

Provisional list of the marine and freshwater isopods (Crustacea) of New Caledonia

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Little is known about the marine isopods of New Caledonia, and the level of documented knowledge for the region can be described only as minimal. For example, the highly species-rich Sphaeromatidae (currently 682 species world wide) is represented by only three formally recorded species. The isopod fauna listed here for New Caledonia totals 83 species. The nearby regions of New Zealand (Gordon in press and updated) and eastern Australia (Poore 2002, 2005) have, in comparison, marine isopod species totals of 315 and approximately (depending on where geographical boundaries are drawn) 625 named species respectively; those regions cannot be regarded as at a level of knowledge that could be yet described as 'well known'.

One could make predictions as to the likely potential diversity of isopods to be found in New Caledonia, based on known totals from elsewhere, and arrive at an assumed figure. The typical facies that is found on coral reefs is by now reasonably well known, and is highly diverse as suggested by Kensley (1988). The large-sized component (> 8 mm) of the isopod fauna of the continental shelf and slope has been sampled by various programs under the MUSORSTOM programs and this author's examination of those collections indicates that a high diversity (between 35 and 60 species of mostly undescribed Aegidae, Cirolanidae, Cymothoidea and Sphaeromatidea) will be found if collections are made using appropriate techniques. A reasonable and conservative expectation would be that the number of marine isopods in the New Caledonia EEZ could be as high as 1000 species to a depth of 2000 metres.

Monod (1973) recorded two species of marine isopod, but these are considered to be misidentifications (Bruce 1997a; Lowry & Dempsey in press). Some records of isopods from New Caledonia, particularly from the Chesterfield Reefs in the Coral Sea, have appeared as incidental records in papers that do not mention the region in the title, such as Bruce (1994a), Poore & Kensley (1981) and Poore & Lew Ton (1998, 1990, 2002).

Notes: Classification follows Brandt & Poore (2003). For the sake of completeness all aquatic isopods known from New Caledonia are listed, including freshwater taxa. Oniscidea are not included. For Bopyridae only the host noted for New Caledonia is included, and the host name is as it appears in the cited publication.

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*Authoritative but unpublished identifications are marked with an asterisk.

ASELLOTA Latreille, 1802

Microparasellidae Karaman, 1933

Microcharon heimi Coineau, 1968; 4–8 m

Microcharon salvati Coineau, 1968; interstitial

Paracharon renaudae Coineau, 1968; interstitial

Munnopsidae Lilljeborg, 1864

Acanthocope mendeleevi Malyutina, 1998; 3400–3410 m

CYMOTHOIDA Wagele, 1989

Aegidae White 1850

Aega alazon Bruce, 2004; 46–550 m

**Aega coroo* Bruce, 1983; 230–600 m

Aega hamiota Bruce, 2004; 508–700 m

Aega kixalles Bruce, 2004; 540–545 m

**Aega monophthalma* Johnston, 1834; 590–600 m

Aega musorstom Bruce, 2004; 475–615 m

**Aega plebeia* Hansen, 1897; 768–1788 m

Aega rickbruscai Bruce, 2004; 535–615 m

**Aega urotoma* Barnard, 1914 (= 'webbi' of Trilles & Justine 2004, misidentification]; 110–329 m

**Aega vigilans* Haswell, 1881; shallow to 146 m
Aega sp. ('*angustata*' of Trilles & Justine 2004, misidentification)
**Syscenus latus* Richardson, 1909; 688–1056 m

Syscenus moana Bruce, 2005; 1220–1410 m

Bopyridae Rafinesque, 1815

Asymmetrorbione drepanopleon Boyko, 2003; *Sicyonia truncata* (Kubo, 1949) and *S. curvirostris* Balss, 1913, 260–522 m

Asymmetrorbione cf. *kempi* (Chopra, 1923); host *Sicyonia truncata* (Kubo), 440 m (Markham 1994; Boyko 2003)

Bopyrinina paucimaculata Markham, 1990; host *Periclimenes hertwigi* Blass, Menou & Tirard, 442–462 m

Entophilus omninectus Richardson, 1903; host *Munida 'incerta'* Henderson, 710 m (Markham 1994)

Eragia profunda Markham, 1994; host *Prionocrangon* sp., 2100–2110 m

Eriphrixus obesus Markham, 1990; host *Periclimenes vaubani* Bruce, 450 m

Filophryxus dorsalis Bruce, 1972; host *Periclimenes uniunguiculatus* Bruce, 600 m (Markham 1990)

Gigantione elconaxii Markham, 1994; host *Elconaxia* sp., 920–760 m

Ionella maculata Markham, 1994; host *Callianassa* sp., 65 m

Mediophrixus pinuum Markham, 1990; host *Athanas* sp., depth not stated

Metaphrixus rastriferis Markham, 1990; host *Periclimenes rastifer* Bruce, 33 m

Parapenaeon brevicoxalis Bourdon, 1981; host *Hymenopenaeus halli* Bruce, 675–710 m (Markham 1994)

Parapenaeon expansa Bourdon, 1979; host *Metapenaeopsis gailardi* Crosnier, 15 (Markham 1994)

Pseudione clevai Boyko, 2004; 558–647 m; host *Parastylodactylus tranterae* Cleva, 1990, 490–647 m

Pseudione stylopoda Boyko, 2004; 558–647 m; host *Parastylodactylus richeri* Cleva, 1990, 393–397 m

Pseudostegia setoensis Shiino, 1933; host '*Trizopagurus*', 400–560 m (Markham 1994)

Schizobopyrina andamanica (Chopra, 1923); host *Periclimenes bidentatus* Bruce, 33–82 m (Markham 1990)

Cirolanidae Dana, 1852

Bathynomus sp. nov. (Lowry & Dempsey in press)

Eurydice orientalis Hansen, 1890; surface plankton to shallow (doubtful, see Bruce 1980a)

Hansenolana anisopous Stebbing, 1900; shallow (Monod 1971)

Metacirolana neocaledonica Bruce, 1996; 1753–2049 m

Metacirolana nana (Bruce, 1980a); 12–20 m

Metacirolana basteni (Bruce, 1980a); 0–15 m

Politolana crosnieri Bruce, 1996; 650 m

Scutulana pezata Bruce, 1996; 440 m

Sintorolana atrox Bruce, 1996; 1635 m

Cymothoidae Leach, 1814

Anilocra australis Schioedte & Meinert, 1881; fish parasite

Anilocra gigantea (Herklots, 1870); fish parasite (Trilles 1972)

Anilocra longicauda Schioedte & Meinert, 1881; fish parasite

Ceratothoa carinata (Bianconi, 1869); fish parasite (Trilles 1972)

Ceratothoa impressa (Say, 1818); fish parasite (Trilles 1972)

Elthusa parabothi Trilles & Justine, 2004; fish parasite

Nerocila excisa (Richardson, 1901); fish parasite (Trilles 1972)

Anthuridae Leach, 1814

Apanthura restio Poore & Lew Ton, 1988; shallow reef to 15 m

Haliophasma profunda Negoescu, 1994; 1040 m

Quantanthura caledonensis Negoescu, 1994; 500 m

Stygocyathura numeae Wagele, 1982; interstitial

Pendantthura anophthalma Negoescu, 1994; 261–435 m

Expantthuridae

Coralanthura endeavourae Poore & Kensley, 1981; shallow reef to 15 m

Eisothistos bellonae Poore & Lew Ton, 2002; shallow reef

Expantthura ardaea (Poore & Kensley, 1981); intertidal reef to 10 m (Poore & Lew Ton 2002)

Expantthura collaris (Kensley, 1979); shallow reef to 30 m (Poore & Lew Ton 2002)

Hysсурidae Wägele, 1981

Kupellonura caudoserrata Negoescu, 1994; 310–315 m

Leptanthuridae Poore, 2001

Accalathura singularia Negoescu, 1994; 305–310 m

Accalathura themedea Poore & Lew Ton, 1990; shallow reef to 20 m

Aenigmathura calliandra Poore & Lew Ton, 1986; shallow reef to 15 m

Aenigmathura lifouensis Negoescu, 1994; 510–520 m

Bullovanthura furcillata Negoescu, 1994; 760–790 m

Leptanthura monnioti Negoescu, 1994; 500–790 m

Leptanthura segonzaci Negoescu, 1994; 975–1560 m

Leptanthura sp. 1; 595 m (Negoescu, 1994)

Paranthuridae Menzies & Glynn, 1968

Aenigmathura lifouensis Negoescu, 1994; 510–520 m

Pseudanthura baeckea Poore & Lew Ton, 1986; 1620–1630 (Negoescu 1994)

Colanthura sp.; 470–480 m (Negoescu 1994)

LIMNORIIDEA Wägele, 1989

Keuphyliidae Bruce, 1980

Keuphylia nodosa Bruce, 1980b; 6–20 m

SPHAEROMATIDEA Wägele, 1989

Serolidae Dana, 1852

Acutiserolis cidaris Poore & Brandt, 1997; 891–1491 m

Caecoserolis novaecaledoniae Poore & Brandt, 1997; 500–2750 m

Sphaeromatidae Latreille, 1825

Neosaesa rugosa Harrison & Holdich, 1982; intertidal reefs to 27 m, to 75 m at Hawaii (Bruce 1994b)

Oxinasphaera corypantha Bruce, 1997b; 20 m

Platysphaera membranata Holdich & Harrison, 1981; shallow reefs to 30 m (Bruce 1994a)

VALVIFERA Sars, 1882

Arcturidae Dana, 1849

Chaetarcturus crosnieri Poore, 1998; 970–2040 m

Chaetarcturus taniae Poore, 1998; 1618–1740 m

Dolichiscus cornutus (Beddard, 1886); 530–1410 m (Poore 1998)

Chaetiliidae Dana, 1849

Stegidotea carinata Poore, 1991; 535–650 m

Stegidotea forcipes Poore, 1991; 595 m

Stegidotea longipes Poore, 1991; 1395–1410 m

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