arabella iricolor</i> (Montagu, 1804)*			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Arabelloneris broomensis</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome

Taxa	Biogeographic code	Habitat code	Inshore	Offshore	Publications and location
<i>Driloneis quadrioculata</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*				<input type="checkbox"/>	Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Oenone fulgida</i> Savigny in Lamarck, 1818*				<input type="checkbox"/>	Augener (1922)
<i>Oenone</i> sp.					
Family: Dorvilleidae					
<i>Schistomeringos neglecta</i> (Fauvel, 1923)*					Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
Family: Onuphidae					
<i>Diopatra cuprea cuprea</i> (Bosc, 1802)*	WA	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Diopatra dentata</i> Kinberg, 1865*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Diopatra lilliputiana</i> Paxton, 1993			<input type="checkbox"/>		Augener (1922)
<i>Diopatra maculata</i> Paxton, 1993	NA	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Acoetidae					
<i>Polydortes atromarginatus</i> Horst, 1917	IA	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Polydortes sibogae</i> Horst, 1917	IA	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Aphroditidae					
<i>Aphrodita australis</i> Baird, 1865	IWP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Aphrodita kulmaris</i> Hutchings and McRae, 1993	A	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Laetmonice moluccana</i> (Horst, 1916)	IA	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Palmyra aurifera</i> Savigny in Lamarck, 1818	IP	H ^s		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Pontogenia areoceras</i> (Haswell, 1883)	A	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Chrysopetalidae					
<i>Arichlidon hanneloreae</i> Watson Russell, 1998	IP	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Bhawaniana amboinensis</i> Horst, 1917	IWP	H ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Bhawaniana riveti</i> (Gravier, 1908)	IP	H ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Bhawaniana</i> sp. A*	IP	H ^s		<input type="checkbox"/>	Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Chrysopetalum remanei</i> Perkins, 1985			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Chrysopetalum</i> sp. 11 Watson, ms	IP	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Chrysopetalum</i> sp. 5 Watson, ms	IP	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Chrysopetalum</i> sp. 7 Watson, ms	IP	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Palaeonotus</i> sp. 8 Watson, ms	IP	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Treptopale paromolos</i> Watson, 2010	IP	H ^s		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Treptopale</i> sp. 3 Watson, ms	IP	H ^s		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Family: Glyceridae					
<i>Glycera derbyensis</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*					Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Derby
<i>Glycera lancidivae</i> Schmarda, 1861*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Glycera macintoslii</i> Grube, 1877	IWP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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<i>Glycera triactyla</i> Schmarda, 1861	C	U ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Hemipodia simplex</i> (Grube, 1857)	C	U ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Goniadidae					
<i>Glycide bonthourei</i> Gravier, 1904	IWP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Glycide nipponica</i> Imajima, 1967*	IWP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Goniada emerita</i> Audouin and Milne Edwards, 1834*			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Goniada paucidens</i> Grube, 1878			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Hesionidae					
<i>Hesione splendida</i> Savigny in Lamarck, 1818**	IWP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Augener (1922)
<i>Leocrates chinensis</i> Kinberg, 1866**	IWP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Augener (1922)
<i>Leocratides</i> sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Sigambra pettibonea</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*					Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
Family: Myzostomidae					
<i>Myzostoma ambiguum</i> von Graff, 1887	WA		<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Myzostoma cirriostatatum</i> Jägersten, 1937	IWP	EZ ²		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Myzostoma nansenii</i> von Graff, 1887	IWP	EZ ²		<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Myzostoma polycylus</i> Atkins, 1927	T	EZ ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Myzostoma stochoeides</i> Atkins, 1927	IWP	EZ ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Family: Nephtyidae					
<i>Nephtyidae</i> sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Nereididae					
<i>Ceratonereis australis</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1985	A	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Ceratonereis mirabilis</i> Kinberg, 1866	C	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Ceratonereis perkinsi</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1985	A	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Composetia</i> sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Leonnates crinitus</i> Hutchings and Reid, 1991	NA	U ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Leonnates indicus</i> Kinberg, 1866	IWP	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Micronereis barsei</i> (Hartmann-Schröder, 1979)	A	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Nannalycastis abiuma</i> (Grube, 1872)	T	U ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Neanthes bongcoi</i> Pillai, 1965	IA	U ^s /E	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Neanthes daoydovi</i> (Fauvel, 1937)	IA	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Neanthes</i> cf. <i>nanhaiensis</i> Wu, Sun and Yang, 1981				<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Neanthes pachychaeta</i> (Fauvel, 1918)	IP	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Neanthes unifasciata</i> Willey, 1905	IWP	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Nereis cockburnensis</i> Augener, 1913	SA	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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<i>Nereis denhamensis</i> Augener, 1913	IA	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Augener (1922)
<i>Nereis jacksoni</i> Kinberg, 1866*			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Augener (1922)
<i>Nereis semperiana</i> (Grube, 1878)*					Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Nereis</i> (<i>Neanthes</i>) sp.*			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Nicon</i> sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Paraleonnates bolus</i> (Hutchings and Reid, 1991)	IA	S ⁱ	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Perinereis broomensis</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*	IA	S ⁱ	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Perinereis aibuhitensis</i> (Grube, 1878)	IWP	U ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Perinereis helleri</i> (Grube, 1878)**	IWP	U ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Perinereis nigropunctata</i> (Horst, 1889)**	IP	S ⁱ	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Perinereis nunitia</i> (Savigny in Lamarck, 1818)	IA	H/S ⁱ	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Perinereis obfusca</i> (Grube, 1878)	IP	U ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Perinereis singaporensis</i> (Grube, 1878)	IWP	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Perinereis suluana</i> (Horst, 1924)	IWP	H/S ⁱ	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Perinereis vancaurica</i> (Ehlers, 1868)**	IWP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Platynereis polyscalma</i> Chamberlin, 1919	IWP	U ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Platynereis utiseris</i> Hutchings and Reid, 1991	A	U ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Pseudonereis anomala</i> Gravier, 1901	IWP	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Pseudonereis rotnestiana</i> Augener, 1913*			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Pseudonereis</i> spp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Quadracirra barsei</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Rullierinereis</i> sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Simpliseta aquisetis</i> (Augener, 1913)	SA	E	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Simpliseta erythraeensis</i> (Fauvel, 1918)	IWP	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Solomononereis marauensis</i> Gibbs, 1971	WP	S ⁱ	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Websterinereis</i> sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Phyllociidae					
<i>Anaitides madeirensis</i> (Langerhans, 1879)*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Anaitides</i> sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Eteone</i> sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Eulalia microphylloloides</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979	WA	U	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Eunida</i> sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Genetyllis castanea</i> Maranzeller, 1879*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Notophyllium splendens</i> (Schmarda, 1861)*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Notophyllium</i> cf. <i>splendens</i> (Schmarda, 1861)			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Phyllodoce</i> (<i>Anaitides</i>) <i>duplex</i> McIntosh, 1885*	IWP	U ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		Augener (1922)

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<i>Phyllodoce namngreni?</i> Gravier, 1900					
<i>Protomyxidites uschakovi</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Protomyxidites?</i> sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Pilargidae					
<i>Sigambra pettiboneae</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979	NA	U ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Polynoidea					
<i>Australaugeneria michaelsoni</i> Pettibone, 1969	WA	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Australaugeneria pottsi</i> Pettibone, 1969	IWP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Australaugeneria rutilans</i> (Grube, 1878)	IA	EZ ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Gastrolepidia clavigera</i> Schmarda, 1861	IWP	EZ ⁴	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Gaudichaudius cimex</i> (Quatrefages, 1865)	IWP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
gen. nov. sp. nov. 1 Hanley, unpublished			<input type="checkbox"/>		
gen. nov. sp. nov. 2 Hanley, unpublished			<input type="checkbox"/>		
gen. nov. sp. nov. 4 Hanley, unpublished			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Halosydropsis pilosa</i> (Horst, 1917)	IWP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Harmothoe charlottae</i> Hutchings and Murray, 1984	SA	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Harmothoe dictyophora</i> (Grube, 1878)**	IA	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		Augener (1922)
<i>Harmothoe praeclara</i> (Haswell, 1883)	SA	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Harmothoe vesiculenta</i> Hanley and Burke, 1991	WP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Hermenia acantholepis</i> (Grube, 1876)	IWP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Hololepidella commensalis</i> Willey, 1905*	IP	EZ ³	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Augener (1922)
<i>Hololepidella nigropunctata</i> (Horst, 1915)					
<i>Iphione muricata</i> (Savigny in Lamarck, 1818)**	IWP	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Augener (1922)
<i>Iphione ovata</i> Kinberg, 1856	WP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Lagisca hirsuta</i> Rullier, 1972	IP	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Lepidasthenia</i> spp.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Lepidonotus adpersus</i> (Grube, 1878)	IA	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Lepidonotus carinulatus</i> (Grube, 1870)	IWP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Lepidonotus cristatus</i> (Grube, 1875)	IWP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Lepidonotus glaucus</i> (Peters, 1854)	IWP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Lepidonotus (Thormora) jukesi</i> Baird, 1865*	A	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		Augener (1922)
<i>Lepidonotus oculatus</i> Baird, 1865*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Lepidonotus stellatus</i> Baird, 1865*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Augener (1922)
<i>Lepidonotus yorkianus</i> Augener, 1922**			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Paradyte crinoidicola</i> (Potts, 1910)	IP	EZ ²	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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<i>Paradyte tentaculata</i> (Horst, 1915)	IA	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Paralepidonotus ampulliferus</i> (Grube, 1878)	IP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Paralepidonotus erythromaris?</i> Hanley, 1991	IWP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Paralepidonotus indicus</i> (Kinberg, 1856)	IP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Scalissetosus mjobergi</i> Augener, 1922*	IA	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Augener (1922)
<i>Subadyte papillifera</i> (Horst, 1915)	IP	U ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Thormora jukesii</i> Baird, 1865	IWP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Verrucapelma nigricans</i> (Horst, 1915)	WP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Verrucapelma retusa</i> Hanley and Burke, 1991			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Sigalionidae					
<i>Eupholoe philippensis</i> McIntosh, 1885	IA	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Euthalenessa digitata</i> (McIntosh, 1885)	IP	H ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Sphaerodoridae					
<i>Sphaerodoridae</i> sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Syllidae					
<i>Alcyonosyllis phili</i> Glasby and Watson, 2001	IA	EZ ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Autolytus</i> sp. A*	NA	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Autolytus</i> sp. B*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Derby
<i>Branchiosyllis baringabooreni</i> San Martin et al., 2008	IP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Branchiosyllis exilis</i> (Gravier, 1900)	T	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Branchiosyllis oculata</i> Ehlers, 1887	NA	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Branchiosyllis orbiniiformis</i> San Martin et al., 2008	SA	U ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Brania articulata</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1982	A	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Brania clavata</i> (Claparède, 1863)*			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Brevicirrosyllis ancori</i> (San Martin and Hutchings, 2006)			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Ehlersia</i> sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Euryssyllis tuberculata</i> Ehlers, 1864	C	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Exogone africana</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1974	IP	H ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Exogone brevientennata</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1959	C	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Exogone dispar</i> (Webster, 1879)	C	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Exogone exmouthensis</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1980	C	U ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Exogone gambiae</i> Lanera et al., 1994	C	U	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Exogone naidina</i> Oersted, 1845*	A	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Exogone heterostoides</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979**			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Exogone lourei</i> Berkeley and Berkeley, 1938	IP	U	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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<i>Exogona simplex</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1960*	NA	H ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Exogona verugena africana</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1976*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Haplosyllis spongicola</i> (Grube, 1855)*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Langerhansia broomensis</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979					
<i>Odontosyllis australiensis</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979**	A	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Odontosyllis langerhansiaesetosa</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979**	A	S ⁱ	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Opisthodonta morena</i> Langerhans, 1879	C	U	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Opisthosyllis brunnea</i> Langerhans, 1879**	C	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Opisthosyllis japonica</i> Imajima, 1966	IWP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Opisthosyllis longicirrata</i> Monro, 1939	IP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Opisthosyllis viridis</i> Langerhans, 1879	C	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Paraehlersia ehlersiaeformis</i> (Augener, 1913)	A	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Parasphaerosyllis indica</i> Monro, 1937	IWP	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Perkinsyllis augeneri</i> (Hartmann-Schröder, 1979)	A	S ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Perkinsyllis hartmannschroederiae</i> (San Martin and Hutchings, 2006)	A	U ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Pionosyllis augeneri</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Plakosyllis</i> sp.	WA		<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Prosphaerosyllis nathani</i> San Martin and Lopez, 1998	WP	U			
<i>Prosphaerosyllis papillosissima</i> (Hartmann-Schröder, 1979)	A	S ⁱ	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Prosphaerosyllis sexpapillata</i> (Hartmann-Schröder, 1979)	A	S ⁱ	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Pseudoexogone?</i> sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Rhopalosyllis hamulifera</i> Augener, 1913	A	U ^s			
<i>Salvatoria koorineclazata</i> San Martin, 2005	A	U	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Sphaerosyllis capensis densopapillata</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*	A	S ⁱ	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Sphaerosyllis centroamericana</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1959*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Sphaerosyllis densopapillata</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Sphaerosyllis erinaceus</i> Claparède, 1863*	IP	U ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Sphaerosyllis hirsuta</i> Ehlers, 1897			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Sphaerosyllis hystrix</i> Claparède, 1864*	SA	H/S ⁱ	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Sphaerosyllis lateropapillata</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1986			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Sphaerosyllis longipapillata</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Derby
<i>Sphaerosyllis multipapillata</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Sphaerosyllis opisthoculata</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Sphaerosyllis papillosissima</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Sphaerosyllis sexpapillata</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Syllis gracilis australiensis</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome

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<i>Syllis (Typosyllis) variegata</i> Grube, 1860*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Augener (1922)
<i>Syllis</i> sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Typosyllis (Langerhansia) broomensis</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*	C	U ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Typosyllis (Langerhansia) cornuta</i> (Rathke, 1843)*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Trypanosyllis zebra</i> (Grube, 1860)			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Typosyllis (Langerhansia)</i> sp.*	A	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Typosyllis (Typosyllis) hyalina</i> (Grube, 1863)*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Typosyllis (Typosyllis) lutea</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1960*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Typosyllis (Typosyllis) crassicornata</i> Treadwell, 1925*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Typosyllis (Typosyllis) raygeorgei</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Typosyllis (Typosyllis) filidentata gantheaunensis</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*	WA		<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Typosyllis (Typosyllis) pharobroomensis</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*	WA		<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Typosyllis (Typosyllis) glandulosa</i> (Augener, 1913)*	WA		<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Typosyllis (Typosyllis) pharynxcircumfusata</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*	WA		<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Xenosyllis scabroides</i> San Martin et al., 2008	WA		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Oweniidae			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Owenia fusiformis</i> Delle Chiaje, 1844*	NA	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome, Augener (1922)
<i>Owenia mirraoa</i> Ford and Hutchings, 2005			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Sabellariidae			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Idanthyrus australiensis</i> (Haswell, 1883)	A	H ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Idanthyrus armatus</i> Kinberg, 1867*	A	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Lygdamis</i> sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Sabellidae			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Amphiglena lenae</i> Capa and Rouse, 2007	WA	H ⁱ	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Bispira manicata</i> (Grube, 1878)	WP	H/S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Bispira porifera</i> (Grube, 1878)	WP	H/S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Bispira serrata</i> Capa, 2008	NA	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Branchionma nigromaculata</i> (Baird, 1865)*	A	H ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Branchionma</i> spp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Chone australiensis</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979**	WA	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Megalomma interrupta</i> Capa and Murray, 2009	NA	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Notaulax</i> spp.	A	H ⁱ	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Perkinsiana anodina</i> Capa, 2007	WA	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Potamilla neglecta</i> (Sars, 1851)*	WA	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Pseudopotamilla</i> sp. 2 (<i>sensu</i> Capa, 2007)	NA	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome

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<i>Sabellastarte indica</i> (Savigny, 1820)*	NA	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Sabellastarte</i> sp. nov. 2 (<i>sensu</i> Capa et. al. 2010)			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Stylonma juani</i> Capa, 2008	WA	U	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Stylonma palmatum</i> (Quatrefages, 1866)	CP	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Serpulidae					
? <i>Serpula</i> sp. Pillai, 2009			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Hydroides adamaformis</i> Pillai, 2009	WA	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Hydroides albiceps</i> (Ehrenberg and Grube, 1869)	IWP	H ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Hydroides exaltatus</i> (Marenzeller, 1884)**	IWP	H ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Hydroides externispina</i> Straughan, 1967	NA	H ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Hydroides kimberleyensis</i> Pillai, 2009	WA	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Hydroides malleolaspina</i> Straughan, 1967	NA	H ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Hydroides minax</i> (Grube, 1878)	IWP	H ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Hydroides pseudexaltatus</i> Pillai, 2009	WA	H ⁱ	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Hydroides recta</i> Straughan, 1967	NA	H ⁱ	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Hydroides simplidentatus</i> Pillai, 2009	WA	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Hydroides spiculitubus</i> Pillai, 2009	WA	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Hydroides spiratubus</i> Pillai, 2009	WA	H ⁱ	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Hydroides tuberculatus</i> Imajima, 1976	WA	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Kimberleya hutchingsae</i> Pillai, 2009	WA	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Pomatolepis kraussii</i> (Baird, 1865)**	IP	H ^{is} /E	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Pomatostegus actinoceros</i> (Mörch, 1863)	T	H ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Protula bispiralis</i> (Savigny, 1820)	IWP	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Protula palliata</i> (Willey, 1905)	IWP	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
? <i>Protula palliata</i> (Willey, 1905)*	WA	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Pseudoprotula kimberleyensis</i> Pillai, 2009			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Salmacina</i> sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Serpula amplilobata</i> Pillai, 2009	WA	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Serpula hartmannae</i> Reish, 1968	IWP	H ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Serpula jukesii</i> Baird, 1865	IA	H ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Serpula nudiradiata</i> Pillai, 2009	WA	H ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Serpula vasifera</i> Haswell, 1884	A	H ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Serpula vermicularis</i> Linne, 1767*	IWP	H ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Serpula watsoni</i> Willey, 1905			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Spiraserpula snellii</i> Pillai and ten Hove, 1994	IA	H ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Spirobranchus baileybrockae</i> Pillai, 2009	WA	H ⁱ	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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<i>Spirobranchus corniculatus</i> (Grube, 1862)	IWP	H ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Spirobranchus polytrema</i> (Philippi, 1844)	C	H ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Spirobranchus richardsmithi</i> Pillai, 2009	IA	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Spirobranchus tetraceros</i> (Schmarda, 1861)	T	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Vermiliopsis cylindrica</i> Pillai, 2009	WA	H ^{is}	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Vermiliopsis glandigera</i> Gravier, 1908	IP	H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Capitellidae					
<i>Dasybranchus caducus</i> (Grube, 1846)*	WA	S	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Heteromastus cf. filiformis</i> Claparède, 1864*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Notomastus (Clistomastus) broomensis</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Notomastus broomensis</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Scyphoproctus ornatus</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
Family: Maldanidae					
Maldanidae spp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Opheliidae					
<i>Armandia intermedia</i> Fauvel, 1901*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Armandia lanceolata</i> Willey, 1905*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Augener (1922)
<i>Armandia broomensis</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Ophelina acuminata</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Polyphthalinus pictus</i> (Dujardin, 1839)*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
Opheliidae spp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Orbiniidae					
<i>Naineris laevigata</i> (Grube, 1840)*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Scoloplos (Scoloplos) difficilis</i> Day, 1977*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
Orbiniidae spp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Paraonidae					
Paraonidae sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Questidae					
Questidae sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Scalibregmatidae					
<i>Hyboscolex verrucosa</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
Scalibregmatidae sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Chaetopteridae					
Chaetopteridae spp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		

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<i>Phylochaetopterus</i> cf. <i>vitrarius</i> (Ehlers, 1908)*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Phylochaetopterus</i> sp.*					Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
Family: Magelonidae					
Magelonidae sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Poecilochaetidae					
Poecilochaetidae sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Family: Spionidae					
<i>Dispio uncinata</i> Hartman, 1951*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Polydora (Polydora) armata</i> Langerhans, 1881*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Polydora (Polydora) ciliata</i> (Johnston, 1838)*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Prionospio (Prionospio) fallax</i> Söderström, 1920*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Prionospio (Prionospio) lanceolata</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Scolelepis (Scolelepis) balihaiensis</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
Spionidae spp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Ampharetidae					
Ampharetidae sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		Augener (1922)
<i>Amphitriteis philippinarum</i> Grube, 1878*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Isolda</i> cf. <i>pulchella</i> Müller, 1858*			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Cirratulidae					
? <i>Cirriformia</i> sp.*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Dodecaceria</i> sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Flabelligeridae					
Flabelligeridae spp.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Family: Pectinariidae					
<i>Amphitene fauonia</i> Hutchings and Peart, 2002	A	S ^s /H ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Pectinaria (Pectinaria)</i> cf. <i>antipoda</i> Schmarda, 1861*			<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Terebellidae					
<i>Amphitritides ihya</i> Hutchings and Glasby, 1988	A	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Eupolyommia koorangia</i> Hutchings and Glasby, 1988	A	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Eupolyommia</i> cf. <i>nebulosa</i> (Montagu, 1818)*	NA	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Euthelopus marchinbar</i> Hutchings, 1997			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Euthelopus serratus</i> Hutchings and Glasby, 1986	A	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Hauchiella</i> sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Lanassa</i> sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		

Taxa	Biogeographic code	Habitat code	Inshore	Offshore	Publications and location
<i>Lanice bidewa</i> Hutchings and Glasby, 1988	A	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Lanice conchilega</i> (Pallas, 1766)*	NA	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Lanice sinata</i> Hutchings and Glasby, 1990			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Lanicola lobata</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1986	A	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Loimia ingens</i> (Grube, 1878)	IA	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Loimia medusa</i> (Savigny, 1817)*	NA	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome, Augener (1922)
<i>Loimia ochracea</i> (Grube, 1878)			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Lysilla</i> sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Nicolea annis</i> Hutchings and Murray, 1984	A	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Nicolea venustula</i> (Montagu, 1818)*	A	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Phisidia eluca</i> Hutchings and Glasby, 1988			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Pista anthela</i> Hutchings and Glasby, 1990	NA	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Pista australis</i> Hutchings and Glasby, 1988	A	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Pista curtiuncata</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1981	A	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Pista kimberliensis</i> Hutchings and Glasby, 1990	NA	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Pista violacea</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1984	A	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Polycirrus broomensis</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1979*			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Polycirrus</i> sp.			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Pseudoproclea australis</i> Hutchings and Glasby, 1990	A	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Streblosoma acynatum</i> Hutchings and Rainer, 1979	A	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Streblosoma dytikos</i> Hutchings and Glasby, 1990	NA	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Terabella maculata</i> Hutchings and Glasby, 1988	NA	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Terabella pappus</i> Hutchings and Murray, 1984	A	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Terabella pterochaeta</i> Schmarda, 1861*	A	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
<i>Terabella tantabiddycreekensis</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1980			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Thelepus extensus</i> Hutchings and Glasby, 1987	A	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome, Augener (1922)
<i>Thelepus plagiotoma</i> (Schmarda, 1861)*	IA	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Thelepus robustus</i> (Grube, 1878)			<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Thelepus thornacicus</i> (Grube, 1870)*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Augener (1922)
Family: Trichobranchidae					
<i>Terbellides woolawa</i> Hutchings and Peart, 2000	A	S ^s	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Family: Sternaspidae					
<i>Sternaspis scuata</i> (Ranzani, 1817)*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome
Family: Saccocirridae					
<i>Saccocirrus</i> sp.*			<input type="checkbox"/>		Hartmann-Schröder (1979) Broome

* Historical records not deposited in Australian museum collections.

** Historical records but also present in Australian museum collections.

TABLE 5 Species richness and number of collecting events at each location.

Biogeographic Code	Inshore	Offshore
-	30	27
A	40	7
WA	20	2
NA	21	3
SA	6	
C	15	3
CP	1	
IA	20	5
IP	25	10
IWP	37	20
T	7	3
WP	6	4
Total	228	84

TABLE 6 Number of species with each habitat code.

Habitat Code	Inshore	Offshore
-	30	27
E	1	
EZ	8	7
H ⁱ	5	1
H ⁱ /S ⁱ	3	
H ^{is}	20	6
H ^{is} /E	1	
H ^s	38	10
H ^s /S ⁱ	1	1
H ^s /S ^s	2	1
S ⁱ	10	
S ^{is}	5	
S ^s	26	4
U	6	
U ^{is}	18	4
U ^s	53	23
U ^s /E	1	
Total	228	84

Inshore sites (intertidal and shallow subtidal and hard substrate habitats) typically have between 1 and 20 species present, with a few sites having much higher numbers. The offshore sites appear to have higher numbers, but we stress that only three offshore sites have been sampled for polychaetes. At all sites only limited collecting of particular habitats was undertaken and it is premature to discuss patterns of species richness within all the polychaetes. Only ten of the sampled sites have more than 20 species recorded, which is undoubtedly a gross underestimate of the diversity of polychaetes.

For a description of richness and distribution patterns, we suggest it is more informative to look at individual polychaete families, for example the terebellids, but again sampling was limited to the inshore regions (Hutchings and Glasby 1990). Of all the polychaete families for which we have morphospecies data, the Polynoidae currently yield the most reliable information on species richness and distribution patterns. This is because the collecting effort for this family has been greater with more sites sampled than for any other family, as Hanley collected at both inshore (1991, 1994) and offshore (1987, 1992) sites, concentrating almost exclusively on polynoids, and all material was identified. The limited conclusions, which that can be drawn from the data highlight the need for additional sampling, increasing the number of locations and habitats as individual polychaete families or species tend to have specific habitat requirements.

Species richness patterns across locations for the most part reflect the variable collection effort and cannot be interpreted as an accurate measure of species richness at any one location, especially when it is the result of a single collecting event. However, the presentation of the data in this way allows an assessment of which locations in the Kimberley have been surveyed for polychaetes, and provide an indication of the available data. Current integrative studies, incorporating genetic data with the morphological information, are demonstrating that some of the species previously considered widespread are in fact a complex of sibling species, increasing the diversity of known polychaete fauna in Australia and the Kimberley (see for example Capa et al. 2010).

The dominance of widespread species and conversely the lack of narrow range endemics in the Kimberley region reflects, in part, the collection and identification biases discussed above. Additional sampling will be required to confirm whether taxa recorded from regions contiguous with the Kimberley (i.e. southern Western Australia and Northern Territory) are also present in the Kimberley. Examples to date include the sabellariid

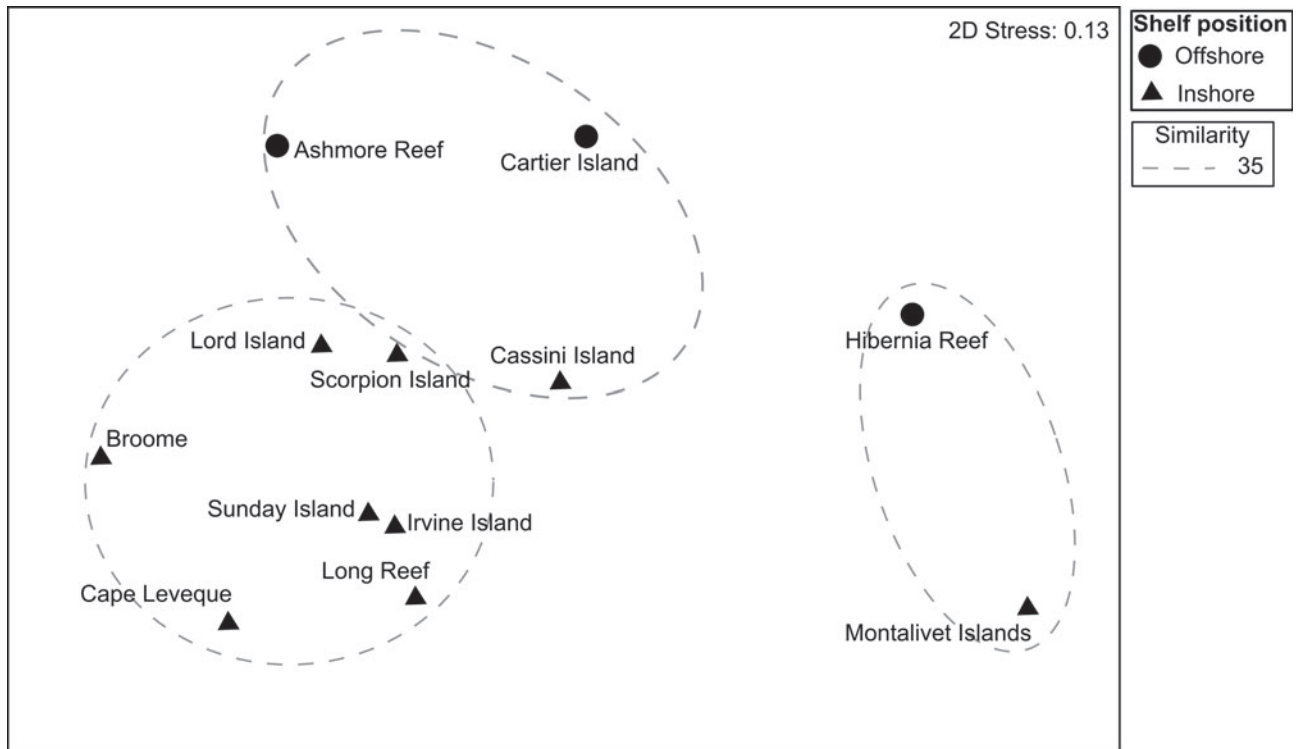


FIGURE 4 A MDS plot of the distribution of polynoids within the region.

Idanthysus willora (Hutchings et al. 2012), and sabellids belonging to the genera *Amphicorina*, *Euchone* and *Pseudobranchiomma* amongst others (Capa personal observation). Considering just the 24 terebellids identified to species, 15 are widespread Australian species, seven are restricted to Northern Australia and two are Indo-Australian. Of the 26 Nereididae species with distributional data, five are widespread Australian species, none appear to be restricted to northern Australia and 21 are widespread in the Indo-Pacific. A few nereidid species, *Neanthes pachychaeta* (Fauvel), *Perinereis suluana* (Horst) and *Perinereis nuntia* Savigny in Lamarck, appear to be common in the Kimberley and Indo-Australian region, but are rarely, if ever, encountered in northern Australia (Glasby personal observation).

The discussion above partly reflects the specialist interests of Russell Hanley, former curator of polychaetes at MAGNT who was particularly interested in commensal species, rather than the abundance of this family across the Kimberley region [in coral reef areas polynoids are infrequently collected (Hutchings personal observation)]. In contrast, Hutchings (1989) made extensive collections of all polychaetes, especially those associated with dead coral substrates, and targeted intertidal collecting was also done when feasible given tidal and safety issues, and subtidal soft sediments were not collected. Also, facilities

for sorting in the field meant that small individuals were often overlooked. However, it should be noted that no comprehensive sampling of all habitats present in the Project Area has been undertaken to date, and this attempt to synthesise the existing data is to facilitate more comprehensive surveys of the area, which are expected, given the recognised limitations in previous sampling, to reveal a very diverse and abundant polychaete fauna.

REGIONAL BIOGEOGRAPHIC COMPARISON

At this stage it is premature to discuss the regional biogeography for the polychaetes as sampling across locations has been too variable.

Some widespread polychaetes are being shown to represent suites of cryptic species (Carlton 2009; Capa et al. 2013). For example, some current work on nereidids has shown that using both morphological and molecular data to redefine species boundaries considerably reduces the distributional ranges (Glasby et al. 2013). We suspect many of the species listed in Table 3 will be found to represent suites of species, in which case diversity estimates for the region will increase. In addition, some of the names of so-called widespread species in Table 3 will almost certainly change as revisions of these species occurs and it is likely some will be found to represent undescribed species.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

As revisions of individual families are undertaken the specimens in historical collections need to be re-examined and their identifications confirmed. Additional habitats need to be sampled, especially soft sediments and those from deeper water, together with environmental information such as sediment characteristics.

While polychaete collections were historically preserved in formalin, contemporary collection practice now routinely preserves material in ethanol to enable subsequent genetic studies, which are changing our taxonomic concepts – see for example Capa et al. (2010, 2013) and Wei et al. (2013). Such studies are expected to continue and the contemporary surveys underway (2009–2014) in the Project Area are undertaking such practices.

A current focus of some conservation research has been utilisation of museum data in large scale biogeographic analyses. To date the Kimberley species data have been available for use in only a very general manner, with most information on assemblages in different areas, or bioregional comparisons being derived from some well known taxa such as fishes. Polychaetes could be a useful taxon to include, but as already identified from our data, the sampling and taxonomic biases limit their value. However, it would be possible to focus on certain families, which have been both elucidated and are also well surveyed in other areas such as terebellids and nereidids. Currently C. Glasby and P. Hutchings are collaborating on such a project to utilise these families in identifying biogeographic regions and comparing them with those already identified using sediment and demersal fish data.

Finally, this historical review of the current status of polychaete knowledge in the Kimberley region can be used to identify where additional survey work is necessary to obtain a comprehensive picture of polychaete distributions in the region.

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