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## Abstract

The genus *Pachygrapsus* Randall, 1840 is revised with particular attention to the five Southwest Pacific species: *P. fakaravensis* Rathbun, 1907, *P. laevimanus* Stimpson, 1858, *P. minutus* A. Milne-Edwards, 1873, *P. planifrons* De Man, 1888, and *P. plicatus* (H. Milne Edwards, 1837). *Pachygrapsus laevimanus* Stimpson, 1858 is redescribed and a neotype is designated because of confusion of this species with *P. transversus* (Gibbes, 1850). Seven other species were examined: *P. corrugatus* (von Martens, 1872), *P. crassipes* Randall, 1840, *P. gracilis* (de Saussure, 1858), *P. loveridgei* Chace, 1966, *P. marmoratus* (Fabricius, 1787), *P. maurus* (Lucas, 1846), and *P. transversus* (Gibbes, 1850). The type specimens of *P. striatus* A. Milne-Edwards, 1873, and *P. laevis* Borradaile, 1900, were re-examined and found to be junior synonyms of *P. plicatus* (H. Milne Edwards, 1837), and *P. planifrons* De Man, 1888, respectively. *Pachygrapsus kraussii* (Dana, 1852) is considered a junior synonym of *P. plicatus* H. Milne Edwards, 1837. *Pachygrapsus polyodous* Stebbing, 1921, is excluded from *Pachygrapsus* and provisionally placed in *Euchirograpsus* H. Milne Edwards, 1853. *Pachygrapsus propinquus* De Man, 1908, is probably a junior synonym of *P. minutus* A. Milne-Edwards, 1873, but its status needs to be confirmed with the collection of new material from the type locality. *Pachygrapsus* now includes twelve species, thirteen if *P. propinquus* De Man, 1908, proves to be a separate species. A key to all thirteen species is given.

**Key words:** Crustacea, Decapoda, Brachyura, Grapsidae, *Pachygrapsus*, Systematics

## Résumé

Une révision du genre *Pachygrapsus* Randall, 1840 est proposée, avec une attention particulière pour les cinq espèces du Sud Ouest Pacifique: *P. fakaravensis* Rathbun, 1907, *P. laevimanus* Stimpson, 1858, *P. minutus* A. Milne-Edwards, 1873, *P. planifrons* De Man, 1888, et *P. plicatus* (H. Milne Edwards, 1837). *Pachygrapsus laevimanus* Stimpson, 1858, parfois confondu avec *P. transversus* (Gibbes, 1850), est re-décrit, avec désignation d'un néotype. Sept autres espèces du genre ont été examinées: *P. corrugatus* (von Martens, 1872), *P. crassipes* Randall, 1840, *P. gracilis* (de Saussure, 1858), *P. loveridgei* Chace, 1966, *P. marmoratus* (Fabricius, 1787), *P. maurus* (Lucas, 1846), et *P. transversus* (Gibbes, 1850). Les spécimens types de *P. striatus* A. Milne-Edwards, 1873, et de *P. laevis* Borradaile, 1900, ont été revus et ces deux espèces sont proposées comme synonymes de *P. plicatus* (H. Milne Edwards, 1837), et *P. planifrons* De Man, 1888, respectivement. *Pachygrapsus kraussii* (Dana, 1852) est considéré comme un synonyme de *P. plicatus* H. Milne Edwards, 1837. *Pachygrapsus polyodous* Stebbing, 1921, est exclu du genre et placé provisoirement dans le genre *Euchirograpsus* H. Milne Edwards, 1853. *Pachygrapsus propinquus* De Man, 1908, est considéré comme une espèce valide bien qu'il s'agisse d'un synonyme potentiel de *P. minutus* A. Milne-Edwards, 1873. Après cette révision *Pachygrapsus* compte douze espèces, treize si *P. propinquus* De Man, 1908, s'avère être une espèce distincte. Une clé pour les treize espèces est donnée.

## Introduction

This study has its origins in the large collections of crustaceans made by the first author in French Polynesia. Among the intertidal crabs were a number of grapsids belonging to the