

Prima segnalazione di *Mathilda barbadensis* Dall, 1889, in Mediterraneo (Heterostropha, Mathildidae)

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Riassunto

Si riportano qui due ritrovamenti dall'Arcipelago Toscano (isola di Gorgona) e dalla Sicilia (Capo S. Alessio) di conchiglie prive di parti molli di *Mathilda barbadensis* Dall, 1889.

Abstract

Mathilda barbadensis Dall, 1889, is reported for the first time in the Mediterranean Sea on the base of two empty shells collected in the Tuscan Archipelago (Gorgona Is.) and Sicily (Cape S. Alessio). The specimen from the Tuscan Archipelago was collected at a depth of 300-450 m, together with four specimens of *Tuba jeffreysi* (Dall, 1889), all inside an amphora fragment. The specimen from Sicily was collected on a silty sand bottom at 210 m. With this new record, the number of species of the family Mathildidae known in the Mediterranean Sea can be fixed at seven. However, since both specimens were dead collected, it is still not possible to undoubtedly ascertain that *M. barbadensis* could be a member of the present living fauna of the Mediterranean Sea.

Key words

Mathildidae, Mar Tirreno, new findings, thanatocoenose.