

Some aspects of the family Chromodorididae (Opisthobranchia: Nudibranchia) from Brazil, with description of a new species

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SUMMARY: This paper describes a study of the nudibranchs from the family Chromodorididae Bergh, 1891 that were sampled in several expeditions along the coast of Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo and Fernando de Noronha (Brazil). A total of eight species of this family were studied and a new species, *Chromodoris paulomarcioi* n. sp., is described. The taxon *Hypselodoris picta lajensis* Troncoso, García and Urgorri, 1998, is proposed for consideration within the taxonomic category of species, and new records for some species are provided.

Keywords: Nudibranchia, Chromodorididae, Brazil, *Chromodoris paulomarcioi* n. sp., *Hypselodoris lajensis*.

RESUMEN: ALGUNOS ASPECTOS SOBRE LA FAMILIA CHROMODORIDIDAE (OPISTHOBRANCHIA: NUDIBRANCHIA) DE BRASIL, CON LA DESCRIPCIÓN DE UNA NUEVA ESPECIE. – En este trabajo se hace un estudio de los nudibranquios pertenecientes a la familia Chromodorididae Bergh, 1891 encontrados durante varias campañas de muestreo en el litoral de Río de Janeiro, São Paulo y Fernando de Noronha (Brasil); fue estudiado un total de ocho especies de esta familia con descripción de una nueva especie, *Chromodoris paulomarcioi* n.sp. El taxón *Hypselodoris picta lajensis* Troncoso, García and Urgorri, 1998, es elevado a la categoría taxonómica de especie, y se proporcionan nuevas citas para algunas de las especies halladas.

Palabras clave: Nudibranchia, Chromodorididae, Brasil, *Chromodoris paulomarcioi* n. sp., *Hypselodoris lajensis*.

INTRODUCTION

Von Ihering (1886) drew up a list with descriptions of six nudibranch species from the western Atlantic Ocean. Later, MacFarland (1909) described seven species collected during the Branner Agassiz expedition in Brazil, but none of them belonged to the family Chromodorididae.

The most important contribution to the knowledge of Brazilian opisthobranchs was made by Ernest and Eveline Marcus, who studied specimens from the western Atlantic in great detail and

found most of the currently known species from this zone. They published many papers that resulted from the samples collected from the Brazilian coast, mainly in São Paulo. Matthews and Kempf (1970) published a list of molluscs from the Fernando de Noronha Archipelago; they cited 160 species but only four of these were opisthobranchs. In 1977, Eveline Marcus published a checklist of the western Atlantic warm water opisthobranchs. Some recent contributions were provided by Ortea *et al.* (1994), Pola *et al.* (2005), and Padula and Absalão (2005).

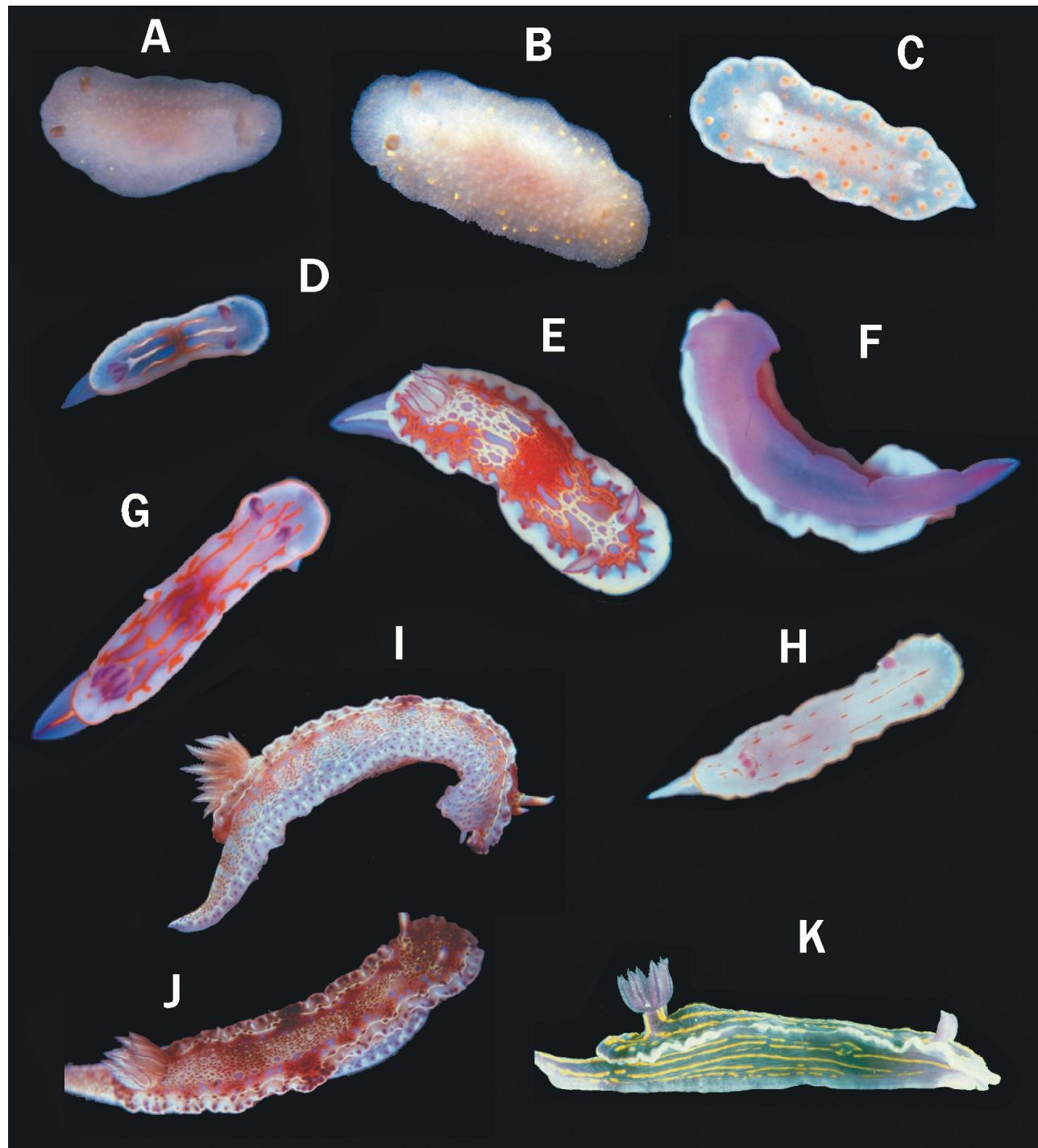


FIG 1. – A and B, *Cadlina rumia*; C, *Tyrrinna evelinae*; D, *Chromodoris binza*; E and F, *Chromodoris clenchi*; G, *Chromodoris neona*; H, *Chromodoris paulomarcioi* n. sp.; I and J, *Hypsodoris marci*; K, *Hypsodoris lajensis*.

There are few recent studies on opisthobranchs from southern Brazil. The species of this study (like many others of the family Chromodorididae) are, or have long been, the cause of many confusions and discords within the scientific community. The publications of Ortea *et al.* (1994, 1996) have been very useful for clarifying a great number of doubts about

these species. They give detailed anatomical descriptions of the jaw elements, radula and reproductive system. We therefore provide illustrations of those animals that show some variations in comparison with the previous works, or additional information that may help to complete the knowledge of these species.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Field samplings were carried out from 1993 to 2004 in order to increase knowledge of Brazilian opisthobranchs and their distribution in Brazilian waters. Numerous opisthobranch species were found, of which eight belonged to the family Chromodorididae. The sampling areas were located in Rio de Janeiro (Buzios and Cabo Frio) (between 22°44'S, 41°57'W and 22°58'S, 42°2'W), São Paulo (Ilhabela and Laje de Santos) (between 23°S, 45°W and 24°S, 46°W) and Fernando de Noronha Archipelago (Ilha Rata) (between 3°48'S, 32°24'W and 3°49'S, 32°22'W). The specimens from Buzios were collected intertidally in shallow water, and the rest subtidally using SCUBA. The depths were 6-10 m at Cabo Frio and Fernando de Noronha, 1 m at Ilhabela, and 18-25 m at Laje de Santos. In the laboratory, photographs of live specimens were taken before they were anaesthetised. The animals were frozen prior to fixation in 5% formalin and seawater, and were kept at 0 degrees C for 12-24 hours. They were then transferred to 70% ethanol.

Some specimens of *Hypselodoris lajensis* belonging to the Museo de Zoología de la Universidad de São Paulo were examined. Six specimens collected in Laje de Santos and Cabo Frio were studied externally; one of them was dissected and its anatomical features were compared with those of our animals.

RESULTS

Cadlina rumia Er. Marcus, 1955 (Figs. 1A, B, 2, 3)

Material examined. (length in living animals): 2 specimens of length 5 and 7 mm, Praia dos Ossos (Buzios, Rio de Janeiro), intertidal (03/07/99); 3 specimens of length 11.3, 9.5 and 9 mm, Manguinhos (Buzios, Rio de Janeiro), intertidal (23/06/00); 1 specimen of length 6 mm, Praia dos Ossos (Buzios, Rio de Janeiro), intertidal (24/06/00); 1 specimen of length 6 mm, Praia dos Ossos (Buzios, Rio de Janeiro), intertidal (25/06/00).

External morphology. Oval shaped body and whitish ground colour; dorsum covered by rounded and small tubercles and spicules are visible through the mantle. Median part of dorsum is brown, due to the visceral mass, which can be seen slightly by transparency through the notum. Rhinophores are white with 4-5 brown lamellae. Variable number of yellow spots (Figs. 1A, B) around the mantle (5-14

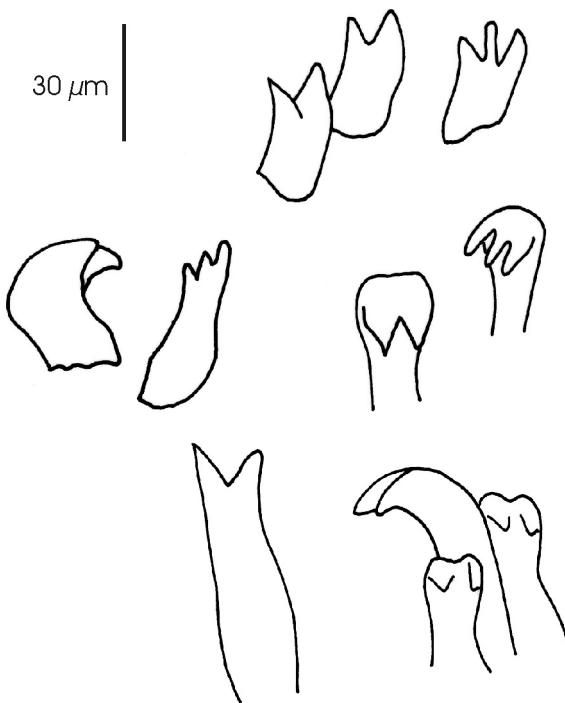


FIG. 2. – *Cadlina rumia*. Jaw elements.

on each side). There are 4-6 whitish or pale brown unipinnated gills. The hyponotum and the foot sole are white ventrally.

Internal anatomy. The jaw elements have two or three curved cusps (Fig. 2). The radular formula is 50 X 12.1.12 and 67 X 25.1.25 in two specimens of 6 and 11.3 mm, respectively. The rachidian tooth showed 6 similar sized curved denticles, and the innermost lateral teeth are broad and have a median cusp with denticles on each side (Fig. 3A, B). The remaining teeth have a longer cusp and 5-6 denticles on the external side (Fig. 3C); the outermost teeth are smaller, and have a shorter cusp and denticles (Fig. 3D).

Remarks. Marcus (1955) described *C. rumia* as a white semitransparent animal, with brown rhinophores, yellowish unipinnated gills (pale brown in our animals) and 12-20 yellow spots surrounding the mantle. Just like Marcus, we observed that this number is variable (11 to 24 spots on the dorsum) and independent of animal size; some animals have a few spots (three or four on dorsum). The jaw elements have two cusps although there may be three or four at times.

The species *C. laevis* Linnaeus, 1767 is similar to *C. rumia*. It has jaw elements with two cusps, some-

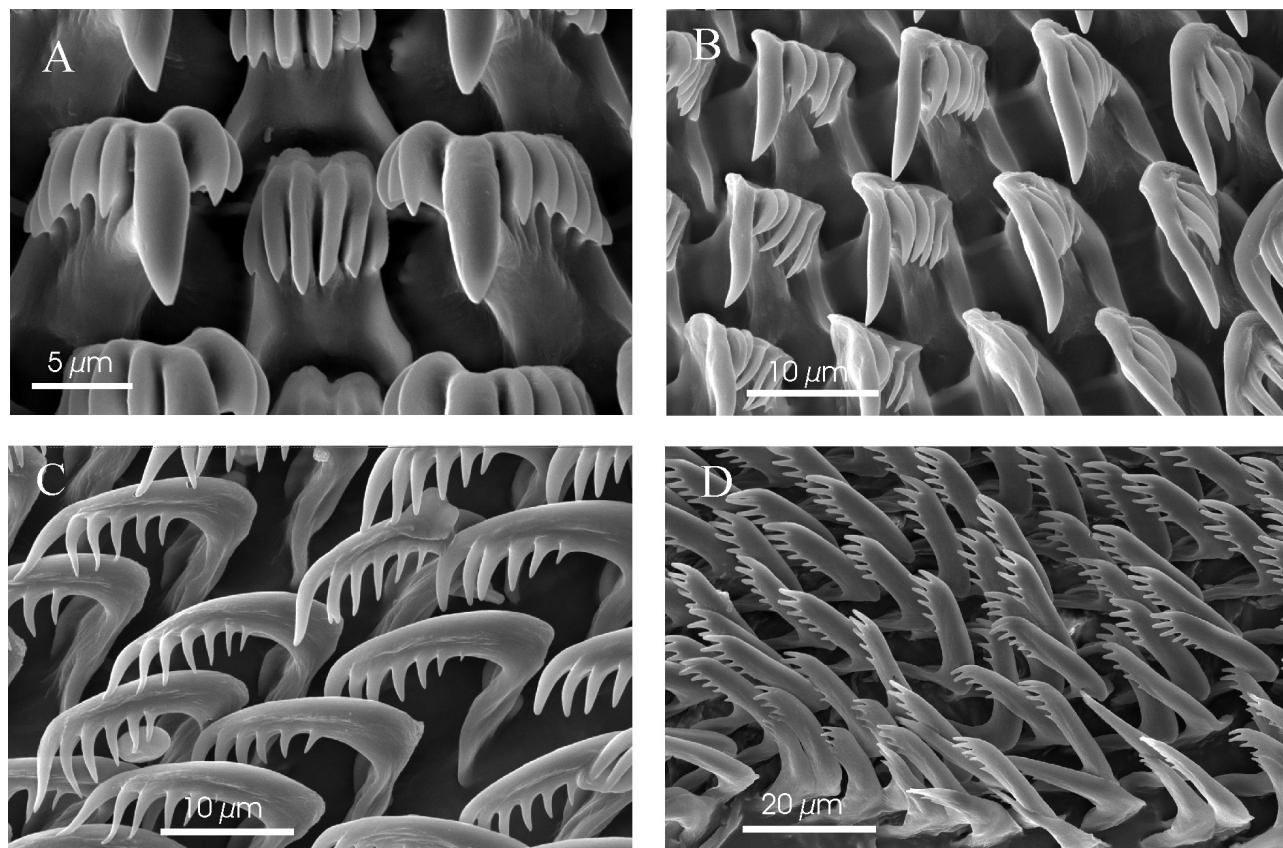


FIG. 3. – *Cadlina rumia*. A, rachidian and innermost lateral tooth on each side; B, innermost lateral teeth; C, lateral teeth; D, outermost lateral teeth.

times 3-4, and similar radular teeth, though the gills are unipinnated in *C. rumia*, whereas *C. laevis* has tripinnated gills (Marcus, 1955). García-Gómez (2002) described *C. laevis* as a whitish species with small yellow spots on the mantle, but in contrast to *C. rumia*, this species has yellow spots on the rim of the rhinophore sheath, on the mantle edge and on the gills. Thompson and Brown (1984) stated that *C. laevis* could vary in colour from the usual yellow spots on the mantle to the rare full yellow body. These variations caused enormous confusion in the taxonomy of *Cadlina*, but all specimens studied by us had spots on the mantle edge, the rhinophore sheath and the gills. *Cadlina modesta* MacFarland, 1966 is creamy in colour with 16-20 yellow spots on the dorsum and there are anatomical differences too with *C. rumia*, because it only has bifid jaw elements and the rachidian tooth of the radula has two cusps separated by a median groove.

Distribution. São Sebastião Island, Brazil (Marcus, 1955), Florida (Marcus, 1977), Jamaica (Thompson, 1980). Rios (1994) recorded this species from Curaçao, S. Martin, Puerto Rico and

Ubatuba, toward the south of Brazil. The present paper gives new records from Praia dos Ossos and Manguinhos, in Buzios (Rio de Janeiro).

***Tyrinna evelinae* (Er. Marcus, 1958)**
(Fig. 1C)

Cadlina evelinae Er. Marcus, 1958, pp. 18-21, Figs. 28-33.

Material examined. (Length in living animals): 3 specimens of length 8, 7.5 and 3 mm, Praia dos Ossos (Buzios, Rio de Janeiro), intertidal (03/07/99); 1 specimen of length 7.5 mm, Armação (Buzios, Rio de Janeiro), intertidal (22/06/00); 5 specimens of length 12, 9.5, 5.5, 5 and 3.5 mm, Manguinhos (Buzios, Rio de Janeiro), intertidal (23/06/00); 1 specimen of length 9 mm, Praia dos Ossos (Buzios, Rio de Janeiro), intertidal (24/06/00); 1 specimen of length 7 mm, Praia dos Ossos (Buzios, Rio de Janeiro), intertidal (24/06/00).

External morphology. Elongated white translucent body; mantle edge and foot have a thin white line (Fig. 1C). There are numerous dark orange-yellow spots over the dorsum; some specimens have bigger and more numerous spots on the mantle edges. There are five white bipinnated gills, the posterior ones smaller than the anterior ones. Rhinophores are white with 8-9 lamellae.

Remarks. Marcus (1958) described this species and included it into the genus *Cadlina*. Thompson (1980) found some opisthobranchs of this species in Jamaica, but his specimens were different from those of Marcus (1958) and Collier and Farmer (1964) because the oral tentacles were not coiled and they were finger-shaped. Rudman (1984) assigned this species to the genus *Tyrinna* because he felt that the coiled oral tentacles were characteristic for *Tyrinna*.

This species was studied in detail by Schrödl y Millen (2001), who gave illustrations of radula and reproductive system. These anatomical characteristics coincide with those of our specimens.

Tyrinna nobilis Bergh, 1898 is similar to *T. evelinae* but the latter has yellow or reddish orange marks scattered along the dorsum, whereas *T. nobilis* has only orange or red marks on the mantle edge.

Distribution. This species was captured in Ilhabela and Guarujá, near Santos, in the Brazilian State of São Paulo (Marcus, 1958), Baja California (Collier and Farmer, 1964), Gulf of California (Marcus and Marcus, 1967a), Puerto Rico (Marcus,

1977), Ghana (Edmunds, 1981 and 1982) and Peru (Schrödl and Millen, 2001). This paper records species from Praia dos Ossos, Armação and Manguinhos (located in Buzios, Rio de Janeiro).

***Chromodoris binza* Ev. Marcus and Er. Marcus, 1963**
(Figs. 1D, 4)

Material examined. (Length in living animals): 1 specimen of length 5 mm, Praia dos Ossos (Buzios, Rio de Janeiro), intertidal (03/07/99); 1 specimen of length 6 mm, Praia dos Ossos (Buzios, Rio de Janeiro), intertidal (25/06/00).

External morphology. Body with pale blue ground colour, deeper on the median part of dorsum; the edge has a very thin red-orange line and there is a broad white-cream band within it (Fig. 1D). There are three longitudinal lines, one median line and two lateral ones, with pale yellow ends and orange areas on the median part of the dorsum. These lines join in the middle where they are deep orange. Small rays arise from the lateral lines and the central line divides into two rays in front of the gills. There are five unipinnated violet pinkish gills, with violet rachis. The posterior gills are paler. The rhinophores

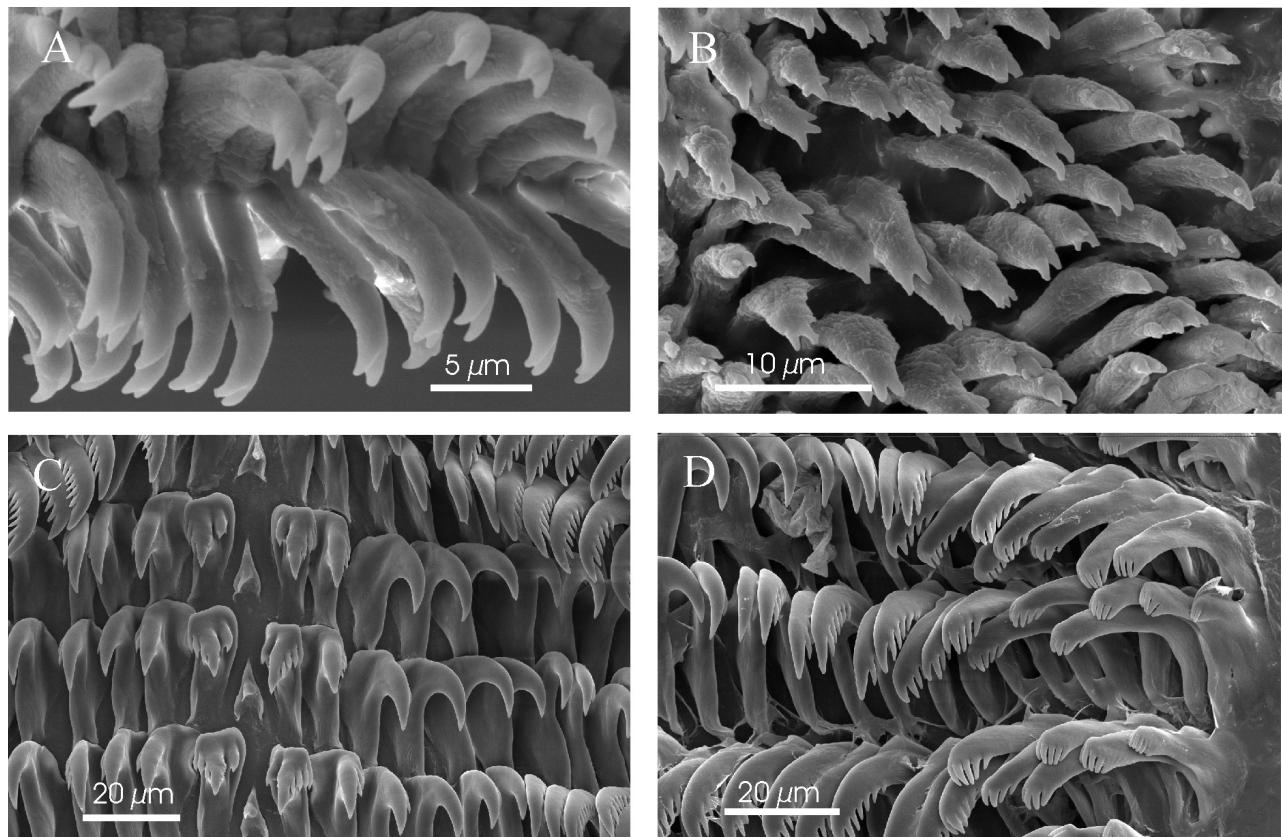


FIG. 4. – *Chromodoris binza*. A, jaw elements with two tips. B, jaw elements with two or more tips. C, rachidian tooth and innermost lateral teeth on each side. D, outermost lateral teeth.

are violet and they have an anterior dark violet median line. The foot is pale violet to blue and there is a median darker violet band over it with small yellow marks on the median part of the band.

Internal anatomy. The jaw elements are 9-16 μm in length. They have two cusps (Fig. 4A) although sometimes the elements are provided by three or four cusps (Fig. 4B). The radular formula is 27 X 22.1.22 for the 5 mm specimen and 28 X 23.1.23 for the 6 mm specimen. The rachidian tooth is triangular-shaped with a little cusp, although one specimen has a tooth with a bifid cusp; the innermost lateral tooth has two cusps, a small inner cusp and an outer cusp with denticles on each side (Fig. 4C). The outer lateral teeth have about four denticles only on the outer side. The cusp becomes progressively longer from the sixth tooth. These teeth has about six denticles; the outermost teeth have a short cusp and 4-5 denticles (Fig. 4D).

Remarks. The specimens studied were small and their dorsal pattern was simple; in bigger specimens, the pattern was more complex and showed greater variation. This is normal in Chromodorididae, which is why the external morphology of these specimens differed from the colour pattern described for the species. Even so, our specimens have some characteristics in common with those of Marcus and Marcus (1963); the mantle is blue, the dorsal bands are yellowish to orange, the gills are unipinnated and the rhinophores have a dark line. There are some variations in the radula because, in contrast to our specimens, those examined by Marcus and Marcus (1963) lack a cusp in the rachidian tooth and the innermost lateral tooth has a cusp with one internal and four external denticles.

Ortea *et al.* (1994) state that the presence of cream colour on the dorsum is a very distinctive characteristic in this species group. These authors illustrated internal parts of *Chromodoris binza*, such as the reproductive system and radula. They stated that *C. binza* has a rachidian tooth with a slightly marked cusp and the innermost lateral tooth (just like in our specimens) has two cusps with denticles.

Chromodoris britoi Ortea y Pérez, 1983 has yellow to orange lines but, unlike *C. binza*, the dorsum is pinkish. The juveniles have three yellow lines on the dorsum; the unipinnated gills are surrounded by yellow pigment and the rachis is violet; the rhinophores are pink-violet with darker anterior

part. Valdés (pers. comm.) doubt whether *Chromodoris binza* from the Caribbean Sea and *Chromodoris britoi* from the Mediterranean Sea and eastern Atlantic are different species. Ortea *et al.* (1994) consider that these species are different because *C. britoi* have no red pigments (although specimens with deep orange lines from Israel have been described) and the main difference is the shape of the radular teeth, although the radula has many similarities to those of *C. britoi*.

Distribution. Curaçao (Marcus and Marcus, 1963), Brazil, São Paulo near Ubatuba (Marcus, 1957), Florida (Marcus and Marcus, 1967b), Colombia (Marcus, 1976; Bandel, 1976), Jamaica (Thompson, 1980), Cuba (Ortea *et al.*, 1994), Praia dos Ossos in Cabo Buzios, Rio de Janeiro (present paper).

Chromodoris clenchi (Russell, 1935) (Figs. 1E, F)

Glossodoris clenchi Russell, 1935, 49: 59, Fig. 5.

Glossodoris neona Marcus, 1955: Marcus, (1957), 43: 429-420, Figs. 70-72.

Chromodoris neona (Marcus, 1955): Marcus and Marcus, (1967b), 6: 51-53, Figs. 58, 58a, pl. 1(9).

Material examined. (Length in living animals): 2 specimens of length 19 and 21 mm, Buraco do Inferno (Fernando de Noronha Archipelago), depth 10 m (07/07/99); 1 specimen of length 23 mm, Buraco do Inferno (Fernando de Noronha Archipelago), depth 7 m (08/07/99).

External morphology. Elongated body with pale yellow mantle edge and white broad band around it (Fig. 1E). There is an irregular orange band within it. The white and orange band are separated by a red line which arises as a triangular reddish blotch running to the edge and has a deep red end. On the central area there are two pale yellow to cream areas separated by a deep orange zone; there is an anterior area which includes the rhinophore sheaths and a posterior area located in front of the gills. The orange zones of the dorsum have numerous small blue spots; the cream areas have small and bigger blue spots surrounded by a red line. The sharp-pointed rhinophores are whitish with 18 lamellae; there are three violet lines running from the tip to the stalk, one anterior line and two posterior lateral ones. The whitish gills have violet rachis; there are 13 unipinnated gills and two posterior ones have three branches each. The tail is blue-violet with a yellow median longitudinal mark which narrows to the tip and is surrounded by a red line. Ventrally

(Fig. 1F), the mantle edge is similar in colour to the dorsum, the hyponotum is white and the foot sole is violet.

Remarks. The characteristics of *C. clenchi* were described in detail by Ortea *et al.* (1994), who provided illustrations of the radular teeth and reproductive system. According to these authors, this species is easily recognised from the original description of Russell (1935), which states that the basic colour is red (although our animals are orange), with two pale cream areas and some blue spots surrounded by red, and that the rhinophores are sharply pointed and pale with three dark lines. These features are the same as those in our specimens, but Ortea *et al.* (1994) consider that the foot is violet with small posterior spots which are not present in our specimens. In their opinion, one distinctive feature to separate *C. clenchi* from similar species is the presence of a cream colour on the dorsum, because *C. clenchi* presents it. For this reason, they say that the specimen called *C. neona* in Marcus and Marcus (1967a) and illustrated in Figures 58, 58A and pl. I (9) is in fact *C. clenchi*. The species *C. binza* has a cream colour on the dorsum, but its dorsal pattern is different.

Distribution: Bermuda (Russell, 1935), São Paulo, near Ubatuba (Marcus, 1957), Florida (Marcus and Marcus, 1967a), Jamaica (Thompson, 1980), Barbados (Edmunds and Just, 1985), Cuba (Ortea *et al.*, 1994), Puerto Rico (Marcus, 1977). The species is recorded for the first time from Fernando de Noronha Archipelago (Brazil) in this paper.

Chromodoris neona (Er. Marcus, 1955) (Figs. 1G, 5)

Glossodoris neona Marcus, 1955: 20: 124-127, Figs. 90-101.

Material examined. (Length in living animals): 1 specimen of length 19 mm, near Ilha das Cabras (Ilhabela, São Paulo), depth 1 m (24/05/04).

External morphology. Elongated body with a narrow orange band around the mantle; dorsally pale blue to violet, slightly darker on the central area and whitish on the lateral margins (Fig. 1G). There are some irregular lines and deep orange spots which extend from the anterior area to behind the gills. Furthermore, there are six blue elongated spots on each body side. The rhinophores are violet with

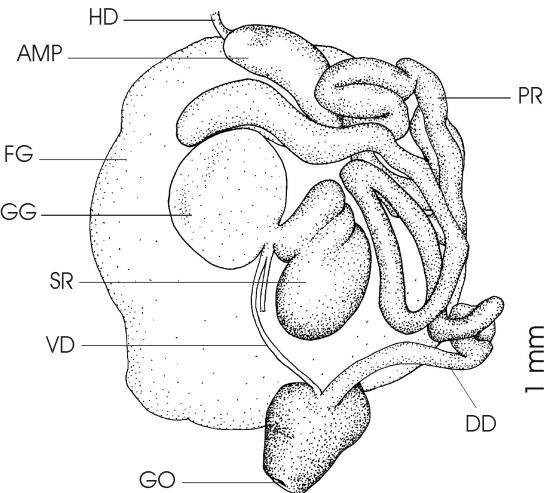


FIG. 5. – *Chromodoris neona*. Reproductive system. AMP, ampulla; DD, deferent duct; FG, female gland; GG, gametolytic gland; GO, genital opening; HD, hermaphrodite duct; PR, prostate; SR, seminal receptacle; VD, vaginal duct.

three longitudinal deep violet bands, one anterior and two posterior. There are nine unipinnated gills, with translucent branched and violet rachis. The tail is blue-violet, darker on the tip, with a median orange band which is broad and pale in front and is narrow posteriorly; it is followed by a dark violet line that runs through to the apex tail. The animal is white ventrally.

Internal anatomy. The reproductive system (Fig. 5) has a kidney-shaped ampulla, which leads to the hermaphroditic duct; the ampulla is joined to a broad, long and coiled prostate. The vaginal duct is very narrow and joins at the union between the gametolytic gland and the seminal receptacle. Another shorter duct arises from this zone and goes into the female gland, which is very long. The gametolytic gland is large and spherical, and the seminal receptacle is large and has one rounded part and one irregular part.

Remarks. *Chromodoris neona* has a light blue colour, a red mantle edge, red lines and marks (deep orange in our specimen) that form an irregular pattern with six blue areas near it (Marcus, 1955). Ortea *et al.* (1994) think that *C. neona* is characterised by a lack of cream colour in its body, as against similar species such as *C. britoi* and *C. binza*. *Chromodoris clenchi* also has a cream colour on the dorsum, and its dorsal pattern differs from that of *C. neona*. These authors indicate the presence of a larger seminal receptacle than the gametolytic gland. The stud-

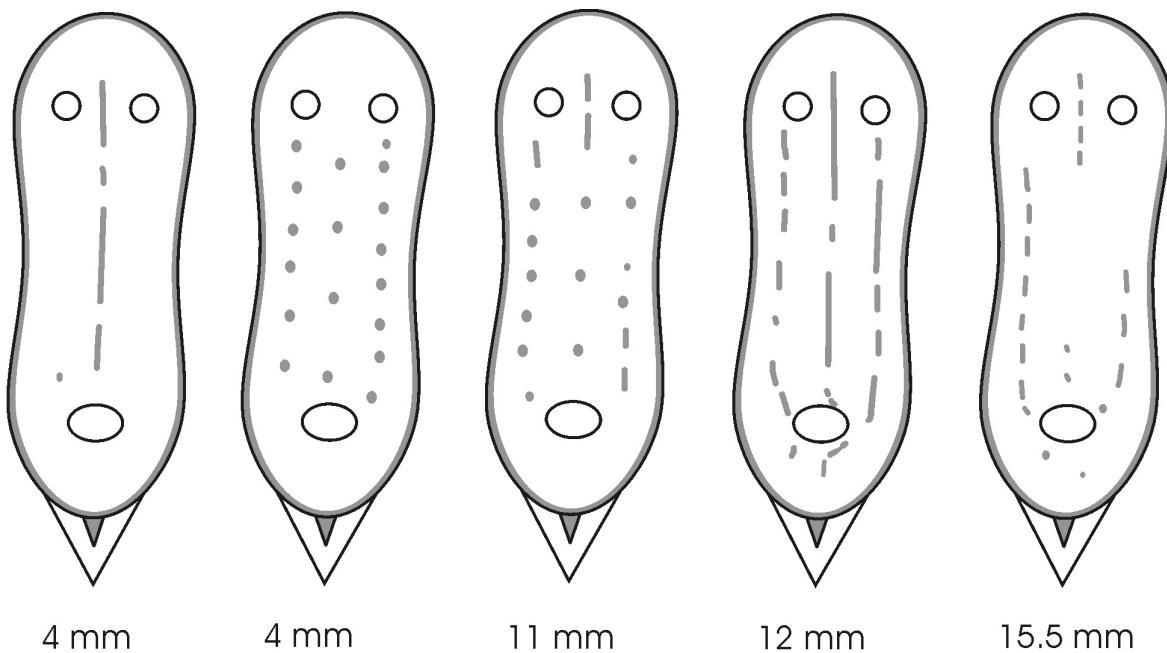


FIG. 6. – *Chromodoris paulomarcioi* n.sp. Some specimens with different sizes showing the dorsal pattern.

ied specimen has a seminal receptacle that is as big as the gametolytic gland. This is the demonstration of the variability in the same species, but this size is a feature that allows it to be distinguished from *C. binza*, *C. clenchi* and *C. neona*, because these species have a seminal receptacle smaller than the gametolytic gland.

Distribution. São Sebastião and Ubatuba, Brazil (Marcus, 1955), Florida (Marcus and Marcus, 1967a), Panama (Marcus and Marcus, 1967c), Colombia (Marcus, 1977), Cabo Frio, Rio de Janeiro (Rios, 1994), near Ilha das Cabras, Ilhabela, São Paulo (present paper).

***Chromodoris paulomarcioi* n. sp.**
(Figs. 1H, 6, 7, 8)

Material examined. (Length in living animals): Holotype, one specimen of 7 mm in length, intertidal, collected at Praia dos Ossos, Buzios, Rio de Janeiro (03/07/99), deposited at the Museo de Zoología de la Universidad de São Paulo, in São Paulo, Brazil, with the registration number MZUSP 52191. Paratypes, two specimens, 6.5 and 5 mm in length, intertidal, collected at the same station (03/07/99), deposited in the Museo de Zoología de la Universidad de São Paulo with the registration number MZUSP 64149, and two specimens, 6.5 and 5 mm in length, intertidal, collected at the same station (03/07/99), deposited in the Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales de Madrid (Spain) with the registration number MNCN 15.05/46977.

Other material. 1 specimen of length 11 mm, Praia dos Ossos (Buzios, Rio de Janeiro), intertidal (27/06/99); 1 specimen of length 4 mm, Armaçao (Buzios, Rio de Janeiro), intertidal (30/06/99); 4

specimens of length 12, 7.5, 7.2 and 4.75 mm, Praia dos Ossos (Buzios, Rio de Janeiro), intertidal (03/07/99); 1 specimen of length 15.5 mm, Armaçao (Buzios, Rio de Janeiro), intertidal (03/07/99); 1 specimen of length 4 mm, Armaçao (Buzios, Rio de Janeiro), intertidal (22/06/00).

Etymology. The name *paulomarcioi* was chosen in honour of Dr. Paulo Marcio Costa, a Brazilian malacologist and friend.

External morphology. Elongated body with a white dorsum and a pale purple central area. Thin white line around the mantle edge; fine orange band within it and inner white glands arranged around the margins. Three broken orange lines on the dorsum (Fig. 1H) or three rows of separated spots, especially in juveniles, which have more separated spots. Some young specimens can have one median line between the rhinophores (Fig. 6). Variation of the dorsal pattern of some specimens of different size is showed in Fig. 6. There is a longitudinal median orange line on the tail. The rhinophores are purple with a white base and tip and there are 14 lamellae in a specimen of length 12 mm. There are about seven gills, which are contractile but they do not retract completely inside the gill pocket; the three or four anterior gills are purple and the posterior gills are smaller and translucent white. Over the translucent white tail there is a median tenuous opaque white line. Ventrally, the foot is white. One young specimen of length 4 mm had a translucent white

mantle, especially on the margins; the edge is yellow and has a broken reddish line on the median part; there are 4-5 reddish spots surrounding the gills, which have three white branches. The white rhinophores have 6-7 lamellae. The yellow mantle edge is visible ventrally and the foot is white.

Internal anatomy: Jaw elements have a bifid curved cusp (Fig. 7A), each of length 15 μm . The radular formula of a 12 mm specimen is 25 X 20. 0. 20. There is no rachidian tooth and the innermost lateral tooth has a broad base, one or two inner denticles and 2-4 denticles on the outer side (Fig. 7B). The next lateral teeth have up to nine denticles (Fig. 7C), and the most external lateral teeth are elongated and have 4-6 denticles (Fig. 7D).

Reproductive system (Fig. 8E): The hermaphroditic duct goes to an ovate ampulla which is inserted in the female gland and bifurcates giving male and female ducts; the male duct widens towards the prostate; the prostate is long and coiled, slightly narrow and followed by the post-prostatic deferent duct, which is thicker than the prostate and goes to the genital opening. There is a very fine vaginal duct

near it, which is inserted between the elongated seminal receptacle and the spherical gametolytic gland, which has a fine wall.

Remarks. This species is very similar to the “*Chromodoris splendida* colour group” proposed by Rudman (1983), which have a white mantle and red marks; sometimes the notum can be blue or pink and most species have a yellow to orange edge colour. Ten species of this colour group are endemic for SE Australia (Rudman, 1991). External features of *Chromodoris splendida* (Angas, 1864) are similar to those of *Chromodoris paulomarcioi* n. sp. because its mantle is white with a yellow edge and red rhinophores, but with some distinctive characteristics: the dorsum has large red patches instead of three lines or three rows of small orange spots, the rhinophores have lamellae with white edge and the gills are white with a red line (Rudman, 1983). Furthermore, the tail has one or two red spots instead of a line.

Chromodoris daphne (Angas, 1864) is different from *C. paulomarcioi* n. sp. because, according to Rudman (1983), the mantle is surrounded by a thin

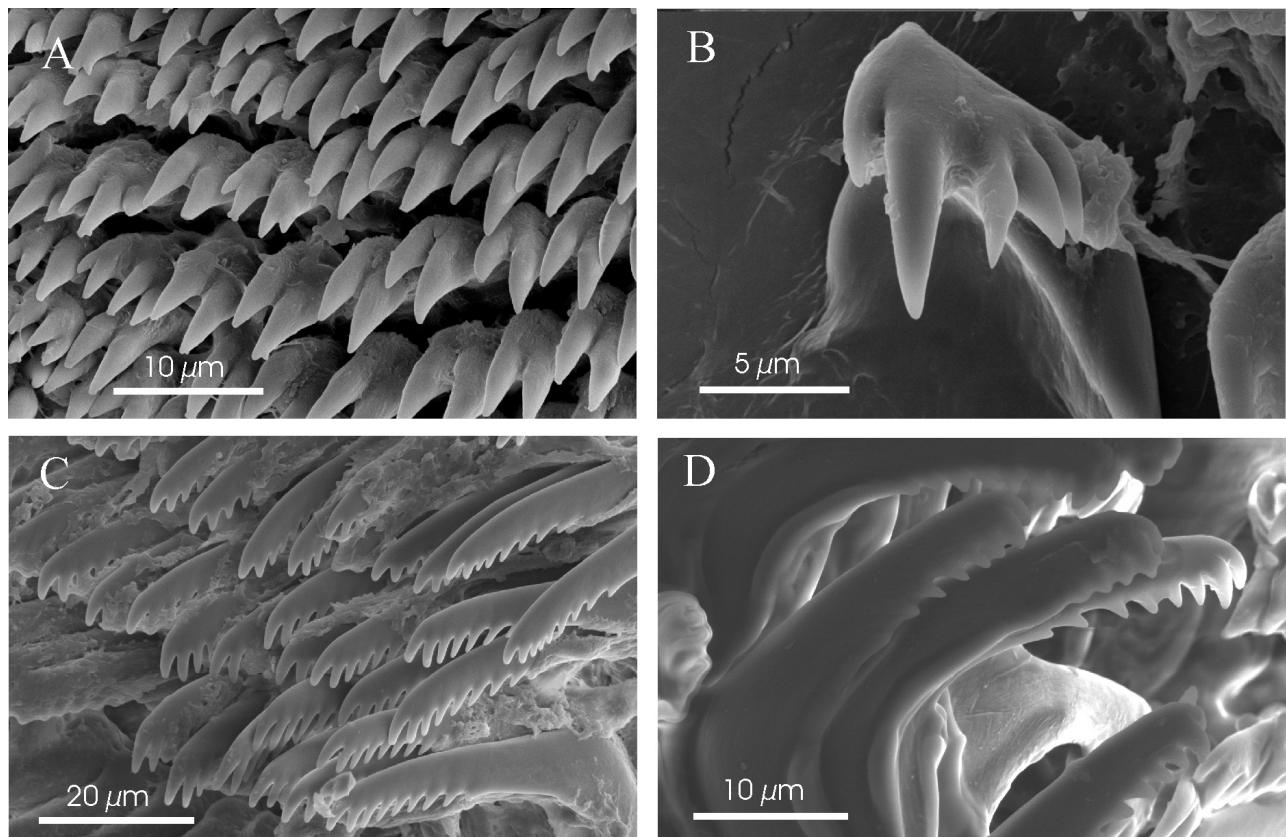
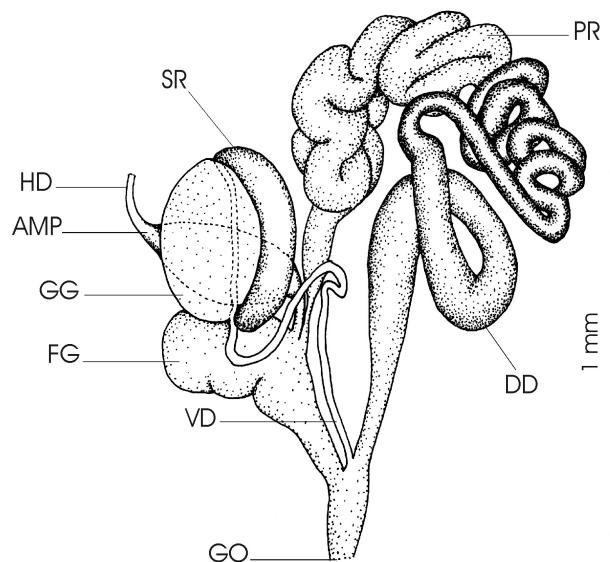


FIG. 7. – *Chromodoris paulomarcioi* n.sp. A, jaw elements; B, innermost lateral tooth; C, lateral teeth; D, outermost lateral teeth.

FIG. 8. — *Chromodoris paulomarcioi* n.sp. Reproductive system.

red line and there is a yellow line within it. Scattered on the dorsum are small red marks which are not aligned in longitudinal rows. There is no longitudinal stripe over the tail and the gills are red with white bases, while *C. paulomarcioi* n. sp. have completely reddish or pink anterior branchia.

Chromodoris hunterae Rudman, 1983 has similar coloration, with a white mantle, a submarginal

yellow band and red marks on the dorsum, but in contrast to our specimens the gills and rhinophores are white (Rudman, 1983).

Chromodoris tasmaniensis Bergh, 1905 shows three distinct colour forms, but the general features are a white or creamy body with red to orange marks on the mantle and sometimes on the foot (Rudman, 1983). Although these characteristics are present in our specimens, *C. tasmaniensis* has whitish rhinophores and gills instead of purple or reddish ones and the rhinophorical and gill sheaths are surrounded by red or orange colour.

Externally, *Noumea haliclona* (Burn, 1957) is very similar to *C. paulomarcioi*. Its features are compiled by Rudman (1983), who saw that its ground coloration is white to pink, with numerous red or orange marks, and that there is a yellow-orange band around the mantle. However, this species differs from *C. paulomarcioi* because the pink coloration is not concentrated on the median part of dorsum but is evenly distributed, and the marks are not aligned or fused in a line. The rhinophores and gills are pink, but an invariable feature in *Noumea haliclona* (including the younger specimens) is the presence of a reddish mark on the anterior side of rhinophores, just below the terminal papillae (Rudman, *Opus cit.*). *Chromodoris paulomarcioi* lacks this mark.

TABLE 1. — Comparison between *Chromodoris paulomarcioi* n. sp. and *Chromodoris grahami*.

	<i>Chromodoris paulomarcioi</i> n. sp.	<i>Chromodoris grahami</i> (based on Thompson, 1980)	<i>Chromodoris grahami</i> (based on Bertsch, 1988)
Dorsum ground colour	White with pink central area	Salmon-pink	Specimens from St. Vicente and Puerto Rico salmon-pink; specimens from Panama pinkish red.
Arrangement of lines of spots on the dorsum	Three broken lines or three rows of orange coloured spots	Three longitudinal rows of red marks	Specimens from St. Vicente and Puerto Rico: red spots arranged in three longitudinal rows. Specimens from Panama: scattered irregularly.
Tail	An orange longitudinal line	Yellow and white longitudinal lines on the tail and dorsal edge of tail.	
Mantle edge coloration	A thin orange line.	Yellow and white lines.	Specimens from Puerto Rico and Panama: a white band. Specimens from St. Vicente: a yellow line, thin red line within it and a white band
Rhinophores	Purple with white tips and bases	Red with white tip and white speckles	Red-pinkish with whitish tips and edges
Number of gills Gills coloration	Juveniles, 3 gills; adults, 7 gills. Anterior gills purple; posterior gills whitish	14 unipinnated gills Red rachis, pink leaflets and white tips	Not indicated Red pinkish
Radular formula Radular teeth	25 X 20. 0. 20 (specimen 12 mm) Innermost lateral tooth with 1 or 2 denticles on internal side and 4-6 on the outer side. Lateral teeth elongated and provided with 4-6 denticles	36 X 23. 0. 23 (specimen 13 mm) Innermost lateral tooth with 1 internal denticles and 4 external. The lateral teeth are elongated with denticles	39 X 26-27. 0. 26-27 (specimen 8 mm) Innermost lateral tooth with 4-5 external denticles. The lateral teeth are more elongated with denticles

There is a very similar species called *Chromodoris grahami* Thompson, 1980, in the western Atlantic, which has a salmon pink dorsum and red marks that form three longitudinal rows; the mantle is yellow and white according to Thompson (1980). Bertsch (1988) found some colour variations in *C. grahami* from specimens collected in Puerto Rico, Panama and St. Vicente (Table 1). The rhinophores are red with white marks and the gills are pink with red rachis and a white tip (Thompson, 1980). The differences between the two species are listed in Table 1. The distinctive features of this species include the absence of longitudinal stripes on the dorsum (*C. grahami* has spots); the dorsum is salmon pink in *C. grahami*, whereas *C. paulomarcioi* has a white dorsum with a pinkish central part; the colour of the mantle edge of *C. grahami* (which can be variable between specimens from different locations) is different to that of our species, and the gills are red and pink with a white tip instead of purple anterior gills and posterior whitish gills. Internally they have similar radular teeth, but the radular formula is different because *C. paulomarcioi* has fewer rows. Thompson (1980) and Bertsch (1988) say that the lateral teeth are long and pectinate. Their drawings show denticles on the radular teeth but fewer than those of *C. paulomarcioi*. The reproductive system of *C. grahami* has never been studied, and we cannot compare it with the new species.

Distribution: This species has been collected from Buzios, Rio de Janeiro (Praia dos Ossos and Armação).

***Hypselodoris marci* Ev. Marcus, 1970**
(Figs. 1I, J, 9)

Material examined. (Length in living animals): 1 specimen of length 38 mm, Ilha de Cabo Frio (Arraial do Cabo, Rio de Janeiro), depth 6 m (28/06/99); 1 specimen of length 52 mm, Ilha de Cabo Frio (Arraial do Cabo, Rio de Janeiro), depth 6 m (29/06/99).

External morphology. The mantle edge is pale orange and there is a translucent area within it which has deep brown spots and a golden yellow band with brown spots (some marks run to the edge from this band); within it there is a wide orange-reddish band with sky blue spots. The median area of the dorsum is golden yellow with numerous brown spots which are more densely concentrated in two separate areas, located between the rhinophores and the gills (Fig.

1J). The rhinophoral sheaths are iridescent golden yellow with dark brown spots, and the rhinophores are pale yellow with a very dark brown band and indigo blue tip. Eyes are visible behind the rhinophores and are included in a translucent area. There are 12-15 gills, each of which can be further branched into two or three. Gills are pale yellow or reddish with yellow tips and violet rachis. On each side of body, the hyponotum has the same pattern as the dorsum (Fig. 1I). There is a translucent area near the edge and a yellow band with deep brown spots; an orange reddish band with brown and blue spots, and a yellow area with lots of small brown and sky blue spots follows it; yellow lines run to the underside, which is violet-blue with pale yellow and deep purple spots. The oral tentacles are blue. The tail is long and has a yellow network with brown spots on the margin and sky blue spots on the median part dorsally.

Internal anatomy: There are numerous jaw elements with one curved cusp (Fig. 7A). The radular formula of a specimen of length 38 mm is 55 X 85.0.85, and that of a specimen of length 52 mm is 68 X 106.0.106. Teeth are bifid (Figs. 7B, C) and lateral teeth have 3-5 denticles on the lower part of second cusp, which is slightly shorter than the other one (Fig. 7D). Outer lateral teeth have short and rounded cusps with an irregular edge and rounded denticles (Fig. 7E) and the marginal teeth are triangular in shape.

Remarks. The description of these specimens has similar features to that of Marcus (1970), but it is important to point out that her description is based on two preserved specimens. Ortea *et al.* (1996) studied two animals which had a white mantle edge with black marks and a fine orange line that runs externally, and the white band was broken in front of the rhinophores, on the median part of dorsum and behind the gills by an orange band with black spots. The dorsum in their specimens was orange with blue marks and black speckles, whereas the specimens examined by us have a yellow central dorsum with deep brown spots, an orange reddish band with brown and blue marks, and a yellow line within it with dark brown spots. Ortea *et al.* (1996) examined specimens with three denticles on the second cusp of the lateral teeth, but we studied specimens with four or five denticles, whereas Marcus (1970) shows a figure of a lateral tooth with five or six denticles.

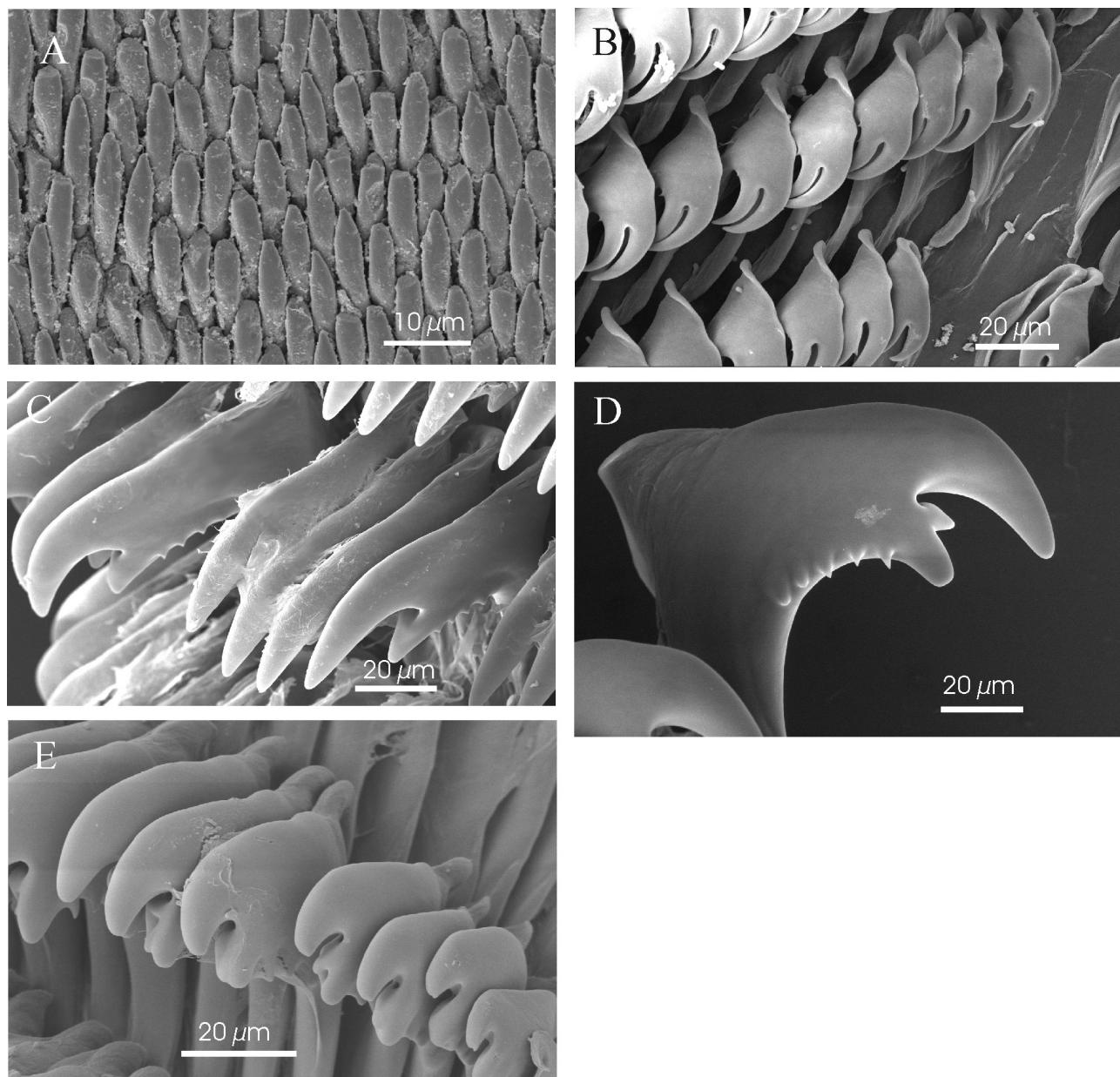


FIG. 9. – *Hypselodoris marci*. A, jaw elements. B, innermost lateral teeth. C, lateral teeth. D, lateral tooth. E, outermost lateral teeth.

Hypselodoris acriba has a fine orange line on the mantle edge and there is a thin yellow band with blackish flecks separating the central part from the margin (Marcus and Marcus, 1967a). The dorsum has blue spots which are bigger towards the edge. *H. acriba* differs from this species because the mantle edge has a wide unadorned band, whereas *H. marci* has a band with numerous deep brown spots; furthermore the median part of the dorsum of *H. acriba* has a network of yellow lines over the blue mantle, whereas *H. marci* has a yellow central part with numerous brown flecks and this part is surrounded by a wide reddish band

with brown and blue marks. *H. acriba* and *H. marci* have similar radular teeth. Thompson (1980) described some specimens of *H. marci* collected in Jamaica, such as *H. bayeri*. This is another evidence of the confusion between the two species.

Distribution. Northern Brazil, Venezuelan Caribbean (Marcus, 1970), Jamaica (Thompson, 1980), Belize, Caiman Islands and Bay Islands (Humann, 1992), Mexico (Ortea *et al.*, 1996). This is the first record from southern Brazil, Ilha de Cabo Frio (Arraial do Cabo, Rio de Janeiro).

***Hypselodoris lajensis* Troncoso, García and Urgorri, 1998 (Fig. 1K)**

Hypselodoris picta lajensis Troncoso, García and Urgorri, 1998.

Material examined. (Length in living animals): 1 specimen of length 30 mm, Laje de Santos, Bahía de Santos (São Paulo); depth 25 m. Material examined from the Museo de Zoología de la Universidad de São Paulo (length in preserved animals): 1 specimen of length 18 mm, registration number MZUSP 32417, Laje de Santos, depth 18 m (16/04/00); 2 specimens of length 18, 21 mm, registration number MZUSP 39130, Cabo Frio (Rio de Janeiro), depth 10 m (2002); 3 specimens of length 25, 25, 28 mm, registration number MZUSP 32879, Reserva Marinha do Arvoredo, depth 7.3 m (13/10/00).

External morphology (Fig. 1K) and anatomy is the same as in the original description of the subspecies (Troncoso *et al.*, 1998).

Remarks. This specimen was described in detail by Troncoso *et al.* (1998), who compared it with the five subspecies of *Hypselodoris picta* (Schultz, 1836) suggested by Ortea *et al.* (1996), and summarised the most important features of this species. *H. picta* has numerous colour types. Troncoso *et al.* (1998) considered this specimen as a new subspecies because some characteristics were the same as those in *H. picta*, but *H. lajensis* has distinctive features that enable them to be distinguished.

H. picta has three broken yellow lines on dorsum ending in the gill sheath; only the median line follows behind the gill (Ortea *et al.*, 1996). In contrast, *H. lajensis* has five longitudinal yellow lines running from the head to the gill pocket and these lines run to the anterior and posterior mantle edge. This feature was also observed in the specimens deposited in the Museo de Zoología de la Universidad de São Paulo identified as *Hypselodoris picta lajensis*. Both species have blue rhinophores, without yellow marks, and the rhinophoral sheath is completely or partly surrounded by a yellow ring; besides this, around the gill there is no yellow ring. However *H. picta* has gills with yellow rachis, whereas *H. lajensis* has deep blue-violet gills. On the hyponotum of *H. picta* there is a yellow line and numerous marks and circles. *H. lajensis* has four or five yellow broken lines on each side of body. The reproductive system in *H. picta* has a short and broad deferens duct with a very long and coiled prostatic part; *H. lajensis*, on the other hand, has a deferens duct differentiated into three regions: a preprostatic narrow portion, a long and coiled prostatic portion and a long narrow and coiled postprostatic portion. We dissected a specimen of *H. picta lajensis* deposited

in the museum of São Paulo, and compared its radula and reproductive system with the original description of the subspecies. We saw that they are very similar.

For these reasons, after the revision of *Hypselodoris picta lajensis* and a comparison with the specimens of *H. picta*, we concluded that the above-mentioned subspecies is a separate species called *Hypselodoris lajensis*.

Distribution. Laje de Santos, Bahia de Santos (Troncoso *et al.*, 1998), Laje de Santos, Cabo Frio and Reserva Marinha do Arvoredo (present paper).

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