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On the genus *Thaumatoconcha* Kornicker and Sohn (Halocyprida) with description of two new species from Southern Ocean deep sea

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Abstract Two new *Thaumatoconcha* Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a species, *T. dandani* n. sp. and *T. quasiporosa* n. sp., have been described in the present paper. Both species have been collected during two expeditions to the Southern Ocean and are found in the deep sea. The first species is most closely related to *T. caraionae* Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a, but it has a very specific appearance of copulatory organ, anterior part being covered in small spines. The second species is most closely related to *T. porosa* Kornicker, 1985, and they differ in the carapace shape and morphology, while they have almost identical appearance of the male copulatory organ. A list of Thaumatocyprididae species and a key to the species of *Thaumatoconcha* are also presented in this paper.

Keywords Ostracoda · Thaumatocyprididae · New species · Southern Ocean · Deep sea

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Introduction

Thaumatoconcha Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a (In Kornicker and Sohn 1976b the name appease as nomen nudum) is the largest genus of the family Thaumatocyprididae. It contains 10 described recent species and three species left in the open nomenclature (Kornicker and Sohn 1976a; Kornicker 1985). It is followed by Danielopolina Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a, which, so far, has 13 species. The family Thaumatocyprididae has three more genera, Thaumatomma Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a; Pokornyopsis Kozur, 1974; and Thaumatocypris Müller, 1906. Pokornyopsis and Thaumatomma are fossil genera (from Jurassic and Permian), while Thaumatocypris is a bathyal pelagic genus, with two species so far: one living southwest of Sumatra and in Indonesian area from 1,000 to 2,000 m (Kornicker and Sohn 1976a) and the other found in the west coast of Madagascar. Fossil genera inhabited waters not more than 200 m deep (Triebel 1941; Kornicker and Sohn 1976a), and majority of Danielopolina species are found in anchialine caves and blue holes (Kornicker et al. 2007). Danielopolina carolynae Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a is the only exception, and it is found at the depth of 3,459 m in South Atlantic (Kornicker and Sohn 1976a). All Thaumatoconcha species were mostly collected from bathyal (2,000–3,000 m) to abyssal (3,000–6,000 m) depths.

Geographical distribution of the recent Thaumatocyprididae goes from below 40° north to below the Antarctic Circle (Fig. 1). *Thaumatoconcha* is mostly restricted to the South Atlantic and South Pacific, with exception of *T. porosa* Kornicker, 1985 found in Indian Ocean (Kornicker 1985) and *T. polythrix* found in the North Atlantic Ocean (Kornicker and Sohn 1976a). *Danielopolina* and *Thaumatocypris*, on the other hand, are found in the tropical or subtropical regions.



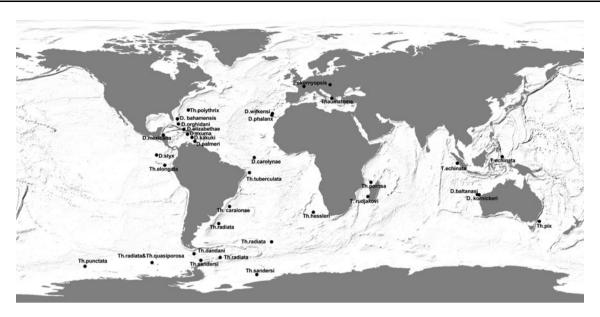


Fig. 1 Distribution of the representatives of the family Thaumatocyprididae

Morphology of Thaumatoconcha is quite conservative, and very little differences can be found in the anatomy of soft parts between species, with the exception of the male copulatory organ, which is unique for each species. Therefore, taxonomy of Thaumatoconcha is based on male characteristics and partly on the carapace shape. This is the reason why three species are still in the open nomenclature (Kornicker et al. 2007). In the present study, we describe two new species whose differential diagnosis is based on the male copulatory organ morphology and only partially on the carapace shape. On the other hand, males of Danielopolina are rare and described only for a few species. They all have very similar copulatory organ morphology. The third species dealt with in this paper is Thaumatoconcha radiata Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a. This species has the broadest distribution of all Thaumatoconcha (Fig. 1). It was recorded in different localities from 72°29'S to 36°05'S and from 27°41'W to 61°14'W. It has the greatest variability in the length/height ratio in both males and females and also showing variability in the morphology of the antennula. Some additional variable morphological characters are reported here. For an easier discrimination between the species of Thaumatoconcha, a key is provided. All the species were collected during two cruises in the Southern Ocean, ANDEEP and EASIZ II. Information on these expeditions could be found in Brandt et al. (2004a) and Brandt et al. (2007a, b). Ostracods collected during these cruises have only been partially published, and they concerned Myodocopina family Cypridinidae (Chavtur et al. 2010) and different Podocopid families:

Bairdiidae (Brandão 2008a), Cytherellidae (Brandão 2008b), and Macrocyprididae (Brandão 2010). The last family is especially diverse in the Southern Ocean, more than it was predicted and so far 30 species have been reported.

Materials and methods

The samples were collected using epibenthic sledge, mesh size 500 µm. Specimens were fixed and stored in 96% ethanol. Detailed methods of sampling can be found in Brandt et al. (2004b). Species were dissected with the aid of Leica MS5 dissecting microscope, and soft parts were examined and drown using Leica Wetzlar microscope with a drawing tube attachment. For scanning, electron micrographs microscope LEO 1525 was used, while for microscope photographs, Zeiss MC200 was used. Drawings have been prepared with the computer program Adobe Illustrator CS and methods proposed by Coleman (2003). All material is deposited in the Zoologisches Museum, Hamburg (ZMH). Some material from the same sampling localities containing Thaumatoconcha Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a species was left undissected and will be used for further DNA sequencing.

Systematic part

Order Halocyprida Dana, 1853. Family Thaumatocyprididae Müller, 1906.



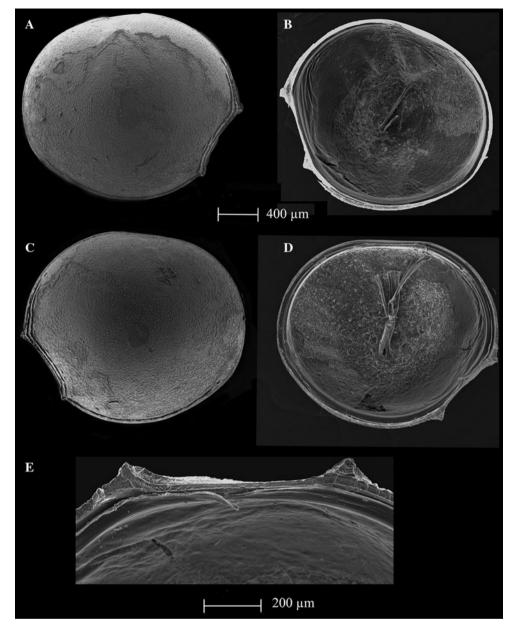


Fig. 2 Thaumatoconcha radiata Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a: a, d, e female; b, c male: a right valve, external view; b right valve, internal view; c left valve, external view; d left valve, internal view; e frontal part of left valve, internal view

Thaumatoconcha Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a.

Thaumatoconcha radiata Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a: p. 40, Figs. 3–8; 10b; 11l; 12j; 18d–f; 19–23; 24a–i; 25–34 (Figs. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7).

Synonymy

Thaumatoconcha radiata n. sp. – Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a: p. 40, Figs. 3–8; 10b; 11l; 12j; 18d–f; 19–23; 24a–i; 25–34.

Thaumatoconcha radiata Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a – Kornicker, 1992: Fig. 3g, h.

Material examined

- 1. EASIZ II, PS48/ANT XV-3, Station 114, 10/02/98, begin 74°36.13′S 27°16.13′W, end 74°36.30′S 27°15.50′W, depth 1,574 m: 1♀, 2♂ (on slides, ZMH K42204, 42185, 42186), 3♂, 2♀ (on SEM stubs, ZMH K42187).
- 2. ANDEEP II, PS61/ANT XIX-4, Station 121, 23/03/02, begin 58°25.55'S 25°0.22'W, end 58°24.63'S



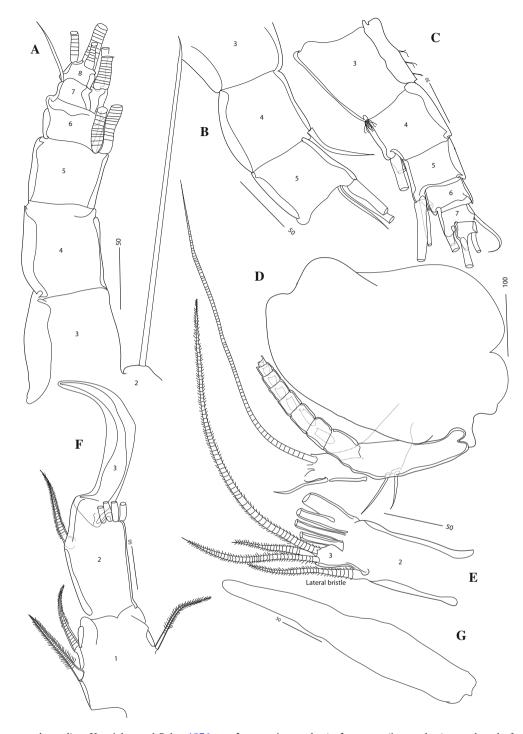


Fig. 3 *Thaumatoconcha radiata* Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a: **a, d, e, g** female; **b, c, f** male: **a** antennula, segments 3–8 (setae incomplete); **b** antennula segments 3–5 (detail); **c** antennula segments 3–8 (setae

incomplete); d antenna (incomplete); e endopod of antenna showing only two distal segments; f endopod of antenna; g Bellonci Organ. Scales in μm

 $25^{\circ}0.74'W,\ depth\ 2,369\ m:\ 1\cdots$ (on slide, ZMH K42188), $1\cdots$ (on SEM stub, ZMH K42189).

3. ANDEEP III, PS67/ANT XXII-3, Station 141, 15/03/05, begin 63°38.29′S 50°37.17′W, end 63°37.32′S 50°38.08′W, depth 2,666 m: 1♂ (on slide, ZMH K42190), 1♂ (on SEM stub, ZMH K42191).

Description

Female—Left valve: 1.8 mm long, 1.6 mm high (Fig. 2d), right valve: 1.77 mm long, 1.5 mm high (Fig. 2a). Surface smooth with 3–4 anteroventral ridges and straight anteroventral margin (Fig. 2a). Valves subround. Greatest height



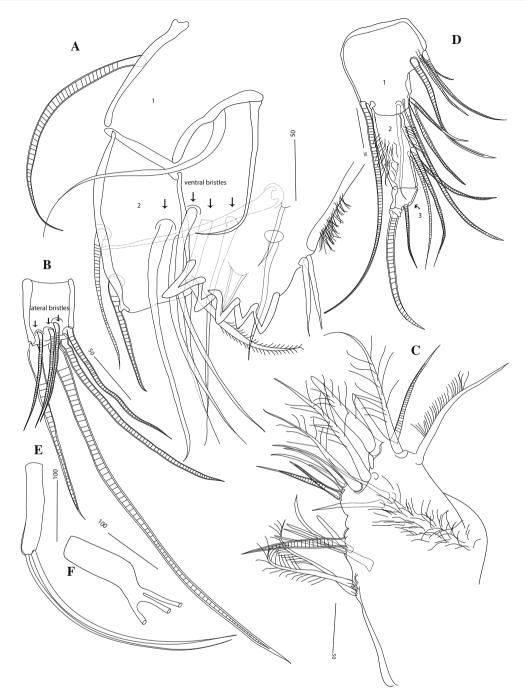


Fig. 4 Thaumatoconcha radiata Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a: **a**—**e** female; **f**, male: **a** mandible coxa and part of endopod; **b** terminal segment of mandible; **c** basis and endopod of fifth leg; **d** exopod of fifth leg; **e**, **f** seventh leg. Scales in μm

lying frontally. Anterodorsal margin broadly convex; posterior margin evenly rounded; ventral margin curving gently forward. Both upper and lower protuberances conical in shape (Fig. 2e).

Antennula (Fig. 3a): Eight-segmented, second segment with one long bristle reaching beyond the eighth segment. Dorsal margin of third segment only slightly longer than dorsal margin of fourth segment. Third and fourth segments clearly divided. Fourth segment with or without

bristle, reaching beyond fifth segment. Fifth segment with 2/3 bristles. Sixth segment without bristles. Seventh segment with 2 long ventral bristles and 1 short dorsal bristle (twice as long as ventral margin of seventh segment). Terminal segment with 1 short and 2 long bristles.

Second antenna (Fig. 3d, e): Exopod 9-segmented. Joints from 2 to 8 each with one long bristle, joint 9 with two long bristles. Endopod weakly 3-segmented, third segment incompletely separated from the second one.



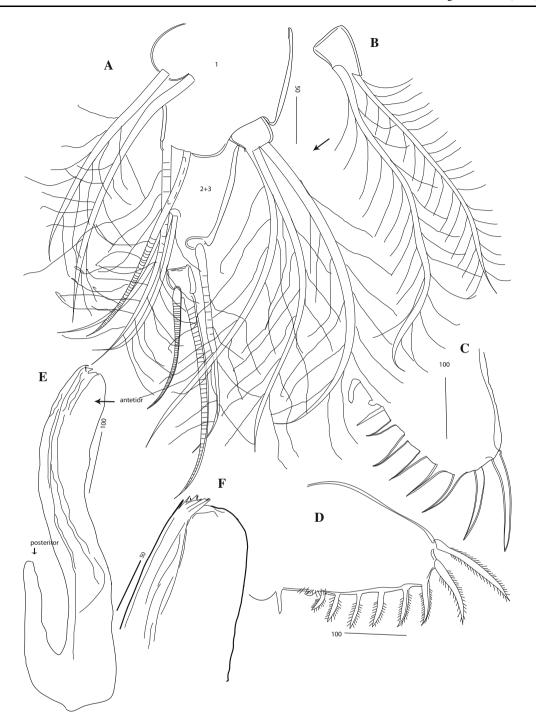


Fig. 5 Thaumatoconcha radiata Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a: a, c female; b, d-f male: a exopod sixth leg; b plate on exopod of sixth leg; c, d furca; e copulatory organ; f anterior part of copulatory organ. Scales in μm

First segment with medial spine, 1 ventral and 2 dorsal bristles, both with short marginal spines; second segment narrower and longer than first, with one lateral bristle and 4 terminal bristles. Last segment with three bristles.

Mandibula (Fig. 4a, b): First segment of endopod with one seta, second with two dorsal and 4 ventral bristles: terminal segment with 3 lateral spinous bristles and 4 medial spinous bristles.

Maxilla (Fig. 7b): Endite 1 with about 10 bristles, endite 2 with 11 bristles, endite 3 with about 8 bristles. First segment of endopod with 5 or 6 slender spinous bristles on anterior margin, 2 terminal spinous bristles and 1 short subterminal bristle on ventral margin, and 1 short proximal spinous bristle. Anterior end of terminal segment with 1 claw-like bristle, distal margin with 7 slender bristles and 1 long stout posterior bristle.



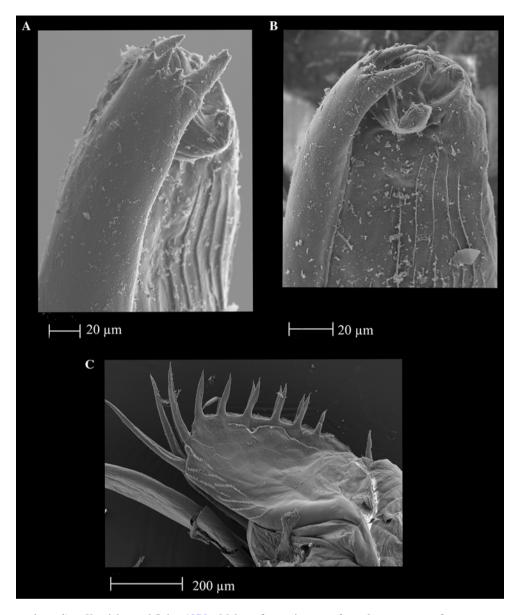


Fig. 6 Thaumatoconcha radiata Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a: Male: a, b anterior part of copulatory organ; c furca

Fifth leg (Fig. 4d): Endopod 3-segmented. First segment with one long terminal bristle near dorsal margin and 8 bristles near ventral margin, second segment hirsute and slender, with three medial bristles. End segment with one short bristle and one terminal claw.

Sixth leg (Fig. 5a): Endopod 4-segmented. First segment divided by weak suture into proximal part with 2 spinous ventral bristles and short distal part with 2 spinous bristles on ventral end of terminal margin. Small process with three plumose bristles present on dorsal corner of terminal margin of first segment. Second and third segments completely fused with one dorsal seta (positioned subterminally) and three ventral setae. Terminal segment with one bristle, which is half as long as accompanying claw.

Seventh leg (Fig. 4e): Small tapered, with two long terminal bristles.

Furca (Fig. 5c): Each lamella with two long anterior claws separated by suture from lamella, followed by 6 short claws joined to lamella; one small process, oriented posteriorly present following other claws.

Bellonci Organ (Fig. 3g): Elongate, 1-segmented, with rounded tip.

Male—Left valve (Fig. 2c): 1.8 mm long and 1.5 mm high. Right valve (Fig. 2b): 1.7 mm long and 1.5 mm high. Shape and surface characteristics same as in female.

Antennula (Fig. 3c): Eight-segmented. Similar to female, except that fifth segment carrying 3 long bristles ventrally.



Antenna (Figs. 3f, 7a): Endopod transformed into clasping organ, which 3-segmented. Terminal segment hook-shaped with width (measured at midlength) equalling 48% of second segment width (measured just above ventral bristle).

Sixth limb: Same as in female, except that one male carrying on one leg only 2 bristles on appendage of first segment (Fig. 5b).

Seventh leg (Fig. 4e): One leg with three terminal filaments.

Furca (Figs. 5d; 6c): Similar to female except being more densely covered with spinules.

Copulatory organ (Figs. 5e, f; 6a, b; 7c, d): Consisting of two parts, anterior and posterior. Anterior part terminating in two distinctively longer teeth, and about 8 smaller ones. Posterior part terminating in a tapering process, which is carrying 3–4 smooth bristles.

All other appendages same as in female.

Remarks on variability

Thaumatoconcha radiata is a very variable species, and Kornicker and Sohn (1976a, Figs. 16, 17) have shown that

T. sandersi Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a; T. caraionae Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a and partly T. polythrix Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a, fall into length-height distribution of both adult males and females. Beside a great variability in carapace shape, the following characters are also variable: the third and fourth segments of antennula ventrally carry 0 or 1 seta, the fifth segment carries 2 or 3 setae ventrally; the third segment of the endopod of antenna carries 3, 2 or 4 bristles; the exopod of antenna can have 8 or 9 segments; the basale of mandible has 4 or 5 setae on the lateral side (see Table 13 in Kornicker and Sohn 1976a). Also, the length of the dorsal margins of the third and fourth segments of antennula is variable (Fig. 3a, c), but the dorsal margin of the third segment is not always longer than the same margin of the fourth segment, as it is reported previously for T. radiata (Kornicker and Sohn 1976a). The specimens collected during this study also have 0, 1 or 2 setae on the ventral margin of the fourth segment of the antennula. The presence of three setae on the seventh limb (Fig. 4f) and the absence of one seta on the plate on exopod of the sixth limb (Fig. 5b) are also worth mentioning, but because this is a rare case, it should be considered as abnormality not variability. Because of

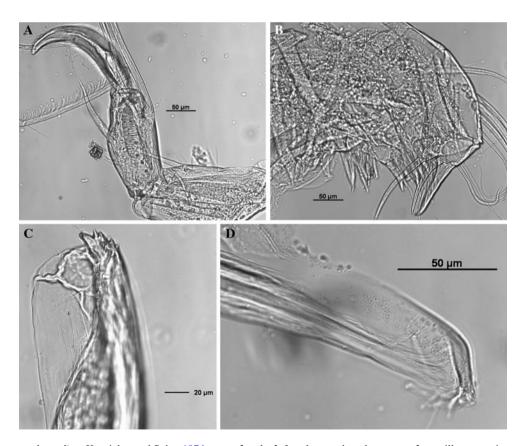


Fig. 7 Thaumatoconcha radiata Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a: a, c, d male; b female: a endopod antennae; b maxilla; c anterior part of copulatory organ; d posterior part of copulatory organ



such drastic variability recorded in our samples, and reported previously by Kornicker and Sohn (1976a), it can be postulated that *T. radiata* is a complex of species, what can be supported by a broad distribution, unlike the other representatives of the genus. Therefore, we have left a number of specimens that are provisionally identified as *T. radiata* undissected for further DNA sequencing, what should discard or confirm our postulate of a species complex. Most recently, Kornicker et al. (2010) studied embryonic development of *T. radiata* and have shown that the most posterior appendage on the furca is not related to the claws, but it is a primitive character of the genus.

Thaumatoconcha dandani n.sp. (Figs. 8, 9, 10).

Material examined

 (TYPE LOCALITY) ANDEEP I, PS61/ANT XIX-3, Station 41, 26/01/02, begin 59°21.97'S 60°4.27'W end 59°22.55'S 60°4.01'W, depth 2,380 m: holotype male (soft parts on slide, valves on SEM stub, ZMH

- K42192), allotype female (soft parts on slide, valves on SEM stubs, ZMH K42193).
- 2. ANDEEP II, PS61/ANT XIX-4, Station 140, 22/03/02, begin 58°15.21′S 24°52.90′W end 58°16.29′S 24°54.10′W, depth 2,962 m: 1♀ (on slide, ZMH K42194), 1 juvenile ♂ (on slide, ZMH K42195).
- 3. ANDEEP III, PS67/ANT XIX-3, Station 94, 03/03/05, begin 66°39.10'S 27°9.25'W end 66°37.16'S 27°10.14'W, depth 4,889 m: 1 3 (on slide, ZMH K42196).

Diagnosis: Surface of carapace with shallow punctae and with about 10 ridges, some of which extend slightly more dorsally and ventrally. Endopod mandibule with one dorsal bristle on first segment and 2 on second. Bellonci Organ with rounded tip. Anterior process of copulatory organ with beak-like extension and with numerous thorns posterior to it.

Description

Male—Left valve: 1.9 mm long, 1.75 mm high, right valve same. Surface covered with small punctae and with

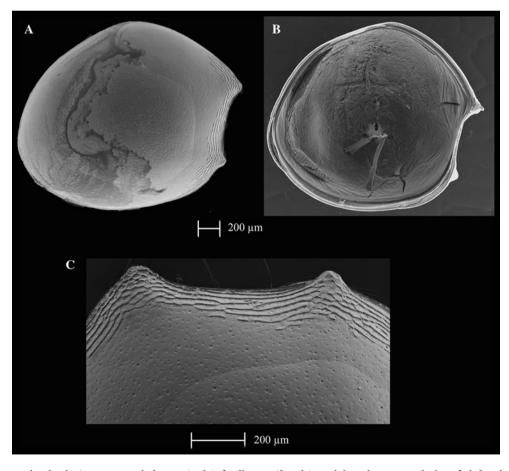


Fig. 8 Thaumatoconcha dandani n. sp.: a, c holotype (male); b allotype (female): a right valve, external view; b left valve, internal view; c anterior part of right valve, external view



numerous anteroventral ridges, some continuous some not, and some extending slightly more dorsally and ventrally (Fig. 8c). Valves subround. Greatest height lying frontally. Anterodorsal margin broadly convex; posterior margin evenly rounded; ventral margin curving gently forward. Both upper and lower protuberances conical in shape.

Antennula: 8-segmented (Fig. 9a), second segment with one long bristle reaching beyond the eighth segment. Dorsal margin of third segment only slightly longer than dorsal margin of fourth segment. Third and fourth segments incompletely subdivided. Fourth segment with 3 long bristles. Fifth segment with 3 long setae. Sixth segment without any bristles. Seventh segment with 2 long ventral bristles and 1 short dorsal bristle (twice as long as ventral margin of seventh segment). Terminal segment with 1 short and 2 long bristles.

Second antenna: Exopod 9-segmented. Joints from 2 to 8 each with one long bristle, joint 9 with two long bristles. Endopod transformed into clasping organ (Figs 9c, 10a), which 3-segmented. Terminal segment hook-shaped with width (measured at midlength) equalling 34% of second segment width (measured just above ventral bristle).

Mandibula: First segment of endopod with one seta, second with two dorsal and 4 ventral bristles. Terminal segment with 3 lateral spinous bristles and 3 medial spinous bristles (Fig. 9e).

Maxilla: Endite 1 with about 10 bristles, endite 2 with 11 bristles, endite 3 with about 8 bristles. First segment of endopod with 5 or 6 slender spinous bristles on anterior margin, 2 terminal spinous bristles and 1 short subterminal bristle on ventral margin, and 1 short proximal spinous bristle. Anterior end of terminal segment with 1 claw-like bristle, distal margin with 7 slender bristles and 1 long stout posterior bristle.

Fifth leg: Endopod 3-segmented. First segment with one long terminal bristle near dorsal margin and 8 bristles near ventral margin, second segment hirsute and slender, with three medial bristles. End segment with one short bristle and one terminal claw.

Sixth leg: Endopod 4-segmented. First segment divided by weak suture into proximal part with 2 spinous ventral bristles, and short distal part with 2 spinous bristles on ventral end of terminal margin. Small process with three plumose bristles present on dorsal corner of terminal margin of first segment. Second and third segments completely fused with one dorsal seta (positioned subterminally) and three ventral setae. Terminal segment with one bristle, which is half as long as accompanying claw.

Seventh leg: Small tapered, with two long terminal bristles.

Furca (Fig. 9g): Each lamella with two long anterior claws separated by suture from lamella, followed by 6 short

claws joined to lamella; one small process, oriented posteriorly following other claws.

Bellonci Organ (Fig. 9d): Elongate, 1-segmented, with rounded tip.

Copulatory organ (Figs. 9h, i; 10b–f): Consisting of two parts, anterior and posterior. Anterior part terminating in one beak shaped process, and distal to it, rows of spines. Posterior part terminating in a tapering process which is carrying 3 smooth bristles.

Female—Left valve (Fig. 8b): 2 mm long and 1.8 mm high. Right valve: 1.9 long and 1.8 mm high. Shape and surface characteristics same as in male.

Antennula: 8-segmented. Similar to male, except that fourth segment with 2 long bristles ventrally.

Antenna: Endopod (Fig. 9b) weakly 3-segmented. First segment with medial spine, 1 ventral and 2 dorsal bristles, both with short marginal spines; second segment narrower and longer than first, with one lateral bristle and 4 terminal bristles. Last segment with two bristles.

Furca (Fig. 9f): Similar to male. Two articulated claws fallen off.

All other appendages same as in male.

Etymology: The species is named after Dr. Dan L. Danielopol (combination of his first name and the first part of the last name), in honour of his contribution in understanding the family Thaumatocyprididae.

Affinities

The new species is most closely related to T. caraionae Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a. They share a similar carapace shape, and a similar chaetotaxy of most appendages, including 6 setae on the terminal segment of the mandible endopod. When the males are present in the sample, T. dandani can be easily separated from T. caraionae by the presence of the rows of spines on the anterior part of copulatory organ. However, in the absence of males the identification should be based on the presence of ridge-like ornamentation all the way to the dorsal hump (the point of greatest height) in T. caraionae. The new species can easily be separated from T. radiata by the carapace shape and the presence of small pits on the surface; from T. elongata Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a by less elongated carapace shape; from T. hessleri Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a by more conical upper and lower anteroventral carapace protrusions and by a pitted carapace; from T. polythrix Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a most easily by the presence of four setae on the dorsal margin of the first endopodal segment of mandible. Thaumatoconcha punctata Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a also has a pitted carapace surface, but the upper anteroventral protrusion of the carapace is much smaller; T. sandersi Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a has smooth



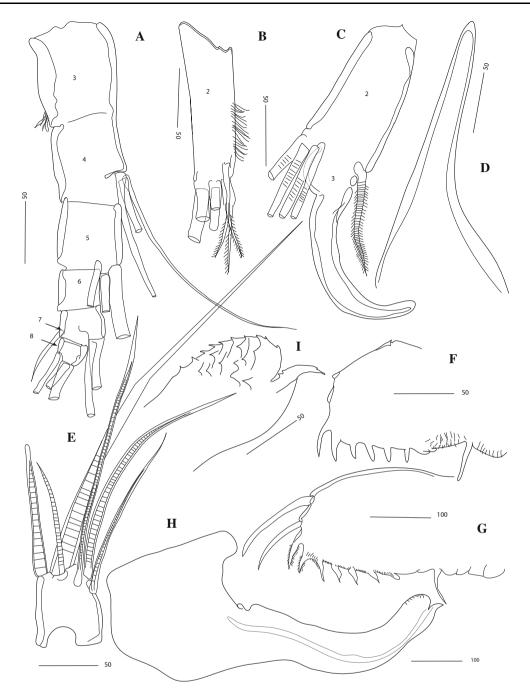


Fig. 9 Thaumatoconcha dandani n. sp.: **a, c, d, e, g, h, i** holotype (male); **b, f** allotype (female): **a** antennula segments from 3–8 (setae incomplete); **b** endopod of antenna showing only second segment; **c** endopod antenna, showing only second and third segments;

d Bellonci Organ; e terminal segment of mandible; f, g furca; h copulatory organ; i detail of anterior part of copulatory organ. Scales in μm

carapace; *T. tuberculata* Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a has a smooth carapace and small dorsal spines. *Thaumatoconcha porosa* Kornicker, 1985 differs from *T. dandani* by the carapace shape and the lack of prominent ornamentation and by the presence of a nipple on the Bellonci Organ. *Thaumatoconcha pix* Kornicker, 1992 also has a

smooth carapace. Beside all the differences mentioned, the most prominent distinguishing feature of the new species is a characteristic appearance of the copulatory organ.

Thaumatoconcha quasiporosa n.sp. (Figs. 11, 12, 13, 14).



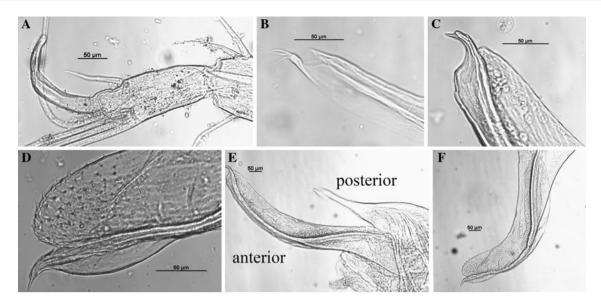


Fig. 10 Thaumatoconcha dandani n. sp.: a, b, d, e, f holotype (male); c, d, male A1: a endopod antenna; b posterior part of copulatory organ; c, d anterior part of copulatory organ; e copulatory organ; f anterior part of copulatory organ

Material examined

- 1. (TYPE LOCALITY) EASIZ II, PS48/ANT XV-3, Station 114, 10/02/98, begin 74°36.13′S 27°16.13′W, end 74°36.30′S 27°15.50′W, depth 1,574 m: holotype ♂ (on slides, ZMH K42197), allotype ♀ (on slide ZMH K42198), paratype ♂ (on slide, ZMH K42199), 2 paratype ♀ and 2 paratype ♂ (on SEM Stubs, ZMH K42200).
- 2. ANDEEP II, PS61/ANT XIX-4, Station 121, 23/03/02, begin 58°25.55′S 25°0.22′W, end 58°24.63′S 25°0.74′W, depth 2,369 m: 1♂ (on slide, ZMH K42201).

Diagnosis: Surface of carapace with shallow punctae or smooth and with about 8 ridges, some of which extend slightly more dorsally and ventrally. Carapace in lateral view with postero-dorsal margin strongly inclined towards posterior margin. Dorsal margin highly arched. Endopod mandibule with one dorsal bristle on first segment and 2 on second. Bellonci organ with rounded tip and a terminal nipple. Anterior process of copulatory organ pointed and narrow.

Description

Male—Left valve: 1.2 mm long, 1.0 mm high (Fig. 11a), right valve (Fig. 11c): same dimension. Surface covered with small pits (Fig. 11f) with 6-8 anteroventral ridges (Fig. 11d) and straight anteroventral margin. Valves subround. Greatest height lying almost medially. Anterodorsal

margin broadly convex; posterior margin evenly rounded; ventral margin curving gently forward. Both upper and lower protuberances very pointed (Fig. 11e).

Antennula (Fig. 12b): 8-segmented, second segment with one bristle dorsally and one bristle ventrally. Dorsal margin of third segment shorter than dorsal margin of fourth segment. Third and fourth segments not clearly divided. Fourth segment with 2 bristles. Fifth segment with 3 bristles. Sixth segment without bristles. Seventh segment with 2 long ventral bristles and 1 short dorsal bristle (twice as long as ventral margin of seventh segment). Terminal segment with 1 short and 2 long bristles.

Second antenna: Exopod 9-segmented. Joints from 2 to 8 each with one long bristle, joint 9 with two long bristles. Endopod transformed into clasping organ, which is 3-segmented (Figs. 12d, 14a). Terminal segment hook-shaped with width (measured at midlength) equalling 23% of second segment width (measured just above ventral bristle, which is here positioned more medially).

Mandibula: First segment of endopod with one seta, second with two dorsal and 4 ventral bristles: terminal segment with 3 lateral spinous bristles and 3 medial spinous bristles.

Maxilla: Endite 1 with about 10 bristles, endite 2 with 11 bristles, endite 3 with about 8 bristles. First segment of endopod with 5 or 6 slender spinous bristles on anterior margin, 2 terminal spinous bristles and 1 short subterminal bristle on ventral margin, and 1 short proximal spinous bristle. Anterior end of terminal segment with 1 claw-like bristle, distal margin with 7 slender bristles and 1 long stout posterior bristle.



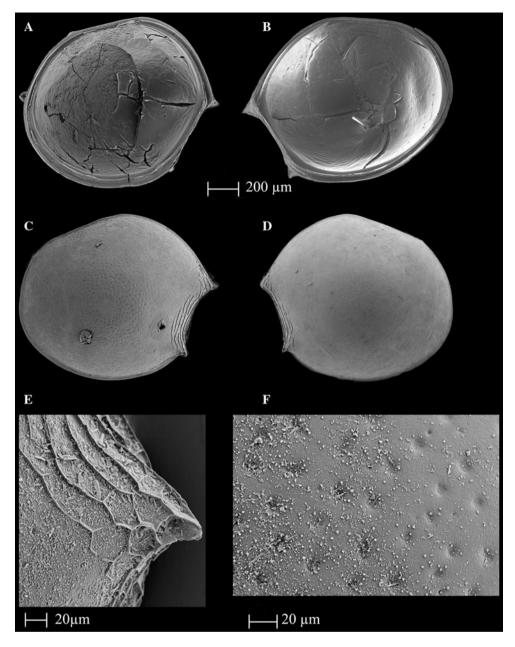


Fig. 11 Thaumatoconcha quasiporosa n. sp.: a, c, d, e paratype (male); b, d paratype (female): a left valve, internal view; b right valve, internal view; c right valve, external view; d left valve, external view; e upper protuberance; f detail of surface ornamentation

Fifth leg (Fig. 12f): Endopod 3-segmented. First segment with one long terminal bristle near dorsal margin and 7 bristles near ventral margin, second segment with 2 medial bristles. End segment with one short bristle and one terminal claw.

Sixth leg (Fig. 13a, b): Endopod 4-segmented. First segment divided by weak suture into proximal part with 3 spinous ventral bristles, and distal part with 2 medial and one spinous bristle on ventral end of terminal margin. Small process with three plumose bristles present on dorsal corner of terminal

margin of first segment. Second and third segments completely fused with one dorsal seta (positioned subterminally) and two ventral setae. Terminal segment with one bristle, which is 1/3 as long as accompanying claw (Fig. 13b).

Seventh leg: Small tapered, with two long terminal bristles.

Furca (Figs. 13d, 14b): Each lamella with two long anterior claws separated by suture from lamella, followed by 6 short claws joined to lamella; one small process, oriented posteriorly present following other claws.



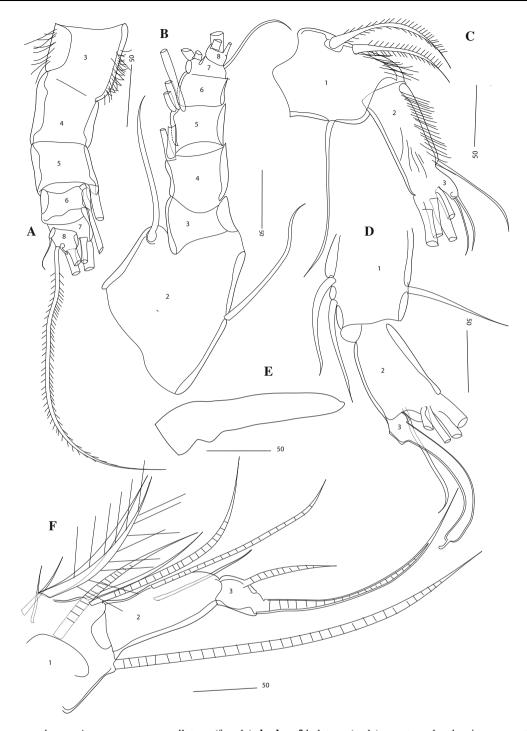


Fig. 12 Thaumatoconcha quasiporosa n. sp.: a, c allotype (female); b, d, e, f holotype (male): a antennula, showing segments from 2 to 8; b antennula, showing segments from 2 to 8, c, d endopod antenna; e rod-shaped organ; f fifth leg. Scales in μm

Bellonci Organ (Figs. 12e, 14d): Elongate, 1-segmented, with small rounded nipple.

Copulatory organ (Figs. 13c; 14c-e): Consisting of two parts, anterior and posterior. Anterior part a single, pointed process. Posterior part terminating in a tapering process, which is carrying 3–4 smooth bristles.

Female—Shape similar to that of male (Fig. 11b, d), length varies from 1.2 to 1.4 mm, height around 1.2 mm, surface sometimes smooth.

Antennula (Fig. 12a): Eight-segmented. Similar to male, except that fifth segment carrying 2 long bristles ventrally, and fourth segment is without any setae.





Fig. 13 Thaumatoconcha quasiporosa n. sp.: a, b, c, e holotype (male); d allotype (female): a exopod of sixth leg, b terminal segment exopod of sixth leg; c copulatory organ; d, e furca. Scales in μm

Antenna: Endopod weakly 3-segmented (Fig. 12c). First segment with 1 ventral and 2 dorsal bristles; second segment narrower and longer than first, with one lateral bristle and 4 terminal bristles. Last segment with 2 bristles.

Furca (Fig. 13e): Similar to male. All other appendages same as in male. Etymology: The new species is named after *Thaumato-concha porosa* Kornicker, 1985 because it is very similar to this species with the adding "quasi", meaning like.

Affinities

As the species name says, *T. quasiporosa* n. sp. is the most closely related to *T. porosa* Kornicker, 1985. They share



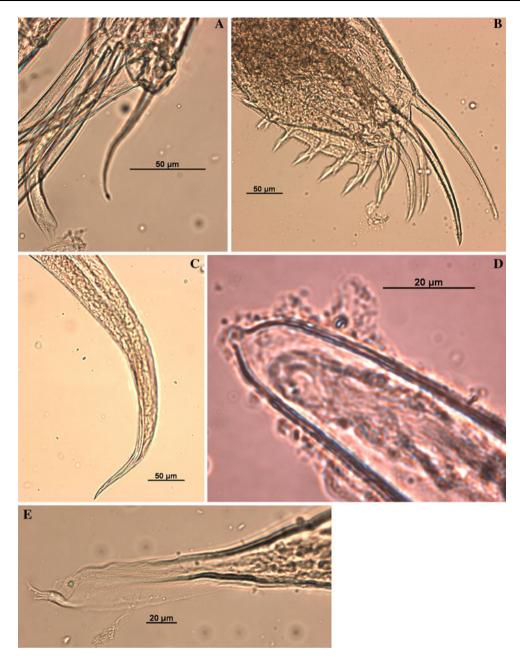


Fig. 14 Thaumatoconcha quasiporosa n. sp.: Holotype (male): a endopod antenna, b furca; c anterior part of copulatory organ; d tip of rodshaped organ; e posterior part of copulatory organ. Scales in μm

almost identical appearance of copulatory organ. The main difference between the two species is the carapace shape, which is in the new species characterized by a steep dorsal margin, while it is rounded in *T. porosa*. *T. porosa* also has concentrated marginal pore canals in a short zone at the midlength of the ventral margin of the carapace. Beside the similar copulatory organ, two species also share a thin terminal segment of the endopod of antenna and a nipple on the tip of the Bellonci Organ. Both of them also have a very short dorsal margin of the third segment of antennula. These are the main features that also distinguish the new

species from other representatives of the genus. Kornicker (1985) described *T. porosa* only after females, so it is not clear whether the females have 2 or 3 bristles on the terminal segment of the endopod of the antenna.

List of Thaumatocyprididae species with their distribution (sources of information between brackets)

Genus: *Danielopolina* Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a. Subgenus: *Danielopolina* Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a.



- D. (D.) carolynae Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a: South Atlantic Ocean off Brazil (Kornicker and Sohn 1976a).
- 2. *D.* (*D.*) *kornickeri* Danielopol, Baltanás and Humphreys, 2000: Christmas Island, Australia (Danielopol et al. 2000).
- 3. *D.* (*D.*) *mexicana* Kornicker and Iliffe, 1989b: Mexico (Kornicker and Iliffe 1989b).
- D. (D.) phalanx Kornicker and Iliffe, 1995: Canary Islands (Kornicker and Iliffe 1995).

Subgenus: *Humphreysella* Kornicker and Danielopol, 2006.

- 5. *D.* (*H.*) *bahamensis* Kornicker and Iliffe, 1989b: Great Bahama Bank (Kornicker and Iliffe 1989b).
- 6. *D.* (*H.*) *baltanasi* Humphreys, Kornicker and Danielopol, 2009 (Humphreys et al. 2009).
- 7. *D.* (*H.*) *elizabethae* Kornicker and Iliffe, 1992: Jamaica (Kornicker and Iliffe 1992).
- 8. *D.* (*H.*) *exuma* Kornicker and Iliffe, 1998: Bahamas (Kornicker and Iliffe 1998).
- 9. *D.* (*H.*) *kakuki* Kornicker and Iliffe, 2000: Great Bahama Bank (Kornicker and Iliffe 2000).
- 10. *D.* (*H.*) *orghidani* (Danielopol, 1972): Marine Cave in Cuba (Danielopol 1972).
- D. (H.) palmeri Kornicker, Iliffe and Harrison-Nelson, 2007: Great Bahamas Bank (Kornicker et al. 2007).
- 12. *D.* (*H.*) *styx* Kornicker and Iliffe, 1989: Galapagos Island (Kornicker and Iliffe 1989a).
- 13. D. (H.) wilkensi Hartmann, 1985: Canary Islands (Hartmann 1985).

Genus: Thaumatoconcha Kornicker and Sohn 1976a, b.

- 14. *T. caraionae* Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a: South Atlantic Ocean off Argentina (Kornicker and Sohn 1976a).
- 15. *T. elongata* Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a: South Pacific Ocean off Peru (West edge of Peru–Chile Trench) (Kornicker and Sohn 1976a).
- 16. T. dandani n. sp.: Weddell Sea (present paper).
- 17. *T. hessleri* Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a: South Africa (Kornicker and Sohn 1976a).
- 18. *T. pix* Kornicker, 1992: Tasman Sea, off South South-East Australia (Kornicker 1992).
- T. polythrix Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a: North Atlantic Ocean near Bermuda Islands (Kornicker and Sohn 1976a).

- 20. *T. porosa* Kornicker, 1985: Mozambique Channel, SE of Glorioso Islands (Kornicker 1985).
- T. punctata Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a: Subantarctic Region and Antarctic Region (Kornicker and Sohn 1976a).
- 22. *T. quasipunctata* n.sp.: Subantarctic Region (present paper).
- 23. *T. radiata* Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a: South Atlantic Ocean off Argentina, Drake Passage, Weddell Sea, Scotia Sea (Kornicker and Sohn 1976a).
- T. sandersi Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a: Drake Passage, Weddell Sea (Kornicker and Sohn 1976a).
- 25. *T. tuberculata* Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a: South Atlantic Ocean off Brazil (Kornicker and Sohn 1976a, b).

Genus: Thaumatomma Kornicker and Sohn 1976a, b.

- 26. *T. doescheri* Sohn and Kornicker, 1998: Late Permian—Greece (Sohn and Kornicker 1998).
- T. elongata Sohn and Kornicker, 1998: Late Permian—Greece (Sohn and Kornicker 1998).
- 28. *T. granti* Sohn and Kornicker, 1998: Late Permian—Greece (Sohn and Kornicker 1998).
- 29. *T. kozuri* Sohn and Kornicker, 1998: Late Permian—Greece (Sohn and Kornicker 1998).
- 30. *T. newelli* Sohn and Kornicker, 1998: Late Permian—Greece (Sohn and Kornicker 1998).
- 31. *T. permiana* Sohn and Kornicker, 1998: Late Permian—Greece (Sohn and Kornicker 1998).
- 32. *T. piscifrons* Kornicker and Sohn 1976a, b: Permian—Greece (Sohn and Kornicker 1998).
- 33. *T. piscifrons* Kornicker and Sohn 1976a, b: Late Permian—Greece (Sohn and Kornicker 1998).
- 34. *T. procax* Sohn and Kornicker, 1998: Late Permian—Greece (Sohn and Kornicker 1998).

Genus: Thaumatocypris Müller, 1906.

- 35. *T. echinata* Müller, 1906: Indonesia (Indian Ocean) (Kornicker and Sohn 1976a, b).
- 36. *T. rudjakovi* Kornicker, 2004: West Coast of Madagascar (Indian Ocean) (Kornicker, 2004).

Genus: Pokornyopsis Kozur, 1974.

- 37. *P. bettenstaedti* (Bartenstein, 1949): Lower and Upper Jurassic—Germany (Kornicker and Sohn 1976a, b).
- 38. *P. feifeli* (Triebel, 1941): Lower and Upper Jurassic—Germany (Kornicker and Sohn 1976a, b) and Slovakia (Aubrecht and Kozur 1995).



Key to the genus Thaumatoconcha (amended after Kornicker and Sohn 1976a)

1.	Endopod of mandibule with 4-6 dorsal bristles on first segment	T. polythrix Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a
-	Endopod of mandibule with 1 dorsal bristle	2
2.	Both or only upper protuberance on carapace poorly developed and rounded	3
-	Both protuberances on carapace well developed, conical in shape and sometimes very pointy	5
3.	Carapace ornamented	T. punctata Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a
_	Carapace smooth	4
4.	Third segment of female antennula distinctly longer than fourth one	T. sandersi Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a
-	Third segment of female antennula shorter than fourth one	T. hessleri Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a
5.	Anterior part of male copulatory organ elongate, curved, tapering to acuminate tip	6
-	Anterior part of male copulatory organ different	7
6.	Postero-dorsal margin rounded, middle of ventral margin with concentration of 25-30 pore canals	<i>T. porosa</i> Kornicker, 1985
-	Postero-dorsal margin strongly inclined, ventral margin without pore canals	T. quasiporosa n. sp.
7.	Rounded part of anterior part of copulatory organ with rows of spines	T. dandani n.sp.
_	Rounded part smooth	8
8.	Tip of the anterior part of copulatory organ elongate, but with more than 2 teeth	9
-	Tip of the anterior part of copulatory organ elongate, with maximum 2 teeth	10
9.	Two large teeth and numerous smaller ones present	T. radiata Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a
-	Only 1 large teeth present and numerous smaller ones	T. pix Kornicker, 1992
10.	Anterior part elongate with long tooth-like process and a minute teeth on its base	T. tuberculata Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a
-	Only a single tooth present	11
11.	Carapace elongate	T. elongata Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a
-	Carapace subround	T. caraionae Kornicker and Sohn, 1976a

Discussion

With the description of two new species, the genus Thaumatoconcha Kornicker and Sohn 1976a, b now has 12 named species and three left in the open nomenclature. Each species can be easily identified based on the male sexual characteristics, and in the case that males are not described, based on the carapace shape and morphology. Only Thaumatoconcha hessleri Kornicker and Sohn 1976a, b has been described after females. Kornicker and Sohn (1976a, b) noted that males are plentiful in *Thaumato*concha, unlikely in many other marine ostracod species because they die soon after mating. In general, Danielopolina Kornicker and Sohn 1976a, b species are collected in very small numbers, and males have been described for D. kornickeri Danielopol, Baltanás and Humphreys, 2000 (Kornicker et al. 2010), D. phalanx Kornicker and Iliffe, 1995; D. bahamensis Kornicker and Iliffe, 1989; D. elizabethe Kornicker and Iliffe, 1992; D. exuma Kornicker and Iliffe, 1998; and D. kakuki Kornicker and Iliffe, 2000. In all these species, only one or two male specimens have been reported, and in the last one, the description was based on a juvenile specimen (Kornicker and Iliffe 2000). Unfortunately, the type species D. carolynae is known only after females (Kornicker and Sohn 1976a, 1976b), but the appearance of hemipenis in known species is almost identical and very similar to Thaumatoconcha porosa Kornicker, 1985 and T. quasiporosa n. sp. The hemipenis in the Thaumatocyprididae has two lobes, a primitive character common with the family Deeveyidae Kornicker and Illife, 1985 (Kornicker et al. 2010). Males of Thaumatocypris echinata Müller, 1906 are also unknown. Carapace appearance and structure is, on the first glance, very different between Danielopolina and Thaumatoconcha, as all Danielopolina species have a dorsal spine and are much harshly ornamented. However, T. tuberculata Kornicker and Sohn 1976a, b seems to have a remnant of a dorsal spine, and carapace ornamentation may be a result of a different salinity concentration between deep ocean and anchialine caves. There can be a little argument about the validity of the genus Danielopolina, but the morphology and the cladistic analysis based on it (Baltanás and Danielopol 1995; Danielopol et al. 2000) suggest the existence of more than one lineage within the genus, a taxonomic problem partly resolved by dividing the genus into two subgenera (Kornicker et al. 2006). The new discoveries may contribute to better understanding of the phylogeny of the genus.

The water in anchialine habitats where *Danielopolina* species have been found varies in salinity from nearly fresh



to fully marine. Both salinity and degree of connection to the sea control the nature of the biota (Iliffe 2000), and water currents range from negligible to low velocity (Kornicker et al. 2007). Many of the caves that are today inhabited by anchialine fauna are geologically quite young (2,000–3,000 years). It is a prevailing opinion that the present-day anchialine Thaumatocyprididae originated from ancient epigean fauna that existed in the Tethys Sea at least since the Mesozoic (Iliffe et al. 1984; Wilkens et al. 1986; Humphreys 1993; Baltanás and Danielopol 1995; Danielopol et al. 2000; Kornicker et al. 2007). This is supported mostly by the cladistic analysis of the morphological characters (Baltanás and Danielopol 1995; Danielopol et al. 2000) and by the presence of two fossil genera Pokornyopsis Kozur, 1974 and Thaumatomma Kornicker and Danielopol, 1976 in waters not deeper than 200 m. The carapace shape of the two fossil taxa is indeed very similar to the present-day Danielopolina species, with some differences in the level of calcification and type of ornamentation (see Danielopol et al. 2000), but until now no soft body has been found preserved in the fossil record. Most recently, Siveter et al. (2010) described a myodocopid ostracods from Silurian deposits with preserved soft parts, which indicate that this species belongs to the family Cylindroleberididae, but the appearance of the carapace relate it more to the other families, especially Cypridinidae and Sarsiellidae, questioning the utility of the carapace alone in establishing the affinity of fossil ostracods. Only one Danielopolina species, D. carolynae, lives in the deep see. This species belong to the nominal subgenus, Danielopolina, which is characterized by the very primitive character such as the presence of a seta on the basal segment of the antenna. This particular seta is a novel feature for ostracods and very rare in other Crustacea (apparently present only in Mystacocarida) (Kornicker et al. 2006). Other species of this subgenus are shallow water anchialine species. Thaumatoconcha species and Humphreysella lack this seta.

The evolution of *Thaumatoconcha* may have started from a *Danielopolina*-like ancestor, which colonized deep sea waters from the shallow waters of the Tethys. It has already been postulated that the present-day eyeless oceanic Halocyprida evolved from the troglobitic Halocyprida of the family Deeveyidae (Kornicker et al. 2010). The present-day distribution of *Danileopolina* may be the result of the plate movement (Danielopol et al. 2000) or the oceanic dispersal (Humphreys and Danielopol 2006).

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