

Antropora granulifera (Hincks, 1880). Tilbrook, 2006, p.30, Pl.4A.

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Plate 4A

Membranipora granulifera Hincks, 1880a: 72, Fig. 9, fig. 4.

Antropora granulifera: Norman, 1903b: 87, Fig. 8, fig. 4; Ristedt, 1981: 372, Fig. 2, fig. 6; Tilbrook, 1998: 27, fig. 1A (cum syn.); Tilbrook, Hayward & Gordon, 2001: 41, fig. 2G.

Not *Antropora granulifera*: Rho & Seo, 1984: 77, Fig. 1, fig. 1.

Type material Neotype: NHM 1919.6.25.23, Madeira, Norman Coll.

Other material examined SBMNH 365037-043, **501-87**; SBMNH 365044-045, **506-87**; SBMNH 365046, **515-87**.

Description Colony forming flat unilaminar sheets. Autozooids irregularly polygonal to hexagonal, distinct (ca 0.70 x 0.50 mm), chocolate brown in appearance when dried, lighter and more translucent at growing edge. Gymnocyst proximal, very reduced or negligible, cryptocyst occupying generally less than one half of total autozooid length, flat or very slightly convex, coarsely beaded. Opesia roughly triangular, greater than half frontal area, constricted at proximal edge of operculum opening, proximal border often concave. Distal to each autozooid a pair of medium-sized, triangular avicularia. Rostra raised and acute to frontal plane, directed medially, often touching at midline; mandibles long and acutely triangular. Vicarious avicularia absent. Ovicell endozooidal, small, indistinct.

Remarks This species was comprehensively reviewed by Tilbrook (1998) and the form of its ancestrula and early astogeny illustrated by Ristedt (1991).

Distribution *Antropora granulifera* was the most common of the *Antropora* species collected in the Solomon Islands, found at Mbanika Island, Russell Islands and Anuha Reefs and Mboli Passage, Florida Islands. The species has a circumglobal distribution in shallow warm-temperate and tropical waters.

