

*Monoporella nodulifera* (Hincks, 1881). Tilbrook, Hayward & Gordon, 2001, p.52, fig.19E,F.

Now *Monoporella fimbriata* Canu & Bassler, 1929. See Tilbrook 2006.

*MONOPORELLA NODULIFERA* (HINCKS)

(Fig. 19E,F)

*Haploporrella nodulifera* Hincks, 1881b: 11.

*Monoporella nodulifera*: Hincks, 1881b: 135, pl. 1, fig. 4; Harmer, 1926: 310, pl. 20, figs 21–23; Hayward, 1974: 374, figs 3a,b; Gordon, 1984: 53, pl. 16A,B.

*Monoporella fimbriata carinifera* Canu & Bassler, 1929: 157.

*Remarks*

*Monoporella nodulifera* is easily distinguished by its dark brown pigmented frontal membrane, blackish-brown D-shaped orifice, and three to five distal-oral spines. The concave cryptocyst has a median crest with a small round opesiule on either side, below the corners of the orificial rim.

*Distribution*

Originally described from the Bass Straits, *Monoporella nodulifera* has subsequently been recorded from the Mediterranean, Cape Verde Islands, Torres Straits, Molluccas, Philippines, China Sea, and Kermadec Ridge, New Zealand but it has not been recorded from the Great Barrier Reef or the Coral Sea. Several fertile colonies were found encrusting coral rubble from Port Vila Harbour, Efate.

