

THE BRACHYURA (CRUSTACEA: DECAPODA) COLLECTED BY THE GEDIP PROJECT BETWEEN TORRES, RIO GRANDE DO SUL (BRAZIL) AND MALDONADO (URUGUAY)

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ABSTRACT

An agreement between the Executive Group for Industrial Fisheries Development (GEDIP) and the Oceanographic Institute of the University of São Paulo (IOUSP), gave rise to an extensive project. This extensive project was the GEDIP Project, carried out off the coast of the state of Rio Grande do Sul, but with several stations as far south as Maldonado in Uruguay. Of the 442 stations visited by the R/V "Prof. W. Besnard" during the project, brachyuran crabs occurred at 219 and 57 species were collected, members of 45 genera and 23 families. For each species, the geographical distribution, habitat, and a list of the stations where it occurred are provided. In addition, a table listing oceanographic data and the species occurring at each station is given.

KEY WORDS: Brachyura, southern Brazil, uruguayan waters, oceanographic data.

RESUMO

Os Brachyura (Crustacea: Decapoda) coletados pelo projeto GEDIP entre Torres, Rio Grande do Sul (Brasil) e Maldonado (Uruguai)

Um convênio entre o Grupo Executivo do Desenvolvimento da Indústria da Pesca (GEDIP) e o Instituto Oceanográfico da Universidade de São Paulo (IOUSP), deu origem a um amplo projeto denominado Projeto GEDIP, a ser desenvolvido na costa do Rio Grande do Sul, mas com várias estações até Maldonado, no Uruguai. Do total de 442 estações efetuadas pelo N.Oc. "Prof. W. Besnard" durante o projeto, em 219 ocorreram Brachyura, sendo coletadas 57 espécies, distribuídas em 45 gêneros e 23 famílias. Para cada espécie são fornecidas informações sobre: distribuição geográfica, habitat e lista das estações em que ocorreram. É fornecida, também, uma tabela com os dados oceanográficos de cada estação e com as espécies que ocorreram em cada uma delas.

PALAVRAS CHAVE: Brachyura, Sul do Brasil, costa uruguaia, dados oceanográficos.

INTRODUCTION

The Executive Group for Industrial Fisheries Development (GEDIP) of the state of Rio Grande do Sul, and the Oceanographic Institute of the University of São Paulo (IOUSP) united in an extensive research project.

The data initially published from the study characterized the regional ecological aspects: temperature, salinity, bottom types, and ocean circulation (Luedmann 1971; Magliocca 1971; Miranda 1971; Miranda *et al.* 1973). However, the biodiversity of the region was reported only for certain groups and in brief reports about the project, by specialists of the USP Oceanographic Institute, such as: Amphipoda (Wakabara 1973), Isopoda (Moreira, 1973), commercially valuable shrimps (Iwai 1973), Zooplankton (Navas-Pereira 1973), Polychaete annelids (Nonato 1973), Porifera (Ribeiro *et al.* 1973), Echinodermata (Tommasi *et al.* 1973b), Pelecypoda and Gastropoda (Tommasi & Rios 1973) and fishes (Vazzoler *et al.* 1973; Sadowsky 1973; Benvegnú 1973; Vazzoler 1975).

The GEDIP Project continued from 1968 to 1972, with a total of 442 stations sampled, and was divided into two phases. The first phase (GEDIP I),

with 6 cruises and 226 stations, took place between 24 April 1968 and 20 March 1969, with collections between Torres, Rio Grande do Sul (29° 21' S: 49° 44' W) and Maldonado, Uruguay (34° 52' S: 54° 55' W), and a few stations beyond this limit. The second phase (GEDIP II), with 4 cruises and 216 stations, took place during the year 1972 (from 16 January to 3 November), when collections were made between 29° 00' S and 36° 02' S (Miranda *et al.* 1973; Furtado 1973), with 54 stations visited off the Uruguayan coast.

The objective of this work was generating biotic and abiotic data, in addition to studying the biodiversity of the southern coast of Brazil.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

In general, the stations were limited to the continental shelf, although some extended to the upper slope (Melo-Filho & Melo 2001). The ship used in the collections was the R/V "Prof. W. Besnard." The material of Brachyura obtained during the project was deposited in the Carcinological Collection of the Museum of Zoology of the University of São Paulo (MZUSP).

For each species, the following data are reported: geographical distribution, habitat and material examined. Information on the collection stations (coordinates, date, depth, temperature, salinity and the species that occurred at each station) is given in Table I. Information on the gear used in the collections was provided by Tommasi *et al.* (1973a), and on the bottom types by Furtado (1973).

The classification of the species, genera and families is based on the work recently published of Ng *et al.* (2008).

RESULTS

The Brachyura was the most species-rich group of benthic macro-crustaceans collected on the

continental shelf of Rio Grande do Sul during the project, principally between the 50 and 100 meter isobaths (Tommasi *et al.* 1973a). Of the total of 442 stations visited during the entire project, members of the Brachyura occurred at 219 (49.5%), at 134 stations of the first phase and 85 stations of the second. In total, 57 species of Brachyura, members of 45 genera and 23 families were collected. The stations with the most species were 1646 (9 species), and 569 and 1883 (7 species each). The species collected at the most stations were: *Libinia spinosa* (69 stations), *Chasmocarcinus typicus* and *Hepatus pudibundus* (27 stations).

TAXONOMIC ACCOUNT

Superfamily Dromioidea De Haan, 1833

FAMILY DROMIIDAE De Haan, 1833

Moreiradromia antillensis (Stimpson, 1858)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – North Carolina, Bermuda, Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles, Venezuela, Guiana, Suriname, French Guiana and Brazil (from

Amapá to Rio Grande do Sul). Central Atlantic – Saint Helena Island.

Habitat: Hard substrates such as corals, broken shells, and rocks. Intertidal to 330 m. Generally covers the carapace with sponges or ascidians.

Material examined: Stations 313, 458, 552.

Superfamily Homoloidea De Haan, 1839

FAMILY HOMOLIDAE De Haan, 1839

Homola minima Guinot & Richer de Forges, 1995

Distribution: Western Atlantic – From Virginia to Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Central America, Antilles, northern South America, and Brazil (from Rio de Janeiro to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Sand, shell, and coral bottoms; occasionally on muddy substrates. Occurs at depths of 55 to 690 m.

Material examined: Stations 378, 396, 569, 1872, 1873.

FAMILY LATREILLIIDAE Stimpson, 1858

Latreillia williamsi Melo, 1990

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Brazil (from Rio de Janeiro to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Usually on sand, gravel, mud or shell substrates. Depths from 130 to 290 m.

Material examined: Stations 367, 368, 396 (holotype-MZUSP-3295), 401, 411, 412, 438, 539, 541, 547, 554, 568, 569, 576, 1646, 1648, 1656, 1740, 1742, 1856, 1883.

Superfamily Cyclodorippoidea Ortmann, 1892

FAMILY CYCLODORIPPIDAE Ortmann, 1892

Deilocerus perpusillus (Rathbun, 1901)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – North Carolina to Georgia, Bahamas, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles, and Brazil (from Amapá to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: On gravel, sand and mud substrates. At depths ranging from 30 to 180 meters. Sometimes carry hydrozoans on the carapace.

Material examined: Station 1646.

FAMILY CYMONOMIDAE Bouvier, 1898

Cymonomus quadratus A. Milne-Edwards, 1880

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles and Brazil (Amapá and from Rio de Janeiro to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Sand and mud bottoms. From 190 to 930 meters. Off the Brazilian coast, between 200 and 600 m.

Material examined: Station 1646.

Superfamily Calappoidea De Haan, 1833

FAMILY CALAPPIDAE De Haan, 1833

Acanthocarpus alexandri Stimpson, 1871

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Massachusetts, North Carolina to Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles and Brazil (from Rio de Janeiro to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Principally on sand and mud bottoms. Between 70 and 480 m.

Material examined: Stations 315, 465, 473, 561, 1664, 1680, 1691, 1696, 1697, 1718, 1758, 1872, 1881, 1909.

Superfamily Aethroidea Dana, 1851

FAMILY AETHRIDAE Dana, 1851

Hepatus pudibundus (Herbst, 1785)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Georgia, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles, Venezuela, Guianas and Brazil (from Amapá to Rio Grande do Sul). Eastern Atlantic – From Guinea to South Africa.

Habitat: Principally mud, sand and broken-shell bottoms. Shallow waters to 160 m. Sometimes carries anemones and barnacles on its carapace.

Material examined: Stations 364, 395, 396, 397, 402-403, 407, 409, 471, 538, 544, 550, 564, 573, 577, 579, 583, 590, 592, 1643, 1660, 1688, 1699, 1725, 1732, 1851, 1918.

Osachila antillensis Rathbun, 1916

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Bermuda, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles and Brazil (from Amapá to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: From 80 to 300 m. Sand, shell and coral bottoms and hard substrates.

Material examined: Station 1883.

Osachila tuberosa Stimpson, 1871

Distribution: Western Atlantic – North Carolina, Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles, Venezuela and Brazil (from Rio de Janeiro to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Coral and shell bottoms, occasionally on sand. Between 40 and 90 m., most common at depths of about 40m.

Material examined: Stations 411, 569, 1646, 1740.

Superfamily Leucosioidea Samouelle, 1819

FAMILY LEUCOSIIDAE Samouelle, 1819

Myropsis quinquespinosa Stimpson, 1871

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Massachusetts, North Carolina, Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles, Colombia, Venezuela, Suriname, Brazil (from Rio de Janeiro to Rio Grande do Sul), Uruguay and Argentina.

Habitat: Mud, sand and shell bottoms. Between 90 and 330 meters.

Material examined: Stations 330, 374, 460, 1656, 1680, 1758, 1848, 1855, 1856, 1872, 1891, 1907.

Persephona mediterranea (Herbst, 1794)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – New Jersey, Carolinas, Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles, Venezuela, Suriname, French Guiana, Brazil (from Amapá to Rio Grande do Sul) and Uruguay.

Habitat: Sand, shell, and coral bottoms. Intertidal to 60 m.

Material examined: Stations 315, 383, 397, 402, 403, 460, 464, 470, 538, 544, 557, 579, 582, 592, 1688, 1699, 1715.

Superfamily Majoidea Samouelle, 1819

FAMILY INACHIDAE MacLeay, 1838

Podochela atlantica (Coelho, 1997)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Brazil (Santa Catarina and Rio Grande do Sul) and Uruguay.

Habitat: Between 130 and 160 m. On sand, mud-sand and organogenic bottoms.

Material examined: Stations 547 (paratype – MZUSP-3522), 554 (holotype MZUSP-3533) 576 (paratype – MZUSP-5975).

Anomalothir furcillatus (Stimpson, 1871)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – North Carolina, Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles and Brazil (Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Mud, sand, shell, rock and coral bottoms. Between 50 and 690 meters. Most common at depths greater than 180 meters.

Material examined: Stations 437, 458, 1856.

(including Patagonia), Falkland Islands and the Straits of Magellan. Eastern Pacific – Peru and Chile.

Habitat: From shallow water to 90 meters, dock pilings and rock bottoms. Individuals may carry algae, sponges and bryozoans. Some specimens were collected at depths over 100 meters.

Material examined: Station 1873.

Stenorhynchus seticornis (Herbst, 1788)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Bermuda, North Carolina, Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles, Colombia, Venezuela, Guianas, Brazil (from Amapá to Rio Grande do Sul), Uruguay and Argentina.

Habitat: Calcareous-algae, corals, rock, shell and sand bottoms. Occurs together with sponges. Moves slowly, in hops. Does not camouflage itself; is sometimes parasitized by sacculinids. From the intertidal zone to great depths.

Material examined: Station 586.

Eurypodius latreillii Guérin, 1825

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Brazil (from Rio de Janeiro to Rio Grande do Sul) and Argentina

FAMILY INACHOIDIDAE Dana, 1851

Collodes rostratus A. Milne-Edwards, 1879

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Brazil (from Rio de Janeiro to Rio Grande do Sul), Uruguay and Argentina (including Patagonia).

Habitat: Preferentially on sand, shell, and mud bottoms. Between 10 and 70 meters.

Material examined: Stations 405, 409, 455, 1656, 1868.

Euprognatha rastellifera Stimpson, 1871

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Massachusetts to Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles, Guianas, Brazil (from Amapá to Rio Grande do Sul) and Uruguay.

Habitat: Sand, coral, and shell bottoms. Shallow waters to considerable depths (710 m).

Material examined: Stations 465, 1646, 1856, 1883.

Leurocyclus tuberculatus (H. Milne Edwards & Lucas, 1842)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Brazil (from Rio de Janeiro to Rio Grande do Sul), Uruguay and Argentina (including Patagonia). Eastern Pacific – Chile.

Habitat: Preferentially on sand, shell, and mud bottoms. Between 10 and 70 m.

Material examined: Stations 275, 277, 279, 280, 281, 289, 291, 325, 328, 406, 410, 413, 434, 460, 468, 471, 538, 543, 566, 571, 582, 590, 592, 1644, 1646, 1659, 1688, 1745, 1868, 1917, 1923.

FAMILY MAJIDAE Samouelle, 1819

Microphrys bicornutus (Latreille, 1825)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – North Carolina to southern Florida, Bermuda, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles, Central America, Venezuela and Brazil (Fernando de Noronha, and from Maranhão to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Very common on coral reefs and in almost all shallow marine habitats. Almost always covered with anemones, algae or sponges.

Material examined: Station 550.

Mithrax besnardi Melo, 1990

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Brazil (Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: The only existing specimens were on a mud bottom and a depth of 2,100 meters.

Material examined: Station 1872 (Holotype –MZUSP-4565) (Paratypes – MZUSP-6242 and MZUSP-7519)..

Stenocionops furcatus (Olivier, 1791)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Georgia, Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles, Colombia and Brazil (from Ceará to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Sand, rock, mud and coral bottoms, and on wharf pilings. Transports different species of anemones and sponges on its carapace and appendages. From intertidal zone to 180 m.

Material examined: Stations 280, 405, 412, 449, 554.

Stenocionops spinosissimus (De Saussure, 1857)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – North Carolina, Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles and Brazil (Fernando de Noronha and from Rio Grande do Norte to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: This species occurs at depths of 40 to 480 m. On mud and sand bottoms.

Material examined: Station 1856.

FAMILY EPIALTIDAE MacLeay, 1838

Apiomithrax violaceus (A. Milne-Edwards, 1868)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Brazil (from Paraíba to Rio Grande do Sul). Eastern Atlantic – Cape Verde islands and from Cabo Branco to Angola. Mid-Atlantic – Ascension Island.

Habitat: Sand and mud bottoms. From shallow waters to 50 m.

Material examined: Station 586.

Lepteces ornatus Rathbun, 1893

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Yucatan, Mexico and Brazil (Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Between 150 to 250 m.

Material examined: Station 1881.

Libidoclaea granaria H. Milne Edwards & Lucas, 1842

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Brazil (Rio Grande do Sul), and Argentina (including Patagonia). Eastern Pacific – Chile.

Habitat: This species occurs at depths greater than 70 meters and is not collected in coastal waters.

Material examined: Stations 1675, 1918.

Libinia ferreirae Brito Capello, 1871

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Venezuela and Brazil (from Pará to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Preferentially on mud bottoms. Intertidal to 35 m.

Material examined: Station 1917.

Libinia spinosa H. Milne Edwards, 1834

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Brazil (from Espírito Santo to Rio Grande do Sul), Uruguay and Argentina.

Habitat: Generally on mud bottoms. From shallow waters to 170 m.

Material examined: Stations: 275, 282, 289, 291, 299, 310, 324, 364, 365, 371, 397, 403, 405-409, 414, 425,

430, 431, 441, 447, 452, 455, 460, 463, 467, 468, 470, 471, 543, 549, 550, 558, 564, 577, 582, 583, 586, 1643, 1644, 1651, 1652, 1660, 1662, 1668, 1670, 1675, 1679, 1686-1688, 1698, 1699, 1724, 1867, 1868, 1876, 1893, 1916, 1923, 1925, 1926, 1931, 1932, 1937, 1938, 1940.

Pelia rotunda A. Milne-Edwards, 1875

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Brazil (from Pará to Rio Grande do Sul), Uruguay and Argentina.

Habitat: Sand and calcareous-algae bottoms. Intertidal to 190 m.

Material examined: Station 1893.

Rochinia gracilipes A. Milne-Edwards, 1875

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Brazil (from Rio de Janeiro to Rio Grande do Sul), Uruguay, Argentina and Antarctica.

Habitat: Sand, gravel and shell bottoms. Sometimes among submersed vegetation. Between 15 and 175 m.

Material examined: Stations 405, 1868, 1874, 1884.

Superfamily Parthenopoidea MacLeay, 1838

FAMILY PARTHENOPIDAE MacLeay, 1838

Heterocrypta lapidea Rathbun, 1901

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Antilles and Brazil (from Pará to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Sand, mud and shell bottoms. Intertidal to 180 m.

Material examined: Stations 449, 1748, 1756.

Mesorhoea sexspinosa Stimpson, 1871

Distribution: Western Atlantic – North Carolina, Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles and Brazil (from Pará to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Mainly on sand and shell bottoms. Intertidal to 100 m.

Material examined: Stations 417, 425.

Spinolambrus fraterculus (Stimpson, 1871)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – From North Carolina to Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles, Suriname, Brazil (from Amapá to Rio Grande do Sul), Uruguay and Argentina.

Habitat: Sand, shell, gravel, rock and coral bottoms. Shallow waters to 200 m.

Material examined: Stations 411, 579, 1646, 1883.

Spinolambrus pourtalesii (Stimpson, 1871)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – From Massachusetts to southern Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles and Brazil (from Amapá to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Mud, sand, shell and gravel bottoms. Between 20 and 350 m.

Material examined: Stations 279, 412, 444, 568, 569, 588, 1662.

Superfamily Cancroidea Latreille, 1802

FAMILY ATELECYCLIDAE Ortmann, 1893

Peltarion spinulosum (White, 1843)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Brazil (Rio Grande do Sul), Uruguay, and Argentina (including Patagonia). Eastern Pacific – Chile.

Habitat: Sand and mud bottoms. Found at shallow depths, but reaches 300 m.

Material examined: Stations 405, 1917-1919, 1921.

Superfamily Bellioidea Dana, 1852

FAMILY BELLIIDAE Dana, 1852

Bellia picta H. Milne Edwards, 1848

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Brazil (Rio Grande do Sul). Eastern Pacific – Peru and Chile.

Habitat: A very rare species. From study of its anatomy, some workers have concluded that it is a burrower and filter-feeder. The single specimen was collected at 116 m.

Material examined: Station 1730.

Corystoides chilensis Lucas, 1844

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Brazil (from Rio de Janeiro to Rio Grande do Sul), Uruguay and Argentina (including Patagonia). Eastern Pacific – Chile.

Habitat: Mud and sand bottoms. Lives almost completely buried in the substrate. At depths from 5 to 30 m.

Material examined: Stations 407, 409, 1644.

Superfamily Portunoidea Rafinesque, 1815

FAMILY PORTUNIDAE Rafinesque, 1815

Arenaeus cribrarius (Lamarck, 1818)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Massachusetts to North Carolina, Bermuda, Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles, Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil (from Ceará to Rio Grande do Sul), Uruguay and Argentina.

Habitat: Well adapted to live in beach sand. Found rarely in estuaries or inland ponds. Juveniles of this species were collected at 6-10 m., on sand and mud-sand sediments (Scelzo 2001).

Material examined: Stations 555, 565, 1671, 1725, 1853.

Callinectes danae Smith, 1869

Distribution: Western Atlantic – North Carolina, Bermuda, Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles, Colombia, Venezuela, and Brazil (from Pará to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Occurs in brackish to hypersaline waters, in mangroves and muddy estuaries. Also on sandy beaches and in the open sea. Intertidal to 75 m.

Material examined: Station 416.

Callinectes ornatus Ordway, 1863

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Virginia, North Carolina to Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles, Colombia, Venezuela, Guianas, and Brazil (from Amapá to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: On sand and mud, and in less-saline waters. Intertidal to 75 m.

Material examined: Stations 557, 1917.

Callinectes sapidus Rathbun, 1896

Distribution: Western Atlantic – From Virginia to Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles, Central America, Venezuela, Brazil (from Bahia to Rio Grande do Sul) and Argentina. Eastern Atlantic – North,

Mediterranean, Adriatic, and Black seas. Indo-Pacific – Japan.

Habitat: Intertidal zone to 90 m. In bays, estuaries and lagoons.

Material examined: Stations 545, 550, 551, 557, 565, 1661, 1662, 1669.

Cronius ruber (Lamarck, 1818)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Virginia, North Carolina to southern Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Central America, Antilles, northern South America and Brazil (from Amapá to Rio Grande do Sul). Eastern Atlantic – From Mauritania to Angola, Cape Verde, Principe, São Tomé and Annobon islands. Eastern Pacific – From Baja California to Peru and Galapagos Islands.

Habitat: Sandy beaches, and rock and gravel areas. Shallow waters to 110 m.

Material examined: Station 459.

Ovalipes trimaculatus (De Haan, 1833)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Brazil (from São Paulo to Rio Grande do Sul), Uruguay, Argentina (including Patagonia). Eastern Atlantic – South Africa. Eastern Pacific – Chile and Peru. Indo-Pacific.

Habitat: On sand bottoms, occasionally on mud and shell bottoms. Aggressive species, generally buries itself in the sand for defense.

Material examined: Stations 310, 325, 463, 468, 571, 583, 1643, 1644, 1646, 1650, 1659, 1670, 1687, 1699, 1700, 1867, 1868, 1916, 1917, 1923, 1924.

Portunus spinicarpus (Stimpson, 1871)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – North and South Carolina, Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles, Colombia, Venezuela, Guianas and Brazil (from Amapá to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Shallow waters to 550 m. On sand, gravel, broken-shell, coral and mud bottoms.

Material examined: Stations 285, 290, 293, 296, 315, 330, 362, 363, 369, 378, 387, 399, 402, 405, 410, 413, 419, 425, 429, 436, 439, 442, 445, 448, 449, 452, 455, 457, 459, 460, 473, 539, 543, 569, 581, 592, 1664, 1667, 1696, 1703, 1712, 1722, 1723, 1758, 1859, 1891, 1907, 1940.

Portunus spinimanus Latreille, 1819

Distribution: Western Atlantic – From New Jersey to southern Florida, Bermuda, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles, Venezuela, Guianas and Brazil (from Pará to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Brackish water of channels and bays, on sand, gravel, broken-shell, and mud bottoms. From shallow waters to 90 m.

Material examined: Stations 577, 579, 582, 585, 590, 1688.

Superfamily Xanthoidea MacLeay, 1838

FAMILY PANOPEIDAE Ortmann, 1893

Tetraxanthus rathbunae Chace, 1939

Distribution: Western Atlantic – North Carolina, Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles and Brazil (from Paraíba to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Mud, shell, coral, rock and sand bottoms. Between 100 and 500 m, but in Brazil has been collected at 20 meters.

Material examined: Station 1675.

Cyrtoplax spinidentata (Benedict, 1892)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Antilles and Brazil (from Pernambuco to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Mud bottoms; occasionally on sand or among algae. Shallow waters to 150 m.

Material examined: Stations 288, 299, 320, 321, 328, 363

FAMILY XANTHIDAE MacLeay, 1838

Speocarcinus carolinensis Stimpson, 1859

Distribution: Western Atlantic – North Carolina to Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles and Brazil (Amapá, São Paulo and Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: In burrows of *Squilla*, *Callinassa* and other crustaceans, and in mud bottoms. From intertidal zone to 150 m.

Material examined: Stations 413, 1662, 1868.

Superfamily Goneplacoidea MacLeay, 1838

FAMILY CHASMOCARCINIDAE Serène, 1964

Chasmocarcinus rathbuni Bouvier, 1917

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Brazil (Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Preference for mud bottoms. Between 30 and 220 m.

Material examined: Station 313.

Chasmocarcinus typicus Rathbun, 1898

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Antilles, northern South America, and Brazil (from Rio de Janeiro to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Mud bottoms; occasionally on sand. From 25 to 200 m.

Material examined: Stations 293, 299, 305, 312, 374, 379, 402, 413, 419, 427, 432, 439, 459, 473, 559, 1656, 1666, 1675, 1679, 1691, 1696, 1697, 1706, 1712, 1718, 1723, 1758.

Superfamily Grapsoidea MacLeay, 1838

FAMILY PLAGUSIIDAE Dana, 1851

Euchirograpsus antillensis Türkay, 1975

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Florida, Antilles,

Speocarcinus meloi D'Incao & Gomes da Silva, 1991

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Brazil (Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Sand and mud bottoms and depths between 50 and 160 m.

Material examined: Stations 313, 378 (Paratypes MZUSP-9578), 379 (Holotype MZUSP-9577), 413, 417, 421, 425, 427, 451, 1679, 1697, 1860, 1907.

FAMILY EURYPLACIDAE Stimpson, 1871

Frevillea hirsuta (Borradaile, 1916)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – North Carolina, Florida, Gulf of Mexico, and Brazil (from Amapá to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Prefers mud bottoms. Between 70 and 150 m.

Material examined: Stations 286, 413, 473, 588, 1883.

FAMILY PSEUDORHOMBILIDAE Alcock, 1900

Pseudorhombila octodentata Rathbun, 1906

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Antilles and Brazil (from Rio de Janeiro to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Depths down to 200 m. Prefers mud bottoms.

Material examined: Stations 285, 286, 288, 316, 374, 378, 413, 418, 421, 425, 439, 451, 452, 456, 459, 473, 552, 582, 588.

Venezuela, and Brazil (São Paulo and Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Prefers sand bottoms. Between 15 and 415 m.

Material examined: Station 458.

Superfamily Palicoidea Bouvier, 1898

FAMILY PALICIDAE Bouvier, 1898

Palicus alternatus Rathbun, 1897

Distribution: Western Atlantic – North Carolina, Florida, Gulf of Mexico and Brazil (from Rio de Janeiro to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Sand, gravel, broken-shell, coral and mud bottoms. From shallow waters to 110 m.

Material examined: Stations 1674, 1711.

Palicus dentatus (A. Milne-Edwards, 1880)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles and Brazil (from Rio de Janeiro to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Coral and broken-shell bottoms. From 30 to 140 m depth.

Material examined: Stations 1674, 1883.

Palicus obesus (A. Milne-Edwards, 1880)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Mexico and Brazil (from Rio de Janeiro to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Preferentially on mud bottoms, between 20 and 220 m.

Material examined: Stations 279, 569, 579.

Palicus sica (A. Milne-Edwards, 1880)

Distribution: Western Atlantic – South Carolina, Florida, Gulf of Mexico, Antilles and Brazil (from Amapá to Rio Grande do Sul).

Habitat: Sand, mud, broken-shell and coral bottoms. From shallow waters to 190 m.

Material examined: Stations 279, 438, 443, 465, 569, 1646, 1648, 1656, 1674, 1740, 1883.

DISCUSSION

The cryophilic species of the Magellanic (cold-temperate) and Argentinian (warm-temperate) distribution patterns possess specific characteristics of thermal tolerance, as shown by the northern limits of their distributions. Whereas the Magellanic species occur only as far north as Rio Grande do Sul, the Argentinian species extend to the warmer waters of the coast of Rio de Janeiro (Melo 1985).

The Magellanic species are probably derived from the so-called Chilean meridional fauna (Boschi 1966). Their distribution appears to show that the southern East Pacific and the southern West Atlantic constitute a biogeographical unit. Seven species (12.2%) found in the region studied are from Magellanic origin, or subantarctic waters: *Eurypodius latreillei*, *Libidoclaea granaria*, *Peltarion spinulosum*, *Corystoides chilensis*, *Bellia picta*, *Collodes rostratus* and *Leurocyclus tuberculatus*. All of these species also occur on the Chilean coast.

The species of the Argentinian pattern show characteristics of a subtropical fauna, or of warm-temperate waters. Under the influence of the Malvinas

Current, they normally extend north to Cabo Frio in Rio de Janeiro, where the local upwelling prevents them from passing this limit. Five species of this pattern (8.6%) were found on the coast of Rio Grande do Sul: *Rochinia gracilipes*, *Podocheila atlantica*, *Libinia spinosa*, *Pelia rotunda* and *Spinolambrus fraterculus*.

The Carolinian (warm-temperate waters) and Caribbean (tropical) patterns showed the highest numbers of species in the region studied, since these species exploit the warm waters of the Brazil Current, to reach to Rio Grande do Sul and Uruguay. Fifteen species of Carolinian origin (25.8%) and 12 tropical species (20.7%) were collected by the GEDIP Project.

Nine Virginian species (15.5%), of cold-temperate waters, which seek out deeper waters, extend to the region.

Three species (5.0%), all in the family Portunidae: *Callinectes sapidus*, *Cronius ruber* and *Ovalipes trimaculatus*, with circumtropical distribution, were found.

Apiomithrax violaceus, *Moreiradromia antillensis* and *Hepatus pudibundus* were the three

species (5.0%) with an amphi-Atlantic distribution that was collected.

The rate of endemism was relatively low (7.2%). Only 4 species endemic to the region were

found, demonstrating that the region has not undergone long periods of isolation.

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Table I. Collection stations (coordinates, date, depth, temperature, salinity, species and number of species)

Stations	Latitude	Longitude	Date	Depth	Temperature	Salinity	Species	Nº of species
275	33:55	53:20	24/04/68	21	17.21	28.279	<i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i>	2
277	34:32	52:22	25/04/68	60	16.79	33.896	<i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i>	1
279	34:19	51:43	25/04/68	154	20.86	36.493	<i>Palicus obesus</i> , <i>Palicus sica</i> , <i>Spinolambrus pourtalesii</i> , <i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i>	4
280	34:05	52:11	26/04/68	60	17.40	34.105	<i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i> , <i>Stenocionops furcatus</i>	2
281	33:52	52:37	26/04/68	30	17.97	32.588	<i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i>	1
282	33:52	52:53	26/04/68	15	17.35	27.487	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
285	33:40	51:42	27/04/68	92	18.51	36.077	<i>Pseudorhombila octodentata</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	2
286	33:58	51:19	27/04/68	604	11.17	34.986	<i>Pseudorhombila octodentata</i> , <i>Frevillea hirsuta</i>	2
288	33:19	51:20	28/04/68	71	20.72	36.158	<i>Pseudorhombila octodentata</i> , <i>Cyrtoplax spinidentata</i>	2
289	32:58	51:49	28/04/68	42	18.65	33.248	<i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i>	2
290	32:16	51:58	28/04/68	21	17.94	30.160	<i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	1
291	29:35	49:48	20/06/68	25	17.22	33.016	<i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i>	2
293	30:06	48:56	21/06/68	133	18.43	36.126	<i>Chasmocarcinus typicus</i> , <i>Chasmocarcinus rathbuni</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	3
296	30:33	49:21	22/06/68	150	17.40	35.935	<i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	1
299	30:42	50:06	22/06/68	68	18.19	34.996	<i>Chasmocarcinus typicus</i> , <i>Cyrtoplax spinidentata</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i>	3
305	31:41	50:29	24/06/68	103	19.06	35.894	<i>Chasmocarcinus typicus</i>	1
310	31:48	51:22	25/06/68	22	14.20	39.297	<i>Libinia spinosa</i> , <i>Ovalipes trimaculatus</i>	2
312	32:27	51:22	26/06/68	57	14.05	33.626	<i>Chasmocarcinus typicus</i>	1
313	32:45	50:55	26/06/68	78	15.16	34.639	<i>Chasmocarcinus rathbuni</i> , <i>Specocarcinus meloi</i> , <i>Moreiradromia antillensis</i> ,	3
315	33:28	50:46	26/06/68	166	18.29	36.102	<i>Acanthocarpus alexandri</i> , <i>Persephona mediterranea</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	3
316	33:10	51:14	27/06/68	72	12.80	33.593	<i>Pseudorhombila octodentata</i>	1
320	33:15	52:02	28/06/68	47	12.99	33.066	<i>Cyrtoplax spinidentata</i>	1
321	33:30	51:40	28/06/68	85	12.43	33.630	<i>Cyrtoplax spinidentata</i>	1
324	33:58	52:00	29/06/68	47	17.74	33.517	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
325	33:45	52:25	29/06/68	28	13.03	32.868	<i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i> , <i>Ovalipes trimaculatus</i>	2
328	34:04	52:46	29/06/68	44	12.87	32.832	<i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i> , <i>Cyrtoplax spinidentata</i>	2
330	34:35	52:00	30/06/68	148	17.70	35.970	<i>Myropsis quinquespinosa</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	2
362	30:29	49:19	17/08/68	128	17.12	35.919	<i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	1
363	30:09	49:35	17/08/68	60	18.85	36.090	<i>Portunus spinicarpus</i> , <i>Cyrtoplax spinidentata</i>	2
364	29:53	50:00	17/08/68	23	17.30	34.301	<i>Hepatus pudibundus</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i> ,	2

Table I. (cont.) Collection stations (coordinates, date, depth, temperature, salinity, species and number of species)

365	30:26	50:09	18/08/68	21	17.39	33.642	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
367	30:54	49:23	20/08/68	184	14.69	35.490	<i>Latreillia williamsi</i>	1
368	31:22	49:42	20/08/68	200	16.38	35.748	<i>Latreillia williamsi</i>	1
369	31:07	50:05	21/08/68	114	17.05	35.879	<i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	1
371	31:18	50:48	21/08/68	25	17.98	35.216	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
374	32:18	50:13	23/08/68	148	18.02	35.662	<i>Chasmocarcinus typicus</i> , <i>Myropsis quinquespinosa</i> , <i>Pseudorhombila octodentata</i>	3
378	32:15	51:16	24/08/68	57	17.54	35.277	<i>Homola minima</i> , <i>Speocarcinus meloi</i> , <i>Pseudorhombila octodentata</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	4
379	32:32	50:51	24/08/68	70	18.45	36.012	<i>Chasmocarcinus typicus</i> , <i>Speocarcinus meloi</i> ,	2
383	32:40	51:37	25/08/68	46	15.78	33.557	<i>Persephona mediterranea</i>	1
387	33:23	51:28	25/08/68	82	15.70	35.401	<i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	1
395	34:10	52:14	27/08/68	62	12.80	33.874	<i>Hepatus pudibundus</i>	1
396	34:26	51:47	27/08/68	155	14.73	35.528	<i>Hepatus pudibundus</i> , <i>Latreillia williamsi</i> , <i>Homola minima</i> .	3
397	29:45	49:55	25/10/68	26	17.96	35.639	<i>Hepatus pudibundus</i> , <i>Persephona mediterranea</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i>	3
399	30:17	49:07	25/10/68	135	15.58	35.596	<i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	1
401	30:50	49:15	26/10/68	183	14.88	35.540	<i>Latreillia williamsi</i>	1
402	30:33	49:43	26/10/68	98	16.08	35.710	<i>Hepatus pudibundus</i> , <i>Chasmocarcinus typicus</i> , <i>Persephona mediterranea</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	4
403	30:14	50:08	26/10/68	24	18.33	35.770	<i>Hepatus pudibundus</i> , <i>Persephona mediterranea</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i>	3
405	34:34	52:29	29/10/68	65	9.83	33.557	<i>Peltarion spinulosum</i> , <i>Collodes rostratus</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i> , <i>Stenocionops furcatus</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i> , <i>Rochinia gracilipes</i>	6
406	34:12	52:51	30/10/68	65	13.74	33.703	<i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i>	2
407	33:53	53:23	30/10/68	18	17.15	31.227	<i>Corystoides chilensis</i> , <i>Hepatus pudibundus</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i>	3
408	33:33	52:55	30/10/68	19	17.41	31.546	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
409	33:47	52:35	30/10/68	32	16.29	33.564	<i>Corystoides chilensis</i> , <i>Hepatus pudibundus</i> , <i>Collodes rostratus</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i>	4
410	34:03	52:07	31/10/68	60	11.71	33.459	<i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i> , , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	2
411	34:19	51:42	31/10/68	196	15.68	35.752	<i>Osachila tuberosa</i> , <i>Latreillia williamsi</i> , <i>Spinolambrus fraterculus</i>	3
412	33:54	51:23	31/10/68	165	16.96	35.979	<i>Latreillia williamsi</i> , <i>Stenocionops furcatus</i> , <i>Spinolambrus pourtalesii</i>	3
413	33:37	51:41	31/10/68	78	16.20	34.985	<i>Chasmocarcinus typicus</i> , <i>Speocarcinus carolinensis</i> , <i>Pseudorhombila octodentata</i> , <i>Frevillea hirsuta</i> , <i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i> , <i>Speocarcinus meloi</i>	7
414	33:26	52:09	01/11/68	50	16.60	33.996	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
416	32:45	52:20	01/11/68	148	18.80	32.188	<i>Callinectes danae</i>	1
417	33:00	51:50	01/11/68	50	16.66	34.785	<i>Mesorhoea sexspinosa</i> , <i>Speocarcinus meloi</i>	2
418	33:18	51:21	02/11/68	69	16.44	35.039	<i>Pseudorhombila octodentata</i>	1
419	33:36	50:53	02/11/68	190	15.67	35.726	<i>Chasmocarcinus typicus</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	2

Table I. (cont.) Collection stations (coordinates, date, depth, temperature, salinity, species and number of species)

421	32:53	51:01	03/11/68	68	17.13	35.374	<i>Speocarcinus meloi</i> , <i>Pseudorhombila octodentata</i>	2
425	32:08	51:10	04/11/68	57	17.68	35.716	<i>Speocarcinus meloi</i> , <i>Pseudorhombila octodentata</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i> , <i>Mesorhoea sexspinosa</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	5
427	32:34	50:29	04/11/68	122	17.53	35.863	<i>Chasmocarcinus typicus</i> , <i>Speocarcinus meloi</i> ,	2
429	31:51	50:37	05/11/68	89	16.69	35.820	<i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	1
430	31:33	51:05	05/11/68	200	19.02	35.311	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
431	31:10	50:41	05/11/68	19	17.90	35.735	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
432	31:25	50:17	06/11/68	112	16.17	35.779	<i>Chasmocarcinus typicus</i>	1
434	29:34	49:50	04/12/68	25	16.77	35.766	<i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i>	1
436	30:15	49:00	04/12/68	140	15.77	35.702	<i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	1
437	30:23	48:37	04/12/68	195	14.89	35.577	<i>Anomalothir furcillatus</i>	1
438	30:40	49:09	05/12/68	172	15.27	35.631	<i>Palicus sica</i> , <i>Latreillia williamsi</i>	2
439	30:22	49:36	05/12/68	92	16.05	35.707	<i>Chasmocarcinus typicus</i> , <i>Pseudorhombila octodentata</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	3
441	30:34	50:17	05/12/68	19	19.06	35.808	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
442	30:50	49:54	06/12/68	122	15.75	35.693	<i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	1
443	31:06	49:30	06/12/68	208	16.03	35.754	<i>Palicus sica</i>	1
444	31:31	49:47	06/12/68	294	17.64	35.859	<i>Spinolambrus pourtalesii</i>	1
445	31:16	50:14	06/12/68	117	16.35	35.785	<i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	1
447	31:25	50:58	07/12/68	25	20.80	35.675	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
448	31:42	50:31	07/12/68	98	16.55	35.788	<i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	1
449	32:00	50:05	07/12/68	185	14.33	35.502	<i>Stenocionops furcatus</i> , <i>Heterocrypta lapidea</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	3
451	32:14	50:40	08/12/68	84	16.83	35.908	<i>Speocarcinus meloi</i> , <i>Pseudorhombila octodentata</i>	2
452	32:00	51:00	08/12/68	66	18.07	35.844	<i>Pseudorhombila octodentata</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	3
455	32:24	51:25	08/12/68	51	18.99	35.615	<i>Collodes rostratus</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	3
456	32:46	50:59	09/12/68	66	17.51	35.526	<i>Pseudorhombila octodentata</i>	1
457	33:01	50:33	09/12/68	108	17.04	36.094	<i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	1
458	33:29	50:44	09/12/68	207	14.58	35.728	<i>Moreiradromia antillensis</i> , <i>Euchirograpsus antillensis</i> , <i>Anomalothir furcillatus</i> ,	3
459	33:10	51:14	09/12/68	72	15.44	35.228	<i>Chasmocarcinus typicus</i> , <i>Pseudorhombila octodentata</i> , <i>Cronius ruber</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	4
460	32:51	51:44	10/12/68	46	19.40	35.081	<i>Persephona mediterranea</i> , <i>Myropsis quinquespinosa</i> , <i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	5
463	34:00	52:48	11/12/68	294	16.40	33.875	<i>Libinia spinosa</i> , <i>Ovalipes trimaculatus</i>	2
464	34:19	52:22	11/12/68	63	12.22	34.008	<i>Persephona mediterranea</i>	1
465	34:35	51:56	11/12/68	338	9.77	34.826	<i>Acanthocarpus alexandri</i> , <i>Euprognatha rastellifera</i> , <i>Palicus sica</i>	3
467	33:57	51:58	12/12/68	61	15.85	35.288	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
468	33:41	52:23	12/12/68	26	18.46	34.801	<i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i> , <i>Ovalipes trimaculatus</i>	3

Table I. (cont.) Collection stations (coordinates, date, depth, temperature, salinity, species and number of species)

470	32:59	52:28	13/12/68	15	22.85	33.062	<i>Persephona mediterranea</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i>	2
471	33:16	52:04	13/12/68	41	18.03	35.090	<i>Hepatus pudibundus</i> , <i>Leurocyclus tuberculosus</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i>	3
473	33:47	51:16	14/12/68	138	14.98	35.592	<i>Acanthocarpus alexandri</i> , <i>Chasmocarcinus typicus</i> , <i>Pseudorhombila octodentata</i> , <i>Frevillea hirsuta</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	5
538	29:34	49:09	05/03/69	76	17.27	35.879	<i>Hepatus pudibundus</i> , <i>Persephona mediterranea</i> , <i>Leurocyclus tuberculosus</i>	3
539	29:52	48:41	05/03/69	138	15.64	35.679	<i>Latreillia williamsi</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	2
541	30:30	48:44	06/03/69	208	15.35	35.630	<i>Latreillia williamsi</i>	1
543	29:59	49:37	06/03/69	54	22.93	36.025	<i>Leurocyclus tuberculosus</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	3
544	29:43	49:55	07/03/69	23	24.58	34.979	<i>Hepatus pudibundus</i> , <i>Persephona mediterranea</i> ,	2
545	30:14	50:09	07/03/69	22	25.10	24.535	<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	1
547	30:48	49:18	07/03/69	160	16.29	35.781	<i>Latreillia williamsi</i> , <i>Podochela atlantica</i>	2
549	30:59	49:59	08/03/69	114	17.41	35.932	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
550	30:44	50:25	08/03/69	19	24.45	33.978	<i>Hepatus pudibundus</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i> , <i>Microphrys bicornutus</i> , <i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	4
551	31:11	50:45	08/03/69	18	24.55	33.595	<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	1
552	31:27	50:20	08/03/69	110	16.87	35.871	<i>Moreiradromia antillensis</i> , <i>Pseudorhombila octodentata</i>	2
554	32:12	50:12	09/03/69	149	16.94	35.875	<i>Latreillia williamsi</i> , <i>Stenocionops furcatus</i> , <i>Podochela atlantica</i>	3
555	31:55	50:39	09/03/69	89	18.02	35.989	<i>Arenaeus cribrarius</i>	1
557	31:56	51:40	10/03/69	19	24.34	32.926	<i>Hepatus pudibundus</i> , <i>Callinectes ornatus</i> , <i>Callinectes sapidus</i> , <i>Persephona mediterranea</i>	4
558	32:11	51:16	10/03/69	54	18.85	34.588	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
559	32:23	50:54	10/03/69	71	19.26	35.946	<i>Chasmocarcinus typicus</i>	1
561	33:14	50:42	11/03/69	128	16.05	35.729	<i>Acanthocarpus alexandri</i>	1
564	32:17	52:09	11/03/69	122	24.60	31.943	<i>Hepatus pudibundus</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i>	2
565	32:48	52:21	12/03/69	140	24.58	30.319	<i>Callinectes sapidus</i> , <i>Arenaeus cribrarius</i>	2
566	33:05	51:58	12/03/69	45	18.04	33.394	<i>Leurocyclus tuberculosus</i>	1
568	33:37	51:07	12/03/69	128	17.03	35.900	<i>Latreillia williamsi</i> , <i>Spinolambrus pourtalesii</i>	2
569	34:02	51:30	12/03/69	158	16.45	35.804	<i>Osachila tuberosa</i> , <i>Latreillia williamsi</i> , <i>Homola minima</i> , <i>Palicus obesus</i> , <i>Palicus sica</i> , <i>Spinolambrus pourtalesii</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	7
571	33:32	52:18	13/03/69	35	17.72	33.513	<i>Leurocyclus tuberculosus</i> , <i>Ovalipes trimaculatus</i>	2
573	33:41	53:08	13/03/69	19	24.28	32.539	<i>Hepatus pudibundus</i>	1
576	34:28	51:53	14/03/69	155	15.52	35.641	<i>Latreillia williamsi</i> , <i>Podochela atlantica</i>	2
577	32:20	51:54	20/03/69	24	23.09	33.061	<i>Hepatus pudibundus</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i> , <i>Portunus spinimanus</i>	3
579	33:15	52:14	21/03/69	36	21.73	32.853	<i>Hepatus pudibundus</i> , <i>Persephona mediterranea</i> , <i>Spinolambrus fraterculus</i> , <i>Portunus spinimanus</i> , <i>Palicus obesus</i>	5
581	32:33	51:13	22/03/69	58	18.77	33.960	<i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	1

Table I. (cont.) Collection stations (coordinates, date, depth, temperature, salinity, species and number of species)

582	31:59	51:01	23/03/69	58	22.20	33.907	<i>Persephona mediterranea</i> , <i>Pseudorhombila octodentata</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i> , <i>Portunus spinimanus</i> , <i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i>	5
583	31:32	50:57	23/03/69	41	22.69	33.370	<i>Hepatus pudibundus</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i> , <i>Ovalipes trimaculatus</i>	3
585	30:38	50:02	23/03/69	55	22.17	34.976	<i>Portunus spinimanus</i>	1
586	30:08	49:49	23/03/69	44	22.36	35.332	<i>Apiomithrax violaceus</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i> , <i>Stenorhynchus seticornis</i>	3
588	29:20	48:57	24/03/69	78	20.69	35.906	<i>Pseudorhombila octodentata</i> , <i>Spinolambrus pourtalesii</i> , <i>Frevillea hirsuta</i>	3
590	28:12	48:13	25/03/69	56	19.42	36.031	<i>Hepatus pudibundus</i> , <i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i> , <i>Portunus spinimanus</i>	3
592	25:20	47:18	26/03/69	51	18.77	35.718	<i>Hepatus pudibundus</i> , <i>Persephona mediterranea</i> , <i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i> ,	4
GEDIP II								
1643	33:46	53:17	16/01/72	15	22.20	31.865	<i>Hepatus pudibundus</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i> , <i>Ovalipes trimaculatus</i>	3
1644	33:58	52:51	16/01/72	294	19.02	32.575	<i>Corystoides chilensis</i> , <i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i> , <i>Ovalipes trimaculatus</i>	4
1646	34:25	51:49	17/01/72	166	14.38	35.454	<i>Cymonomus quadratus</i> , <i>Deilocerus perpusillus</i> , <i>Osachila tuberosa</i> , <i>Latreillia williamsi</i> , <i>Euprognatha rastellifera</i> , <i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i> , <i>Palicus sica</i> , <i>Spinolambrus fraterculus</i> , <i>Ovalipes trimaculatus</i>	9
1648	34:06	51:33	18/01/72	180	14.47	35.584	<i>Latreillia williamsi</i> , <i>Palicus sica</i>	2
1650	33:40	52:22	18/01/72	35	17.82	32.669	<i>Ovalipes trimaculatus</i>	1
1651	33:22	52:47	18/01/72	140	24.32	31.955	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
1652	32:58	52:27	18/01/72	122	24.92	32.689	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
1656	33:17	50:34	20/01/72	173	15.83	35.804	<i>Chasmocarcinus typicus</i> , <i>Myropsis quinquespinosa</i> , <i>Latreillia williamsi</i> , <i>Collodes rostratus</i> , <i>Chasmocarcinus rathbuni</i> , <i>Palicus sica</i>	6
1659	32:40	51:51	20/01/72	27	26.10	34.019	<i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i> , <i>Ovalipes trimaculatus</i>	2
1660	32:28	52:15	20/01/72	15	24.10	35.566	<i>Hepatus pudibundus</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i> ,	2
1661	32:05	51:55	20/01/72	133	24.72	33.273	<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	1
1662	32:20	51:22	21/01/72	52	19.45	35.900	<i>Speocarcinus carolinensis</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i> , <i>Callinectes sapidus</i> , <i>Spinolambrus pourtalesii</i>	4
1664	32:46	50:25	21/01/72	200	16.85	35.808	<i>Acanthocarpus alexandri</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	2
1666	32:24	50:14	22/01/72	210	17.00	35.817	<i>Chasmocarcinus typicus</i>	1
1667	32:13	50:35	22/01/72	84	17.21	35.997	<i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	1
1668	32:00	50:29	22/01/72	62	17.42	35.719	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
1669	31:45	51:26	22/01/72	15	23.90	33.783	<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>	1
1670	31:30	51:00	25/01/72	22	24.09	34.860	<i>Libinia spinosa</i> , <i>Ovalipes trimaculatus</i> .	2
1671	31:40	50:40	25/01/72	80	16.91	35.794	<i>Arenaeus cribrarius</i>	1

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1674	31:33	49:52	25/01/72	209	15.16	35.569	<i>Palicus dentatus, Palicus alternatus, Palicus sica</i>	3
1675	31:19	50:22	26/01/72	102	16.71	35.778	<i>Chasmocarcinus typicus, Libidoclaea granaria, Libinia spinosa, Tetraxanthus rathbunae</i>	4
1679	30:53	50:16	26/01/72	60	16.89	35.745	<i>Chasmocarcinus typicus, Speocarcinus meloi, Libinia spinosa</i>	3
1680	31:03	49:55	27/01/72	130	16.43	35.775	<i>Acanthocarpus alexandri, Myropsis quinquespinosa</i>	2
1686	30:27	49:48	28/01/72	71	16.90	35.863	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
1687	30:16	50:09	28/01/72	22	24.32	35.337	<i>Libinia spinosa, Ovalipes trimaculatus</i>	2
1688	29:43	49:55	29/01/72	24	24.29	35.681	<i>Hepatus pudibundus, Persephona mediterranea, Leurocyclus tuberculosus, Libinia spinosa, Portunus spinimanus</i>	5
1691	30:10	48:58	29/01/72	132	16.68	35.806	<i>Acanthocarpus alexandri, Chasmocarcinus typicus</i>	2
1696	29:39	48:41	30/01/72	124	15.66	35.670	<i>Acanthocarpus alexandri, Chasmocarcinus typicus, Portunus spinicarpus</i>	3
1697	29:30	48:57	20/01/72	91	16.27	35.766	<i>Acanthocarpus alexandri, Chasmocarcinus typicus, Speocarcinus meloi</i>	3
1698	29:16	49:14	30/01/72	51	16.96	35.500	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
1699	29:13	49:35	31/01/72	200	24.01	35.725	<i>Hepatus pudibundus, Persephona mediterranea, Libinia spinosa, Ovalipes trimaculatus</i>	4
1700	28:59	48:42	31/01/72	86	13.36	35.853	<i>Ovalipes trimaculatus</i>	1
1703	28:38	47:19	01/02/72	256	14.52	35.519	<i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	1
1706	29:33	48:57	06/04/72	96	17.59	35.943	<i>Chasmocarcinus typicus</i>	1
1711	30:28	48:42	07/04/72	194	16.80	35.748	<i>Palicus alternatus</i>	1
1712	30:10	49:00	08/04/72	130	16.32	35.748	<i>Chasmocarcinus typicus, Portunus spinicarpus</i>	2
1715	29:43	49:55	08/04/72	24	23.03	35.081	<i>Persephona mediterranea</i>	1
1718	30:36	49:25	09/04/72	145	16.80	35.818	<i>Acanthocarpus alexandri, Chasmocarcinus typicus</i>	2
1722	31:02	49:52	10/04/72	135	16.99	35.850	<i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	1
1723	30:55	50:11	10/04/72	90	16.79	35.788	<i>Chasmocarcinus typicus, Portunus spinicarpus, Chasmocarcinus rathbuni</i>	3
1724	30:49	50:28	10/04/72	18	22.51	34.595	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
1725	31:09	50:43	11/04/72	21	22.28	34.832	<i>Hepatus pudibundus, Arenaeus cribrarius</i>	2
1730	31:50	50:21	12/04/72	116	17.79	35.905	<i>Bellia picta</i>	1
1732	31:27	51:05	12/04/72	17	22.17	33.779	<i>Hepatus pudibundus</i>	1
1740	34:28	51:50	19/04/72	169	16.82	35.810	<i>Osachila tuberosa, Latreillia williamsi, Palicus sica</i>	3
1742	34:01	51:32	19/04/72	175	16.13	35.710	<i>Latreillia williamsi</i>	1
1745	33:21	52:49	20/04/72	13	20.05	33.127	<i>Leurocyclus tuberculosus</i>	1
1748	33:28	51:30	20/04/72	78	21.22	36.037	<i>Heterocrypta lapidea</i>	1
1756	32:22	51:20	22/04/72	57	19.78	33.257	<i>Heterocrypta lapidea</i>	1
1758	32:48	50:27	22/04/72	197	16.74	35.811	<i>Acanthocarpus alexandri, Chasmocarcinus typicus, Myropsis quinquespinosa, Portunus spinicarpus</i>	4

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1848	30:22	48:41	03/08/72	178	15.75	35.628	<i>Myropsis quinquespinosa</i>	1
1851	29:51	49:37	04/08/72	45	16.00	32.487	<i>Hepatus pudibundus</i>	1
1853	30:14	50:09	05/08/72	21	14.31	31.382	<i>Arenaeus cribrarius</i>	1
1855	30:37	49:25	05/08/72	150	16.22	35.696	<i>Myropsis quinquespinosa</i>	1
1856	30:42	49:03	06/08/72	192	15.80	35.648	<i>Myropsis quinquespinosa</i> , <i>Latreillia williamsi</i> , <i>Anomalothir furcillatus</i> , <i>Euprognatha rastellifera</i> , <i>Stenocionops spinosissimus</i> , <i>Palicus sica</i>	6
1859	31:03	49:46	06/08/72	144	16.86	35.760	<i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	1
1860	30:50	50:06	06/08/72	79	17.02	34.379	<i>Speocarcinus meloi</i>	1
1867	35:18	54:13	11/08/72	27	10.66	33.619	<i>Libinia spinosa</i> , <i>Ovalipes trimaculatus</i>	2
1868	35:33	53:48	12/08/72	58	10.02	33.695	<i>Speocarcinus carolinensis</i> , <i>Collodes rostratus</i> , <i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i> , <i>Rochinia gracilipes</i> , <i>Ovalipes trimaculatus</i>	6
1872	35:15	52:33	13/08/72	170	12.16	35.106	<i>Acanthocarpus alexandri</i> , <i>Myropsis quinquespinosa</i> , <i>Homola minima</i> , <i>Mithrax besnardi</i>	4
1873	35:10	52:46	13/08/72	94	8.14	33.586	<i>Homola minima</i> , <i>Eurypodius latreillei</i>	2
1874	35:00	53:05	13/08/72	48	10.36	33.629	<i>Rochinia gracilipes</i>	1
1876	34:35	53:58	14/08/72	22	10.86	33.257	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
1881	34:45	52:05	15/08/72	179	10.49	34.857	<i>Acanthocarpus alexandri</i> , <i>Lepteces ornatus</i>	2
1883	34:27	51:50	15/08/72	175	13.45	35.331	<i>Osachila antillensis</i> , <i>Latreillia williamsi</i> , <i>Frevillea hirsuta</i> , <i>Euprognatha rastellifera</i> , <i>Palicus dentatus</i> , <i>Palicus sica</i> , <i>Spinolambrus fraterculus</i>	7
1884	34:15	52:12	16/08/72	64	10.56	34.054	<i>Rochinia gracilipes</i>	1
1891	33:39	51:07	17/08/72	200	11.78	35.076	<i>Myropsis quinquespinosa</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	2
1893	33:14	51:48	18/08/72	45	11.94	33.192	<i>Pelia rotunda</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i>	2
1907	32:07	50:40	21/08/72	91	18.34	35.976	<i>Myropsis quinquespinosa</i> , <i>Speocarcinus meloi</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i> , <i>Chasmocarcinus rathbuni</i>	4
1909	31:58	50:02	21/08/72	184	16.53	35.746	<i>Acanthocarpus alexandri</i>	1
1916	35:19	54:13	29/10/72	24	11.37	32.999	<i>Libinia spinosa</i> , <i>Ovalipes trimaculatus</i>	2
1917	35:30	53:46	29/10/72	52	9.95	33.564	<i>Peltarion spinulosum</i> , <i>Libinia ferreirae</i> , <i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i> , <i>Uca maracoani</i> , <i>Ovalipes trimaculatus</i> , <i>Callinectes ornatus</i>	6
1918	35:44	53:22	30/10/72	84	7.37	33.544	<i>Peltarion spinulosum</i> , <i>Hepatus pudibundus</i> , <i>Libidoclaea granaria</i>	3
1919	35:50	53:06	30/10/72	156	8.36	34.338	<i>Peltarion spinulosum</i>	1
1921	35:11	52:47	30/10/72	97	7.54	33.567	<i>Peltarion spinulosum</i>	1
1923	34:53	53:26	30/10/72	47	10.06	33.405	<i>Leurocyclus tuberculatus</i> , <i>Libinia spinosa</i> , <i>Ovalipes trimaculatus</i>	3
1924	34:34	53:56	31/10/72	22	13.26	32.122	<i>Ovalipes trimaculatus</i>	1
1925	34:04	53:29	31/10/72	20	12.35	31.669	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
1926	34:14	53:08	31/10/72	29	10.50	32.826	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
1931	33:47	53:16	01/11/72	19	13.95	30.845	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
1932	33:21	52:48	01/11/72	14	14.25	30.720	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
1937	32:58	52:30	02/11/72	13	14.37	30.691	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
1938	32:28	52:14	02/11/72	15	15.89	30.304	<i>Libinia spinosa</i>	1
1940	32:51	51:26	02/11/72	59	10.96	33.099	<i>Libinia spinosa</i> , <i>Portunus spinicarpus</i>	2

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