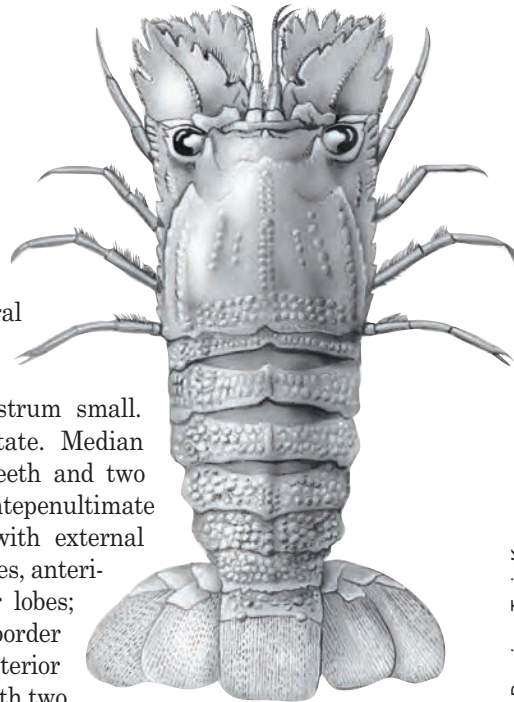


Scyllarus caparti Holthuis, 1952

Drawing : Tuvia Kurz

Short description

Carapace subquadrate; lateral margins slightly diverging anteriorly, dentate; antero-lateral angle prominent. Rostrum small. Inner orbital margin bidentate. Median carina with three rounded teeth and two parallel rows of tubercles. Antepenultimate antennal segment pointed, with external margin deeply cut into two lobes, anterior margin with 5-7 irregular lobes; distal segment with anterior border deeply cut into five lobes. Anterior margin of thoracic sternum with two contiguous rounded lobes, last thoracic sternite bearing median tubercle. Abdominal segments 2-5 medially carinate, carinae on segments 2-4 prominent, keel-like; posterior dorsal margin of first, second segments medially excavate; fifth, sixth segments markedly denticulate, segments 1-4 with transverse submedian fissures. Second abdominal pleuron triangular.

color: brownish-grey.

size: TL 5.0 cm (max.).

Distinguishing characteristics

Differs from *S. arctus* and *S. pygmaeus* in having abdominal segments 2-4 bearing prominent median keel dorsally; from *S. posteli* in the thoracic sternum bilobate anterior margin, and in the obtuse tubercle on last thoracic sternite.

Biology / Ecology

Poorly known.

habitat: 30-60 m on sandy and muddy bottom.

Distribution

Worldwide: Tropical and subtropical East Atlantic. **Mediterranean:** a single record from Italy, central Adriatic Sea (Froggia, 1979 [1977]).

Mode of introduction

Possibly ship-borne or aquarium release.

Establishment

Known from a single record.

Importance to humans

None.



1st Mediterranean record
Central Adriatic Sea, 1979
[1977]

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