

## REVIEW

# Diseases of Echinodermata. III. Agents metazoans (Annelida to Pisces)

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**ABSTRACT:** Parasitic myzostomids mostly infest crinoids but a few are known from asteroids and ophiuroids; they are either gallicole, cysticole or endoparasitic. Although many copepods have been said to be ectoparasitic on echinoderms, this has been proven for only a few species. Some copepods are known to induce gall formation in the spines of echinoids or in the body wall of ophiuroids; others have been found to infest either the bursae or gonads of ophiuroids. Ascothoracid cirripeds were reported either as ectoparasites on crinoids and ophiuroids or as endoparasites in the body cavity of asteroids and spatangoid echinoids. Echinoderm castration by copepods and ascothoracids was reported several times in the literature. Parasitic crabs mostly occur on or in echinoids. Ectoparasitic crabs often exert major effects and may kill their host; gut-inhabiting species may produce conspicuous host deformation. Some species of carapid fishes are known to live either temporarily or permanently in the body cavity of holothuroids and asteroids. Carapid infestations do not seem to seriously affect the echinoderms except for species permanently inhabiting the host's coelom. Parasitic associations between echinoderms and polychaetes, tardigrads, barnacles, amphipods, tanaidaceans, acarians, pycnogonids and insects have been casually reported in the literature.

## INTRODUCTION

The present paper is the third of a series of 4 that review the diseases of Echinodermata. It considers the disease agents belonging to the Annelida (Polychaeta and Myzostomida), Tardigrada, Crustacea (Copepoda, Cirripedia and Malacostraca), Arachnida, Pycnogonida, Insecta and Pisces. (Other metazoan agents have been considered in Part II; Jangoux 1987b). As discussed in Part I (Jangoux 1987a), I have adopted the definition of parasites proposed by Kinne (1980, p. 19) and used it in a very broad sense, considering disease agents (parasites *sensu lato*) to represent any kind of harmful associate which affects, if even slightly, the echinoderm's tissues or internal fluids (i.e. coelomic and hemal fluids).

## DISEASES CAUSED BY METAZOANS

### Agents: Annelida, Polychaeta

Symbiotic polychaetes were reviewed by Paris (1955) and Clark (1956), both authors stating that these polychaetes rarely affect echinoderms. While numer-

ous species are known to live ectocommensally on echinoderms, only 3 cases of parasitism have been reported with polychaetes. According to Monticelli (1892) the eunicid *Ophryotrocha puerilis* occurs in the coelomic cavity of the holothuroid *Ocnus planci* from Naples (Italy). Ganapati & Radhakrishna (1962) noted that 50% of the holothuroid *Molpadia* sp. investigated harbored the small hesionid *Ancistrocyllis* sp. either in the digestive tract or respiratory trees. The only case of unequivocal parasitism is that of the lumbrinereid *Ophiuricola cynips* which forms myzostomid-like galls at the base of the arms of the deep-sea ophiuroid *Ophioglypha tumulosa* (Ludwig 1905). According to Ludwig, the galls are rather large and partly protrude into the host's coelomic cavity.

### Agents: Annelida, Myzostomida

The class Myzostomida (about 110 described species) occupies a peculiar place among echinoderm symbiotes. They are aberrant annelids with a small flattened body several mm in length. Their most extraordinary feature is their intimate association with echinoderms; in fact there are no known free-living

Table 1. Parasitic myzostomids from echinoderms (compiled from the sources indicated). Myzostomid classification and species names according to Jägersten (1940). Hosts: A, asteroid; C, crinoid; O, ophiuroid. Records of conspicuous deformations caused by unidentified myzostomids were reported on several occasions (e.g. Carpenter 1889 for *Acinometra notata*). Speel & Dearborn (1983) noted that each of the 96 individuals of *Promochoerinus kerguelensis* they observed harbored 1 to 3 myzostomid cysts

Myzostomid	Host	Location on/in host	Remarks	Geographical area	Source
<b>I. Proboscidea</b>					
<i>Myzostomum beardi</i>	<i>Perissometra flexilis</i> (C)	Galls on arms	Only 1 worm gall <sup>-1</sup>	NE Indian Ocean (Arafura Sea)	Graff (1887)
<i>Myzostomum belli</i>	<i>Endoxocrinus alternicirrus</i> (C)	Galls at base of arms	Only 1 worm gall <sup>-1</sup>	NW Pacific (S Philippines)	Wheeler (1896)
<i>Myzostomum cryptopodium</i>	<i>Metacrinus interruptus</i> (C)	Galls on arms	–	Indian Ocean (Bay of Bengal?)	Wheeler (1896)
<i>Myzostomum deformator</i>	<i>Endoxocrinus alternicirrus</i> (C)	Galls in pinnules	2 worms (♂, ♀) gall <sup>-1</sup>	NW Pacific (SE Philippines)	Graff (1884)
<i>Myzostomum eremita</i>	<i>Metacrinus moseleyi</i> (C)	Galls at base of arms and pinnules	Only 1 worms gall <sup>-1</sup>	NW Pacific (SE Philippines)	Wheeler (1896)
<i>Myzostomum pentacrini</i>	<i>Endoxocrinus alternicirrus</i> (C)	Slight galls extending into 3 to 6 arm segments	1 to 3 worms gall <sup>-1</sup>	NW Pacific (SE Philippines)	Graff (1884)
<i>Myzostomum tenuispinum</i>	<i>Pachylometra inaequalis</i> , <i>Perissometra flexilis</i> , <i>Charitometra basicurva</i> , <i>Charitometra incisa</i> (C)	Conspicuous galls extending into 2 to 3 arms segments	2 worms (♂, ♀) gall <sup>-1</sup> ; several galls on each infested host	Tropical W Pacific (SE Philippines, Fiji Islands and Kermadec Island)	Graff (1884)
<i>Myzostomum willemoesi</i>	<i>Pachylometra inaequalis</i> , <i>Perissometra flexilis</i> , <i>Charitometra basicurva</i> (C)	Galls in pinnules	2 worms (♂, ♀) gall <sup>-1</sup>	Tropical W Pacific (Fiji and Kermadec Islands); NE Indian Ocean (Arafura Sea)	Graff (1884, 1887)
<b>II. Pharyngidea</b>					
<i>Asteriomyzostomum asteriae</i>	<i>Sclerasterias neglecta</i> , <i>Sclerasterias richardi</i> (A)	Hypertrophied pyloric caeca (proximal part of the caeca)	1 to 3 worms infested asteroid <sup>-1</sup>	Mediterranean sea	Marenzeller (1895a, b), Stummer-Traunfels (1903)
<i>Asteriomyzostomum fisheri</i>	<i>Tosia leptoceramus</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity, loosely attached to body wall	–	Tropical E Pacific (off South California)	Wheeler (1904)
<i>Cystimyozostomum clarki</i>	<i>Metacrinus rotundus</i> (C)	Subcutaneous cysts on underside of arms	1 worm cyst <sup>-1</sup> ; up to 7 cysts host <sup>-1</sup>	N. Pacific (Japan: Sagami Sea)	McClendon (1906)
<i>Cystimyozostomum cysticolum</i>	<i>Anthometra adriani</i> , <i>Amphimetra discoidea</i> , <i>Comactinia meridionalis</i> (C)	Subcutaneous calcified cysts on upper side of arms	2 worms (♂, ♀) cyst <sup>-1</sup> ; no more than 1 cyst on each host arm	Cosmopolitan (Caribbean; Red Sea; Aru Islands; Eastern coast of Japan)	Graff (1884), McClendon (1906), Remscheid (1916), Fishelson (1973, 1974)
<i>Cystimyozostomum ijimai</i>	<i>Tropiometra macrodiscus</i> , <i>Capillaster multiradiatus</i> (C)	Subcutaneous cyst on calyx (upper surface)	1 to 2 worms cyst <sup>-1</sup>	Indo W Pacific (Sagami Sea, Japan; Red Sea)	Hara & Okada (1921), Fishelson (1973, 1974)
<i>Cystimyozostomum inflator</i>	<i>Neocomatella pulchella</i> , <i>Adelometra angus tiradia</i> (C)	Subcutaneous calcified cysts at arm base (upper surface)	2 worms (♂, ♀) cyst <sup>-1</sup>	Circumtropical (Papua; Barbados)	Graff (1884)
<i>Cystimyozostomum murrayi</i>	<i>Horaometra duplex</i> , <i>Stiremetra breviradia</i> , <i>Adelometra angustiradia</i> (C)	Subcutaneous stalked and calcified cysts on calyx (upper surface)	2 worms (♂, ♀) cyst <sup>-1</sup>	Circumtropical (Papua; Kermadec Islands; Barbados)	Graff (1884)
<i>Cystimyozostomum platypus</i>	<i>Comanthina schlegeli</i> (C)	Subcutaneous cyst on calyx (upper surface)	1 worm cyst <sup>-1</sup>	W Pacific (Philippines: off Samboangan)	Graff (1887)
<i>Cystimyozostomum robustum</i>	<i>Metacrinus rotundus</i> (C)	Cysts on arms	1 worm cyst <sup>-1</sup>	NW Pacific (Japan: Sagami Sea)	Hara & Okada (1921)
<i>Cystimyozostomum taeniatum</i>	<i>Zygometa mertoni</i> (C)	Juvenile in cysts on pinnules, adults free-living	1 worm cyst <sup>-1</sup>	NW Indian Ocean (Aru Islands)	Remscheid (1916)

Table 1 (continued)

Myzostomid	Host	Location on/in host	Remarks	Geographical area	Source
<i>Mesomyzostoma katoi</i>	<i>Comanthus japonicus</i> (C)	Gonads (genital pinnules)	–	Sea of Japan	Okada (1933)
<i>Mesomyzostoma reichenspergi</i>	<i>Amphimetra discoidea</i> (C)	Coelomic cavity of arms	Only 2 individuals known	NW Indian Ocean (Arund Islands)	Remscheid (1916)
<i>Protomyzostomum astrocladi</i>	<i>Astrocladus coniferus</i> (O)	Encysted in gonads	–	NW Pacific (Sagami Sea)	Fedotov (1925)
<i>Protomyzostomum polynephris</i>	<i>Gorgonocephalus arcticus</i> , <i>Gorgonocephalus eucnemis</i> , <i>Gorgonocephalus caput-medusae</i> (O)	Bursae and gonads	10 to 20 worms host <sup>-1</sup>	North Sea (Scandinavian coast); Barents Sea	Fedotov (1912, 1914, 1916), Barel & Kramers (1977)
<i>Protomyzostomum sagamiense</i>	<i>Gorgonocephalus</i> sp. (O)	Bursae and gonads	–	NW Pacific (Sagami Sea)	Okada (1922)
<i>Pulvinomyzostomum pulvinar</i>	<i>Leptometra phalangium</i> , <i>Antedon bifida</i> (C)	Digestive tract	Infestation level: 10 to 20% (Jägersten)	Mediterranean (Banyuls; Naples); NE Atlantic (Roscoff)	Prouho (1892), Wheeler (1896), Jägersten (1940), Barel & Kramers (1977)

myzostomids, nor is there any species associated with other phyla. Myzostomids mostly infest crinoids, but a few are known from asteroids and ophiuroids. Myzostomids are highly differentiated, both morphologically and ecologically. Their almost obligatory association with crinoids (they even infested now extinct crinoids; e.g. Meyer & Ausich 1983, Arendt 1985) suggests that they are an ancient group which evolved together with crinoids. Myzostomids may be considered a unique case of 'symbiogenesis' involving a whole class of organisms (e.g. Clark 1921, Stummer-Traunfels 1926, Prenant 1959).

About 25 species of myzostomids have been recorded as echinoderm parasites (Table 1), the remaining species being frequently referred to 'free-living'. However, these latter species are ectocommensals which generally live unattached on the echinoderm body surface. As pointed out by Stummer-Traunfels (1926), 3 types of parasitic myzostomids may be distinguished depending on whether they are gallicole, cysticole or endoparasitic. Endoparasitic species feed on the host's tissues, while cysticole and gallicole species are suspension feeders which divert the water current produced by the host's ambulacra (galls and cysts are most often located near the ambulacral grooves and always have 2 apertures allowing passage of directional water-currents) (Prenant 1959). With rather few exceptions (e.g. *Cystomyzostomum ijimai* and *Mesomyzostoma katoi*; respectively Fishelson 1974, Okada 1933), parasitic myzostomids mostly infest bathyal echinoderms (in 200 to 1200 m water depth; Stummer-Traunfels 1926). This fact explains why these parasitoses have been so anecdotically documented.

Gallicole species belong to the genus *Myzostomum*. They dig into the dermal tissue of crinoids arms or pinnules (Fig. 1A, B) and build more or less spacious intradermal cavities, always located under skeletal ossicles. The cavities sometimes are very complicated, with internal partitions (e.g. in *Myzostomum tenuispinum*; Graff 1884). Myzostomid galls often harbor a pair of individuals. Gallicole species were termed 'deformative Arten' by Stummer-Traunfels (1926); they induce conspicuous deformation of the host's ossicles which considerably enlarge and adjust their shape to that of the myzostomid's shelter (Graff 1884, Wheeler 1896, Stummer-Traunfels 1926). Cysticole species belong to the genus *Cystomyzostomum*; they behave differently in that they build remarkable stalked or unstalked cysts which are always subcutaneous (i.e. located outside the host's skeleton) and protrude into the external medium (Fig. 1C). In many cases the cyst wall is reinforced by a pavement of minute skeletal plates (Graff 1884, Stummer-Traunfels 1926). Both gallicole and cysticole myzostomids induce major host reactions affecting the crinoid skeleton either by modifying size and shape of skeletal ossicles or by inducing the formation of additional skeletal plates. Such host reactions invite further investigations.

Among the 8 species of endoparasitic myzostomids, 4 infest ophiuroid or crinoid gonads (respectively *Protomyzostomum* spp. and *Mesomyzostoma katoi*). Gonad-infesting myzostomids cause at least partial castration of their host. Fedotov (1916) reported that *P. polynephris* infests the gonads of its ophiuroid host by rupturing the wall of the bursae. Infestation may be very intense (up to 119 myzostomids per host) and the

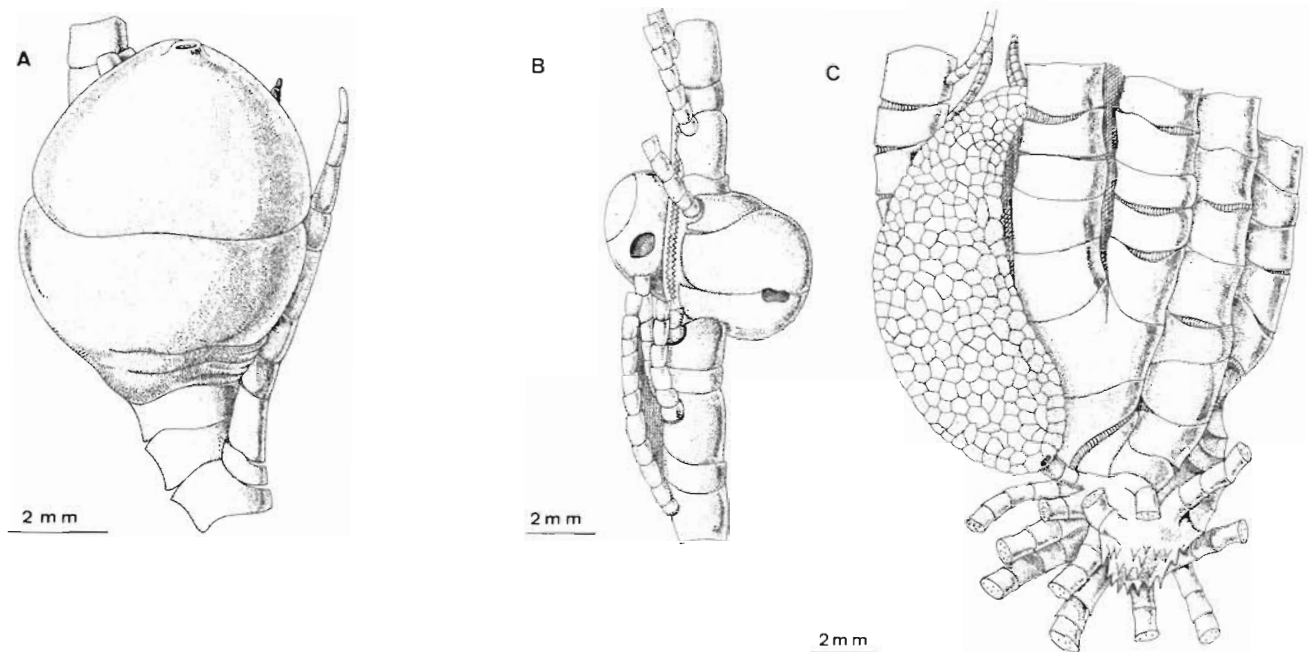


Fig. 1 Gallicole and cysticole myzostomids of crinoids. (A) *Myzostomum deformator*. Gall in the pinnules of *Endoxocrinus alternicirrus*; (B) *Myzostomum tenuispinum*. Gall in the arms of *Pachylometra inaequalis*; (C) *Cystomyzostomum murrayi*. Cyst on the arms of *Stiremetra breviradiata*. (Redrawn from Graff 1884)

parasites ingest germ cells causing direct castration of the gonads. The host reacts by progressively encysting each parasite by a thick layer of dense connective tissue in which minute calcareous ossicles are seen. Fedotov suggested moreover that germ cell dedifferentiation may also occur.

According to Remscheid (1916), *Mesomyzostoma reichenspergi* infests gonads, while according to Prenant (1959) it affects only the arm coelom of its crinoid host and feeds on coelomocytes. *Asteriomyzostomum asteriae* (Fig. 2) is said to feed on the host's digestive contents; its occurrence supposedly increases the propensity of asteroids to shed their arms (Marenzeller 1895a, b). *Pulvinomyzostomum pulvinar* might be more properly classified as 'semi-parasitic'. It inhabits the crinoid's digestive tract (anterior part) living intimately attached to the host's digestive epithelium without causing injury but diverting the flow of food particles entering the crinoid's mouth (Prenant 1959, West & West 1976).

#### Agents: Tardigrada

The tardigrade *Tetrakentron synaptae* lives attached to the body surface of the synaptid holothuroid *Leptosynapta galliennei* (Cuénot 1892, 1912,

Van der Land 1975, Kristensen 1980). This symbiosis has been reported only from Brittany, France (Roscoff and adjoining areas) where it is common. Very high infestation rates occur in various populations, viz. 45, 80 and even 100% (respectively Barel & Kramers 1970, Kristensen 1980, Cuénot 1912). The number of *T. synaptae* per holothuroid is highly variable; it ranges from 2 to 3 up to 270 individuals (respectively Cuénot 1912, Kristensen 1980). The latter author noted that infestation occurs only from May to October (eggs and juveniles are seen in June and July). Kristensen presented photographic evidence that *T. synaptae* punctures the epidermal cells of *L. galliennei* and sucks out their contents; such behavior indicates a parasitic nature of the tardigrade-holothuroid association. Another tardigrade, *Actinarchus doryphorus*, occurs on the body surface of the small European clypeasteroid echinoid *Echinocyamus pusillus*. According to Schulz (1935), *A. doryphorus* is a facultative parasite.

#### Agents: Crustacea, Copepoda

There is little information regarding the relations between echinoderms and closely associated

copepods. This is paradoxical given the high numbers of copepods recorded as echinoderm symbiotes (e.g. Humes 1980a, 1986, Stock 1968b). Table 2 lists species demonstrated or presumed to be parasites. Although many ectoparasitic copepods of echinoderms have been reported in the literature, the parasitic nature of these associations has been proven for only 4 species, viz. *Cancerilla tubulata*, *Scottomyzon gibberum*, *Asterocheres lilljeborgi*, and *Ophiopsyllus reductus* (respectively Carton 1968, Röttger 1969, Röttger et al. 1972, Emson et al. 1985). *A. lilljeborgi* is not particularly adapted to parasitic life. It is a motile copepod which uses its siphon-shaped mouth to feed on the skin of the asteroid *Henricia sanguinolenta*. *S. gibberum* mainly lives on or near the pedicellariar rosettes of *Asterias rubens* where it seems to feed more deeply in the host tissues (Fig. 3). *O. reductus* lives firmly attached to its ophiuroid host and feeds on surface tissues. As for endoparasitic species, Pyefinch (1940) concluded that *Ophioica asymmetrica* found in the genital bursae of ophiuroids does not feed on the host's tissues, and Changeux (1961) reported – based on casual observations – that the intracoelomic species *Allantogynus delamarei* 'browses' on the holothuroid's mesothelium.

Host reactions against several species of parasitic copepods have been documented. Parasitism by *Scottomyzon gibberum* induces the infested asteroid to produce dermal outgrowths which progressively embed the copepods (Röttger 1969). Ophiuroid hosts tend to produce a fibrous, sometimes calcified cyst around symbiotes which live in their bursae (Pyefinch 1940, Heegard 1951). However, encystment does not occur with all bursal-infesting species (Stephensen 1935a). Mortensen (1933) recorded unidentified copepods inducing gall formation in the dorsal wall of both *Ophiomitrella corynephora* and *O. hamata*. Paterson (1958) reported that cysts, presumably produced by the host, form around the intracoelomic copepod *Cucumaricola notabilis*. According to him, small spherical or oval cysts contain juvenile parasites. These cysts are attached to the coelomic wall either near the circumpharyngeal calcareous ring or on the cloaca near the insertion of the respiratory trees; large amorphous cysts containing mature copepods lie detached in the coelomic cavity. Jungersen (1914) reported that the ophiuroid *Asteronyx loveni* produces cysts around intracoelomic copepods. These cysts are attached on the ophiuroid's coelomic wall. Other intracoelomic copepods have been noted to live often 'free in the coelomic cavity' without seemingly inducing any host reaction (e.g. intracoelomic copepods of holothuroids). However, some bursal- or coelom-infesting copepods may produce conspicuous swellings of the body wall of ophiuroids. These swellings follow the outline of the

parasite and do not result from a particular host reaction (Mortensen & Stephensen 1918, Stephensen 1933, Goudey-Perrière 1979).

Copepods have been found to induce gall formation in the spines of echinothroid echinoids by Hansen (1902), Stephensen (1935b) and Stock (1968a). According to Stock, the galls consist of loose calcareous material and always occur in the middle part of the spines. Galls contain a pigmented ampula in which lives a single copepod. Another gallicole copepod, *Pionodesmotes phormosomae*, occurs inside the echinoid *Hygrosoma petersi* (Bonnier 1898, Koehler 1898, see also Mortensen 1935) (Fig. 4). *P. phormosomae* lives in conspicuous inner galls located in the oral part of the host's coelomic cavity. The spherical, calcified galls correspond morphologically to intracoelomic outgrowths of the echinoid body wall. Each gall opens on the host's outer body surface by a slit measuring 1 to 2 mm in length. The slit is protected by the spines of the echinoid. At least 1 large female copepod was found in each gall. According to Bonnier (1898) the copepod does not prey on host tissues and obtains its food mostly from the outside through the slit in the gall. Mortensen (1935) reported that empty galls progressively disappear: the slit enlarges, then the gall wall normalizes, and finally new outer appendages develop.

The way in which intracoelomic copepods infest their host has been considered only for holothuroids and asteroids. According to Paterson (1958) and Changeux (1961), holothuroids are infested by larval copepods which cross the digestive wall either at the level of the esophagus or at the level of the cloaca and respiratory trees. In asteroids, Carton (1974) showed that male *Botulosoma endoarrhenum* penetrate the coelom of *Echinaster purpureus* through the respiratory papulae. Female *B. endoarrhenum* actually settle and grow in papulae, living in a kind of integumental cavity.

The effects of parasitic copepods on the biology of echinoderms have been considered practically only for *Amphiuophilus amphiurae* which parasitizes the genital bursae of a brooding ophiuroid *Amphipholis squamata* (e.g. Goudey-Perrière 1979, 1980). The author reported that the occurrence of the parasite does not affect the host's gonads but decreases the host's fecundity by inhibiting the development of embryos incubated in the ophiuroid genital bursae. Such inhibition could result from competition for food between parasite and embryos. Gonad destruction occurred, however, in the ophiuroids *Ophiomitrella clavigera* and *O. corynephora* parasitized by an unidentified copepod (Mortensen 1933). According to Emson et al. (1985), parasitic copepods on the ophiuroid *Ophiocomella ophiactoides* may decrease the tendency of the host to undergo fission (cross-disc division).

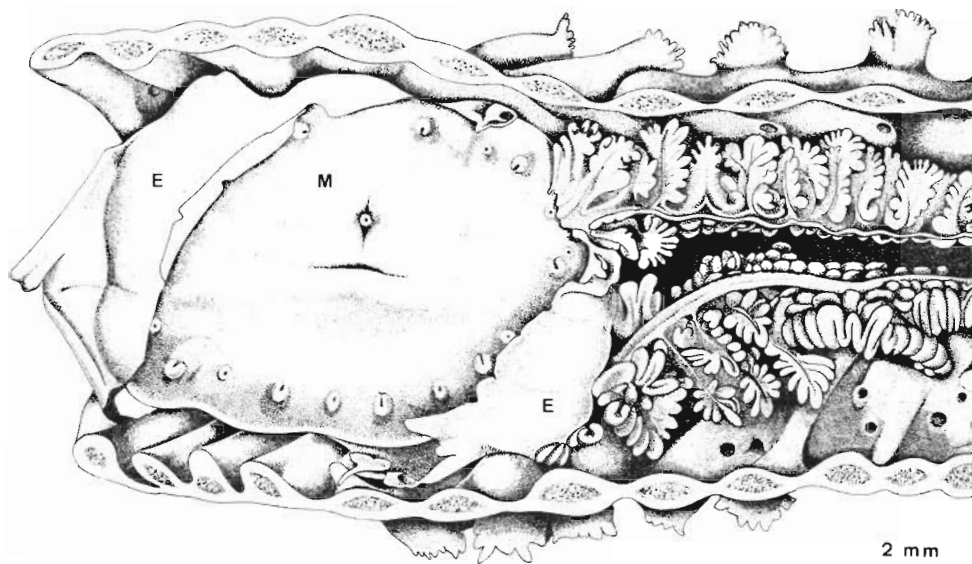


Fig. 2. *Asteriomyzostomum asteriae*, a myzostomid parasite of the pyloric caeca of the asteroid *Sclerasterias neglecta*. E: enlarged and deformed part of pyloric caeca harboring the parasite; M: myzostomid. (Redrawn from Stummer-Traunfels 1903; slightly modified)

#### Agents: Crustacea, Cirripedia

Thoracid cirripeds (i.e. barnacles) sometimes attach to the outer body surface of some species of regular echinoids (*Lytechinus anamesus*, *Tetrapyrgus niger*, *Stomopneustes variolaris*, *Strongylocentrotus* spp.) and clypeasteroids (*Dendraster excentricus*, *Rotula orbiculus*). Either of 2 situations may occur: (1) the barnacle attaches only loosely to the host's body wall overlapping an intact cutaneous epithelium (Moore & McPherson 1963); (2) the barnacle is strongly attached to the echinoid test, the epidermis being destroyed (Giltay 1934, Dartevelle 1940, Boolootian 1958, 1964, Strachan 1970, Ganapati & Sastry 1972, Hurley 1973, Bay-Schmith & Jana 1977). Barnacles *Balanus* spp. have been noticed on echinoderms mainly by casual observations, except for the association between *D. excentricus* and *Balanus concavus pacificus* detailed by Boolootian (1964). There appears to be general agreement that the activity of pedicellariae and spines would avoid settlement of barnacle cyprids on the echinoid body wall (e.g. Campbell & Rainbow 1977). However, the reviewer believes that the failure of cyprids to settle results basically from the occurrence of a cutaneous epithelium which prevents larval fixation. Presumably cyprid settlement can occur only when the echinoderm body wall is wounded, or when the epidermis is eroded for some mechanical or pathological reasons (such as bald-sea-urchin disease; Jangoux 1987a). Barnacles of the genera *Pachylasma*, *Scalpellum* and *Verruca* have been noticed firmly attached to the stem or cirri of several species of stalked crinoids (Clark 1921).

Ascothoracida are 'naked barnacles' that parasitize octorallian corals and echinoderms, except holothuroids. They have been found either as ectoparasites

on crinoids and ophiuroids (genera *Ascothorax*, *Parascothorax*, *Waginella*) or as endoparasites in the coelomic cavity of asteroids and spatangoid echinoids (genera *Ctenosculum*, *Dendrogaster*, *Ulophysema*) (Table 3). *Waginella metacrinicola* lives attached to the crinoid calyx where it forms a conspicuous depression. It feeds on the 'fluids' of the host by piercing the body wall with its oral appendages (Okada 1926). Ophiuroid-associated ascothoracids infest the genital bursae producing marked swellings of part of the host disc (Fig. 5). According to Wagin (1946) *Ascothorax ophiocentis* feeds on the cells of the bursal wall and probably also on the coelomic fluid of the host. As for intracoelomic ascothoracids, Brattström (1947) concluded that *Ulophysema oeresundense* directly absorbs nutrients from the echinoid's coelomic fluid, while Wagin (1976) believed that coelomocytes form the bulk of the diet of *Dendrogaster* spp. (Fig. 6).

Echinoderms react against intracoelomic ascothoracids by forming a host envelope that surrounds the mantle of the parasite. According to Wagin (1946), this envelope consists of coelomocytes and covers even the mantle opening which consequently is continually cleaned and smoothed by the ascothoracid's anterior appendages; Wagin claimed that such appendage activity actually corresponds to the normal way of obtaining food by intracoelomic *Dendrogaster* species. However, investigations by Bresciani & Jespersen (1985) on *Ulophysema oeresundense*, parasitic in the coelom of *Echinocardium cordatum*, showed that the envelope is made of choanocyte-like cells and that consequently it should originate from host mesothelium. A conspicuous host reaction also occurs in *Parascothorax sinagoides* which lives attached in the bursal cavity near the bursal slit of

Table 2. Parasitic copepods from echinoderms (compiled from the sources indicated). Hosts: A, asteroid; C, crinoid; E, echinoid; H, holothuroid; O, ophiuroid

Copepod	Host	Location in host	Remarks	Geographical area	Source
<b>I. Harpacticoida</b>					
<i>Metis holothuriae</i>	<i>Actinopyga agassizi</i> (H)	Coelomic cavity	–	Tropical Atlantic (Bahamas)	Edwards (1891), Humes (1980a)
<i>Tisbe furcata</i>	<i>Ocnus planci</i> (H)	Coelomic cavity	Almost 100 % of holothuroids investigated were infested (Monticelli)	Mediterranean Sea (Naples)	Monticelli (1892); Humes (1980a)
<i>Tisbe holothuriae</i>	<i>Holothuria stellati</i> (H)	Digestive tract (anterior part)	–	Mediterranean Sea (Banyuls)	Humes (1957)
<b>II. Cyclopodia</b>					
<i>Allantogynus delamarei</i>	<i>Holothuria tubulosa</i> , <i>Holothuria poli</i> , <i>Holothuria stellati</i> (H)	Anterior part of coelomic cavity fixed on mesothelium (occur also in wall of pharynx, gonads, tentacular ampullae, or Polian vesicles)	<i>H. tubulosa</i> and <i>H. stellati</i> : about 2 copepods holothuroid <sup>-1</sup> (82 infested/117 investigated); <i>H. poli</i> is only occasional host	Mediterranean Sea (Banyuls, Villefranche)	Changeux (1958, 1961), Stock & Kleeton (1963, Humes (1980a)
<i>Amphiurophilus amphiuroidae</i>	<i>Amphipholis squamata</i> (O)	Bursae	About 12 % infested ophiuroids in Roscoff (Goudey-Perrière)	NE Atlantic (Roscoff); North Sea (Bergen); NW Atlantic (Woods Hole region)	Fewkes (1887, 1888), Hérourard (1906), Bocquet (1952), Masson (1965), Goudey-Perrière (1979, 1980)
<i>Asterocheres lilljeborgi</i>	<i>Henricia sanguinolenta</i> (A)	Free on outer body surface	Up to 24 copepods asteroid <sup>-1</sup>	NE Atlantic (Swedish coast: Gullmarfjord)	Röttger et al. (1972), Brun (1976)
<i>Botulosoma endoarrhenum</i>	<i>Echinaster purpureus</i> (A)	Respiratory papulae (♀ copepod); coelomic cavity (♂ copepod)	Several dozen copepods asteroid <sup>-1</sup>	SW Indian Ocean (Madagascar: Tuléar)	Carton (1974)
<i>Calvocheres engeli</i>	<i>Hygrosoma hoplanchantha</i> (E)	Galls on spine at adoral side	Two infested echinoids with 6 and 3 copepods, respectively	NE Indian Ocean (off Celebes, Timor Sea)	Stock (1968a)
<i>Calvocheres globosus</i>	<i>Calveriosoma gracile</i> , <i>Sperosoma quincunciale</i> (E)	Galls on secondary spines or on spines of adoral side	Not more than 1 ♀ copepod gall <sup>-1</sup> (2 and 5 galls observed on 2 infested hosts)	N Indo-Pacific (off Philippines; in Halmahera Sea; off SE Japan)	Hansen (1902), Stephensen (1935b), Stock (1968a)
<i>Calvocheres oblongus</i>	<i>Hygrosoma petersi</i> (E)	Galls on spines	–	N Pacific (SE of Japan)	Stephensen (1935b)
<i>Calypsarion carinatum</i>	<i>Stichopus monotuberculatus</i> (H)	Internal	1 ♂ copepod ejected from host upon collection	NW Indian Ocean (Ethiopia: Dahlak Archipelago)	Stock (1968b), Humes (1980a)
<i>Calypsarion leprum</i>	<i>Actinopyga mauritania</i> , <i>Actinopyga miliaris</i> , <i>Actinopyga lecanora</i> (H)	Internal	<i>A. miliaris</i> is most common host (76 copepods – 43 ♂ and 33 ♀ – collected from 726 hosts)	SW Indian Ocean (Madagascar: Nossy-Bé)	Humes & Ho (1969), Humes (1980a)
<i>Calypsarion sentosum</i>	<i>Bohadschia marmorata</i> (H)	Internal	8 copepods (5 ♂, 3 ♀) collected from 8 hosts	SW Indian Ocean (Madagascar: Nossy-Bé)	Humes & Ho (1969), Humes (1980a)
<i>Calypsina changeuxi</i>	<i>Holothuria tubulosa</i> , <i>Holothuria stellati</i> (H)	Esophagus and gonoduct	–	Mediterranean (Banyuls)	Changeux (1961), Stock & Kleeton (1963), Humes (1980a)
<i>Cancerilla tubulata</i>	<i>Amphipholis squamata</i> (O)	Attached to outer body surface	Infestation rate ca 10 % (Giard)	NE Atlantic (Brittany; North Sea)	Giard (1887), Carton (1968)

Table 2 (continued)

Copepod	Host	Location in host	Remarks	Geographical area	Source
<i>Chauliobion bulbosum</i>	<i>Actinopyga echinites</i> , <i>Actinopyga obesa</i> (H)	Internal	<i>A. echinites</i> : 11 copepods (4 ♀, 7 ♂) from 72 hosts; <i>A. obesa</i> : 21 copepods (4 ♀, 17 ♂) from 1 host	Tropical W Pacific (New Caledonia: Nouméa)	Humes (1975, 1980a)
<i>Chauliobion foliaceum</i>	<i>Holothuria atra</i> (H)	Coelomic cavity	11 copepods (5 ♂, 6 ♀) collected	N Indian Ocean (Gulf of Mannar)	Ummerkutty (1970)
<i>Clavisodalis dilatatus</i>	<i>Diadema setosum</i> (E)	Esophagus	43 copepods collected from 65 echinoids	New Caledonia	Dojiri & Humes (1982)
<i>Clavisodalis salmacidis</i>	<i>Salmacis belli</i> (E)	Mouth and esophagus	4 copepods	Moreton Bay (Queensland)	Humes (1980b), Dojiri & Humes (1982)
<i>Clavisodalis sentifer</i>	<i>Diadema setosum</i> (E)	Esophagus	4 copepods collected from 17 echinoids	Moreton Bay (Queensland), Ambon	Dojiri & Humes (1982)
<i>Collocheres elegans</i>	<i>Ophiocomina nigra</i> (O)	Attached to arm base	Up to 5 copepods per ophiuroid (infestation increases with host size)	Firth of Clyde (Scotland)	Gorzula (1978)
<i>Collocherides astroboae</i>	<i>Astroboa nuda</i> , <i>Astroboa albatrossi</i> (O)	Stomach	<i>A. nuda</i> : 2 infested individuals with respectively 29 (23 ♀, 6 ♂) and more than 100 copepods; <i>A. albatrossi</i> : 1 infested individual with 25 copepods (16 ♀, 6 ♂)	Red Sea (Eilat; Dahlat Archipelago); SE Indian Ocean (Java Sea)	Stock (1971)
<i>Cucumariocola notabilis</i>	<i>Cucumaria frauenfeldi</i> (H)	Coelomic cavity (free cysts lying in the cavity)	Of 337 investigated holothuroids, 63 were infested by 1 to 4 cysts	SW Indian Ocean (Cape Town Province)	Paterson (1958)
<i>Dichelina phormosomae</i>	<i>Phormosoma bursarium</i> , <i>Phormosoma verticillatum</i> , <i>Paraphormosoma alternans</i> (E)	Digestive tract	2 copepods (1 ♂, 1 ♀) taken from 1 individual of each host species	NW Pacific (Philippines: off Mindanao)	Stephensen (1933, 1935b)
<i>Dichelina seticauda</i>	<i>Hygrosoma hoplancanthus</i> (E)	Internal	5 ♀ copepods taken from 1 echinoid	NE Indian Ocean (Celebes: off Manado)	Stock (1968c)
<i>Diogenella deichmannae</i>	<i>Holothuria arenicola</i> (H)	Internal	43 copepods (4 ♂, 39 ♀) collected from 88 individuals	Tropical Atlantic (Barbados)	Humes & Ho (1970), Humes (1980a)
<i>Diogenella seticauda</i>	<i>Holothuria surinamensis</i> , <i>Holothuria impatiens</i> , <i>Holothuria arenicola</i> (H)	Internal	23 copepods from 2 holothuroids (Stock 1968); 5 copepods (1 ♂, 4 ♀) from 47 holothuroids	Tropical Atlantic (Puerto Rico)	Stock (1968b), Humes & Ho (1970), Humes (1980a)



Table 2 (continued)

Copepod	Host	Location in host	Remarks	Geographical area	Source
<i>Diogenella spinicauda</i>	<i>Holothuria mexicana</i> , <i>Actinopyga agassizi</i> (H)	Internal (ejected from <i>H. mexicana</i> ; Stock)	2 copepods (1 ♂, 1 ♀) from <i>H. mexicana</i> (Stock); 46 copepods (22 ♂, 24 ♀) from 119 <i>H. mexicana</i> , 50 copepods (32 ♂, 18 ♀) from 62 <i>A. agassizi</i> (Humes & Ho)	Tropical Atlantic (Curaçao, Bahamas, Jamaica, Puerto Rico)	Stock (1968b), Humes & Ho (1970), Humes (1980a)
<i>Diogenidium deforme</i>	<i>Holothuria glaberrima</i> , <i>Holothuria arenicola</i> , <i>Holothuria mexicana</i> (H)	Internal (ejected from <i>H. glaberrima</i> ; Stock)	2 copepods (1 ♂, 1 ♀) from 1 <i>H. glaberrima</i> (Stock); 7 copepods (1 ♂, 6 ♀) from 87 <i>H. arenicola</i> , and 5 copepods (2 ♂, 3 ♀) from 24 <i>H. mexicana</i>	Tropical Atlantic (Puerto Rico, Barbados, Bahamas)	Stock (1968b), Humes & Ho (1971), Humes (1980a)
<i>Diogenidium nasutum</i>	<i>Actinopyga agassizi</i> , <i>Holothuria mexicana</i> , <i>Holothuria grisea</i> (H)	Coelomic cavity	9 copepods (5 ♂, 4 ♀) from 3 <i>H. mexicana</i> (Stock); 9 copepods (4 ♂, 5 ♀) from 69 <i>A. agassizi</i> , 10 copepods (4 ♂, 6 ♀) from 29 <i>H. mexicana</i> , and 6 copepods (4 ♂, 2 ♀) from 11 <i>H. grisea</i> (Humes & Ho)	Tropical Atlantic (Bahamas, Curaçao, Jamaica, Puerto Rico)	Edwards (1891), Stock (1968b), Humes & Ho (1971), Humes (1980a)
<i>Diogenidium spinulosum</i>	<i>Isostichopus badionotus</i> (H)	Internal (ejected from host; Stock)	1 ♂ copepod from 1 holothuroid (Stock); 4 copepods (2 ♂, 2 ♀) from 17 holothuroids (Humes)	Tropical Atlantic (Puerto Rico, Jamaica)	Stock (1968b), Humes & Ho (1971), Humes (1980a)
<i>Diogenidium tectum</i>	<i>Actinopyga agassizi</i> (H)	Internal	3 ♂ copepods from 64 holothuroids	Tropical Atlantic (Jamaica, Bahamas)	Humes & Ho (1971), Humes (1980a)
<i>Echinococcus gulicolus</i>	<i>Diadema setosum</i> (E)	Esophagus	85 copepods collected from 65 echinoids	New Caledonia	Dojiri & Humes (1982)
<i>Enterognathus comatulae</i>	<i>Antedon mediterranea</i> , <i>Antedon bifida</i> (C)	Digestive tract, rarely in coelomic cavity	11 copepods, (2 ♂, 9 ♀) from 12 <i>A. mediterranea</i> (Changeux & Delamare-Deboutteville)	Mediterranean Sea (Banyuls, Naples); NE Atlantic (Dublin, Plymouth)	Giesbrecht (1900), Grainger (1950), Changeux & Delamare-Deboutteville (1956), Stock (1959)
<i>Enterognathus lateripes</i>	<i>Decametra chadwicki</i> , <i>Heterometra savignyi</i> , <i>Oligometra serripinna</i> (C)	Digestive tract	Not more than 4 copepods found	Indian Ocean (Red Sea)	Stock (1966)
<i>Lecanurius intestinalis</i>	<i>Actinopyga lecanora</i> (H)	Digestive tract	—	NW Pacific, (Philippines: Bohol Island)	Kossmann (1877, quoted by Stock 1968b)
<i>Lecanurius kossmannianus</i>	<i>Actinopyga lecanora</i> , <i>Actinopyga mulleri</i> (H)	Internal	14 copepods (7 ♂, 7 ♀) from 11 <i>A. lecanora</i> and 8 copepods (4 ♂, 4 ♀) from 205 <i>A. mulleri</i>	SW Indian Ocean (Madagascar: Nossy-Bé)	Humes (1968)
<i>Lecanurius planifrontalis</i>	<i>Actinopyga echinites</i> , <i>Actinopyga miliaris</i> (H)	Digestive tract (posterior part)	3 copepods (2 ♂, 1 ♀) from 3 <i>A. echinites</i>	Tropical W Pacific (New Caledonia; Great Barrier Reef)	Humes (1980a)
<i>Lernaeosaccus ophiacanthae</i>	<i>Ophiacantha disjuncta</i> (O)	Coelomic cavity (presumably)	Only 1 individual found	Antarctic seas (Palmer Archipelago)	Heegard (1951)

Table 2 (continued)

Copepod	Host	Location in host	Remarks	Geographical area	Source
<i>Lichothuria mandibularis</i>	<i>Holothuria atra</i> , <i>Holothuria scabra</i> , <i>Holothuria nobilis</i> , <i>Holothuria fuscopunctata</i> (H)	Internal (ejected from host; Stock)	4 copepods (2 ♂, 2 ♀) from 12 <i>H. atra</i> (Stock); 188 copepods (54 ♂, 134 ♀) from 470 <i>H. scabra</i> , 19 copepods (6 ♂, 13 ♀) from 24 <i>H. nobilis</i> , 139 copepods (34 ♂, 105 ♀) from 345 <i>H. atra</i> , and 1 ♂ copepod from <i>H. fuscopunctata</i> (Humes & Ho)	W Indian Ocean (Red Sea: Eilat; Madagascar Nossy-Bé)	Stock (1968b), Humes & Ho (1969), Humes 1980a
<i>Ophioika appendiculata</i>	<i>Ophiomitrella calviger</i> , <i>Ophiacantha bidentata</i> (O)	Bursae, forming swelling of host's tissue	1 to 3 copepods host <sup>-1</sup> (no more than 1 bursa infested host <sup>-1</sup> )	N Atlantic (S of Greenland, S of Iceland, W of Hebrides)	Stephensen (1935b, 1940)
<i>Ophioika asymmetrica</i>	<i>Ophiacantha imago</i> (O)	Bursae, forming slight swelling of host disc	Each of the 2 infested ophiuroids investigated had a pair (♂, ♀) of copepods encysted in 1 of their bursae	Antarctic seas	Pyefinch (1940)
<i>Ophioika ophiacanthae</i>	<i>Ophiacantha severa</i> (O)	Bursae, forming swelling of host disc	Only 1 ♀ copepod found	SE Indian Ocean (Bali Sea)	Stephensen (1933)
<i>Ophioika tenuibrachia</i>	<i>Ophiacantha vivipara</i> , <i>Ophiacantha disjuncta</i> (O)	Bursae (presumably)	8 copepods found	Antarctic seas (South Georgia; Adelaide Land)	Heegaard (1951)
<i>Ophiopsyllus reductus</i>	<i>Ophiocomella ophiacitoides</i> (O)	Oral and lateral parts of arm base	40 to 65% of host population parasitized depending on period of year. Usually 1 to 3 copepods ophiuroid <sup>-1</sup>	Jamaica	Emson et al. (1985)
<i>Pinnodesmotes phormosomae</i>	<i>Hygrosoma petersi</i> <sup>1</sup> (E)	Intracoelomic galls	1 or 2 (♂, ♀) copepods gall <sup>-1</sup>	NE Atlantic (Azores)	Koehler (1898), Bonnier (1898)
<i>Scottomyzon gibberum</i>	<i>Asterias rubens</i> (A)	Galls in rosettes of pedicellariae	Most asteroids are infested; 4 to 175 copepods asteroid <sup>-1</sup>	North Sea (off Helgoland; Kattegat)	Röttger (1969, see also Barel & Kramers (1977))
<i>Synapticolateres</i>	<i>Polyplectana kefersteini</i> , <i>Synapta maculata</i> (H)	Coelomic cavity, digestive tract (posterior part)	5 copepods (2 ♂, 3 ♀) free in coelomic cavity (Voigt)	Indian Ocean (Amboina); W Pacific (Queensland)	Voigt (1892), Humes (1979)
<b>III. Monstrilloidea</b>					
<i>Thespesiosyllus paradoxus</i>	<i>Ophiothrix fragilis</i> , <i>Ophiopholis aculeata</i> (O)	Stomach folds	About 50% of <i>O. aculeata</i> infested	North Sea (Gullmarfjord)	Bresciani & Lützen (1962)
<b>IV. Incertaesedis</b>					
<i>Arthrochordeumium appendiculosum</i>	<i>Astrocharis gracilis</i> (O)	Galls at arm base	At least 2 copepods (♂, ♀) found	NW Pacific (Philippines: Mindanao)	Mortensen & Stephensen (1918)
<i>Arthrochordeumium asteromorphae</i>	<i>Asteromorpha koehlerii</i> (O)	Galls at arm base	Only 1 copepod found	NE Indian Ocean (Amboina)	Stephensen (1933)
<i>Codoba discoveryi</i>	<i>Ophiura meridionalis</i> (O)	Calcified cysts inside bursae	3 infested ophiuroids were found	Antarctic Sea (South Georgia)	Heegaard (1951)
<i>Chordeumium obesum</i>	<i>Asteronyx loveni</i> (O)	Cysts within coelomic cavity (attached cysts)	Almost 100% infestation; no more than 1 copepod gall <sup>-1</sup>	North Sea (Skagerrak)	Mortensen (1912), Jungersen (1912, 1914)
<i>Parachordeumium tetraceros</i>	<i>Amphipholissquamata</i> (O)	Coelomic cavity	Only 1 copepod observed	Mediterranean (Villefranche)	Le Calvez (1938), Bocquet (1952)

<sup>1</sup> Identified *Phormosoma uranus* by Koehler (1898)

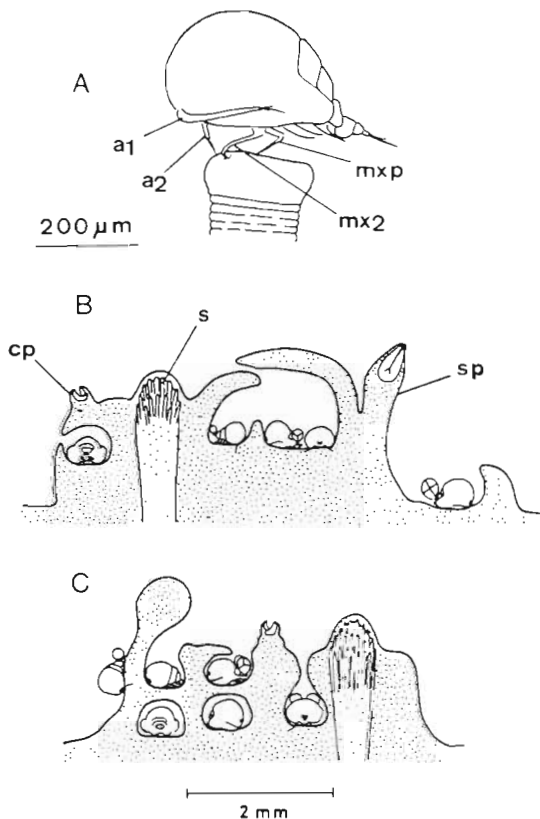


Fig. 3. *Scottomyzon gibberum*, an ectoparasitic copepod of the asteroid *Asterias rubens*. (A) Female on tube-foot tip. (B & C) Copepods embedded in dermal tissue of a pedicellarian rosette. a1 & a2: antennae; cp: crossed pedicellaria; mxp: maxilliped; mx2: maxilla; s: spine; sp: straight pedicellaria. (After Röttger 1969)

*Ophiura quadrispina* (Wagin 1964, 1976). The ophiuroid first encysts the parasite with its own tissues; then both cyst and parasite grow into the bursal cavity. The cyst is gradually ejected from the cavity through the bursal slit. *P. sinagodooides* apparently has adapted its life cycle to the reaction of its host, as rejected cysts as a rule include infesting ascothoracid larvae. According to Grygier (1985b) the asteroid-associated ascothoracid *Endaster hamatosculum* lives in conspicuous inner galls located in the arm coelom of its host. Galls are calcified and correspond morphologically to intracoelomic outgrowths of the asteroid body wall; each gall opens on the host's outer body surface by a slit-like hole.

Ascothoracids may castrate their host. Thus *Ascothorax ophiocetenis* causes complete castration of *Ophioceten sericerum*, even though it does not feed on the host's gonads. Wagin (1946) found a single juvenile *A. ophiocetenis* to inhibit the activity of the germinal epithelium leading to a regression of the whole gonad. Similar castration occurs in spatangoids infested with large-sized *Ulophysema oeresundense*. According to

Brattström (1947), castration results from competition for food between gonads and ascothoracid. Casual observations of host castration have been made also by Yosii (1928b), Fisher (1930) and Korschelt (1933). Heavy infestation of *Ophionotus victoriae* by *Ascothorax gigas* (up to 7 genital bursae infested) causes occlusion of the ophiuroid mouth opening and reduces the development of the gonads (Grygier & Fratt 1984). The gonads do not completely regress, however. The stomach volume is reduced, but there is no demonstrable reduction in the volume of stomach contents.

According to Brattström (1947) infesting larvae of *Ulophysema oeresundense* usually penetrate their host through the genital apertures and also through the ambulacral pores. Infesting larvae thus reach either the gonadal lumen or the axial sinus. They must cross the wall of the gonad or of the axial sinus in order to reach the general coelomic cavity where they normally grow and reproduce. When mature, *Ulophysema* spp. most frequently attach to the apical part of the host's body wall in which they bore holes up to 1 mm in diameter. These holes are used by the larvae to escape from the host. Grygier (1981) suggested that the release of larvae from a female *Dendrogaster antarcticus* into the asteroid coelom is produced by rupturing of the mantle of the female. Larvae of *Dendrogaster tasmaniensis* penetrate the asteroid *Allostichaster polyplax* through respiratory papulae; they infest the coelom and escape by crossing the asteroid's stomach wall and passing to the outside through its mouth (Hickman 1959).

#### Agents: Crustacea, Malacostraca

Associations between amphipods and echinoderms were reviewed by Vader (1978). A parasitic relation has been inferred by Shoemaker (1919) for *Laphystiopsis iridometra* which lives embedded in the calyx of the crinoid *Iridometra melpomene*. Typical ectoparasitism occurs with the North Sea species *Epimeria parasitica* which feed on the outer tissues of the holothuroid *Stichopus tremulus* and the asteroid *Porania pulvillus* (Vader 1978). According to Ruffo (1957), the amphipods *Jassia ocia* and *Aristias negletus* occur at Banyuls (France, Mediterranean Sea) in the coelomic cavity of the holothuroid *Stichopus regalis* and the crinoid *Antedon mediterranea*, respectively.

An unexpected association between the tanaidacean *Exspina typica* and 3 species of deep-sea holothuroids has been reported by Thurston et al. (1987). *E. typica* should be considered a facultative parasite; it occurs either in the intestine or body cavity of its host.

Crabs associated with and potentially harmful to echinoderms belong to 3 distinct families:

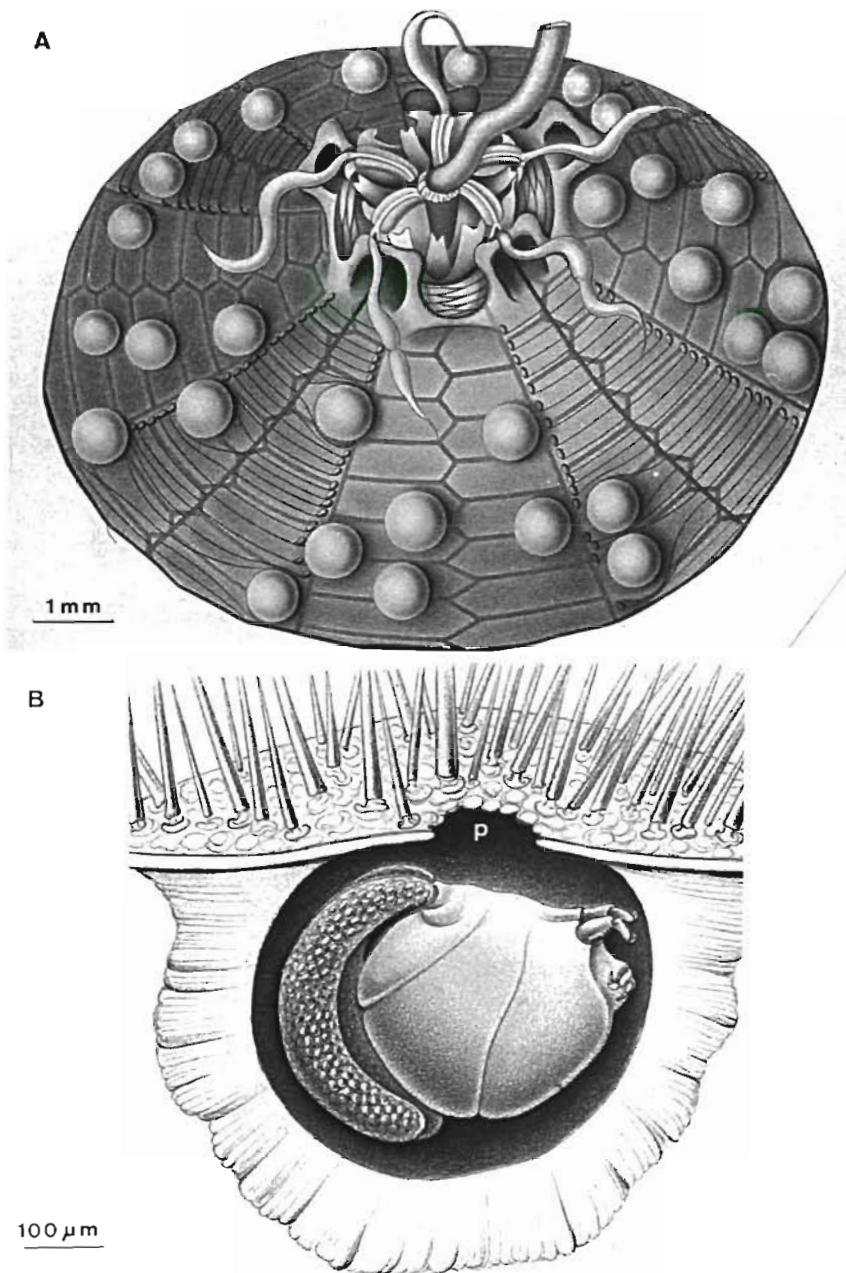


Fig. 4. *Pionodesmotes phormosomae*, a gallicole copepod parasite of the echinoid *Hygrosoma petersi*. (A) Inner view of the oral part of a dissected echinoid showing the location of calcified galls. (B) Section through gall containing an ovigerous female. p: outer pore of the gall. (A after Koehler 1898; B after Bonnier 1898)

Pinnotheridae (genera *Dissodactylus*, *Ophisthopus*, *Pinnaxodes*, *Pinnixa*, *Pinnotheres*), Parthenopidae (genera *Echinoecus*, *Zebrida*), and Portunidae (genus *Lissocarcinus*) (Table 4). Feeding habits of associated species of *Ophisthopus*, *Pinnixa*, *Pinnotheres* and *Lissocarcinus* have not been reported. Presumably these forms do not feed on host tissues, nor cause any other detrimental effects, except to slightly wound the wall of the respiratory trees or of the cloaca (Tao 1930, Jones & Mahadevan 1965). Species inhabiting the posterior part of the echinoid digestive tract (*Echinoecus convictor*, *E. pentagonus*, *E. rathbunae* and *Pinnaxodes*

*chilensis*) are generally said to feed on host fecal pellets (e.g. Miyake 1939, Fenucci 1967). Trophic relations between *E. pentagonus* and the echinoid *Echinothrix calamaris* were studied carefully by Castro (1971) (see also Suzuki & Takeda 1974). Males and small immature females inhabit the peristomeal region where they feed on epithelial tissue and tube feet, damage being in equilibrium with the regenerating capacities of the host. Large mature females live in the rectum and ingest material from fecal pellets and aggregates of pigmented coelomocytes that migrate across the rectal wall.

Table 3. Parasitic ascothoracid cirripeds (compiled from the sources indicated). Ascothoracid species names according to Wagin (1976) and Grygier (1981 to 1983). Hosts: A, asteroids; C, crinoids, E, echinoids; O, ophiuroids. Unidentified species of ascothoracids were reported from asteroids by Fisher (1940; *Diplasterias meridionalis*) and from ophiuroids by Bartsch (1982; *Ophiurolepis inornata*)

Ascothoracid	Host	Location on/in host	Remarks	Geographical area	Source
<i>Ascothorax bulbosus</i>	<i>Amphiura belgicae</i> , <i>Amphiura microplax</i> (O)	Bursae	1 ascothoracid host <sup>-1</sup>	Southern Atlantic (off South Georgia)	Heegard (1951)
<i>Ascothorax gigas</i>	<i>Ophiotus victoriae</i> (O)	Bursae	Up to 27 parasites host <sup>-1</sup> (Grygier & Fratt)	South Sandwich Islands	Wagin (1968), Grygier (1983c), Grygier & Fratt (1984)
<i>Ascothorax mortenseni</i>	<i>Amphiura microplax</i> (O)	Bursae	—	South Georgia	Grygier (1983c)
<i>Ascothoras ophiocentis</i>	<i>Ophiocentrus sericeum</i> (O)	Bursae	Infestation rate: 0.7 to 3.4 % (Wagin)	Barents Sea; Kara Sea; North Atlantic (around Iceland and Faroë Islands)	Djakonov (1914), Stephensen (1935a), Wagin (1946)
<i>Ascothorax pilocaudatus</i>	<i>Ophiosphalma armigerum</i> (O)	Bursae	—	NE Atlantic	Grygier (1983c)
<i>Ctenosculum hawaiiense</i> <sup>1</sup>	<i>Brisinga evermanni</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	—	Tropical W Pacific (Hawaii)	Heath (1910), Warren (1981)
<i>Dendrogaster antarcticus</i>	<i>Acodontaster conspicuus</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	Infestation level ca 2 %	Antarctic seas (off Ross Island)	Fisher (1930), Grygier (1981)
<i>Dendrogaster arborescens</i>	<i>Dipsacaster sladeni</i> , <i>Coscinasterias calamaria</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	1 to 3 ascothoracids host <sup>-1</sup> (infestation not uncommon) (Okada)	Southern Indian Ocean (off Cape Town); Misaki (Japan)	Le Roi (1905, 1907), Okada (1925)
<i>Dendrogaster arbusculus</i>	<i>Hippasteria californica</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	1 observation	NE Pacific (off California)	Fisher (1911), Grygier (1982)
<i>Dendrogaster arctica</i>	<i>Leptasterias groenlandica</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	—	N Pacific (Bering Sea)	Fisher (1930), Korschelt (1933), Wagin (1950), Grygier (1986)
<i>Dendrogaster argentinensis</i>	<i>Anasterias minuta</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	5 asteroids infested (326 investigated)	SW Atlantic	Grygier & Salvat (1984)
<i>Dendrogaster astericola</i>	<i>Henricia sanguinolenta</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	3 infested <i>H. sanguinolenta</i> (500 investigated)	Barents Sea (White Sea)	Knipowitsch (1891)
<i>Dendrogaster asterinae</i>	<i>Asterina burtoni</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	1 to 10 ascothoracids asteroid <sup>-1</sup>	Red Sea (Gulf of Aqaba)	Achituv (1971)
<i>Dendrogaster astropectinis</i>	<i>Astropecten scoparius</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	5 infested asteroids (250 investigated)	Misaki (Japan)	Yosii (1928b)
<i>Dendrogaster beringensis</i>	<i>Eremicaster tenebrarius</i> , <i>Hyphalaster inermis</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	—	Bering Sea	Wagin (1957), Madsen (1961), Grygier (1985a)
<i>Dendrogaster dichotomus</i>	<i>Crossaster papposus</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	3 infested asteroids (13 investigated)	NE Pacific	Wagin (1950)
<i>Dendrogaster dogieli</i>	<i>Pteraster obscurus</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	—	Bering Sea	Wagin (1950)
<i>Dendrogaster elegans</i>	<i>Leptasterias polaris</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	—	Bering Sea; Gulf of St Lawrence	Wagin (1950), Grygier (1986)
<i>Dendrogaster fisheri</i>	<i>Pedicellaster magister megalabis</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	—	NE Pacific (off California)	Fisher (1928), Grygier (1982)
<i>Dendrogaster iwanowi</i>	<i>Leptasterias fisheri</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	—	Bering Sea	Wagin (1950)
<i>Dendrogaster leptasteriae</i>	<i>Leptasterias fisheri</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	—	Bering Sea	Wagin (1950)
<i>Dendrogaster ludwigi</i>	<i>Echinaster luzonicus</i> , <i>Certonardoa semiregularis</i> , <i>Nepanthia belcheri</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	—	W. Pacific (Philippines, Japan Sea; Tasmania)	Le Roi (1905, 1907), Yosii (1928b), Kenny (1959)
<i>Dendrogaster murmanensis</i>	<i>Crossaster papposus</i> , <i>Solaster endeca</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	—	Barents Sea; N Pacific (Okhotsk Sea)	Korschelt (1933), Wagin (1950)
<i>Dendrogaster okadai</i>	<i>Coscinasterias calamaria</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	—	Misaki (Japan)	Yosii (1928b)

Table 3 (continued)

Ascothoracid	Host	Location on/in host	Remarks	Geographical area	Source
<i>Dendrogaster orientalis</i>	<i>Leptasterias polaris</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	–	Bering Sea	Wagin (1950)
<i>Dendrogaster punctata</i>	<i>Poraniopsis inflata</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	–	NE Pacific (off California)	Grygier (1982)
<i>Dendrogaster ramosus</i>	<i>Leptasterias fisheri</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	–	Bering Sea	Wagin (1950)
<i>Dendrogaster rimskykorsakowi</i>	<i>Ctenodiscus crispatus</i> , <i>Hippasteria leiopelta</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	–	NW Pacific (Okhotsk Sea)	Wagin (1950)
<i>Dendrogaster sagittaria</i>	<i>Sidonaster vaneyi</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	2 individuals in a single asteroid	Philippine Seas	Fisher (1919), Grygier (1985a)
<i>Dendrogaster tasmaniae</i>	<i>Allostichaster polyplax</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	1 ascothoracid asteroid <sup>-1</sup> (26 infested/116 investigated)	Around Tasmania	Hickman (1959)
<i>Endaster hamatosculum</i>	<i>Zeroaster carinatus</i> (A)	Intracoelomic galls	1 to 2 ascothoracids asteroid <sup>-1</sup>	Philippines Sea	Grygier (1985b)
<i>Parascothorax synagodooides</i>	<i>Ophiura quadrispina</i> (O)	In cysts in bursae	1 to 9 ascothoracids ophiuroid <sup>-1</sup>	Okhotsk Sea	Wagin (1964)
<i>Ulophysema oeresundense</i>	<i>Echinocardium cordatum</i> , <i>Echinocardium flavescens</i> , <i>Brissopsis lyrifera</i> (E)	Coelomic cavity; more rarely gonads, ambulacral ampullae or axial sinus	1 to 9 (mostly 1) ascothoracids echinoid <sup>-1</sup> (all stations together: 814 infested/42 874 investigated) (Brattström 1947); infestation rate: 20 to 25 % (Bresciani & Jespersen)	North Sea (Scandinavian coast)	Brattström (1936, 1938, 1946, 1947), Bresciani & Jespersen (1985)
<i>Ulophysema pourtalesiae</i>	<i>Pourtalesia jeffreysi</i> (E)	Coelomic cavity	1 or 2 ascothoracids echinoid <sup>-1</sup>	N Atlantic (between Norway, Spitzberg, Greenland and the Faroes)	Brattström (1937)
<i>Waginella metacrinicola</i>	<i>Metacrinus rotundus</i> (O)	On stalk	–	Sea of Japan	Okada (1926, 1938), Grygier (1983b)
<i>Waginella axotremata</i>	<i>Metacrinus acutus</i> , <i>Metacrinus angulatus</i> , <i>Metacrinus cingulatus</i> (C)	On cirri	–	Indonesia; China Sea	Grygier (1983b)

<sup>1</sup> Waren (1981) showed that *Ctenosculum hawaiiense* (Heath 1910) is better interpreted as an ascothoracid than as a mollusc; Grygier (1983a) confirmed this opinion from direct examination of *C. hawaiiense*

According to Mortensen (1943a) and Suzuki & Takeda (1974) an obvious parasitic relation occurs between the parthenopid crab *Zebrida adamsi* and several echinoid species (Table 4). The crab feeds on appendages, skin and peripheral dermal tissue of echinoids, producing conspicuous naked test areas. Similar parasitic behavior also occurs with some species of *Dissodactylus* living on clypeasteroid and spatangoid echinoids (Dexter 1977, Telford 1982, Bell & Stancyk 1983). Telford (1982) reported that, depending on the species studied, the associated *Dissodactylus* take 50 to 100% of their diet from host tissues. According to him differences in feeding habits can be attributed partly to the structure of host spines, viz. larger test areas are denuded if the spines of the echinoid host are more porous (Fig. 7).

Gut-inhabiting species may produce deformations that are sometimes very conspicuous. Verrill (1867) reported that *Pinnotheres chilensis* considerably distends the rectal wall of the echinoid *Coenocentrotus gibbosus* to form a membranous cyst. The cyst attaches aborally to the echinoid body wall and extends near the mouth into the coelomic cavity. The anal area of the host is depressed and distorted, and the echinoid test is usually swollen on the side over the cyst (Fenucci 1967). *P. chilensis* parasitizes both *C. gibbosus* and *Loxechinus albus*. According to Mortensen (1943b) the crab does not induce major test deformation when infesting *L. albus*. Similar but less conspicuous deformations are caused also by *Echinoecus convictor*, *E. pentagonus* and *E. rathbunae* (respectively Bouvier & Seurat 1905, Castro 1971, Miyake 1939), all of them producing

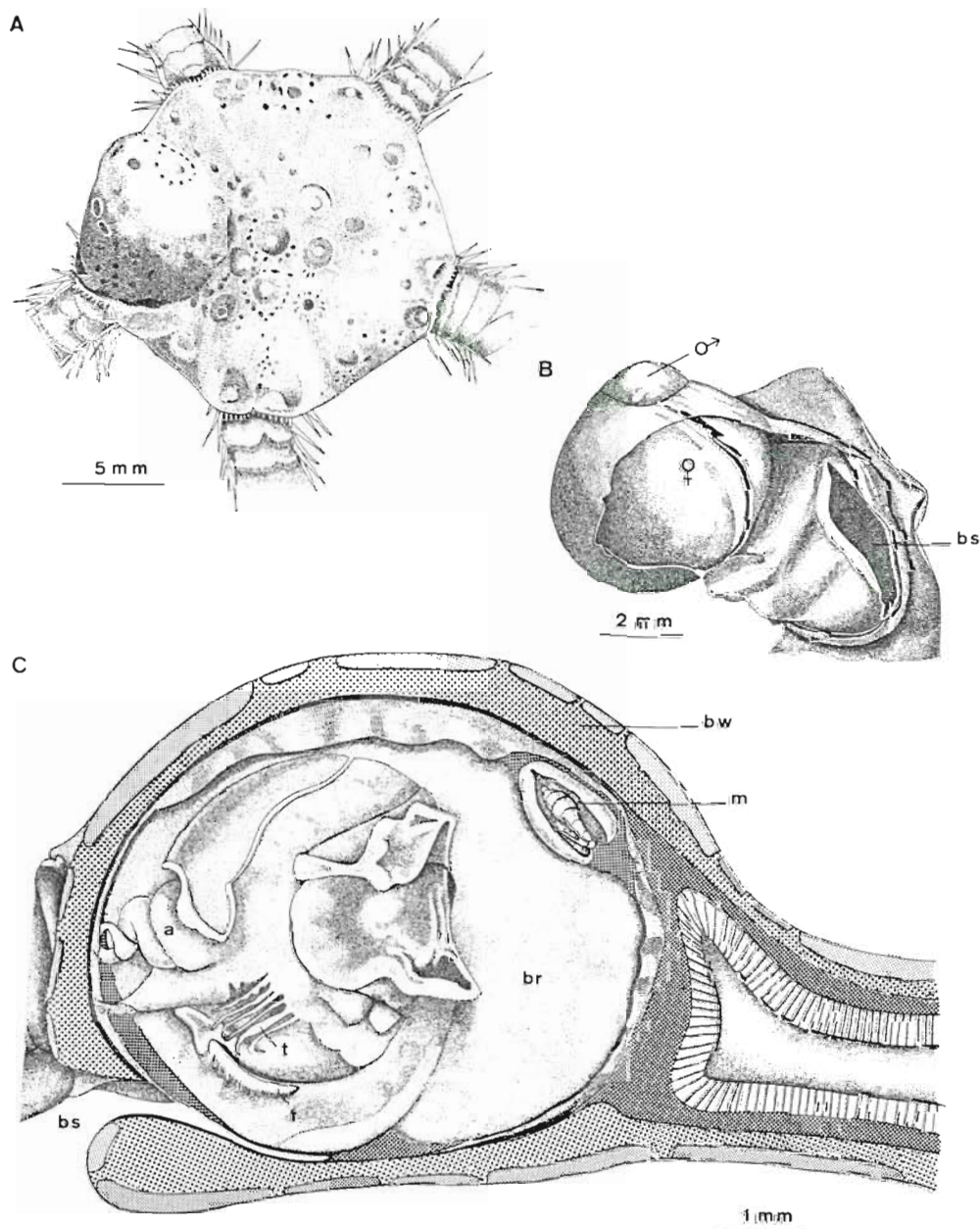


Fig. 5. *Ascothorax ophiactenus*, an ascothoracid parasite of the genital bursa of the ophiuroid *Ophiacten sericeum* (A) Aboral view of disc of an infested ophiuroid. (B) Dissected genital bursa containing a pair of *A. ophiactenus* (C) Diagrammatic drawing of parasites *in situ*. a: antennule; br: brood pouch. bs: bursal slit, bw ophiuroid body-wall, f furca, m dwarf male; t thoracic limbs (Redrawn from Wagin 1946; slightly modified)

swellings of anal tube and periproct of their host.

According to Suzuki & Takeda (1974) and Dexter (1977), infestations by ectoparasitic crabs often exert major effects and may kill echinoids. The crabs select a particular site on the host's body surface and clear away the spines of the region (see also Telford 1982). This produces an obvious decrease in movements and spine activities of infested regular echinoids (Suzuki & Takeda 1974). Dexter (1977) observed a reduction in

spine activity which decreased the ability of clypeasteroids to feed and to move about in aquaria, resulting in a substantial increase in mortality.

#### Agents: Arachnida; Pycnogonida; Insecta

The only arachnid reported to be an echinoderm parasite is the acarid *Enterohalacarus minutipalpus*

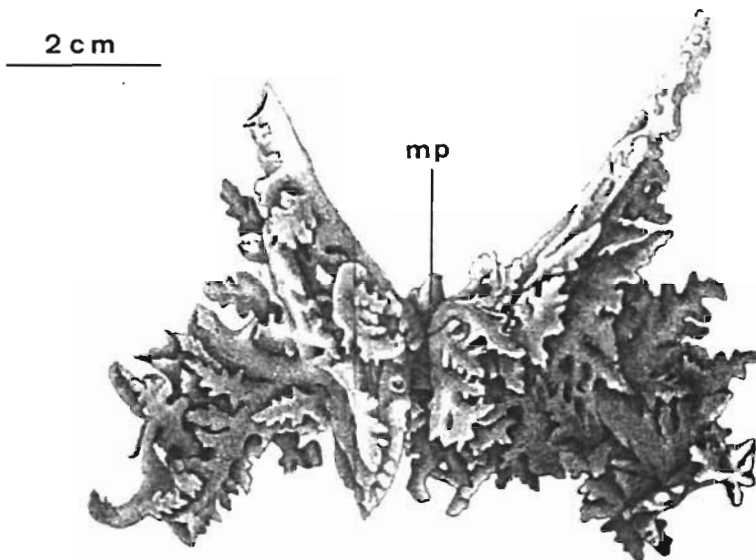
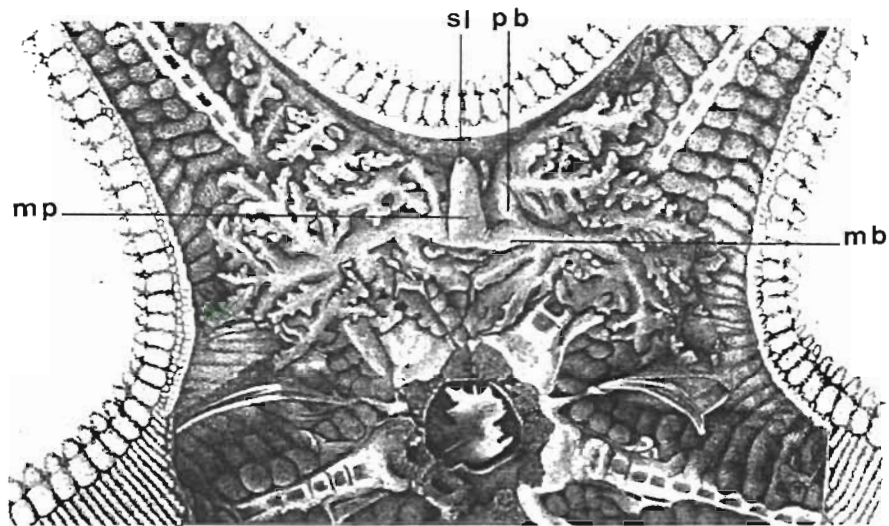


Fig. 6. *Dendrogaster arborescens*, an ascothoracid parasite of the coelomic cavity of the asteroid *Dipsacaster sladeni*. mb: main branch; mp: middle piece; pb: primary branch; sl: distal slit. (After Le Roi 1907)

found in the gut of the echinoid *Plesiadiadema indicum* (Viets 1939). Three specimens were collected in echinoid material dredged by the *Albatross* off North Moluccas, Indonesia. Nothing is known about host-associate relations.

Pycnogonid-echinoderm associations have been noticed by several authors who generally suggested an ectoparasitic relation. Associations with holothuroids were observed by Prell (1910; *Pycnogonum littorale/Cucumaria frondosa*) and Ohshima (1927; *Lecythrorhynchus hilgendorfi/Holothuria lubrica*). According to Ohshima, a single host may carry up to 30 pycnogonids which supposedly absorb the blood or 'body juice' of the holothuroid. An obvious pycnogonid-ophiuroid association occurs at Aldabra (Indian Ocean) with 3 species of *Ophioderma* and the sea-spider, *Anoplodactylus ophiophilus* (Sloan 1979, Sloan et al. 1979, Stock 1979). Sloan reported various

infestation levels – from 3.6 to 83.7% – depending on the host species. He presented evidence that *A. ophiophilus* has the potential to feed on the host's tube feet. The occurrence of pycnogonids on echinoids and asteroids has also been reported casually (Stock 1981).

An unexpected association between the marine trichopteran *Philaniscus plebeius* and the asteroids *Patiriella exigua* and *Patiriella regularis* was reported by Anderson et al. (1976) and by Winterbourn & Anderson (1980). Caddis fly eggs were found in the asteroid coelomic cavity. Singly or in small clumps, eggs occur loose within the coelom close to the peristome or enveloped in stomach folds. The authors presumed that eggs are deposited through the respiratory papulae and that newly hatched intracoelomic larvae leave the host either via the same route or through the stomach wall. According to Winterbourn & Anderson (1980),



Table 4. Parasitic decapods (Reptantia) of echinoderms (compiled from the sources indicated). Hosts: E, echinoid; H, holothuroid

Reptant	Host	Location on/in host	Remarks	Geographical area	Source
<i>Dissodactylus calmani</i>	<i>Clypeaster rosaceus</i> (E)	Outer body surface (oral surface)	Infestation level 25 to 50 %	Tropical W Atlantic (Florida, Jamaica)	Telford (1982)
<i>Dissodactylus crinitichelis</i>	<i>Mellita sexiesperforata</i> (E)	Outer body surface	Infestation level 30 to 60 %	Tropical W Atlantic (Barbados)	Telford (1978, 1982)
<i>Dissodactylus encopei</i>	<i>Encope emarginata</i> (E)	Outer body surface	—	Tropical W Atlantic (Florida to N Brazil)	Rathbun (1918)
<i>Dissodactylus glasselli</i>	<i>Mellita longifissa</i> (E)	Outer body surface	—	Tropical E Pacific (Mexican coast)	Rioja (1944)
<i>Dissodactylus lockingtoni</i>	<i>Mellita longifissa</i> , <i>Encope micropora</i> , <i>Encope grandis</i> , <i>Encope californica</i> (E)	Outer body surface (proximal portion of posterior interambulacral lunule)	—	Tropical E Pacific (Northern Mexico)	Glassell (1935)
<i>Dissodactylus mellitae</i>	<i>Mellita quinquesperforata</i> , <i>Echinarachnius parma</i> (E)	Outer body surface	13 crabs collected from 50 <i>M. quinquesperforata</i> (Pearse); almost 100 % infestation (Johnson)	NW Atlantic (Massachusetts to Florida)	Rathbun (1918), Pearse (1947), Johnson (1952), Gray et al. (1968), Telford (1982)
<i>Dissodactylus nitidus</i>	<i>Encope stokesi</i> , <i>Encope micropora</i> (E)	Outer body surface (near lunule or marginal slits)	1 to 2 crabs host <sup>-1</sup> ; infest mostly large echinoids (diameter > 30 mm)	Tropical E Pacific (Panama)	Dexter (1977)
<i>Dissodactylus primitivus</i>	<i>Meoma ventricosa</i> , <i>Plagiobrissus grandis</i> (E)	Outer body surface (mostly on oral surface)	Infestation level 79 to 100 %	Tropical W Atlantic (Barbados, Jamaica)	Telford (1978, 1982)
<i>Dissodactylus smithi</i>	<i>Mellita longifissa</i> (E)	Outer body surface	—	Tropical E Pacific (Mexican coast)	Rioja (1944)
<i>Dissodactylus xantusi</i>	<i>Encope stokesi</i> , <i>Encope micropora</i> (E)	Outer body surface (near lunule or marginal slits)	More often on <i>E. micropora</i>	Tropical E Pacific (Panama)	Dexter (1977)
<i>Echinoecus convictor</i>	<i>Echinothrix diadema</i> (E)	Internal swelling of anal tube	—	Tropical Indo-West Pacific (Gambier Island; Mauritius)	Bouvier & Seurarr (1905), Mortensen (1940)
<i>Echinoecus pentagonus</i>	<i>Pseudocentrotus depressus</i> , <i>Anthocidaris crassispina</i> , <i>Echinothrix calamaris</i> , <i>Echinothrix diadema</i> (E)	Outer body surface (near peristome)	10 crabs collected on 48 <i>P. depressus</i> (Suzuki & Takeda)	Tropical Indo-W Pacific (Andaman, Hawaii, Japan: coast of Uchida)	Castro (1971, 1978), Suzuki & Takeda (1974), Sastry (1977, 1981)
<i>Echinoecus rathbunae</i>	<i>Echinothrix calamaris</i> , <i>Phyllacanthus dubius</i> (E)	Internal swelling of the anal tubes	—	NW Pacific (Ogasawara Islands)	Miyake (1939)
<i>Lissocarcinus orbiculatus</i>	<i>Bohadschia argus</i> (H)	Mainly respiratory trees, also cloaca	11 holothuroids infested (61 investigated)	NW Pacific (Philippines: Puerto Galera)	Trott & Garth (1970)
<i>Lissocarcinus ornatus</i>	<i>Holothuria</i> sp. (H)	Cloaca	—	N Indian Ocean (Andaman Sea)	Chopra (1931)
<i>Ophisthopus transversus</i>	<i>Parastichopus californicus</i> (H)	Cloaca	Occur also in other invertebrates (e.g., bivalve molluscs)	NE Pacific (California)	Rathbun (1918)
<i>Pinnaxodes chilensis</i> <sup>1</sup>	<i>Loxechinus albus</i> , <i>Coenocentrotus gibbosus</i> (E)	Partly embedded in rectum wall	1 to 2 crabs echinoid <sup>-1</sup> . Infestation generally very high (90 to 100 %) (Verrill, Clark, Rathbun, Schwabe)	SE Pacific (Ecuador to Patagonia)	Verrill (1867), Ortmann (1894), Meissner (1896), Clark (1910), Rathbun (1918), Schwabe (1936), Mortensen (1943b), Fenucci (1967)
<i>Pinnixa barnharti</i>	<i>Molpadia arenicola</i> (H)	Cloaca	—	NE Pacific (California)	Rathbun (1918)
<i>Pinnixa timida</i>	<i>Caudina chilensis</i> (H)	Cloaca	Infestation level 75 %	NW Pacific (Japan: Mutsu Bay)	Tao (1930)
<i>Pinnotheres decanus</i>	<i>Holothuria scabra</i> (H)	Cloaca and respiratory trees; rarely in the coelomic cavity	10 holothuroids infested (25 investigated)	N Indian Ocean (Indian coast)	Chopra (1931), Jones & Mahadevan (1965), Adithiya (1969)

Table 4 (continued)

Reptant	Host	Location on/in host	Remarks	Geographical area	Source
<i>Pinnotheres setnai</i>	Unidentified holothuroid	Respiratory trees	-	NW Indian Ocean (Andaman Sea)	Chopra (1931)
<i>Pinnotheres villosissimus</i>	<i>Actinopyga mauritiana</i> , <i>Actinopyga lecanora</i> (H)	Cloaca	-	NW Indian Ocean (Andaman Sea; west coast of Sumatra)	Doflein (1904), Chopra (1931)
<i>Zebrida adamsi</i>	<i>Diadema setosum</i> , <i>Tripneustes gratilla</i> , <i>Toxopneustes pileolus</i> , <i>Toxopneustes elegans</i> , <i>Asthenosoma ijimai</i> , <i>Salmacis sphaeroides</i> (E)	Outer body surface (near ambitus)	As a rule 1 crab echinoid <sup>-1</sup> (11 crabs collected) (Suzuki & Takeda)	NW Pacific (Japan: Suruga Bay; coast of Thailand)	Rathbun (1910), Mortensen (1943a), Suzuki & Takeda (1974), Daniel & Krishnan (1978)

<sup>1</sup> Often identified *Fabia chilensis*

eggs are found in the coelom during most of the year, the infestation level being about 10%.

#### Agents: Pisces

Associations between echinoderms and carapid fishes (pearlfishes) are of particular interest as they concern - at least in a few cases - typical parasitic relations between an invertebrate host and a vertebrate associate. The systematics, general biology, and ecology of pearlfishes are documented satisfactorily, and some species have been studied in detail (e.g. Zankert

1940, Arnold 1956, Trott 1970, Van Meter & Ache 1974, Smith et al. 1981, Trott 1981). Pearlfish species associate with holothuroids and asteroids are listed in Table 5.

Most authors report that the stomach contents of *Carapus* spp. from echinoderm coelomic cavities do not show remains of host tissue (e.g. Trott 1970, Smith et al. 1981). *Carapus* spp. are predators. Basically, they use the host's coelom as shelter (Fig. 8). They leave it in order to catch prey, feeding primarily on crustaceans. Casual observations of feeding by *Carapus* on the host's gonad have been reported however (Hipeau-

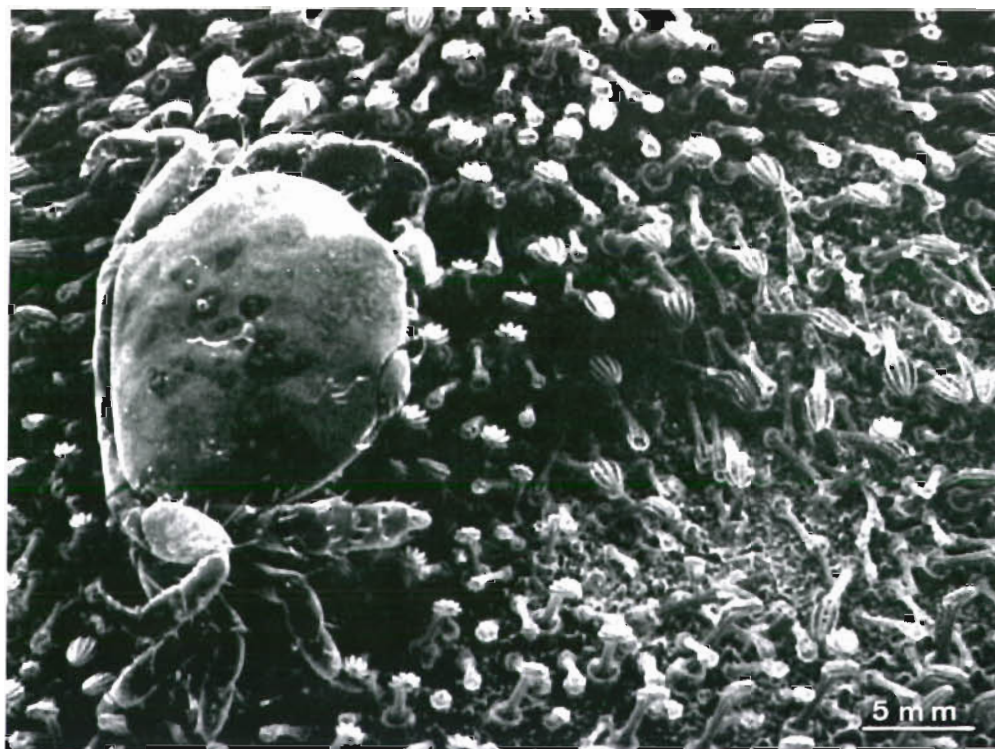


Fig. 7 *Dissodactylus crinitichelis*, an ectoparasitic crab of the clypeastroid echinoid *Mellita sexiesperforata*. The crab is seen beside the devastated area where it had been feeding. (After Telford 1982)

Table 5. Fishes endosymbiotic in echinoderms (compiled from the sources indicated). Hosts: A, asteroid; H, holothuroid

Fish	Host	Location in host	Remarks	Geographical area	Source
<i>Carapus acus</i>	<i>Holothuria tubulosa</i> , <i>Stichopus regalis</i> (H)	Mostly coelomic cavity; sometimes respiratory trees or cloaca	29 infested holothuroids (89 in- vestigated) (Arnold)	Mediterranean Sea (mostly western part)	Emery (1880), Zanker (1940), Ar- nold (1953, 1956), Gustato (1977)
<i>Carapus bermudensis</i>	<i>Actinopyga agassizi</i> (usual host); also <i>As- tichopus multifidus</i> , <i>Holothuria glaberrima</i> , <i>Holothuria lentiginosa</i> , <i>Holothuria princeps</i> , <i>Isostichopus</i> <i>badionotus</i> , <i>Thyone</i> sp. (H)	Coelomic cavity; some- times respiratory trees	1 to 10 fishes holothuroid <sup>1</sup> (mostly 1); infestation level may reach 50 % (Smith et al.)	W Atlantic from Brazil to North to Bermuda	Linton (1907), Parker (1926), An- cona-Lopez (1956), Smith & Tyler (1969), Trott (1970), Dawson (1971), Koster & Caycedo (1979), Smith et al. (1981)
<i>Carapus dubius</i>	Unidentified holothuroid	Internal	—	Tropical W Atlantic (Caribbeans)	Putnam (1874)
<i>Carapus homei</i>	<i>Stichopus chloronotus</i> and <i>Bohadschia argus</i> (usual host); also in <i>Ac- tionpyga mauritiana</i> , <i>Holothuria atra</i> , <i>Thelonota ananas</i> , <i>Stichopus tropicalis</i> (H)	Mostly coelomic cavity, also respiratory trees	Infestation level 16 to 88 % according to period of year (Smith)	Tropical Indo-W Pacific	Bedford (1899), Fisher (1907), Sivickis & Doman- tay (1928), Muker- ji (1932), Smith (1964), Hipeau- Jacquotte (1967), Trott (1970, 1981), Trott & Trott (1972)
<i>Carapus mourlanii</i> <sup>1</sup>	<i>Culcita schmideliana</i> and <i>Culcita novaeg- uineae</i> (usual hosts); also <i>Acanthaster plan- ci</i> , <i>Choraster</i> <i>granulosus</i> , <i>Protoreas- ter lincki</i> , <i>Thromidia</i> <i>seychellensis</i> <sup>2</sup> (A) <i>Bohadschia argus</i> (H)	Coelomic cavity of as- teroids; coelomic cavity and respiratory trees of holothuroids	1 to 2 fishes as- teroid <sup>-1</sup> Infestation level may reach about 100 % (Mor- tensen; Trott 1970). A single <i>B. argus</i> contained 15 fishes (Meyer-Rochow 1977)	Tropical Indo-W Pacific	Putnam (1874), Simpson & Brown (1910), Mortensen (1923), Mukerji (1932), Strasburg (1961), Smith (1964), Hipeau- Jacquotte (1967), Trott (1970), Trott & Trott (1972), Cheney (1973), Jangoux (1974), Meyer-Rochow (1977, 1979)
<i>Jordanicus gracilis</i>	<i>Bohadschia argus</i> (usu- al host); also <i>Holothuria atra</i> , <i>Holothuria scabra</i> , <i>Stichopus chloronotus</i> , <i>Thelonota ananas</i> (H) <i>Culcita novaeguinea</i> , <i>Acanthaster planci</i> (A)	Coelomic cavity	Infestation level may reach 30 % (Trott & Trott)	Tropical Indo-W Pacific	Doleschall (1861), Arnold (1956), Strasburg (1961), Smith (1964), Trott (1970), Trott & Trott (1972), Cheney (1973)
<i>Jordanicus sagamianus</i>	<i>Holothuria monacaria</i> (H) <i>Certonardoa semire- gularis</i> (A)	Intestine (?) of holothuroid; coelomic cavity of asteroid	Infestation common in <i>H. monacaria</i> (Tanaka)	NW Pacific (Japan: Sagami, Misaki)	Tanaka (1908), Yosii (1928a)

<sup>1</sup> Identified *Carapus homei* by many authors<sup>2</sup> Previously identified *Mithrodia fisheri* (Jangoux 1974)

Jacquotte 1967), and some authors suggested that juvenile individuals could depend on their host for food (Jangoux 1974, Meyer-Rochow 1979). In contrast, *Encheliophis* spp. are considered true parasites which

stay permanently in the echinoderm coelom feeding on host viscera (Strasburg 1961, Smith 1964).

Effects of pearlfish infestations are said to be practically non-existent except for *Encheliophis* spp. which

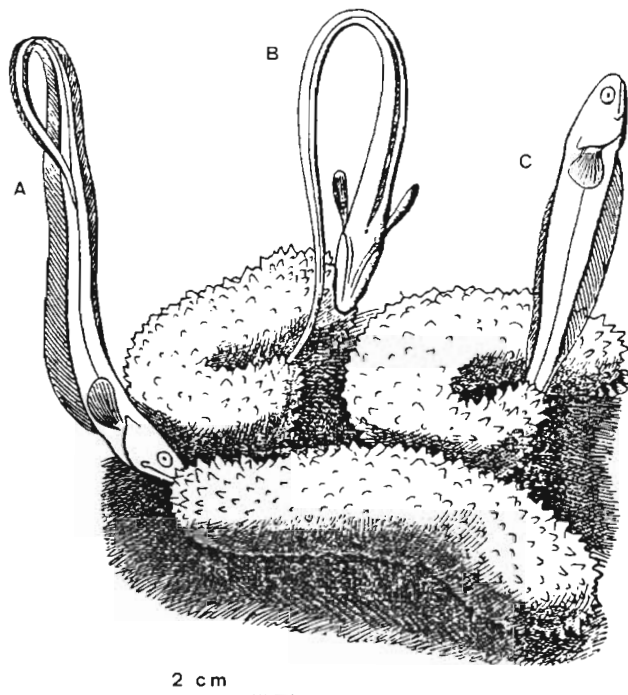


Fig. 8. *Carapus acus* penetrating the holothuroid *Holothuria tubulosa*. (A) Recognition. (B) Twisting. (C) Penetration. (After Emery 1880)

presumably cause castration by consuming the host's gonads. *Carapus* spp. cause only slight injury by piercing the host's digestive wall when entering or leaving the coelomic cavity. At low infestation levels the effect on the host should be negligible as pearlfishes do not always infest the same host, but shelter in the nearest suitable host found. However, in a higher infested echinoderm population (high infestation levels were, for example, recorded by Mortensen [1923] and Trott [1970] for *Carapus moulani* inhabiting *Culcita novae-guineae*) chances increase that a given host is infested regularly; hence repeated loss of coelomic fluid and successive wound repairs have to be considered.

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