

RECENT CNIDARIAN-ASSOCIATED BARNACLES (CIRRIPIEDIA, BALANOMORPHA) FROM THE BRAZILIAN COAST

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RESUMO. Com base em extensas coleções de cnidários de ambientes marinhos rasos do Brasil, novas ocorrências de quatro espécies de cracas a eles associadas são citadas, e destas três são redescritas: o arqueobalanídeo *Conopea galeata*, associado às gorgônias *Muriceopsis sulphurea*, *Lophogorgia punicea* e *Heterogorgia sp.*, dos Estados da Paraíba, Bahia, Rio de Janeiro e São Paulo; o balanídeo *Megabalanus stltus*, associado aos hidrozoários *Millepora spp.*, da Paraíba e Alagoas e ao sul da Bahia até o Rio de Janeiro; os pirgomatídeos *Megatrema madreporarum*, associado aos corais escleractíneos *Agaricia sp.*, da Paraíba e Alagoas e sul da Bahia, e *Ce atocconcha floridanum*, associado ao coral escleractíneo *Mussismilia hispida*, do Atol das Rocas e Rio de Janeiro

ABSTRACT: Based on extensive collections of cnidarians from Brazilian shallow-water marine environments, new occurrences of four species of associated barnacles are cited, the first three being redescribed: The archaebalanid *Conopea galeata*, associated with the gorgonians *Muriceopsis sulphurea*, *Lophogorgia punicea* and *Heterogorgia sp.* from the States of Paraíba, Bahia, Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo; the balanid *Megabalanus stultus*, associated with the hydrozoans *Millepora spp.* from Paraíba to Alagoas and from the south of Bahia to Rio de Janeiro; the pyrgomatids *Megatrema madreporarum*, associated with the scleractinian corals *Agaricia spp.* from Paraíba to Alagoas and the south of Bahia, and *Ceratoconcha floridanum*, associated with the scleractinian coral *Mussismilia hispida* from Atol das Rodas and Rio de Janeiro.

In many phylogenetically unrelated taxa of Cirripectida a cnidarian associated life cycle has evolved. Of the three presently recognized families of Balanoidea, one is primarily associated with scleractinian corals and the other two have some species associated with cnidarians. These species usually use their hosts as substrate, feeding on plankton, only one species being recognized as a true coral parasite (Ross & Newman, 1973).

The study of associated Cirripedia in Brazil has received little attention from previous workers. Only *Megabalanus stultus* (Darwin, 1854) had been cited from Cabo Frio (RJ) (Lacombe & Rangel, 1978), while *Ceratoconcha floridanum* (Pilsbry, 1931) and *C. domingensis* (Moullins, 1866) have recently been reviewed in northeast Brazil (Young & Christoffersen, in press).

In this paper I redescribe three cnidarian-associated barnacles, *Megabalanus stultus*, *Conopea galeata* (Linnaeus, 1771) and *Megatrema madreporarum* (Bosc, 1801), the latter two being new records for the Brazilian coast, and provide additional records for *Ceratoconcha floridanum*. Attention is paid to the host-commensal relationships and to the distribution of both barnacles and their coral hosts.

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Systematic Account

- Subclass Cirripedia Burmeister, 1834
- Order Thoracica Darwin, 1854
- Suborder Balanomorpha Pilsbry, 1916
- Superfamily Balanoidea (Leach), Newman & Ross, 1976
- Family Archaeobalanidae Newman & Ross, 1976
- Subfamily Archaeobalaninae Newman & Ross, 1976
- Genus *Conopea* Say, 1982

Conopea galeata (Linnaeus, 1771)

(Fig 1, 4a)

Lepas galeata Linnaeus, 1771: 544.

Conopea elongata Say, 1822: 324

Conopea galeata: Say, 1822: 324

Conoplea (sic) *elongata*: Gray, 1825: 7; Mörch, 1853: 67.

Balanus galeatus: Gray, 1825: 7; Sowerby, 1852, pl. 1, fig. 27; Darwin, 1854: 220, pl. 3, fig. 4; Weltner, 1897: 262; Gruvel, 1903: 130; 1905: 222, fig. 245; Caziot, 1921: 52; Pilsbry, 1927: 38; Nilsson-Cantell, 1939: 3; Henry, 1942:

126; Kolosváry, 1943: 93; Henry, 1954: 443; Patton, 1963: 522; Wells, 1966: 84; Zullo, 1966a: 141; Patton, 1972: 419, fig. 1; Gomez, 1973a: 163, fig. 1; Gomez et al, 1973: 813, fig. 1; Ramenofsky et al, 1974: 172, figs. 1-2; Zevina, 1975: 234, fig. 8; Bacon, 1976: 24, fig. 9.

Balanus Galeatus (sic): Chenu, 1843: pl. 4, fig. 14

Conopea galeata: Mörch, 1853: 67; Newman & Ross, 1976: 55; Zullo & Lang, 1978: 159; Lang, 1979: 19, fig. 17; Spivey, 1981: 172

not *Balanus galeatus*: Verany, 1862: 68 (? = *Conopea calceola*. (Ellis, 1758)); Gravier, 1921: 430, figs. 1-4

Balanus (Conopea) galatus: Pilsbry, 1907: 204, pl. 7, figs. 5-6, pl. 9, figs. 8-11; 1916: 236, pl. 56, fig. 1; Nilsson-Cantell, 1931: 114; Krüger, 1940: 379; McDougall, 1943: 343; Pilsbry, 1953: 25; Ross, 1962: 31; Zullo, 1966b: 237, fig. 5; McLaughlin & Henry, 1972: 20, figs. 9-11; Molemok & Gomez, 1972: 100, figs. 1-5; Zevina & Kurshakova, 1973: 183; Gomez, 1973b: 1800; 1975: 105; Newman, 1975: 268, pl. 60, fig. 12; Southward, 1975: 15:

Balanus Galaetus (sic): Cornwall, 1951: 325, pl. 3, fig. F, pl. 4, fig. A

Material examined: PARAÍBA. Cabedelo: Praia do Poço, PSY col 25 feb 83, on *Muriceopsis sulphurea* (Donovan, 1825) (UFPB 2467, 2468; MN 23). BAHIA. Abrolhos Archipelago: South of Ilha Sueste, PSY and MLC col 30 nov 82, on *M. sulphurea* (UFPB 2469, 2470; MN 24); East of Ilha Sueste, PSY and MLC col 3 dec 82, on *M. sulphurea* (UFPB 2471); Parcel das Paredes: "Chapeirão" at the North of Recife da Lixa, PSY and MLC col 29 nov 82, on *M. sulphurea* (UFPB, 2472, 2473; MN 25). RIO DE JANEIRO: Barra de São João: Off Barra de Itabapoana, CBC and GN col 13 oct 82, on *M. sulphurea* (UFPB 2474 to 2476; MN 26, 27). Mangaratiba: Ilha de Jaguanum, PSY col 9 jul 83, on *Lophogorgia punicea* (Milne-Edwards & Haime, 1857) (UFPB, 2577, 2478; MN 28). Angra dos Reis: Ilha Grande, CBC col 20 nov 82, on *L. punicea* (UFPB, 2479, 2480; MN 29); Bahia da Ilha Grande, Barco Emília col 30 jul 66, GSM leg, on *L. punicea* and *Heterogorgia* sp (UFPB 2481 to 2484; MN 30, 31); Praia da Moçamba. GSM col 12 may 66, on *L. punicea* (UFPB 2485); Praia do Pingo d'Água, PSY col 4 may 84, on *L. punicea* and *Heterogorgia* sp (UFPB 2486, 2487; MN 32). SÃO PAULO. São Sebastião: Canal de São Sebastião, CBC col 6 nov 81, on *L. punicea* (UFPB 2488; MN 33); Ponta do Baleeiro, AM & FLS col 27 aug 82, on *L. punicea* (UFPB 2489, 2490, 2493; MN 34); Ponta do Jarobá; FLS col 2 feb 84, on *L. punicea* (UFPB 2491; MN 35).

Description: Shell (Fig. 1a) lengthened along rostro-carinal axis, totally covered by gorgonian tissues; externally white, yellowish brown or reddish brown, the pigmentation very strong on carina and carino-laterals plates; internally white, strongly ribbed. Sheath covering nearly half of the shell. Parietal plates solid. Raddii triangular, usually white, internally crenate. Aperture large, diamond-shaped. Base perforated, boat-shaped, lengthened along rostro-carinal axis, forming a channel which embraces the gorgonian axis.

Scutum (Fig. 1c, d) thin, truncated, usually as high as wide; externally white or yellowish white, with strong growth lines near base; internally white or yellowish white, sometimes with a purple spot at apex. Articular ridge little developed, occupying 1/3 to 3/4 of height of tergal margin. Depression of lateral depressor muscle shallow and small.

Tergum (Fig. 1b, e) very thin, truncated, externally white, with growth lines similar to those of scutum; internally white, sometimes with a purple spot at apex. Spur near basi-carinal angle wide, with almost half the width of the tergum. Articular ridge very developed, forming a square apex. Basal margin on carinal side with a concavity near spur. Crests of depressor muscle very weakly developed.

Labrum (Fig. 1f-h) with one to four, usually three, teeth on each side of notch; border, including the notch, covered by simple setae; with a group of spinules projecting obliquely downwards on inner side. Palp (Fig. 1i) short, oval, with long simple or pinnate setae at point and along a line above the lower margin, and short recurved pinnate setae on upper margin. Mandible (Fig. 1j) with five teeth, the second to fifth usually bifid or with subsidiary cusps; with a tuft of simple setae under the lower angle. First maxilla (Fig. 1k-l) with four groups of spines (2 long, 3-5 median, 2 long and 5 or more spines decreasing in length), and usually with a notch between first and second group of spines. Second maxilla (Fig. 1m) bilobed, with long simple and pinnate setae.

Cirrus I (Fig. 1n) with unequal rami; large ramus about twice as long as small; small ramus with 6 to 8 segments, and usually with protuberances which are larger on middle segments, large ramus with 12 to 17 segments, rarely with small protuberances; with pinnate setae distributed along rami and plumose setae on posterior edges of basal segments. Cirrus II (Fig. 1o) with unequal rami; small ramus with 8 to 11 segments, large ramus with 9 to 12 segments; both rami with protuberances, with pinnate setae distributed along rami and anterior edges of basal segments, and plumose setae on posterior edges of basal segments. Cirrus III (Fig. 1p-q) with subequal rami; small with 9 to 10 segments, large ramus with 10 to 12 segments; both rami with protuberances with pinnate setae distributed along rami and anterior edges of basal segments, and plumose setae on posterior edges of basal segments; usually with denticle and multifid scales on inner side of protuberances, and multifid spinules on inner side of posterior parts of segments, these fine processes being variable in type and number on each segment. Cirrus IV (small ramus with 17 to 18 segments; large ramus with 18 to 20 segments), V (17 to 20 segments and 19 to 21 segments, respectively) and VI (20 to 21 segments and 21 to 22 segments, respectively, with long subequal rami, four pairs of setae on anterior margin of central segments decreasing to two or three on distal and basal segments, the larger ones being pinnate and the smaller ones simple; posterior edge of each segment with a variable number of simple setae: Penis (Fig. 1r-s) annulated, with a sharp basidorsal point, a tuft of simple setae at distal extremity, and pairs of simple setae distributed along it.

Remarks: *Conopea galeata* is a currently recognized species from the Western Atlantic and Eastern Pacific (Newman & Ross, 1976: 55). The citation of this species from Somalia (Gravier, 1921) is probably an error. Although Gravier (1921: 430, fig. 2) cited and illustrated a somewhat square apex of the tergum, I noted some important differences between his description and illustration and the specimens observed by me: In Gravier the host is an antipatharian coral, the crests of the depressor muscle is developed, the spur is thinner, and the cutting edge of the first maxilla is curved. The citation of *Balanus galeatus* in the Mediterranean Sea (Verany, 1862) was discarded by Caziot (1921), who showed that the first author probably had specimens of *Conopea calceola* (Ellis, 1758). The host (madreporarian corals) cited by Zevina & Kurshakova (1973) clearly is a mistake.

This species is widely distributed in Brazil (Fig. 4a), occurring in the tropical and subtropical zones. In the tropical zone its specimens are found on *Muriceopsis sulphurea*, which has its meridional distribution at Barra de São João (RJ). To the south the host is *Lophogorgia punicea*, which occurs throughout the subtropical zone. *C. galeata* was found on a third host species, *Heterogorgia* sp. in Angra dos Reis (RJ). The Meridional distributional range of *C. galeata* has presently been established at São Sebastião (SP).

The barnacle was found most commonly at the subtropical zone – Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo. All specimens examined were directly attached to gorgonian axes and were totally covered by the gorgonian skeletons.

Besides *C. galeata*, I found some specimens of *Balanus trigonus* Darwin, 1854, which is a facultative coral symbiont, attached to axes of *Lophogorgia punicea* from São Sebastião (SP).

Hosts: *Eugorgia rubens* Verrill, 1868; *Muricea californica* Aurivillius, 1931; *M. fruticosa* Verrill 1869; *Leptogorgia setacea* (Pallas, 1766); *L. virgulata* (Lamarck, 1815); *Lophogorgia violacea* (Milne-Edwards & Haime, 1857); *L. chilensis* (Verrill, 1868) (Nilsson-Cantell, 1921; Ross, 1962; Wells, 1964; Molemock & Gomez, 1972); *Muriceopsis sulphurea* (Donovan, 1825); *Lophogorgia punicea* (Milne-Edwards & Haime, 1857) and *Heterogorgia* sp. (new hosts)

Distribution: PACIFIC: Southern California to Peru and Galapagos Islands. ATLANTIC: North Carolina throughout West Indies and Gulf of Mexico to Venezuela (McLaughlin & Henry, 1972; Newman & Ross, 1976); Paraíba, South of Bahia, Rio de Janeiro to São Paulo (new occurrences)

Family Balanidae Leach, 1817
Genus *Megabalanus* Hoek, 1913

Megabalanus stultus (Darwin, 1854)
(Fig. 2, 4b)

Balanus stultus Darwin, 1854: 216 pl. 3 fig. 2; Weltner, 1897: 262; Gruvel, 1903: 132; 1905:221, fig. 243; Nilsson-Cantell, 1929: 1, figs. 1c-d, 2; 1939: 5; Henry, 1954: 443; Ross & Newman, 1973: 142; Lacombe & Rangel, 1978: 4, fig. 12.

Balanus (Conopea) stultus: Pilsbry, 1916:235; Krüger, 1940:378; Pilsbry, 1953: 25, pl. 2, figs. 1-3.

Balanus tintinnabulum antillensis: Pilsbry, 1927: 38, fig. 3 (in part: specimens on *Millepora*).

Tetraclita radiata Pilsbry, 1927: 38

Balanus stultus morycowae Kolosvary, 1966: 69, pls. 1-2

Conopea (Balanus) stultus morycowae: Kolosváry, 1967: 393

Balanus (Megabalanus) stultus: Ross, 1968: 14, fig. 3; Southward, 1975: 14, pl. 2, figs. 1-3

Magabalanus stultus: Newman & Ross, 1976: 68; Spivey, 1981: 173

Material examined: PARAÍBA João Pessoa: Reefs of Tambaú, AL col 24 nov 80 (UFPB 2000, 2465; MN 06); Recife Quebra-Quilha, PSY col 24 may 82 (UFPB 2001, 2002; MN 07); Ponta Seixas, PSY col 6 nov 82 (UFPB 2003 to 2006; MN 08) PERNAMBUCO Ipojuca: Pontal do Serrambi, MLC and JSM col 6 nov 82 (UFPB 2007) Tamandaré: Reefs of Praia dos Carneiros, MLC col 4 jun 81 (UFPB 2008 to 2011); Praia de Tamandaré, JMP col 13 oct 81 (UFPB 2012 to 2014; MN 09) ALAGOAS Maragogi: Ponta de Mangue, PSY and MLC col 3 feb 83 (UFPB 2015, 2466). Japaratinga: Barreiras, PSY and MLC col 2 feb 83 (UFPB 2016 to 2018; MN 10). Maceió: Ponta Verde, JSM, FSM and MLC col 20 oct 82 (UFPB 2022, 2023; MN 11); Recife de Pajuçara; PSY and MLC col 30 feb 83 (UFPB 2019 to 2021; MN 12). Marechal Deodoro; Praia do Francês, PSY and MLC col 24 jan 83, (UFPB 2024), PSY col 13 nov 83 (UFPB 2025, 2026). BAHIA: Abrolhos Archipelago: Southwest of Ilha Siriba, PSY and MLC col 30 nov 82 (UFPB 2027, 2028); South of Ilha Sueste, PSY and MLC col 30 nov 82 (UFPB 2029, 2030) Parcel dos Abrolhos: "Chapeirão" to the North of Abrolhos Archipelago, PSY and MLC col 2 dec 82 (UFPB 2031; 2032) Parcel das Paredes: "Chapeirão" at the North of Recife da Lixa, PSY and MLC col 29 nov 82 (UFPB 2033 to 2037; MN 13); "Chapeirão" at the South of Recife da Lixa, PSY and MLC col 29 nov 82 (UFPB 2038 to 2040; MN 14) ESPÍRITO SANTO Guarapari: Praia de Setiba, TCP col 4 nov 80 (UFPB 2041); Tres Ilhas CBC, CR and SR col 17 jun 81 (UFPB 2042; MN 15) RIO DE JANEIRO. Cabo Frio: Praia de João Fernandes; CBC col 3 nov 79 (UFPB 2043; MN 16); Prainha; PSY col 5 dec 80 (UFPB 2044); Praia do Forno; CBC col 14 jul 80 (UFPB 2045, 2046; MN 17), WZ col 23 feb 84 (UFPB 2047).

Description: Shell (Fig. 2a) white, rarely slightly pink, globose, conical in small specimens, usually lengthened at rostro-carinal axis, totally covered by the skeleton of *Millepora*; externally only the slit formed by shell/base suture zone visible and, in specimens, only the parietal plate suture zones visible. Aperture oval, of variable size, related to degree of infestation of *Millepora*. Parietal plates tubiferous, with arborescent septa near base, distal portions of which usually form internal ribs; internally with suture zones crenulated. Raddii white, tubiferous, rectangular or triangular. Sheath purple, basal margin free, 1/3 to 3/4 of shell height. Base tubiferous, straight to conic, usually twice as high as shell.

Scutum (Fig. 2b, e) strong, externally white, with thick growth lines; internally white, usually with a purple spot at apex. Basal margin sinuous, with greater curvature in middle, sometimes concave in very small specimens. Articular ridge covering 2/3 to almost all of articular margin. Adductor ridge strong, merging at or near the center of larger curvature of basal margin. Depression of adductor muscle distinct and oval. Depression of lateral depressor muscle less distinct and shallow.

Tergum (Fig. 2c, d) triangular, externally white, rarely with a purple spot at apex, with thick growth lines; internally white, usually with a purple spot at apex. Spur groove open to closed. Spur usually as wide as its distance to basi-scutal angle; total height 1/3 of tergum height. Articular ridge developed, with a deep groove. Crests of depressor muscle feebly developed, usually 4 crests being present.

Labrum (Fig. 2f) with one to three, usually three, teeth on each side of notch, covered with short simple setae, and with rows of spinules obliquely distributed directed downwards. Palps (Fig. 2g) large, spatulate, with long pinnate setae on a line above the lower margin, point and short recurved pinnate setae on upper margin. Mandible (Fig. 2h) with five spaced teeth, the second to fourth usually being bifid; with a tuft of simple setae under the inferior angle. First maxilla (Fig. 2i) with four groups of spines on cutting edge (2 long, 4 to 9 median, 2 long

and many short spines decreasing in length at lower margin), usually with a notch between first and second group of spines. Second maxilla (Fig. 2j) bilobed, with long simple and pinnate setae

Cirrus I (Fig. 2k) with unequal rami; small ramus with 11 to 15 segments, large ramus with 17 to 20 segments; both rami with protuberances, pinnate setae distributed along rami and anterior edges of basal segments, and plumose setae on posterior edges of basal segments. Cirrus II (Fig. 2l) with subequal rami; small ramus with 9 to 13 segments, large ramus with 11 to 15 segments; both rami with protuberances, pinnate setae on rami and anterior edges of basal segments, and plumose setae on posterior edges of basal segments. Cirrus III (Fig. 2 m-n) with subequal rami; small ramus with 10 to 12 segments, large ramus with 13 to 14 segments; both rami with protuberances, pinnate setae on rami and posterior edges of basal segments, bipectinate setae on distal segments of rami, and plumose setae on posterior edges of basal segments; usually with multifid spinules on inner sides of both rami, decreasing in number toward apex, with denticles at inner side and at protuberances of segments. Cirrus IV (small ramus with 19 to 32 segments, large ramus with 24 to 36 segments), V (21 to 40 segments and 24 to 40 segments, respectively) and VI (25 to 41 segments and 25 to 43 segments, respectively) with long, subequal rami, four pairs of setae on anterior margin except distal ones with three pairs, the larger ones being pinnate and the smaller ones simple; posterior edge each segment with a variable number of simple setae. Penis (Fig. 2o-p) annulated, with a basidorsal point, usually a tuft of simple setae at distal extremity and pairs of simple setae distributed along it.

Remarks: The specimens studied herein showed small differences when compared to previous descriptions (Darwin, 1854; Nilsson-Cantell, 1929; Pilsbry, 1953; Ross, 1968): No other author described the multifid spinules and teeth on cirrus III.

Pilsbry (1927) misidentified the present millepore associated species as *Tetraclita radiata* and *Balanus tintinnabulum antillensis* (Nilsson-Cantell, 1939; Ross, 1968; Southward, 1975). He cited when describing *B. tintinnabulum antillensis*: "The scutum as the basal margin and the growth riblets more sinuous than usual in this race" which are diagnostic characters of *M. stultus*.

M. stultus is acknowledged from Florida and the Caribbean zone (Newman & Ross, 1976), the types locality - Phillipines - being an error of labeling (Ross, 1968). It was only cited in Brazil by Lacombe & Rangel (1978) in Cabo Frio (RJ). Herein the meridional limits of distribution is defined as Cabo Frio (RJ), which coincides with the southernmost distribution of the genus *Millepora* in the Atlantic ocean (Laborel, 1969; personal observation). The identification of *Millepora* to species level is extremely uncertain due the great diversit of forms. Probably there are on the Brazilian coast more species than the three currently recognized. I am presently able to confirm that *M. stultus* settles and developes on these three species: *Millepora alcicornis* Linnaeus, 1758; *M. braziliensis* Verrill 1868 and *M. nitida* Verrill, 1868.

Southward (1975) noted newly settled young specimens only near the growing tips of *Millepora* sp and "in life a thin layer of the millepore covers the opercular plates as well as the shell". I noted that the young settles on older specimens as well. I did not find opercular valves covered by millepores but the specimens I studied usually had the superior half of the sheath covered by the millepore.

Distribution: Florida, West Indies (Newman & Ross, 1976), Paraíba to Alagoas, South of Bahia to Rio de Janeiro (new occurrences)

Hosts: *Millepora alcicornis* (Linnaeus), *M. complanata* (Lamarck) (Weltner, 1897; Pilsbry, 1927), *M. braziliensis* Verrill and *M. nitida* Verrill (new hosts)

Family Pyrgomatidae Gray, 1825
 Subfamily Megatrematinae Holthuis, 1982
 Genus *Megatrema* Sowerby, 1825

Megatrema madrepোরারুম (Bosc, 1801)
 (Fig. 3, 4c)

- Balanus madrepোরারুম* Bosc, 1801: 66, pl. 3, fig. 2
Creusia Boscii (sic) DeBlainville, 1824: 378
Megatrema Stokesii (sic) Gray, 1825: 7.
Creusia Decorata (sic) Chenu, 1843: pl. 1, fig. 4
Pyrgoma stokesii: Darwin, 1854: 361, pl. 12, fig. 6; Pilsbry, 1916: 262; Hiro, 1935: 25.
Pyrgoma stokesii (sic): Weltner, 1897: 256; Gruvel, 1905: 303, fig. 325
 not *Pyrgoma stokesii* (sic): Gruvel, 1912: 350.
Pyrgoma stokesii (sic): Krüger, 1940: 382.
Megatrema stokesii (sic): Utinomi, 1967: 232
Boscia madrepোরারুম: Ross & Newman, 1973: 164, figs. 21, 22, 23 g-h; Southward, 1975: 18, pl. 2, figs. 10-12.
Boscia madrepোরারুম (sic): Newman & Ross, 1976: 54; Spivey, 1981: 173
Megatrema madrepোরারুম: Holthuis, 1982: 319

Material examined: PARAIBA. João Pessoa: João Pessoa Reefs, MLC and AL col 1980, on *Agaricia agaricites* (Linnaeus, 1758) (UFPB 2421, 2422; MN 18); Recife do late Clube, AL col 28 jul 79, on *A. agaricites* (UFPB 2423, 2424); Tambaú Reefs, AL col 24 sep 80, on *A. agaricites* (UFPB 2425, 2426); Recife Quebra-Quilha, PSY col 20 aug 82, on *A. agaricites* (UFPB 2427, 2428); Recife do Picãozinho, PSY col 14 mar to 17 nov 82, on *A. agaricites* (UFPB 2429 to 2431; MN 19) PERNAMBUCO Recife: Porto de Galinha, CBC col 20 jan 80, on *A. agaricites* (UFPB 2432) Ipojuca: Pontal do Serrambi, MLC and JSM col 5 sep 82, on *A. agaricites* (UFPB Ipojuca: Pontal do Serrambi, MLC and JSM col 5 sep 82, on *A. agaricites* (UFPB 2433, 2434) Tamandaré: Reefs from Praia dos Carneiros, MLC col 4 jun 81, on *A. agaricites* (UFPB 2435 to 2440); Praia de Tamandaré, PMD col 13 oct 81, on *A. agaricites* (UFPB 2441, 2442) ALAGOAS. Maragogi: Ponta de Mangue, PSY and MLC col 3 feb 83, on *A. agaricites* (UFPB 2443, 2444) Japaratinga: Barreiras, PSY and MLC col 2 feb 83, on *A. agaricites* (UFPB 2492) Barra de Santo Antonio: Praia de Paripueira, PSY and MLC col 1 feb 83, on *A. agaricites* (UFPB 2445, 2446). Maceió: Recife de Pajuçara, PSY and MLC col 30 jan 83, on *A. agaricites* (UFPB 2447, 2448; MN 20) Marechal Deodoro: Praia do Francês, PSY and MLC col 29 jan 83, on *A. agaricites* (UFPB 2449, 2450). BAHIA. Abrolhos Archipelago: South of Ilha Redonda, PSY and MLC col 1 dec 82, on *A. agaricites* (UFPB 2451, 2452); Parcel dos Abrolhos: "Chapeirão" to the North of Abrolhos Archipelago, PSY and MLC col 2 dec 82, on *A. agaricites* (UFPB 2453, 2454); "Chapeirão" to the East of Abrolhos Archipelago, PSY and MLC col 1 dec 82, on *A. agaricites*, *A. fragilis* Dana, 1846 and *A. cf. lamarki* Milne-Edwards & Haime, 1851 (UFPB 2455 to 2460; MN 21, 22). Parcel das Paredes: "Chapeirão at the North of Recife da Lixa, PSY and MLC col 29 nov 82, on *A. fragilis* (UFPB 2461, 2462); Vigilante – Recife da Lixa, PSY and MLC col 4 dec 82, on *A. agaricites* (UFPB 2463, 2464)

Description: Shell (Fig. 3a-b) white, flat, free or partially covered by coral skeleton; with 23 to 32 primary and secondary badly distinct external ribs; with dentated circumference. Sheath covering almost all the shell, sometimes short tubules being

present between the sheath and the shell; usually with pseudoalae Aperture oblong. Base cup-shaped, from one to five times height of shell, with longitudinal ribs, rarely forming tubules.

Scutum (Fig. 3d,f) larger than high, white; sometimes with an apical purple spot internally; growth lines thin, somewhat nodulose Adductor ridge long, thin, merging at the middle of basal margin and ending at half to two-third of scutum Articular ridge covering about half of articular margin, with lower angle rounded Depression of muscles rarely distinct; when visible, lateral depressor and adductor muscle pits large. Basal margin convex

Tergum (Fig. 3c,e) very thin, white, usually with a purple spot internally; growth lines equal those of scutum Spur groove open. Spur near the basi-carinal angle curved, wide, with half the width of basal margin. Articular ridge developed on superior half of tergum. Carinal segment usually with a low plate. Scutal margin very curved.

Labrum (Fig. 3g) with a variable and high number of sharp teeth (5 to 14) on each side of notch; border without setae; inner side with group of spinules projecting obliquely downwards Palps (Fig. 3h) spatulate, short, with long simple and pinnate setae at point and inferior border, short recurved pinnate setae on superior border. Mandible (Fig. 3i) with four to five large spaced teeth, the second to fourth usually bifid; inferior angle with smaller teeth simple or little sculptured; rarely with little molariform teeth between fourth and fifth large teeth; with a tuft of simple setae under the angle. First maxilla (Fig. 3j) with eight to ten long spines on cutting edge, sometimes the superior two and inferior two spines being larger; inferior angle with five to six smaller spines. Second maxilla (Fig. 3k) bilobed, with long simple and pinnate setae

Cirrus I (Fig. 3l) with unequal rami; small ramus with 6 to 8 segments, with protuberances; large ramus with 14 to 19 segments; simple and pinnate setae distributed along rami, and plumose setae on posterior edges of basal segments. Cirrus II (Fig. 3m) with subequal rami; small ramus with 7 to 8 segments, large ramus with 9 to 11 segments; both rami with protuberances; simple and pinnate setae distributed along rami and anterior edges of basal segments, usually with bipectinate setae on distal segments of small ramus, and plumose setae on posterior edges of basal segments. Cirrus III (Fig. 3n-p) with subequal rami; small ramus with 8 to 11 segments, large ramus with 8 to 12 segments; both rami with protuberances; simple and pinnate setae on rami and anterior edges of basal margins, and plumose setae on posterior edges of basal margins; with sharp teeth usually multifid scales, on protuberances of large ramus, sometimes also on small ramus. Cirrus IV (small ramus with 14 to 17 segments, large ramus with 18 segments), V (17 to 22 segments and 17 to 23 segments, respectively) and VI (17 to 23 segments and 18 to 24 segments, respectively) with long, subequal rami; three or four pairs of setae on anterior margin, the larger ones being pinnate and smaller ones simple; posterior edge of each segment usually with one or two simple setae. Penis (Fig. 3q-r) annulated, with a basidorsal point, usually with a tuft of simple setae at apex and pairs of simple setae on distal portion

Note: The very small specimens (rostro-carinal length less than 3mm) have some differences in relation to the above description: Shell conical, 12 to 20 external ribs; sheath covering half of shell; shell margin with large teeth and base straight.

This is the first citation of this species and genus for Brazil and this is the first description of its appendages. Two striking differential characters were noted from the description of appendages of *M. anglicum* (Sowerby, 1823) made by Anderson (1978): The labrum is multidenticulated and the denticles on the cirral segments are restricted to the third cirrus

Appendages of *M. oulastrea* (Utinomi, 1962), the last Recent species of this genus, were not described.

The studied samples of *M. madreporarum* delimit a continuous distribution from João Pessoa (PB) to Marechal Deodoro (AL), with further occurrences in the Abruços region (BA) (Fig. 4c) Probably with a large number of samples the distribution of *M. madreporarum* will be shown to coincide with the distribution of the genus *Agaricia*: A continuous distribution from Cabo de São Roque (RN) to Santa Cruz (ES), occurring also at Atol das Rocas and Fernando de Noronha (Laborel, 1969); personal observation).

Gruvel (1912) probably misidentified specimens of *Pyrgoma stockesi* (sic) on *Polytrema mimaceum* (Bryozoa?) in Timoé, Tuamotu Archipelago. The host, *Fungia*, cited by Gray (1825) clearly is a mistake.

M. madreporarum is very common on *Agaricia* spp, aggregates of specimens usually being placed on the top of hummocks. The very small specimens are weakly attached to the septa of coral skeletons having a small and straight base. These specimens have probably settled very recently.

Distribution: Florida, West Indies (Ross & Newman, 1973); Newman & Ross, 1976), Paraíba to Alagoas, South of Bahia (new occurrences).

Hosts: *Agaricia agaricites* (Linnaeus, 1758), (Bosc, 1801); *A. fragilis* Dana, 1846 and *A. cf. lamarcki* Milne- Edwards & Haime, 1851 (new hosts).

Subfamily Ceratoconchinae Newman & Ross, 1976
Genus *Ceratoconcha* kramberger-Gorjanovic, 1889

Ceratoconcha floridanum (Pilsbry, 1931)

Pyrgoma floridanum Pilsbry, 1931: 81, figs. 1-5.

Ceratoconcha floridanum: Young & Christoffersen, in press (with references)

Material Examined: OFF RIO GRANDE DO NORTE; Atol das Rocas, CBC col 21 feb to 13 mar 82, on *Mussismilia hispida* (Verrill, 1902) (UFPB 2048; MN 03) RIO DE JANEIRO. Mangaratiba: Ilha Grande, PSY col feb 79, on *M. hispida* (UFPB 2049; MN 04). Angra dos Reis: Praia do Pingo d'Água, PSY col 4 may 84, on *M. hispida* (UFPB 2494).

Remarks: The new specimens agree with the recent redescription of specimens from northeast Brazil (Young & Christoffersen, in press). I noted that the barnacles infesting the colony of *M. hispida* in Ilha Grande were almost totally without coral incrustations and were lying above the surface of the colony. There was a different growth rate between host and commensal: Either the barnacles had an abnormal high growth rate or the coral had a lower growth rate. I think the second hypothesis is probably the true one. Ilha Grande lies in the subtropical zone, suffering influences of cold currents, which are not favorable for coral growth.

Based on these new samples, the meridional distribution of *C. floridanum* is extended to Angra dos Reis (RJ), nearly reaching the southern limit of distribution of hermatypic corals in Brazil, São Sebastião (SP) (Laborel, 1969).

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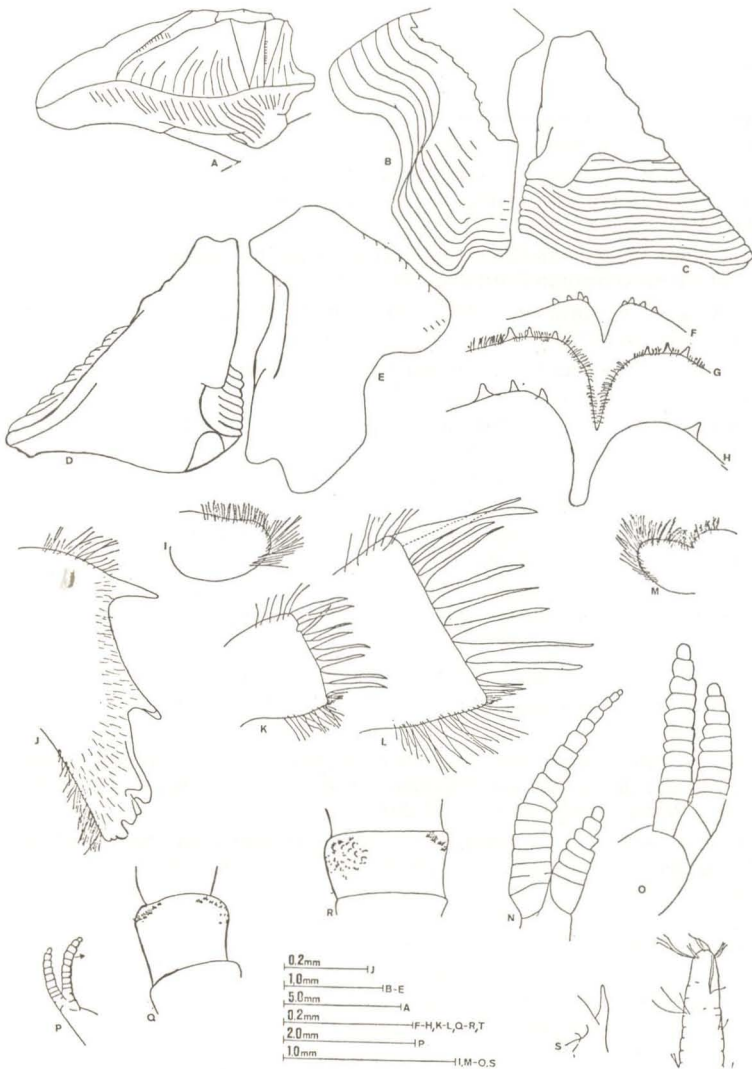


Fig. 1: - *Conopea galeata*. a - shell, external view; b and c - tergum and scutum, external view; d and e - same, internal view; f, g and h - labra of different specimens; i - labral palp; j - mandible; k and l - first maxilla; m - second maxilla; n - cirrus I; o - cirrus II; p - cirrus III; q - fourth distal segment of larger ramus of cirrus III; r - central segment of smaller ramus of another cirrus III; s - basidorsal point of penis; t - distal part of penis. UFPB 2480: a-e, g, i-j, l-o, r; UFPB 2468: f; UFPB 2478: h, k; 2493: p-q, s-t. The setae are omitted in figs. f, h, n-r.

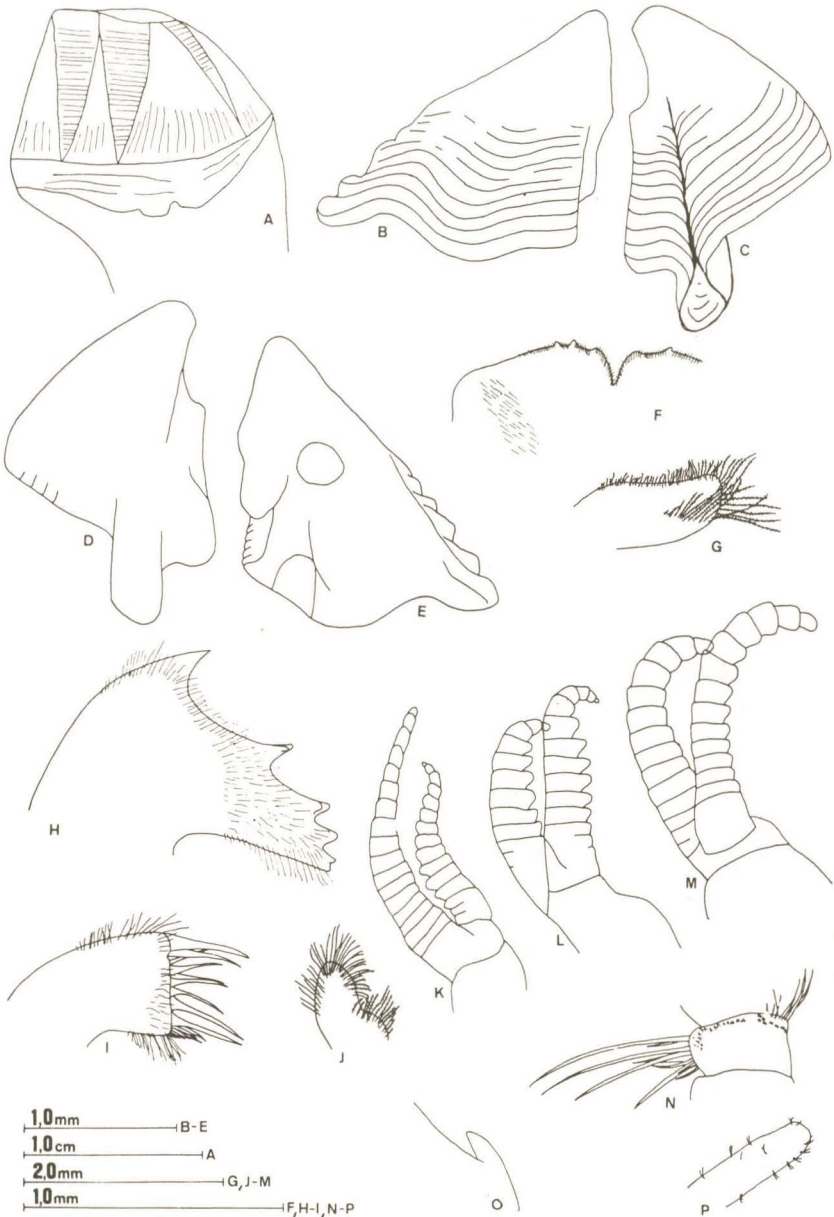


Fig. 2: - *Megabalanus stultus*. a - shell, external view; b and c - scutum and tergum, external view; d and e - same, internal view; f - labrum; g - labral palp; h - mandible; i - first maxilla; j - second maxilla; k - cirrus I; l - cirrus II; m - cirrus III; n - central segment of larger ramus of cirrus III; o - basidorsal point of penis; p - distal part of penis. UFPB 2039: a, f-n; UFPB 2030: b-e; UFPB 2034: o-p. The setae are omitted in figs. k-m.



Fig. 3: - *Megatrema madreporarum*. a and b - shell, top and lateral view; c and d - tergum and scutum, external view; e and f - same, internal view; g - labrum; h - labral palp; i - mandible; j - first maxilla; k - second maxilla; l - cirrus II; m - cirrus III; n - cirrus III; o - central segment of large ramus of cirrus III; p - central segment of large ramus of another cirrus III; q - basidorsal point of penis; r - distal part of penis. UFPB 2458: a-b; UFPB 2456: c-f; UFPB 2437: g-o; UFPB 2436: p; UFPB 2438: q-r. The setae are omitted in figs. g, l-p.

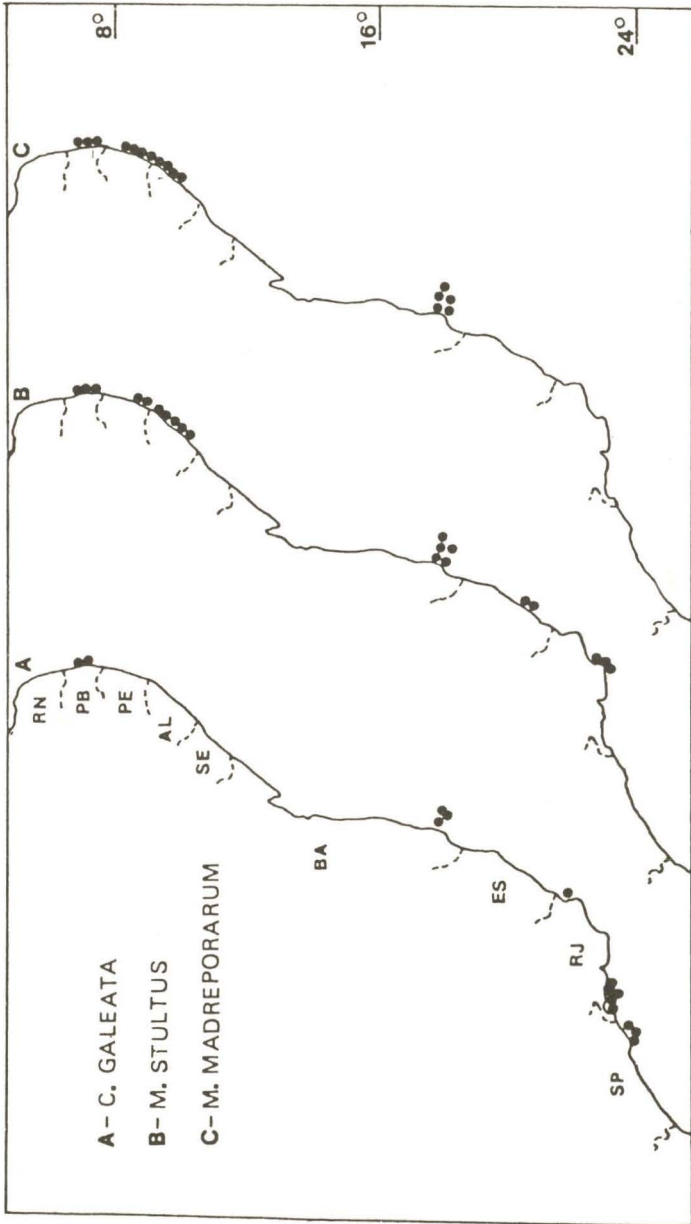


Fig. 4: - Geographic locations of (a) *Conopea galeata*, (b) *Megabalanus stultus* and (c) *Megatrema madreporarum*.