COPEPODS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SCLERACTINIAN CORAL PORITES IN FRENCH POLYNESIA

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Résumé

L'auteur décrit deux espèces nouvelles de Copépodes (Poecilostomatoida) qui s'associent au corail *Porites* à Moorea, Polynésie française: *Kombia incrassata* n. sp. (Pseudanthessiidae) et *Monomolgus torulus* n. sp. (Lichomolgidae), tous les deux associées à *Porites lobata*, *Porites lutea*, et *Porites stephensoni*.

Introduction

Many species of cyclopoid copepods are associated with Scleractinia in shallow tropical seas. Some of these copepods are much modified in body form and appendages, but others show little modification. Approximately 100 such copepods were listed by Humes (1979). Since then many more of these associates have been described (e.g., Humes and Dojiri, 1982, 1983; Humes, in press a, b; Misaki, 1978), bringing the number of copepod-coral associations to more than 150. In addition, three harpacticoid copepods live in association with scleractinians (Marcus and Masry, 1970; Humes, 1981a, b).

No associations of copepods with corals have so far been reported in the vast area of the tropical Pacific Ocean between 170°E and the west coast of Central and South America. An opportunity to collect copepods in this region was afforded by a brief visit in 1982 to the Centre de l'Environnement de Moorea in French Polynesia.

Methods of collection and study

The copepods were collected according to the method outlined by Humes (1979). Measurements and dissections were made on specimens cleared in lactic acid.

The figures were drawn with the aid of a camera lucida. The letter after the explanation of each figure refers to the scale at which

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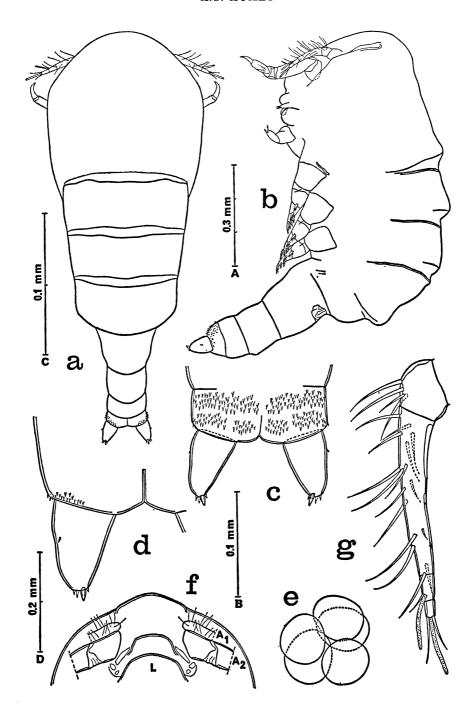


Fig. 1
Kombia incrassata n. sp., female

a, dorsal (scale A); b, lateral (A); c, anal segment and caudal rami, ventral (B); d, caudal ramus, dorsal (C); e, egg sac, lateral (A); f, rostral area, ventral (D); g, first antenna, posteroventral (C).

it was drawn. The abbreviations used are: $A_1 = \text{first}$ antenna, $A_2 = \text{second}$ antenna, L = labrum, $P_{1-4} = \text{legs 1-4}$, $SP_5 = \text{segment of leg 5}$, and GS = genital segment.

Descriptions

PSEUDANTHESSIIDAE Humes and Stock, 1972

KOMBIA Humes, 1962

Kombia incrassata n. sp. Figs. 1a-g, 2a-k, 3a-h

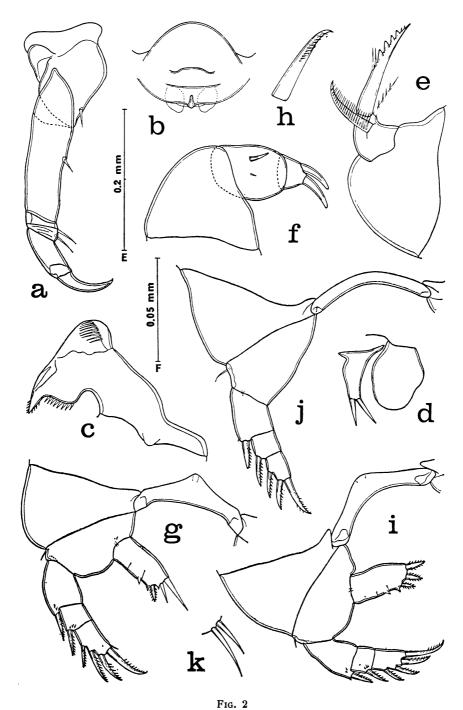
Type material.— 16 9.9, 17 & &, and 3 copepodids from *Porites lobata* Dana, in 15cm, Pte. Faaupo, northeastern Moorea, Society Islands, 19 October 1982. Holotype 9.9, allotype, and 26 paratypes (12 9.9.9, 14 & &) deposited in the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.; the remaining paratypes in the collection of the author.

Female.— Body (Fig. 1a, b) with stout prosome. Length (not including setae on caudal rami) $1.05 \, \text{mm}$ ($0.98\text{-}1.09 \, \text{mm}$) and greatest width $0.45 \, \text{mm}$ ($0.43\text{-}0.46 \, \text{mm}$), based on 10 specimens in lactic acid. Greatest dorsoventral thickness ($0.40 \, \text{mm}$ ($0.40\text{-}0.43 \, \text{mm}$). External segmentation of prosome defined more clearly dorsally than ventrally. Segment bearing leg 1 fused with cephalosome. Three postgenital segments. Anal segment with many slender spinules ventrally; these extending dorsally in smaller numbers (Fig. 1c). Caudal ramus (Fig. 1d) relatively short, $62 \times 42 \, \mu \text{m}$ in greatest dimensions, ratio 1.48:1. Lateral seta minute. Four small terminal setae, longest $8 \, \mu \text{m}$ and stouter than others.

Egg sac (Fig. 1e) containing 3-8 eggs in cluster, each egg 117-148 μm in diameter.

Rostral area (Fig. 1f) weakly developed. First antenna (Fig. 1g) $173\mu m$, 4-segmented, but slight indication of subdivision of long second segment. Lengths of segments (measured along their posterior nonsetiferous margins): 12 ($32\mu m$ along anterior margin), 101, 15, and $11\mu m$, respectively. Armature: 4, 16, 1+1 aethete, and 2+1 aesthete. All setae smooth.

Second antenna (Fig. 2a) 247µm, 4-segmented, longer than first antenna. Armature 1, 1, 2, and 1 terminal claw 55µm.



Kombia incrassata n. sp., female

a, second antenna, anterior (scale B); b, labrum with paragnaths, ventral (E); c, mandible, posterior (F); d, paragnath and first maxilla, ventral (C); e, second maxilla (F); f, maxilliped, antero-inner (F); g, leg 1 and intercoxal plate, anterior (B); h, terminal spine on exopod of leg 1, posterior (F); i, leg 2 and intercoxal plate, anterior (B); j, leg 3 and intercoxal plate, anterior (B); k, leg 5, lateral (F).

Labrum (Fig. 2b) with small median process on posteroventral margin. Mandible (Fig. 2c) resembling that of Kombia angulata Humes, 1962, and K. imminens Humes, 1979. Paragnath (Fig. 2d) unusually large, about $47 \times 34 \mu m$, and smooth. First maxilla (Fig. 2d) with 2 setae. Second maxilla (Fig. 2e) 2-segmented. First segment unarmed. Second segment with 2 setae, one with comb of long setules, and terminal spine bearing 2 setules and row of several dentiform spines. Maxilliped (Fig. 2f) 3-segmented. First segment unarmed. Second segment with 2 unequal setae. Small third segment with 2 blunt terminal spines.

Legs 1 and 2 (Fig. 2g, i) biramous, leg 3 (Fig. 2j) without endopod, and leg 4 absent. Spine and setal formula as follows (Roman numeral indicating spines, Arabic numerals representing setae):

Spines on exopods of legs 1-3 pectinate posteriorly as in Fig. 2h. Leg 1 with third segment of exopod having small terminal inner seta in addition to 4 spines. Endopod of leg 1 with slight indication of subdivision into 3 segments; its terminal setae smooth. Leg 2 with endopod having similar indication of 3 segments; 3 spines bilaterally with short spinules. Leg 3 showing no trace of endopod.

Leg 5 (Fig. 2k) consisting only of 2 naked setae $26\mu m$ and $16\mu m$. Color in life in transmitted light pale gray, eye red, egg sacs dark gray.

Male.— Body (Fig. 3a, b) with posterior part of prosome less stout than in female. Length 0.98mm (0.90-1.06mm) and greatest width 0.43mm (0.41-0.46mm), based on 10 specimens in lactic acid. Greatest dorsoventral thickness 0.37mm (0.31-0.42mm). Four postgenital segments. Anal segment with slender spinules as in female. Caudal ramus $58 \times 36 \mu m$, ratio 1.6:1; otherwise similar to that of female.

Rostral area as in female. First antenna (Fig. 3c) $217\mu m$, 5-segmented. Lengths of segments (measured along their posterior non-setiferous margins: 28 ($34\mu m$ along anterior margin), 107, 31, 31, and $34\mu m$, respectively. Armature: 4, 14+2 aesthetes, 2+1 aesthete, 1+ aesthete, and 3+2 aesthetes. All aesthetes long, more than half length of first antenna.

Second antenna, labrum, mandible, paragnath, first maxilla, and second maxilla like those of female. Maxilliped (Fig. 3d) 3-segmented (4-segmented if proximal part of claw is considered as segment). First segment unarmed. Second segment with prominent spurlike process and 1 seta on inner edge. Small third segment unarmed. Claw 96μ m, with unequal proximal setae, and having minute rugosities on distal concave margin.

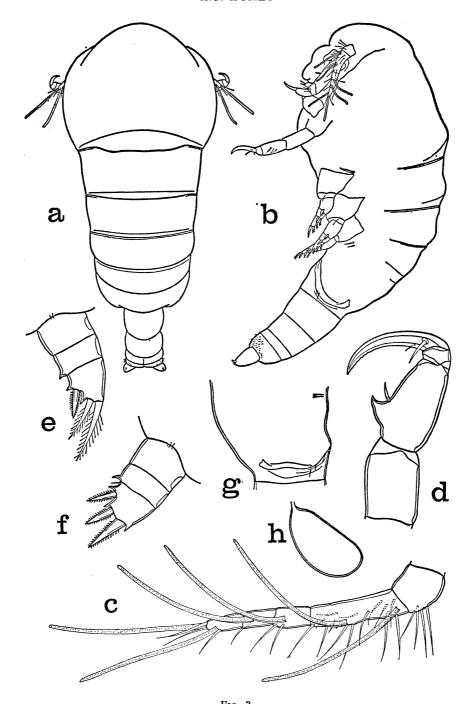


Fig. 3

Kombia incrassata n. sp., male

a, dorsal (scale A); b, lateral (A); c, first antenna, posteroventral (B); d, maxilliped, inner (B); e, endopod of leg 1, anterior (C); f, endopod of leg 2, anterior (C); g, leg 5 and leg 6, lateral (D); h, spermatophore, inside body of male, lateral (A).

Legs 1-4 similar to those of female except for endopods of legs 1 and 2 being 3-segmented. Endopod of leg 1 (Fig. 3e) with 2 terminal setae feathered, instead of being smooth as in female. Endopod of leg 2 (Fig. 3f) with small outer setule proximal to spiniform process on third segment. Leg 4 absent.

Leg 5 (Fig. 3g) as in female.

Leg 6 (Fig. 3g) represented by posteroventral flap on genital segment bearing 2 small setae $20\mu m$ and $7\mu m$.

Spermatophore (Fig. 3h), seen only inside body of male, oval, 242 \times 121 μm .

Color as in female.

Etymology.— The specific name incrassata, Latin meaning thickened, alludes to the stout prosome.

Remarks.— The salient differences among the three species of Kombia are shown in Table 1. Variability of certain characters in the genus has already been pointed out by Humes (1962) and Humes and Stock (1973). The 3-segmented nature (indicative in the female but real in the male) of the endopods of legs 1 and 2 in Kombia incrassata differs from the 2-segmented endopods of the two previously described species. It seems preferable, however, to include the new species in Kombia for the time being, since most features conform to the generic concept.

Table 1
Salient differences among the three species of Kombia.

	K. angulata Humes, 196	2 K. imminens Humes, 1979	K. incrassata n. sp.
Female			
Length	1.40mm (1.28-1.48 mm)	1.32mm	1.05mm (0.98- 1.09mm)
Tergum of segment of leg 4	not produced	produced to overhang anterior part of urosome	not produced
Caudal ramus Terminal armature P, Enp	60×31μm, 2:1 II,1	$126 \times 39 \mu m$, $3.2:1$ II,1	62×42μm, 1.48:1 I,2
Segmentation of P ₁₊₂ Enp	2-segmented	2-segmented	slight indication of 3 segments
Male			
Length	0.97mm (0.93-1.02 mm)	0.74mm (0.72- 0.77mm)	0.98mm (0.90- 1.06mm)
Claw of maxilliped	angulate	swollen proximally, 19µm	typical clawlike form, 96μm
Segmentation of P ₁₊₂ Enp	2-segmented	2-segmented	3-segmented

Species of *Kombia* parasitize coral genera belonging to two families, Thamnasteriidae (*Psammocora*) and Poritidae (*Porites*). The host corals and localities are shown in Table 2.

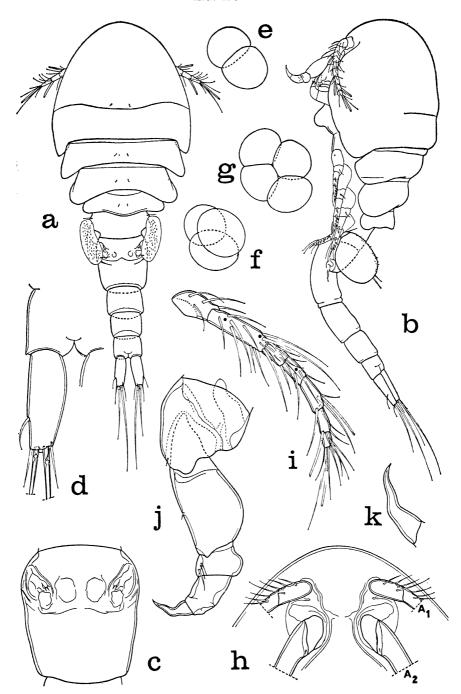


Fig. 4
Monomolgus torulus n. sp., female

a, dorsal (scale A); b, lateral (A); c, genital segment, dorsal (E); d, caudal ramus, dorsal (B): e, egg sac, lateral (A); f, egg sac, lateral (A); g, egg sac, lateral (A); h, rostral area, ventral (E); i, first antenna, dorsal (B); j, second antenna, postero-inner (C); k, claw of second antenna, flat view, postero-inner (F).

Table 2 Coral hosts, localities, and sources for the three species of Kombia.

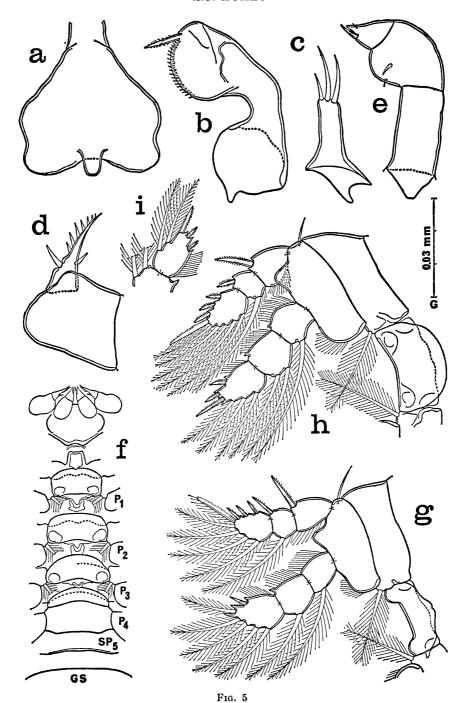
Kombia angulata Humes, 1962			
Psammocora sp.	Madagascar	Humes, 1962	
Porites (Synaraea) sp.	Madagascar	Humes and Ho, 1968	
Porites sp. cf. P. nigrescens Dana	Madagascar	Humes and Ho, 1968	
Porites, young colony	Madagascar	Humes and Ho, 1968	
Porites sp.	Madagascar	Humes and Stock, 1973	
Porites somaliensis Gravier	Mauritius	Humes and Stock, 1973	
Kombia imminens Humes, 1979			
Porites (Synaraea) monticulosa (Dana)	Ceram	Humes, 1979	
Kombia incrassata n. sp.			
Porites lobata	Moorea	present paper	
Porites lutea Milne Edwards and Haime	Moorea	present paper	
Porites stephensoni Crossland	Moorea	present paper	

LICHOMOLGIDAE Kossmann, 1877 MONOMOLGUS Humes and Frost, 1964

Monomolgus torulus n. sp. Figs. 4 a-k, 5 a-i, 6 a-i

Type material.— 143 \circ \circ , 177 \circ \circ , and 146 copepodids from *Porites lobata* Dana, in 15cm, Pte. Faaupo, northeastern Moorea, Society Islands, 19 October 1982. Holotype \circ , allotype, and 210 paratypes (137 \circ \circ , 173 \circ \circ) deposited in the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.; the remaining paratypes (dissected) and the copepodids in the author's collection.

Female.— Body (Fig. 4a, b) with moderately slender urosome. Length (not including setae on caudal rami) 1.05mm (1.00-1.14mm) and greatest width 0.38mm (0.36-0.40mm), based on 10 specimens in lactic acid. Ratio of length to width of prosome 1.41:1. Ratio of length of prosome to that of urosome 1.14:1.



Monomolgus torulus n. sp., female

a, labrum, ventral (scale C); b, mandible, posterior (G); c, first maxilla, posterior (C), d, second maxilla, antero-inner (F); e, maxilliped, postero-outer (F); f, midregion of prosome, ventral (E); g, leg 1 and intercoxal plate, anterior (B); h, leg 2 and intercoxal plate, anterior (B); i, third segment of endopod of leg 3, anterior (B).

Segment of leg 5 $78\times174\mu m$. Genital segment in dorsal view (Fig. 4c) $169\times153\mu m$, slightly longer than wide, slender in lateral view (Fig. 4b). Genital areas situated dorsolateraly in anterior half of segment. Each area with 2 minute setae about $6\mu m$. Three postgenital segments from anterior to posterior 83×99 , 70×83 , and $55\times78\mu m$.

Caudal ramus (Fig. 4d) elongate, $91\times34\mu m$, ratio 2.68:1. Outer lateral seta $30\mu m$. Dorsal seta very small, $10\mu m$. Outermost terminal seta $31\mu m$, innermost terminal seta $33\mu m$, and 2 medial terminal setae $130\mu m$ (outer) and $220\mu m$ (inner), both inserted between slight dorsal and ventral flanges, ventral flange with marginal row of minute spinules. All setae naked.

Egg sac (Fig. 4e-g) containing 2-4 eggs, eggs 112-153 μm , irregular in shape.

Rostrum (Fig. 4h) weak. First antenna (Fig. 4i) 205μ m long, with lengths of seven segments (measured along their posterior nonsetiferous margins) as follows: $10~(46\mu$ m along anterior margin), 64, 22, 24, 28, 23, and 12μ m, respectively. Armature: 4, 13, 6, 3, 4+1 aesthete, 2+1 aesthete, and 7+1 aesthete. All setae smooth.

Second antenna (Fig. 4j) 156 μ m. Third segment with prominent outer bulge. Fourth segment 36 μ m along outer edge, 31 μ m along inner edge, and 21 μ m wide. Formula: 1, 1, 3, and 1 sinuous terminal claw 38 μ m (Fig. 4k).

Labrum (Fig. 5a) with 2 broadly rounded posteroventral lobes and 1 prominent small median lobe. Mandible (Fig. 5b) resembling that of *M. unihastatus* Humes and Frost, 1964. Paragnath a minute rounded lobe. First maxilla (Fig. 5c) with 3 setae. Second maxilla (Fig. 5d) with first segment gibbous and unarmed. Second segment with 2 smooth setae and lash with several prominent unilateral spines. Maxilliped (Fig. 5e) similar to that of *M. baculigerus* Humes, 1979.

Ventral area posterior to maxillipeds (Fig. 5f) strongly protuberant (Fig. 4b). Sclerites anterior to intercoxal plates of legs 1-4 as in Fig. 4f.

Legs 1-4 (Figs. 5g, h, i, 6a) with 3-segmented rami except for 2-segmented endopod of leg 4. Formula for armature as follows (Roman numerals indicating spines, Arabic numerals representing setae):

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P<sub>1</sub> coxa 0-1 basis 1-0 exp I-0; I-1; III,I,4
enp 0-1; 0-1; I,5
P<sub>2</sub> coxa 0-1 basis 1-0 exp I-0; I-1; III,I,5
enp 0-1; 0-2; I,II,3
P<sub>3</sub> coxa 0-1 basis 1-0 exp I-0; I-1; III,I,5
enp 0-1; 0-2; I,II,2
P<sub>4</sub> coxa 0-0 basis 1-0 exp I-0; I-1; III,I,5
enp 0-0; I
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Inner margin of coxa with feathered seta in legs 1-3, but unarmed in leg 4. Inner margin of basis in all 4 legs haired. First and second segments of exopod of leg 1 with lengths of spines $35\mu m$ and $22\mu m$, respectively; these spines in leg 2 $35\mu m$ and $16\mu m$. Leg 4 with

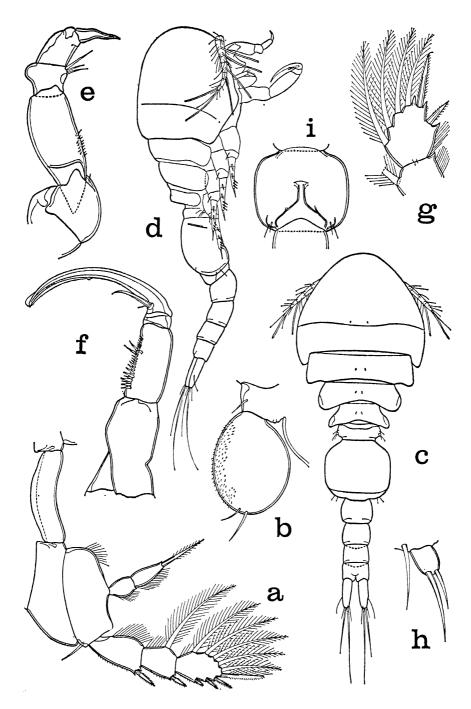


Fig. 6

Monomolgus torulus n. sp., female

a, leg 4 and intercoxal plate, anterior (scale B); b, leg 5, flat view, dorsal (E).

Monomolgus torulus n. sp., male

c, dorsal (A); d, lateral (A); e, second antenna, antero-outer (C); f, maxilliped, inner (B); g, third segment of endopod of leg 1, anterior (C); h, leg 5, dorsal (G); i, genital segment with leg 6, ventral (D).

exopod 127 μ m long. Endopod with first segment 26 \times 18 μ m; second segment 32 \times 15 μ m and terminal barbed spine 47 μ m. Outer sides of both segments of endopod haired.

Leg 5 (Fig. 6b) with oval free segment, $143\times104\mu m$, with very small spinules on its outer surface and bearing 2 small terminal setae $39\mu m$ and $21\mu m$. Dorsal seta near insertion of free segment short, $14\mu m$. Free segment somewhat concave (Fig. 4a) and held lateral to egg sacs.

Leg 6 represented by 2 small setae on genital area (Fig. 4c).

Color of living specimens in transmitted light pale gray, eye red, egg sacs dark gray.

Male.— Body (Fig. 6c, d) with prosome more pointed anteriorly than in female. Length 0.97mm (0.95-0.99mm) and greatest width 0.33mm (0.33-0.35mm), based on 10 specimens in lactic acid. Ratio of length to width of prosome 1.36:1. Ratio of length of prosome to that of urosome 0.96:1.

Segment of leg 5 (Fig. 6c) $44 \times 117 \mu m$. Genital segment a little wider than long, $156 \times 180 \mu m$. Four postgenital segments from anterior to posterior 62×83 , 61×74 , 55×68 , and $51 \times 70 \mu m$.

Caudal ramus similar to that of female, $91 \times 29 \mu m$, ratio 3.14:1.

Rostral area like that of female. First antenna segmented and armed as in female, but 3 aesthetes added (at points indicated by dots in Fig. 4i), so that formula is 4, 13+2 aesthetes, 6, 3+1 aesthete, 4+1 aesthete, 2+1 aesthete, and 7+1 aesthete. All aesthetes much longer than in female, longest (175 μ m) nearly as long as first antenna (198 μ m). Second antenna (Fig 6e) like that of female, but second segment having 2 inner rows of spinules proximal to seta.

Labrum, mandible, paragnath, first maxilla, and second maxilla as in female. Maxilliped (Fig. 6f) slender, resembling that of M. unihastatus and M. baculigerus. Claw 138 μ m along its axis including terminal lamella.

Legs 1-4 segmented as in female and with similar armature except for third segment of endopod of leg 1 (Fig. 6g) where formula is I,I,4; lengths of these spines 21µm and 42µm, respectively.

Leg 5 (Fig. 6h) with very small free segment, $7 \times 6 \mu m$.

Leg 6 (Fig. 6i) a posteroventral flap on genital segment bearing 2 slender naked setae $22\mu m$ and $17\mu m$.

Spermatophore not seen.

Color of living specimens as in female.

Etymology.— The specific name *torulus*, Latin meaning a little round bulge, alludes to the prominent outer bulge on the third segment of the second antenna.

Remarks.— Four characters of *Monomolgus torulus* serve to distinguish the new species from its three congeners (*M. unihastatus* Humes and Frost, 1964, *M. psammocorae* Humes and Ho, 1967, and *M. baculigerus* Humes, 1979): (1) the outer bulge on the third segment of the

second antenna, (2) the median lobe on the labrum, (3) the broad oval free segment of leg 5 in the female, and (4) the genital segment of the female being slightly longer than wide rather than wider than long.

The four species of *Monomolgus* may be separated from each other by means of the selected characters in Table 3.

	M. unihastatus Humes and Frost, 1964	M. psammocorae Humes and Ho, 1967	M. baculigerus Humes, 1979	M. torulus n. sp.
Female				
Length (in mm) A ₂ 3rd segment Labrum, median lobe	1.30 (1.25-1.34) no bulge absent	1.25 (1.21-1.29) no bulge absent	0.91 (0.85-0.98) no bulge absent	1.05 (1.00-1.14) outer bulge present
First maxilla	2, perhaps 3 setae	4 setae	2 setae	3 setae
P4 Exp 3rd segment	III,I,5	II,I,5	II,I,5	III , I,5
P ₅ free segment	$170 \times 105 \mu m$, 1.7:1	$84\times28\mu\mathrm{m},\ 3:1$	120×65µm, 1.85:1	$143 \times 104 \mu m$, 1.38:1
Caudal ramus	$153 \times 39 \mu m, 3.9:1$	$92 \times 35 \mu m, 2.63:1$	$73 \times 29 \mu m, \\ 2.52:1$	$91 \times 34 \mu m, \\ 2.68:1$
Genital segment	$160{\times}174\mu\mathrm{m}$	$146\times172\mu m$	$130{\times}120{\mu}m$	$169{\times}153\mu m$
Male				
P ₁ Enp 3rd segment	I,I,4	I,5	IV,2	I,I,4
P ₂ Enp 3rd segment	1,11,3	11,1,3	IV,2	1,11,3

Table 4
Coral hosts, localities, and sources for the four species of Monomolgus.

Monomolgus unihastatus Humes and Frost, 1964			
Porites sp. cf. P. andrewsi Vaughan Porites sp. cf. P. nigrescens Dana Porites sp. [Parerythropodium fulvum (Forskål), an alcyonacean, perhaps an accidental host	Madagascar Madagascar Madagascar Madagascar	Humes and Frost, 1964 Humes and Ho, 1968 Humes and Stock, 1973 Humes and Stock, 1973]	
Monomolgus psammocorae Humes and Ho, 1967			
Psammocora contigua (Esper)	Madagascar	Humes and Ho, 1967	
Monomolgus baculigerus Humes, 1979			
Porites nigrescens Dana	Halmahera, Moluccas	Humes, 1979	
Monomolgus torulus n. sp.			
Porites lobata Dana Porites lutea Milne Edwards and Haime Porites stephensoni Crossland	Moorea Moorea Moorea	present paper present paper present paper	

Species of *Monomolgus* are associated with corals belonging to the genera *Psammocora* and *Porites* (Table 4).

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