

***Artotrogus gordonii* n. sp. (Copepoda: Siphonostomatoida: Artotrogidae) Associated with the Bryozoan *Schizosmittina cinctipora* (Hincks) from New Zealand**

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ABSTRACT

Artotrogus gordonii n. sp. is described as an associate of the bryozoan *Schizosmittina cinctipora* (Hincks, 1885) collected from an intertidal shore in New Zealand. The new species is similar to *A. sardae* McKinnon but distinguishable from it by the different shapes of antennule where the first segment is the longest and urosome where the anal somite is distinctly narrower than the genital double somite and posterolateral processes on the genital double somite which is tapered and much more developed than in *A. sardae*.

Key words: *Artotrogus gordonii*, n. sp., Artotrogidae, Siphonostomatoida, New Zealand

INTRODUCTION

Jones and Marshall (1986) mentioned that the copepod associates of New Zealand marine invertebrates are poorly known and 17 species had been described from this country until that time, not including *Cocculinika myzorama* they described.

The siphonostomatoid copepod genus *Artotrogus* Boeck, 1859, the type genus of the family Artotrogidae, may be characterized by the possession of a circular, disk-shaped body, two inner setae on the second endopodal segment of leg 1, no leg 4, and an antennary exopod reduced to a papilla bearing one seta (Boxshall and Halsey, 2004). The genus consists of 10 described species (Kim, 1996) from the north-western Europe, Mediterranean, Australia, and the Far East. Known hosts of *Artotrogus* include nudibranch mollusks for *A. orbicularis* and *A. sarsi* (Boeck, 1859; Sars, 1915), an ascidian for *A. incidentus* and *A. halocynthiae* (Kim, 1996), and a bryozoan for *A. acutus* and *A. rotundus* (Kim, 1996).

From the South Pacific, three species of the genus has been described: *A. latifurcatus* by Nicholls (1944) and *A. haikungae* and *A. sardae* by McKinnon (1988), all from the Australian waters. In this paper a new species of *Artotrogus* is described as the first record of the genus from the New Zealand region.

Schizosmittina cinctipora (Hincks) (Cheilostomata: Bitectiporidae) is a common shelf bryozoan that is widely distributed around New Zealand from the Kermadec Ridge to subantarctic Auckland and Campbell Islands. As an encrust-

ing species of rocky and shelly substrata, it is found from 0-253 m depth.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The specimen had been preserved in 10% formalin until the microscopic observation, after then it has been preserved in 80% ethanol. Before measuring and dissection, the specimen was soaked in lactic acid for more than 30 minutes. The dissection was done using the reverse slide method of Humes and Gooding (1964). Drawings were made with the aid of a camera lucida. The urosome of the specimen was drawn in situ.

SYSTEMATIC ACCOUNTS

Order Siphonostomatoida Burmeister, 1835

Family Artotrogidae Brady, 1880

Genus *Artotrogus* Boeck, 1859

Artotrogus gordonii n. sp. (Figs. 1, 2)

Material examined. 1 ♀ holotype (NIWA 35328; appendages of left side dissected out and mounted on a slide) from washings of the bryozoan *Schizosmittina cinctipora* (Hincks, 1885) collected at intertidal shore (0-1 m) of Station Z15308 (41° 20' 47" S, 174° 46' 58" E), New Zealand, by Dr. Dennis P. Gordon, on 14 January 2008. The holotype (partly dissected, with intact urosome, mandibles, and other appendages of right side) and slide mount containing dissected appendages of holotype have been deposited in the National Insti-

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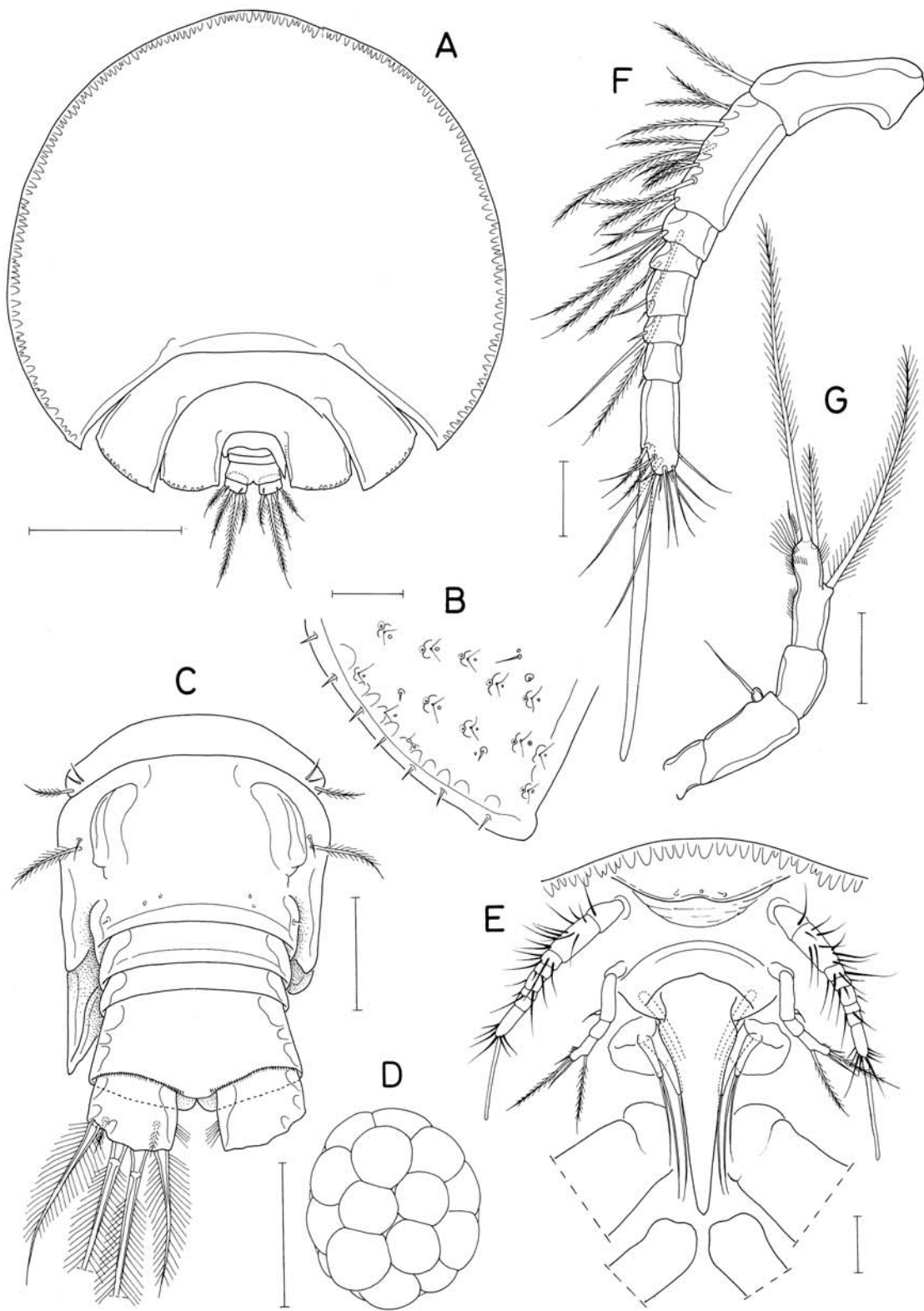


Fig. 1. *Artotrogus gordonii* n. sp., female. A, habitus, dorsal; B, posterolateral part of epimera of second pedigerous somite showing dorsal ornamentation; C, urosome, ventral (*in situ*); D, egg sac; E, oral area, ventral; F, antennule; G, antenna. Scales bars=0.5 mm (A, D), 0.05 mm (B, F, G), 0.1 mm (C, E).

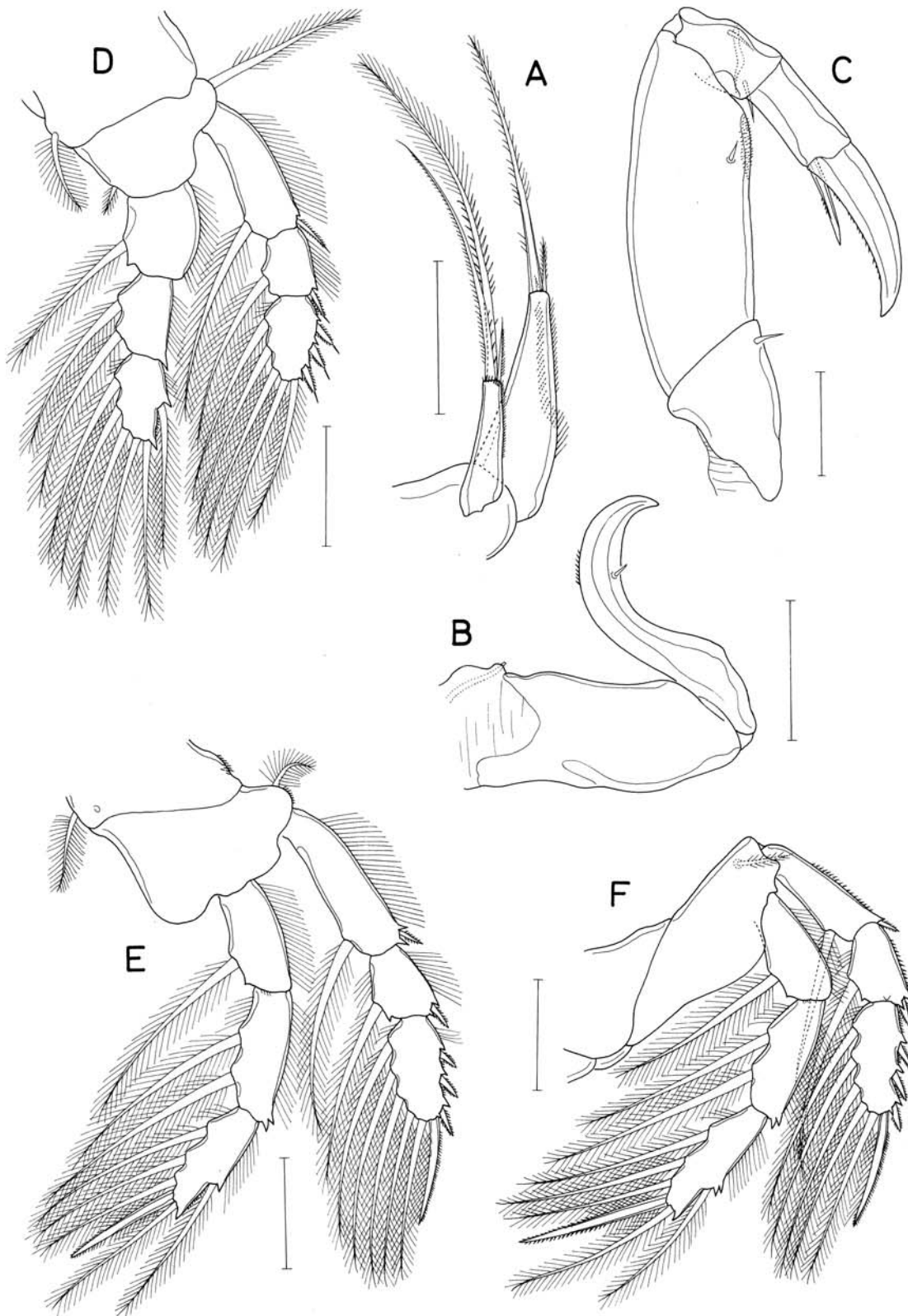


Fig. 2. *Artotrogus gordonii* n. sp., female. A, maxillule; B, maxilla; C, maxilliped; D, leg 1; E, leg 2; F, leg 3. Scales bars=0.1 mm (A-F).

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Female. Body (Fig. 1A), circular, dorsoventrally flat, and disk-shaped. Body length 1.59 mm, excluding setae on caudal rami. Maximum width of body 1.61 mm. Prosoma consisting of cephalothorax, second pedigerous somite, and third pedigerous somite. Fourth pedigerous somite not seen in both dorsal and ventral views. Cephalothorax large, 1.12 mm long (measured along middle axis), occupying about 70% length of whole body, with pointed posterolateral corners, with slightly pronounced anterior apex. Epinera of second pedigerous somite gradually broadened laterally, its posterolateral tip extending over epimera of third pedigerous somite. Third pedigerous somite reversed U-shaped, its posterior margin extending to level of middle of caudal rami. Dorsal surface of tergite of prosomal somites ornamented with simple spinules, sensillum accompanied by minute nearby pore, paired hair-like sensillae in pit accompanied by nearby minute pore(s) (Fig. 1B).

Urosome (Fig. 1C) 5-segmented. Fifth pedigerous somite short. Genital double somite $146 \times 242 \mu\text{m}$ (measured along middle axis of ventral side), consisting of broader anterior part and short narrower posterior part (this part $187 \mu\text{m}$ wide and not seen in dorsal view of urosome), asymmetrical in having large, tapering (in dorsal and ventral views) posterolateral process on right side and small, lobate posterolateral process on left side (Fig. 1C); genital area located ventrally. Three free abdominal somites 35×171 , 24×171 , and $104 \times 188 \mu\text{m}$. Anal somite with row of minute spinules along posteroventral border. Caudal ramus $63 \times 78 \mu\text{m}$ (1 : 1.24), with patch of setules on inner margin and 6 plumose setae; 2 dorsal ones of caudal setae distinctly smaller than other 4. Egg sac $700 \times 608 \mu\text{m}$, disk-shaped, and containing 24 eggs; each egg $223 \mu\text{m}$ in diameter.

Rostrum broad but short, directed ventrally, with W-shaped ventral margin (Fig. 1E). Antennule (Fig. 1F) $367 \mu\text{m}$ and 8-segmented, with armature formula 1, 11, 6, 2, 2, 2, 1, and 14+ aesthetasc; setae usually weakly plumose; seta on seventh segment minute; lengths of segments 96, 87, 23, 18, 29, 17, 24, and $63 \mu\text{m}$ from proximal to distal; aesthetasc on last segment $212 \mu\text{m}$ long. Antenna with unarmed coxa of $25 \times 15 \mu\text{m}$; basis $53 \times 29 \mu\text{m}$, gradually widened distally. Exopod small, $7.5 \times 6.7 \mu\text{m}$, nipple-shaped, with 1 smooth distal seta. Endopod 2-segmented; proximal segment unarmed and $33 \times 26 \mu\text{m}$; distal segment $58 \times 20 \mu\text{m}$ (2.90 : 1), 1.76 times as long as proximal segment, with 1 inner lateral seta ($143 \mu\text{m}$ long) and 3 unequal distal setae (56, 183, and $23 \mu\text{m}$ long respectively from inner to outer); largest distal seta fused with segment at base.

Oral siphon $423 \mu\text{m}$ long, tapering, and extending over insertion of maxillae but not reaching insertion of maxilliped (Fig. 1E). Mandible inserting to oral siphon. Maxillule (Fig.

2A) bilobed; outer lobe $85 \times 27 \mu\text{m}$ and armed with 3 distal setae (171, 231, and $40 \mu\text{m}$ long respectively), largest one of them slightly extending over tip of largest seta on inner lobe and spinulated proximally and plumose distally; inner lobe $133 \times 51 \mu\text{m}$ and distinctly tapering, with 3 distal setae, one of them minute and hardly seen, other two 173 and $35 \mu\text{m}$ long respectively. Maxilla (Fig. 2B) consisting of proximal segment and distal claw; distal claw strong, strongly curved, with several spinules on convex side and small seta on concave side. Maxilliped (Fig. 2C) consisting of 4 segments and distal claw; first segment with small inner distal seta; second segment with small subdistal seta and patch of minute spinules near seta; third segment with rudiment of segmentation on ventral side and 2 setae; fourth segment with spiniform distal seta; distal claw massive, with spinules on concave margin. Distal part of claw of maxilla and maxilliped tinted with orange color.

Legs 1-3 (Fig. 2D-F) with 3-segmented rami. Leg 4 lacking. Second endopodal segment of legs 2 and 3 with bicuspid outer distal corner. Third endopodal segment of leg 3 with bicuspid process on middle of outer margin at base of outer seta. Leg 3 with exopod ornamented with spinules on outer margin but those of legs 1 and 2 with setules. Distal spine on endopod of legs 2 and 3 plumose proximally but spinulated distally. Armature formula of legs 1-3 as follows:

Leg 1 : coxa 0-1; basis 1-1; exopod I-1; I-1; III,2,3;
endopod 0-1; 0-2; 1,2,3
Leg 2 : coxa 0-1; basis 1-0; exopod I-1; I-1; III,1,5;
endopod 0-1; 0-2; 1,1+I,3
Leg 3 : coxa 0-0; basis 1-0; exopod I-1; I-1; III,1,5;
endopod 0-1; 0-2; 1,1+I,3

Leg 5 represented by 1 plumose and 2 small setae on ventrolateral side of fifth pedigerous somite (Fig. 1C). Leg 6 represented by plumose seta and setule located lateral to genital area (Fig. 1C).

Male. Unknown.

Etymology. The new species is named after Mr. Dennis Gordon who collected the type specimen.

DISCUSSION

In most species of *Artotrogus* the third endopodal segment of leg 2 has one spine and five setae (armature formula 1, 1+I, 3), except for *A. incidentus* Kim, 1996 which has six setae (formula 1, 2, 3) and *A. latifurcatus* Nicholls, 1944 which is not known for leg 2. The armature formula of the third endopodal segment of leg 3 is variable among species: 1, I, 3 in *A. orbicularis* Boeck, 1859 (see Giesbrecht, 1899); 1, 1+I, 3 in *A. acutus* Kim, 1996 and *A. sardae* McKinnon, 1988; 1, 2, 2 in *A. halocynthiae* Kim, 1996 and *A. sarsi* Kim,

1996; and 1, 2, 3 in *A. gladiator* (Giesbrecht, 1899), *A. haikungae* McKinnon, 1988, *A. incidentus*, *A. latifurcatus*, and *A. rotundus* Kim, 1996. Therefore, only two species, *A. acutus* and *A. sardae*, are known to have the armature formula 1, 1+I, 3 on the third endopodal segment of both legs 2 and 3, as in *A. gordonii* n. sp.

Artotrogus gordonii differs from *A. acutus* in having a seta on the posterior margin of the basis of leg 1 (lacking a seta in *A. acutus*), three spines and five setae (formula III, 2, 3, in contrast to II, 2, 3 in *A. acutus*), and no seta on the coxa of leg 3 (a seta present in *A. acutus*).

Artotrogus gordonii seems most close to *A. sardae* in having the same armature formula of legs 1-3. Both species were found in the same zoogeographical region, as well. However, they can be differentiated by the following ways: although the antennule of the female is eight-segmented in both species, its longest segment is the first one in *A. gordonii* but the second one in *A. sardae*; the anal somite is narrower than the genital double somite in *A. gordonii*; in *A. gordonii* the genital double somite bears the short and narrow posteroventral portion which is not reported in *A. sardae*; the posterolateral process on each side of the genital double somite is much more developed in *A. gordonii* than in *A. sardae*.

The process on the genital double-somite is frequent in *Artotrogus* and tapered as in *A. gordonii* or roundly ended as in *A. sardae*. Interestingly, in both *A. gordonii* and *A. sardae* one of two processes is atrophied in relation to the other. This asymmetry is considered to be the result of an accidental lost of one of the processes.

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