

PRELIMINARY NOTES ON BENTHIC GAMMARIDEAN AMPHIPODA
FROM THE *ZOSTERA* REGION OF MIHARA BAY,
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With Plates XIII-XVII and 2 Text-figures

Introduction

With the object to consider ecologically the relations between the benthic animals found in the stomach contents of various fishes and the actual inhabitants of bottoms, we made several benthos surveys in *Zostera* region of Mihara Bay, Seto Inland Sea, Japan, and had a larger number of collections of bottom fauna, taken by both Eckman grab-typed sampler covered an area of 0.02 sq. m., and the bottom-layer net designed by Mr. R. KITAMORI of our laboratory, throughout the period from May 1955 to March 1957. The latter sampler, bearing a pair of sleigh-form plate for making itself easily on the bottom attached below to the lower mouth frame, 0.6 m wide \times 0.3 m height (Text-fig. 1), has rather a function

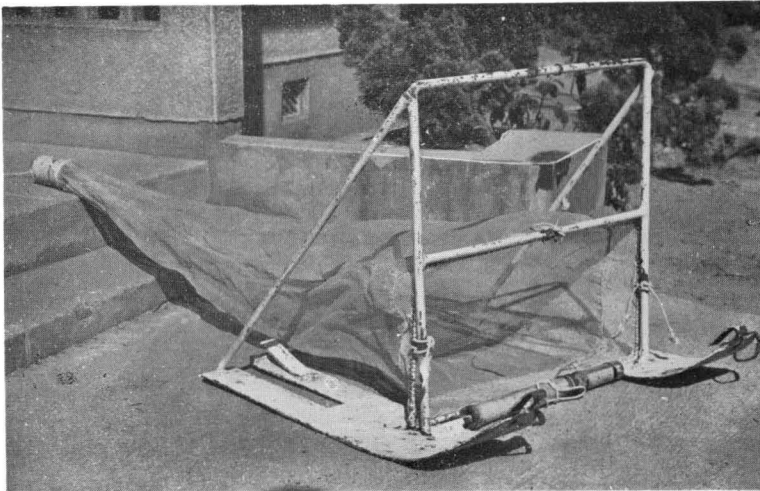


Fig. 1. The bottom-layer net employed in this survey.

of bottom-dragging net, dragged for 30 seconds at a slowest speed of 5 miles per hour each time on board a fishing boat of 4.5 H.P., and is suitable for getting many specimens of small crustaceans, rather more epifauna than infauna.

The material of this paper is a part of the collections of the above surveys. As the survey on the environmental condition of Mihara Bay and its ecological results are reported with detailed data by two preceding papers (KITAMORI, KOBAYASHI & NAGATA, 1959a and KITAMORI, NAGATA & KOBAYASHI, 1959b), only a synopsis of the gammaridean Amphipoda is given here. The *Zostera* region is situated near the estuaries of Nuta River, including nine stations of Sts. 9-17 (Text-fig. 2), all nearly shallower than 3 m in depth at high water, except Sts. 10, 12 and 13,

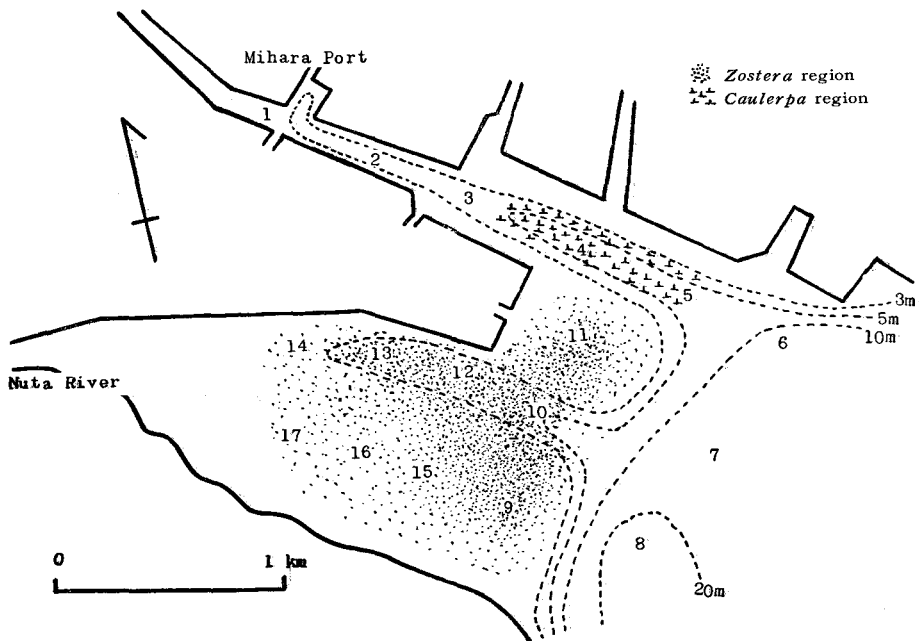


Fig. 2. Map of Mihara Bay, showing station locations of benthos survey taken by the bottom-layer net. *Zostera* region is dotted on Sts. 9-17, which are concerned with the present paper.

and only a part of this region is exposed a little at low water. Water temperature at bottom layer shows an extent of about 10° - 27° in centigrade, minimum in February and maximum in August. The very small variability of chlorinity at the bottom layer of about 15-18‰ throughout the year, indicates no prominent influence by fresh water, while at the surface more or less effected and its influence is nearly reaching the 10 m isobath line at low water. All the stations in this region are occupied uniformly by muddy bottom, except Sts. 14 and 16 of sand or sandy mud. *Zostera marina* L. grows thickly during the period from April to June, densest especially in the area covering Sts. 9-13.

Throughout the whole period of this survey Gammaridean amphipods are enormously abundant in number, generally ranging 60-90 percent of small crustaceans in the collections of net sampler, excluding young macrurans. Their seasonal variation seems to indicate a similar form from year to year; very few in October to December, and a very rapid rise to February and remains at the high level until June (maximum), then falls off rapidly to October again.

Most of the collections were obtained by the bottom-dragging net, covering a fairly extensive ground of 12 sq. m. on an average, and their habitat condition adapted by each species, would be rather integrated horizontally. In this systematic report, 21 species are comprised and the total number of each species in all collections of nine surveys from February 1956 to March 1957, is shown as follows:

<i>Anonyx ampuloides</i> BATE	40
<i>Orchomenella</i> sp.	115
<i>Ampelisca brevicornis</i> (COSTA)	134
<i>A. miharaensis</i> NAGATA	74
<i>A. naikaiensis</i> NAGATA	2
<i>Byblis japonicus</i> DAHL	360
<i>Harpinia miharaensis</i> n. sp.	7
<i>Pontocrates altamarinus</i> (BATE & WESTWOOD)	45
<i>Pleustes panopla</i> (KRØYER)	126
<i>Pontogeneia</i> sp.	7318
Gammaridae gen. et sp. undet.	206
<i>Paradexamine pacifica</i> (THOMSON)	1573
<i>Aoroides columbiae</i> WALKER	416
<i>Ampithoe lacertosa</i> BATE	895
<i>A. valida</i> SMITH	539
<i>Corophium acherusicum</i> COSTA (together with <i>C. insidiosum</i> CRAWFORD and <i>C. uenoi</i> STEPHENSEN)	535
<i>Erichonius pugnax</i> DANA	30
<i>Grandidierella japonica</i> STEPHENSEN	1992
<i>Podocerus</i> sp.	6

Of all these species, *Pontogeneia* sp., *Grandidierella japonica*, *Paradexamine pacifica*, *Ampithoe lacertosa* and *A. valida*, are very common and found nearly at all stations, and especially *Ampithoe* two species might be said to be indicator species in this region, having never been found in any other stations of Mihara Bay. On the contrary, *Anonyx ampuloides*, *Ampelisca brevicornis*, *A. miharaensis*, and *Byblis japonicus* are relatively few in this region, except at St. 10 where the location is very complicated having various species as such in *Zostera* region and at the same time in the region deeper than 10 m depth.—*Anonyx ampuloides*, *Ampelisca brevicornis*, *A. miharaensis*, *Byblis japonicus*, *Photis longicaudata*, *P. reinhardi*? and *Eurystheus* sp. have been abundantly collected from Sts. 6-8 in a series of this survey. In rather polluted zone near Mihara Port (Sts. 1 and 2), amphipods are very scarce in number of species, only two species of *Corophium*

insidiosum and *Grandidierella japonica*. Another paper (in preparation) will be dealt with gammaridean amphipods from other stations of this region.

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Systematics

Family Lisianassidae

Anonyx ampuloides BATE

(Pl. XIII, figs. 1-6)

A. a. STEBBING 1888, p. 308, t. 3; STEBBING 1906, p. 55.

Length ranging from 3 mm to 12 mm. Body subcarinate. Coxa 1 considerably widened at anterior lower corner. Pleon segment 4 rather strongly depressed at dorsal profile. Eyes reniform, not greatly dilated below. Antenna 1, article 1 of peduncle slightly longer than broad, flattened on inner side, and transversely ridged in larger specimens (12 mm). Antenna 2, article 5 of peduncle not considerably shorter than article 4 and subequal in larger specimens. Gnathopod 1, article 6 distinctly shorter than article 5 and its hind margin considerably concave. Gnathopod 2, article 6 somewhat wider than article 5. Peraeopods 1 and 2, article 6 with a peculiar spine close to hinge of finger. Peraeopod 3, hind margin of article 2 not so concave as in STEBBING's figure. The other points are well agreed with STEBBING's diagnosis and figures.

These specimens often made me to hesitate to be identified with *A. ampuloides* as figured by STEBBING, having many coincidences with *A. nugax* (PHIPPS) of arctic and boreal species, but apparently differ in having stronger depression of pleon segment 4, shorter article 6 than article 5 of gnathopod, and relatively longer article 6 of gnathopod 2.

In this region, these specimens are collected nearly at St. 10. This species was recorded from Japan by STEBBING (1888).

Orchomenella sp.

(Pl. XIII, figs. 7-18)

As the writer has not been able to refer to the reports related to some important species, a diagnosis is only given here for the future specific determination.

Lateral lobe of head rather narrow in female, more narrowly produced in male as in *O. minuta* (KRØYER) (SARS 1895, pl. 24, fig. 1). Coxa 1 slightly expanded along the anterior lower margin. Coxa 4 right-angularly excavated, with lower hind corner abruptly and rather narrowly upturned. Coxa 5 prominently produced downward behind as in *O. pinguis* (BOECK) (SARS 1895, pl. 24, fig. 2), but with equal breadth and depth. Pleon segment 3 with lower hind margin considerably produced, its hind margin nearly straight or slightly convex, and crenulated below with several teeth. Pleon segment 4 rather strongly depressed at dorsal profile. Eyes reniform, widened below, but nearly imperceptible in formalin. Epistome produced in a broad lobe projecting slightly beyond the upper lip. Maxilla 1, article 2 of palp with 6 spine-teeth at apex. Gnathopod 1, article 6 slightly longer than article 5, nearly not tapering to oblique and straight palm. Gnathopod 2, article 6 rather oval but with hind margin nearly straight, and about the half of article 5, produced beneath the minute finger. Peraeopod 3, article 2 shorter than the rest of the limb, its upper margin nearly straight. Uropod 2, inner ramus not constricted. Uropod 3 with inner ramus subequal in length to basal joint of outer ramus. Telson rather slender, nearly twice as long as broad, and cleft extending beyond the centre.

From *O. nana* (KRØYER), *O. pinguis* (BOECK), and *O. crenata* CHEVREUX & FAGE, this species differs in having a characteristic epistome of broadly rounded lobe produced slightly beyond the upper lip. This rather resembles *O. minuta* (KRØYER) and *O. groenlandica* HANSEN in the form of epistome, but distinguished from the former in the shape of coxae and epimeral plate 3, and from the latter in coxa 4, epimeral plate 3, and uropods 2 and 3.

The present specimens up to 12 mm in length, are found from nearly all stations in this region.

Family Ampeliscidae

Ampelisca brevicornis (COSTA)

A. b. NAGATA 1959, p. 69, fig. 2.

Up to 12 mm in length. These specimens are collected nearly from Sts. 9 and

10, but some specimens from Sts. 13, 15 and 16. This species is much abundantly found below 10 m depth-line during these surveys, and commonly distributed in Seto Inland Sea, appearing often from the stomachs of various benthos-feeding fishes taken from all over the area.

Ampelisca miharaensis NAGATA

A. m. NAGATA 1959, p. 70, figs. 3-5.

These specimens have a length up to 8.5 mm, and are collected nearly from St. 10 in this region. This species also is abundantly found from Sts. 6-8 in a series of these surveys, and widely distributed in offshore regions of Seto Inland Sea.

Ampelisca naikaiensis NAGATA

A. n. NAGATA 1959, p. 74, figs. 6-8.

Two specimens, 6 and 7.5 mm in length, are collected only from Sts. 10 and 13. This species is very rarely found from Sts. 6-8 during this survey, but very common in offshore area of Seto Inland Sea, appearing both from other offshore surveys and from the stomachs of bottom fishes.

Byblis japonicus DAHL

(Pl. XIII, figs. 19-23)

B. j. DAHL 1945, p. 14, figs. 8-10.

Up to 10 mm in length. Anterior margin of head has a small obtuse point (obscure in DAHL's figure). Antennae much variable in both length and breadth; antenna 1 not so long as in DAHL's specimens, about one-half of antenna 2 or less; in the peduncle of antenna 1, relative length of article 2 to article 3 much variable, ranging from 2.5 mm to 4.2 mm; antenna 2, article 4 of peduncle distinctly longer than article 5. Telson also much variable in length, reaching about 1.5 times as long as broad in some specimens, cleft however not reaching to the middle. Uropod 1 fully reaching beyond end of uropod 2. Uropod 3 with con-frontal margin of rami strongly serrate (obscure in his figure). Pleon segment 6 tricarinate. Otherwise they well agree with his specimens from Sagami Bay, Japan.

This species may be possibly distinct from *B. veleronis* BARNARD in broader shape of article 2 of peraeopod 3, somewhat different shape of coxae 1-4, of hind margin of pleon segment 3, and in rather slender form of peraeopod 5.

In this region, many specimens are collected nearly from St. 10, the other

few from Sts. 9, 11, 12 and 14-16. This species is commonly found at Sts. 6-8, as in *Ampelisca* species, and also very common in the stomachs of fishes taken from offshore area in Seto Inland Sea.

Family Phoxocephalidae

Harpinia miharaensis n. sp.

(Pl. XIII, figs. 24-27; Pl. XIV, figs. 28-36)

Diagnosis—Hood from above narrowly rounded at apex. Posteroantennal corner with a spiniform process. Body glabrous above. Coxae 1-3 with a small tooth at lower hind corner, setae few. Pleon segment 3 with lower hind corner abruptly upturned than in *H. pectinata* Sars (1895, pl. 53, fig. 2). Gnathopod 2, article 6 slightly broader than gnathopod 1 as in *pectinata*. Peraeopods 1 and 2 typical. Peraeopod 3 with legs rather stout. Peraeopod 4 about one-half the length of body. Peraeopod 5 with hind margin of article 2 coarsely and deeply serrate, bearing 8 teeth of which the middle one the largest and broadly rounded—generally having a closer resemblance with *pectinata* in Sars' figure than that in Chevreux & Fage's one (1925, fig. 104); article 7 relatively longer. Uropod 3 with inner ramus nearly reaching to the half of article 2 of outer ramus, which is subequal in length to article 1 of outer ramus. Telson as long as broad, tapering to obtuse apices, which are slightly dehiscent.

Remarks—The present specimens up to 3 mm in length, much resemble *H. pectinata* in general appearance, but I have thought it best not to designate them as that species but to create a new species for their reception; in having a small projection at postantennal corner (not produced in *H. pectinata*), the shape of hind margin of article 2 of peraeopod 5, abruptly upturned tooth at lower hind corner of pleon segment 3, which is rather related to that in *H. della-vallei* Chevreux (Chevreux & Fage 1925, p. 109, fig. 103). This species is rather akin to *H. serrata* Sars in the shape of article 2 of peraeopod 5, but differs in having a tooth at lower hind corner of coxae 1-3 (setae few), abruptly upturned tooth at lower hind corner of pleon segment 3, the shape of downward directed points along the hind margin of article 2 of peraeopod 5, and the form of uropod 3. This also differs from *H. tarasovi* Bulychева (1936, p. 248, figs. 12-15; Gurjanova 1951, pic. 228), in which postantennal corner without any process; pleon segment 3 with lower hind corner slightly upturned into an acute tooth; article 2 of peraeopod 5 with more downward hind lobe, denticles along its hind margin strongly and acutely serrate; and uropod 3, both inner ramus and article 2 of outer ramus relatively shorter.

In this region, this species is secured from Sts. 9, 15 and 16. In outside of this region, I have taken several specimens from St. 6. And also from the stomachs of fishes taken in Seto Inland Sea, I have occasionally had several *Harpinia*

specimens, which are somewhat different from the form of the present specimens. *H. miharaensis* is named for its distinction from them.

Family Oedicerotidae

Pontocrates altamarinus BATE & WESTWOOD

(Pl. XIV, figs. 37-45)

P. altamarinus SARS 1895, p. 695, suppl. t. 7, fig. 2; STEBBING 1906, p. 240.
? *P. arenarius* CHEVREUX & FAGE 1925, p. 240.

According to the index of species in BARNARD (1958), *P. norvegicus* BOECK has been identified with *P. arenarius* (BATE). Therefore *P. arenarius* in CHEVREUX & FAGE (1925), may be possibly identical with *P. altamarinus*, but a doubtfulness still remains; in the former figures, antenna 1 not much longer than antenna 2, article 2 of gnathopod 2 relatively longer, apex of telson rounded. I am not quite certain that the present specimens are designated under *P. altamarinus*, having also considerable agreements with CHEVREUX & FAGE's figures and diagnosis of *P. arenarius*.

These specimens, however, are considerably divergent from European forms. Eyes oblong oval. Postantennal corner more produced and curved. Antenna 1 much shorter than antenna 2 in female, as in SARS' figure. Coxae 5 and 6, anterior lobe much larger than posterior one. Molar of mandible as in CHEVREUX & FAGE's figure. Maxilla 1, inner plate with only one seta. Gnathopods as in CHEVREUX & FAGE's figures: gnathopod 1, article 4 produced into a rather acute projection, process of article 5 with a small spine at apex; gnathopod 2, article 2 relatively longer and slender, process of article 5 nearly coalesced with article 6. Peraeopods 1 and 2, finger considerably longer, about the half of article 6. Peraeopod 5 with hind margin of article 2 slightly concave, article 6 subequal in length to article 5 and to article 7, as in SARS' figure. Apex of telson a little sinuated as in SARS' figure.

From *P. arcticus* SARS and *P. arenarius* (BATE) (non CHEVREUX & FAGE 1925), this is apparently distinguished by the structure of gnathopods, having much longer antenna 2 than antenna 1 in female, and having a slightly sinuated apex of telson.

In this region, these are collected from Sts. 12-17. This species is very commonly founded in the stomachs of fishes taken all over the area of Seto Inland Sea.

Family Pleustidae

Pleustes panopla (KRÖYER)

(Pl. XIV, figs. 46-49)

Pleustes panoplus Sars 1895, p. 344, t. 121; STEBBING 1906, p. 310.

P. cataphractus GURJANOVA 1951, pic. 434.

P. obtusirostris GURJANOVA 1951, pic. 435.

P. obtusirostris GURJANOVA has been identified with *P. cataphractus* (STIMPSON) by GURJANOVA (1951), which has also been referred to *P. panopla* by SHOEMAKER (1955). Length of specimens ranging 3–13 mm. Body dorsally quinquecarinate; medio-dorsal carina weak or imperceptible on the beginning of peraeon, strongly raised from peraeon segment 5 to pleon segment 2, which also have dorso-lateral carina (preceding outwards) well developed in spine-like form; pleon segments 3–6 flattened dorsally, on pleon segment 3 with 3 longitudinal rows of keel, and pleon segments 4 and 6 with 2 rows on each side; dorso-lateral carina also nearly imperceptible on the beginning of peraeon; lateral carina extending along the bases of the coxal plates and slightly continued on pleon segments 1 and 2. Rostrum rather truncate at apex as in *P. obtusirostris*, but lateral lobe of head not so acute and broadly convex. Coxa 1 considerably smaller than coxa 2. Coxa 4 rather more slender than that of Sars' figure. Peraeopod 3–5, article 2 slightly widening downward and broadly rounded at lower hind corner; article 4 short and broad, but not so prominent as that of *P. depressus* (ALDERMAN 1936, fig. 14). Pleon segment 3 with lower hind corner triangularly produced and rather acute. Telson slightly constricted at base. The other points nearly as in Sars' figures.

In Mihara Bay, this species is not found from the outside of the *Zostera* region during these surveys.

Family Pontogeneiidae

Pontogeneia sp.

(Pl. XIV, figs. 50–53; Pl. XV, figs. 54–71)

If following SCHELLENBERG's key and diagnosis (1929), the present specimens are fallen into the genus *Pontogeneia* by a combination of the following characteristic points; accessory flagellum of antenna 1 squamiform, article 5 of gnathopods elongate as in that of article 6, and inner plate of maxilla 1 with only 6 pulvose setae, as in that of *P. inermis* (KRØYER) (Sars 1895, pl. 159). The present specimens closely resemble *P. rostrata* GURJANOVA, but, unfortunately, I have not been able to consult with his text, and therefore the description is given here for the future decision.

Description of male, 6 mm in length—Dorsally smooth, back evenly rounded. Rostrum prominent, produced slightly downward, about the half of length of first peduncular joint of antenna 1. Lateral lobe broadly rounded as in *P. bartschi* SHOEMAKER (1948, fig. 1). Coxa 4 similar to *P. inermis* in shape, but more broad. Pleon segments 1 and 2, epimeral plates as in *inermis*; that of pleon segment 3,

lower hind corner obviously with a tooth or scarcely produced, its lateral margin much convex and rounded.

Antenna 1 shorter than antenna 2; article 1 of peduncle much stouter and longer than article 2, which also longer than article 3; calceoli present only on under surface of article 2 and 3; flagellum 34-jointed and every second joint after first 4 joints is slightly produced as in STEPHENSEN'S discussion (1927, p. 317) and with a bundle of setae; accessory flagellum shows "Kurz schuppenförmig" in SCHELLENBERG'S description (1929) and therefore without free accessory flagellum connected with it by an articulation. Antenna 2 reaching nearly to pleon segment 3; two distal articles of peduncle subequal in length, sometimes article 4 the larger; article 4 and 5 also with calceoli on confrontal edges, and none on the rest of peduncular joints and both flagella; flagellum 43-jointed and all segments equal in shape.

Mandible normal; palp strong, article 2 of it much stouter as in *P. bartschi*; cutting edge narrow with 7 denticles; molar strong; accessory plate not perceptible; spine-row of 5 spines. Upper lip rounding and symmetrical, and not emarginate. Epistome with the apex projecting into a narrow lobe, rather as in shape of *Paramoera koreana* STEPHENSEN (1944, fig. 4). Lower lip with small inner lobes. Maxilla 1, article 2 of palp very stout, armed distally with 7 slender teeth and several setae; outer plate with 6 serrate teeth; inner plate broad and short with 6 well developed plumose setae. Maxilla 2, inner margin of inner plate bearing well developed plumose setae as in *P. longleyi* SHOEMAKER (1933, fig. 6). Maxillipeds, inner plate reaching to the end of article 1 of palp and its apex with 3 spine-teeth, inner margin with slender spines and setae; outer plate not reaching end of article 2 of palp, with slender spines on the apex; article 3 of palp produced over base of finger.

Gnathopods rather slender and nearly equal in size and shape; article 6 rather longer than article 5, palm oblique, and defined by 3 spines from hind margin; article 5 much longer than wide, and not produced forward at posterodistal corner. Peraeopods 1 and 2, articles 4, 5 and 6 with a row of plumose setae on the hind margin. Peraeopods 3-5 successively larger, lower hind corner of article 2 moderately produced into a rounded lobe. Uropods 1 and 2, outer ramus much shorter than inner; uropod 1 reaching beyond end of uropod 2. Uropod 3, rami lanceolate, much fringed with spines and plumose setae on both side; outer ramus slightly shorter than inner. Telson about 1.5 times as long as broad, upper hollowed, cleft beyond the middle; lobes rather dehiscent, narrowly rounded at apices, and with submarginal setules.

Female shows no apparent differences from male, except in having no calceoli on confrontal margin of peduncle of antennae and relatively shorter antenna 2.

Remarks—These specimens up to 8 mm in length, are closely related to *P. inermis* (KRØYER) in general appearance, but differ in rather stouter form of

nearly all of appendages, especially in gnathopods, telson, and coxa 4.

This species is much abundantly found at all stations of this region. In outside of the region, there are very few from Sts. 3-8.

Family Gammaridae

Gen. et sp. undet.

(Pl. XV, figs. 72-79; Pl. XVI, figs. 80-92)

Description of female, 5.5 mm in length—Body compressed, dorsally smooth. Coxae continuous and small; coxae 1-4 with a small tooth at anterior lower corner, coxa 4 also with a small groove at the middle of lower margin and not excavate behind. Head as long as the first two pereaeon segments. Eyes rudimentary. Lateral lobe rounded. Postantennal corner less distinct. Antenna 1 slender, much longer than antenna 2; article 1 of peduncle about as long as head, considerably broad, and slightly longer than article 2; accessory flagellum small, one-jointed and shorter than the first segment of primary flagellum, which is much longer than peduncle of antenna 1, 19-jointed. Antenna 2 reaching beyond peduncle of antenna 1; article 4 of peduncle slightly longer than article 5; flagellum subequal in length to article 5 of peduncle, with 4 joints plus 1 rudimentary one.

Mandible without spine-row; molar well developed; palp much slender, article 3 slightly longer than article 2, with 3 long and broad setae at distal end. Maxilla 1, inner plate very narrow with 2 setae; outer plate with 8 spines; article 3 of palp slightly widened towards the distal edge, and longer than article 2. Maxilla 2, inner plate not fringed along inner margin; outer plate with 2 rather long setae closely at distal end. Anterior lip apically incised, with one pair of produced lateral angle. Posterior lip with inner lobes well developed. Maxillipeds with outer plate not very broad.

Gnathopod 1 slightly smaller than gnathopod 2, and similar in shape to it, except that article 5 without produced posterolateral lobe; article 6 triangular, widening to the palm, which is slightly convex, lined with several spinules, and defined from the hind margin by 6 relatively longer slender spines; finger smooth at inner edge and without nail. Gnathopod 2, article 2 rather stouter than gnathopod 1; article 5 with posterolateral margin produced into a broad lobe; article 6 slightly more elongated triangular than that of gnathopod 1. Pereaeopods 1 and 2 similar in both size and shape. Pereaeopods 3-5 progressively larger; article 2 of pereaeopods 3 and 4 with hind margin straight and not produced downwards; pereaeopod 5, article 2, posterior lobe somewhat expanded, with its margin convex and with its lower hind corner rounded, slightly produced downwards. Uropod 1 reaching beyond end of uropod 2; peduncle shorter than

rami; outer margin of peduncle with a strong spine; rami subequal in length. Uropod 2, rami longer than peduncle and subequal in length. Uropod 3 projecting much beyond the others; outer ramus much longer than inner ramus, with 2 articles of which article 2 narrow and shorter than inner ramus; inner ramus small, oval and about one-third as long as article 1 of outer ramus. Telson small, shorter than peduncle of uropod 3, subequal in length to broad, and cleft nearly to base; apices much dehiscent (not so in figure), each lobe rather pointed. Pleon segment 3 with lower hind corner upturned to a tooth; its hind margin nearly straight.

Male shows no prominent sexual differences, except having much produced anterior lower corner of coxa 1, and relatively rather longer article 1 of outer ramus of uropod 3.

Remarks—The present specimens up to 5.5 mm in length. This species seems to be allied to the genus *Nipharugus* (cf. STEBBING 1906, p. 405), but differs in rather different structure of oral parts, and a broadly produced hind lobe of article 5 of gnathopod 2. From the genus *Melita*, this apparently differs in the structure of gnathopods.

In this region, these specimens are collected at nearly all stations, except Sts. 14 and 17. From the outside of this region, these are found at Sts. 5 and 7.

Family Dexaminidae

Paradexamine pacifica (THOMSON)

(Pl. XVI, figs. 93)

Dexamine pacifica THOMSON 1879, p. 238, t. 10B, fig. 4.

Paradexamine pacifica STEBBING 1906, p. 518; STEPHENSEN 1927, p. 345, figs. 21, 22; BARNARD 1930, p. 389, fig. 49; SCHELLENBERG 1931, p. 209.

The present specimens up to 6 mm in length, have nearly perfect agreement with STEPHENSEN's figure, except in the shape of article 2 of peraeopod 4 of which hind margin abruptly narrowed towards the distal end. The confrontal margin of peduncle of antennae in male, as in BARNARD's remarks and figure, but the arrangement of spine-setae on the hind margin of article 2 of peraeopod 5 should not be characteristic of only male, though his specimens are composed of only male, and the specimens at hand, present also in female.

This species closely resembles *P. fissicauda* CHEVREUX (1906, p. 82, figs. 1, 2), but apparently differs in the lateral lobe of head produced into an acute point, the apices of telson truncated with several small denticles, and relative length of article 6 of peraeopods 3-5. Uropod 3 in all specimens at hand, is extending well beyond the apex of telson, as in STEPHENSEN's and BARNARD's papers, but THOMSON's not so.

This is abundantly collected from all the stations of this region. In the outside of this region, this is found at nearly all of the stations, except Sts. 1 and 2, but there are a few at each station.

Family Aoridae

Aoroides columbiae WALKER

(Pl. XVI, figs. 94)

A. columbiae WALKER 1898, p. 285, pl. 16, figs. 7-10; STEBBING 1906, p. 586; BARNARD 1954, p. 24, pl. 22.

A. californica ALDERMAN 1936, p. 63, figs. 33-38.

A. californica ALDERMAN has been identified with *A. columbiae* WALKER by BARNARD (1954). The present specimens up to 5 mm in length. In male gnathopod 1, the shape of coxa 1, relative length of articles of limb and its shape, and setae condition in its abundance, are much variable in correspondance with their growth series, as in BARNARD'S discussion of 1954. The posterior notch of coxa 1 is indistinct in any specimens at hand, and its anterior spine well developed in 4 mm specimens. The pronounced lateral lobe of hand and feeble palp of mandible are as in ALDERMAN'S specimens. Antenna 1 with accessory flagellum rudimentary, bearing 2 setae as in BARNARD'S figure. Antenna 2 with flagellum bearing 3 articles, sometimes plus 1 rudimentary one.

This species is commonly founded particularly from Sts. 15 and 16. I have also several species from Sts. 4, 5, 7 and 8 in the outer side of this region.

Family Ampithoidae

Ampithoe lacertosa BATE

(Pl. XVI, figs. 95-96)

Ampithoe lacertosa STEBBING 1906, p. 633; DELLA VALLE 1893, t. 57, f. 37; BARNARD 1954, p. 31, pls. 29, 30.

Ampithoe macrurus STEPHENSEN 1944, p. 80, figs. 30, 31.

Ampithoe macrurus STEPHENSEN from Port Shimizu, Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan, has been identified by BARNARD (1954) with *A. lacertosa* BATE. The present specimens entirely agree with BARNARD'S description and figures. In BARNARD'S specimens based on 24 mm male, article 6 of gnathopod 1 shorter than article 5 (p. 32, pl. 29B), but in more younger specimens at hand (11 mm, male), they are subequal in length as in STEPHENSEN'S specimens (13 mm, male), though 23 mm specimens at hand show as BARNARD'S description.

Dr. BARNARD gives several fine figures of only male specimens, and female

figures of only gnathopods are given here. This species is easily distinguished from the next described *A. valida* SMITH, even in female, by the structure of article 6 of gnathopod 1, the rather stouter legs of peraeopods 1 and 2, the shape of article 2 of peraeopods 3-5, and a small rounded tooth at lower hind corner of pleon segment 3.

Northern Japanese specimens of this species, which has been kindly sent to me by Mr. M. IMAJIMA of Shirikishinai Marine Biological Laboratory, Hokkaido, are shown by a cheliform component of male gnathopod 2 even in 18 mm long specimens, as in BARNARD's figure of 27 mm long specimens. (pl. 29F).

The specimens at hand up to 25 mm in length, are very common in this region, and has never been found in any other stations of the outer side of this region, throughout the whole period of this survey.

Ampithoe valida SMITH

(Pl. XVI, figs. 97-98)

Ampithoe valida STEBBING 1906, p. 635; ALDERMAN 1936, p. 68; BARNARD 1954, p. 34, pl. 31.
Ampithoe shimizuensis STEPHENSEN 1944, p. 77, figs. 28, 29.

A. shimizuensis STEPHENSEN from Japan, also has been referred to *A. valida* SMITH in the same BARNARD's paper. Dr. BARNARD says that his specimens differ from STEPHENSEN's ones only by the shape of gnathopod 1 in both sexes, while my specimens are quite conform to BARNARD's figures. Female figures of gnathopods also is given here by the writer. The apex of telson is as in BARNARD's discussion with cover-glass, though it is rounded as in ALDERMAN's description. Female specimens of this species is characterized mainly from *A. lacertosa*, by the form of article 2 and 6 of gnathopod 1, the rather inflated shape of article 4 of peraeopods 1 and 2, the rounded shape of article 2 of peraeopod 3, and a small projection at posterodistal corner of article 2 of peraeopods 4 and 5.

A. mitsukuri DELLA VALLE from Japan, may be possibly identical with *A. valida*, considering only from his figures (1893, t. 57, figs. 30-32; STEBBING 1906, p. 635), but I am not certain as yet. This species clearly differs from *A. japonica* STEBBING in the structure of male gnathopod 2; some of the latter specimens from the stomachs of *Sebastes inermis* CUVIER ET VALENCIENNES taken in Matsu-shima Bay, northern Japan, have been kindly sent to me by Mr. M. KOSAKA of Tohoku University, and their male gnathopod 2 well agrees with GURJANOVA's figure (1951, pic. 621); the latter is recorded from Kobe Bay, Seto Inland Sea by STEBBING (1888), but the writer has not encountered as yet from the same area.

Family Corophiidae

In this region, the genus *Corophium* is represented by the following 3 species; *C. acherusicum*, *C. insidiosum* and *C. uenoi*. All belongs to the section B (CRAWFORD 1937) in which urosome segment fused, and uropods 1 and 2 inserted in the lateral margins of the urosome. As on the beginning of this survey these species, unfortunately, has been labeled and put together into the same bottle, as a single species of *C. acherusicum* by only a superficial appearance, the number of these specimens listed in the introduction, are shown as their total counts composed of 3 species.

Corophium acherusicum COSTA

C. acherusicum CHEVREUX & FAGE 1925, p. 368, fig. 376; CRAWFORD 1937, p. 617, fig. 2-P; SHOEMAKER 1947, p. 53, figs. 2, 3; HURLEY 1954, p. 442, figs. 35-39.

Length up to 5.5 mm. This species is commonly found in this region. Article 1 of antenna 1 with basal spine on inner and under margin often recurved as in *C. bonelli* SARS. Arrangement of spines on antennae in female is considerably variable. Its variation of the number of spines on the right antennae of 11 specimens extracted at random is shown as follows (the additional spines borne alongside an original pair, are added into its pair):

Length	Antenna 1, article 1		Antenna 2	
	Inner margin	Under margin	Article 4	Article 5
3.0 mm. ovig.	4*	5*	2, 2, 2, 1	2
3.0 " —	4	5	2, 2, 2, 1	2
3.5 " ovig.	5	6*	2, 2, 2, 1	2
4.0 " "	5*	5*	1, 3, 2, 2, 1	2
4.2 " "	4*	7*	2, 2, 2, 1	2
4.2 " "	4	5	2, 2, 2, 1	2
4.2 " "	5	5	2, 2, 2, 2, 1	3
4.5 " "	5*	6*	2, 2, 2, 1	2
4.5 " "	4	7*	2, 2, 2, 1	2
4.5 " "	4	6*	1, 2, 2, 2, 1	2
5.5 " "	5*	7*	2, 2, 2, 1	2

(Mark * shows having one or two recurved basal small spines.)

This species is distinguished from the other 2 species in this region, by the following characters; in female, typically having 3 pairs of spines and a single terminal spine on segment 4 of antenna 2; in male, easily by having a short rostrum, and a small process near the base on article 5 of antenna 2.

Corophium insidiosum CRAWFORD

C. insidiosum CRAWFORD 1937, p. 615, figs. 2, A-G; SHOEMAKER 1947, p. 53, figs. 6-7.

This species also is very common in this region, as *C. acherusicum*. The present specimens up to 4.7 mm, apparently differ from female of *C. bonelli* in having a basal straight spine on inner and under margin of article 1 of antenna 1; from male in having a long rostrum. The number of spine on article 1 of antenna 1, is considerably variable, and shown as follows by the right antennae of 9 specimens extracted at random from the mixed specimens of three species:

Length	Antenna 1, article 1		Antenna 2	
	Inner margin	Under margin	Article 4	Article 5
3.0 mm, ovig.	2	3	2, 2, 1	1
3.2 " "	2	3	2, 2, 1	1
3.2 " "	3	3	2, 2, 1	1
3.5 " "	3	3	2, 2, 1	1
4.0 " "	3	4	2, 2, 1	1
4.0 " "	3	4	2, 2, 1	1
4.2 " "	2	3	3, 2, 1	2
4.2 " "	3	3	2, 2, 1	1
4.7 " "	3	4	2, 2, 1	1

Male of this species closely resembles from the next described species, *C. uenoi* in having a long rostrum, but differs in having an outgrowth on proximal inner surface of article 1 of antenna 1, and not any spine on article 4 of antenna 2.

Corophium uenoi STEPHENSEN

C. uenoi STEPHENSEN 1932, p. 414, figs. 3-4; CRAWFORD 1937, p. 616; BARNARD 1952, p. 28, pls. 8, 9.

Up to 5.5 mm in length. This species are less found in this region, and this female is easily distinguished from female of the above 2 species by having spines set in a single row on article 4 of antenna 2. One dissected female (5.5 mm) was found to have a additional spine proximally on article 4 of antenna 2. The number of spines on article 1 of antenna 1 in female also is considerably divergent from the typical number, and their basal spines are often recurved. Their conditions are as follows:

Length	Antenna 1, article 1		Antenna 2	
	Inner margin	Under margin	Article 4	Article 5
2.8 mm	4*	4*	1, 1, 1	1
4.8 " ovig.	5*	5*	1, 1, 1	1
5.2 " "	4	5	1, 1, 1	1
5.5 " "	4*	5	1, 1, 1, 1	1

(Mark * shows having one or two recurved basal small spines.)

These specimens in male is rather different from the Californian specimens in BARNARD 1952, by having a spine proximally on the inner surface of article 4 of antenna 2, having not any process on proximal lower edge of article 5 of antenna 2, and having article 2 of peraeopod 5 shorter than article 6.

Erichthonius pugnax DANA

(Pl. XVII, figs. 99-102)

E. pugnax STEBBING 1906, p. 672; PIRLOT 1938, p. 352; HURLEY 1954, p. 445, figs. 40-61.

Dr. HURLEY has given many fine figures, and the present specimens up to 7.5 mm in length, well agree with his description and figures, except in the somewhat different shapes of the following points; articles 5 and 6 of male gnathopod 2 more rather elongated than that of his figure, its hind margin of article 6 sometimes with 4 small tubercles and its process of article 5 sometimes shows no prominent inner tooth; article 2 of peraeopod 3 with hind margin more produced downwards, which remembers that of *E. macrodactylus* DANA (WALKER 1904, pl. 7, fig. 48).

This species differs from *E. macrodactylus* DANA, in the structure of male gnathopod 2. This is also closely related to *E. brasiliensis* DANA and *E. difformis* M.ED., but differs mainly in the shape of article 2 of peraeopods 1 and 3 respectively.

These specimens are collected at. Sts. 12, 13, 15, 16 in this region, and also from Sts. 7, 8 of the outer side of this region, are found.

Grandidierella japonica STEPHENSEN

(Pl. XVII, figs. 103)

G. japonica STEPHENSEN 1938, p. 179, figs. 1, 2.

The present specimens up to 12 mm in length, have quite agreement with STEPHENSEN'S description and figures. The writer has, as yet, found no specimens having any short medio-ventral spine on peraeon segment 1. Article 2 of male gnathopod 1 somewhat oblong oval rather than that in STEPHENSEN'S specimens. These specimens have "stridurating organ" on upper proximal margin of article 5 of male gnathopod 1, and also have triangular process at the upper hind corner of article 2 of peraeopods 3 and 4.

This species is much abundantly found from all the stations in this region throughout the period of these surveys. This is also sometimes found at Sts. 1 and 2, but not found from Sts. 3-8.

Family Podoceridae

Podocerus sp.

(Pl. XVII, figs. 104-112)

Some species in this genus are considerably related to one another, so that

there may possibly be a certain confusion in the details of their growth-change or multiform. The present specimens closely resemble *P. inconspicuus* STEBBING (cf. STEBBING 1888, t. 131; PIRLOT 1938, fig. 160; BARNARD 1937, fig. 18) in the structure of gnathopods in both sexes. Unfortunately I was unable to refer to *P. palinuri* BARNARD in his paper of 1916, which was identified with *P. inconspicuus* by his own paper of 1940. These are rather related to *P. danae* (STEBBING) (STEBBING 1888, t. 128, 129) in the shape of head, having the similar lateral carina and pereopods 1-5; and to *P. cristatus* (THOMSON) (1879, p. 331, pl. 16, figs. 9-15) in the arrangement of dorsal carina, but conspicuously differ in the following characteristic point: in many specimens at hand of a growth series ranging from 3.5 to 8mm in length, together with other localities in Seto Inland Sea, the shape and structure of article 6 of male gnathopod 2 proportionally show the same appearance, and are never shown, even in 8mm specimens, such a shape of much narrowly elongated propodus respectively.

For the future decision of this species by any other authority, synopsis is given here. Body wider than deep, quinquecarinate; in the medio-dorsal line, pereon segments 1-4 weak, but strongly corrugated, the 5th with a small projection behind, the 6th, 7th, and pleon segments 1-2 each well developed process of carina and its shape and arrangement nearly maintain the same dorsal profile in both their growth series and sexual difference and at least never shown such a strongly acute point as in *danae*; in the dorso-lateral line, these are small indications of tubercles on each side, 1 to each segment, but that on the beginning of the pereon segments, rather imperceptible, back distinctly tending to pleon segment 2; lateral margin of pereon projecting, with trilobes on segments 3-7 as nearly in *danae*. Head ribbed as in pereon, with fore carina rounded or truncated in front. Eyes large, rounded, and placed into rectangular lateral lobe as in *danae*. Antennae nearly similar to that of *danae*; antenna 1, flagellum with 4-7 joints, accessory one 1-jointed; antenna 2, article 5 of peduncle not so long as that in *danae*, flagellum 3-jointed, the first much longer than the other 2 united, all 3 together subequal to or shorter than article 4 of peduncle, the last tipped with a strong spine.

Epistome with a small spiniform projection produced forward at distal end. Coxal plates in each segment are more or less keeled tranversely along the middle; coxa 1 much produced at the anterior lower corner. Gnathopod 1 in male, article 5 distally narrowing, shorter than article 6, which its palm slightly concave, much longer than hind margin; article 7 serrated along the inner edge; in female, article 5 slightly longer than article 6, which its palm subequal in length to hind margin. Gnathopod 2 in male, article 2 with anterodistal corner produced into a small rounded lobe; article 4 with the apices of hind margin slightly produced; article 5 subsquare in shape, and larger than article 4; article 6 more oblong oval than in female, palm having a broad lobe followed by a small

conical tooth near the finger-hinge, and defined by a distinct tooth and a strong spine and another one spine at a little upper surface, from the short hind margin; in female, article 6 abruptly wider than article 5, and oval and the other points nearly similar to male. Peraeopods 1-5 nearly as in *danae*. Pleopods 1-3 each with 2 coupling spines. Uropod 3 not reaching end of telson. Telson with basic plate rounded, conical projection rising from the surface at about the centre, as in THOMSON's figure.

These specimens are collected at Sts. 9, 10, 12, 15 and 16. In outer side of this region, found from Sts. 5-8.

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EXPLANATION OF PLATE XIII

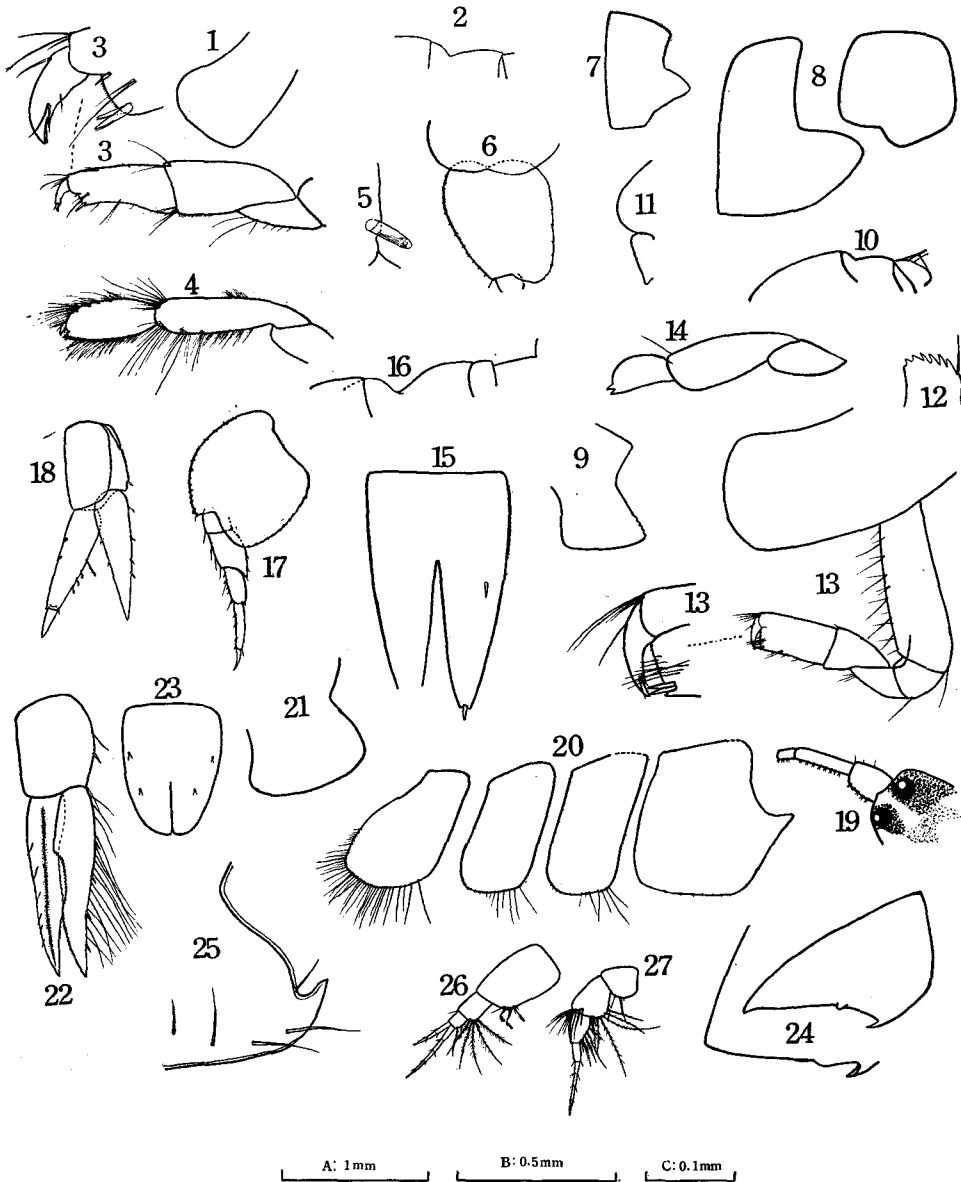
Anonyx ampuloides BATE. Female, 6.5 mm: 1—Coxa 1. 2—Pleon segment 4. 3—Gnathopod 1, together with enlarged distal edge. 4—Gnathopod 2. 5—Peraeopod 1, peculiar spine of article 6. 6—Peraeopod 3, article 2.

Orchomenella sp. Female, 5 mm: 7—Head. 8—Coxae 4 and 5. 9—Pleon segment 3. 10—Pleon segment 4, dorsal depression. 11—Epistome. 12—Maxilla 1, apex of palp. 13—Gnathopod 1, together with enlarged distal edge. 14—Gnathopod 2, setae omitted. 15—Telson. Male, 4.7 mm: 16—Pleon segment 4, dorsal depression. Female, 5.5 mm: 17—Peraeopod 3. 18—Uropod 3.

Byblis japonicus DAHL. Male 6 mm: 19—Head and peduncle of antenna 1. 22—Uropod 3. 23—Telson. Female, 7 mm: 20—Coxae 1-4. 21—Epimeral plate 3.

Harpinia miharaensis n. sp. Female, 2.8 mm: 24—Head with lateral and dorsal view. 25—Epimeral plate 3. 26—Antenna 1. 27—Antenna 2.

Scale A: 1, 2, 6-10, 17, 19-21. B: 3, 4, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 22-24, 26, 27. C: 5, 12, 15, 25.

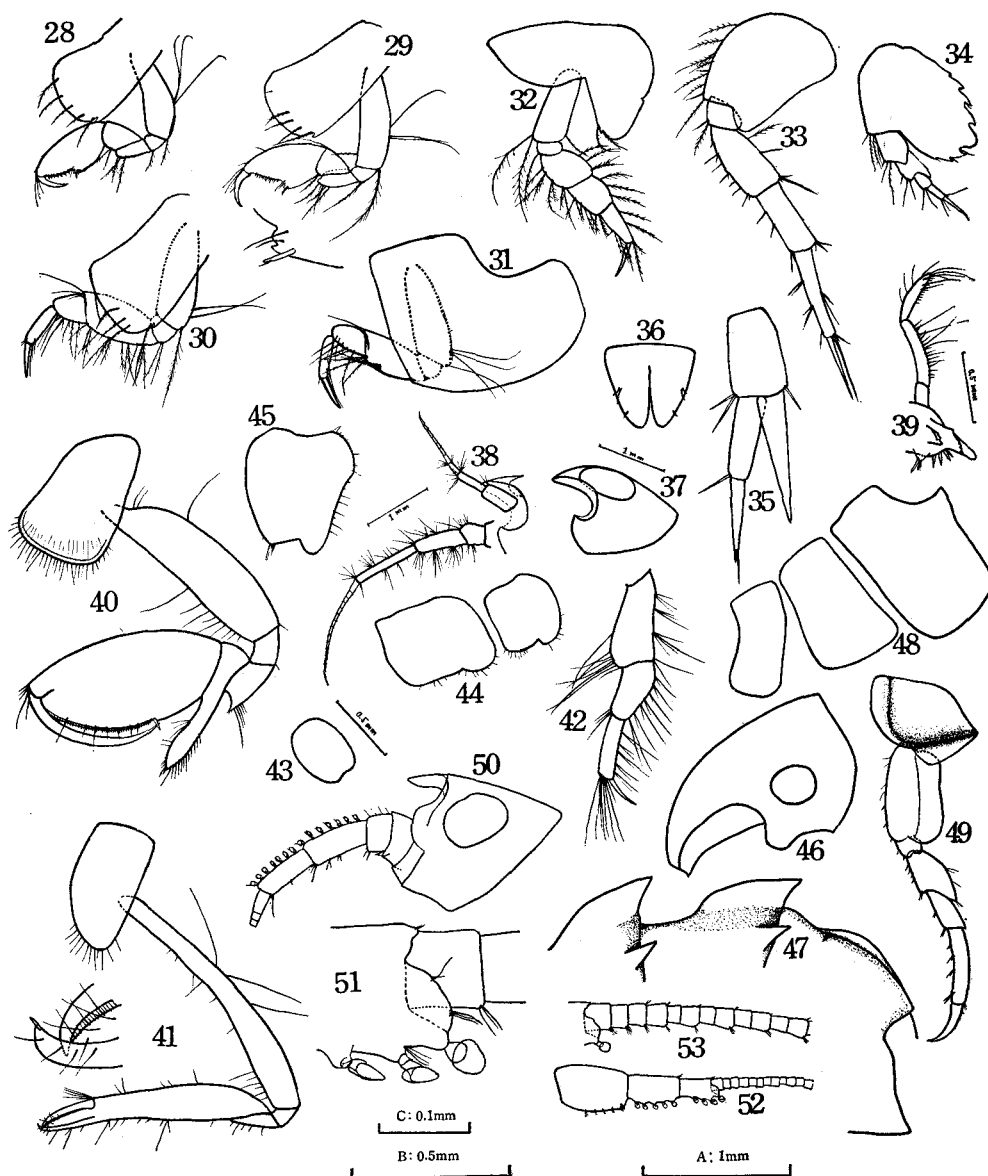


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Harpinia miharaensis n. sp. Female, 2.8 mm: 28—Gnathopod 1. 29—Gnathopod 2. 30—Peraeopod 1. 31—Peraeopod 2. 32—Peraeopod 3. 33—Peraeopod 4. 34—Peraeopod 5. 35—Uropod 3. 36—Telson. *Pontocrates altamarinus* BATE & WESTWOOD. Female, 11 mm: 37—Head. 38—Antennae. 39—Mandible. 40—Gnathopod 1. 41—Gnathopod 2. 42—Peraeopod 1, 4-7. 43—Telson. Female, 6 mm: 44—Coxae 5 and 6. 45—Peraeopod 5, article articles 2. *Pleustes panopla* (KRÖYER). Female, 11 mm: 46—Head. 47—Pleon segments 1-3. Female, 6 mm: 48—Coxae 1, 2, and 4. 49—Peraeopod 3. *Pontogeneia* sp. Male, 6 mm: 50—Head and peduncle of antenna 2. 51—Accessory flagellum. 52—Antenna 1, peduncle. 53—Antenna 1, flagellum.

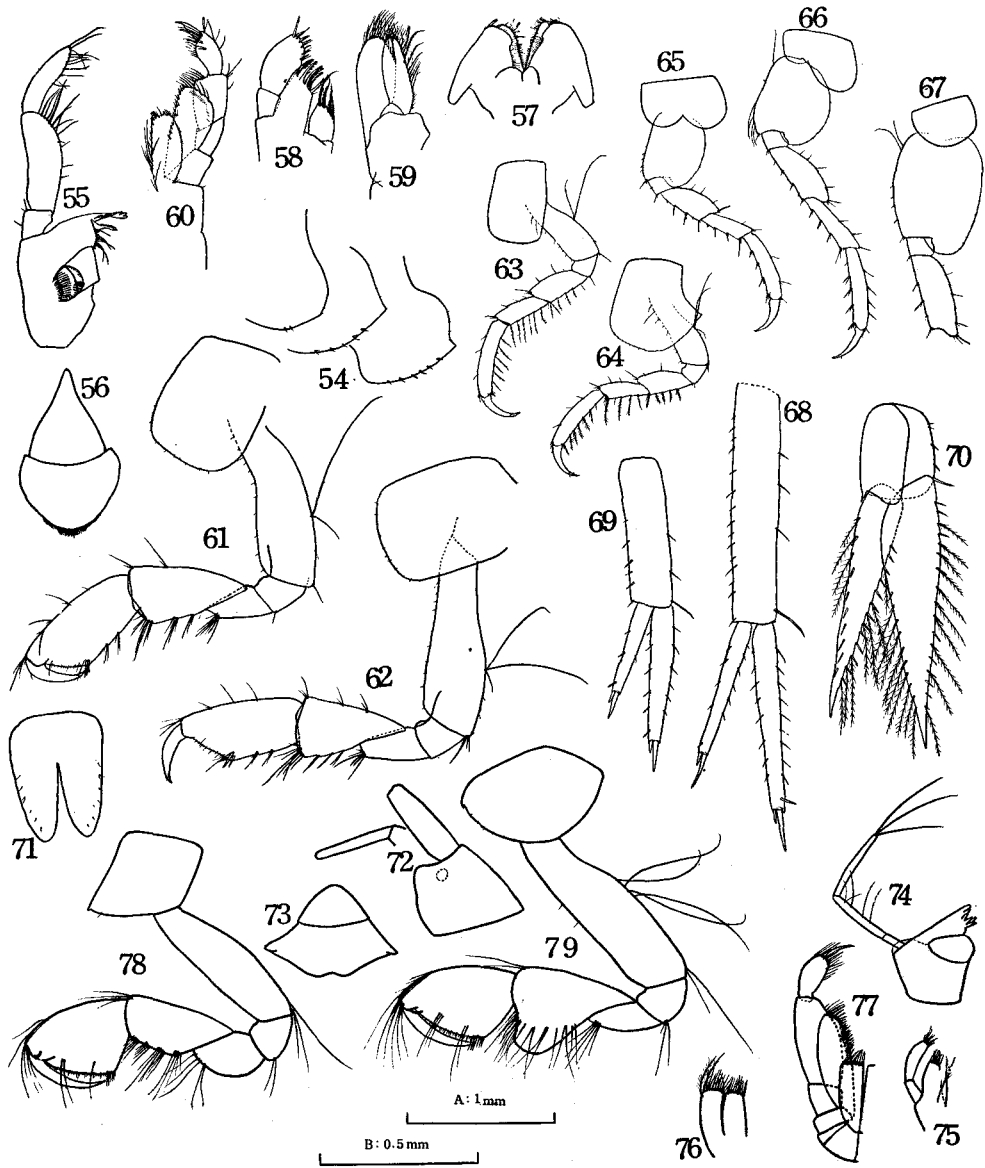
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EXPLANATION OF PLATE XV

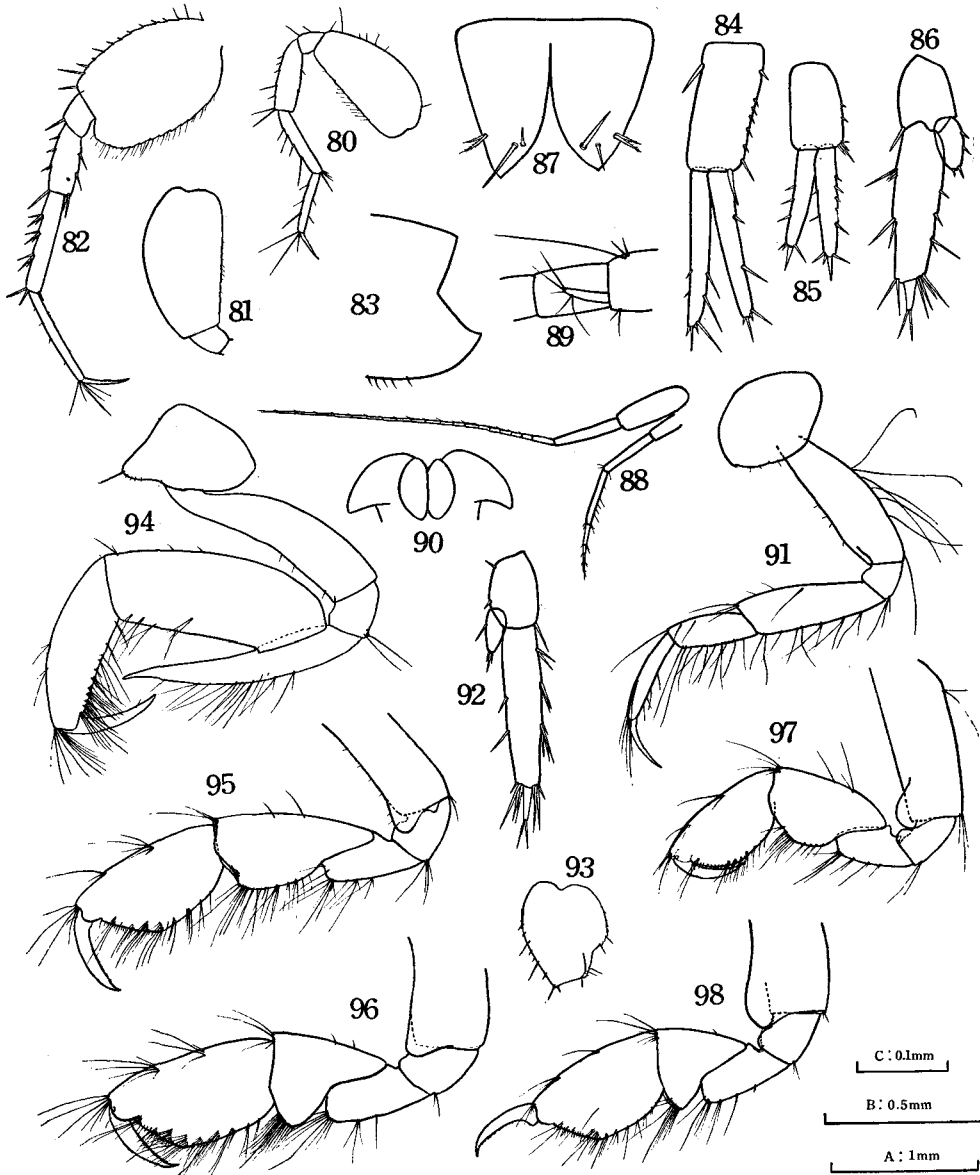
Pontogeneia sp. Male, 6 mm: 54—Epimeral plates 1-3. 55—Mandible. 56—Upper lip. 57—Lower lip. 58—Maxilla 1. 59—Maxilla 2. 60—Maxillipeds. 61—Gnathopod 1. 62—Gnathopod 2. 63—Peraeopod 1. 64—Peraeopod 2. 65—Peraeopod 3. 66—Peraeopod 4. 67—Peraeopod 5. 68—Uropod 1. 69—Uropod 2. 70—Uropod 3. 71—Telson. Gammaridae gen. et sp., undet. Female, 5.5 mm: 72—Head. 73—Anterior lip and Epistome. 74—Mandible. 75—Maxilla 1. 76—Maxilla 2. 77—Maxillipeds. 78—Gnathopod 1. 79—Gnathopod 2.
Scale A: 54, 63-67, 72. B: 55-62, 68-71, 73-79.



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EXPLANATION OF PLATE XVI

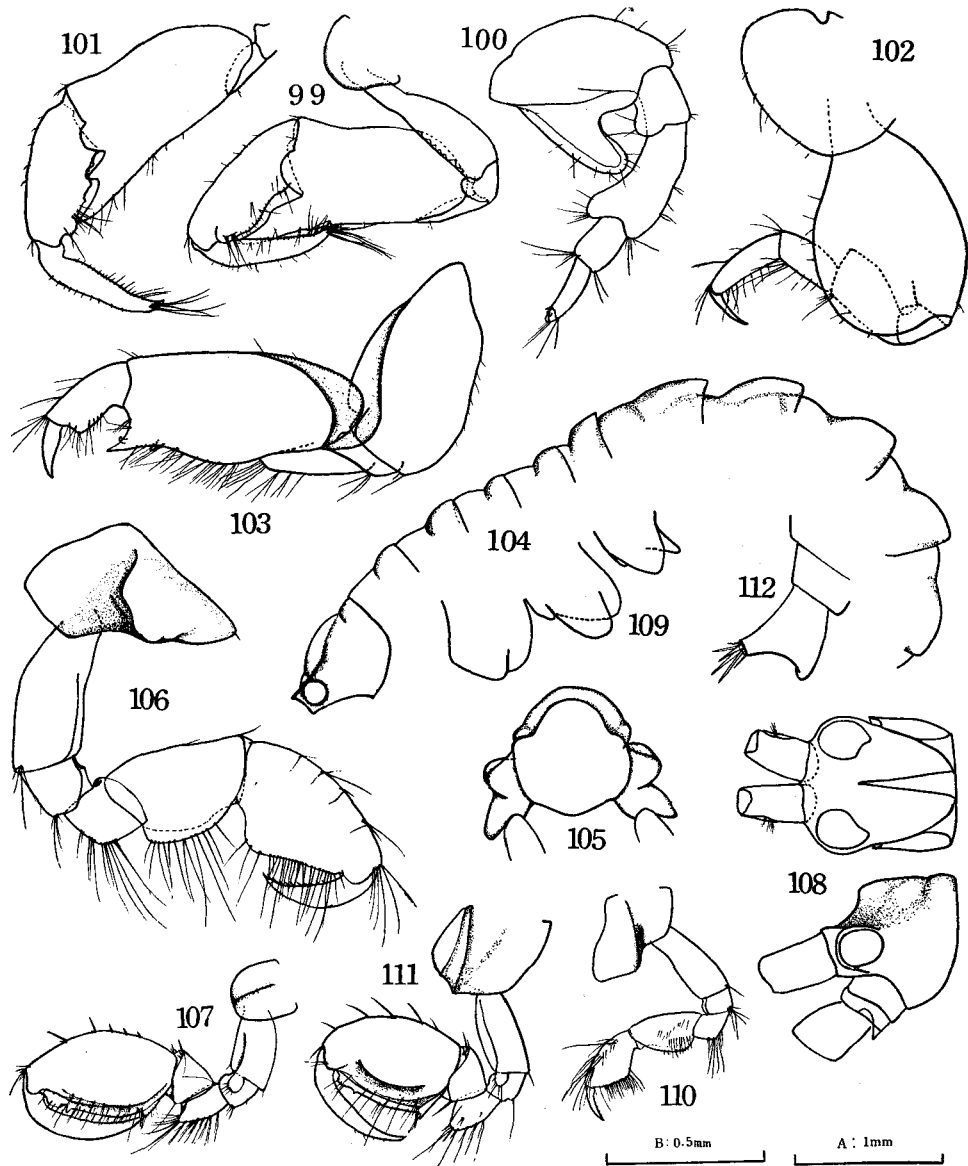
Gammaridae [gen. et sp. undet. Female 5.5 mm : 80-82—Peraeopods 3-5. 83—Pleon segment 3. 84-86—Uropods 1-3. 87—Telson. Female, 4.5 mm : 88—Antennae. Male, 5 mm : 89—Accessory flagellum. 90—Posterior lip. 91—Peraeopod 2. 92—Uropod 3. *Paradexamine pacifica* (THOMSON). Male, 5 mm : 93—Peraeopod 4, article 2. *Aoroides columbiae* WALKER. Male, 4 mm : 94—Gnathopod 1. *Ampithoe lacertosa*. BATE. Female, 16 mm : 95-96—Gnathopods 1-2. *Ampithoe valida* SMITH. Female, 13 mm : 97 and 98—Gnathopods 1 and 2.
Scale A : 83, 88, 93, 95-98. B : 80-82, 84-86, 90-92, 94. C : 87, 89.



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EXPLANATION OF PLATE XVII

Erichthonius pugnax DANA. Male, 6 mm : 99—Gnathopod 2. 100—Peraeopod 3. Male, 6.5 mm : 101—Gnathopod 2. 102—Peraeopod 1. *Grandidierella japonica* STEPHENSEN, Male, 10 mm : 103—Gnathopod 1, outside. *Podocerus* sp. Male, 7 mm : 104—Head, and dorsal carina from peraeon segment 1 to pleon segment 3. 105—Cross-section of peraeon segment 2. 106—Gnathopod 1. 107—Gnathopod 2. Female, 8 mm : 108—Upper and lateral view of head. 109—Lateral lobes of peraeon segments 2, 3 and 6. 110—Gnathopod 1. 111—Gnathopod 2. 112—Telson.
Scale A : 99, 101, 103-111. B : 100, 102, 112.



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