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### Abstract.

This is a survey of literature records for occurrence and taxonomy of zooplankton in the Western Mediterranean, with particular emphasis on the Alboran Sea. It is intended to give a general background on the fauna, and facilitate identification of specimens collected or observed. A description of the hydrography of the Alboran Sea is followed by a general account of zooplankton biomass distribution, and more detailed lists of the occurrence of 361 species of medusae, siphonophores, ctenophores, worms, tunicates and crustaceans in 7 regions of the Western Mediterranean. Bioluminescent properties of the organisms are indicated where known. An illustrated taxonomic guide provides capsule descriptions and illustrations of 254 of the listed species.

Key Words. zooplankton, Alboran Sea, bioluminescence

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### Introduction.

This document is a literature-based survey of the occurrence and taxonomy of zooplankton in the Alboran Sea and adjacent regions of the western Mediterranean. It's purpose is to provide background on the kinds of plankton that one would expect to encounter in this area, and a convenient reference for shipboard identification of collected or photographed specimens. Because it is intended to support *in-situ* investigations, by submersible and SCUBA diving, of luminescent organisms, the taxonomic guide focusses on the gelatinous macrozooplankton and the more common crustaceans. It emphasizes characteristics of intact, live animals, and indicates whether they are known or suspected to be luminescent.

The western Mediterranean Basin is divided into several regional seas, as illustrated in Figure 1. The present survey includes distributional records for zooplankton in the:

- a. Alboran Sea extending from Gibraltar eastward to approximately 0° longitude;
  - b. Strait of Gibraltar;
- c. Catalan (Balearic) Sea between the southeast coast of Spain and the Balearic Islands:
- d. Gulf of Lyon extending southeast into the central basin west of Corsica and Sardinia:
  - e. Ligurian Sea between the French Riviera and Corsica;
- f. Tyrrhenian Sea bounded by Corsica and Sardinia on the west, Italy on the east and Sicily at the south;
  - g. Adriatic Sea between Italy and the Dalmatian coast.

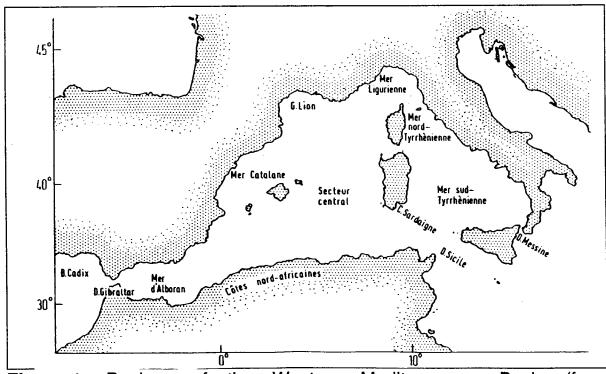


Figure 1. Regions of the Western Mediterranean Basin (from Furnestin, 1968)

The extent to which the planktonic fauna of these regions has been studied depends partly on the geographic distribution of marine laboratories on the coasts of these seas. Upwelling regions near Messina, Naples and Nice in the Tyrrhenian and Ligurian Seas have been known since antiquity. Laboratories have been established in these regions for over a hundred years, and the fauna is quite well known. Other laboratories in France and Italy have supported surveys in the Gulf of Lyon, the Catalan Sea and the North African coast. In addition, several oceanographic cruises have been undertaken in the western Mediterranean, adding coverage of the regions further offshore.

There is a fairly considerable classical literature on the planktonic fauna of the Mediterranean, based on work done in the mid to late 19th century at Messina, Naples, Villefranche, Trieste and a few other locations by pioneers like Brandt, Chun, Haeckel, Lohmann and others. A valuable and comprehensive systematic treatment of phytoplankton and zooplankton in the Mediterranean, the "Manuel du Planctonologie Mediterraneenne" was published by Gregoire Tregouboff and Maurice Rose in 1957. It is a quite inclusive work, summarizing the basic biology of each group and providing keys and illustrations for identification. It is somewhat cumbersome to use in the field however, because of the complex structure of the keys and the separation of the illustrations from accompanying text (including captions) in a separate volume. This work, and some of the old literature, has been used here as a source.

For the most part, however, the present survey is based on more recent investigations that used modern techniques for sampling zooplankton from larger areas and depth ranges. These studies also have the advantage of using a taxonomic nomenclature fairly well settled by major revisions published in the last several decades. Another relevant source of information for this survey are the reports of observations made from other submersibles and bathyscaphes. French scientists made numerous dives in the Gulf of Lyon and Ligurian Sea during the 1950's and 1960's (Bernard, 1955, 1958; Tregouboff, 1956, 1957) and more recently (Laval and Carré, 1988; Laval et al. 1989, Mills and Goy, 1988; Biggs et al., 1987). Although these reports provide mainly qualitative visual observations, the sightings have been included in the distributional lists and discussions where possible.

This survey is organized into three main sections. The first considers general patterns of zooplankton distribution. This is intended as an overview of hydrography, zooplankton biomass distribution, seasonal abundances and vertical zonation in the Alboran sea specifically, and in the adjoining regions.

The second section considers the occurrence and abundance in the western Mediterranean of the major groups of zooplankton with emphasis on gelatinous forms and bioluminescent species: colonial radiolaria, hydromedusae, scyphomedusae, siphonophores, ctenophores, some polychaetes, some molluscs, pelagic tunicates and some crustaceans. Groups with no known bioluminescent species, notably the pteropods, heteropods, and chaetognaths, are not included in

this survey; neither are adult or larval fishes. Cephalopods, although luminescent have not been included for lack of time and space, and because they are thought unlikely to contribute significantly to luminescence observed from the submersible (E. Widder, pers. comm.). Occurrence in the western Mediterranean of a total of 361 species is summarized in 7 tables. Species are listed alphabetically within Class, Order or Suborder, as appropriate. Abundance and vertical distribution of the most common species are discussed in more detail.

The tables also indicate whether the species is bioluminescent. The letter "a" in the "Lum" column means the genus is considered "definite" in the list of Herring (1987). The letter "b" indicates a genus is considered "uncertain" and the letter "c" indicates that the particular genus is not known to be luminescent, but one or more other genera in the same family is. A blank in the "Lum" column indicates no mention in Herring (1987).

The third section is a taxonomic guide designed to facilitate rapid field identification of animals collected by divers or a submersible, or photographed or videotaped *in situ*. Instead of keys, brief descriptions accompanied by line drawings are arranged in the same order as they appear in the tables of distribution. The illustrated guide includes 254 (70%) of the species listed in the tables. For each species, two higher taxa (Family, Suborder, Order, Subclass or Class) are listed to place species in context of their classification. It is hoped that acccurate identifications can be made fairly quickly by flipping through the pictures. Because the majority of Mediterranean species also occur in the Atlantic and elsewhere, this part of the survey should prove useful in other oceans as well.

## General distribution patterns

### 1. General hydrography

The Alboran basin is relatively shallow, exceeding 1000 m only at the east and northeast. On the south it is bounded by a plateau stretching between Oran (Algeria) and Cabo Tres Forcas (Morocco). On the north, banks exist southeast of Malaga and southwest of Almeria (Spain). As the entry point for Atlantic waters into the Mediterranean, the Alboran Sea is strongly influenced by incurrent water masses. Circulation in the Alboran and western Mediterranean is discussed by Furnestin (1960) and Allain (1960); this brief outline is taken largely from the latter source.

The principal Atlantic surface current entering through the strait of Gibraltar bears east-northeast, but soon curves to the right, taking a more easterly direction (see Fig. 2). Water in the lower edge of this current comes completely around, forming an anticyclonic eddy to the west of Cabo Tres Forcas. Currents in this gyre attain about 1.2 knots on the westerly side. The main current accelerates in passing over the ridge beneath the Isla Alboran, changes direction toward the north. A second anticyclonal eddy is spun off in the bight east of Cabo Tres Forcas; it circulates more slowly, at about 0.2 knots. Turning southerly again, the main

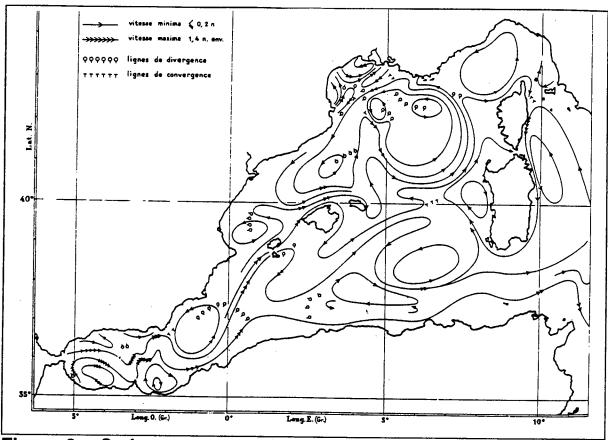


Figure 2. Surface currents in the Alboran Sea and Western Mediterranean (from Allain, 1960).

current passes close to the coast at Oran, then bears northeast, over deeper water, toward the Balearic Islands. A branch of the current continues to follow the north African coastpast Tunisia, and a large cyclonic eddy is produced on the north side of the main stream, within the bight bounded by Cabo de Gata and Cabo Palos in Spain.

The general pattern of surface circulation remains the same to a depth of about 200 m, though velocities are lower. Below 200 m, the water is mainly of Mediterranean origin, and a westerly current carrying Mediterranean water towards the strait of Gibraltar becomes established in the northeast part of the Alboran Sea. Below about 400 m, the circulation is reduced to almost nothing, with only the large cyclonic gyre east of Cabo de Gata and Cabo Palos still moving slowly.

# 2. Distribution of zooplankton biomass

Biomass and diversity of zooplankton are generally higher than in the eastern parts, due largely to the influence of Atlantic waters. The surface waters (to about

200 m) of the Alboran Sea therefore have the greatest abundances and the most similarity in species composition to the Atlantic. Species composition is in most respects identical to that found outside the strait of Gibraltar. Both abundance and Atlantic character of the fauna are diluted as the surface currents move east and northeast, so that the Ligurian and northern Tyrrhenian seas are poorer, and of a more Mediterranean character (Furnestin, 1968).

Within the Alboran Sea, a divergence zone south of the Spanish coast was found by Rodriguez et al. (1982) to have a zooplankton community distinct from that of neritic waters to the north of it. They did not provide any data, however, on biomass distribution within these communities. Bracconot et al. (1983) provide some rather sketchy data from October and November, 1981, on total zooplankton biomass in the 0-200 m layer from stations both within the Sea and in the strait of Gibraltar. Lowest values, around 150 mg d.w. per m², were found in the axis of the strait. Values of 500 mg/m² for the 200 m water column were found in the northwest part of the Alboran. In the divergence zone south of the Spanish coast and in the southeast part of the basin biomass ranged from 200 to 500 mg/m². Much of the zooplankton biomass in the east and southeast parts of the Sea was due to numerous Salpa maxima.

Sampling by Greze et al. (1983) on the Alboran (270 m deep) and Tofinio (90 m deep) banks in the southern part of the Alboran Sea indicated that zooplankton abundance (mainly copepods) was similar to that found in adjacent areas of open water. Numbers of individuals ranged from about 500 to 4600 per m³, and biomass from 22 to 100 mg (d.w.) m³ over the two banks.

Zooplankton distribution along the Catalan coast near Barcelona was investigated by Sabates et al. (1989) between April and July, and September through October, 1983. They found greatest abundances in April and May, when biomass values were as high as 60 mg/m³ in the top 200 m that were sampled. Biomass decreased to about 12 mg/m³ by June and July, and reached a seasonal minimum of 4.5 mg/m³ in September, increasing slightly in October. Values were higher further from shore. Gelatinous forms were a major part of this biomass in the spring. Salps peaked in April and May, and doliolids in July. Medusae and siphonophores were present throughout the sampling period at about the same abundance. Euphausiids were most abundant in April and June, but copepods dominated the abundances in April, June and July.

# Occurrence and distribution of zooplankton groups in the Alboran Sea and adjacent areas.

### 1. Colonial Radiolaria and Acantharia

Radiolaria, both solitary and colonial forms, are widely distributed in all the world oceans. Colonial forms consist of hundreds of cells in a gelatinous matrix and can attain sizes of several cm. The *Collozoum, Thalassicolla, Raphidozoum, Sphaerozoum, Acrosphaera, Collosphaera, Siphonosphaera* and *Cytocladus* are bioluminescent (Herring, 1987). These organisms are readily recognized as radiolarians by their gelatinous or "fluffy" appearance, and some species have quite consistent appearances.

The species listed in Table 1 are those reported from submersible observations. Bernard (1958) ranked the radiolarians, mainly colonial forms, third in abundance after copepods and other crustaceans in his visual census of the water column. They were found throughout the water column, to 900 m.

TABLE 1. RADIOLARIANS AND ACANTHARIANS. Geographic Occurrence

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Species	Figu re	Lu m	Alb ora n	Gibr alte r	Cata lan	Lyon	Ligu rian	Tyrr heni an	Adr iat ic	
acantharians							х			
Acanthometra sp.						х				
Arachnosphaera sp.							х			
Aulacantha scolymantha						x	х			
Aulosphaera spp.		a					х			
Collozoum spp.		a				Х	х			
Myxosphaera coerulea		b					х			
Sphaerozoum spp.		a					х			
Spongosphaera streptacantha							X			

## References

Lyon: Bernard '58, Franqueville '70 Ligurian: Tregouboff '56, '58

# 2. Hydromedusae and Scyphomedusae.

There appears to be relatively little data on the distribution of hydromedusae or scyphomedusae within the Alboran Sea itself (Goy, 1983; Rodriguez, 1983), but there are several studies that consider seasonal and sometimes vertical occurrence of medusae from the Catalan Sea (Gili et al., 1987, 1988), Gulf of Lyon (Casanova, 1970) Ligurian Sea (Goy, 1972; Goy et al., 1989), Gulf of Naples (Vannucci, 1966; Brinckmann, 1970, 1987) and the Adriatic (Benovic, 1973a, 1973b, 1976, 1977; Vucetic, 1982). Probably many of these species are widely distributed throughout the Mediterranean, but simply haven't been as well sampled in the Alboran Sea as they have at Naples, Messina or Villefranche. Although Goy (1983) refers to the strait of Gibraltar as a "planktonic desert" and considers it a zoogeographic barrier for hydromedusae, most species known from the Mediterranean also occur in the Atlantic and elsewhere.

Table 2 lists 104 species of hydromedusae and 9 species of scyphomedusae reported from the Western Mediterranean; of these 92 are described and illustrated in Section D. The species are listed alphabetically within orders. The medusan species which appear to be most abundant in the Alboran Sea and adjacent regions are discussed here, with seasonal and vertical distributions, where known.

Some hydromedusae noted as common in the Alboran area include *Lizzia blondina*, and *Obelia* spp., both abundant in March and April (Rodriguez, 1983). Goy (1983) reported 11 species in the Alboran Sea in autumn, of which *Eucheilota paradoxica* was most abundant, especially in the southwest part of the Sea. Numerous specimens of *Pandea conica* were collected in 1986 by divers in the Alboran (Harbison, pers. comm.). *Persa incolorata* was the only species found in any abundance in the strait of Gibraltar by Goy (1983). Along the Catalan coast, the commonest species collected in the upper 200 m during May and June were *Podocoryne carnea, P. minuta, Lizzia blondina, Obelia spp. Eirene viridula, Aglaura hemistoma* and *Persa incolorata* (Gili et al., 1988). Spring and early summer appeared to be the times of peak abundance for the medusae in this area, with *Lizzia* and *Aglaura* occurring at densities of 10's m<sup>3</sup>.

Deeper collections were reported by Casanova (1970), who found a few species of trachymedusae and narcomedusae in tows as deep as 2000 m. Commonest was *Solmissus albescens*, a large, widely distributed and luminescent narcomedusa. This species occurs throughout the Mediterranean, and is a vertical migrator. In the Adriatic, populations of *S. albescens* migrate between about 600 m and the surface (Benovic, 1973). Mills and Goy (1988) characterize *S. albescens* as "the most numerous medusa in the mesopelagic western Mediterranean", and describe its vertical migration and swimming behavior as observed from a submersible diving near Villefranche. There the medusa moved from daytime depths between 400-700 m to the upper 100 m at night, swimming at about 100 m h<sup>-1</sup>. *Solmissus* has also been reported by other observers in submersibles as one of the commonest medusae seen (Tregouboff, 1956, 1957; Bernard, 1958). Laval et al. (1989) estimated densities of 15 to 208 *Solmissus* per 1000 m<sup>3</sup>. The abundance,

fairly large size (to 5 cm) and bright luminescence of this species make it likely to be an important source of midwater bioluminescence. Sketches of its appearance insitu, as reported by Mills and Gov (1989) are reproduced in Fig. 3.

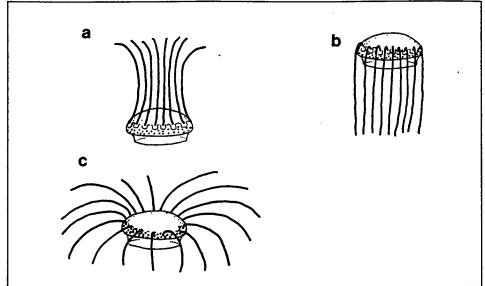


Figure 3. In-situ appearance of Solmissus albescens (from Mills and Goy, 1989).

The most abundant scyphomedusa

from this area appears to be the ubiquitous and troublesome *Pelagia noctiluca*, a medium-size but strongly bioluminescent semaeostome. In recent years, populations of *Pelagia* have reached nuisance proportions in several parts of the Mediterranean. Gili et al. (1987) report maximium densities in the Catalan area of 30 m³ in June. In the Gulf of Lyon and waters off Toulon, Franqueville (1971) found *Pelagia* migrated vertically between about 500 m and the surface. Individuals collected in April had bell diameters between 10 and 50 mm. Evidently, populations of *Pelagia* fluctuate on a cycle of approximately 12 years, going from almost none to very high densities (Goy et al., 1989). Other scyphomedusae that appear fairly common in the western Mediterranean are *Atolla wyvillei*, and *Periphylla periphylla*, which do not migrate (Franqueville, 1971), but are found below about 500 m.

TABLE 1. HYDRO- AND SCYPHOMEDUSAE. Geographic Occurrence

TABLE 1. HYDRO- AND	SCYPHOMEDUSAE.			Geog	raphic	o Occu	Occurrence		
Species	Fig	Lu m	Alb ora n	Gibr alte r	Cata lan	Lyon	Ligu rian	Tyrr heni an	Adr iat ic
HYDROMEDUSAE									
Anthomedusae									
Amphinema dinema	M-1	С			х			х	х
Amphinema rubrum	M-2	С					х		
Amphinema rugosum	м-3	С						х	
Amphinema turrida	M-4	С					Х		
Bougainvillia ramosa	M-5	С				х	х	х	х
Bythotiara murrayi	M-6					Х			х
Calycopsis simplex	M-7						Х		
Calycopsis sp.								х	
Cirrholovenia tetranema							х	х	
Cladonema radiatum	м-8						х	х	
Cytaeis tetrastyla	M-9	-	Х					х	
Dipurena halterata	M-10						х	х	
Dipurena ophiogaster	M-11						х	х	
Ectopleura dumortieri	M-12						Х	X	х
Ectopleura larynx								х	
Ectopleura sacculifera								х	
Eleutheria dichotoma							х	х	
Eucodonium brownei	M-13				x			х	
Euphysa aurata	M-14	a			х	Х		х	Х
Halitiara formosa	M-15						х	Х	
Hybocodon prolifer	M-16				х				
Koellikerina fasciculata	M-17				х			х	
Leuckartiara nobilis	M-18	a					х	х	
Leuckartiara octona	M-19	a			х	х		Х	х
Lizzia blondina	M-20	b	х		х	x	х		
Lizzia fulgurans	M-21	b						х	
Merga tergestina	M-22	С						х	
Merga tregoubovii		С					х		

Species	Fig	Lu m	Alb ora n	Gibr alte r	Cata lan	Lyon	Ligu rian	Tyrr heni an	Adr iat ic
Merga violacea	M-23	С					х		
Neoturris pileata	M-24	С			х	Х			х
Niobia dendrotentaculata	M-25							х	
Oceania armata	M-26							х	х
Octotiara violacea							Х		
Pandea conica	M-27	С	х			Х	Х	Х	
Paragotoea bathybia	M-28						х	х	
Podocoryne areolata							х		х
Podocoryne carnea	M-29	:			х	х		х	
Podocoryne hartlaubi	M-30					Х		х	
Podocoryne minima	M-31	i			х	_		х	х
Podocoryne minuta	M-32				х				Х
Rathkea octopunctata	M-33	b				Х	Х		
Sarsia eximia	M-34						х		
Sarsia gemmifera	M-35		х			х		х	х
Sarsia prolifera	M-36	ļ. <u></u>					х		
Sarsia tubulosa	M-37				х				
Staurocladia portmanni								х	
Steenstrupia nutans	M-38				Х		Х	х	х
Thamnostoma sp.							х		
Tiaranna rotunda	M-39					х			
Tregoubovia atentaculata							х		
Turritopsis nutricula	M-40							х	
Zanclea costata	M-41		х		х		х	х	х
Leptomedusae									
Aequorea aequorea	M-42	a				х	х	х	
Eirene viridula	M-43					х	х		х
Eucheilota paradoxica	M-44	<u> </u>	х						

Species	Fig	Lu m	Alb ora n	Gibr alte r	Cata lan	Lyon	Ligu rian	Tyrr heni an	Adr iat ic
Eugymnanthea inquilina					х			х	
Eutima gegenbauri	M-45				х	х			х
Eutima gracilis	M-46								х
Eutima sp.								х	
Eutonina scintillans							Х		
Helgicirrha schulzei	M-47				х	Х		х	х
Krampella dubia	M-48						х		х
Laodicea neptuna	M-49	b						Х	
Laodicea ocellata	M-50	b				х			х
Laodicea undulata	M-51	b			х	х		х	х
Lovenella cirrata	M-52	а						х	
Mitrocoma annae	M-53	C						х	
Mitrocomella brownei	M-54	O			х				
Obelia spp.	M-55	a	х		х	х	x	х	х
Octophialucium funerarium	M-56	a			х	х	х		х
Orchistomella graeffei							х		х
Phialidium hemisphaericum	M-57	a			Х	х	х	-	х
Phialidium mccradyi	M-58	a	-					х	
Phialidium sp.		a		-			х		
Tima lucullana	M-59	a			х			х	
Limnomedusae			:						
Gonionemus vertens	M-60						х		
Odessia maeotica	M-61					х	х	х	
Olindias phosphorica	M-62						х	х	
Proboscidactyla ornata	M-63						х	х	
Scolionema suvaensis	M-64						х	х	
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Species	Fig	Lu m	Alb ora n	Gibr alte r	Cata lan	Lyon	Ligu rian	Tyrr heni an	Adr iat ic
Trachymedusae									
Aglantha digitale	M-65				х				
Aglaura hemistoma	M-66		х		х	х	х	х	х
Amphogona pusilla							х		
Arctapodema amplum	M-67	С					х		
Arctapodema australe		С							х
Geryonia proboscidalis	M-68	b				х	х	x	
Haliscera bigelowi	M-69				Х	Х			
Haliscera conica	M-70						Х		
Liriope tetraphylla	M-71	b	х			Х	Х	Х	Х
Persa incolorata	M-72		х	х	Х	Х			Х
Ptychogastria asteroides								Х	
Ransonia krampi	M-73				х	х			
Rhopalonema funerarium	M-74	C			х				
Rhopalonema velatum	M-75	C	х		х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Sminthea eurygaster	M-76	n			х				х
Narcomedusae									
Cunina globosa	M-77	a			х				
Cunina sp.		a		·			Х	х	
Pegantha rubiginosa	M-78						х		
Solmaris flavescens	M-79				Х			Х	
Solmaris leucostyla	M-80					Х	х		х
Solmaris solmaris	M-81				Х			,	
Solmissus albescens	M-82	a	х	х	х	Х	х		х
Solmundella bitentaculata	M-83	С	х	х	х	Х		х	X

Species	Fig	Lu m	Alb ora n	Gibr alte r	Cata lan	Lyon	Ligu rian	Tyrr heni an	Adr iat ic
SCYPHOMEDUSAE									
Coronatae									
Atolla wyvillei	M-84	a			х				
Nausithoe punctata	M-85				х	х			
Nausithoe spp.							х		х
Paraphyllina intermedia	M-86				х				
Periphylla periphylla	M-87	a			х	X			
Semaeostomae									
Chrysaora hysoscella	M-88	С					х		
Discomedusa lobata	M-89				х		х		
Pelagia noctiluca	M-90	a			х	х	х		х
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Rhizostomae									
Rhizostoma pulmo	M-91						х		

General: Kramp, '59
Alboran: Goy '83, Rodriguez '83, Harbison pers. comm.
Gibralter: Goy '83
Catalan: Gili et al, '87; '88
Lyon: Razouls & Thiriot '68, Casanova '70, Franqueville '70
Ligurian: Goy '72, Goy et al '89, Tregouboff '56, '58
Tyrrhenian: Brinckmann-Voss '87
Adriatic: Benovic & Bender '87

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Benovic & Bender '87

## 3. Siphonophores.

Siphonophores are diverse and widely distributed predators. Most Mediterranean species are also found in warm parts of the Atlantic or other oceans. Because of the complex life cycle and morphology of siphonophores, and their fragility, many species are known only from parts of the whole organism. Distribution of siphonophores in the Alboran Sea and adjacent areas has been reported by Alvarino (1957), Casanova (1970), Gili et al. (1987, 1988), and Patriti (1969). General distribution in the Mediterranean is discussed by Bigelow and Sears (1937), and worldwide distribution of most described species is summarized by Alvarino (1971). Table 3 lists 56 species of siphonophores reported from the Western Mediterranean. They are arranged alphabetically within suborders, and 49 of them are described and illustrated in Section D. The most abundant species in the western Mediterranean are discussed here.

The small calycophorans are the most common siphonophores in surface waters. Of these, *Abylopsis tetragona, Chelophyes appendiculata, Diphyes dispar, Muggiaea atlantica, Eudoxoides spiralis* and *Lensia conoidea* are listed as common in the western Mediterranean. In the Catalan Sea, *M. atlantica* occurred in densities up to hundreds m<sup>3</sup> in May and June, and *M. kochi* was found in maximum densities of more than 4 m<sup>3</sup> in the Gulf of Gabes near Tripoli (Patriti, 1969). Franqueville (1971) found peak abundances of *A. tetragona* and *Chelophyes appendiculata* in the spring near Toulon, and no evidence for vertical migration.

C. appendiculata was also the most abundant siphonophore seen during submersible dives near Villefranche by Laval et al. (1989). They found this species in the 100-250 m depth range, with evidence of a migration toward the surface at night. Densities of total diphyids (mostly C. appendiculata) ranged to over 200 per 1000 m³. They also noted that C. appendiculata could be distinguished in-situ from the similar Lensia conoidea because in the former both nectophores and stem hang vertically, while in the latter the nectophore is horizontal and the stem hangs perpendicular to it. Other siphonophores reported by Laval et al. and earlier papers (Tregouboff 1956, 1957; Bernard, 1958) included Lensia subtilis, Muggiaea sp., Abylopsis tetragona, Hippopodius hippopus, Lilyopsis rosea, Agalma elegans, Nanomia bijuga, Halistemma rubrum and Forskalia edwardsi.

Physonects are less commonly reported from plankton tows; they are harder to quantify because the colonies break apart in nets. *Agalma elegans* was quite abundant in May in the Catalan Sea (Gili et al. 1988) Submersible observations and collections elsewhere (Pugh and Harbison, 1986, 1987) indicate that large physonects and calycophorans are probably much more common in deep water than net tows suggest.

TABLE 3. SIPHONOPHORES. Geographic Occurrence

Species	Figu re	Lu m	Alb ora n	Gibr alte r	Cata lan	Lyon	Ligu rian	Tyrr heni an	Adr iat ic
Cystonect :e									
Rhizophysa filiformis	s-1	a	х			х	х	х	
Physonectae		ļ							
Agalma elegans	s-2	a		<u></u>	х	Х	х	Х	
Agalma okeni	s-3	a			х		Х	Х	
Agalma sp.		a				х			
Apolemia uvaria	S-4	a					х	Х	
Athorybia rosacea	s-5						х	х	
Cordagalma cordiformis	s-6	С			х				
Forskalia edwardsi	S-7	a			х	х	Х	Х	<u> </u>
Forskalia spp.		a				х	х		
Halistemma rubrum	s-8	a	х		Х		х	х	<u> </u>
Halistemma spp.		a			ļ		х		ļ
Lychnagalma utricularia	s-9	С						х	
Marrus orthocanna	s-10	С			х				<u> </u>
Nanomia bijuga	S-11	a	х		х		x	х	ļ
Nanomia cara	S-12	a	<u> </u>		<u> </u>			X_	ļ
Physophora hydrostatiça	s-13		х		х	Х	х	х	х
					<u> </u>	ļ			
Calycophorae							ļ		
Abyla haeckeli	S-14	a			х				ļ
Abylopsis eschscholtzi	s-15	a	х		х	х	х		
Abylopsis tetragona	S-16	a	х	х	х	х	х	х	x
Amphicaryon acaule	S-17	a				<u> </u>	<u> </u>	X	<u> </u>
Bassia bassensis	s-18	a	х	х	х	х	х	x	х
Ceratocymba sagittata	s-19	a	х	х		ļ			
Chelophyes appendiculata	s-20	a	х	х	х	Х	х	х	х
							·		

Species	Figu re	Lu m	Alb ora n	Gibr alte r	Cata lan	Lyon	Ligu rian	Tyrr heni an	Adr iat ic
Chelophyes contorta	s-21	a	х						
Chuniphyes multidentata	s-22			·	:	x			
Clausophyes ovata	s-23						х		
Diphyes dispar	s-24	a			x	х	х		
Enneagonum hyalinum	s-25	С	х	x	Х	х		х	
Eudoxoides spiralis	s-26	С	х	х	х	Х	х	х	х
Hippopodius hippopus	s-27	a	х	Х	х	х	х	х	х
Lensia campanella	s-28	С							х
Lensia conoidea	s-29	С	х	х	х	х	х	х	
Lensia fowleri	s-30	С	х		х	х	х	х	х
Lensia meteori	s-31	С			х	х	х		х
Lensia multicristata	s-32	С	х	х	Х	х	х	х	
Lensia subtilis	s-33	С			х	x	х	х	х
Lensia subtiloides	s-34	С		х	х				
Lilyopsis rosea	s-35	c					х		
Muggiaea atlantica	s-36	С	x		х	х	х		
Muggiaea kochi	s-37	С	х		х	х	х	х	х
Muggiaea sp.		С					х		
Rosacea cymbiformis	s-38	a				х	х	х	
Rosacea plicata	s-39	a					х	х	
Sphaeronectes bougisi					х				
Sphaeronectes gracilis	S-40						х	х	
Sphaeronectes irregularis	S-41								х
Sphaeronectes kollikeri						х	х		х
Sphaeronectes sp.							х	х	
Sulculeolaria biloba	s-42	a	х		х	х	х	х	Х
Sulculeolaria chuni	S-43	a				х			
Sulculeolaria quadrivalvis	S-44	a			х	х	х	х	

Species	Figu re	Lu m	Alb ora n	Gibr alte r	Cata lan	Lyon	Ligu rian	Tyrr heni an	Adr iat ic
Sulculeolaria turgida	S-45	a				х			
Vogtia glabra	S-46	a			х	х	х	х	
Vogtia pentacantha	S-47	а			х	х	х	х	
Vogtia spinosa	S-48	a	х		х	х		х	

Alvarino '71, Bigelow and Sears '37, Totton '65 General:

Alboran:

Catalan:

Harbison pers. comm.

Gili et al '87, '88, Rodriguez '83

Razouls & Thiriot '68, Casanova '70, Franqueville '70, Bernard '55,58

Biggs et al '86, Laval et al '89, Tregouboff '56, '58

Hure '55 Lyon:

Ligurian:

Adriatic:

# 4. Ctenophores

Ctenophores are not easily collected in nets, and are rarely found in conventional zooplankton surveys. The only recent reports of ctenophoran fauna in the Alboran Sea found were unpublished dive logs (Harbison, pers. comm.) indicating the presence of Pleurobrachia sp., and unidentified cydippid ("redtentacle"). Bolinopsis vitrea, Leucothea multicornis and Beroe spp. A diving survey made near Villefranche in 1986 also found Leucothea multicornis, Pleurobrachia pileus, Callianira bialata, Cestum veneris and Beroe sp. in densities of <1 per 1000m3 in the top 20 m (Biggs et al. 1987). Many ctenophore species were originally studied and described in the Meditteranean by Chun (1878, 1880, 1898), Fedele (1940) and others working in areas like Naples or Messina, where ctenophores were common at the surface and could be collected by dipping from a rowboat. Species found anywhere in the Mediterranean are likely to occur in the Alboran Sea. Most of the Mediterranean species also occur in the Atlantic, with the apparent exception of the genus Ocvropsis. Since this is known from the Canary Islands, it seems remarkable that it has never entered the Mediterranean, and it is possible that it has simply been overlooked. Table 4 lists 25 species of ctenophores from the Mediterranean, of which 20 are described and illustrated.

Some ctenophores occur elsewhere in periodically dense populations. These include species of *Pleurobrachia, Mnemiopsis, Leucothea* and *Beroe*. Large populations are more likely near the surface and near shore, where they may be partly caused by hydrographic aggregation. Most of the species listed here are known from surface waters, but a very rich mesopelagic ctenophore fauna has been discovered in recent years through the use of submersibles. *Bathocyroe fosteri* and *Thalassocalyce inconstans* (Madin and Harbison, 1978a,b), originally described from the Atlantic, have been reported in the Mediterranean (Laval et al. 1989, Carré, pers. comm.). A great many other new species have been reported from submersible dives in the western Atlantic (Larson et al., 1988) and are in the process of being described (Harbison and Botkin, in prep.; Madin, unpubl.).

Virtually all ctenophores studied to date are brightly luminescent, producing light in the meridional canals, or in *Eurhamphaea vexilligera*, releasing luminous secretions when disturbed. They are likely to be important luminous sources in midwater, but may also be difficult to collect and identify.

Ctenophores have been reported from submersible dives by several authors. Laval et al. (1989) reported that *Bathocyroe* sp. was one of the most abundant species seen, occuring mostly between 200 and 750 m. Other species reported were *Pleurobrachia rhodopis, Cestum veneris, Beroe ovata* and *Thalassocalyce inconstans*. Tregouboff (1956, 1957) saw *Pleurobrachia, Cestum, Bolinopsis* and another lobate in bathyscaphe dives near Villefranche, and Bernard (1958) reported small cydippids between 50 and 1000 m off the coast of Toulon.

TABLE 4. CTENOPHORES.	Geogr	Geographic Occurrence										
Species	Figu re	Lu m	Albo ran	Gibr alte r	Cata lan	Lyon	Ligu rian	Tyrr heni an	Ad ri at ic			
Cydippida			,									
Callianira bialata	C-1	a					х	х				
Euplokamis stationis	C-2							х				
Haeckelia bimaculata	C-3	a					х					
Haeckelia rubra	C-4	a						х				
Hormiphora hormiphora		a						х				
Hormiphora plumosa	C-5	a						Х				
Hormiphora spatulata	C-6	a		х								
Hormiphora spp.		a					х		ļ			
Lampea pancerina	C-7	a						х	х			
Pleurobrachia pileus	C-8	a	х	ļ		х	х	Х				
Pleurobrachia rhodopis		a					Х	Х	<u> </u>			
"red-tentacle cydippid"			х			ļ						
						ļ			<u> </u>			
Lobata					<u> </u>		ļ	ļ				
Bathocyroe fosteri	C-9				ļ	<u> </u>	X	ļ	<u> </u>			
Bolinopsis spp.		a			<u></u>		х					
Bolinopsis vitrea	C-10	a	х					Х	<u> </u>			
Deiopea kaloktenota	C-11	a		ļ	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		х	x			
Eurhamphaea vexilligera	C-12	a				ļ	ļ	х	<u> </u>			
Leucothea multicornis	C-13	a	х		<u> </u>		х	х	<u> </u>			
,									<u> </u>			
Thalassocalycida						ļ			ļ			
Thalassocalyce inconstans	C-14						х		-			
Cestida												
Cestum veneris	C-15	a			ļ	<u> </u>	х	х	<u> </u>			
Velamen parallelum	C-16	a						х	<u> </u>			
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Species	Figu re	Lu m	Albo ran	Gibr alte r	Cata lan	Lyon	Ligu rian	Tyrr heni an	Ad ri at ic
Beroida									
Beroe forskalii	C-17	a	х					х	
Beroe mitrata	C-18	a					х		
Beroe ovata	C-19	a				х	х	x	

General: Chun '80, Fedele '40
Alboran: Harbison pers. comm.
Lyon: Razouls & Thiriot '68
Ligurian: Tregouboff '56,'58, Laval et al '89, Biggs et al '86
Tyrrhenian: Chun '80, Fedele '40
Adriatic: Fedele '40

# 5. Polychaetes and Nudibranchs

Records of pelagic polychaetes and nudibranchs are rather scattered; only Hure (1955) devotes much attention to the species found in the Adriatic. Most species however, have a fairly wide distribution and probably can be expected in the Alboran Sea as much as anywhere. The tomopterids are known to be bioluminescent (Herring, 1987), and the alciopids secrete a greenish-yellow ink when disturbed, which may be luminescent. The nudibranch *Phyllirhoe* is also luminescent. These zooplankters rarely seem abundant enough that their vertical or seasonal distributions have been analyzed. Bernard (1955) saw *Tomopteris* at 660 and 1085 m; Tregouboff (1956, 1957) noted that genus and other pelagic polychaetes at 200, 650 and 990 m. In the Caribbean, large (25 cm) tomopterids have been collected at about 900 m (Madin, unpubl.). Table 5 lists 14 species; 6 are illustrated.

POLYCHAETES and NUDIBRANCHS. Geographic Occurrence

TABLE 5. POLYCHAETES	s and	NUD.	TRKWING	mo. v	seogra,	phic .	000022		
Species	Fig ure	Lu m	Albo ran	Gibr alte r	Cata lan	Lyon	Ligu rian	Tyrr heni an	Adr iat ic
Polychaetes									
Alciopa contrainii									х
Asterope candida					ļ				х
Calizonella lepidota	P-1								х
Lopadorhynchus brevis									х
Lopadorhynchus uncinatus	P-2					х			х
Sagitella kowalevskii									х
Tomopteris cavalii		a			ļ	х	х		х
Tomopteris elegans		a		<u> </u>			-		х
Tomopteris helgolandica	P-3								X
Tomopteris planktonis									Х
Tomopteris sp.		a	х			ļ	_	ļ	ļ
Vanadis crystallina	P-4							ļ	<u> </u>
Vanadis formosa	P-5								-
Nudibranchs									
Phyllirhoe sp.	P-6	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u></u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		<u> </u>

Bernard '55, Franqueville '71 Tregouboff '56, '58 Hure '55 Lyon: Ligurian: Adriatic:

## 6. Pelagic Tunicates

There don't seem to be any recent reports of pelagic tunicates from the Alboran, but Jansa (1985) collected 13 species of larvaceans and 1 salp in the region west and south of Mallorca in the Catalan Sea. Most abundant were Oikopleura longicauda, O. dioica and Fritillaria borealis. The only salp collected was Thalia democratica. Most species known from the Mediterranean are widely distributed there (and in other oceans), and probably occur in the Alboran. Table 6 lists 54 species of Thaliaceans and Larvaceans, and 38 of these are described and illustrated. The larvaceans are better represented in net collections because they are smaller and more numerous. Except in periodic swarms, salps are likely to be sparsely distributed. Doliolids can also form dense populations, but are more likely to be scattered in midwater. Pyrosomes are intensely luminescent, but luminescence of salps and doliolids is doubtful.

A few species, *Pyrosoma atlantica, Salpa fusiformis, Iasis zonaria* and possibly *Thetys vagina* are vertical migrators. Off Toulon, Franqueville (1971) found *P. atlantica* and *S. fusiformis* between 300 -900 m during the day and in the top 200 m at night. Other species reported (*S. maxima, P. bicaudata, T. democratica, I. punctata*) were generally at shallower depths. Maximum abundance of the salps was generally in the spring, but most pyrosomes were collected in autumn.

Salps have been rather infrequently seen from submersibles in the Mediterranean. Bernard (1958) reported a few *Thalia* at 310 m; Tregouboff (1956, 1957) saw these, as well as *S. maxima* and *P. bicaudata*. Laval et al. (1989) found only a few *S. fusiformis* and 7 pyrosome colonies. On the other hand, small pyrosomes (to 10 cm), were quite common on dives made by Tregouboff (1956, 1957).

Larvaceans and their houses are much more commonly reported from submersibles. Tregouboff and Bernard saw species of *Fritillaria, Megalocercus* and *Stegosoma*, some to depths of 300 m. Laval et al. (1989) observed very high densities of houses of *Oikopleura albicans* and other oikopleurids in the upper layers. They estimated that abundances ranged from 200 to 1 million houses per 1000 m³, and that over 50% of them were abandoned. Similar densities were reported in surface waters by Scuba divers (Biggs et al., 1987). Much larger houses, attributed to *Megalocercus abyssorum* or *Stegosoma magnum* were seen from 300-450 m. These houses were up to 4 cm in diameter, and were seen in densities up to 59 per 1000 m³. Both the larvaceans themselves and the houses (in some species at least) are luminescent (Galt, 1989).

TABLE 6 PELAGIC TUNICATES. Geographic Occurrence

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Species	Figur e	Lu m	Alb ora n	Gib ral ter	Cata lan	Lyon	Ligu rian	Tyrr heni an	Adr iat ic
Pyrosomas								<u>.</u>	
Pyrosoma atlanticum	т-1	a				х	Х		
pyrosomes		a	х				х		Х
Doliolids									
Dolioletta gegenbauri	T-2	С					х		х
Doliolum denticulatum	т-3	b			х		х		х
Doliolum mulleri	T-4	b	х		х		х		х
Doliolum nationalis		b	х		х	х			х
Salps									
Cyclosalpa affinis	T-5	b			х				
Cyclosalpa pinnata	т-6	b				х			ļ
Cyclosalpa polae	T-7	b						<u> </u>	ļ
Helicosalpa virgula	т-8			ļ	Х		х	х	ļ
Iasis zonaria	т-9								<u> </u>
Ihlea punctata	T-10					Х	х	ļ <u>-</u>	
Pegea bicaudata	T-11			ļ	ļ	Х	x		
Pegea confoederata	т-12						Х		
Pegea socia	т-13		х			ļ <u>.</u>			ļ
Salpa fusiformis	T-14				х	х	х		х
Salpa maxima	т-15		х		Х	х	X		х
Thalia democratica	т-16		х	<u> </u>	x	х	х	<u> </u>	х
Thalia orientalis	т-17		<u> </u>	ļ	X				<del> </del>
Thetys vagina	T-18				х		ļ		
				<u> </u>	ļ	<u> </u>			<u> </u>
				<u> </u>			<u> </u>		
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Species	Figur e	Lu m	Alb ora n	Gib ral ter	Cata lan	Lyon	Ligu rian	Tyrr heni an	Adr iat ic
Appendicularians									
Appendicularia sicula	т-19				х		Х	х	х
Appendicularia tregouboffi							Х		
Folia gracilis	T-20	b					х	х	
Fritillaria aequatorialis	т-21				х		X	х	
Fritillaria borealis	т-22				х		х		х
Fritillaria charybdae							х	х	
Fritillaria fagei						!	х		
Fritillaria formica							х		
Fritillaria fraudax					х		x		
Fritillaria gracilis	т-23				х		х	х	
Fritillaria haplostoma	T-24				х	х	х	х	х
Fritillaria megachile	т-25				х	х	х	х	
Fritillaria messanensis							х	х	
Fritillaria pellucida	т-26		х	х	х	Х	х	х	х
Fritillaria spp.			х				х		
Fritillaria tenella							х	х	
Fritillaria urticans							х	х	
Fritillaria venusta	т-27				х		х	х	
Kowalevskia tenuis	т-28	ļ				х	х	х	Х
Kowalevskia oceanica			ļ	ļ			х		
Megalocercus abyssorum	T-29	С			х	х	Х	х	х
Oikopleura albicans	т-30	a			х	х	х	х	х
Oikopleura cophocerca	T-31	a			х	х	х		х
Oikopleura dioica	т-32	a	ļ	ļ	х	х	х	х	х
Oikopleura fusiformis	т-33	a			х	х	х	х	х
Oikopleura graciloides		a					х	х	
Oikopleura intermedia	T-34	a			х		х	х	· x

Species	Figur e	Lu m	Alb ora n	Gib ral ter	Cata lan	Lyon	Ligu rian	Tyrr heni an	Adr iat ic
Oikopleura mediterranea		a						х	х
Oikopleura parva	т-36	a			х	х	х	х	
Oikopleura rufescens	T-37	a			х		х	х	
Oikopleura sp.		a	х						<u> </u>
Pelagopleura haranti		С					x		
Stegosoma magnum	T-38	a			х	х	х	х	х
Tectillaria fertilis							х		

General: Fenaux '67

Alboran:

Catalan:

Rodriguez '83, Rodriguez et al '82, Harbison, pers. comm.

Jansa '85, Trepat '83, Godeaux '85

Bernard '58, Franqueville '70,'71, Razouls & Thiriot '68, Casanova '70

Tregouboff '56,'58, Laval et al '89, Bracconot '70,'73, Fenaux '59

Hure '55, Godeaux '87 Lyon: Ligurian:

Adriatic:

#### 7. Crustaceans

As elsewhere, the crustaceans, particularly copepods, make up most of the numbers, biomass and diversity of the zooplankton. Although there is a much larger historical literature concerning copepods and other crustaceans in the Mediterranean, only recent studies concerned with the Alboran Sea and adjacent areas are considered here. The papers by Rodriguez (1983) and Rodriguez et al. (1982) are mainly concerned with copepods in the Alboran. Table 7 lists 90 species of hyperiid amphipods, euphausiids, mysids, copepods, ostracods and decapod shrimp; 45 of these are described and illustrated. Cladocerans have no known luminescent genera and are not included. One hyperiid amphipod genus is reportedly luminescent, as are a few copepods. All the listed genera of euphausiids, ostracods and almost all the decapods are also bioluminescent.

The most abundant copepods reported in the Alboran Sea in March, April and May from tows taken in the top 20 m were *Paracalanus parvus*, *Clausocalanus spp.*, *Centropages chierchiae*, *Acartia clausi*, *Temora stylifera*, *Oncaea* spp. and *Oithona* spp. (Rodriguez, 1983). Furnestin (1968) cites *P. parvus*, *Clausocalanus arcuicornis* and *T. stylifera* as the species constituting most of the copepod biomass in the Alboran in early summer. The only ostracod reported by Rodriguez (1983) was *Conchoecia* sp., which had maximal abundance in March and April. Another genus, *Cypridina*, is distributed throughout the Mediterranean but in deeper water than sampled by Rodriguez.

Euphausiids were collected with midwater trawls by Wiebe and D'Abramo (1972) in several parts of the Mediterranean. The dominant species occuring in the Alboran Sea were Euphausia krohni, Nematoscelis megalops, Stylocheiron abbreviatum and S. suhmii. Vertical distribution of larger crustaceans near Toulon is reported by Franqueville (1971). With the exception of Stylocheiron maximum, which was always found between 200 - 500 m, euphausiids collected by Franqueville were diel migrators, moving from 400 - 2400 m by day to near surface waters at night. Most abundant species were Meganyctiphanes norvegica, with maximum abundances in summer of 100 per 5000 m3, Euphausia krohnii and Nematoscelis megalops. The hyperiid amphipods Phronima sedentaria and Scina crassicornis exhibited diel migration between 400 - 1400 m by day and 0 - 200 m at night. Maximum seasonal abundances of P. sedentaria and Phrosina semilunata were in spring and fall. Decapod shrimp in Franqueville's samples were dominated by Sergestes arcticus, with maximum abundance in summer, and Gennadas elegans, most common in winter and spring. Both migrate from daytime depths as great as 1400 m to the top 100 m at night.

Submersible observations (Bernard, 1955, 1958; Tregouboff, 1956, 1957) have included reports of "large copepods", mainly calanoids 3 - 5 mm long and mainly below 900 m, *Sapphirina* sp. at 300 and 1900 m, euphausiids common between 600 and 2000 m, the peneid *Gennadas elegans* between 500 - 600 m, and sergestids below about 600 m. Laval et al. (1989) saw *Phronima* in barrels from their submersible.

TABLE 7. CRUSTACEANS. Geographic Occurrence

Species	Figur e	Lu m	Alb ora n	Gib ral ter	Cat ala n	Lyon	Ligu rian	Tyrr heni an	Adr iat ic
Amphipods									
Amphithyrus bispinosus									х
Amphithyrus similis						Х			
Brachyscelus crusculum	CR-1		х	х	х	х	х	х	х
Calamorhynchus rigidus									х
Euprimno macropus						х			х
Eupronoe minuta		С				Х			х
Glossocephalus milne-edwardsi						х			
Hyperia schizogeneios						х .			х
Hyperia hydrocephala									х
Hyperioides longipes						х			х
Lycaeopsis themistoides						Х			
Paralycaea gracilis		! !				х			
Paraphronima gracilis									х
Phronima atlantica	CR-2					х			х
Phronima sedentaria	CR-3					х	х		
Phronimella elongata	CR-4					х			
Phronimopsis spinifera									х
Phrosina semilunata	CR-5					х			х
Platyscelus ovoides	CR-6		х	х	х	х	х	х	х
Platyscelus serratulus						х			х
Pseudolycea pachypoda	CR-7					х	х	х	
Rhabdosoma brevicaudatum									х
Scina borealis		a				х			
Scina crassicornis	CR-8	a				х			х
Streetsia challengeri	CR-9		х	х	х	х	х	х	

Species	Figur e	Lu m	Alb ora n	Gib ral ter	Cat ala n	Lyon	Ligu rian	Tyrr heni an	Adr iat ic
Tetrathyrus forcipatus									х
Vibilia armata						х			х
Vibilia jeangerardi									х
Vibilia viatrix						х			х
Euphausiids									
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Euphausia brevis		a	х		ļ	ļ		Х	
Euphausia hemigibba		a			х	Х	<u> </u>	X	
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Meganyctiphanes norvegica	CR-11	a				х			
Nematoscelis atlantica		a				х			
Nematoscelis megalops	CR-12	a			ļ	х			
Stylocheiron abbreviatum		a				х			
Stylocheiron longicorne		a	х		х	х		х	
Stylocheiron maximum	CR-13	a				х			<u> </u>
Stylocheiron suhmii		a	х	1		ļ		х	<u> </u>
Thysanopoda aequalis	CR-14	a	x		х	х	-	х	
Mysids									
Boreomysis semicaeca						х			
Euchaetomeropsis merolepis						х			
Eucopia hanseni						х			
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Copepods									
Acartia clausi	CR-15		х						х
Acartia grani			х						
Aetidius armatus			х						х
Calanus brevicornis		С	х	х					
Calanus helgolandicus	CR-16	С	х			.,			х
Calanus minor		С	х						
Calocalanus sp.			х						х
Centropages chierchiae	CR-17		х	х	х		х		
Centropages kroyeri	CR-18		х						
Centropages typicus	CR-19		х						х
Clausocalanus arcuicornis	CR-20		х						х
Clausocalanus sp.			Х						
Coryceus sp.	CR-21	b	х						х
Ctenocalanus vanus			Х		Х	Х	х		х
Eucalanus elongatus	CR-22		х	Х	х	!	Х		х
Eucalanus hyalinus			х						
Eucalanus monachus			х	х	х	-	Х		
Euterpina acutifrons			х			. ,			
Haloptilis acutifrons	CR-23	a	х						x
Lucicutia flavicornis	CR-24	a	х						х
Oithona sp.	CR-25	b	х						х
Oncaea sp.	CR-26	а	х						х
Onchocalanus spp.							х		
Paracalanus parvus	CR-27		х						х
Pleuromamma borealis	CR-28	a	х						
Pleuromamma gracilis	CR-29	a	х						х
Pseudocalanus elongatus			х					**	
Rhincalanus nasutus	CR-30		х						
Sapphirina sp.	CR-31		х						х

Species	Figur e	Lu m	Alb ora n	Gib ral ter	Cat ala n	Lyon	Ligu rian	Tyrr heni an	Adr iat ic
Scolecithrix bradyi	CR-32	С	х						х
Temora longicornis	CR-33		х						
Temora stylifera	CR-34		х						х
Ostracods									
Conchoecia sp.	CR-35	a	х						х
Cypridina castanea	CR-36	a							
Decapods									
Acanthephyra pelagica	CR-37	a				х			
Funchalia sp.							х		ļ
Gennadus elegans	CR-38	b				х			
Lucifer typus						х			х
Pasiphaea multidentata	CR-39	С				х			
Pasiphaea sivado	CR-40	С				х			
Sergestes arcticus	CR-41	a				х			х
Sergestes corniculum		a			ļ	х			
Sergestes mollis		a				х			
Sergestes robustus	CR-42	a				х			
Sergestes sargassi	CR-43	a				х			
Sergestes.spp.		a	<u> </u>			х	Х		
Sergestes vigilax	CR-44	a				х			

Stephensen '25, Rose '33, Crosnier & Forest '73, Wiebe & D'Abramo General:

Alboran:

Rodriguez '83, Rodriguez et al '82, Furnestin '68
Bernard '55, Franqueville '70,'71, Casanova, Razouls & Thiriot '68
Tregouboff '56, '58
Hure '55

Lyon: Ligurian:

Adriatic:

Illustrated systematic guide to zooplankton of the Alboran Sea and adjacent areas.

The following guide is intended for use in the field, with live animals or images of them. An effort was made to keep the descriptions concise, specific and free of specialized terminology or abbreviations. Some terms specific to major groups are defined in the beginning of each taxonomic section. For some groups like copepods and larvaceans, specialists differentiate species on the basis of rather obscure or morphometric characters. These have been avoided here wherever possible. The illustrations are compiled from a variety of sources, indicated for each section. Wherever possible, a picture of the whole animal was used, but in the case of some siphonophores, larvaceans and crustaceans, only illustrations of parts were available. Original captions (not always in English) have been left on the illustrations in some instances.

# Hydromedusae and Scyphomedusae

What are commonly called jellyfish are medusae belonging to two Classes of the Cnidaria -- the Hydrozoa and the Scyphozoa. Hydromedusae possess a velum around the umbrella opening that scyphomedusae lack. Since the morphology and life history is broadly similar, it is most practical to treat them as one group here. There are perhaps 1000 species of hydro- and scyphomedusae, with undoubtedly more to be discovered, especially in deep or polar waters (e.g. Larson et al. 1988; Larson and Harbison, 1990). Some meso- or bathypelagic species known from other regions may occur in the Mediterranean, but have not yet been reported, and are not included here. Many species are luminescent, some very conspicuously.

Many of these medusae are part of a life history that alternates between a sessile, benthic, asexually reproducing polyp and a sexually reproducing and dispersing planktonic medusa. However, many oceanic medusae have lost the polyp stage and have evolved a variety of sexual and asexual reproductive mechanisms that do not require a benthic habitat. In many cases polyp and medusa stages were described separately, with different names, and there are still many instances in which the two stages have not been recognized as belonging to the same species. There are two classifications for Hydromedusae, based either on the polyp (hydroid) or medusoid forms. In this description, the classification follows that of Kramp (1961) based on medusoid stages.

#### **HYDROMEDUSAE**

- 1. Anthomedusae. This order includes relatively small forms ranging in size from less than 1 mm to several cm. The umbrella is usually a tall bell shape, and gonads are almost always found on the sides of the central stomach. There are 4 radial canals connecting the stomach to a marginal ring canal. Tentacles occur in varying numbers around the umbrella margin and sometimes around the mouth. Anthomedusae alternate with polyp forms, but some also bud medusae directly.
- 2. Leptomedusae. These medusae are generally flatter than a hemisphere. They usually have 4 radial canals, but sometimes 8 or more, or canals that are branched. Gonads are located on the radial canals, and there may be various sense organs on the margin. The stomach is sometimes flat, and sometimes mounted on a peduncle which can be quite long. There are tentacles around the margin but not the mouth. Leptomedusae also alternate with hydroids, but again there are instances of direct production of new medusae by budding or fission.
- 3. Limnomedusae. Both high and low umbrella shapes are found in this group. There are usually 4 radial canals, sometimes branched. Centripetal canals occur in some species. Gonads are either on the stomach or the radial canals. There is alternation of generations. Many limnomedusae live in brackish or even fresh water, but there are marine genera.
- 4. Trachymedusae. These medusae do not alternate generations, but develop young medusae directly from planula larvae. The umbrella is often high, with stiff mesoglea and well developed muscle fibers. Most have 8 unbranched radial canals and gonads located on them. Many trachymedusae live in deep water and are heavily pigmented.

5. Narcomedusae. Narcomedusae also have direct development of medusae from planulae, and larvae are often parasitic on other medusae. There are no radial canals, but the flat central stomach is very wide and, in some genera, extends into radial stomach pouches. The umbrella margin is divided into lobes by grooves. Tentacles are solid and stiff, and often extend aborally. Narcomedusae are common in epipelagic and mesopelagic environments; some are strong vertical migrators.

### SCYPHOMEDUSAE

- 6. Coronatae. This order of scyphomedusae includes mainly deepwater forms. The umbrella is divided into a high central part and a thinner marginal part by a coronal groove. The margin of the bell is divided into lappets; sense organs and solid tentacles arise from the cleft between lappets. The mouth has simple lips and the gastrovascular cavity is often deeply pigmented.
- 7. Semaeostomae. The familiar large jellyfish are mainly in this order of the Scyphozoa. The umbrella margin is divided into lappets, and bears sense organs and hollow tentacles. There is no coronal groove around the umbrella. The mouth opening is surrounded by four long oral arms, often frilled. Gonads are in folds of the subumbrella.

The classification and nomenclature used here follows Kramp (1961). Descriptions, illustrations and distributions are mainly from Kramp (1959, 1961), Goy (1983), Russell (1953, 1970) and Tregouboff and Rose (1957).

# Terminology:

abaxial - outer surface of tentacle or bulb, away from umbrella

aboral - the side of the umbrella opposite the mouth

bell or umbrella - the main gelatinous body of a medusa

centripetal canals - radial canals that begin at the bell margin and run partway to the apex

cirri - small tentacle-like structures between true tentacles on the margin

cordyli - club-shaped marginal structures located between tentacles

coronal groove - a groove separating the central part of the bell from the peripheral in coronate scyphomedusae

exumbrellar - the upper or aboral surface of the umbrella

interradial - aligned between the 4 primary radii

lappets - separated sections of the umbrella margin

manubrium - central part of the medusa containing stomach and mouth

margin - the edge of the umbrella

marginal clubs - short clublike structures around the margin, between tentacles marginal vesicles - spherical sensory structures arranged around the margin nematocyst knobs - clump of nematocysts at the end of the tentacles nematocyst rings - thickened rings of nematocysts around the shaft of the tentacles nematocyst tracks - rows of nematocysts, usually on the umbrella surface ocelli - light sensitive structures around the margin or at the bases of the tentacles oral arms - extended lips hanging down from the mouths of semaeostome scyphomedusae

oral tentacles - tentacles arranged around the mouth in anthomedusae

otoporpae - linear structures, possibly sensory, on the marginal lappets of some narcomedusae

perradial - aligned with the 4 principal radial canals

pyriform - pear-shaped

radial canals - the gastrovascular canals in the umbrella, extending from the stomach to the margin

rhopalia - complex sensory structures on the margin of scyphomedusae

statocysts - gravity-sensing vesicles on the margin

stomach pouches - radial extensions of the central gastrovascular cavity

subumbrella - the under or oral side of the umbrella

tentacle bulbs - the swellings on the margin from which the tentacles arise

tentacle rudiments - undeveloped tentacle bulbs

tentaculae - small tentacles

Species: Amphinema dinema

FAMILY: **Pandeidae** ORDER: Anthomedusae

SIZE: to 6 mm high, 4 mm wide DESCRIPTION: globular bell with long, conical apical projection, 2 long tentacles with long conical bulbs, flask-shaped stomach with 4 recurved lips, simple adradial gonads LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists 2 other

pandeids as definitely luminescent DISTRIBUTION: N. Atlantic, Indian, Med.

SPECIES: Amphinema rubra

FAMILY: Pandeidae ORDER: Anthomedusae

7 mm high, 4.5 mm wide SIZE: DESCRIPTION: ovoid bell coming to apical point, thick jelly, 2 tentacles with large conical bulbs, 6 small tentaculae, stomach barrel shaped, dark reddish-brown.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists 2 other pandeids as definitely luminescent

DISTRIBUTION: Antarctic, in deep water.

SPECIES: Amphinema rugosum

FAMILY: Pandeidae ORDER: **Anthomedusae** 

SIZE: 5 mm high, 3 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: domed bell with conical apical projection, 2 long tentacle with long bulbs, 16-24 solid tentaculae, stomach flaskshaped, gonads with 3-4 folds.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists 2 other

pandeids as definitely luminescent DISTRIBUTION: N. Atlantic, W. Pacific, Med.

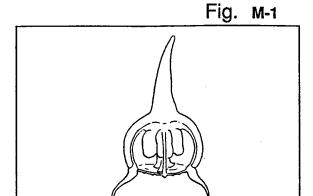


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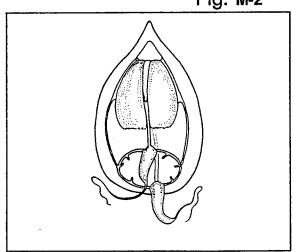


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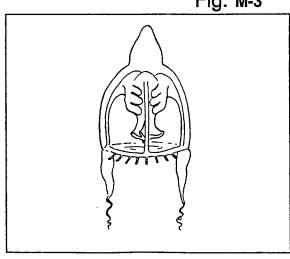


Fig. M-4

SPECIES: Amphinema turrida

FAMILY: Pandeidae ORDER: Anthomedusae

SIZE: 4-7 mm high, slightly less

wide

DESCRIPTION: domed bell, conical projection, 2 long tentacles, 14 small tentaculae, pyriform stomach with large lips, gonads folded, extending along radial canals LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists 2 other

pandeids as definitely luminescent

DISTRIBUTION: tropical Atlantic, Pacific, Med.

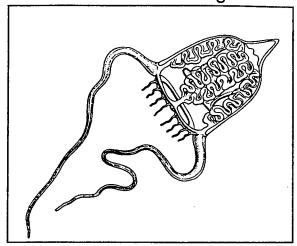


Fig. M-5

Species: Bougainvillia ramosa

FAMILY: Bougainvilliidae ORDER: Anthomedusae

2 - 3.5 mm high and wide SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: globular bell, thick jelly, 3-4 long tentacles from each bulb, stomach short, oral tentacles short, divided 1-2 times, gonads globular in female, elongate

in male

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists Lizzia in

this family as uncertain. DISTRIBUTION: N. Atlantic, Med.

Fig. M-6

SPECIES: Bythotiara murrayi

Calycopsidae FAMILY: ORDER: Anthomedusae

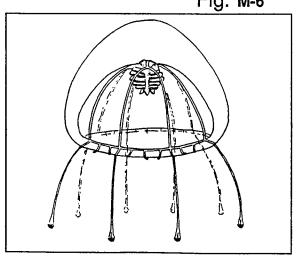
to 20 mm high and wide SIZE: DESCRIPTION: globular bell, thick walls, 4 bifurcate radial canals, 8 or more long tentacles with end knobs, small tentaculae,

small stomach, gonads with transverse furrows.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: E. Atlantic, Med. in deep

water



Species: Calycopsis simplex

FAMILY: ORDER:

Calycopsidae Anthomedusae

SIZE:

8 mm high and wide

Description: globular bell, 4 centripetal canals, 8 tentacles, stomach short, gonads

with few transverse folds.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Norway, in deep water

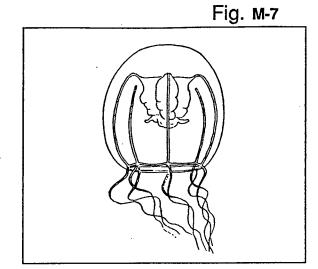


Fig. M-8

Species: Cladonema radiatum

FAMILY: ORDER: Cladonematidae Anthomedusae

SIZE:

4 mm high, 3 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: thin walled bell, 4-5 bifurcate or 8-10 simple radial canals, 8-10 tentacles with 4-6 branches, nematocyst knobs, 4-5 oral tentacles, gonad with 4-5 sacs.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: N. Atlantic, Med., Black Sea, creeps and swims

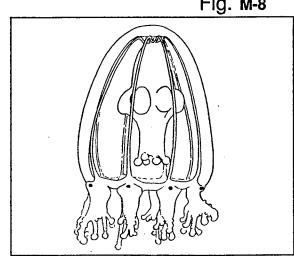


Fig. M-9

Species: Cytaeis tetrastyla

FAMILY:

ORDER:

Cytaeidae Anthomedusae

SIZE:

6 mm high, 5 mm wide

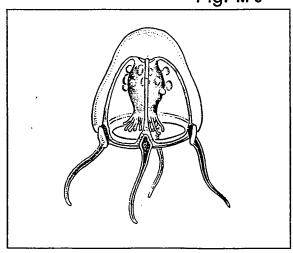
DESCRIPTION: domed bell, 4 tentacles with large, black bulbs, to 32 oral tentacles with nematocyst knobs, large stomach with

medusa buds on upper part.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: tropical and subtropical

Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.



SPECIES: Dipurena halterata

FAMILY: Corynidae ORDER: Anthomedusae

SIZE: 8 mm high, 6 mm wide DESCRIPTION: bell-shaped, thick jelly, 4 tentacles with 3-6 nematocyst rings and terminal knob, stomach on very long manubrium, gonads halfway down

manubrium

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: N. Atlantic, Med.

SPECIES: Dipurena ophiogaster

Corynidae FAMILY: Anthomedusae ORDER:

5 mm high, slightly less wide SIZE: Description: bell-shaped, 4 tentacles with small, irregular nematocyst clusters,

stomach on long manubrium, gonad with 2-

6 segments on manubrium. LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: N. Atlantic, Pacific, Med.

Fig. M-10

Fig. M-11

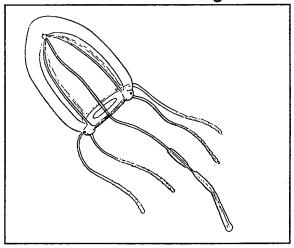


Fig. M-12

Species: Ectopleura dumortieri

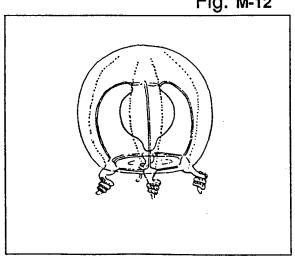
FAMILY: Tubulariidae ORDER: Anthomedusae

SIZE: 2-3 mm high and wide DESCRIPTION: spherical bell, thick jelly, 4 tentacles with large bulbs, nematocyst clusters along length, 8 nematocyst tracks on exumbrella, stomach short.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists Euphysa

in this family as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Indian, Pacific, Med.



Species: Eucodonium brownei

FAMILY: Tubulariidae
Order: Anthomedusae

Size: 1 mm high and wide

DESCRIPTION: globular bell, thin walls, 4 thin tentacles with terminal nematocyst knobs, stomach on short peduncle, with medusa buds on upper part, simple mouth.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists Euphysa

in this family as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: N. Atlantic, Med.

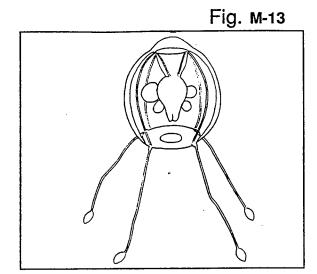


Fig. M-14

Species: Euphysa aurata

FAMILY: Tubulariidae
ORDER: Anthomedusae

SIZE: 4 mm high, slightly less wide DESCRIPTION: tall bell, thick jelly, 1 tentacle with rings of nematocysts, stomach tubular, encircled by gonad.

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LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists as

definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Med.

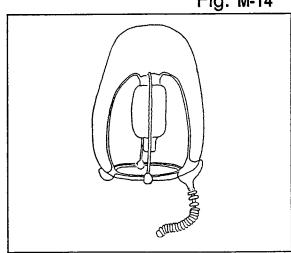
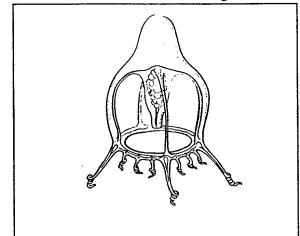


Fig. M-15



Species: Halitiara formosa

FAMILY: Pandeidae
ORDER: Anthomedusae
Size: 3 mm high

Description: pear-shaped bell, solid apical projection, 4 hollow main tentacles, 24-35 short, solid, tightly-coiled tentacles, stomach half as long as bell, mouth simple.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists 2 other

pandeids as definitely luminescent DISTRIBUTION: tropical Atlantic, Pacific,

Indian, Med.

Fig. M-16

SPECIES: Hybocodon prolifer

FAMILY: Tubulariidae Anthomedusae ORDER:

SIZE: 4 mm high, 3 mm wide DESCRIPTION: bell-shaped, margin oblique, 1 bulb with 1-3 tentacles, 5 exumbrellar nematocyst tracks, cylindrical stomach and gonad, medusa buds on tentacle bulb.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists Euphysa

in this family as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: temperate and subarctic

Atlantic, Pacific

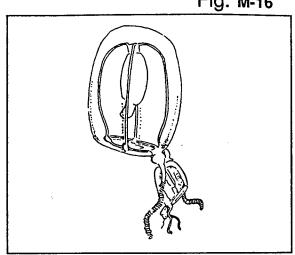


Fig. M-17

Koellikerina fasciculata SPECIES:

Bougainvilliidae FAMILY: ORDER: Anthomedusae

8 mm high, 9 mm wide SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: barrel-shaped, thick walls, 8 tentacle bulbs, each with 10-13 tentacles. stomach on short peduncle, with oral tentacles divided 7 times, 4 horseshoe shaped gonads.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists Lizzia in

this family as uncertain.

DISTRIBUTION: Med., Atlantic, Black Sea.

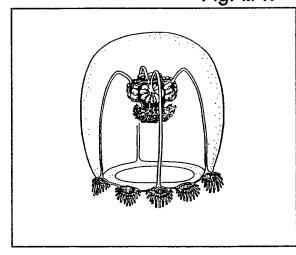
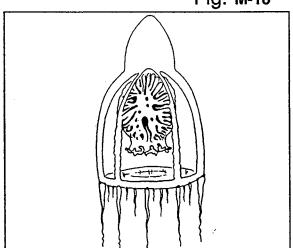


Fig. M-18



Leuckartiara nobilis SPECIES:

Pandeidae FAMILY: Anthomedusae ORDER:

to 27 mm high and 20 mm SIZE:

wide

Description: bell-shaped with conical apical projection, about 40 tentacles of various sizes, dark red ocelli, large manubrium, folded lips, folded gonads cover stomach. LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: N. Atlantic, Pacific, Med.

Species: Leuckartiara octona

FAMILY: Pandeidae
ORDER: Anthomedusae
Size: to 20 mm high

DESCRIPTION: bell-shaped, with conical or spherical apical projection, 12-24 (usu.16) tentacles, 16+ tentacle rudiments, red ocelli, furrowed gonads cover broad

stomach.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

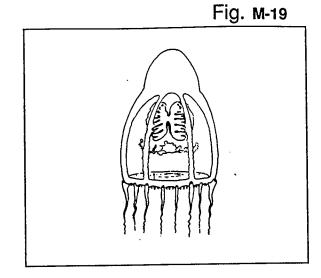


Fig. M-20

Species: Lizzia blondina

FAMILY: Bougainvilliidae Order: Anthomedusae

SIZE: 1-2 mm high and wide
DESCRIPTION: globular bell, thick apex, 8
tentacle bulbs, perradial with 1-3 tentacles,

interradial with 1, stomach on short

peduncle with oral tentacles, medusa buds.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION:-NE Atlantic, Med.

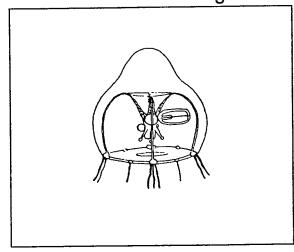


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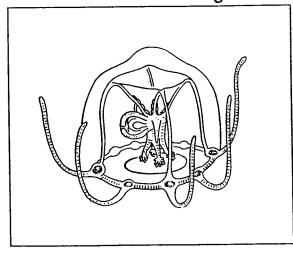
Species: Lizzia fulgurans

FAMILY: Bougainvilliidae
ORDER: Anthomedusae
Size: 1 mm high

Description: soft, globular bell, 8, sometimes 16, stiff recurved tentacles, small stomach on pyramidal peduncle, 4 oral tentacles, medusa buds on stomach. Luminescence: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: NW Atlantic.



Species: Merga tergestina

FAMILY: Pandeidae
ORDER: Anthomedusae

SIZE: 7 mm high, 4 mm wide
DESCRIPTION: bell with thin walls and high,
pointed apical projection, 4-8 tentacles with
large bulbs, also some rudimentary bulbs,

stomach short, gonads smooth.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists 2 other

pandeids as definitely luminescent DISTRIBUTION: E. tropical Atlantic, Med.

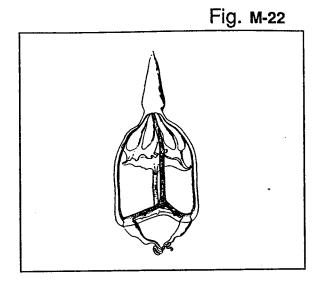


Fig. M-23

Species: Merga violacea

Family: Pandeidae
Order: Anthomedusae

SIZE: to 11 mm high, 7 mm wide DESCRIPTION: bell with domed apex, 8-12 long and 24-36 rudimentary tentacles, stomach half length of bell, cross-shaped in section, smooth adradial gonads.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists 2 other

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DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

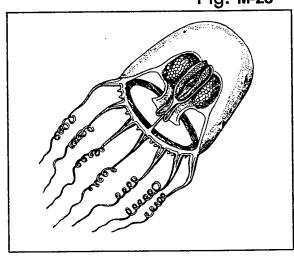


Fig. M-24

Species: Neoturris pileata

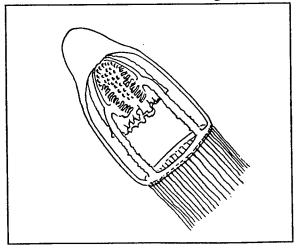
Family: Pandeidae Order: Anthomedusae

Size: to 40 mm high, 25 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: bell with variable apical projection, 60-80 tentacles with elongated bulbs, radial canals with short branches, stomach broad, complex lips, gonads pitted.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists 2 other pandeids as definitely luminescent

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.



Niobia dendrotentaculata SPECIES:

Pandeidae FAMILY: ORDER: Anthomedusae 4 mm wide SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: very flat bell, 2 of 4 radial canals bifurcate, so 6 reach margin, 12 tentacles, medusa buds develop from tentacle bulbs, stomach elongate, gonads

interradial. LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists 2 other

pandeids as definitely luminescent DISTRIBUTION: W. Atlantic, Indian

Oceania armata SPECIES:

Clavidae FAMILY: Anthomedusae ORDER: SIZE: to 10 nmm high

DESCRIPTION: bell with thin walls, flat top, 60-100 crowded tentacles, stomach flaskshaped, on short peduncle, lips with

nematocyst knobs. LUMINESCENCE: UNKNOWN

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Med.

Pandea conica Species:

Pandeidae FAMILY: ORDER: Anthomedusae

to 21 mm high, 10 mm wide SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: conical bell with apical projection, ridges on exumbrella, 16-24 tentacles with abaxial ocelli, stomach in upper bell, with folded lips, reticulate

gonads around stomach.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists 2 other

pandeids as definitely luminescent DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Med.

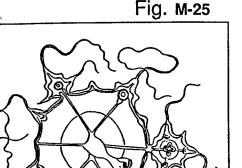


Fig. M-26

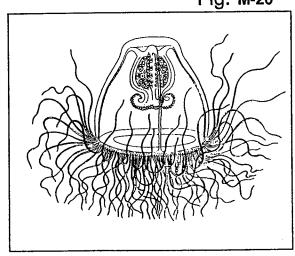
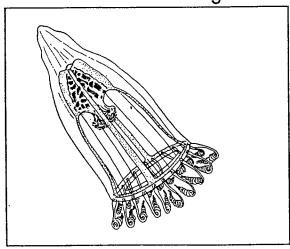


Fig. M-27



Paragotoea bathybia

FAMILY: Tubulariidae ORDER: Anthomedusae

Species:

SIZE: 2 mm high, 3 mm wide DESCRIPTION: bell with thin walls,

nematocyst clusters on exumbrella, 1 solid tentacle with nematocyst knob, stomach short with simple mouth, gonads surround stomach.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists Euphysa

in this family as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: boreal Atlantic in deep water

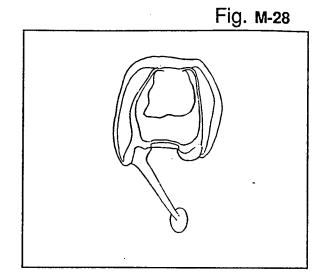


Fig. M-29

Species: Podocoryne carnea

FAMILY: Hydractiniidae ORDER: Anthomedusae

SIZE: 1 mm high and wide

DESCRIPTION: bell with thin walls, 4-16 tentacles, stomach cylindrical with simple

mouth arms, gonads interradial.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

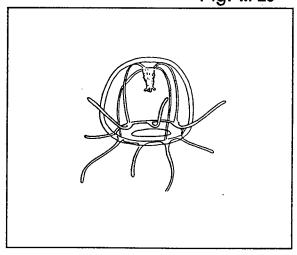
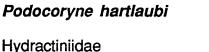


Fig. **M-30** 



FAMILY: Hydractiniidae ORDER: Anthomedusae

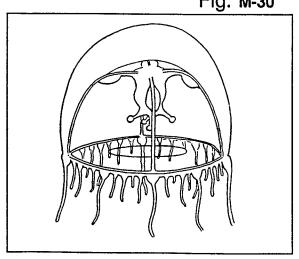
Species:

SIZE: 3.5 mm high and wide

DESCRIPTION: domed bell, thick at top, 8 large tentacles, up to 50 smaller ones, mouth with 4 simple arms, gonads on stomach, extend partway along radial canals.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: NE Atlantic, Med.



Species: Podocoryne minima

FAMILY: Hydractiniidae Order: Anthomedusae

Size: to 1 mm high and wide

Description: bell with slightly thicker apex, 4 tentacles, stomach on peduncle, 4 mouth arms, medusa buds on interradial sides of

stomach.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: North Sea, Med.

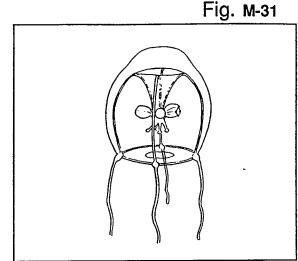


Fig. M-32

Species: Podocoryne minuta

FAMILY: Hydractiniidae
ORDER: Anthomedusae
Size: 0.3 mm high

DESCRIPTION: bell pear-shaped, with solid apex, 8 equal tentacles, stomach on short peduncle, mouth with 4 arms, medusa

buds on sides of stomach. Luminescence: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: .Atlantic, Med.

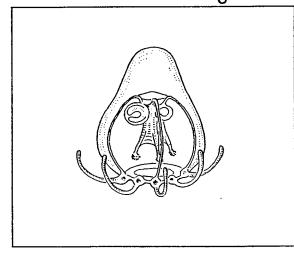


Fig. **M-33** 



FAMILY: Rathkeidae ORDER: Anthomedusae Size: 3-4 mm high

DESCRIPTION: bell pear-shaped with solid

apex, 8 groups of dark pigmented

tentacles, with 3 in interradial and 3-5 in perradial groups, mouth with 4 lips,

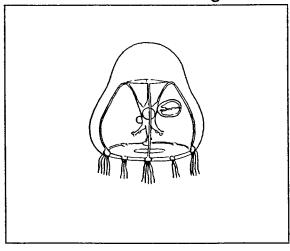
medusa buds on stomach.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as uncertain.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Black Sea,

Med.



Species: Sarsia eximia

FAMILY: Corynidae
ORDER: Anthomedusae
Size: 3-4 mm high

DESCRIPTION: bell-shaped, 4 tentacles with large oval bulbs, ocelli, nematocyst warts and terminal knob, stomach cylindrical,

surrounded by gonad. Luminescence: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

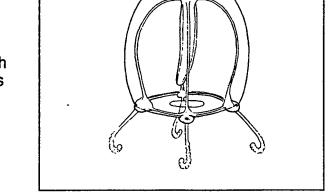


Fig. M-35

Fig. M-34

Species: Sarsia gemmifera

FAMILY: Corynidae
ORDER: Anthomedusae
Size: to 5 mm high

Description: thick walls, 4 tentacles with nematocyst warts and terminal knob, very long manubrium with medusa buds along it, gonads around manubrium above stomach.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: N. Atlantic, Med.

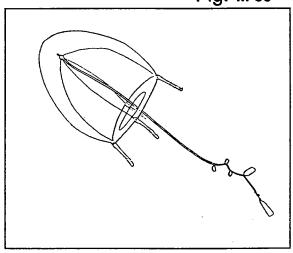


Fig. M-36

Species: Sarsia prolifera

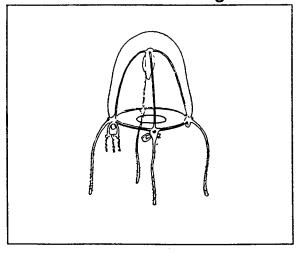
FAMILY: Corynidae ORDER: Anthomedusae

Size: to 4 mm high and wide

DESCRIPTION: bell-shaped, thin walls, 4 tentacles with nematocyst warts, medusa buds from tentacle bulbs, manubrium short,

gonads surround it. Luminescence: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: N. Atlantic, Black Sea



Species: Sarsia tubulosa

FAMILY: Corynidae
ORDER: Anthomedusae
Size: to 18 mm high

DESCRIPTION: bell-shaped, fairly thick walls, 4 long tentacles with nematocyst warts, no terminal knob, manubrium very long, gonads surround it, no medusa buds.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: N. Atlantic, Pacific

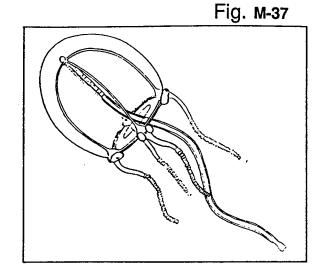


Fig. M-38

Species: Steenstrupia nutans

FAMILY: Tubulariidae Order: Anthomedusae

Size: 5-6 mm high, 3-4 mm wide

Description: bell with conical apical projection. I long tentacle with nematory

projection, 1 long tentacle with nematocyst rings, 3 undeveloped bulbs, stomach on short peduncle, surrounded by gonad.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists Euphysa in this family as definite

in this family as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: N. Atlantic, Black Sea, Med.

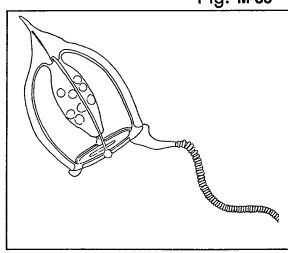


Fig. **M-3**9

Species: Tiaranna rotunda

FAMILY: Tiarannidae
ORDER: Anthomedusae
Size: to 20 mm wide

Description: hemispherical bell, thick jelly, 16-28 tentacles, 2-3 cordyli between each, broad cruciform stomach with large lips, gonads in folds, extend under bell.

LUMINESCENCE: UNKNOWN

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Antarctic, Med. in

deep water

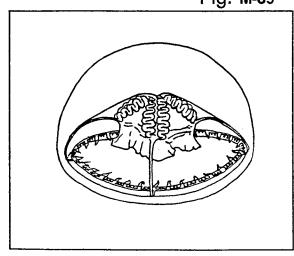


Fig. M-40

Species: Turritopsis nutricula

FAMILY:

Clavidae

ORDER:

Anthomedusae

SIZE:

4-5 mm high and wide

DESCRIPTION: bell-shaped, thin walls, 80-90 tentacles, large cruciform stomach, 4 lips

with nematocyst knobs.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: N. Atlantic, Pacific, Indian,

Med.

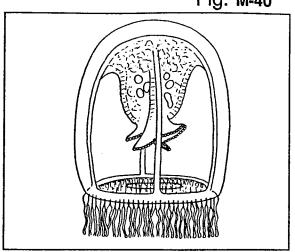


Fig. M-41

SPECIES: Zanclea costata

FAMILY:

Zancleidae

ORDER: SIZE:

Anthomedusae to 3 mm high and wide

Description: bell-shaped, thick jelly, 2 or 4

tentacles with stalked nematocyst capsules

along length, patches or tracks of nematocysts on exumbrella, stomach

cylindrical.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

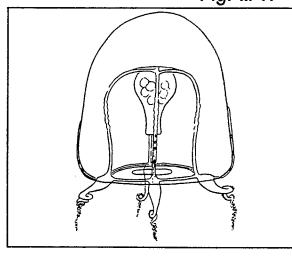
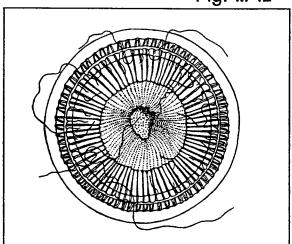


Fig. M-42



Species: Aequorea aequorea

FAMILY:

Aequoreidae

ORDER:

Leptomedusae

SIZE:

up to 175 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: disk shape, thicker in center, usually 60-80 radial canals, tentacles usually fewer than canals, with elongated bulbs, stomach half width of umbrella. LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this genus as definite. Source of aequorin.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

SPECIES: Eirene viridula

FAMILY:

Eirenidae

ORDER:

Leptomedusae

SIZE:

20-30 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: bell hemispherical, thick at center, 60+ tentacles of various sizes, 40+ marginal vesicles, stomach on gelatinous peduncie, gonads along radial canals.

LUMINESCENCE: UNKNOWN

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Indian, Med.

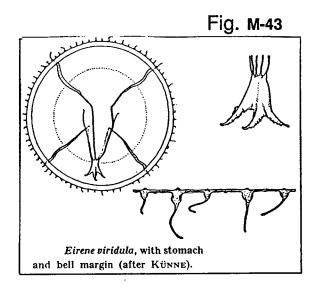


Fig. M-44

Species: Eucheilota paradoxica

FAMILY:

ORDER:

Lovenellidae Leptomedusae

SIZE:

4 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: globular bell, 4 tentacles with lateral cirri, 4 rudimentary bulbs with cirri, stomach small, gonads in middle of radial canals, medusa buds from gonads.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists Lovenella

in this family as definite. DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific

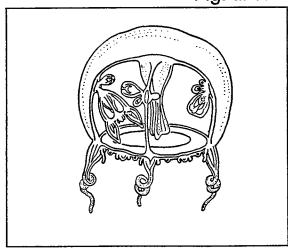


Fig. M-45

SPECIES: Eutima gegenbauri

FAMILY: ORDER: Eutimidae

Leptomedusae

SIZE:

20 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: bell hemispherical, thick jelly at apex, 8-16 tentacles and 60-80 marginal warts, both with 1-2 cirri, stomach on long gelatinous peduncle, gonads on radial

canals.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists Tima in

this family as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: N. Atlantic, Med.

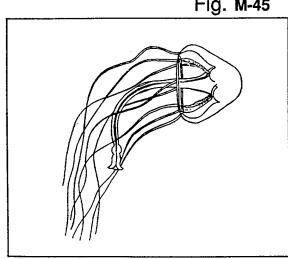


Fig. M-46

Species: Eutima gracilis

FAMILY: Eutimidae
ORDER: Leptomedusae
Size: to 13 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: bell flatter than hemisphere, jelly thick, 2-4 long tentacles, 40-80

marginal warts, both with cirri, stomach on long narrow peduncle, gonads along

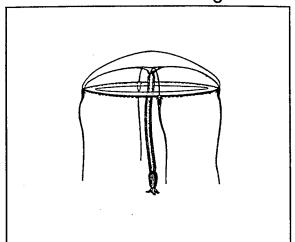
peduncle.

SPECIES:

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists Tima in

this family as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: N. Atlantic, Med.



Helgicirrha schulzei

FAMILY: Eirenidae
ORDER: Leptomedusae
Size: 30-40 mm wide

Description: bell flatter than hemisphere, jelly thin, 30-40 large tentacles, 100+ small tentacles or bulbs with lateral cirri, stomach small, gonads linear along radial canals.

LUMINESCENCE: UNKNOWN

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

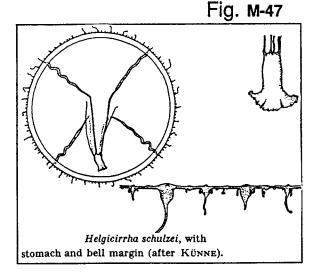
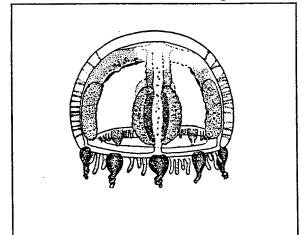


Fig. M-48



Species: Krampella dubia

FAMILY: Laodiceidae (?)
ORDER: Leptomedusae
Size: 3 mm wide

Description: bell hemispherical, 8 tentacles with swollen bases, 3-4 cirri between tentacles, gonads along length of broad radial canals, systematic position uncertain.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists two genera in this family as uncertain.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic

Laodicea neptuna

FAMILY: Laodiceidae

Order: Leptomedusae Size: 2.5 mm wide

Species:

Description: bell nearly hemispherical, 8 short tentacles, 8 rudimentary bulbs, numerous cirri, stomach large, lips with 4 nematocyst clusters, gonads on upper

parts of radial canals.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as uncertain. Distribution: Atlantic

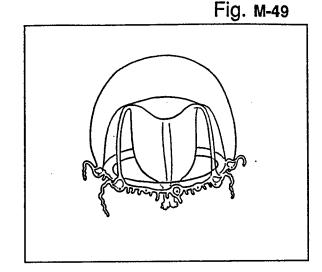


Fig. M-50

Species: Laodicea ocellata

FAMILY: Laodiceidae
ORDER: Leptomedusae
Size: 3.5 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: bell globular, thin jelly, 7-14 tentacles, 10-18 rudimentary bulbs, large black ocelli on bulbs, lips short, thick clubshaped gonads along radial canals.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as uncertain. DISTRIBUTION: Med.

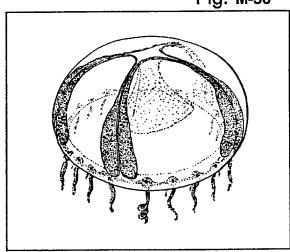


Fig. **M-51** 

Species: Laodicea undulata

FAMILY: Laodiceidae
ORDER: Leptomedusae
SIZE: to 37 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: bell flatter than hemisphere, 400-600 tentacles, spiral cirri and cordyli between tentacles, stomach short, long sinuous gonads along radial canals,

reaching stomach.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as uncertain.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

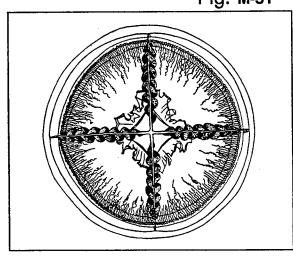


Fig. M-52

Lovenella cirrata SPECIES:

FAMILY: ORDER: Loveneliidae Leptomedusae

SIZE:

to 16 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: bell hemispherical, 8-16 tentacles with 3-4 pairs spiral cirri and 3 rudimentary bulbs, stomach urn-shaped, gonads spindle-shaped, on distal radial

canals.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

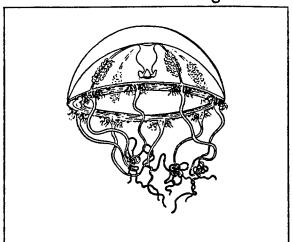


Fig. M-53

SPECIES:

Mitrocoma annae

FAMILY:

Mitrocomidae Leptomedusae

ORDER: SIZE:

30-40 mm wide

Description: bell flatter than hemisphere. 60-100 tentacles with 3-8 cirri between them, 60-100 marginal vesicles, stomach small, gonads sinuous along distal radial canals.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists Halistaura in this family as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Med.

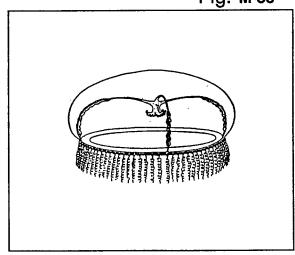
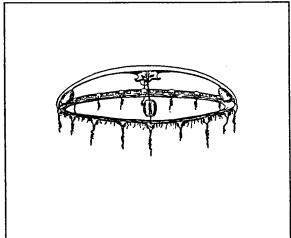


Fig. M-54



SPECIES: Mitrocomella brownei

FAMILY:

Mitrocomidae

ORDER:

Leptomedusae

SIZE:

4-7 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: bell flatter than hemisphere, 16-24 tentacles with 6-8 cirri between them, 8 marginal vesicles, stomach small, gonads oval, near distal ends of radial canals.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists Halistaura in this family as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

Fig. M-55

Species: Obelia spp.

FAMILY: ORDER: Campanulariidae Leptomedusae

SIZE:

to 6 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: bell flat, jelly thin, numerous stiff, solid tentacles, 8 marginal vesicles, stomach short with square base, gonads spherical, on middles of radial canals. LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide except polar

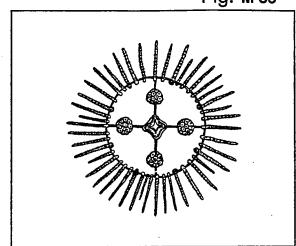


Fig. M-56

Octophialucium funerarium Species:

FAMILY:

ORDER:

Leptomedusae

Phialuciidae

SIZE:

30-40 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: bell lens-shaped, jelly thick, 8 radial canals, 64-128 tentacles, 2 marginal vesicles between tentacles, stomach small, gonads on distal part of radial canals. LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: N. Atlantic, Med. in deep

water

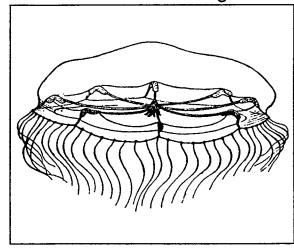


Fig. M-57

SPECIES: Phialidium hemisphaericum

FAMILY:

Campanulariidae

ORDER:

Leptomedusae

SIZE:

to 20 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: bell hemispherical, jelly thin, 16-58 tentacles with 2 marginal vesicles between them, stomach small with simple lips, gonads oval or linear, along distal

radial canals. LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Indian, Med.

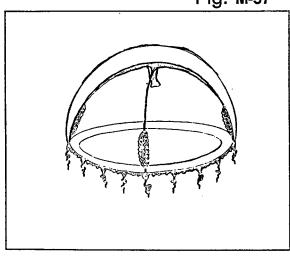


Fig. M-58

SPECIES:

Phialidium mccradyi

FAMILY: ORDER: Campanulariidae Leptomedusae

SIZE:

15 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: bell lens-shaped, 16-24 tentacles, 1-2 marginal vesicles between them, stomach short with 4 lips, small gonads on radial canals, with hydroid buds. LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: N. Atlantic

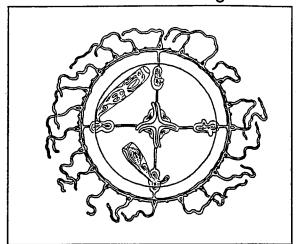


Fig. M-59

SPECIES:

Tima lucullana

FAMILY:

Eutimidae

ORDER: SIZE:

Leptomedusae to 74 mm wide

Description: bell flatter than hemisphere. ielly thin, radial canals extend onto peduncle, 60-70 short tentacles with 7 marginal warts between them, gonads

along radial canals.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite. DISTRIBUTION: Med.

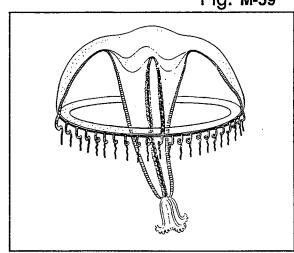


Fig. M-60

Species:

Gonionemus vertens

FAMILY:

Olindiadidae

ORDER:

Limnomedusae

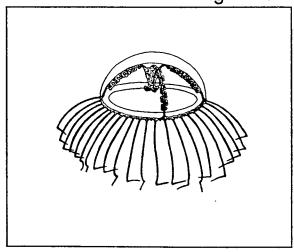
Size:

15-20 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: bell flatter than hemisphere, 60-80 long, stiff tentacles with adhesive pads on bent ends, stomach with 4 ruffled lips, folded gonads along most of radial canals.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

Distribution: world-wide temperate



Odessia maeotica Species:

FAMILY:

Moerisiidae

ORDER:

Limnomedusae to 18 mm wide

SIZE: DESCRIPTION: bell almost hemispherical, jelly thick, 16-32 tentacles, lobes of stomach

extend along radial canals, gonads on radial canals and stomach walls.

LUMINESCENCE: UNKNOWN

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Black Sea, Med. in

brackish water

Olindias phosphorica SPECIES:

FAMILY:

Olindiadidae

ORDER: SIZE:

Limnomedusae 40-60 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: bell hemispherical, 40-80 centripetal canals, 50-60 primary tentacles

project aborally, 100-120 secondary tentacles, 100-170 marginal clubs.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION:-Atlantic and Med.

Proboscidactyla ornata Species:

Proboscidactylidae

FAMILY: ORDER:

Limnomedusae

SIZE:

5 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: jelly thick, 4 radial canals

branch to 16-20, 16-20 tentacles,

nematocyst tracks on umbrella, stomach with 4 radial lobes, medusa buds on

stomach or canals. LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide in coastal waters



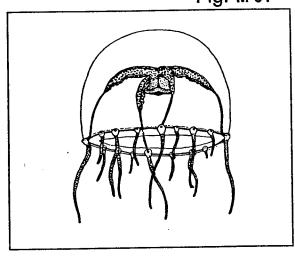


Fig. M-62

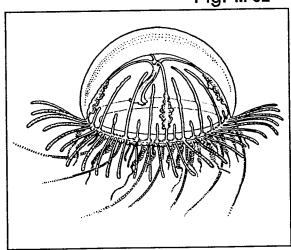
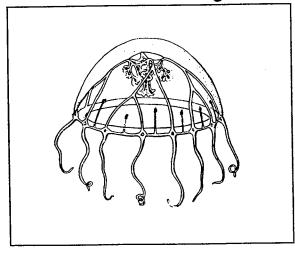


Fig. M-63



Species:

Scolionema suvaensis

FAMILY:

Olindiidae

ORDER:

Limnomedusae

SIZE:

6 mm high, 9 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: jelly thick, 40-70 tentacles of various lengths, with nematocyst rings and bent tips, cruciform stomach with small lips, gonads along distal radial canals.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

Fig. M-64

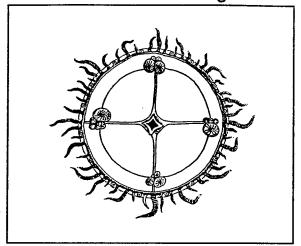


Fig. M-65

Species:

Aglantha digitale

FAMILY: ORDER: Rhopalonematidae Trachymedusae

SIZE:

10-40 mm high, 5-20 mm

wide

DESCRIPTION: thimble-shaped bell, clear, pink or red, 8 radial canals, 80+ tentacles. stomach on long peduncle, sausage-like

gonads hang inside bell.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists two

genera in this family as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, surface to

deep water

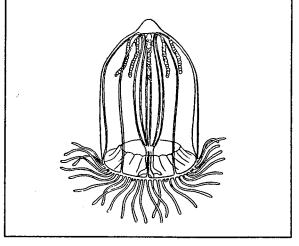
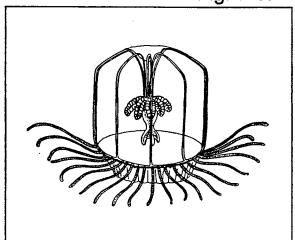


Fig. M-66



SPECIES:

Aglaura hemistoma

FAMILY:

Rhopalonematidae

ORDER:

Trachymedusae

SIZE:

4-6 mm high, 3-4 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: bell with flat top, jelly thin, 8 radial canals, 48-85 tentacles, peduncle shorter than bell, stomach with 4 simple lips, sausage-like gonads attached above

stomach.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists two

genera in this family as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide in surface layers

Fig. M-67

Species: Arctapodema ampla

FAMILY: Rhopalonematidae
ORDER: Trachymedusae
Size: to 15 mm wide

Description: bell flatter than hemisphere, thin walls, 8 radial canals, 100 tentacles, stomach with radial lobes, 8 gonads

adjacent to stomach.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists two

genera in this family as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Antarctic, Med. in

deep water

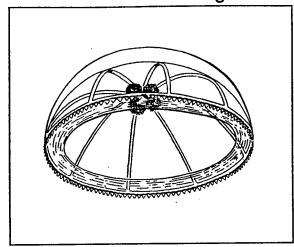


Fig. M-68

Species: Geryonia proboscidalis

FAMILY: Geryonidae
ORDER: Trachymedusae
Size: 35-80 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: bell hemispherical, jelly thick, 6 radial canals with up to 7 centripetal between, 6 long and 6 small tentacles, stomach on long peduncle, gonads heart-shaped on canals.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as uncertain.

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide, tropical and

subtropical

Species:

Haliscera bigelowi

FAMILY: Halicreatidae Order: Trachymedusae

SIZE: 10 mm high, 17 mm wide DESCRIPTION: high bell with thick apex, 8 broad radial canals, 96 tentacles, 24 statocysts, broad circular stomach, long oval gonads on canals.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: N. Atlantic, Pacific in deep

water

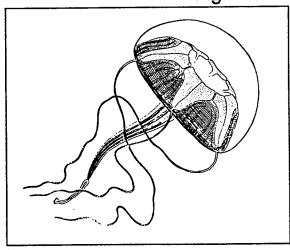


Fig. M-69

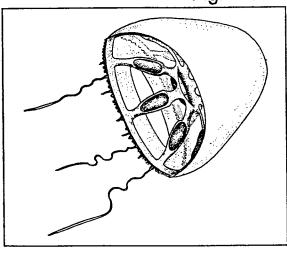


Fig. M-70

Species: Haliscera conica

Family: Halicreatidae
Order: Trachymedusae
Size: to 18 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: low bell with blunt conical apex, stiff jelly, 8 broad radial canals, 64-72 tentacles, 16 statocysts, broad circular stomach, oval gonads in middle of canals.

LUMINESCENCE: UNKnown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Indian, Pacific, Med.

in deep water

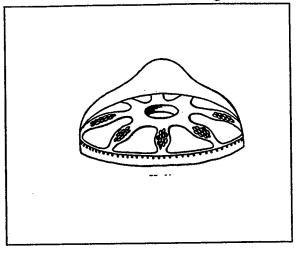


Fig. M-71

Species: Liriope tetraphylla

FAMILY: Geryonidae
ORDER: Trachymedusae
Size: 10-30 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: hemispherical bell, thick jelly,

4 radial canals, 4 long and 4 short

tentacles, small stomach on long peduncle, gonads of variable leaf-like shape, on

radial canals.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as uncertain

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide in warm water

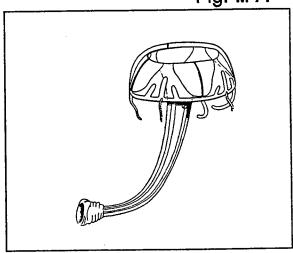


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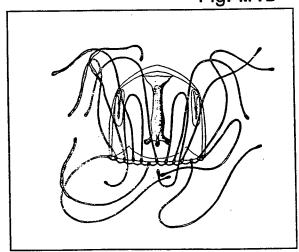
FAMILY: Rhopalonematidae ORDER: Trachymedusae

Size: 3 mm high, 2 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: high bell with thin walls, 8 radial canals, to 48 long tentacles with nematocyst knobs, tubular stomach on short peduncle, 2 oval pendent gonads on

radial canals.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists two genera in this family as definite. DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Indian, Med.



Species: Ransonia krampi

FAMILY: Rhopalonematidae ORDER: Trachymedusae

SIZE: 15 mm high, 8 mm wide
DESCRIPTION: high conical bell, thin walls,
solid apical projection, 8 radial canals, 88
tentacles, small stomach on long peduncle,
gonads along radial canals on peduncle
LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists two
genera in this family as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med. in deep water

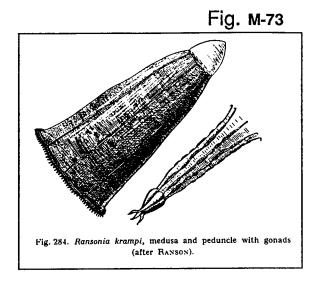


Fig. M-74

Species: Rhopalonema funerarium

FAMILY: Rhopalonematidae ORDER: Trachymedusae

SIZE: to 17 mm wide, 14 mm high DESCRIPTION: bell domed, 8 radial canals, 8 main tentacles, 24 smaller cirri with terminal knobs, stomach narrow, linear gonads along distal radial canals.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists two genera in this family as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Indian, Pacific, Med.? in deep water

Fig. **M-75** 

Species: Rhopalonema velatum

FAMILY: Rhopalonematidae
ORDER: Trachymedusae
Size: 8-10 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: bell flatter than hemisphere, with apical knob, 8 radial canals, 8 clubshaped tentacles and 8-16 cirri, stomach long and narrow, gonads on radial canals. Luminescence: Herring (1987) lists two

denera in this family as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: N. Atlantic, Med., surface to

deep

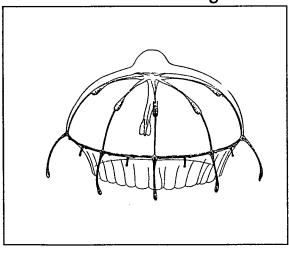


Fig. M-76

Species: Sminthea eurygaster

FAMILY: Rhopalonematidae ORDER: Trachymedusae

SIZE: to 6 mm wide, 3 mm high DESCRIPTION: bell with small apical knob, 8 radial canals, 8 tentacles and statocysts, short stomach with 4 short lips, globular

gonads on distal radial canals.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists two

genera in this family as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Indian, Med. in deep

water

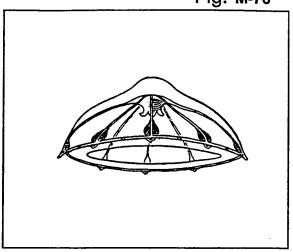


Fig. M-77

Species: Cunina globosa

FAMILY: Cuninidae
ORDER: Narcomedusae
Size: to 18 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: globular bell, thick jelly, no radial canals, 16 tentacles, stomach on broad gelatinous peduncle, 10-14 stomach

pouches with square outline.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: tropical Atlantic, Pacific, Med.

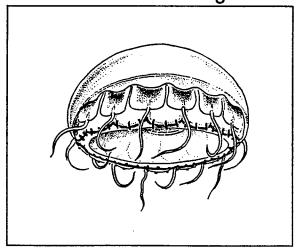


Fig. **M-78** 

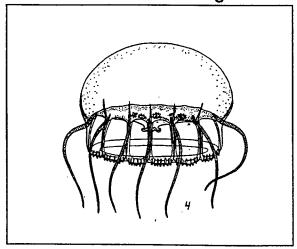
Species: Pegantha rubiginosa

FAMILY: Solmarisidae
ORDER: Narcomedusae
Size: to 16 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: domed bell, jelly thick, no radial canals, 12-16 rectangular marginal lappets and tentacles, 2 long & 2 short otoporpae on each lappet, stomach without pouches.

LUMINESCENCE: UNKNOWN

DISTRIBUTION: tropical Atlantic, Med.



Solmaris flavescens SPECIES:

FAMILY:

Solmarisidae Narcomedusae

ORDER: SIZE:

15-23 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: flat, lens-shaped bell, thick jelly, 12-17 tentacles, no radial canals, marginal lappets thin, with 2 statocysts,

stomach without pouches. LUMINESCENCE: UNKNOWN

DISTRIBUTION: Med. and adjacent Atlantic

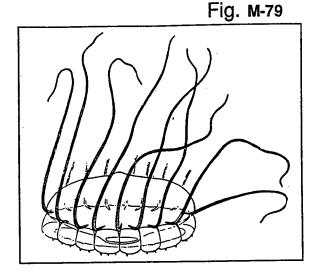


Fig. M-80

Solmaris leucostyla Species:

FAMILY:

Solmarisidae

ORDER:

Narcomedusae

SIZE:

3 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: flat to hemispherical bell, no

radial canals, 12-26 tentacles, 12-26

marginal lappets with 1 statocyst, stomach without pouches, annular gonad.

LUMINESCENCE: UNKNOWN

DISTRIBUTION: - Med.

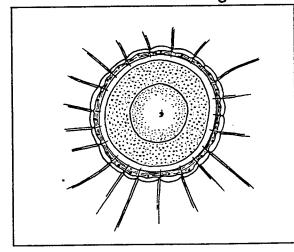


Fig. M-81

Solmaris solmaris Species:

Solmarisidae

FAMILY: ORDER:

Narcomedusae

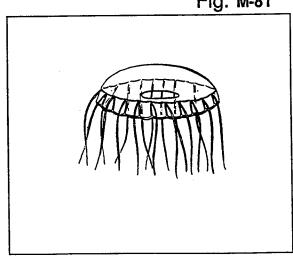
SIZE:

to 35 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: flat, lens-shaped bell, no radial canals, 18-20 tentacles, marginal lappets with 6-8 statocysts, stomach without pouches, annular gonad.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Med.



Species: Solmissus albescens

FAMILY: Cuninidae
ORDER: Narcomedusae
Size: 25-30 mm wide

Description: lens-shaped bell, with warts on exumbrella, no radial canals, 14-16 stomach pouches and tentacles, marginal lappets rectangular with 5-8 statocysts. Luminescence: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Med. common in deep water

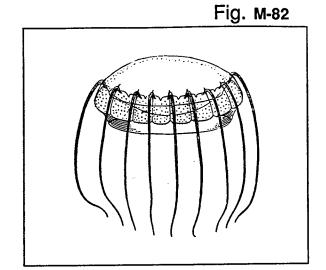


Fig. M-83

Species: Solmundella bitentaculata

FAMILY: Aeginidae
ORDER: Narcomedusae
Size: to 12 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: high bell with thick apex, no radial canals, 2 tentacles attached near apex and held aborally, 8-16 statocysts, 8 stomach pouches.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists two genera in this family as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide tropical-temperate,

surface to deep water

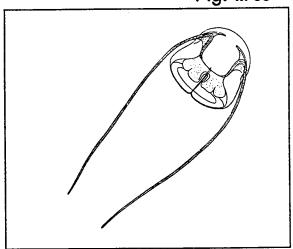


Fig. **M-84** 



Family: Atollidae Order: Coronatae

Size: to 150 mm wide

Description: disc-shaped bell, deep coronal groove between center and margin, 22 tentacles and sense organs, stomach pigmented deep red, remainder brownish red.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide in deep water

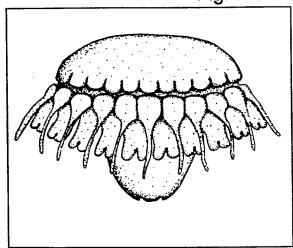


Fig. M-85

SPECIES: Nausithoe punctata

FAMILY: ORDER: Nausithoidae Coronatae

SIZE:

9-15 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: disk-shaped with thick center, 8 tentacles and 16 marginal lappets, 16 stomach pouches, large round yellow

gonads.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide

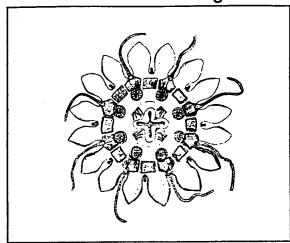


Fig. M-86

Species: Paraphyllina intermedia

FAMILY:

Paraphyllinidae

ORDER:

Coronatae

SIZE:

15 mm wide, 8 mm high DESCRIPTION: domed bell, deep coronal groove, 12 tentacles and 16 marginal

lappets, stomach reddish brown, 4 pairs of

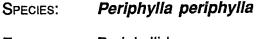
ovoid gonads.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Pacific, Indian, Med. in deep

water

Fig. M-87



FAMILY: ORDER: Periphyllidae Coronatae

SIZE:

to 200 mm high

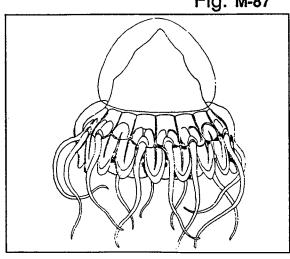
DESCRIPTION: high domed or conical bell, 12

stiff tentacles often held aborally, 16

marginal lappets, stomach and subumbrella dark red or purple, 8 U-shaped gonads. LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide in deep water



SPECIES:

Chrysaora hysoscella

FAMILY:

Pelagiidae

ORDER:

Semaeostomeae

SIZE:

to 200 mm wide

Description: saucer-shaped bell, smooth surface, 16 broad radial brown bands on exumbrella, 24 tentacles in 8 groups of 3, 32 marginal lappets, long frilled oral arms. LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists Pelagia

in this family as definite. DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

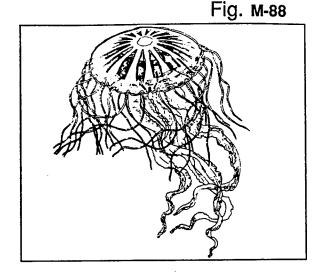


Fig. M-89

SPECIES:

Discomedusa Iobata

FAMILY:

Ulmaridae

ORDER:

Semaeostomeae

SIZE:

150 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: disk-shaped bell, 24 tentacles,

32 marginal lappets, 8 rhopalia

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists Poralia in

this family as definite. DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

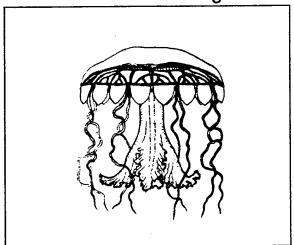


Fig. M-90

SPECIES:

Pelagia noctiluca

FAMILY:

Pelagiidae

ORDER:

Semaeostomeae

SIZE:

to 65 mm wide

DESCRIPTION: bell flatter than hemisphere, yellow, brown or pink, nematocyst warts on outer surface, 8 tentacles and sense organs, 16 marginal lappets, 4 long oral

arms.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

Distribution: world-wide

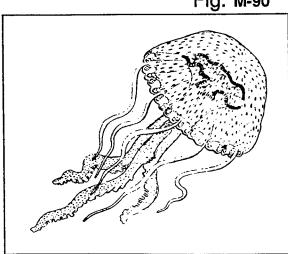


Fig. M-91

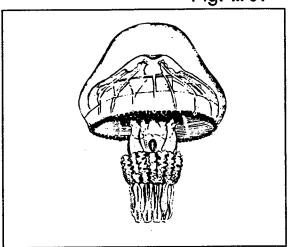
Rhizostoma pulmo SPECIES:

Rhizostomatidae FAMILY: ORDER: Rhizostomeae to 600 mm wide SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: domed bell, very thick jelly, nematocyst warts on surface, no tentacles, 64-72 marginal lappets, oral arms divided into multiple mouths.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.



# **Siphonophores**

The siphonophores compose an order of the class Hydrozoa, and are thus most closely related to hydromedusae. Their complex life cycle and colonial morphology are very different from the relatively simple hydromedusae and for most practical purposes it is easier to consider the siphonophores as a separate group.

The colonial, or polygastric, phase of the life cycle is the largest and most familiar, and the part which is described here. Siphonophores consist of a collection of medusoid and polypoid zooids (see terminology) which are budded asexually from a founding larval polyp. The colony may include a gas float, nectophores or swimming bells, and a series of stem groups that include the feeding polyps and tentacles. In some siphonophores the stem groups break off as secondary dispersal and sexually reproductive stages called eudoxids. The colony can be thought of as an overgrown, polymorphic juvenile stage which eventually bears the sexually reproductive adults. These are medusoid zooids called gonophores which produce gametes. In different groups, the gonophores may remain attached to the colony, detach as part of a eudoxid or detach as individual medusae. Siphonophores range in size from a few mm to over 30 m in length, and occur throughout the water column. All are predators on other small zooplankton, and many genera are known to be luminescent.

The colonies are fragile, and usually break up into their various units when collected in plankton nets. For this reason, much of the taxonomy is based on the morphology of the pieces, principally nectophores, and some species are known only from a few such pieces. As a result, the appearance of the intact colonial stage is not always known. Where possible, illustrations of intact siphonophres are provided here, but in some cases only pictures of pieces are available. In recent years many new deepwater species collected with submersibles have been described (Pugh and Harbison, 1987; Pugh and Youngbluth, 1988). Although not yet reported from the Mediterranean (or included here), these, or other new species, may well be encountered at depth. The Order Siphonophora is divided into 3 suborders and 15 families.

- 1. Cystonectae. This suborder includes siphonophores which possess a float but no swimming bells. The Portuguese man-o-war is the most familiar example. The float is so large that the animal floats on the surface. It is not generally taken in plankton collections and is not included here.
- 2. Physonectae. These siphonophores have more complex colonies, comprising a small apical float, numerous swimming bells that form a nectosome, and a stem containing several groups of gastrozooids, tentacles, bracts etc. The stem typically contracts when the animal is swimming, and then relaxes so that the stem and tentacles extend to maximum length for fishing. Many physonects are strong swimmers and vertical migrators.
- 3. Calycophorae. In this group, the float is absent, and the nectophores are reduced to a small number, most frequently two. The stem can be retracted completely into a cavity in the nectophores. A sequence of stem groups are budded, and break free as eudoxids. Calycophorans are the most diverse, widely distributed and abundant siphonophores.

The classification used here is based on Totton (1965). Descriptions and illustrations are compiled from Bigelow and Sears (1937), Biggs (1977), Carré (1979), Pugh and Harbison (1986), Totton (1965) and Tregouboff and Rose (1957). Distributional data came mainly from Alvariño (1971), Bigelow and Sears (1937, Pugh (1974) and Totton (1965).

## Terminology:

- basal tooth a tooth or projection from the ostial surface of a nectophore
- bract a flattened, leaf-like zooid with little internal structure, for protection of stem groups and buoyancy
- cnidoband folded or coiled band of nematocysts that is part of a tentillum
- cormidia stem groups on the siphosome, usually consisting of gastrozooids, palpons, bracts and gonophores
- eudoxid a stem group released from calycophorans as a free-swimming dispersal stage
- gastrozooid polypoid feeding zooid with a single tentacle that catches and ingests prey
- hydroecium cavity in the nectophore of calycophorans that houses the retracted stem
- nectophore an asexual medusoid zooid that provides locomotion by jet propulsion
- nectosac the cavity in the nectophore from which water is expelled for propulsion
- ostium the opening of the nectophore
- palpon a reduced gastrozooid with a simple tentacle and no ingestive capability
- pneumatophore the gas float of a cystonect or physonect
- siphosome the part of the stem with the gastrozooids, tentacles, bracts etc (cormidia)
- somatocyst a part of the gastric cavity which occurs in the nectophores of calycophorans
- tentilla a side branch of the tentacle which may be simple or consist of a cnidoband and other terminal appendages
- terminal filaments filaments attached to the sac containing the cnidoband on a tentillum

tricornuate - tentillum having three appendages off the cnidoband unicornuate - tentillum having one appendage off the cnidoband

Species: Rhizophysa filiformis

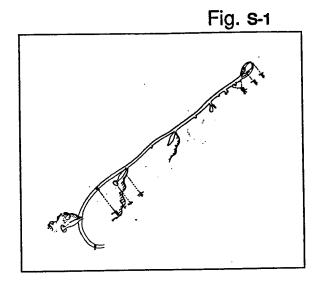
FAMILY: Rhizophysidae Suborder: Cystonectae Size: 2-50 cm long

DESCRIPTION: apical pneumatophore 12 mm high, no nectophores, gastrozooids 25 mm apart on highly contractile stem, 1 tentacle per gastrozooid, with 3 types of tentilla.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.



Species: Agalma elegans

FAMILY: Agalmidae
SUBORDER: Physonectae
Size: to 1 m long

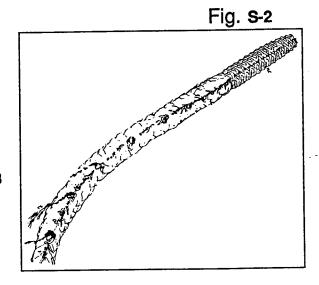
Description: nectophores arranged in 2 rows, slightly rounded with triangular

nectosac, 2 rows of triangular bracts with 3 ridges, brick-red tricornuate tentilla.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: -Atlantic, Med.



Species: Agalma okeni

FAMILY: Agalmidae Suborder: Physonectae Size: to 30 cm long

Description: prismatic nectophores form dodecagonal nectosome, Y-shaped nectosac, thick, faceted bracts, brick-red

bicornuate or tricornuate tentilla. Luminescence: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide in warm regions

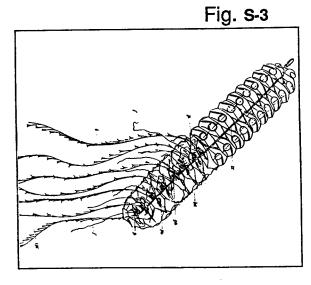


Fig. S-4

SPECIES: Apolemia uvaria

**Apolemiidae** FAMILY: SUBORDER: Physonectae to 30 m long SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: about 12 nectophores with tentacles, white cormidia including 3-4 gastrozooids, 2-40 bracts and 20-40 red palpons are widely spaced on siphosome. LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

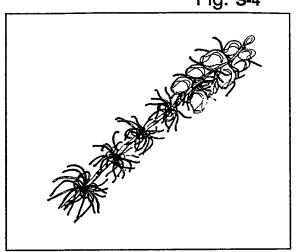


Fig. S-5

Species: Athorybia rosacea

FAMILY: Athorybiidae SUBORDER: Physonectae to 3 cm wide SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: large central pink-red pneumatophore, no nectophores, no

siphosome, elongate bracts like overlapping

petals, bi- or tricornuate tentilla.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

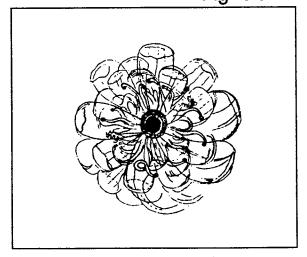


Fig. S-6

SPECIES: Cordagalma cordiformis

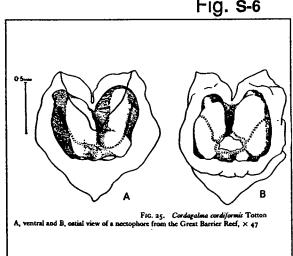
FAMILY: Agalmidae SUBORDER: Physonectae

Size:

DESCRIPTION: very small, heart-shaped

nectophores

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists three other genera in this family as definite. DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Red Sea, Med.



Species: Forskalia edwardsi

FAMILY: Forskaliidae SUBORDER: Physonectae

Size: to 3 m long when extended

DESCRIPTION: cylindrical or conical

nectosome of numerous small nectophores with yellow spots on the orifices, long gastrozooids, palpons release red liquid. Luminescence: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, common in Med.

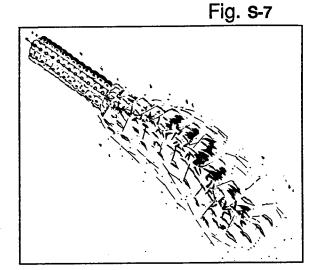


Fig. S-8

Species: Halistemma rubrum

FAMILY: Agalmidae SUBORDER: Physonectae Size: to 2 m long

Description: nectosome of up to 60 nectophores, colony often rose colored, tentacles with vermilion, unicornuate tentilla, palpons long and extensile.

Luminescence: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

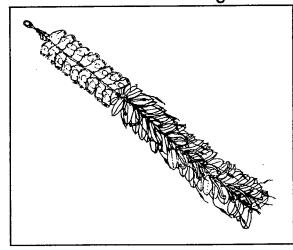


Fig. **S-9** 

Species: Lychnagalma utricularia

FAMILY: Agalmidae Suborder: Physonectae Size: to 20 cm long

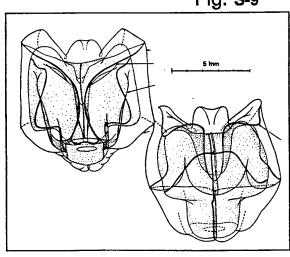
DESCRIPTION: 11-25 nectophores in 2 rows, bracts flimsy, with 2 distal points, tentilla unique, with red chidoband and 8 terminal

filaments, gastrozooids on stalks.

Luminescence: Not, but three other genera in this family are definite (Herring, 1987).

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Indian, Med. in deep

water



Species:

Marrus orthocanna

FAMILY: SUBORDER:

Agalmidae Physonectae

SIZE:

large

DESCRIPTION: large nectophores, long spindle or club-shaped gastrozooids.

scarlet colored stem.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists three other genera in this family as definite. DISTRIBUTION: arctic Atlantic in deep water

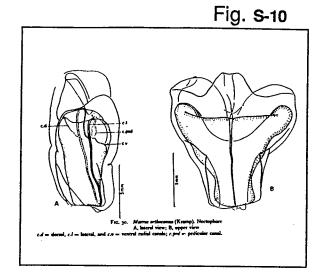


Fig. S-11

Species:

Nanomia bijuga

FAMILY:

Agalmidae Physonectae

SUBORDER: SIZE:

10-45 cm long DESCRIPTION: nectosome 1/5 of total length, square nectophores in 2 rows, unicornuate

tentilla, dark red splotches on stem.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Med.

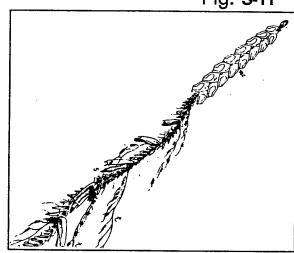


Fig. S-12

Species:

Nanomia cara

FAMILY:

Agalmidae Physonectae

SUBORDER: SIZE:

to 50 cm long

DESCRIPTION: to 30 nectophores in 2 rows. horizontally flattened, nectosome about 1/5 total length, unicornuate tentilla with

pigmented cnidoband.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Med.

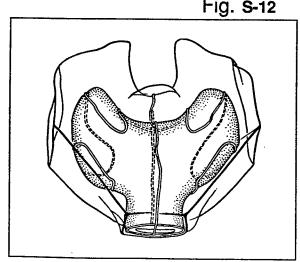


Fig. **S-13** 

Species: Physophora hydrostatica

FAMILY: Physophoridae Suborder: Physonectae Size: to 12 cm high

DESCRIPTION: conspicuous plum-color apical pneumatophore, 8-12 nectophores in 2 rows, large green-pink palpons around base of nectosome, tentacles below it.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

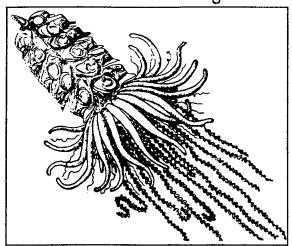


Fig. S-14

Species: Abyla haeckeli

FAMILY: Abylidae Suborder: Calycophorae

Size: ant. nectophore 5 mm high

DESCRIPTION: 11-faceted anterior nectophore, tubular nectosacs, stem

withdraws into hydroecium.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian. Med.

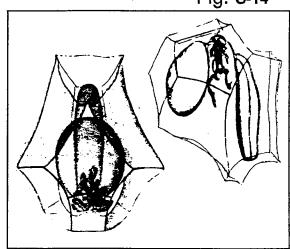
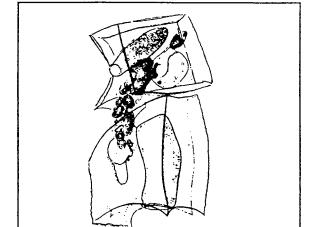


Fig. **S-15** 



Species: Abylopsis eschscholtzi

FAMILY: Abylidae SUBORDER: Calycophorae Size: 6 mm high

Description: cubic anterior nectophore, nectosac directed laterally, larger faceted posterior nectophore with finely toothed

edges.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Red Sea, Med. in

shallow water

Abylopsis tetragona SPECIES:

Abylidae FAMILY: Calycophorae SUBORDER: to 35 mm high SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: small cuboidal anterior

nectophore, larger posterior nectophore 3x long as broad, with 5 terminal teeth of

various lengths.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: common in Atlantic, Med.

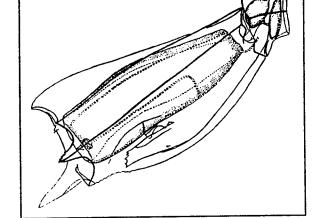


Fig. S-17

Fig. S-16

Amphicaryon acaule Species:

Prayidae FAMILY: SUBORDER: Calycophorae

about 5 mm diameter SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: 1 large rounded nectophore and 2 small, flattened vestigial nectophore

with nectosac not open to exterior.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Red

Sea, Med.

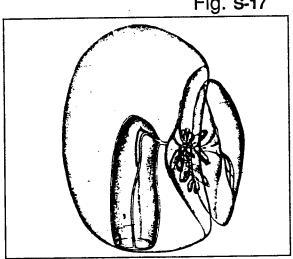


Fig. S-18

Bassia bassensis Species:

**Abylidae** FAMILY: Calycophorae SUBORDER: to 15 mm high SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: small, cuboidal anterior nectophore, faceted posterior nectophore, 2x long as broad, fairly short terminal

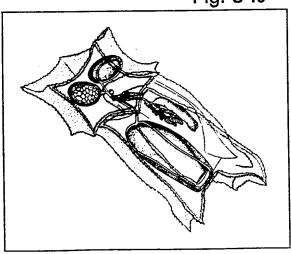
teeth.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide, usually near

surface



SPECIES: Ceratocymba sagittata

FAMILY: **Abylidae** SUBORDER: Calycophorae to 60 mm high SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: anterior nectophore with long, pyramidal apical projection, long tubular nectosac, posterior nectophore with large ventral terminal tooth and toothed margins.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Med.

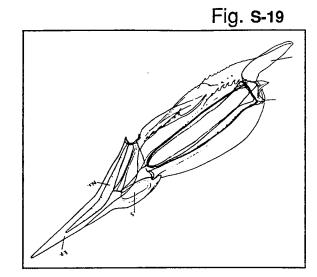


Fig. **S-20** 

Chelophyes appendiculata Species:

FAMILY: Diphyidae SUBORDER: Calycophorae 30 mm high SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: large anterior nectophore with

3 ridges and large nectosac, smaller

posterior nectophore has ventral ridges that end in terminal teeth.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide, "the commonest of

all siphonophores"

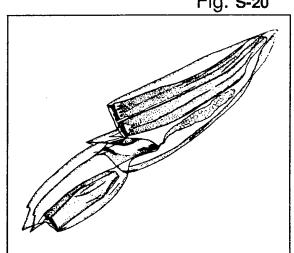


Fig. S-21

Species: Chelophyes contorta

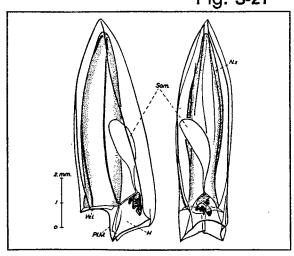
Diphyidae FAMILY: Calycophorae SUBORDER: 10 mm high

DESCRIPTION: large anterior nectophore with 3 ridges, ventral facet slightly twisted. smaller posterior nectophore with 2 terminal teeth.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.



Species: Chuniphyes multidentata

FAMILY: Clausophyidae Suborder: Calycophorae Size: to 60 mm high

Description: anterior nectophore with pointed apex, 4 ridges branching to 6, posterior nectophore with 3 ridges branching to 6, ending in 6 terminal teeth.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide in deep water

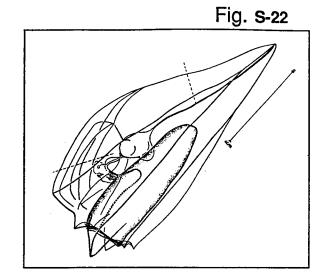


Fig. **S-23** 

Species: Clausophyes ovata

FAMILY: Clausophyidae Suborder: Calycophorae Size: to 40 mm high

DESCRIPTION: soft, pear-shaped anterior nectophore, larger posterior nectophore

with tapered apex.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

in deep water

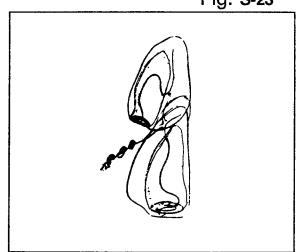


Fig. S-24

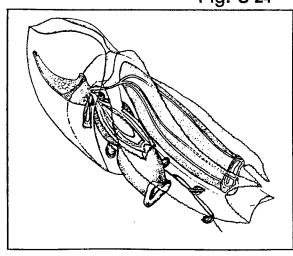
Species: Diphyes dispar

FAMILY: Diphyidae
Suborder: Calycophorae
Size: to 50 mm high

DESCRIPTION: anterior nectophore laterally compressed with 5 ridges, dorsal ridge serrated with terminal tooth, posterior nectophore with smooth edges and teeth. Luminescence: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.



Species: Enneagonum hyalinum

FAMILY: Abylidae
SUBORDER: Calycophorae
Size: 15 mm high

DESCRIPTION: consists of cuboidal anterior nectophore only, with strong dorsal ridge and serrated basal edges and teeth.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists 4 genera

in this family as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Red

Sea, Med.

Species: Eudoxoides spiralis

FAMILY: Diphyidae Suborder: Calycophorae Size: to 11 mm high

Description: anterior nectophore with 5 twisted longitudinal ridges, 4 of which reach apex, no posterior nectophore.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists 3 genera

in this family as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide and common

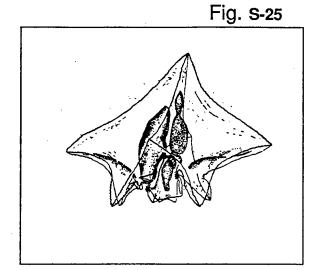


Fig. S-26

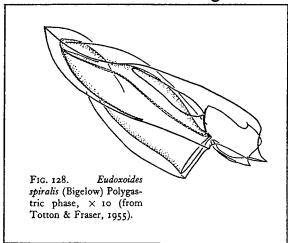
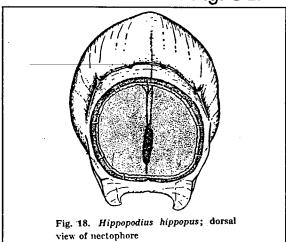


Fig. **S-27** 



Species: Hippopodius hippopus

Family: Hippopodiidae Suborder: Calycophorae Size: to 30 mm high

Description: up to 12 horseshoe-shaped nectophores stacked above each other, without teeth or serration, no bracts, mesoglea turns opaque white on contact. Luminescence: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide

Species: Lensia campanella

FAMILY: Diphyidae Calycophorae SUBORDER: SIZE: to 6 mm high

DESCRIPTION: anterior nectophore twisted at apex (or possibly not in live specimens), ridges indistinct, orange-red spots on

nectophores.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

of the anterior nectophore, x 30; B, right lateral nectophore, x 46 (from Totton, 1932, fig. 35)

Fig. S-29

Fig. S-28

Species: Lensia conoidea

FAMILY: Diphyidae SUBORDER: Calycophorae to 45 mm high Size:

DESCRIPTION: pyramidal anterior nectophore with 5 ridges and smooth facets, large nectosac, posterior nectophore with 5 ridges and facets.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

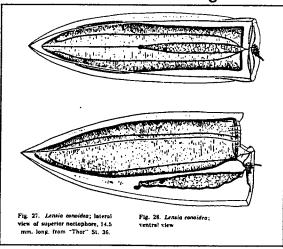


Fig. **S-30** 

SPECIES: Lensia fowleri

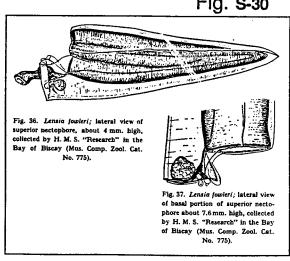
FAMILY: Diphyidae Calvcophorae SUBORDER: SIZE: to 12 mm high

DESCRIPTION: anterior nectophore with 5 ridges, smooth facets, no basal teeth, posterior nectophore 3/4 length of anterior.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Red

Sea, Med.



Species:

Lensia meteori

FAMILY: SUBORDER:

Diphvidae Calycophorae to 5 mm high

SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: anterior nectophore with

indistinct ridges and smooth conical surface, posterior nectophore non-existent

or unknown.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Red

Sea, Med.

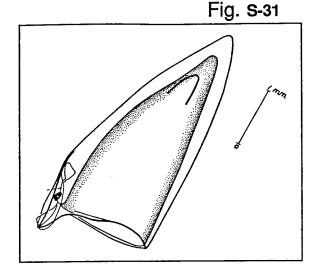


Fig. S-32

Species:

Lensia multicristata

FAMILY:

Diphyidae Calycophorae

SUBORDER: SIZE:

to 20 mm high

DESCRIPTION: anterior nectophore with 7 ridges, 5 reaching the apex and basal margin, posterior nectophore with 5 ridges.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

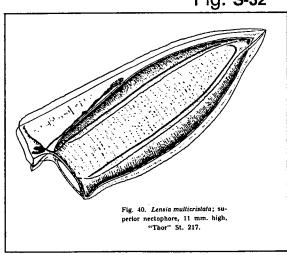


Fig. **S-33** 

SPECIES:

Lensia subtilis

FAMILY:

Diphyidae Calycophorae

SUBORDER: SIZE:

to 20 mm high

DESCRIPTION: anterior nectophore with 5 indistinct ridges, smooth surface and rounded apex, posterior nectophore with 5

ridges, yellow pigmen.....on.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Red

Sea, Med. near surface

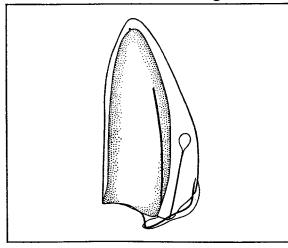


Fig. S-34

SPECIES:

Lensia subtiloides

FAMILY:

Diphyidae

SUBORDER:

Calvcophorae

SIZE:

to 7 mm high

DESCRIPTION: anterior nectophore with 5 ridges, less distinct at apex, no basal tooth on dorsal ridge, posterior nectophore with

5 ridges.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Red

Sea, Med. near surface

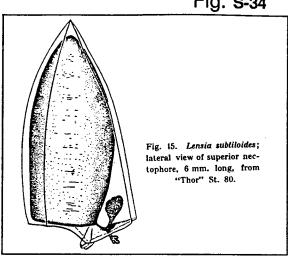


Fig. **S-35** 

SPECIES:

Lilyopsis rosea

FAMILY:

Pravidae

SUBORDER:

Calycophorae

SIZE:

to 20 cm (?)

DESCRIPTION: 2 large, equal, opposed

nectophores of roughly conical shape, with large nectosacs, stem with large bracts, red pigment spots on stem eudoxids.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists 5 genera

in this family as definite. DISTRIBUTION: Med., rare

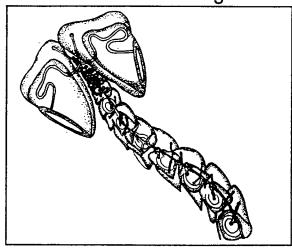


Fig. **S-36** 

SPECIES:

Muggiaea atlantica

FAMILY:

Diphyidae

SUBORDER:

Calycophorae

SIZE:

to 7 mm high

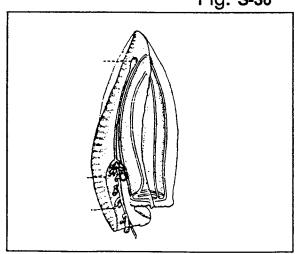
DESCRIPTION: anterior nectophore with 5 serrate ridges, somatocyst reaches top of

nectosac, no posterior nectophore.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

common



Species: Muggiaea kochi

FAMILY: Diphyidae SUBORDER: Calycophorae Size: to 5 mm high

Description: anterior nectophore with 5 ridges, somatocyst reaches halfway up nectosac, no posterior nectophore.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

common

Species: Rosacea cymbiformis

Family: Prayidae Suborder: Calycophorae

SIZE: to 2 m long extended
DESCRIPTION: 2 large, unequal, oblong
nectophores with small nectosacs, soft
jelly, somatocyst extends below nectosac,
numerous stem groups with large bracts.
LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

SPECIES:

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Med.

Rosacea plicata

Family: Prayidae Suborder: Calycophorae

Size: 1-2 m extended (?)

DESCRIPTION: 2 large, unequal oblong nectophores, small nectosacs, somatocyst stops above nectosac, numerous stem

groups with large bracts.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian,

Antarctic, Med.

Fig. **s-37** 

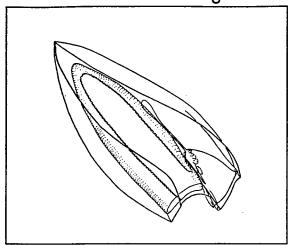


Fig. **S-38** 

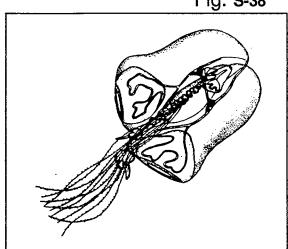
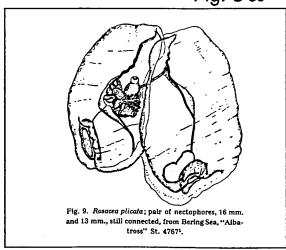


Fig. **S-39** 



Species:

Sphaeronectes gracilis

FAMILY: SUBORDER:

Sphaeronectidae Calycophorae

SIZE:

8 mm diameter

DESCRIPTION: single, spherical nectophore with hemispherical nectosac and curved.

elongate somatocyst.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Med.

Fig. S-40

Fig. S-41

Species:

Sphaeronectes irregularis

FAMILY:

Sphaeronectidae Calycophorae 7 mm diameter

Size:

SUBORDER:

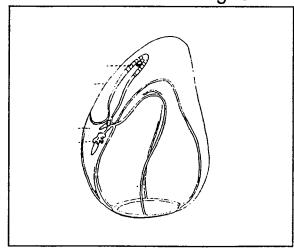
DESCRIPTION: single, pear-shaped

nectophore and nectosac, short, straight

somatocyst.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Med.



SPECIES:

Sulculeolaria biloba

FAMILY:

Diphyidae Calycophorae

SUBORDER:

SIZE:

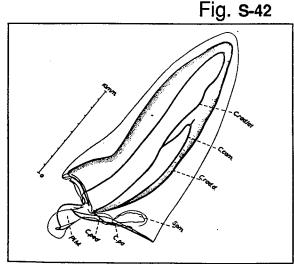
to 1+ m long, extended DESCRIPTION: conical anterior nectophore,

nectosac opens obliquely, short

somatocyst, 2 large basal lobes, posterior nectophore without basal lobes or teeth. LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.



Species: Sulculeolaria chuni

FAMILY: Diphyidae SUBORDER: Calycophorae Size: 10+ cm long

DESCRIPTION: conical anterior nectophore, long, thin somatocyst, 2 short basal lobes, posterior nectophore without basal lobes or teeth.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Red

Sea, Med.

Species: Sulculeolaria quadrivalvis

FAMILY: Diphyidae Suborder: Calycophorae

Size: 1+ m long, extended

DESCRIPTION: conical anterior nectophore, medium length somatocyst, 2 large basal lobes, posterior nectophore with 2 lateral

and 2 dorsal teeth at opening.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Red

Sea, Med.

Species: Sulculeolaria turgida

FAMILY: Diphyidae SUBORDER: Calycophorae Size: 20 cm long

DESCRIPTION: conical anterior nectophore, small somatocyst, 2 basal lobes, no teeth, posterior nectophore with single large basal lobe.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.



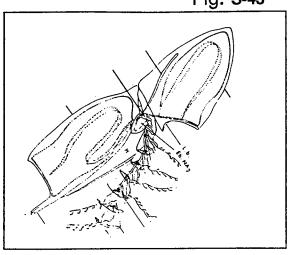


Fig. S-44

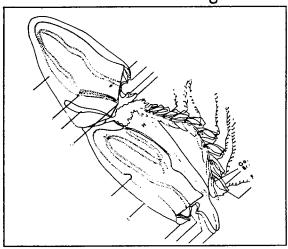
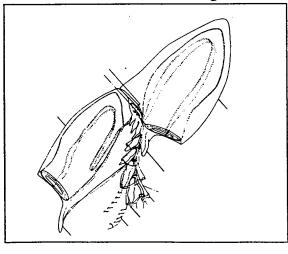


Fig. S-45



Species: Vogtia glabra

FAMILY: Hippopodiidae Calycophorae SUBORDER: 10 cm long (?) Size:

DESCRIPTION: up to 12 similar nectophores, partly overlapping in 2 rows, with smooth, rounded exterior, 3 lateral ridges and 2

dorsal humps.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

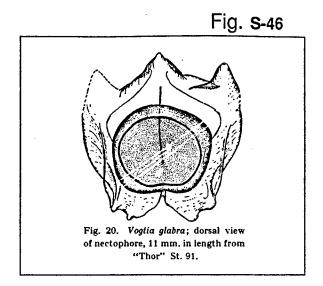


Fig. S-47

Vogtia pentacantha Species:

Hippopodiidae FAMILY: SUBORDER: Calycophorae 10 cm long (?) SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: up to 12 similar nectophores, partly overlapping in 2 rows, pentagonal in section, with teeth on edges but not

surfaces of facets.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

in deep water

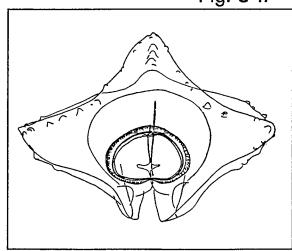


Fig. S-48

Species: Vogtia spinosa

FAMILY: Hippopodiidae SUBORDER: Calycophorae 10 cm long (?) Size:

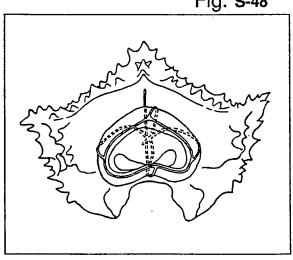
DESCRIPTION: up to 12 similar nectophores, partly overlapping in 2 rows, pentagonal in section, with teeth on edges and surfaces of facets.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

in deep water



#### Ctenophores

The phylum Ctenophora comprises perhaps a hundred or more gelatinous animals, almost all of which are planktonic. With few exceptions, ctenophores are strongly bioluminescent, emitting light from the gastrovascular canals, and sometimes from luminous secretions. They occur from shallow to deep water in all oceans, and are predators on other zooplankton. Ctenophores are fragile and difficult to collect or preserve. Many new species have only recently been described using *in-situ* methods, and undoubtedly many more species remain to be discovered, especially in deep water (Harbison and Botkin, in prep; Madin and Harbison, 1978a,b).

The classification of the phylum remains somewhat unsettled due to the recent influx of new species and higher taxa. At least five orders are represented in the Mediterranean plankton and are included here.

- 1. Cydippida. The cydippids generally have oval or cylindrical bodies with a mouth at one end and a statocyst at the other. They range in size from a few mm to nearly 30 cm. Cydippids have two long tentacles which are extended outside the body for fishing, but can be withdrawn into it. Division into families is based on the structure of the tentacles, their position (emerging near the oral or the aboral end of the body), body shape, and connections of the internal gastrovascular canals.
- 2. Lobata. In these ctenophores the oral end of the body is enlarged into two oral lobes, which are spread out as food-catching surfaces. The external tentacles are reduced to a veil of fine side-branches or tentilla which cover the surfaces of the lobes and parts of the body. Lobates have elongate, flattened bodies, and range from about 10 mm to a meter or more across. Families are distinguished on the basis of body shape, arrangement of canals or the presence of particular structures.
- 3. Thalassocalycida. This order contains a single genus which occurs mainly in midwater. It is most similar to the lobates, but the oral lobes are connected to form a continuous, medusa-like bell.
- 4. Cestida. The two genera in this order have similar morphologies, but differ in size. The body is extremely flattened and elongate, looking like a transparent belt. The tentacles are within grooves on one edge of the body, and tentilla cover the flat surfaces of the body.
- 5. Beroida. These ctenophores lack tentacles altogether. The body is quite flattened, and oval or conical in outline; size ranges from a few mm to 20 cm or more. Beroids have a large, expansive mouth and stomodeum with which they engulf other ctenophores as prey.

The classification used here is based on Harbison and Madin (1982), Harbison (1985) and Mills (1987). Descriptions, illustrations and distributional data are compiled from Carré and Carré (1989), Chun (1878, 1880, 1898), Fedele (1940), Harbison (pers. comm.), Komai (1918), Madin (unpubl. data), Madin and Harbison (1978a,b), Mayer (1912), Mills (1987), Moser (1910), Tregouboff and Rose (1957).

## Terminology:

withdrawn

auricles - 4 flattened or elongate structures on lobate ctenophores that attach near the base of the lobes

colloblasts - glue-cells on tentacles and tentilla which stick to prey
comb rows - 8 meridional rows of ctenes which provide propulsion
ctenes - plates of fused cilia that beat like paddles, arranged in comb rows
diverticula - side branches off gastrovascular canals that sometimes anastomose
meridional canals - 8 main gastrovascular canals running longitudinally through body
or into lobes

paragastric canals - canals running along each side of the stomodeum stomodeal canals - 4 meridional canals in the stomodeal plane of the body stomodeal plane - the plane of symmetry in which the flattened stomodeum lies stomodeum - the large first part of the gut into which prey is taken tentacle sheaths - cavities in the body of cydippids into which the tentacles can be

tentacular plane - the plane of symmetry, orthogonal to the stomodeal, in which the tentacle bulbs and sheaths lie

tentilla - side branches off the tentacles, may be simple, complex or coiled

Species: Callianira bialata

FAMILY: Mertensiidae
ORDER: Cydippida
Size: to 30 mm high

DESCRIPTION: body flattened in stomodeal plane, with 2 long aboral projections, tentacles emerge near aboral end, and

have many fine tentilla.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med. in deep water

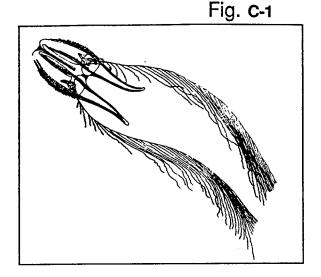


Fig. C-2

Species: Euplokamis stationis

FAMILY: Euplokamidae
ORDER: Cydippida
Size: to 25 mm high

DESCRIPTION: cylindrical or ovoid body, comb rows extend 2/3 body height, tentacles emerge near aboral end, with

fine, helically coiled tentilla.

LUMINESCENCE: probable but not published

DISTRIBUTION: Med.

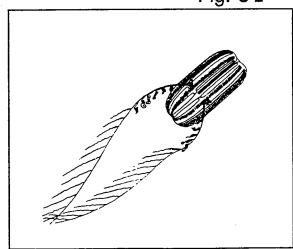


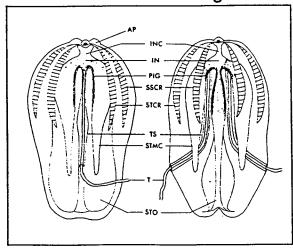
Fig. **C-3** 

Species: Haeckelia bimaculata

FAMILY: Haeckeliidae Order: Cydippida Size: 3 mm

Description: ellipsoidal body, tentacles lack tentilla, emerge near mouth, large orange spots on stomodeum, small red spots along comb rows, no green pigmentation. Luminescence: probable, but not published

DISTRIBUTION: Med.



Species: Haeckelia rubra

FAMILY: Haeckeliidae Order: Cydippida Size: to 10 mm high

DESCRIPTION: body short and squareish, large mouth, orange tentacle sheaths, tentacles emerge near mouth, lack tentilla and colloblasts, but have nematocysts. Luminescence: probable, but not published

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Med. in shallow water



FAMILY: Pleurobrachiidae

Order: Cydippida Size: to 20 mm

DESCRIPTION: ovoid body with elongate oral end, comb rows about 1/2 body height, tentacles emerge aborally, with simple and hand-shaped tentilla.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med. in shallow water

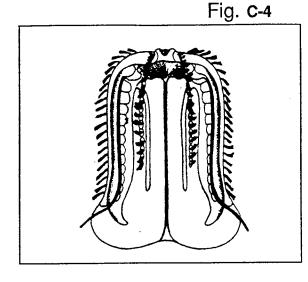


Fig. C-5

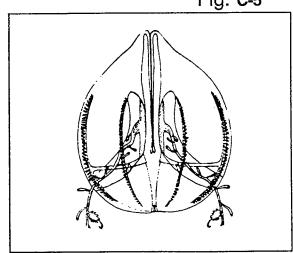


Fig. C-6



FAMILY: Pleurobrachiidae

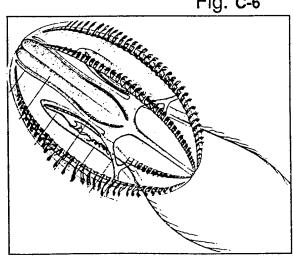
ORDER: Cydippida
Size: to 21 mm high

Description: ovoid body, not compressed, tentacles sheaths diverge orally from stomodeum, comb rows almost as long as body, tentacles with 2 sizes of tentilla.

Luminescence: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.



Lampea pancerina SPECIES:

Lampeidae FAMILY: Cydippida ORDER: to 75 mm high SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: cylindrical body with large, extensile mouth, comb rows 2/3 body

height, tentacles emerge orally, with simple

tentilla that coil up.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med. in shallow water

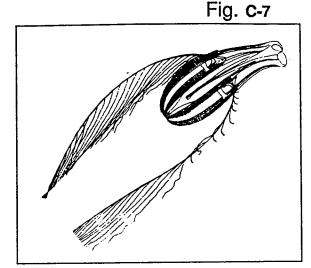


Fig. C-8

SPECIES: Pleurobrachia pileus

Pleurobrachiidae FAMILY: Cydippida ORDER:

to 20 mm high SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: ovoid body, not compressed, comb rows 3/4 body height, tentacle sheaths distant from stomodeum, tentacles emerge aborally, with fine tentilla.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Med. in

shallow water

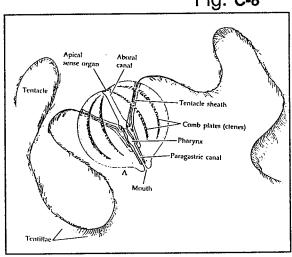


Fig. C-9

Species: Bathocyroe fosteri

Bathocyroidae FAMILY: ORDER: Lobata

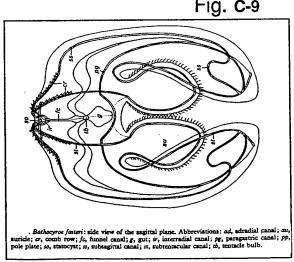
to 40 mm high SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: short body with broad oral lobes that flap to swim, auricles flat and broad, stomach red, paragastric canals extend onto inner lobe surfaces.

LUMINESCENCE: yes, along comb rows

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Med. in deep

water



Species: Bolinopsis vitrea

FAMILY:

Bolinopsidae

ORDER:

Lobata

Size:

to 80 mm high

DESCRIPTION: oval body, compressed in stomodeal plane, oral lobes 1/2 body height, auricles slender, stomodeal canals

make simple loops in oral lobes. Luminescence: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

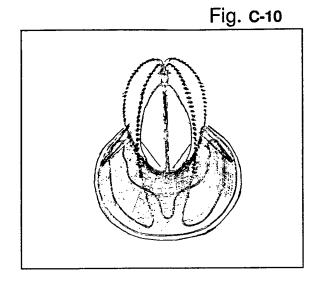


Fig. **C-11** 

SPECIES:

Deiopea kaloktenota

FAMILY:

Bolinopsidae

ORDER:

Lobata

SIZE:

to 50 mm high

DESCRIPTION: wide body, strongly

compressed in stomodeal plane, short comb rows with few large, widely spaced

ctenes, lobes 1/2 body height.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med. in deep water

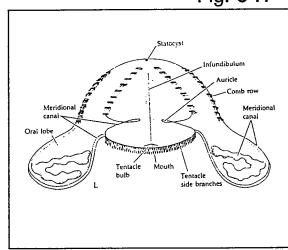


Fig. C-12

Species: Eurhamphaea vexilligera

FAMILY:

Eurhamphaeidae

ORDER:

Lobata

SIZE:

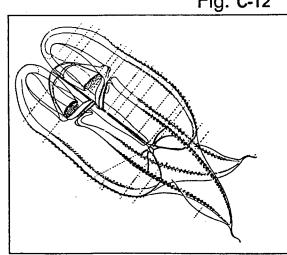
to 150 mm high

DESCRIPTION: long, narrow body with 2

aboral processes, compressed in

stomodeal plane, rows of conspicuous red vesicles under comb rows that release ink.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this genus as definite. Ink is luminescent. DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Med.



Species: Leucothea multicornis

Family: Leucotheidae

ORDER: Lobata

Size: to 250 mm high

Description: long body, flattened in stomodeal plane, voluminous oral lobes, extensile papillae on body and lobes, long, sinuous auricles, 2 aboral trailing tentacles.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

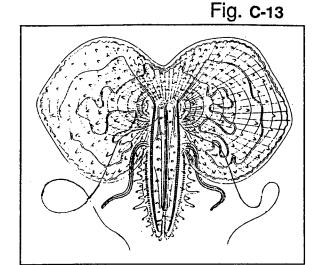


Fig. C-14

Species: Thalassocalyce inconstans

FAMILY: Thalassocalycidae
ORDER: Thalassocalycida
Size: to 150 mm diameter

DESCRIPTION: body umbrella-shaped when expanded, contracts to spherical or bilobed form, stomodeum on peduncle, short comb rows, delicate tentacles with tentilla.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Med.

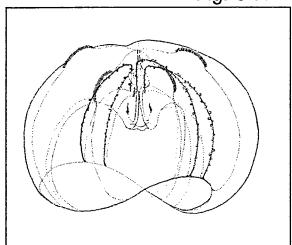


Fig. **C-15** 

Species: Cestum veneris

Family: Cestidae Order: Cestida

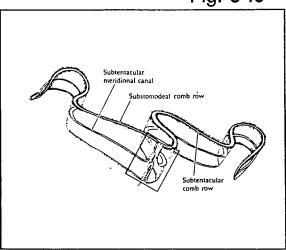
Size: to 1 m long (wide)

DESCRIPTION: flat, belt-shaped body with central stomodeum, comb rows extend along entire aboral edge, tentacles along oral edge with tentilla covering body sides.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide



Species: Velamen parallelum

Family: Cestidae Order: Cestida

SIZE: to 150 mm long (wide)
DESCRIPTION: body shape like *Cestum* but smaller, gonads form dark dashes along aboral edge, stomodeum short, meridional

canals converge in center of body. Luminescence: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Med.

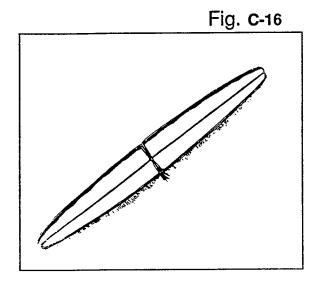


Fig. C-17

Species: Beroe forskalii

Family: Beroidae Order: Beroida

Size: to 20 cm high

DESCRIPTION: conical body with wide, flaring mouth, anastomosing diverticula from meridional and paragastric canals, dark pink color overall.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this genus as definite. Details in Panceri

(1872).

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Med.

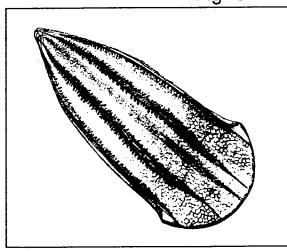


Fig. **C-18** 

Species: Beroe mitrata

Family: Beroidae Order: Beroida

Size: to 30 mm high

Description: compressed, mitre-shaped body, large mouth, the few meridional diverticula don't anastomose, but some join paragastrics, orange spot in mid body. Luminescence: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Med.

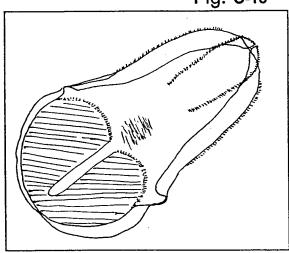


Fig. **C-19** 

SPECIES:

Beroe ovata

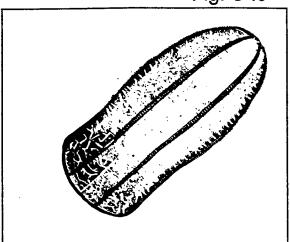
FAMILY: ORDER: Beroidae Beroida

SIZE:

to 115 mm high

Description: body mitre-shaped, moderately compressed, milky to pink, meridional diverticulae anastomose with paragastric branches, not each other. LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.
Distribution: Atlantic, Med.



#### **Polychaetes and Nudibranchs**

Planktonic polychaetes include both adult forms and numerous larval stages of benthic species. The holoplanktonic species typically have large paddle-like parapodia, swim in an undulating fashion and are predators on other zooplankton. At least one widespread genus, *Tomopteris* is reported to be luminescent. Tomopterids in deep water attain lengths of up to 20 cm. There are six families of polychaetes with pelagic genera that are reported to occur in the Mediterranean by Tregouboff and Rose (1957). However only 2 genera have been reported in more recent studies of the western Mediterranean plankton, and those are described here.

There are two genera of holoplanktonic nudibranchs, *Phyllirhoe* and *Cephalopyge*, of which the first is luminescent. Description of *Phyllirhoe* is taken from Lalli and Gilmer (1989) and Tregouboff and Rose (1957).

Species:

Calizonella lepidota

FAMILY:

Alciopidae

SUBCLASS:

Errantia

SIZE:

Description: elongate body, large round

red eyes, parapodia with 1 cirriform

appendage.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists 3 genera

in this family as uncertain.

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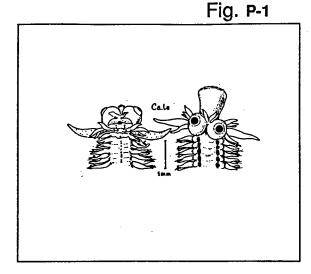


Fig. P-2

SPECIES:

Lopadorhynchus uncinatus

FAMILY:

Phyllodocidae

SUBCLASS:

Errantia

SIZE:

to 20 mm long

DESCRIPTION: broad, tapered body, 4

antennae, no palps, may be dark colored.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Med., Atlantic.

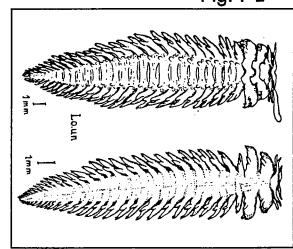


Fig. P-3



### Tomopteris helgolandica

FAMILY:

Tomopteridae

SUBCLASS:

Errantia

SIZE:

to 200 mm

DESCRIPTION: Body usually transparent, with

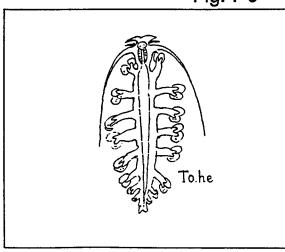
long trailing antennae, paired paddle-like

parapodia with conical lobes.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide



SPECIES:

Vanadis crystallina

FAMILY: SUBCLASS: Alciopidae Errantia

SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: very elongate body, head with conspicuous round red eyes, parapodia

with single cirriform appendages.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists 3 genera

in this family as uncertain. DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

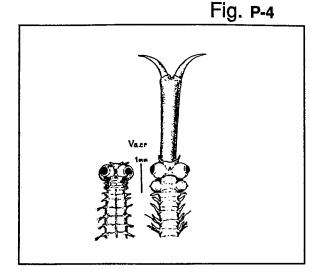


Fig. P-5

SPECIES:

Vanadis formosa

FAMILY: SUBCLASS: Alciopidae Errantia

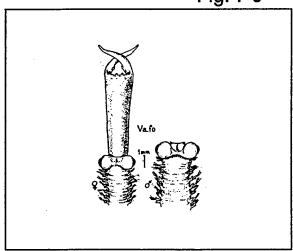
SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: very elongate body, head with conspicuous round red eyes, parapodia

with single cirriform appendages.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists 3 genera

in this family as uncertain. DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.



SPECIES:

Phyllirhoe bucephala

FAMILY:

Phylliroidae

ORDER:

Nudibranchia

SIZE:

to 40 mm

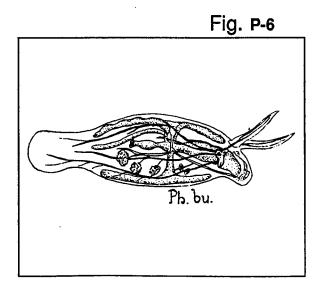
DESCRIPTION: flattened, transparent,leaf-like body with expanded tail, conspicuous internal organs, 2 long anterior tentacles,

gills absent and foot reduced.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.



## Pelagic Tunicates: Thaliacea and Larvacea

The class Thaliacea includes three orders -- the colonial Pyrosomes, which may range in length up to a meter or more and are strongly bioluminescent, the doliolids, and the salps, which are filter-feeders with tubular bodies and alternating generations. The class Larvacea comprises a single order of small, tadpole-like organisms that produce an external mucous filtering structure called a house. In some genera both the animal and the house are luminescent. They are widely distributed and often abundant.

- 1. Pyrosomida. The colonies are made up of numerous small ascidian-like zooids embedded in a stiff matrix or tunic. The colony is tubular, with a single terminal opening. Water pumped through each zooid for filter-feeding passes into the lumen of the colony and out the opening for jet propulsion. External morphology of the colony is variable, and although pyrosomas are unmistakable, specific identification is difficult, and there are many uncertain species and synonyms.
- 2. Doliolida. This order of the Thaliacea comprises small, barrel shaped animals with circumferential muscle bands used to create jet propulsion. The life cycle involves 6 different stages, and at one point includes a large polymorphic colony of thousands of zooids, which may attain lengths over 1 m. These colonies are fragile and rarely collected intact. The taxonomy is usually based on the gonozooid (sexually reproducing) stage, which is single and free-swimming. The oozooid (asexually budding) stage develops into the "nurse" which pulls the polymorphic colony; since this form is fairly sturdy it is often collected intact. Included here are descriptions of the gonozooid (gz) and nurse stages. Doliolids are easily recognized, but not easily identified to species.
- 3. Salpida. This order is of larger filter feeding animals, also with circumferential muscle bands. The salps alternate between two forms, an asexually budding solitary stage and a sexually reproducing aggregate stage. The aggregate salps usually remain connected together in chains or whorls of various types. The individual animals range in size from 5 to over 100 mm, and chains can be several m long. Descriptions and illustrations of both solitary (s) and aggregate (a) forms are included here.
- 4. Larvacea. This class is divided into 3 families of small (1-10 mm) animals consisting of a trunk and long, flat tail. Much of the taxonomy is based on arrangement of internal organs, which are difficult to see without using microscopy on fixed specimens. Descriptions are included here only for the more common Mediterranean species, and those characteristics likely to be most apparent in living, whole animals are emphasized.

Descriptions, illustrations and distributional data for Thaliaceans are compiled from Bracconot (1970, 1971), Madin (1974), Madin and Harbison (1978), Madin et al. (1981), Sewell (1953), van Soest (1973, 1974a,b, 1975), Thompson (1948) and Tregouboff and Rose (1957). Information for Larvaceans is mainly from Fenaux (1967), with other material from Galt (1989), Thompson (1948) and Tregouboff and Rose (1957).

# Terminology:

- body muscles circumferential muscle bands around the tubular body of salps and doliolids, continuous in the former and interrupted ventrally in the latter
- caeca blind extensions of the gut
- cluster loose radial group of many aggregate Cyclosalpa polae
- endostyle ventral organ in thaliaceans and larvaceans that secretes mucus
- gonozooid free-swimming sexually reproductive stage of doliolid
- helical chain chain of aggregate salps arranged in double helix
- "light organs" stripes of opaque tissue along sides of Cyclosalps, sometimes thought to be luminescent
- linear chain chain of aggregates all aligned with zooid axes nearly parallel to chain axis
- longitudinal muscle body muscle of salps that runs longitudinally on the dorsal surface
- nurse later growth stage of doliolid oozooid that loses digestive organs and serves only for locomotion of colony
- oblique chain chain of aggregate salps aligned with zooid axes at oblique angle to chain axis
- peduncle mid-ventral projection on aggregate cyclosalps that attaches them into whorl or cluster
- radial whorl chain of 10-15 cyclosalps arranged like segments of an orange
- spiracles ciliated openings into the pharynx of larvaceans that pump water through the pharyngeal filter net
- stolon strand of tissue that buds asexually produced aggregate salps, may remain attached to parent solitary salp while developing
- subchordal cells large cells present in the tails of larvaceans, often in speciesspecific numbers
- test or tunic the stiff gelatinous part of the body of a salp or pyrosome
- transverse chain chain of aggregate salps aligned with zooid axes perpendicular to the chain axis

Fig. T-1

Species: Pyrosoma atlanticum

Order: Pyrosomida Class: Pyrosomida Thaliacea

Size: colony to 60 cm

DESCRIPTION: cylindrical colony, colonless to pink or brownish, test fairly rigid with

dentate processes of varying length, zooids irregularly arranged in larger colonies.

Luminescence: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite. One of the most brightly

luminous organisms.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

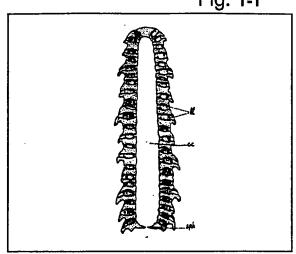


Fig. T-2

Species: Dolioletta gegenbauri

Order: Doliolida Class: Thaliacea Size: gz 10 mm

Description: gz: barrel shaped, 8 circular body muscles, gut mid-ventral, in tight dextral coil. nurse: with muscles 3,4 wider than the others.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists the genus *Doliolum* in this order as uncertain. DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

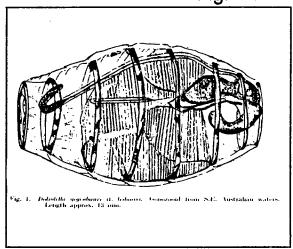
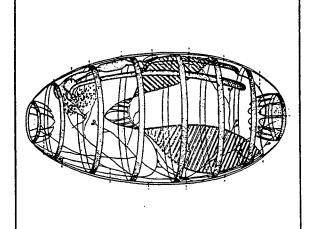


Fig. T-3



Species: Doliolum denticulatum

Order: Doliolida Class: Thaliacea

SIZE: gz 10 mm, nurse 15 mm
DESCRIPTION: gz: barrel-shaped, with 8 body
muscles, scalloped oral valve, gut in a
broad curve on ventral floor. nurse: body
muscles fused into continuous sheet.
LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as uncertain.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

Fig. T-4

Species:

Doliolum mulleri

ORDER: CLASS:

Doliolida Thaliacea

SIZE:

gz 4 mm, nurse 8 mm DESCRIPTION: gz: barrel-shaped body, 8

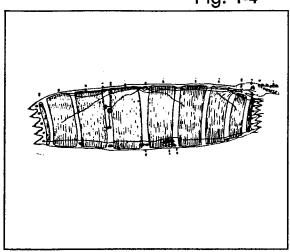
muscles, gut forms upright U or S-shaped loop. nurse: body muscles fused into

continuous sheet.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as uncertain.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.



SPECIES:

Cyclosalpa affinis

ORDER:

Salpida

CLASS: SIZE:

Thaliacea s to 80 mm, a to 60 mm

DESCRIPTION: s: cylindrical body, 7 body muscles, 1st 2 interrupted dorsally, no "light organs". a: 4 body muscles, short ventral peduncle, gut in open loop, radial

whorls, connected in chains.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as uncertain

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

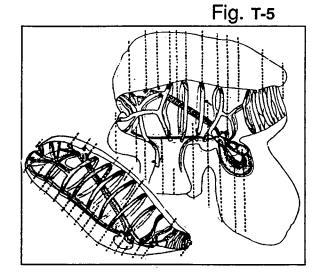
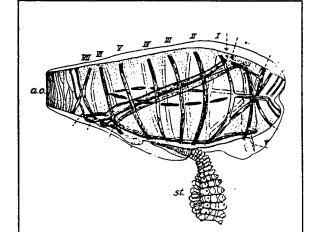


Fig. T-6



Species:

Cyclosalpa pinnata

ORDER:

Salpida Thaliacea

CLASS: SIZE:

s to 75 mm, a to 65 mm

DESCRIPTION: s: 7 body muscles, interrupted dorsally, linear gut with 2 caeca, 5 purple "light organs" on each side. a: 4 body muscles, short peduncle, 1 light organ on each side, in radial whorls of 10-15 salps.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as uncertain

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

Fig. T-7

SPECIES:

Cyclosalpa polae

ORDER: CLASS:

Salpida Thaliacea

s to 80 mm, a to 40 mm

SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: s: 7 body muscles, interrupted

dorsally, 6th forms longitudinal muscle, 5 white "light organs" on each side. a: 4 body muscles, long peduncle, 1 light organ each side, in clusters of up to 200 salps.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as uncertain

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

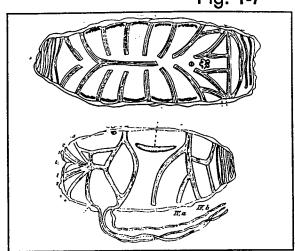


Fig. T-9

Species:

Helicosalpa virgula

ORDER:

Salpida

CLASS:

Thaliacea

SIZE:

s to 180 mm, a to 35 mm DESCRIPTION: s: 7 body muscles interrupted by paired longitudinal muscles, 1 "light organ" on each side, linear gut with 2 caeca. a: asymmetric, 4 body muscles, testis in posterior projection, helical chain.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

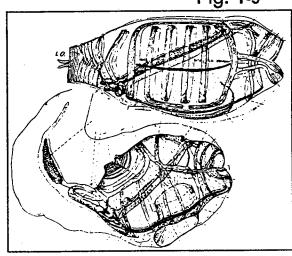


Fig. T-9

SPECIES:

lasis zonaria

ORDER:

Salpida

CLASS:

Thaliacea

SIZE:

s to 65 mm, a to 50 mm

DESCRIPTION: s: elongate, prismatic with stiff test, 5 broad body muscles, stolon coils

around compact gut. a: stiff test,

asymmetrical, 5 broad muscles, in tight

linear chain.

LUMINESCENCE: UNKNOWN

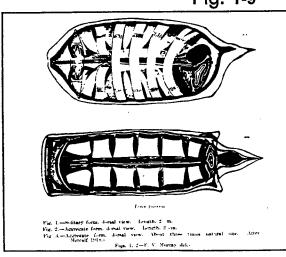


Fig. T-10

Ihlea punctata

ORDER: CLASS:

Salpida Thaliacea

SIZE:

s to 70 mm, a to 23 mm

DESCRIPTION: s: 9 wide body muscles, some fused dorsally, yellow pigment band around body, round gut. a: 6 asymmetric body muscles, orange-red spots on ventral side,

linear chain.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

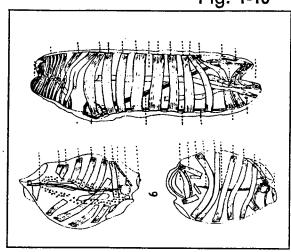


Fig. T-11

Species:

Pegea bicaudata

ORDER:

Salpida

CLASS: SIZE:

Thaliacea s to 72 mm, a to to 80 mm

DESCRIPTION: s: globular test with diffuse yellow or red pigment, 4 body muscles, stolon coils around gut. a: cylindrical test with yellow pigmentation posteriorly, 2 "tails", 4 body muscles, transverse chain.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

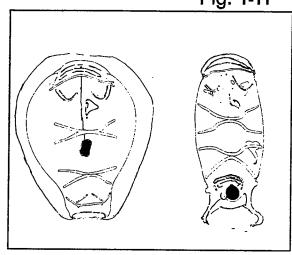
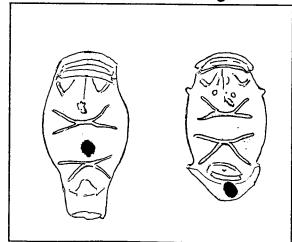


Fig. T-12



Species: Pegea confoederata

ORDER:

Salpida

CLASS:

Thaliacea

SIZE:

s to 90 mm, a to 110 mm

DESCRIPTION: s: test more cylindrical, with reticulate brown pigmentation, reddishbrown spherical gut. a: short, plump body with thick test around gut, no processes,

transverse chain. LUMINESCENCE: unknown

Pegea socia

ORDER:

Salpida

CLASS:

Thaliacea

SIZE:

s to 140 mm, a to 120 mm DESCRIPTION: s: plump body with yellow band of pigment along each side, stolon coils twice around gut. a: body cylindrical, uniform gold pigmentation, no processes,

transverse chain.

LUMINESCENCE: UNKNOWN

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

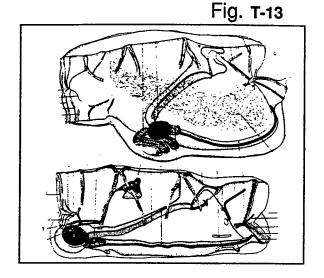


Fig. T-14

Species:

Salpa fusiformis

ORDER: CLASS:

Salpida Thaliacea

SIZE:

s to 55 mm, a to 52 mm

DESCRIPTION: s: smooth symmetric body, 9 body muscles, small, round, reddish gut. a: fusiform body with long anterior, posterior projections, 6 body muscles, linear chain.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide and common

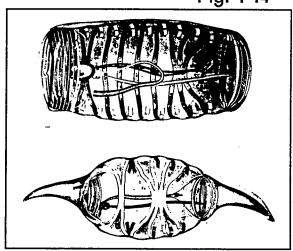


Fig. T-15

SPECIES: Salpa maxima

ORDER:

Salpida

CLASS:

Thaliacea

SIZE:

s to 180 mm, a to 100 mm

DESCRIPTION: s: smooth body, thick test. 9 body muscles parallel on dorsal side, large round, red gut. a: cylindrical with short anterior, posterior projections, 6 body muscles, round gut, linear chain

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

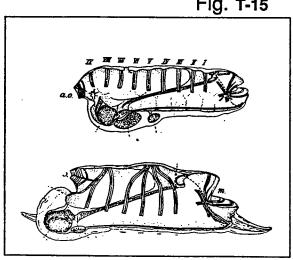


Fig. T-16

Thalia democratica Species:

ORDER: Salpida CLASS: Thaliacea

SIZE: s to 15 mm, a to 18 mm DESCRIPTION: s: 6 body muscles, 2 long posterior projections, shorter projections around gut, round, blue or brown gut, a: ovoid body, 5 body muscles, posterior projection of gut, oblique chain.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

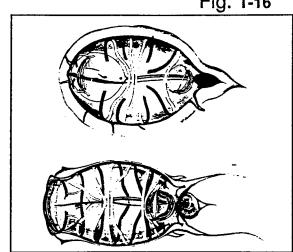


Fig. T-17

Thalia orientalis Species:

ORDER: Salpida Thaliacea CLASS:

SIZE: s to 7 mm, a to 5 mm

DESCRIPTION: 6 body muscles, 2 very long posterior projections, 8 toothed ridges along test, no lateral projections. a: ovoid body, thick test, 5 body muscles, no gut projection, oblique chain.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

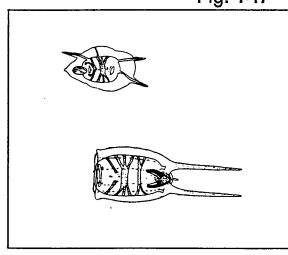


Fig. **T-18** 

SPECIES: Thetys vagina

ORDER: Salpida CLASS: Thaliacea

SIZE: s to 300 mm, a to 120 mm DESCRIPTION: s: 16-22 body muscles, body broad at mouth, tapered at posterior, with 2 lateral appendages. Test thick, greenish. a: cylindrical body, thick test of greenish hue. 5 body muscles, interrupted dorsally.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

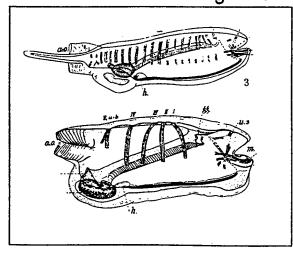


Fig. T-19

Appendicularia sicula

FAMILY:

Fritillaridae Larvacea

CLASS: Size:

trunk 0.5 mm, entire 1.5 mm

DESCRIPTION: short, pear-shaped trunk, round mouth without lips, tail is broad, narrows near attachment to trunk.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide in warm or

temperate water

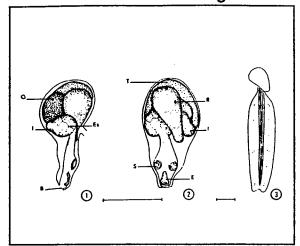


Fig. **T-20** 

SPECIES:

Folia gracilis

FAMILY:

Oikopleuridae

CLASS:

Larvacea

SIZE:

trunk 0.6 mm

Description: ovoid trunk, flattened dorsoventrally, narrow mouth with small ventral lip, tail pointed distally, lacks subchordal cells.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists Oikopleura in this family as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

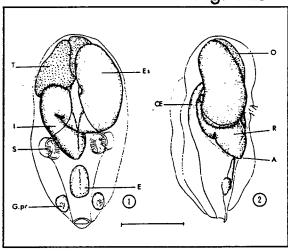


Fig. **T-21** 

SPECIES:

Fritillaria aequatorialis

FAMILY:

Fritillaridae

CLASS:

Larvacea

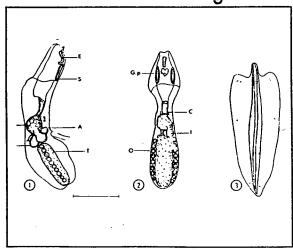
SIZE:

trunk 0.7 mm, entire 1.0 mm

DESCRIPTION: trunk long and narrow with enlarged pharynx, leaf-shaped tail with pointed end attaches at middle of trunk.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.



Fritillaria borealis

FAMILY:

Fritillaridae

CLASS:

Larvacea

SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: pear-shaped trunk, mouth with rounded lip, tail rectangular, with central

musculature and incised end.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide

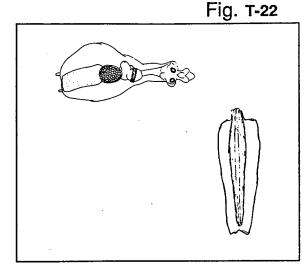


Fig. **T-23** 

SPECIES:

Fritillaria gracilis

FAMILY:

Fritillaridae

CLASS:

Larvacea

SIZE:

trunk 0.7 mm, entire 2.7 mm

DESCRIPTION: trunk oval, broader at anterior

end, mouth without lips, tail sharply

narrowed at distal end.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

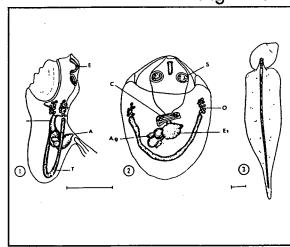


Fig. T-24

Species:

Fritillaria haplostoma

FAMILY:

Fritillaridae

CLASS:

Larvacea

SIZE:

trunk 1.0 mm, entire 2.3 mm

DESCRIPTION: long, narrow trunk, mouth with 1 large upper lip and 2 small lower lips, tail lanceolate, with scattered gland cells.

LUMINESCENCE: UNKNOWN

Distribution: world-wide in warm water

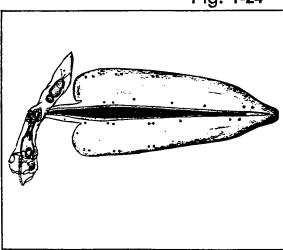


Fig. T-25

Species:

Fritillaria megachile

FAMILY:

Fritillaridae

CLASS:

Larvacea

SIZE:

trunk 2.0 mm, entire 4.0 mm

DESCRIPTION: trunk slim and elongate, not curved, mouth with large upper lip and 2 small lower lips, tail broadly rectangular with notched end, scattered gland cells.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide in warm water

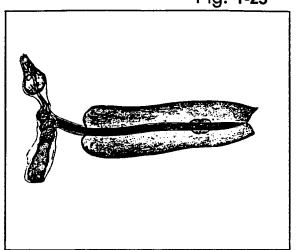


Fig. **T-26** 

SPECIES:

Fritillaria pellucida

FAMILY:

Fritillaridae

CLASS: Size: Larvacea trunk 1.5 mm, entire 3.0 mm

DESCRIPTION: trunk elongate with enlarged anterior end, 2 conspicuous conical horns

on posterior, tail broad with V notch in end.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

very common

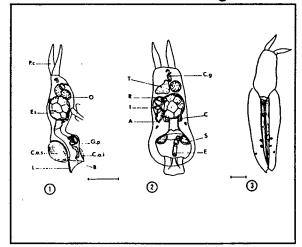


Fig. **T-27** 



Fritillaridae

FAMILY: CLASS:

Entillaridae Larvacea

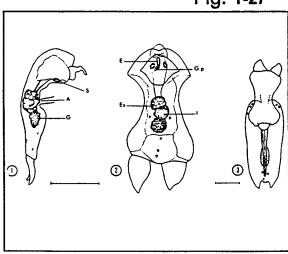
CLASS: SIZE:

trunk 1.5 mm, entire 2.5 mm

DESCRIPTION: trunk hourglass-shape from from above, flattened dorso-ventrally, with 2 large, flat horns posteriorly, mouth with large upper lip, tail lanceolate, notched.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide



Kowalevskia tenuis

FAMILY:

Kowalevskiidae

CLASS:

Larvacea

SIZE:

trunk 1.0 mm, entire 8.0 mm

DESCRIPTION: trunk short, without endostyle, spiracles or heart, large rounded mouth, narrow, lanceolate tail, much longer than

trunk.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Antarctic,

Med.

Fig. **T-29** 

Fig. **T-28** 

SPECIES:

Megalocercus abyssorum

FAMILY:

Oikopleuridae

CLASS:

Larvacea

SIZE:

trunk 5 mm, entire 30 mm DESCRIPTION: ovoid trunk, with red-orange pigmentation, fairly small mouth with lower

lip, tail broad, muscular with blunt end.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists Oikopleura in this family as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

in deep water

Fig. **T-30** 



Oikopleura albicans

FAMILY:

Oikopleuridae

CLASS:

Larvacea

SIZE:

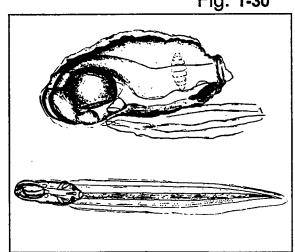
trunk 4 mm, entire 7 mm

DESCRIPTION: trunk slender and elongate, conspicuous large white gonads in mature animals, tail slender and pointed, well

developed muscles.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this genus as definite. House is also luminous

(Galt, 1969).



Species: Oikopleura cophocerca

FAMILY: Oikopleuridae CLASS: Larvacea

SIZE: trunk 0.7 mm, entire 2.6 mm DESCRIPTION: trunk nearly rectangular, but tapered at anterior, fairly large mouth with prominent lower lip, tail muscular, with tapered end.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

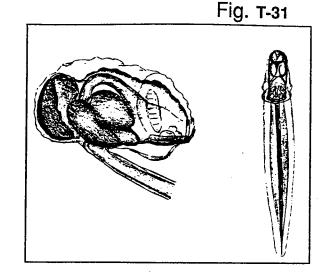


Fig. **T-32** 

SPECIES: Oikopleura dioica

FAMILY: Oikopleuridae CLASS: Larvacea

Size: trunk 0.5 mm, entire 1.5 mm Description: small, globular trunk, separate sexes, terminal mouth with small lower lip, tail with narrow musculature and pointed tip.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this genus as definite. House is also luminous (Galt, 1969).

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide except Antarctic

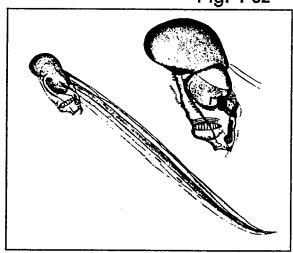


Fig. **T-33** 



FAMILY: Oikopleuridae CLASS: Larvacea

SIZE: trunk 0.5 mm, entire 3.0 mm DESCRIPTION: trunk elongate, ovoid, flat

dorsal surface, mouth opens obliquely upwards, tail long and slim, without

subchordal cells.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide except Antarctic

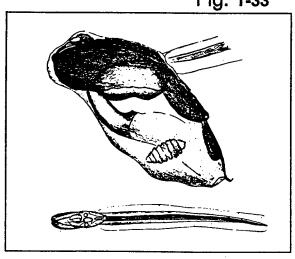


Fig. **T-34** 

Species: Oikopleura intermedia

FAMILY: Oikopleuridae CLASS: Larvacea

SIZE: trunk 1.5 mm, entire 5.0 mm DESCRIPTION: ovoid trunk, tapered anteriorly, with convex dorsal surface, mouth opens

obliquely upwards, tail with broad

musculature, rounded tip.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

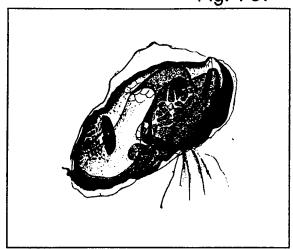


Fig. **T-35** 

Species: Oikopleura longicauda

FAMILY: Oikopleuridae Larvacea CLASS:

SIZE: trunk 0.7 mm, entire 3.5 mm

DESCRIPTION: short, ovoid trunk with characteristic membranous hood over posterior dorsal part, tail with broad musculature, rounded tip.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide, the commonest

warm water species.

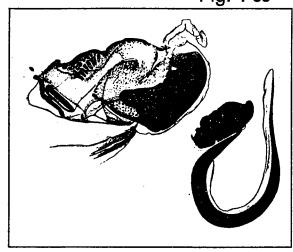


Fig. T-36

SPECIES: Oikopleura parva

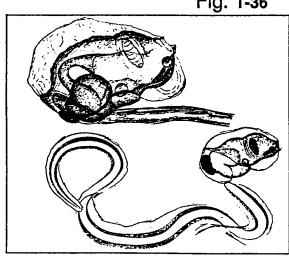
FAMILY: Oikopleuridae CLASS: Larvacea

trunk 0.5 mm, entire 3.0 mm SIZE: DESCRIPTION: trunk slender, ovoid, mouth opens anteriorly, with small lower lip, tail with narrow musculature, 4 subchordal cells near tip.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide in midwater



Species: Oikopleura rufescens

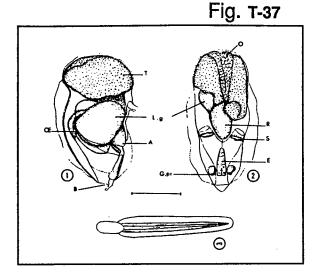
Family: Oikopleuridae Class: Larvacea

SIZE: trunk 1.5 mm, entire 5.0 mm DESCRIPTION: trunk short and ovoid, with strongly convex dorsal side, terminal mouth with small lower lip, tail broad with narrow musculature and 1 large subchordal cell. LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

common

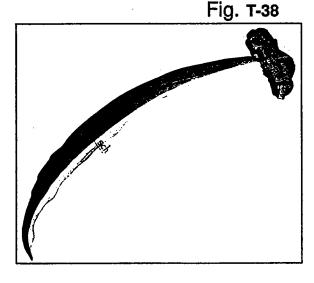


Species: Stegosoma magnum

Family: Oikopleuridae Class: Larvacea

Size: trunk 3.0 mm, entire 10 mm
Description: trunk elongate and laterally
compressed, with arched anterior dorsal
surface, small terminal mouth, tail long with
narrow musculature, 8 subchordal cells.
Luminescence: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.



### Crustaceans

Crustaceans, especially copepods, are almost invariably the most abundant and often the most diverse constituent of the zooplankton. Some of the copepods and ostracods, and most of the euphausiids and decapods are known to be luminescent. Some possess discrete photophores and others discharge luminous secretions. A complete systematic coverage of the crustacean zooplankton of the western Mediterranean is well beyond the scope of this summary. Therefore this is not a comprehensive listing of the Mediterranean fauna, but those species of amphipods, euphausiids, mysids, ostracods, copepods and decapods reported in recent zooplankton studies or from submersible observations in the western Mediterranean are summarized in Table 9. Of those 88 species, 45, including most that are thought to be luminescent, are described and illustrated here. Some reports cited in Table 9 do not identify copepods or ostracods to species; in cases where the genus is luminescent, a common species within it is given here as an example. "M" = male, "F" = female.

Because of the diversity and complexity of crustaceans, identification to species, especially of copepods, can be difficult, and require expert familiarity with morphology of the body and appendages, and the accompanying descriptive terminology. Descriptions here refer where possible to general body shape and other characters that can be seen in live animals under a dissecting microscope. Identification of some groups may require the assistance of a specialist.

Classification, descriptions and illustrations for amphipods are compiled from Bowman and Gruner (1973), Shoemaker (1945), Stephensen (1925), Pillai, (1966a,b) and Tregouboff and Rose (1957). Information on copepods is principally from Rose (1933) with additional material from Owre and Foyo (1967), Tanaka (1956a,b, 1957, 1961, 1963, 1964) and Tregouboff and Rose. Ostracod descriptions are from Tregouboff and Rose. Descriptions and illustration of euphausiids are from Brinton (1975), Boden et al. (1955), Mauchline (1971), Wiebe (1976) and Tregouboff and Rose. Data on decapods is compiled from Crosnier and Forest (1973), Stephensen (1923) and Rice (1967).

# **Terminology**

basal plate - the first segment of a pereopod, enlarged into a flat plate cephalothorax - the fused head and thorax of a copepod chelate - having a claw in which the 6th segment closes over the 5th furca - paired distal appendages on the urosome of copepods geniculate - having a grasping articulation at the end of the antenna pereopods - the thoracic legs rostrum - anterior projection of the carapace, out in front of the head

simple - legs without claws

subchelate - having a claw in which the 7th segment closes over the 6th

uropods - the paired appendages of the urosome or tail

urosome - the tail section consisting of last abdominal appendage, uropods and telson

Brachyscelus crusculum

Family: Lycaeidae Suborder: Hyperiidea

Species:

Size: to 17 mm

Description: slender body with rounded head, large eyes, antenna 1 short, antenna 2 absent in F, long in M, pereopods 1 & 2 subchelate with teeth on margin, usually

associated with medusae. Luminescence: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

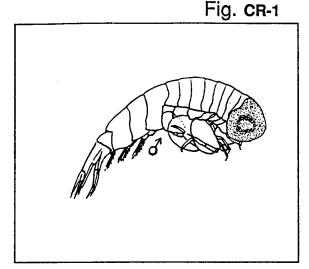


Fig. CR-2

Species: Phronima atlantica

FAMILY: Phronimidae Suborder: Hyperiidea Size: to 40 mm

DESCRIPTION: slender body with subconical head, elongate and narrowed ventrally, eyes have dorsal and lateral sections, pereopod 5 long with large claw, others simple. F in barrels made from salps.

LUMINESCENCE: UNKNOWN

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Indian, Med.

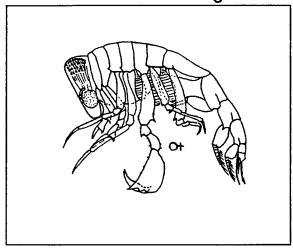


Fig. cr-3

Species: Phronima sedentaria

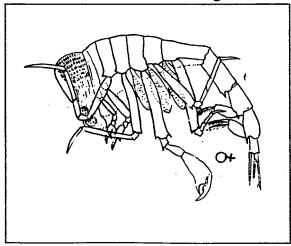
FAMILY: Phronimidae Suborder: Hyperiidea Size: to 40 mm

DESCRIPTION: body and head similar to *P. atlantica*, pereopods 4,6,7 nearly as long as 5, narrow claw on 5, F in barrels made

from salps.

LUMINESCENCE: UNKNOWN

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide



Phronimella elongata

FAMILY: SUBORDER: Phronimidae Hyperiidea

SIZE:

to 15 mm

DESCRIPTION: very slender body with long abdomen, very long and thin pereopods, pereopod 5 with simple claw and toothed edge, F in short, round barrels.

LUMINESCENCE: UNKNOWN

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

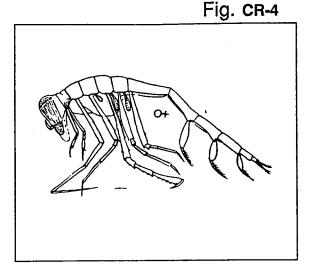


Fig. CR-5

Species:

Phrosina semilunata

FAMILY:

SIZE:

SUBORDER:

Phrosinidae Hyperiidea to 20 mm

DESCRIPTION: compact body, large head with anterior "horns", pereopods 1 & 2 very large & 6 subchelate. 5 subchelate, with toothed margins, pereopod 7 reduced to basal plate, free-swimming.

LUMINESCENCE: UNKNOWN

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Indian, Med.

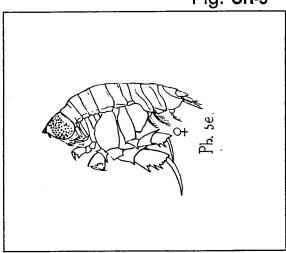


Fig. CR-6

SPECIES:

Platyscelus ovoides

FAMILY:

Platyscelidae Hyperiidea

SUBORDER: SIZE:

to 20 mm

Description: body almost globular, rolls into ball, plate-like pereopods 5 & 6 cover ventral side, pereopods 1 & 2 chelate, associated with reduced. pereopod siphonophores.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Indian, Med.

Species: Pseudolycaea pachypoda

FAMILY: Lycaeidae SUBORDER: Hyperiidea to 7 mm

DESCRIPTION: body moderately plump, large round head, pereopods slender, without chelae, antenna 2 long and folded in M, absent in F, associated with medusae.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Indian, Med.

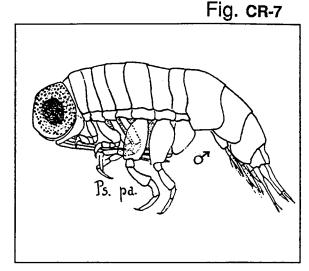


Fig. CR-8

Species: Scina crassicornis

FAMILY: Scinidae SUBORDER: Hyperiidea SIZE: to 21 mm

Description: elongate body, flattened dorso-ventrally, small head and eyes, long pointed antenna 1, long slender pereopods, long pointed uropods, body orange or red. Luminescence: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

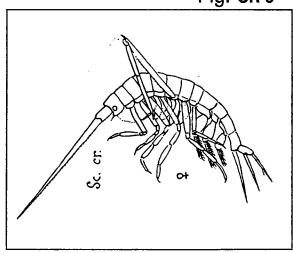


Fig. CR-9

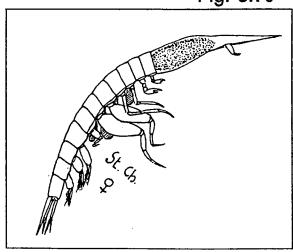
Species: Streetsia challengeri

FAMILY: Oycephalidae
SUBORDER: Hyperiidea
SIZE: to 40 mm

Description: slender body with long pointed head, covered by compound eye, pereopods 1 & 2 chelate and spiny, other

pereopods slender and simple.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown



SPECIES: Euphausia krohnii

FAMILY: Euphausiidae ORDER: Euphausiacea to 25 mm SIZE:

Description: medium size round eye, 2 pairs of lateral teeth on carapace, pereopods 1-6 similar, 7 & 8 reduced.

Luminescence: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

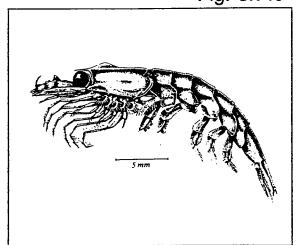


Fig. CR-11

Meganyctiphanes norvegica Species:

FAMILY: Euphausiidae ORDER: Euphausiacea to 40 mm Size:

Description: elongate body, rostrum ends behind round eyes, pereopods 1-7 similar, 8 reduced, 1 pair of lateral teeth on carapace.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987)lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: N. Atlantic, Med.

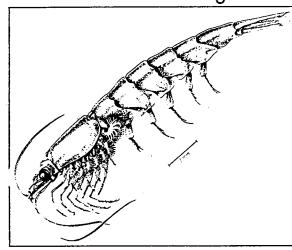


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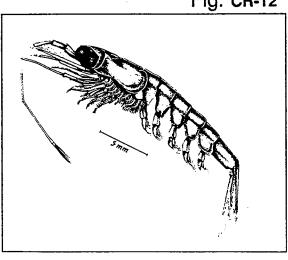
SPECIES: Nematoscelis megalops

Euphausiidae FAMILY: Euphausiacea ORDER: to 20 mm SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: eyes divided into upper and lower lobes, 2nd pereopod extremely elongate, slender with apical bristles, no teeth on carapace.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.



SPECIES: Stylocheiron maximum

FAMILY: Euphausiidae Euphausiacea ORDER: to 30 mm SIZE:

DESCRIPTION: carapace with sharp rostrum extending to end of large, elongate eyes, robust thorax, with reduced 1st, 2nd, but extremely long 3d pereopod with chela.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

mesopelagic

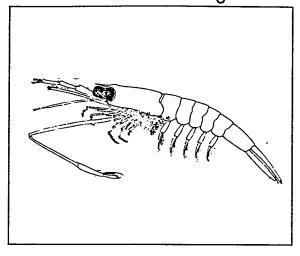


Fig. CR-14

Species: Thysanopoda aequalis

FAMILY: Euphausiidae ORDER: Euphausiacea SIZE: to 20 mm

Description: carapace with dorsal trough, rostrum does not reach end of small, round eves, very long antennae, pereopods uniformly short.

Luminescence: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

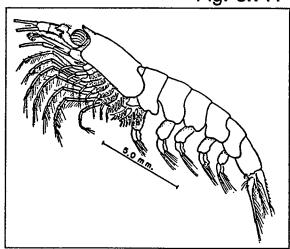


Fig. CR-15

Acartia clausi SPECIES:

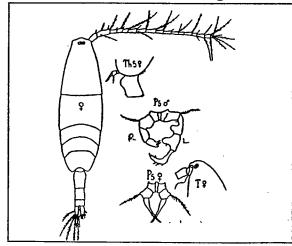
FAMILY: Acartiidae SUBCLASS: Copepoda SIZE: to 1.2 mm

Description: no rostrum, abdomen about 1/3 length of cephalothorax, short hairs on

edges of thoracic segments.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide



SPECIES:

Calanus helgolandicus

FAMILY: SUBCLASS: Calanidae Copepoda to 3 mm

Size:

Description: long, narrow body, antenna 1 longer than body and tail, 5 spines on margin of basal caudal furca, each segment of 5th pereopod toothed.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists two

genera in this family as uncertain.

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide

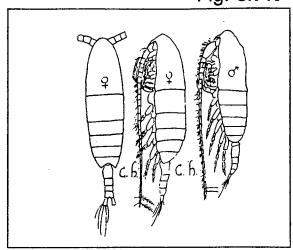


Fig. CR-17

Species:

Centropages chierchiae

FAMILY: SUBCLASS: Centropagidae Copepoda

SIZE:

1.8 mm

DESCRIPTION: body with tapered anterior, projections on posterior corners of last thoracic segment, antenna 1 shorter than body, long spines on urosome.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

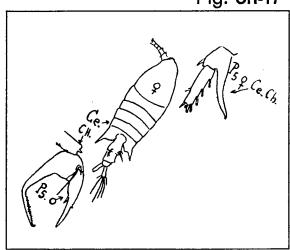


Fig. CR-18

Centropages kroyeri SPECIES:

FAMILY:

Centropagidae Copepoda

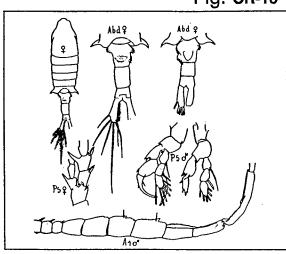
SUBCLASS: SIZE:

1.3 mm

DESCRIPTION: body tapered anteriorly, projections thoracic on last segment, pereopod 5 chelate, with strong spines.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Indian, Med.



Species: Centropages typicus

FAMILY: Centropagidae SUBCLASS: Copepoda SIZE: to 2.0 mm

Description: symmetrical posterior points on last thoracic segment in M, asymmetric in F, antenna 1 longer than cephalothorax.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

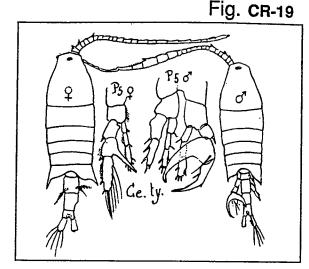


Fig. CR-20

Species: Clausocalanus arcuicornis

FAMILY: Pseudocalanidae

SUBCLASS: Copepoda to 1.2 mm

Description: short body, tapered anteriorly, abdomen with 4 segments in , 5 in , pereopod 5 long and straight in M, short and curved in F.

LUMINESCENCE: Unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Red

Sea, Med.

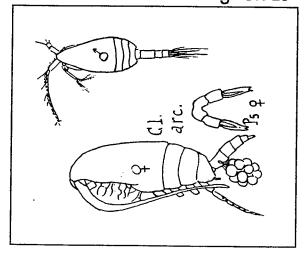


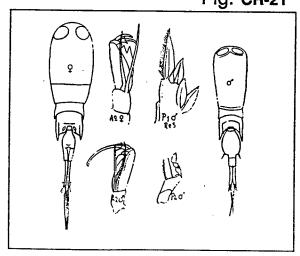
Fig. CR-21

Species: Corycaeus typicus

FAMILY: Corycaeidae Subclass: Copepoda Size: 1.6 mm

DESCRIPTION: cyclopoid copepods, body rounded anteriorly, with 2 large eyes, last (3rd) thoracic segment with posterior points, abdomen of 1 segment, long urosome.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this genus as uncertain.



Species:

Eucalanus elongatus

FAMILY: SUBCLASS: Eucalanidae Copepoda to 8.2 mm

SIZE: Description: elongate body, tapered anterior, very long antenna 1 with many spines and fan at ends, urosome with 1 long and several short terminal spines.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Med.

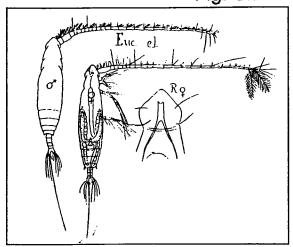


Fig. CR-23

SPECIES:

Haloptilis acutifrons

FAMILY:

Augaptilidae Copepoda

SUBCLASS: SIZE:

to 3.2 mm

Description: cephalothorax with sharp anterior projection, antenna 1 much longer than body.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Med.

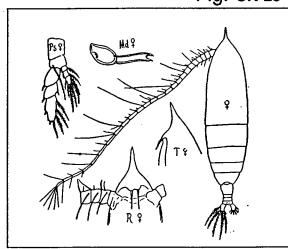


Fig. CR-24

Species:

Lucicutia flavicornis

FAMILY: SUBCLASS: Lucicutiidae Copepoda

SIZE:

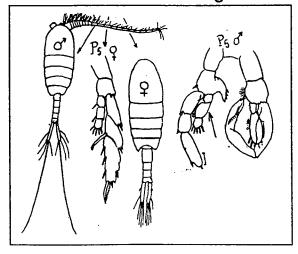
1.7 mm

DESCRIPTION: oval body, numerous spines on antenna 1, slender abdomen with long terminal spines in F.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

lists this



Species: Oithona helgolandica

FAMILY: Oithonidae Subclass: Copepoda Size: 0.7 mm

DESCRIPTION: oval cephalothorax, tapered anteiorly and posteriorly, antenna 1 with long spines, conspicuous egg sacs on

abdomen in F.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as uncertain.
Distribution: world-wide

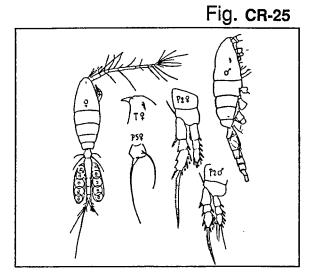


Fig. CR-26

Species: Oncaea mediterranea

FAMILY: Oncaeidae Subclass: Copepoda Size: 1.3 mm

DESCRIPTION: short, oval cephalothorax, 1st abdomen segment much longer than all others, body orange-red.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

Distribution: world-wide

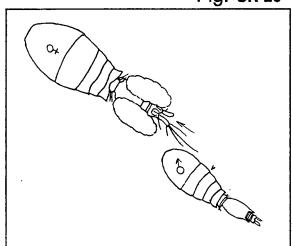


Fig. CR-27

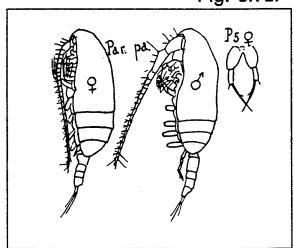
Species: Paracalanus parvus

FAMILY: Paracalanidae Subclass: Copepoda Size: to 1.0 mm

Description: short body, head rounded in lateral view, F with 3 free thoracic segments, 5 abdominal, M with 5 abdominal segments, strong antenna 1.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: world-wide



Species: Pleuromamma borealis

Family: Metridiidae Subclass: Copepoda Size: 2.25 mm

DESCRIPTION: body with 4 thoracic segments, antenna 1 of F with hooks, pereopod 5 with 3 equal spines on each

tip.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

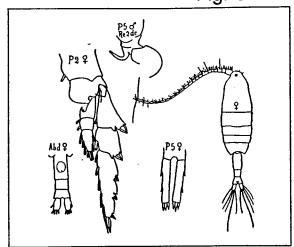


Fig. CR-29

Species: Pleuromamma gracilis

Family: Metridiidae Subclass: Copepoda Size: 2.0 mm

DESCRIPTION: dark brown spot on right side of 1st thoracic segment, M antenna 1 prehensile on left side, short spines on ends of last articles of pereopod 5.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

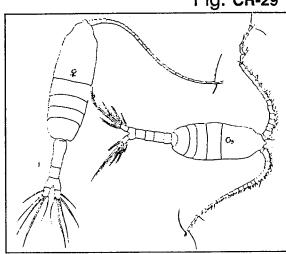


Fig. CR-30

SPECIES: Rhincalanus nasutus

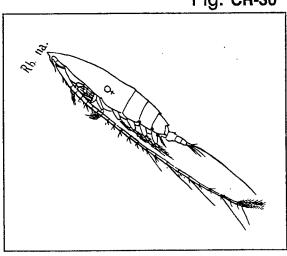
FAMILY: Eucalanidae Subclass: Copepoda Size: to 5.0 mm

Description: long body, triangular pointed head with concave sides, antenna 1 much longer than body, M pereopod 5 with claw-like segment.

LUMINESCENCE: UNKNOWN

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.,

often deep



Species:

Sapphirina iris

FAMILY:

Sapphirinidae Copepoda

SUBCLASS: SIZE:

to 7.5 mm

Description: body very flattened dorsoventrally, iridescent, antennae very short, 2 closely-spaced frontal eyes, body elongate

in F, ovoid in M.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

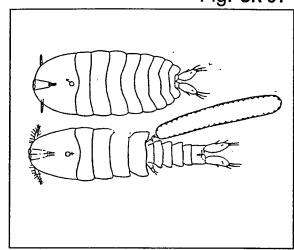


Fig. CR-32

SPECIES:

Scolecithrix bradyi

FAMILY:

Scolecithricidae

SUBCLASS: SIZE:

Copepoda to 1.4 mm

DESCRIPTION: short body, thoracic segments 4 & 5 nearly fused, antenna much shorter than body. pereopod reduced and

asymmetric.

LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

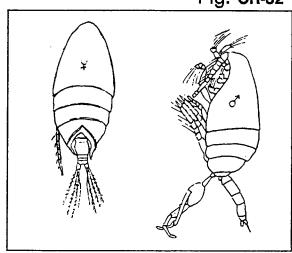


Fig. CR-33

Species:

Temora longicornis

FAMILY:

Temoridae Copepoda

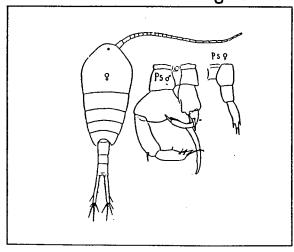
SUBCLASS: SIZE:

to 1.5 mm

DESCRIPTION: short, oval body with midanterior eyespot, 4 thoracic segments, M antenna 1 geniculate on right, M pereopod

5 with clawlike end. LUMINESCENCE: unknown

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Indian, Med.



Species:

Temora stylifera

FAMILY: SUBCLASS: Temoridae Copepoda

SIZE:

to 1.9 mm

Description: short, broad body with rounded head, prolonged back corners of 5th thoracic segment, M with geniculate antenna 1, grasping claw on pereopod 5.

LUMINESCENCE: UNKNOWN

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Indian, Med.

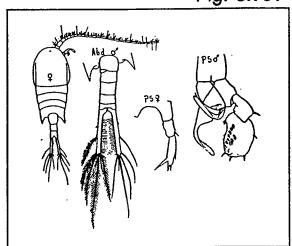


Fig. CR-35

Species:

Conchoecia obtusata

FAMILY:

Halocyprididae Ostracoda

CLASS: SIZE:

to 2.0 mm

DESCRIPTION: valves with straight dorsal

margin and nearly rectangular outline.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION:

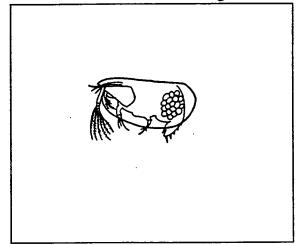


Fig. CR-36



Cypridina castanea

FAMILY:

Cypridinidae Ostracoda

CLASS: SIZE:

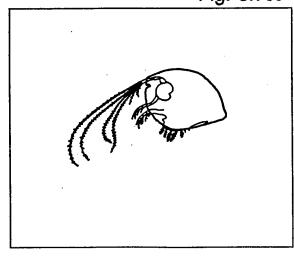
to 7.0 mm

DESCRIPTION: valves with strongly curved dorsal margin, nearly oval outline, antennae extend well beyond shell margin.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION:



Species: Acanthephyra pelagica

Oplophoridae FAMILY: Decapoda ORDER:

to 147 mm total length SIZE:

Description: orange-red color overall. toothed rostrum extends well forward of small eyes, all legs simple, 7-11 pairs of

spines on telson.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Med.

mesopelagic

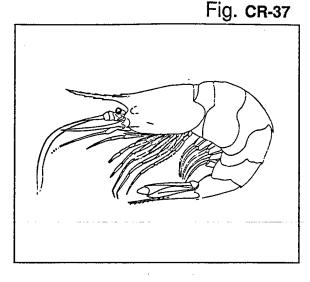


Fig. CR-38

Gennadas elegans SPECIES:

FAMILY: Penaeidae ORDER: Decapoda SIZE: to 40 mm

DESCRIPTION: body red with blue spots, very long first antennae, no rostral projection

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as uncertain

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

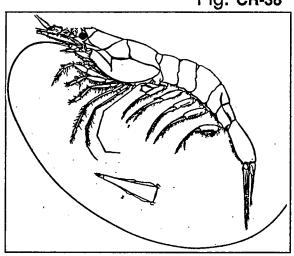


Fig. CR-39

Pasiphaea multidentata Species:

FAMILY: Pasiphaeidae ORDER: Decapoda Size: to 100 mm

DESCRIPTION: carapace shorter than abdomen, rostrum short, pereopods 4,5 elongate and chelate, telson forked.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists one genus in this family as definite and one as uncertain

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

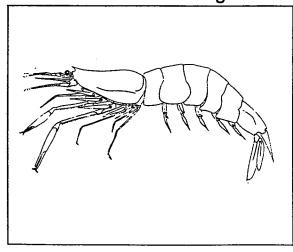


Fig. CR-40

Species: Pasiphaea sivado

FAMILY: Pasiphaeidae ORDER: Decapoda Size: to 100 mm

DESCRIPTION: like P. multidentata, but telson not forked, with 2 longer lateral and 6 shorter medial spines.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists one genus in this family as definite and one as uncertain

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

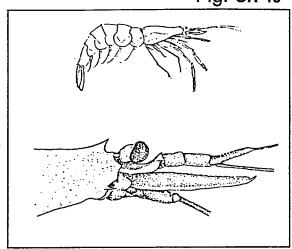


Fig. CR-41

Species: Sergestes arcticus

FAMILY: Sergestidae Decapoda Size: 50 mm

DESCRIPTION: body half red, 3rd maxilliped subequal with 3rd pereopod, setae on uropod outer margins end in tooth, 1st segment of antenna longer than 3rd.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Indian, Pacific, Med.

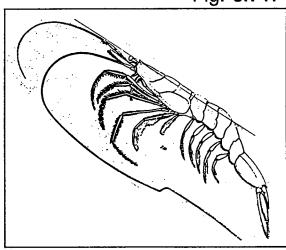


Fig. CR-42

Species: Sergestes robustus

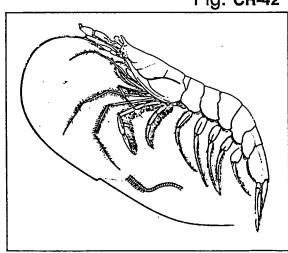
Family: Sergestidae Order: Decapoda

Size: to 94 mm total length

DESCRIPTION: body red all over, photophores without lenses on uropods and antennal scale only

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.



Sergestes sargassi

FAMILY: ORDER:

Sergestidae Decapoda

SIZE:

30 mm

Description: body half-red, 3rd maxilliped longer than 3rd pereopod, its distal segment divided into 5 parts with irregular

spines.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.

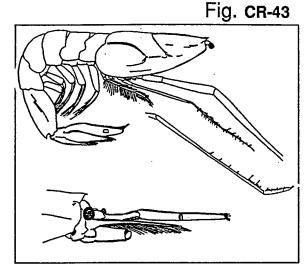


Fig. CR-44

SPECIES:

Sergestes vigilax

FAMILY:

Sergestidae Decapoda

ORDER: SIZE:

30 mm

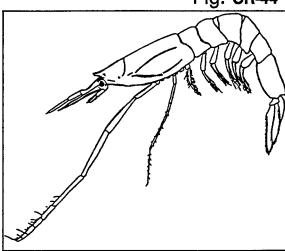
DESCRIPTION: body half red, 3rd maxilliped longer than 3rd peropod, its distal segment divided in 4 parts, rostrum blunt except

apical spine.

LUMINESCENCE: Herring (1987) lists this

genus as definite.

DISTRIBUTION: Atlantic, Med.



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