



**AN ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO THE BENTHIC FORAMINIFERA OF THE  
HEBRIDEAN SHELF, WEST OF SCOTLAND,  
WITH NOTES ON THEIR MODE OF LIFE**

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**ABSTRACT**

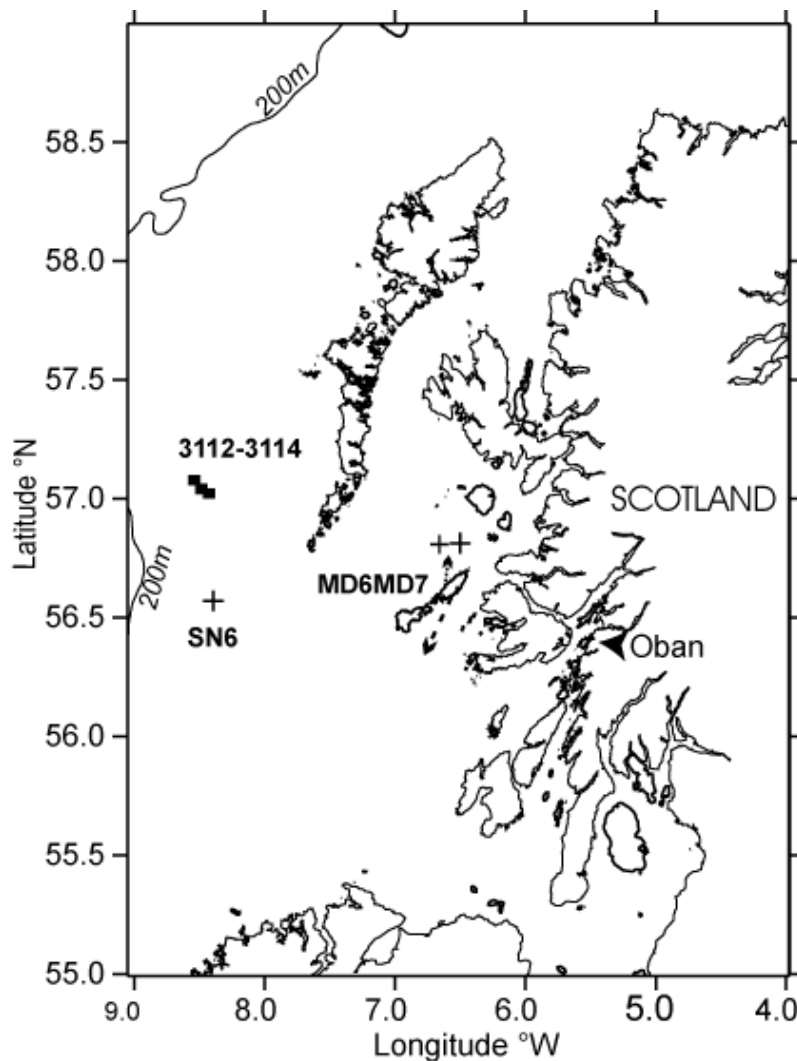
The Hebridean shelf presents a contrast in substrate type between higher energy open shelf sands, which are influenced by storm waves and lower energy muddy sands in depositional sinks called 'deeps'. The latter reach outer shelf depths (>100 m) even when situated close to land (e.g., Muck Deep). The primary purpose of this paper is to illustrate the majority of the benthic foraminifera. For most species, information is provided on whether they are epifaunal or infaunal, based on their distribution in rose Bengal stained samples. Since the redox boundary is shallow in this area (less than 4-5 cm), infaunal taxa are most abundant in the top 1 cm of sediment and decrease in abundance down to 2 or 3 cm with no subsurface maxima as recorded elsewhere. Some dead tests are infilled with glauconite which preserves the form of the species even when the shell is lost. The organic-cemented agglutinated fauna was concentrated by treating the samples with dilute acid to dissolve the calcareous forms. The species diversity of the resultant acid-treated assemblage (ATA) has been compared with that of the original dead assemblage (ODA). The pattern for the Hebridean shelf matches that recorded from other northwest European shelf seas. This procedure has allowed the following agglutinated species to be recorded from the area for the first time: **Cuneata arctica**, **Eggerella europea**, **Eggerelloides medius**, **Morulaeplecta bulbosa**, **Portatrochammina murrayi**, and **Recurvoides trochamminiformis**. In addition, the following calcareous taxa are also newly recorded from the area: **Cornu-loculina balkwilli**, **Ammonia falsobeccarii**, **Nonionella iridea**, **Robertina subcylindrica** and **Rosalina anomala**.

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**Figure 1.** Map of the Hebridean shelf to show the sample localities. MD = Muck Deep, SN = Stanton Deep (Murray, in press). Shelf samples 3112-3114 (Murray, 1985).

## INTRODUCTION

The aim of this paper is to illustrate the majority of hard-shelled modern benthic foraminifera encountered on the Hebridean shelf west of Oban, Scotland, and to provide some notes on its mode of life. It complements separate studies which discuss the ecology and development of the dead assemblages (Murray 1985, in press). This paper brings together data from the open outer shelf and from shelf depressions known as 'deeps'. The latter have muddy sand substrates: Muck Deep (maximum depth 230 m) on the inner shelf and Stanton Deep (maximum depth 167 m) on the outer shelf (Murray, in press) (Figure 1). The samples from the higher energy shelf exposed to the influence of storm waves have previously been discussed by Murray (1985) and are from sandy substrates. As live and dead forms have been treated separately, it is possible to specify which taxa are infaunal and

which are epifaunal, either on the sediment surface or, more commonly, attached to firm substrates such as shells, hydroids, etc.

The first major work on the modern foraminifera of Britain was that of Williamson (1858) in which he illustrated and named taxa from a wide range of localities, some of which were from the west coast of Scotland – Arran, Skye, Loch Fyne. Later major works on the taxonomy of foraminifera from the UK continental shelf include Murray (1971, revised 2000), and Haynes (1973). Distributional/ecological studies include various inner shelf-localities (Heron-Allen and Earland 1916), North Minch Channel (Edwards 1982), open shelf and deeps (Murray 1985, in press; Murray and Whittaker 2001), and Clyde Sea (Hannah and Rogerson 1997). Only Murray and Hannah and Rogerson have distinguished live (stained) from dead.

### The Shelf Environment:

The summer mean bottom salinities are 35.25 and 34.5-35.0 psu for the outer shelf (Stanton Deep area and open shelf samples) and inner shelf (Muck Deep area) respectively, and a mean summer bottom temperature of  $\sim 10^{\circ}\text{C}$ . According to Elliott et al. (1991) the January bottom water temperature is around  $8^{\circ}\text{C}$  on the outer shelf and around  $7.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  on the inner shelf; whereas during the summer months the waters are stratified over the outer shelf, and they are vertically mixed throughout the year over the inner shelf. Both outer and inner shelf have a maximum surface tidal current speed of 1-2 knots ( $51\text{-}102\text{ cm s}^{-1}$ ) at spring tides (Lee and Ramster 1981) but there are no published bottom current measurements. From a mathematical analysis of tides, Pingree and Griffiths (1979) concluded that the interaction of the  $M_2$  (principal lunar semi-diurnal constituent) and  $M_4$  (shallow water, quarter diurnal harmonic) tides is the main cause of the direction of sediment transport. Wave measurements on an adjacent area of shelf (South Uist, Stanton, 1984) show that the 50 year significant wave height is around 12-13 m. Over a seven year period of observations, wave height/periodicity varied from  $<1\text{ m}/3\text{ secs}$  to  $11\text{ m}/12\text{ secs}$ . The increasing wave heights recorded in this area during the latter part of the twentieth century is coincident with the long-term rise in the North Atlantic Oscillation (Woolf, et al., in press). In order to mobilise bottom sediment on the shelf at a water depth of 80 m, a minimum wave height of 10 m is required. This may be very rarely be achieved (Woolf, pers. comm., 2002). Thus, it appears that the shelf in general is subject to disturbance from tidal currents and also intermittently from storm waves. The deeps are lower energy depositional areas.

The open shelf sediments are rich in biogenic carbonate (Wilson 1979, 1982) because no major rivers flow into the area so there is low input of terrigenous detritus. Sand patches with a rippled surface and locally very variable composition (Belderson et al. 1971, figure 8) rest on a basal transgressive conglomerate. Published radiocarbon dates based on bulk surface sediment samples gave ages of  $3772 \pm 55$  and  $7935 \pm 60$  years and for a glauconite-infilled bryozoan  $870 \pm 200$  years (Stride et al. 1999). Thus the shelf sediments are a mix of contemporary and older material (from lower sea level and Holocene transgression) and probably accumulated rather slowly. During the Plio-Pleistocene glacial events, elongate basins were eroded across the shelf. They were subsequently wholly or partially infilled with sediments

(>200 m Quaternary deposits, Fyfe et al. 1993). The incompletely filled examples now form the 'deeps'. In muddy areas, there is no clear separation between the modern sediments and the underlying late to postglacial clays. The surface sediments in the deeps have a variable clay content (Table 1).

### MATERIAL AND METHODS

The material used in this paper is from the open outer shelf at water depths of 134-145 m (samples 3112-3114, from approximately the top 1 cm of sediment, Murray 1985; collected with a grab, Murray and Murray 1987) and from shelf deeps at water depths of 167-218 m (samples MD6, MD7, SN6, with replicates **a** and **b** from two separate deployments of the multicorer, Murray, in press; MD = Muck Deep, SN = Stanton Deep). All were stained with rose Bengal to distinguish live (stained) from dead (unstained). In addition to staining in the outer chambers, many of the live foraminifera contained green protoplasm which partly remained unstained by rose Bengal, especially in the innermost chambers. Therefore, live tests were easily distinguished from empty dead ones (see Murray and Bowser 2000). All samples were washed over a  $63\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  sieve. In order to concentrate the agglutinated forms, some samples were treated with dilute acid to remove the calcareous component following the method of Alve and Murray (1994). The residue is termed an acid treated assemblage (ATA) and is distinct from the original dead assemblage (ODA). The digital images in Figures 2-10 were taken on a Jeol 6400 SEM and captured on a PGT IMIX-PTS system.

### RESULTS

The occurrence of the more abundant foraminifera which form the living and dead assemblages has previously been described by Murray (1985, in press). In this paper there is more comprehensive coverage of the occurrence of species rather than assemblages. Data on live (stained) forms are given for the surface layer (approximately 1 cm thick) for samples 3112-3114 and for the 0.0-0.5, 0.5-1.0, and 1.0-2.0 cm samples of all cores and for core MD7 for 2.0-3.0 cm also (Table 1). Samples deeper than this contained too few stained forms to pick. Data on dead forms are given for the surface samples only (Table 2), but a few additional species which occur as dead individuals deeper than 1 cm are also included in the taxonomic list and plates. Some foraminiferal tests are infilled with a green mineral presumed to be glauconite or glauconie. Because this mineral expands,



Table 1. (continued).

Mode of life	Sample	Muck Deep										Stanton Deep					Shelf					
		56 48.9	57 48.9	58 48.9	59 48.9	60 48.9	61 48.9	62 48.9	56 48.8	57 48.8	58 48.8	59 48.8	60 48.8	61 48.8	62 48.8	56 33.8		57 33.8	58 33.8	08 23.0	9 23.0	10 23.0
	Lat. °N	56 48.9	57 48.9	58 48.9	59 48.9	60 48.9	61 48.9	62 48.9	56 48.8	57 48.8	58 48.8	59 48.8	60 48.8	61 48.8	62 48.8	56 33.8	57 33.8	58 33.8	08 23.0	9 23.0	10 23.0	
	Long. °W	06 40.5	07 40.5	08 40.5	09 40.5	10 40.5	11 40.5	12 40.5	06 30.2	07 30.2	08 30.2	09 30.2	10 30.2	11 30.2	12 30.2	167	167	167	167	167	167	134-145
	Water depth m	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	218	218	218	218	218	218	218	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	0
	Depth of redox boundary cm	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4	65.6	65.6	65.6	65.6	65.6	65.6	0
	Wt. % clay	6.7			4.3				60.2													0
	Sample	MD6a	MD6a	MD6a	MD6b	MD6b	MD6b	MD6b	MD7a	MD7a	MD7a	MD7a	MD7a	MD7b	MD7b	MD7b	MD7b	MD7b	MD7b	MD7b	MD7b	3112-3114 surface
	cm downcore	0.0-0.5	0.5-1.0	1.0-2.0	0.0-0.5	0.5-1.0	1.0-2.0	1.0-2.0	0.0-0.5	0.5-1.0	1.0-2.0	2.0-3.0	2.0-3.0	0.0-0.5	0.5-1.0	1.0-2.0	2.0-3.0	0.0-0.5	0.5-1.0	1.0-2.0	1.0-2.0	
I	<i>Bolivina pseudoplicata</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
I	<i>Bolivina pseudopunctata</i>	3	1	0	9	1	0	0	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	<i>Brizalina difformis</i>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
I	<i>Brizalina spathulata</i>	6	0	0	4	0	0	0	6	3	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	22	8	0	0	
I	<i>Bulimina marginata</i>	49	13	1	80	9	10	279	109	34	22	493	105	0	0	0	0	0	107	0	0	
	<i>Cancris auricula</i>	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
I	<i>Cassidulina laevigata</i>	59	11	0	96	6	2	3	6	0	3	22	4	0	0	0	0	118	0	0	0	L
I	<i>Cassidulina obtusa</i>	6	3	0	12	1	0	3	6	0	2	45	0	0	0	0	0	107	0	0	0	L
E	<i>Cibicides lobatulus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	L*
E	<i>Cibicides refulgens</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	L*
I	<i>Epistominella vitrea</i>	68	8	1	76	13	4	82	56	3	8	336	32	0	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	L
	<i>Fissurina</i> spp.	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	112	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	<i>Fursenkolina schreibersiana</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	22	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	
E	<i>Gavelinopsis praegeri</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	L*
	<i>Globocassidulina subglobosa</i>	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	<i>Hyalinea baithica</i>	3	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	
	<i>Lenticulina</i>	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
I	<i>Melonis barleeanum</i>	3	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	2	2	45	12	0	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	
	<i>Nonion pauperatus</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
I	<i>Nonionella iridea</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	20	0	0	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
I	<i>Nonionella turgida</i>	25	18	12	13	0	11	16	20	48	51	112	73	52	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	<i>Robertina subcylindrica</i>	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 1. (continued).

Mode of life	Muck Deep												Stanton Deep						Shelf	
	56 48.9	57 48.9	58 48.9	59 48.9	60 48.9	61 48.9	61 48.8	58 48.8	58 48.8	59 48.8	60 48.8	61 48.8	62 48.8	56 33.8	57 33.8	58 33.8	08 23.0	9 23.0		10 23.0
Lat. °N	06 40.5	7 40.5	8 40.5	9 40.5	10 40.5	11 40.5	170	170	170	170	170	170	218	218	218	218	167	167	167	134-145
Long. °W	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	170	218	218	218	218	167	167	167	134-145
Water depth m	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4	4-5	4-5	4-5	134-145
Depth of redox boundary cm	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4	4-5	4-5	4-5	134-145
Wt. % clay	6.7	6.7	6.7	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	60.2	60.2	60.2	60.2	36.6	36.6	36.6	0
Sample	MD6a	MD6a	MD6a	MD6b	MD6b	MD6b	MD6b	MD6b	MD6b	MD6b	MD6b	MD6b	MD7a	MD7a	MD7a	MD7a	MD7b	MD7b	MD7b	3112-3114
cm downcore	0.0-0.5	0.5-1.0	1.0-2.0	0.0-0.5	0.5-1.0	1.0-2.0	1.0-2.0	1.0-2.0	1.0-2.0	1.0-2.0	1.0-2.0	2.0-3.0	0.0-0.5	0.5-1.0	1.0-2.0	2.0-3.0	0.0-0.5	0.5-1.0	1.0-2.0	surface
Rosalina anomala	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	L*
Stainforthia fusiformis	6	3	1	0	1	2	25	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	L
Trifarina angulosa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	L
Uvigerina peregrina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	L
Others	6	4	0	22	1	0	22	11	10	0	0	0	269	12	2	0	12	0	13	
Total	349	93	20	506	56	35	823	477	168	157	3022	477	61	10	852	782	39			
H(S)	2.54	2.50		2.52	2.3		2.25	2.26	2.02	1.94	2.67	2.42			2.47					
alpha	7	7		7.5	7.5		7.5	4.75	3.5	4	10	6.5								
Agglutinated %	34	36		54	27		40	49	42	41	41	39	13	0	8	0				
Porcellaneous %	0	1		1	1		2	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	22	100				
Hyaline %	66	64		63	61		57	50	54	59	51	61	88	100	69	0				

Notes: \* on Ditrupa. Mode of life: I = infaunal, E = epifaunal. Number of live foraminifera per 10 cm<sup>3</sup> sediment. The redox boundary lies in the 1-2 cm layer for MD6, 3-4 cm layer for MD7 and the 4-5 cm layer for SN6. Shelf data from Murray (1985).

≥10 individuals

Table 2. Dead distributions, percentages..

	Muck Deep			Stanton Deep			Shelf			Williamson	HA & E	Edwards
	56 48.9	57 48.9	56 48.8	57 48.8	56 33.8	57 33.8	57 5.1	57 3.6	57 3.6	1858	1916	1982
Lat. °N	06 40.5	7 40.5	06 30.2	7 30.2	08 23.0	09 23.0	08 35.7	08 33.2	08 33.2			
Long. °W	170	170	218	218	167	167	134	144	145			
Water depth m												
Depth of redox boundary cm		1.0-2.0		3.0-4.0		4.0-5.0						
Sample	MD6a	MD6a	MD7a	MD7a	SN6b	SN6b	3112	3113	3114			
cm downcore	0.0-0.5	1.0-2.0	0.0-0.5	1.0-2.0	0.0-0.5	1.0-2.0	surface	surface	surface			
<i>Adercotryma wrighti</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0			
<i>Ammoscalaria pseudospiralis</i>	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	x		x
<i>Cribrostomoides jeffreysii</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	x		x
<i>Deuterammina rotaliformis</i>	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0		x	x
<i>Eggerella europea</i>	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
<i>Eggerelloides medius</i>	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0			
<i>Eggerelloides scaber</i>	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	x	x	x
<i>Gaudryina rudis</i>	1.2	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		x	x
<i>Haplophragmoides bradyi</i>	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0			x
<i>Liebusella goesi</i>	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
<i>Recurvoides trochamminiformis</i>	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
<i>Reophax fusiformis</i>	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		x	x
<i>Siphotextularia catenata</i>	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0			
<i>Textularia sagittula</i> group	16.9	21.2	0.7	0.3	4.4	2.9	29.9	31.6	28.0		x	x
<i>Textularia tenuissima</i>	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
<i>Textularia truncata</i>	1.4	0.0	3.7	3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
<i>Tritaxis fusca</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	x		
<i>Biloculinella depressa</i>	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		x	
<i>Cornuloculina balkwilli</i>	0.0	0.2	1.3	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
<i>Cornuspira involvens</i>	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		x	x
<i>Miliolinella subrotunda</i>	0.8	0.5	1.4	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.8	1.1		x	x
<i>Pyrgo williamsoni</i>	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			x
<i>Quinqueloculina lata</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0			
<i>Quinqueloculina oblonga</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		x	x
<i>Quinqueloculina seminulum</i>	3.2	2.7	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0	2.5	0.0	0.0		x	x
<i>Spiroloculina excavata</i>	0.4	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0		x	x
<i>Acervulina inhaerens</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		x	x
<i>Ammonia beccarii</i>	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0		x	x
<i>Ammonia falsobeccarii</i>	2.6	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0			

Table 2. (continued).

	Muck Deep			Stanton Deep			Shelf			Williamson	HA & E	Edwards
	56 48.9	57 48.9	56 48.8	57 48.8	56 33.8	57 33.8	57 5.1	57 3.6	57 3.6	1858	1916	1982
Lat. °N	56 48.9	57 48.9	56 48.8	57 48.8	56 33.8	57 33.8	57 5.1	57 3.6	57 3.6			
Long. °W	06 40.5	7 40.5	06 30.2	7 30.2	08 23.0	09 23.0	08 35.7	08 33.2	08 33.2			
Water depth m	170	170	218	218	167	167	134	144	145			
Depth of redox boundary cm		1.0-2.0		3.0-4.0		4.0-5.0						
Sample	MD6a	MD6a	MD7a	MD7a	SN6b	SN6b	3112	3113	3114			
cm downcore	0.0-0.5	1.0-2.0	0.0-0.5	1.0-2.0	0.0-0.5	1.0-2.0	surface	surface	surface			
<i>Amphicoryna scalaris</i>	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			x
<i>Asterigerinata mamilla</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			x
<i>Bolivina pseudoplicata</i>	0.8	0.2	0.0	2.1	0.9	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0			
<i>Bolivinellina pseudopunctata</i>	0.0	0.0	2.8	1.2	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0			x
<i>Brizalina difformis</i>	1.8	1.3	8.3	6.1	9.1	8.1	0.4	0.0	1.8		x	
<i>Brizalina spathulata</i>	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	x		x
<i>Bulimina gibba/elongata</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		x	x
<i>Bulimina marginata</i>	7.2	5.7	2.3	0.9	18.9	22.1	0.7	1.5	1.8		x	x
<i>Buliminella elegantissima</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	x	x	
<i>Cancris auricula</i>	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.2	0.0			x
<i>Cassidulina carinata</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			x
<i>Cassidulina laevigata</i>	4.8	4.2	0.7	2.1	6.9	5.7	12.1	12.4	19.3	x	x	
<i>Cassidulina obtusa</i>	2.0	0.4	5.2	5.2	4.7	7.0	1.4	1.2	9.8	x	x	
<i>Cibicides lobatulus</i>	13.5	16.8	12.0	14.7	8.5	9.1	13.5	21.4	15.6	x	x	x
<i>Cibicides refulgens</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.9	0.8	0.4		x	
<i>Dentalina subarcuata</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	x		x
<i>Discorbinoidea millettii</i>	0.0	0.3	1.7	1.2	1.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0		x	
<i>Elphidium earlandi</i>	0.2	0.2	0.3	1.2	1.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0			
<i>Elphidium excavatum</i>	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0			x
<i>Elphidium gerthi</i>	0.6	0.2	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			x
<i>Elphidium magellanicum</i>	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
<i>Epistominella vitrea</i>	0.8	0.2	4.2	6.7	3.1	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.4			x
<i>Eponides repandus</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		x	x
<i>Fissurina spp.</i>	1.0	0.5	2.9	2.8	1.9	1.8	1.1	1.2	1.1			x
<i>Fursenkoina schreibersiana</i>	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0		x	
<i>Gavelinopsis caledonia</i>	1.2	0.0	1.0	0.6	0.9	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0		x	
<i>Gavelinopsis praegeri</i>	5.2	1.5	10.3	7.1	8.8	6.3	1.4	1.2	4.0			x
<i>Globocassidulina subglobosa</i>	1.0	0.6	3.5	3.1	2.8	2.1	2.2	0.0	4.0		x	x
<i>Hyalinea balthica</i>	8.3	10.6	0.0	0.0	7.2	8.9	0.7	1.9	2.9			x
<i>Lagena clavata (+Procerolagena)</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	x	x	x
<i>Lagena interrupta</i>	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0			x



Table 2. (continued).

	Muck Deep			Stanton Deep			Shelf			Williamson	HA & E	Edwards
	56 48.9	57 48.9	56 48.8	57 48.8	56 33.8	57 33.8	57 5.1	57 3.6	57 3.6	1858	1916	1982
Lat. °N	56 48.9	57 48.9	56 48.8	57 48.8	56 33.8	57 33.8	57 5.1	57 3.6	57 3.6			
Long. °W	06 40.5	7 40.5	06 30.2	7 30.2	08 23.0	09 23.0	08 35.7	08 33.2	08 33.2			
Water depth m	170	170	218	218	167	167	134	144	145			
Depth of redox boundary cm		1.0-2.0		3.0-4.0		4.0-5.0						
Sample	MD6a	MD6a	MD7a	MD7a	SN6b	SN6b	3112	3113	3114			
cm downcore	0.0-0.5	1.0-2.0	0.0-0.5	1.0-2.0	0.0-0.5	1.0-2.0	surface	surface	surface			
<i>Lagena substriata</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			x
<i>Lamarckina haliotidea</i>	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		x	
<i>Melonis barleeaanum</i>	11.7	9.4	0.1	0.0	1.6	2.1	0.4	0.4	0.0	x		x
<i>Nonion depressulus</i>	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		x	
<i>Nonion pauperatus</i>	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		x	
<i>Nonionella iridea</i>	0.2	0.3	1.6	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0			
<i>Nonionella turgida</i>	0.8	0.3	1.7	4.0	1.6	2.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	x	x	x
<i>Oolina</i> spp.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			x
<i>Patellina corrugata</i>	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	x	x	
<i>Planorbulina mediterraneensis</i>	1.4	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		x	x
<i>Robertina subcylindrica</i>	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
<i>Rosalina anomala</i>	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.7			
<i>Rosalina globularis</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			x
<i>Spirillina vivipara</i>	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		x	x
<i>Stainforthia fusiformis</i>	3.4	1.8	11.1	16.0	4.4	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.4			x
<i>Trifarina angulosa</i>	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.5	5.7	18.0	9.8	x	x	x
<i>Uvigerina peregrina</i>	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0			x
H(S)	3.02	2.54	3.15	3.08	2.94	2.90	2.35	2.01	2.21			
alpha	13.5	12.5	13	15	12.5	13	8	6.5	6			
Agglutinated %	21	28	6	6	5	6	31	34.6	28			
Porcellaneous %	7	7	6	6	2	2	4	2.0	1.5			
Hyaline %	72	66	88	87.7	93	92	65	63.4	70.5			

Notes. Shelf data from Murray (1985).

≥5%

tests are commonly broken and incomplete; in extreme conditions, all that remains is an infill of the chambers. Examples are illustrated in Figure 10, 7-9. The ATAs of the dead assemblages were determined on the 1.0-2.0 cm samples as these were of greater volume than the surface samples (Table 3). Agglutinated taxa with a calcareous cement were destroyed during the acid treatment.

## DISCUSSION

The microhabitat of epifaunal taxa foraminifera can only satisfactorily be determined from direct observation of living individuals. Strictly speaking, epifaunal refers to living either on the

sediment surface or else on a firm substrate, such as a shell or other structure, on or above the sediment surface. If the sediment is soft, the distinction between epifaunal and shallow infaunal may be negligible. Examination of stained samples from depth slices below the surface provides data on infaunal taxa but the resolution is dependent on the thickness of the sediment slices. However, as the sediment-water interface forms the upper surface of the topmost sediment sample it is impossible to separate those epifaunal on the sediment surface from those having a shallow infaunal modes of life. In this study, the samples from the open shelf were ~1 cm thick while the topmost samples from the deeps were 0.5 cm thick. Thus, the **Textularia**

**Table 3.** Acid treated assemblage (ATA) distributions.

ATA Percent	morphotype	MD6a 1.0-2.0	MD7a 1.0-2.0	SN6b 1.0-2.0
<i>Adercotryma wrighti</i>	B3	4.9	3.2	5.0
<i>Ammoscalaria pseudospiralis</i>	C1	0.2	0.4	10.0
<i>Cribrostomoides jeffreysii</i>	B3	5.8	4.8	8.0
<i>Eggerelloides medius</i>	C1	47.0	10.8	38.0
<i>Eggerelloides scaber</i>	C1	2.2	19.1	
<i>Haplophragmoides bradyi</i>	B3	2.0	1.6	13.0
<i>Morulaepecta bulbosa</i>	C1	2.2	6.0	
<i>Paratrochammina murrayi</i>	B3	6.7	6.0	5.0
<i>Reophax fusiformis</i>	C1	5.6	2.4	12.0
<i>Textularia tenuissima</i>	B1	9.6	24.3	1.0
flat trochamminids	D	3.3	13.2	0
ATA tests as proportion of ODA		2.35	1.00	0.07
alpha ATA		5.5	5.5	3.5
H(S) ATA		2.08	2.39	1.96
alpha ODA		12.5	15	13
H(S) ODA		2.54	3.08	2.9
B1		11	0	0
B2		0	0	0
B3		21	17	32
C1		63	69	67
C2		0	0	0
D		2	13	1

Notes. ODA = original dead assemblage. Morphotypes after Jones and Charnock (1985).

**sagittula** group which is known to be epifaunal (see Murray 1991, plate 3, fig. b) occurs in the 0.0-0.5 cm sample of Muck Deep (core MD7b). Because of this sampling problem Corliss (1991) extended the use of the term epifaunal to include those living in the surface 1 cm of sediment (the most common thickness of a sediment sample). This method has been followed by other authors (Barmawidjaja et al. 1992), and they extended its use down to 2 cm. However, although it may be convenient to do this it may lead to confusion or erroneous conclusions. For instance, live *Ammonia beccarii*, observed in freshly collected sediment from near Southampton, are rarely seen at the sediment surface as they live just below the sediment-water interface (personal observation) and are therefore considered to be infaunal. However, Barmawidjaja, et al. (1992) describe this species as 'apparently epifaunal'. Even infaunal taxa are not consistently present at the same depth in different areas (Corliss and Van Weering 1993; Jorissen 1999) because the controls on their posi-

tion in the sediment, which are mainly food availability/type and sediment porewater geochemistry, vary both spatially and temporally. Nevertheless, it is important to gather data on microhabitat in order to define the limits of variability so that it might be applied to the interpretation of the fossil record.

With the exception of Muck Deep core MD7a, live forms are abundant only in the top 1 cm of sediment. The upper layers of replicate core MD7a were disturbed by a burrow of the polychaete worm *Pectinaria* and, as a consequence of this, live forms extended more abundantly to a greater depth (Murray, in press). Beyond the observation that most living forms are in the topmost 0.5 cm layer, there are no clear depth preferences evident. Living forms do not extend down deeper than the redox boundary; in the case of SN6, they do not extend down even close to that boundary (Table 1). In Stanton Deep core SN6b there is an anomalously abundant occurrence of *Cornuspira involvens* which must be due to a local bloom.

As described above, there are no major differences of temperature or salinity across the shelf. The bottom waters must be well-oxygenated as the redox boundary in the surface sediments is located at 1 cm or greater. However, there are differences in sediment grain size and sorting with muddy sediments being confined to the enclosed deeps. This is in turn related to the effects of storm waves and tidal currents. There may also be differences in the availability of food. Based on macroscale hydrodynamic modelling, Delhez (1998) calculated that annual mean primary production for 1989 for the areas of Muck and Stanton deeps was 150 and 75 g orgC m<sup>-2</sup> year<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. However, there is almost certainly advection of organic detritus into the deeps as this is likely to be transported with the fine-grained sediment. The precise controls on the niches of individual species remain unknown.

Although Heron-Allen and Earland (1916) had some samples from deeper water to the west of Scotland, most were from the inner shelf, and their faunas include diverse miliolids not seen in this study. They recorded 324 benthic species and varieties, 27 of which were new records for British seas. In the present study, several additional species have been found which have not previously been recorded from the Scottish shelf. These species include *Cuneata arctica*, *Eggerella europea*, *Eggerelloides medius*, *Morulaepecta bulbosa*, *Portatrochammina murrayi*, *Recurvoides trochamminiformis*, *Cornuloculina balkwilli*, *Ammonia falsobeccarii*, *Nonionella iridea*, *Robertina subcylindrica*, and *Rosalina anomala*.

The relationship between shape of agglutinated taxa (morphogroups) and environment was

explored by Jones and Charnock (1985). The ATAs of both Muck Deep and Stanton Deep (Table 3) are dominated by morphogroup C1 (elongate tests) with subsidiary B3 (flattened or lenticular, essentially planispiral and globular trochoid tests). According to Jones and Charnock this composition is correct for Muck Deep (geographically inner shelf but with outer shelf water depth) but not for Stanton Deep (outer shelf position and water depth). In comparison with the diversity for ODAs, the ATAs fit well with the pattern from other studies. For the Fisher alpha index, the three deeps samples fall in the field previously defined for shelf basins (Murray and Alve 2000); for the information function, H(S), they fall in the area of overlap of shelf, shelf basin, fjords, and bathyal/abyssal (Figure 11). Thus, again it is confirmed that although the ATAs are drawn from only a tiny proportion of the ODAs (0.07-2.35%, Table 3), they still preserve useful ecological information.

### FAUNAL LIST

Assignment to genus generally follows that of Loeblich and Tappan (1987) except where later revision has taken place. The synonymy is restricted mainly to works relating to the UK area. Taxa are listed alphabetically by suborder. For agglutinated forms, the wall has an organic cement unless otherwise indicated.

#### Suborder Textulariina

**Adercotryma wrighti** Brönnimann and Whittaker, 1987

Figure 2.1-2.2

1987 **Adercotryma wrighti** Brönnimann and Whittaker: p. 27, figs 3B, 7A-J

#### Remarks:

Infaunal. This has commonly been included in **Adercotryma glomeratum** (Brady). The two are readily separated as **A. wrighti** has three chambers in the last whorl whereas **A. glomeratum** has four.

**Ammoscalaria pseudospiralis** (Williamson)

Figure 2.3

1858 **Proteonina pseudospiralis** Williamson: p. 2, pl. 1, figs 2, 3.

1947 **Ammoscalaria pseudospiralis** (Williamson); Höglund: p. 159-162, pl. 31, fig.1.

#### Remarks:

Infaunal. Recorded as **Haplophragmium pseudospirale** (Williamson) by Heron-Allen and Earland (1916) who noted its great variability of form.

Adult individuals are large (length commonly in excess of 1 mm). Young forms have an incompletely developed uniserial section.

**Bigenerina nodosaria** d'Orbigny, 1826

Figure 2.4

1826 **Bigenerina nodosaria** d'Orbigny: p. 261, pl. 11, figs 9-12.

#### Remarks:

The wall has a calcareous cement. Only rare dead individuals.

**Cribrostomoides jeffreysii** (Williamson)

Figure 2.5

1858 **Nonionina jeffreysii** Williamson: p. 34-35, pl. 3, figs 72, 73.

1971 **Cribrostomoides jeffreysii** (Williamson); Murray: p. 23, pl. 4, figs 1-5.

#### Remarks:

Epifaunal. Considered by Sturrock and Murray (1981) to be epifaunal, attached but also able to move freely. Placed in **Veleroninoides** by Jones (1994). Recorded as **Haplophragmium canariense** (d'Orbigny) by Heron-Allen and Earland (1916).

**Cuneata arctica** (Brady)

Figure 2.6

1881a **Reophax arctica** Brady: p. 405, pl. 21, figs 2a, b.

1979 **Cuneata arctica** (Brady); Fursenko, in Fursenko et al.: p. 21, pl. 3, figs 13, 14.

#### Remarks:

This is rare and was found only through ATA studies. In the seas off southern England, this species is abundant only on the inner shelf (Murray and Alve 2000) where the waters are vertically mixed throughout the year.

**Deuterammina rotaliformis** (Heron-Allen and Earland)

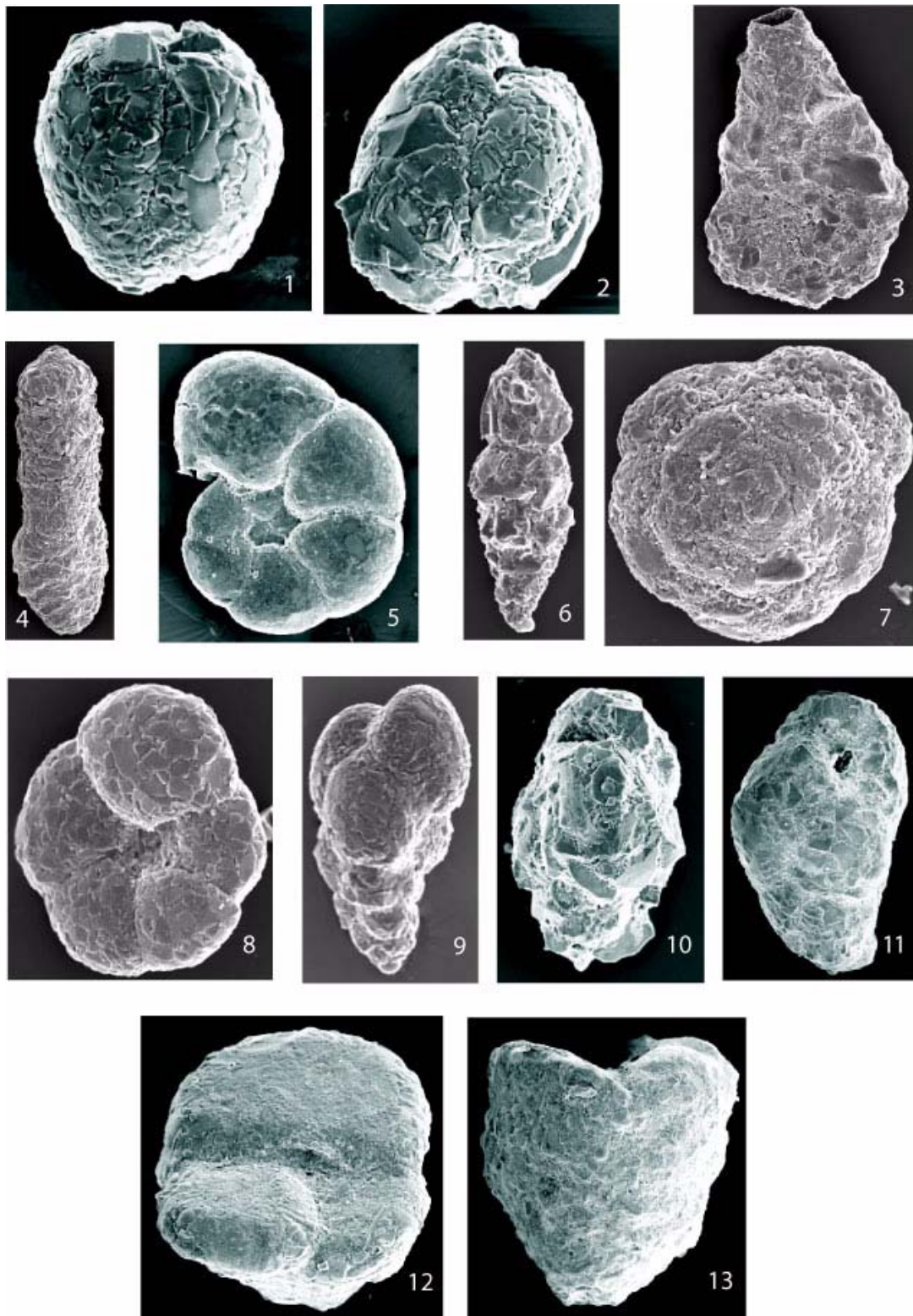
Figure 2.7-2.8

1911 **Trochammina rotaliformis** J Wright ms: Heron-Allen and Earland, p. 309 (availability of name).

1983 **Deuterammina (Deuterammina) rotaliformis** (Heron-Allen and Earland); Brönnimann and Whittaker: p. 349, figs 1-8, 25.

#### Remarks:

Likely to be epifaunal from its morphology. Pre-1983 records of this species are considered to be unreliable due to the absence of a type illustration (Brönnimann and Whittaker, 1983).



**Figure 2.** L = length, D = greatest diameter. **1-2.** *Adercotryma wrighti* Brönnimann and Whittaker, L 170  $\mu\text{m}$ . **3.** *Ammoscalaria pseudospiralis* Williamson, L 830  $\mu\text{m}$ . **4.** *Bigenerina nodosaria* d'Orbigny, L 1200  $\mu\text{m}$ . **5.** *Cribrosomoides jeffreysii* (Williamson), D 400  $\mu\text{m}$ . **6.** *Cuneata arctica* (Brady), L 200  $\mu\text{m}$ . **7-8.** *Deuterammina rotaliformis* (Heron-Allen and Earland), D 145  $\mu\text{m}$ . **9.** *Eggerella europea* (Christensen), L 165  $\mu\text{m}$ . **10.** *Eggerelloides medius* (Höglund), L 250  $\mu\text{m}$ . **11.** *Eggerelloides scaber* (Williamson), L 460  $\mu\text{m}$ . **12-13.** *Gaudryina rudis* Wright, D 300, L 920  $\mu\text{m}$ .

**Eggerella europea** (Christiansen)

Figure 2.9

1958 **Verneuilina europeum** Christiansen: p. 66; new name for **Verneuilina advena** Cushman of Höglund, 1947, p. 185, pl. 13, fig. 11, text-fig. 169.  
2000 **Eggerella europeum** (Christensen) (*sic*); Murray and Alve: p. 325, pl. 1, figs 15-17.

**Remarks:**

This is a tiny form which is easily overlooked and was found only through the ATA analyses. It is readily separated from **Eggerelloides scaber** not only on size but also because it has a more elongated tapered test.

**Eggerelloides medius** (Höglund)

Figure 2.10

1947 **Verneuilina medius** Höglund: p. 184-185, pl. 13, figs 7-10, pl. 30, fig. 21.  
2000 **Eggerelloides medius** (Höglund); Murray and Alve: p. 325, pl.2, figs 16, 17.

**Remarks:**

Infaunal. This species differs from **Eggerelloides scaber** in having a much coarser and rougher wall texture, with somewhat overhanging proximal chamber margins, a less tapered test, and commonly a brownish wall colour. In southern UK waters, **E. medius** is confined to water depths >90 m where some mud is present in the sediment (Murray and Alve, 2000).

**Eggerelloides scaber** (Williamson)

Figure 2.11

1858 **Bulimina scabra** Williamson: p. 65, pl. 3, figs 136, 137 (labelled **B. arenacea** on plate caption).  
1973 **Eggerelloides scabrum** (Williamson) (*sic*); Haynes: p. 44, pl. 2, figs 7, 8, pl. 19, figs 10, 11, text-fig. 8, nos 1-4.

**Remarks:**

Infaunal. See remarks on **E. medius**. It is likely that these two species have been grouped together in past studies of UK foraminifera and that is certainly so for southern England (Murray, 1970, 1979; see also Murray and Alve, 2000). Recorded by Heron-Allen and Earland (1916) as **Verneuilina polystropha** (Reuss).

**Gaudryina rudis** Wright, 1900

Figure 2.12-2.13

1900 **Gaudryina rudis** Wright: p. 53, pl. 2, fig. 1a, b.

**Remarks:**

Epifaunal. The wall has a calcareous cement. **Gaudryina** has a solid wall so Loeblich and Tap-

pan (1989) erected the genus **Connemarella** for forms with the same morphology but with a canalliculate wall and named **G. rudis** as the type species. However, this generic name is rarely used in the literature.

**Haplophragmoides bradyi** (Robertson)

Figure 3.1-3.2

1887 **Trochammina robertsoni** Brady: p. 893, no type figure.  
1891 **Trochammina bradyi** Robertson: p. 388; new name for **Trochammina robertsoni** Brady, 1887.  
1971 **Haplophragmoides bradyi** (Robertson); Murray: p. 25, pl. 5, figs 1, 2.

**Remarks:**

Infaunal. This is a distinctive form having a deep brown colour and a shiny, very finely agglutinated, test wall.

**Liebusella goesi** Höglund, 1947

Figure 3.3

1947 **Liebusella goesi** Höglund: p. 194-198, pl. 14, figs 4-8, text-figs 177-179.

**Remarks:**

Infaunal.

**Morulaeplecta bulbosa** Höglund, 1947

Figure 3.4-3.5

1947 **Morulaeplecta bulbosa** Höglund: p. 165-167, pl. 12, fig. 2, text-figs 142a, b.

**Remarks:**

This form is rare and was found only through the ATA studies.

**Portatrochammina murrayi** Brönnimann and

Zaninetti, 1984

Figure 3.6-3.7

1984 **Portatrochammina murrayi** Brönnimann and Zaninetti: p. 72, pl. 5, figs 7, 12-15.

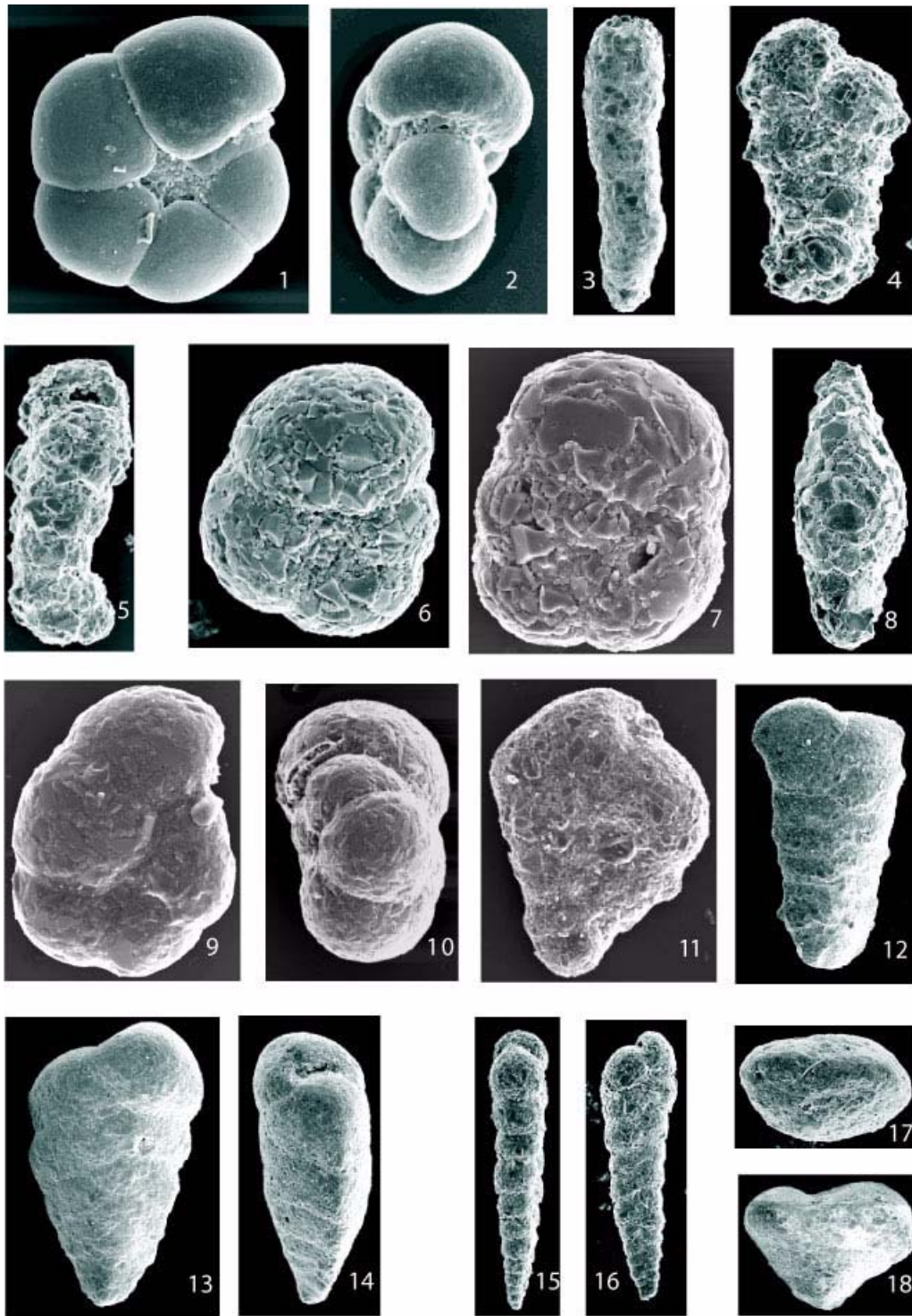
**Remarks:**

This rare form was only through the ATA analyses. Previously reported from the Celtic Sea, Bristol Channel, and Western Approaches to the English Channel but common only at depths >80 m (Murray and Alve, 2000) where the waters show seasonal thermohaline stratification.

**Recurvoides trochamminiformis** Höglund, 1947

Figure 3.9-3.10





**Figure 3.** L = length, D = greatest diameter. 1- 2. *Haplophragmoides bradyi* (Robertson), D 230  $\mu\text{m}$ . 3. *Liebusella goesi* Höglund, L 1200  $\mu\text{m}$ . 4- 5. *Morulaeplecta bulbosa* Höglund, L 240  $\mu\text{m}$ . 6- 7. *Paratrochammina murrayi* Brönnimann and Zaninetti, D 90, D 130  $\mu\text{m}$ . 8. *Reophax fusiformis* (Williamson), L 600  $\mu\text{m}$ . 9-10. *Recurvoides trochamminiformis* Höglund, L 235, L 220  $\mu\text{m}$ . 11. *Siphotextularia flintii* (Cushman), L 210  $\mu\text{m}$ . 12-14. 'Textularia sagittula group' of Murray (1971), illustrated form is *Spiroplectammina wrightii* (Silvestri) of authors, L 830, L 730, L 870  $\mu\text{m}$ . 15-16. *Textularia tenuissima* Earland, L 360  $\mu\text{m}$ . 17-18. *Textularia truncata* Höglund, D 210, D 315  $\mu\text{m}$ .

1947 **Recurvoides trochamminiforme** Höglund (*sic*): p. 149-150, pl. 11, figs 7, 8, pl. 30, fig. 23, text-fig. 120.

**Remarks:**

Infaunal. Distribution as for **P. murrayi**.

**Reophax fusiformis** (Williamson)  
Figure 3.8

1858 **Proteonina fusiformis** Williamson: p. 1, pl. 1, fig. 1.

1884 **Reophax fusiformis** (Williamson); Brady: p. 290, pl. 30, figs 7-11.

**Remarks:**

Infaunal.

**Siphotextularia flintii** (Cushman)  
Figure 3.11

1911 **Textularia flintii** Cushman: p. 21, text-figs 36a, b.

**Remarks:**

Very rare dead. The wall has a calcareous cement.

'**Textularia sagittula** Defrance group' of Murray  
(1971)  
Figure 3.12-3.14

1824 **Textularia sagittula** Defrance: p. 177, pl. 13, figs 5, 5a.

1971 **Textularia sagittula** Defrance group of Murray: p. 31, figs. 1-9.

**Remarks:**

Although not recorded in life position in this study, it is known to attach itself aperture down to substrates such as shells and hydroids (e.g., Heron-Allen and Earland, 1916). Considered by Sturrock and Murray (1981) to be epifaunal, attached but also able to move freely. This is a broad grouping of textularians having a calcareous cemented wall. It includes **Spiroplectammina wrightii** (Silvestri 1923) as illustrated in Figures 3.12-3.14.

**Textularia tenuissima** Earland, 1933  
Figure 3.15-3.16

1933 **Textularia tenuissima** Earland: p. 95, pl. 3, figs 21-30.

**Remarks:**

Infaunal. See Höglund (1947) for a lengthy discussion of this species.

**Textularia truncata** Höglund, 1947  
Figure 3.17-3.18

1947 **Textularia truncata** Höglund: p. 175-176, pl. 12, figs 8, 9, text-figs 147-149.

**Remarks:**

Rare dead. The wall has a calcareous cement.

**Suborder Spirillinina**

**Spirillina vivipara** Ehrenberg, 1843  
Figure 4.1

1843 **Spirillina vivipara** Ehrenberg: p. 323, pl. 3, fig. 41.

**Remarks:**

Epifaunal and attached (Heron-Allen and Earland, 1916). Considered by Sturrock and Murray (1981) to be epifaunal, attached but also able to move freely. Rare dead.

**Suborder Miliolina**

**Biloculinella depressa** (d'Orbigny)  
Fig. 4.2-4.3

1826 **Biloculina depressa** d'Orbigny: p. 298.

2000 **Biloculinella depressa** (d'Orbigny): Murray, p. 44.

**Remarks:**

Rare living precludes determination of habitat.

**Cornuloculina balkwilli** (Macfadyen)  
Fig. 4.4

1939 **Ophthalmidium balkwilli** Macfadyen: p. 166, text-fig. 2.

1981 **Cornuloculina balkwilli** (Macfadyen); Sturrock and Murray: p. 253.

**Remarks:**

Rare dead. Considered by Sturrock and Murray (1981) to be epifaunal, attached but also able to move freely.

**Cornuspira involvens** (Reuss)  
Figure 4.5

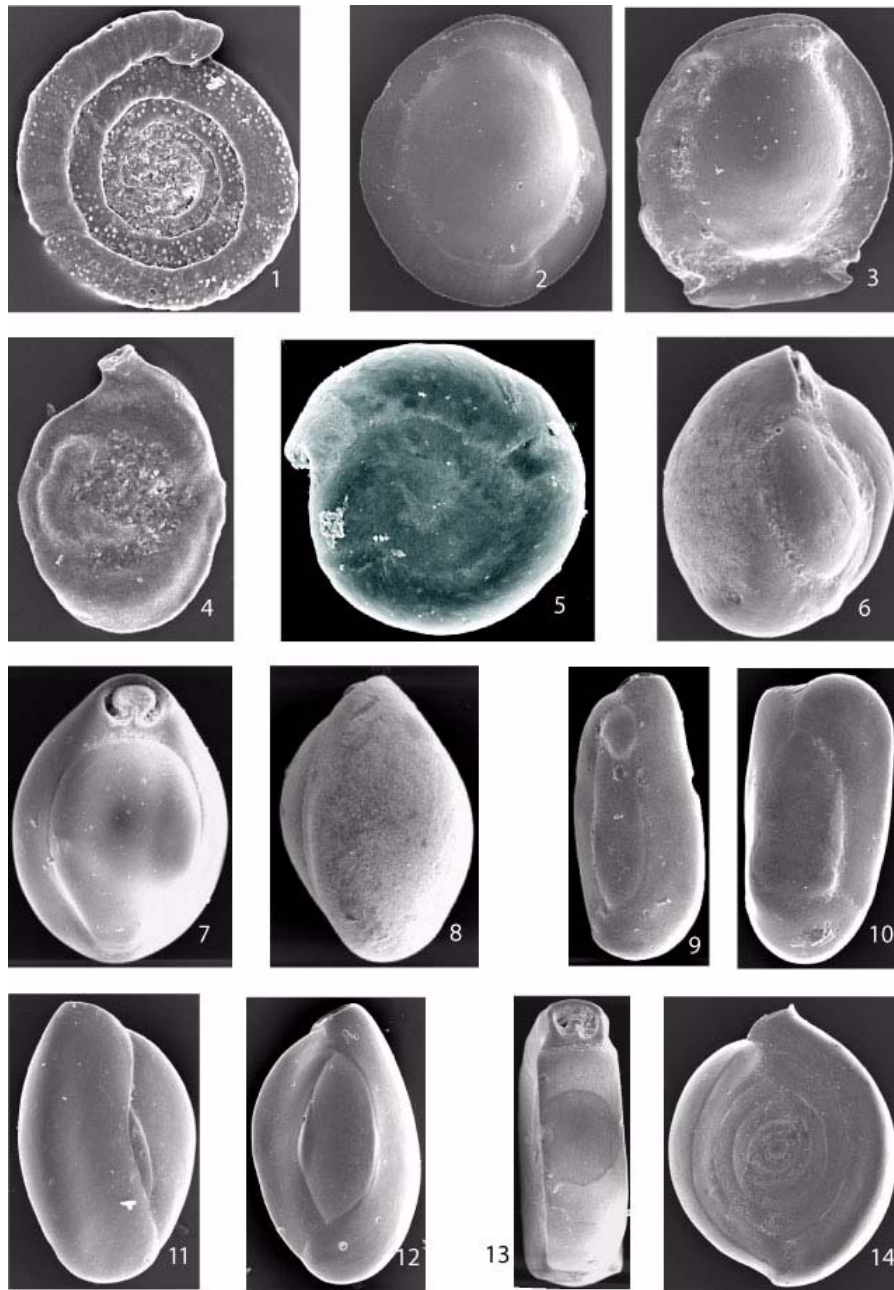
1850 **Operculina involvens** Reuss: p. 370, pl. 46, figs 20a, b.

1994 **Cornuspira involvens** (Reuss); Jones: p. 26, pl. 11, figs. 1-3.

**Remarks:**

Infaunal. Exceptionally abundant living megalo-spheric individuals in one sample from Stanton Deep; this is presumed to be a bloom (Murray, in press). Heron-Allen and Earland (1916) also commented on the greater abundance of megalo-spheric tests.

**Miliolinella subrotunda** (Montagu)  
Fig. 4.6



**Figure 4.** L = length, D = greatest diameter. **1.** *Spirillina vivipara* Ehrenberg, D 650  $\mu$ m. **2-3.** *Biloculinella depressa* (d'Orbigny), L 750, L 650  $\mu$ m. **4.** *Cornuloculina balkwilli* (Macfadyen), L 340  $\mu$ m. **5.** *Cornuspira involvens* (Reuss), D 190  $\mu$ m. **6.** *Miliolinella subrotunda* (Montagu), L 270  $\mu$ m. **7-8.** *Pyrgo williamsoni* (Silvestri), L 575  $\mu$ m. **9-10.** *Quinqueloculina lata* Terquem, L 540, L 350  $\mu$ m. **11-12.** *Quinqueloculina seminulum* (Linné), L 360, L 550  $\mu$ m. **13-14.** *Spiroloculina excavata* d'Orbigny, L 550, L 520  $\mu$ m.



1803 **Vermiculum subrotundum** Montagu: p. 521. Figured by Walker and Boys (1784), pl. 1, fig. 4.

1973 **Miliolinella subrotunda** (Montagu); Haynes: p. 36, pl. 5, figs 5, 6, 12; pl. 32, figs 8, 9; text-fig. 11, nos 1-4; text-fig. 12, nos 1-11.

**Remarks:**

Probably epifaunal but occurs in top 0.5 cm of sediment.

**Pyrgo williamsoni** (Silvestri)  
Figure 4.7-4.8

1923 **Biloculina williamsoni** Silvestri: p. 73. Figured by Williamson (1858), as **Biloculina ringens typica**, pl. 6, figs 169-170.

1973 **Pyrgo williamsoni** (Silvestri); Haynes: p. 61, text-fig. 14, nos 1-3.

**Remarks:**

Dead only.

**Quinqueloculina lata** Terquem, 1876  
Figure 4.9-4.10

1876 **Quinqueloculina lata** Terquem: p. 82, pl. 11, figs 8a-c.

**Remarks:**

Dead only.

**Quinqueloculina seminulum** (Linné)  
Figure 4.11-4.12

1758 **Serpula seminula** Linné: p. 786. Figured by Plancus (1739), pl. 2, fig. 1a-c.

1973 **Quinqueloculina seminulum** (Linné); Haynes: p. 74, pl. 7, figs 14, 19; pl. 8, figs 1-3; text-fig. 18, nos 1-4.

**Remarks:**

Epifaunal.

**Spiroloculina excavata** d'Orbigny, 1846  
Figure 4.13-4.14

1846 **Spiroloculina excavata** d'Orbigny: p. 271, pl. 16, figs 19-21.

**Remarks:**

Dead only.

**Suborder Lagenina**

**Amphicoryna scalaris** (Batsch)  
Figure 5.1

1791 **Nautilus (Orthoceras) scalaris** Batsch: p. 1, 4, pl. 2, figs 4a, b.

1971 **Amphicoryna scalaris** (Batsch): p. 77, pl. 29, figs 1-4.

**Remarks:**

Recorded by Heron-Allen and Earland (1916) as **Nodosaria scalaris** (Batsch).

Live in the 0.0-0.5 cm sample in Muck Deep, MD7b.

**Dentalina subarcuata** (Montagu)  
Figure 5.2

1803 **Nautilus subarcuatus** Montagu: p. 198, pl. 6, fig. 5.

1971 **Dentalina subarcuata** (Montagu); Murray: p. 79, pl. 30, figs 4, 5.

**Remarks:**

Rare.

**Fissurina marginata** (Montagu)  
Figure 5.3-5.4

1803 **Vermiculum marginatum** Montagu: p. 524. Figured by Walker and Boys (1784), pl. 1, fig. 7.

1971 **Fissurina marginata** (Montagu); Murray: p. 97, pl. 39, figs 4-6.

**Remarks:**

Rare.

**Fissurina orbignyana** Seguenza, 1862  
Figure 5.5-5.6

1862 **Fissurina orbignyana** Seguenza: p. 66, pl. 2, figs 19, 20.

**Remarks:**

Rare.

**Lagena substriata** Williamson, 1848  
Figure 5.7

1848 **Lagena substriata** Williamson: p. 15, pl. 2, fig. 12.

**Remarks:**

Rare.

**Laryngosigma lactea** (Walker and Jacob)  
Figure 5.8-5.9

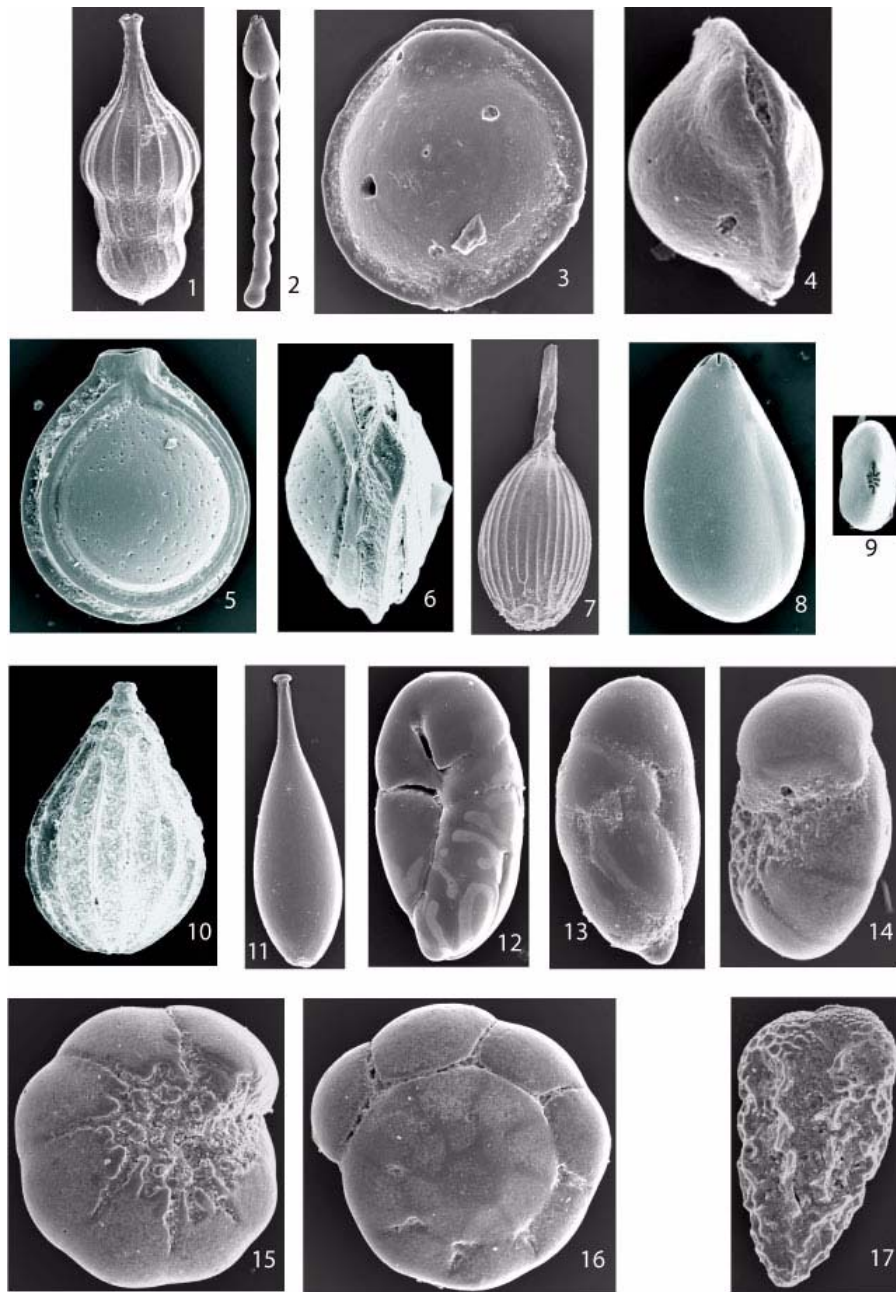
1798 **Serpula lactea** Walker and Jacob: p. 634, pl. 14, fig. 4.

1973 **Laryngosigma lactea** (Walker and Jacob); Haynes: p. 103, text-fig. 21, nos 8-12.

**Remarks:**

Rare.

**Oolina williamsoni** (Alcock)  
Figure 5.10



**Figure 5.** L = length, D = greatest diameter. **1.** *Amphicoryna scalaris* (Batsch), L 600  $\mu$ m. **2.** *Dentalina subarcuata* (Montagu), L 1.9 mm. **3-4.** *Fissurina marginata* (Montagu), L 165, L 145  $\mu$ m. **5-6.** *Fissurina orbignyana* Seguenza, L 600  $\mu$ m. **7.** *Lagena substriata* Williamson, L 600  $\mu$ m. **8-9.** *Laryngosigma lactea* (Walker and Jacob), L 210, L 450  $\mu$ m. **10.** *Oolina williamsoni* (Alcock), L 500  $\mu$ m. **11.** *Procerolagena clavata* (d'Orbigny), L 600  $\mu$ m. **12-13.** *Roberatina subcylindrica* (Brady), L 370, L 325  $\mu$ m. **14-16.** *Ammonia falsobecarii* (Rouvillois), D 400, L 340, D 430  $\mu$ m. **17.** *Bolivina pseudoplicata* Heron-Allen and Earland, L 240  $\mu$ m.

1865 **Entosolenia williamsoni** Alcock: p. 193. Illustrated by Wright (1876-7), pl. 4, fig. 14 (as **Lagena williamsoni**).

1971 **Oolina williamsoni** (Alcock); Murray: p. 95, pl. 38, figs 4-6.

**Remarks:**

Rare.

**Procerolagena clavata** (d'Orbigny)

Figure 5.11

1846 **Oolina clavata** d'Orbigny: p. 24, pl. 1, figs 2, 3.

1994 **Procerolagena clavata** (d'Orbigny); Jones: p. 62, pl. 56, figs 8?, 9.

**Remarks:**

Rare.

**Suborder Robertinina**

**Robertina subcylindrica** (Brady)

Figure 5.12-5.13

1881b **Bulimina subcylindrica** Brady: p. 56.

1994 **Robertina subcylindrica** (Brady); Jones: p. 55: pl. 50, fig. 16.

**Remarks:**

Rare live and dead.

**Suborder Rotaliina**

**Ammonia falsobeccarii** (Rouvillois)

Figure 5.14-15.16

1974 **Pseudoeponides falsobeccarii** Rouvillois: p. 4, pl. 1, figs 1-12.

2001 **Ammonia falsobeccarii** (Rouvillois); Gross: p. 69.

**Remarks:**

Infaunal. Rare live and dead. This is a southern form, and this record extends its northward distribution.

**Bolivina pseudoplicata** Heron-Allen and Earland, 1930

Figure 5.17

1930 **Bolivina pseudoplicata** Heron-Allen and Earland: p. 81, pl. 3, figs 36-40.

**Remarks:**

Infaunal. Rare live and dead.

**Bolivinellina pseudopunctata** (Höglund)

Figure 6.1

1947 **Bolivina pseudopunctata** Höglund: p. 273, pl. 24, figs 5a, b; pl. 32, figs 23, 24; text-figs 280, 281, 287.

1971 **Brizalina pseudopunctata** (Höglund); Murray: p. 109, pl. 44, figs 3-6.

1994 **Bolivinellina pseudopunctata** (Höglund); Alve and Murray: p. 27.

**Remarks:**

Infaunal. Rare live and dead.

**Brizalina difformis** (Williamson)

Figure 6.2

1858 **Textularia variabilis** Williamson var. **difformis** Williamson: p. 77, pl. 6, figs 166, 167.

1971 **Brizalina difformis** (Williamson); Murray: p. 109, pl. 44, figs 1, 2.

**Remarks:**

Rare dead. Recorded by Heron-Allen and Earland (1916) as **Bolivina difformis** (Williamson).

**Brizalina spathulata** (Williamson)

Figure 6.3

1858 **Textularia variabilis** Williamson var. **spathulata** Williamson: p. 76, pl. 6, figs 164, 165.

1971 **Brizalina spathulata** (Williamson); Murray: p. 111, pl. 45, figs 1-4.

**Remarks:**

Infaunal.

**Bulimina marginata** d'Orbigny, 1826

Figure 6.4-6.5

1826 **Bulimina marginata** d'Orbigny **sensu** Höglund (1947): p. 227, pl. 20, figs 1, 2; pl. 22, fig. 1; text-figs 205-218.

**Remarks:**

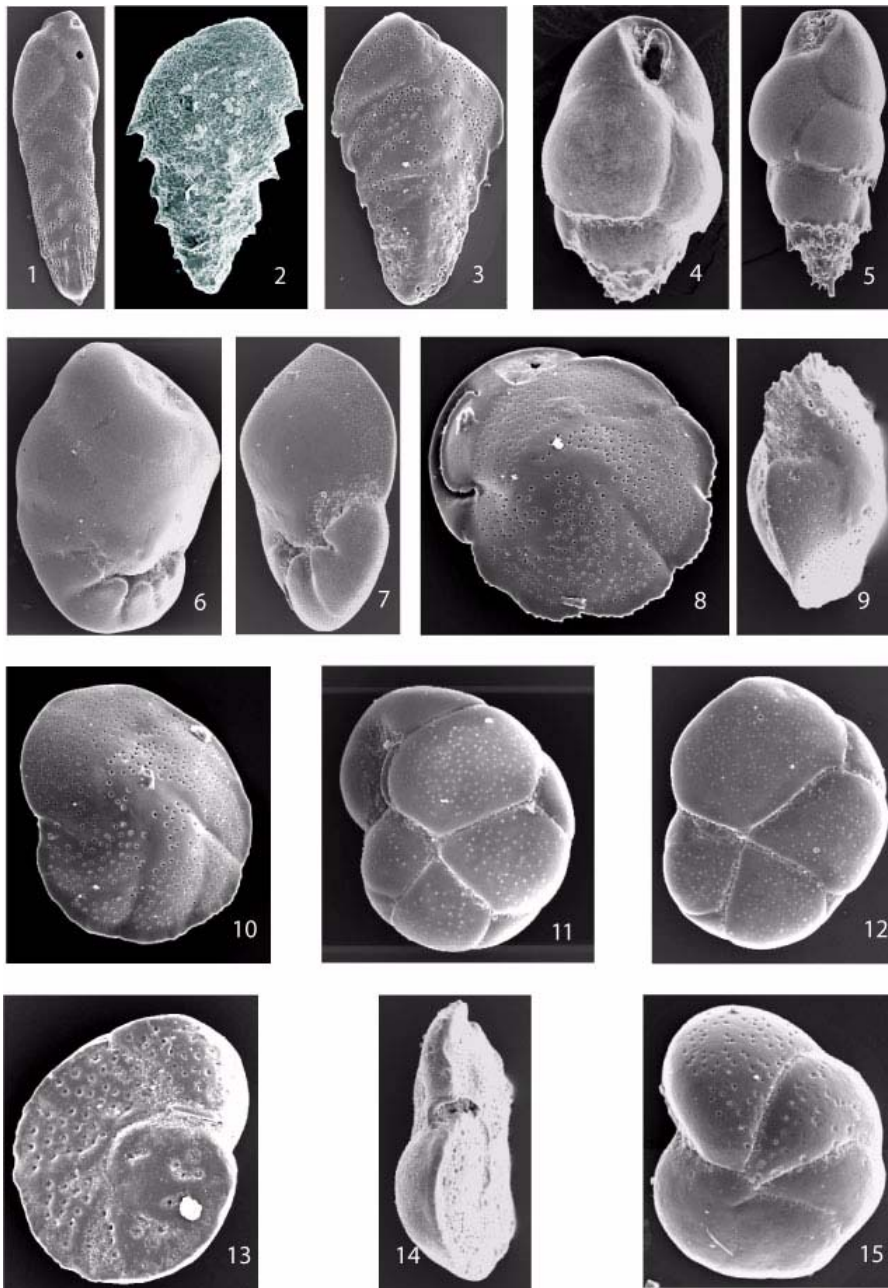
Infaunal. In the Skagerrak, Corliss and Van Weering (1993), found a subsurface maximum at 13-15 cm in muddy sands in two cores. Heron-Allen and Earland (1916) commented on the difficulties of separating species of **Bulimina** because of their variability. This group intergrades with forms like **Bulimina aculeata** but here they are treated as a single variable group. See also Verhallen (1987), Jorissen (1988), Collins (1989), and Burgess and Schnitker (1990) for a discussion of the problem.

**Cancris auricula** (Fichtel and Moll)

Figure 6.6-6.7

1798 **Nautilus auricula** Fichtel and Moll: p. 108, pl. 20, figs a-c.

1971 **Cancris auricula** (Fichtel and Moll); Murray: p. 137, pl. 57, figs 1-7.



**Figure 6.** L = length, D = greatest diameter. **1.** *Bolivinelina pseudopunctata* (Höglund), L 625  $\mu$ m. **2.** *Brizalina difformis* (Williamson), L 340  $\mu$ m. **3.** *Brizalina spathulata* (Williamson), L 330  $\mu$ m. **4-5.** *Bulimina marginata* d'Orbigny, 1826 sensu Höglund (1947) L 320, L 520, L 250, D 260  $\mu$ m. **6-7.** *Cancris auricula* (Fichtel and Moll), L 710, L 760  $\mu$ m. **8-10.** *Cassidulina laevigata* d'Orbigny, D 300  $\mu$ m. **11-12.** *Cassidulina obtusa* Williamson, D230  $\mu$ m. **13-15.** *Cibicides lobatulus* (Walker and Jacob), D 300  $\mu$ m.

**Remarks:**

Possibly infaunal. Rare live and dead. Recorded by Heron-Allen and Earland (1916) as **Pulvinulina auricula** (Fichtel and Moll).

**Cassidulina laevigata** d'Orbigny, 1826

Figure 6.8-6.10

1826 **Cassidulina laevigata** d'Orbigny: p. 282, pl. 5, figs 4, 5.

**Remarks:**

Infaunal. In the Skagerrak this species has maxima at the surface and at 14-15 cm in some cores but just occurs at the surface in another (Corliss and Van Weering, 1993). Heron-Allen and Earland (1916) included both carinate and rounded margin forms. Most recorded here are carinate.

**Cassidulina obtusa** Williamson, 1858

Figure 6.11-6.12

1858 **Cassidulina obtusa** Williamson: p. 69, pl. 6, figs 143, 144.

**Remarks:**

Infaunal. Recorded by Heron-Allen and Earland (1916) as **Cassidulina crassa** d'Orbigny.

**Cibicides lobatulus** (Walker and Jacob)

Figure 6.13-6.15

1798 **Nautilus lobatulus** Walker and Jacob: p. 642, pl. 14, fig. 36.

1971 **Cibicides lobatulus** (Walker and Jacob); Murray: p. 175, pl. 73, figs 1-7.

**Remarks:**

Considered by Sturrock and Murray (1981) to be epifaunal, attached, and immobile. Dead only. Recorded by Heron-Allen and Earland (1916) as **Truncatulina lobatula** (Walker and Jacob).

**Cibicides refulgens** de Montfort, 1808

Figure 7.1-7.2

1808 **Cibicides refulgens** de Montfort: p. 122, 31me genre.

**Remarks:**

Dead only. Recorded by Heron-Allen and Earland (1916) as **Truncatulina refulgens** (Montfort).

**Discorbinooides millettii** (Wright)

Figure 7.3-7.4

1911 **Discorbina millettii** Wright: p. 13, pl. 2, figs 14-17.

1971 **Glabratella millettii** (Wright); Murray: p. 139, pl. 58, figs 1-4.

2000 **Discorbinooides millettii** (Wright); Murray: p. 44.

**Remarks:**

Rare dead.

**Elphidium earlandi** Cushman

Figure 7.5

1936 **Elphidium earlandi** Cushman: p. 85, pl. 15, figs 51, b.

**Remarks:**

Rare dead.

**Elphidium excavatum** (Terquem)

Figure 7.6-7.7

1875 **Polystomella excavata** Terquem: p. 25, pl. 2, figs 2a-f.

1971 **Elphidium excavatum** (Terquem); Murray: p. 159, pl. 66, figs 1-7.

**Remarks:**

Rare dead. This is a variable species which includes the form **Elphidium selseyense** Heron-Allen and Earland according to Miller, et al. (1982).

**Elphidium gerthi** Van Voorthuysen, 1957

Figure 7.8

1957 **Elphidium gerthi** Van Voorthuysen: p. 32, pl. 23, figs 12a, b.

**Remarks:**

Rare dead.

**Elphidium magellanicum** Heron-Allen and Earland, 1932

Figure 7.9-7.10

1932 **Elphidium magellanicum** Heron-Allen and Earland: p. 440, pl. 16, figs 26-28.

**Remarks:**

Rare dead.

**Epistominella vitrea** Parker, 1953

Figure 7.11-7.13

1953 **Epistominella vitrea** Parker: p. 9, pl. 4, figs 34-6, 40-1.

**Remarks:**

Infaunal.

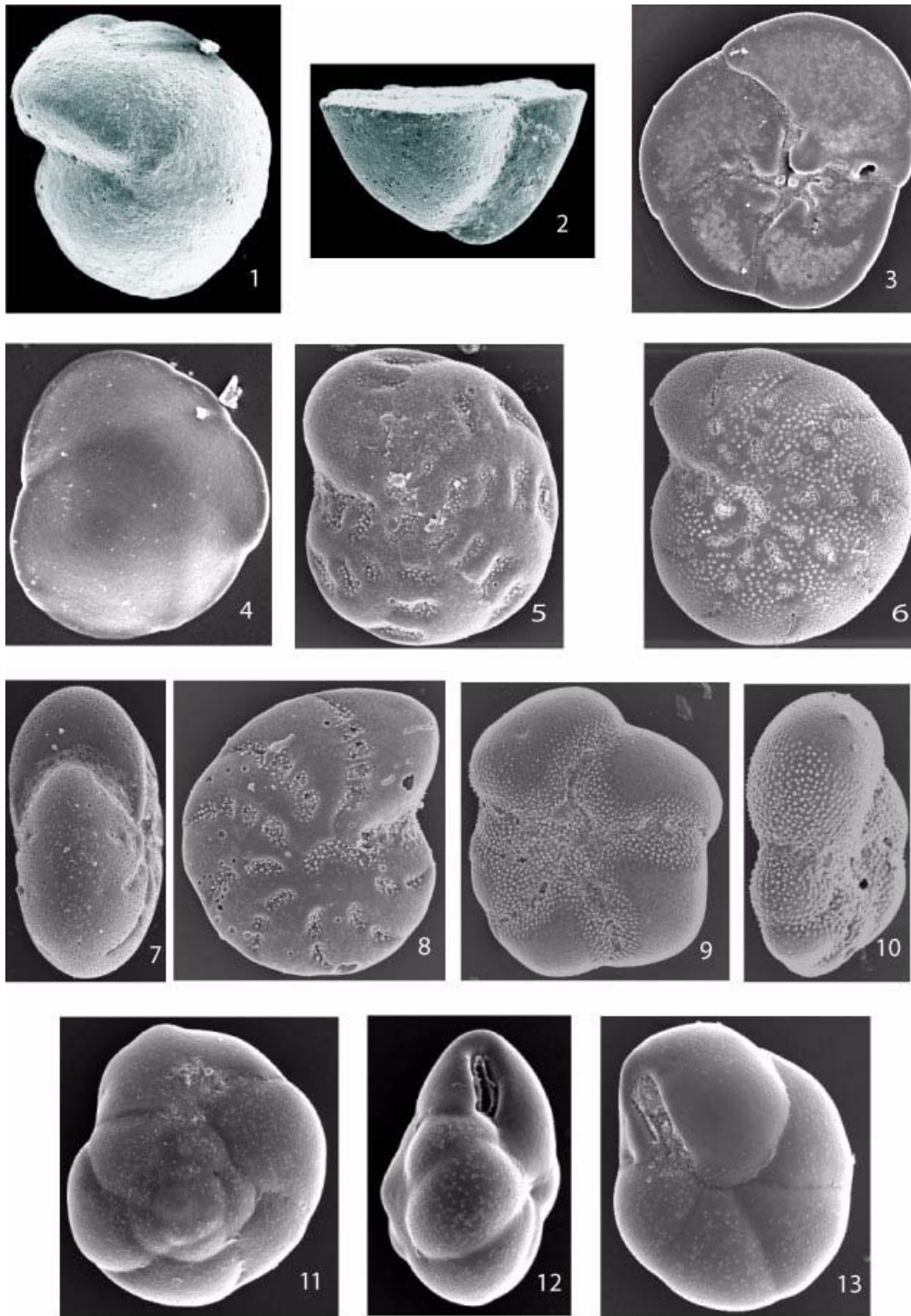
**Fursenkoina schreibersiana** (C<sub>j</sub>ek)

Figure 8.1

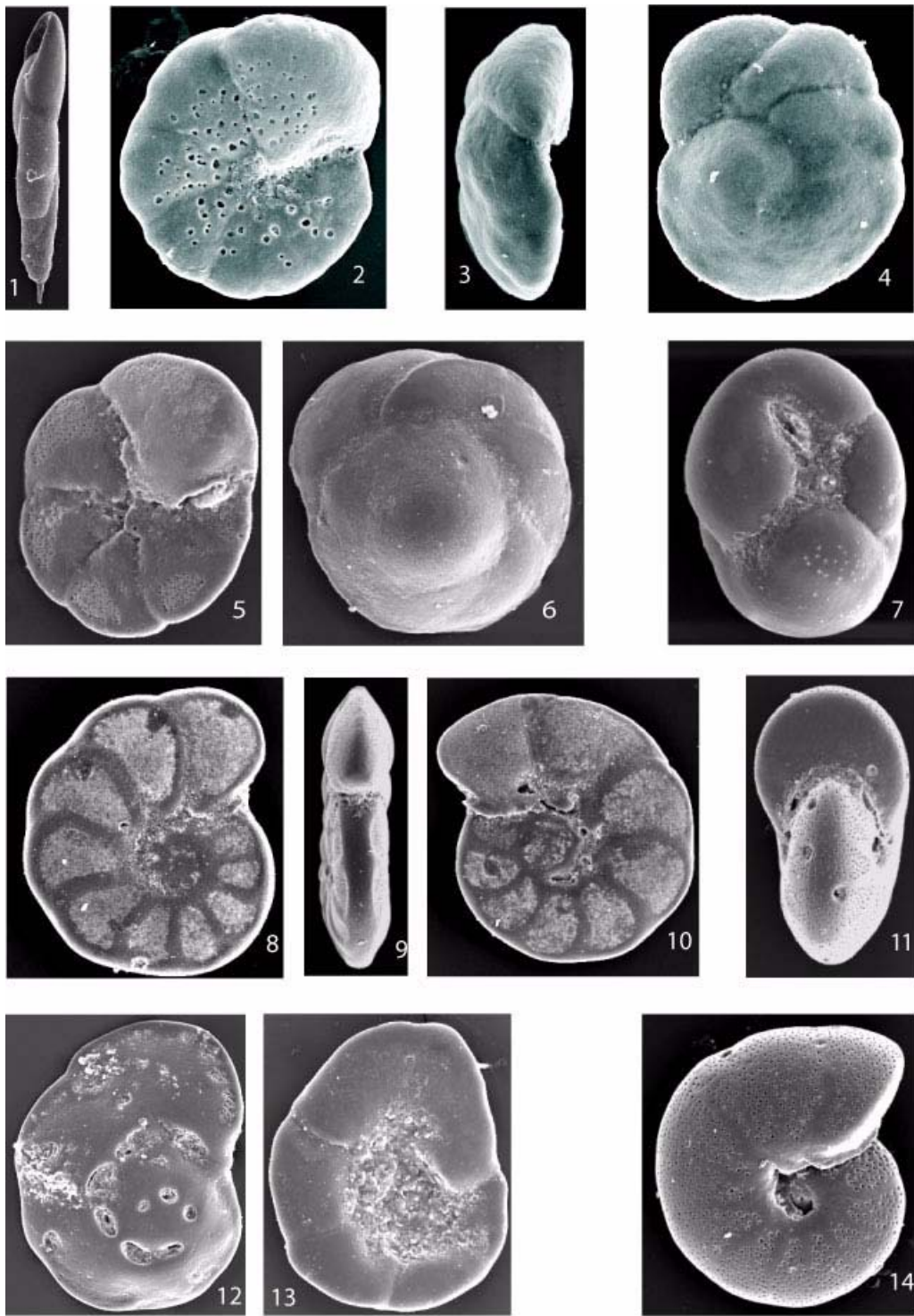
1848 **Virgulina schreibersiana** C<sub>j</sub>ek: p. 147, pl. 13, figs 18-21.

1971 **Fursenkoina schreibersiana** (C<sub>j</sub>ek); Murray: p. 185, pl. 77, figs 6-9.





**Figure 7.** L = length, D = greatest diameter. **1-2. *Cibicides refulgens*** de Montfort, D 875  $\mu$ m. **3-4. *Discorbinoides millettii*** (Wright), D 210, D 150  $\mu$ m. **5. *Elphidium earlandi*** Cushman, D 350  $\mu$ m. **6-7. *Elphidium excavatum*** (Terquem) (*Elphidium selseyense* Heron-Allen and Earland of some authors), D 310, D 300  $\mu$ m. **8. *Elphidium gerthi*** Van Voorthuysen, D 300  $\mu$ m. **9-10. *Elphidium magellanicum*** Heron-Allen and Earland, D 300  $\mu$ m. **11-13. *Epistominella vitrea*** Parker, D 150  $\mu$ m.



**Figure 8.** L = length, D = greatest diameter. **1.** *Fursenkoina schreibersiana* (Czjzek), L 460  $\mu$ m. **2-4.** *Gavelinopsis caledonia* Murray and Whittaker, D 130, D 120, D 130  $\mu$ m. **5-6.** *Gavelinopsis praegeri* (Heron-Allen and Earland), D 300  $\mu$ m. **7.** *Globocassidulina subglobosa* (Brady), L 150  $\mu$ m. **8-10.** *Hyalinea balthica* (Schröter), D 450  $\mu$ m. **12-13.** *Lamarckina haliotideia* (Heron-Allen and Earland), D230, D 170  $\mu$ m. **11, 14.** *Melonis barleeanus* (Williamson), D 450  $\mu$ m.

**Remarks:**

Infaunal. Recorded by Heron-Allen and Earland (1916) as **Virgulina schreibersiana**.

**Gavelinopsis caledonia** Murray and Whittaker, 2001

Figure 8.2-8.4

2001 **Gavelinopsis caledonia** Murray and Whittaker: p. 179, pl. 1, figs 1-10; pl. 2, figs 1-7.

**Remarks:**

Epifaunal. A specimen in the Heron-Allen and Earland collections (The Natural History Museum, London) is attached to a shell fragment. Recorded by them (1916) as **Discorbina polyrraphes** (Reuss). Rare dead.

**Gavelinopsis praegeri** (Heron-Allen and Earland) Figure 8.5-8.6

1913 **Discorbina praegeri** Heron-Allen and Earland: p. 122, pl. 10, figs 8-10.

1971 **Gavelinopsis praegeri** (Heron-Allen and Earland); Murray: p. 133, pl. 55, figs. 1-5.

**Remarks:**

Dead; sometimes common. Considered by Sturrock and Murray (1981) to be epifaunal, attached but also able to move freely.

**Globocassidulina subglobosa** (Brady) Figure 8.7

1881b **Cassidulina sublobosa** Brady: p. 60; figured by Brady (1884), pl. 54, figs 17a-c.

1974 **Globocassidulina subglobosa** (Brady); Jones: p. 60: pl. 54, figs 17a-c.

**Remarks:**

Probably infaunal.

**Hyalinea balthica** (Schröter) Figure 8.8-8.10

1783 **Nautilus balthicus** Schröter: p. 20, pl. 1, fig. 2.

1971 **Hyalinea balthica** (Schröter); Murray: p. 173, pl. 72, figs 5-7.

**Remarks:**

Live forms in top 0.5 cm so may be epifaunal. Common dead. Recorded by Heron-Allen and Earland (1916) as **Operculina ammonoides** (Gronovius).

**Lamarckina haliotidea** (Heron-Allen and Earland) Figure 8.12-8.13

1911 **Pulvinulina haliotidea** Heron-Allen and Earland: p. 338, pl. 12, figs 8, 9.

1971 **Lamarckina haliotidea** (Heron-Allen and Earland); Murray: p. 205, pl. 86, figs 1-6.

**Remarks:**

Rare dead.

**Melonis barleeanus** (Williamson) Figure 8.11-8.14

1858 **Nonionina barleeanus** Williamson: p. 32, pl. 3, figs 68, 69.

1991 **Melonis barleeanum** (Williamson); Corliss: p. 2, figs 9, 10.

**Remarks:**

Infaunal. Common dead. Corliss (1991) considered this to be intermediate infaunal (~1-4 cm).

**Nonion pauperatus** (Balkwill and Wright) Figure 9.1

1885 **Nonionina pauperata** Balkwill and Wright: p. 353, pl. 13, figs 25, 26.

1971 **Nonion pauperatum** (Balkwill and Wright) (*sic*); Gabel: pl. 12, figs 14, 15.

**Remarks:**

Live in one sample (0.0-0.5 cm) and dead.

**Nonionella iridea** Heron-Allen and Earland, 1932 Figure 9.2-9.3

1932 **Nonionella iridea** Heron-Allen and Earland: p. 438, pl. 16, figs 14-16.

**Remarks:**

Infaunal.

**Nonionella turgida** (Williamson) Figure 9.4-9.5

1858 **Rotalina turgida** Williamson: p. 50, pl. 4, figs 95-97.

1971 **Nonionella turgida** (Williamson); Murray: p. 193, pl. 81, figs 1-5.

**Remarks:**

Infaunal. Corliss (1991) considered this to be deep infaunal (>4 cm).

**Patellina corrugata** Williamson, 1858 Figure 9.6-9.7

1858 **Patellina corrugata** Williamson: p. 46, pl. 3, figs 86-89.

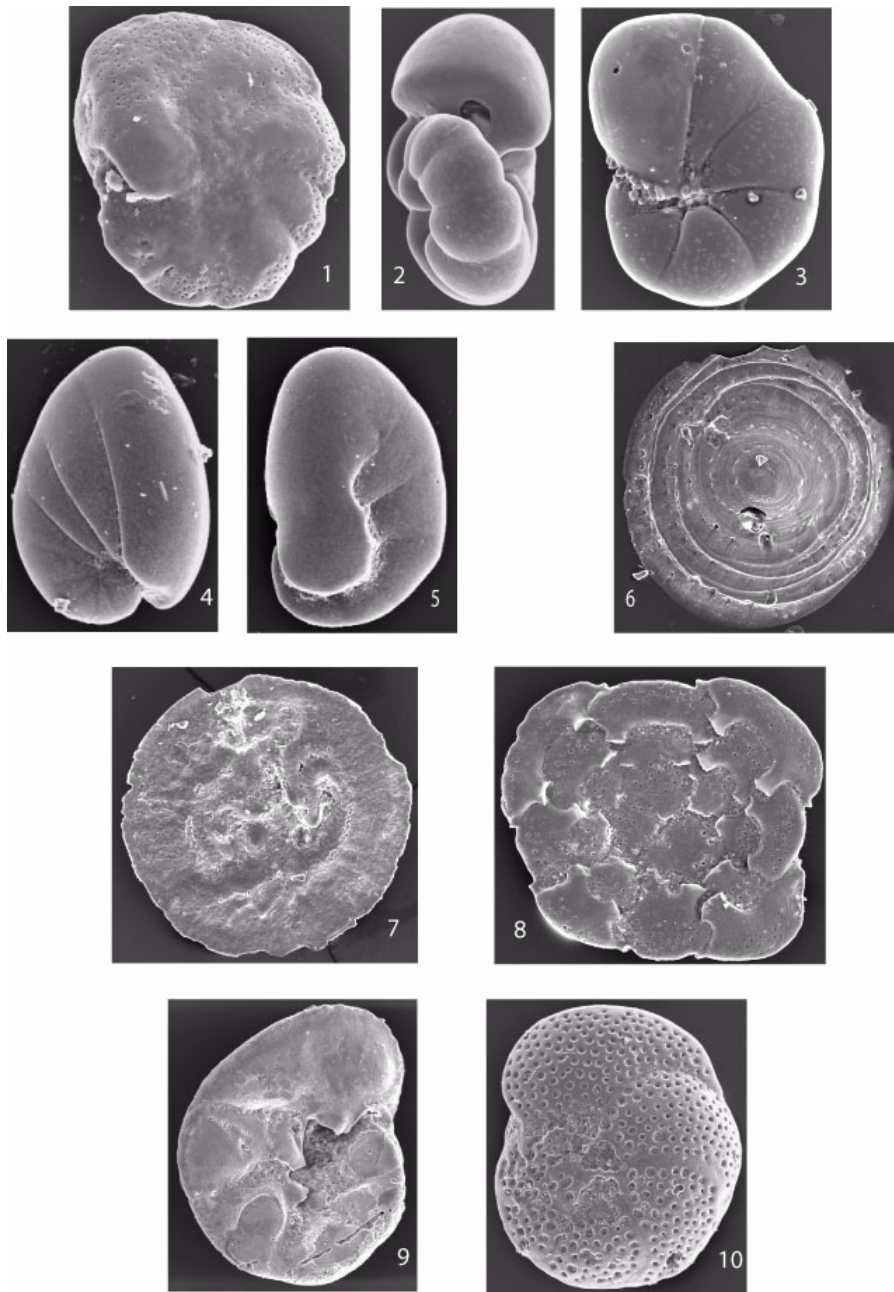
**Remarks:**

Rare dead.

**Planorbulina mediterraneensis** d'Orbigny, 1826 Figure 9.8

1826 **Planorbulina mediterraneensis** d'Orbigny: p. 280, pl. 14, figs 4-6.





**Figure 9.** L = length, D = greatest diameter. **1. *Nonion pauperatus*** (Balkwill and Wright), D 180 µm. **2-3. *Nonionella iridea*** Heron-Allen and Earland, D 110, D 140 µm. **4-5. *Nonionella turgida*** (Williamson), D 300 µm. **6, 7. *Patellina corrugata*** Williamson, D 500 µm. **8. *Planorbulina mediterranensis*** d'Orbigny, D 490 µm. **9-10. *Rosalina anomala*** Terquem, D 600, D 550 µm.

**Remarks:**

Considered by Sturrock and Murray (1981) to be epifaunal, attached but also able to move freely.

**Rosalina anomala** Terquem, 1875  
Figure 9.9-9.10

1875 **Rosalina anomala** Terquem: p. 438, pl. 5, fig. 1.

**Remarks:**

Considered by Sturrock and Murray (1981) to be epifaunal, attached but also able to move freely.

**Stainforthia fusiformis** (Williamson)  
Figure 10.1-10.4

1858 **Bulimina pupoides** d'Orbigny var. **fusiformis** Williamson: p. 63, pl. 5, figs 129, 130.

1973 '**Stainforthia**' **fusiformis** (Williamson); Haynes: p.124, pl. 5, figs 7, 8.

**Remarks:**

Infaunal. Recorded by Heron-Allen and Earland (1916) as **Bulimina fusiformis** Williamson and commonly referred to as **Fursenkoina fusiformis** (e.g., Murray 1971). For lengthy discussions of its morphology and variability see Höglund (1947) and Gooday and Alve (2001).

**Trifarina angulosa** (Williamson)  
Figure 10.5

1858 **Uvigerina angulosa** Williamson: p. 67, pl. 5, fig. 140.

1971 **Trifarina angulosa** (Williamson): Murray: p. 123, pl. 51, figs 1-6.

**Remarks:**

Rare dead.

**Uvigerina peregrina** Cushman, 1923  
Figure 10.6

1923 **Uvigerina peregrina** Cushman: p. 166, pl. 42, figs 7-10.

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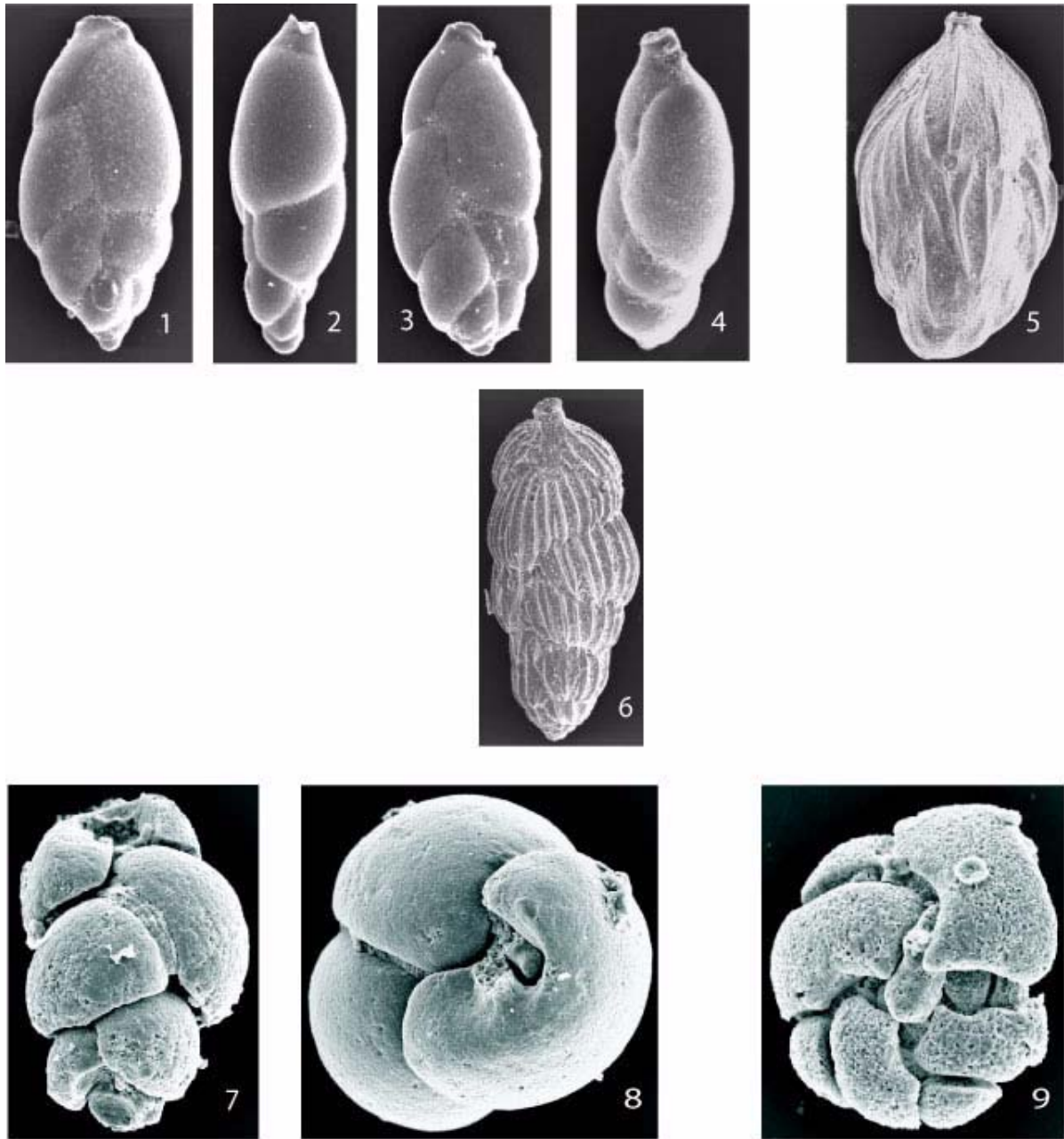
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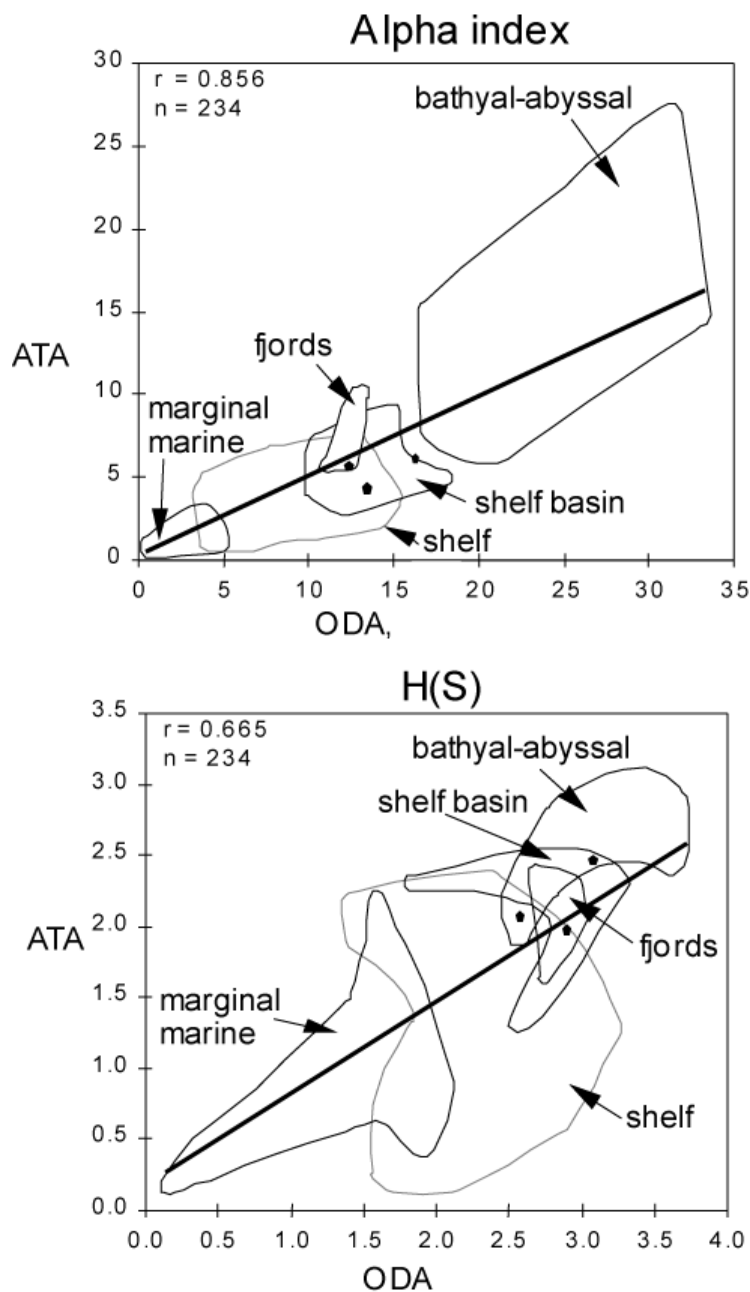
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**Figure 10.** L = length, D = greatest diameter. 1-4. *Stainforthia fusiformis* (Williamson), L 280  $\mu$ m. 5. *Trifarina angulosa* (Williamson), L 400  $\mu$ m. 6. *Uvigerina peregrina* Cushman, L 800  $\mu$ m. 7-8. *Bulimina marginata* d'Orbigny preserved as a glauconitic infill, L 240, D 220  $\mu$ m. 9. *Cassidulina obtusa* Williamson preserved as a glauconitic infill, D 110  $\mu$ m.



**Figure 11.** Summary of the diversity fields for ODAs and ATAs plotted for the Fisher alpha index and the information function H(S) (from Murray and Alve 2000). The spots mark the positions of the three samples from Muck and Stanton deeps.

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