Addenda to the Lophogastrida and Mysida of the “Valdivia” Expedition 1898–1899, with description of a new species of _Longithorax_ Illig, 1906 and range extension in _Echinomysis chuni_ Illig, 1905

**(Crustacea, Malacostraca)**

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Examination of previously unpublished samples of Lophogastrida and Mysida taken in 1898–1899 by the “Valdivia” Expedition with vertical hauls from 1500–3000 m depth to the surface in the East Atlantic and the Indian Ocean yielded the lophogastrids _Eucopia unguiculata_ (Willemoës-Suhm, 1875), _E. grimaldii_ H. Nouvel, 1942, _E. sculpicauda_ Faxon, 1893, and the mysids _Boreomysis microps_ G. O. Sars, 1883, _Hemisiriella parva_ Hansen, 1910, _Longithorax valdiviae_ sp. nov., _Euchaetomera tenuis_ G. O. Sars, 1883, and _Echinomysis chuni_ Illig, 1905. This last species is recorded from subantarctic waters east of Bouvet Island as the first representative of its genus outside tropical to temperate zones. _Longithorax valdiviae_ sp. nov. from the South Indian Ocean is characterized among other features by multi-segmented sixth thoracic endopods and a modified seta on the tip of the endopod of fourth male pleopods. A revised diagnosis and a key to the species of _Longithorax_ Illig, 1906 are given.

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**Introduction**

The “Deutsche Tiefsee-Expedition auf dem Dampfer Valdivia 1898–1899”, shortly termed “Valdivia” Expedition, was among the major marine biological and oceanographic expeditions of the 19th century. Pelagic and benthic samples were taken on 274 stations from mostly deep waters of the East Atlantic and the Indian Ocean, including a short stretch through the subantarctic sectors of both oceans. The scientific yield was presented mainly between 1902 and 1940 in a great number of publications, particularly the expedition reports in 24 volumes. The Lophogastrida, Mysida, and Euphausiacea, at that time collectively termed ‘Schizopoda’, were published by G. Illig between 1905 and 1913 in a series of 16 original articles with descriptions of new taxa together with phenological observations. That effort was finally summarized and extended by a large monograph in 1930. Based on “Valdivia” material, Illig presented first descriptions of 19 species of lophogastrids and mysids, and established five new mysid genera, most of which remain acknowledged today. As a first addendum by the present author, the mysid _Mesopodopsis tropicalis_ Wittmann, 1992, was first described from material sampled by the “Valdivia” at station no. 60 in the mouth of the Cameroon River.
Most peracarids sampled by the “Valdivia” Expedition, particularly Illig’s material, are kept by the Museum für Naturkunde Berlin (inventory available at the homepage of that institution). Smaller holdings of “Valdivia” peracarids are kept by the Zoologische Staatssammlung München, Munich (Germany). Unpublished crustacean samples from these last holdings were inspected in view of potential lophogastrids and mysids, yielding taxonomic and zoogeographic novelties as shown in the following.

Materials and methods

Six mysids and 26 lophogastrids were studied from pelagic samples taken with vertical tows at 19 stations by the “Valdivia” Expedition 1898–1899. Station and sampling data are derived from Deutsche Tiefsee-Expedition (1899); all distances estimated by the present author. Preparation, measurements and examination of materials as in Wittmann (2008). Body size measured according to Tattersall & Tattersall (1951) from anterior margin of carapace to posterior margin of telson, excluding spines. If not stated otherwise, measurements of eyes, antennae, carapace, pleomeres, and telson were made along dorsal mid line. The easily confounded, large intersegmental joint between the basis and flagellum of the thoracic exopods was excluded from counts of segmental numbers. The statolith mineral was determined according to Wittmann et al. (1993). Terminology as in Wittmann et al. (2014).

Abbreviations

bd. bottom depth
ms. dissected and mounted in Euparal on slides
ve. in vial with 75 % ethanol
vt. vertical tow
ZSM Zoologische Staatssammlung München
# “Valdivia” station number

Results

Order Lophogastrida Boas, 1883
Family Eupopiidae G. O. Sars, 1885

Eucopia sculpatica Faxon, 1893

**Material.** 1♀ subad. with 30.1 mm body length, #39, NE-Atlantic, 153 km SE of Cape Verde Islands, 14°39.5’N 021°51.8’W, vt. 2500–0 m, 30 Aug. 1898, 11 a.m., ve. (ZSMA20190022). – 1♂ ad. 23.5 mm, #55, equatorial E-Atlantic, mid Gulf of Guinea, 414 km S of Lagos, 02°36.5’N 003°27.5’E, vt. 1200–0 m, bd. 3513 m, 12 Sep. 1898, 06 a.m., ve. (ZSMA20190023). – 1♀ ad. 39.1 mm carrying 2 postnauplioid larvae 6.8, 7.0 mm, #66, equatorial E-Atlantic, 264 km SW of Gamba (Gabon), 03°55.0’S 007°48.5’E, vt. 3000–0 m, 29 Sep. 1898, 08 a.m., ve. (ZSMA20190024). – 1♂ ad. 51.5 mm, #207, E-Indian Ocean, 37 km SW of Surat Passage, 05°23.2’N 094°48.1’E, vt. 800–0 m, bd. 1024 m, 6 Jan. 1899, 06 a.m., ve. (ZSMA20190025). – 1♀ subad. 11.3 mm, #217, Indian Ocean, Laccadive Sea, 240 km SW of Ceylon, 04°56.0’N 078°15.3’E, vt. 2000–0 m, 17 Feb. 1899, 11 a.m., ve. (ZSMA20190026). – 1♀ ad. 28.5 mm carrying 2 nauplioid larvae 4.0, 4.1 mm, #218, Indian Ocean, 360 km E of Maldives, 02°29.9’N 076°47.0’E, vt. 2500–0 m, bd. 4133 m, 18 Feb. 1899, 03 p.m., ve. (ZSMA20190027). – 1♂ ad. 39.3 mm, somewhat damaged, #230, W-Indian Ocean, 660 km ENE of the Seychelles, 02°43.8’S 061°12.6’E, vt. 1500–0 m, 3 Mar. 1899, 06 a.m., ve. (ZSMA20190028). – 1♂ ad. 27.1 mm, #232, W-Indian Ocean, 360 km ENE of the Seychelles, 03°26.2’S 058°34.2’E, vt. 1500–0 m, 4 Mar. 1899, 10 a.m., ve. (ZSMA20190029).

**Type locality.** Specified based on the station of the lectotype. Upon first description of this species, Faxon (1893) did not differentiate between materials from offshore stations of the “Albatross” Expedition in E-Pacific and NW-Atlantic. In 1895 he retrospectively designated an adult female from “Albatross” station no. 3407 as the only “type”. From today’s point of view this could be interpreted as definition of a lectotype, and thus the type locality becomes fixed at 00°04’ 00”N 090°24’ 30”W in 885 fathoms (1618 m) depth in open waters between Galapagos Islands, equatorial E-Pacific (see also station list by Agassiz 1892).

**Distribution.** Panoceanic, from the tropics to subtropical and antariboreal waters, mostly 62°N to 40°S, so far not found in the Mediterranean. Listed for the Antarctic by San Vicente (2016). Meso- to bathypelagic in 180–6000 m (mostly 800–2000 m). Young specimens tend to dwell in shallower water depths than adults. Illig (1930) reported specimens other than the present ones from four out of the eight stations listed above. This species is here published for the first time from station nos 39 (off Cape Verde Islands), 207 (off Sumatra), 217 (off Ceylon), and 218 (off Maldives).

**Eucopia unguiculata** (Willemoës-Suhm, 1875)

**Material.** 1♂ ad. with 17.9 mm body length, #14, NE-Atlantic, 426 km W of Galicia, 43°32.1’N 014°27.0’W, vt. 1000–0 m, 15 Aug. 1898, 08 a.m., ve. (ZSMA20190014). – 1♀ ad. 10.7 mm, #54, equatorial E-Atlantic, Gulf of Guinea, 412 km S of Accra, 01°51.0’N 000°31.2’E, vt. 2000–0 m, 11 Sept. 1898, 06 a.m., ve. (ZSMA20190003). – 1♀ ad. 32.7 mm, #55, equatorial E-Atlantic, 414 km S of Lagos, mid Gulf of Guinea, 02°36.5’N 003°27.5’E, vt. 1200–0 m, bd. 3513 m, 12 Sep. 1898, 06 a.m., ve. (ZSMA20190015). – 1♀ ad. 29.9 mm, #115, SE-Atlantic, 260 km S of Cape Town, 36°23.4’S 017°38.1’E, vt. 2500–0 m, bd. 4170 m, 14 Nov. 1898, 06 a.m., ve. (ZSMA20190016). – 1♂ ad. 31.6 mm, 1♀ ad. 29.6 mm, 1♀ subad. 25.3 mm, #215, E-Indian Ocean, Gulf of Bengal.
**Eucopia grimaldii** H. Nouvel, 1942

**Material.** 1♂ ad. with 21.1 mm body length, #39, NE-Atlantic, 153 km SE of Cape Verde Islands, 14°39.5’N 021°51.8’W, vt. 2500–0 m, 30 Aug. 1898, 11 a.m., ve. (ZSMA20190011). – 1♀ imm. 13.7 mm, #54, equatorial E-Atlantic, Gulf of Guinea, 412 km S of Accra, 01°51.0’N 000°31.2’E, vt. 2000–0 m, 11 Sep. 1898, 06 a.m., ve. (ZSMA20190012). – 1♀ ad. 17.9 mm, #64, equatorial E-Atlantic, 32 km NE of São Tomé, 00°25.8’N 007°00.8’E, vt. 2000–0 m, 27 Sep. 1898, 07 a.m., ve. (ZSMA20190013).

**Type locality.** Not specified. Nouvel (1942) did not differentiate between NE- and NW-Atlantic specimens upon first description.

**Distribution.** Panoceanic, mainly in tropical to temperate regions, also found in the Mediterranean. Listed by San Vicente (2016) for Alaska and Antarctica. Depth range 300–2600 m (San Vicente 2016). This species has previously not been reported from any of the stations of the “Valdivia” expedition.

**Order Mysida Boas, 1883**

**Family Mysidae Haworth, 1825**

**Subfamily Boreomysinae Holt & Tattersall, 1905**

**Boreomysis microps** G. O. Sars, 1883

**Material.** 1♂ ad. with 13.9 mm body length, #89, SE-Atlantic, 855 km NW of Cape Town, 31°21.1’S 009°45.9’E, vt. 3000–0 m, bd. 5283 m, 22 Oct. 1898, 05 a.m., ve. (ZSMA20190000).

**Type locality.** Indirectly defined by monotypy of the taxon. G. O. Sars (1883) described a single female from “Challenger” Expedition station no. 50, at 42°08’N 63°39’W, this is south of Nova Scotia in the NW-Atlantic.

**Distribution.** In open marine waters of mostly the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, also found in the Indian Ocean, so far missing in Arctic and Antarctic oceans. Latitudinal range 40°S to 75°N, mostly in tropical to temperate waters, also boreal-subarctic. Depth range 70–3000 m. This holopelagic species may undergo diurnal vertical migration of about 400 m, as observed by Waterman et al. (1939) in the NW-Atlantic. The here reported adult male was sampled at the same “Valdivia” station wherefrom Illig (1930) had already reported an adult female of this species together with an immature of its congener *B. plebeja* Hansen, 1910, plus specimens of other three mysid and two lophogastrid species.

**Subfamily Siriellinae Czerniavsky, 1882**

**Tribe Siriellini Czerniavsky, 1882**

**Hemisiriella parva** Hansen, 1910

**Material.** 1♂ ad. with 6.5 mm body length, ms. (ZSMA20190005), 1♂ subad. 6.0 mm, ve. (ZSMA20190006), #214, NE-Indian Ocean, in southern part of Bay of Bengal, 502 km W of Katchall Island, 07°43.2’N 008°44.9’E, vt. 2000–0 m, bd. 3692 m, 10 Feb. 1899, 06 a.m.

**Type locality.** Not specified by Hansen (1910), who reported this species upon first description from four stations in the Indo-Australasian Archipelago, range 6°N to 4°S, 120–126°E.

**Distribution.** Widely distributed in tropical waters of the Indian Ocean and West Pacific (W. M. Tattersall 1951). Latitudinal range 15°N to 16°S. Epipelagic, offshore as well as nearshore, mostly taken with plankton samples in 0–100 m depth. Vertical tows from deep water to surface, such as the present one, do not provide unequivocal evidence that the species may occur in deep waters (c.f. Illig 1930, Pillai 1964). Illig (1930) reported a male of the lophogastrid *Gnathophausia ingens* Dohrn, 1870, from “Valdivia” station no. 214.
Subfamily Erythropinae Hansen, 1910  
Tribe Erythropini Hansen, 1910

**Genus Longithorax Illig, 1906**

*Longithorax* Illig, 1906: 200, 201, fig. 8 (gen. nov., now considered senior synonym).

*Longithorax*: Hansen (1908): 103, 104 (description of genus, first description of* L. fuscus*).

*Longithorax*: Zimmer (1914): 292, 293 (first description of* L. capensis*).


*Longithorax*: Nouvel (1942): 9 (first description of* L. alici*).


*Xenerythrops* II, 1964: 302, fig. 79 (gen. nov., now considered junior synonym).

*Longithorax*: Pillai (1973): 87, fig. 46 (records).

*Longithorax*: Murano (1976): 29, fig. 7 (key, species descriptions).


*Xenerythrops* Nouvel et al. (1999): 79 (in list of Mysidae genera).


**Type species.** *Longithorax similerythrops* Illig, 1906, by monotypy.

**Revised diagnosis**

Erythropini with eighth thoracomere elongate, occupying 1/4 to 1/3 of cephalothorax (as the most decisive feature). Carapace short, posteriorly emarginate, covering only 1/3 to 1/2 of cephalothorax, leaving ultimate 1–3 thoracic somites dorsally exposed. Eyes well developed to weakly reduced, eyesstalks with finger-like process. Antennal scale short, its outer margin smooth and terminating in a tooth at 1/4 to 1/2 scale length; remaining distal portion of the outer margin densely setose, divided or not so by a suture separating a small apical segment; inner margin of the scale setose along entire length. Uropods long, setose all around, endopod with or without spines below statocyst. Telson short, triangular or nearly so, armed with spines on apex; lateral margins smooth or with spines at most on distal third.

Some potentially decisive features were unknown to date in some of the species: mouth parts and maxillipedes weakly developed. Thoracic exopods with large basal plate. Endopods 3–8 long, well segmented, carpus separated from propodus by a weakly oblique to transverse articularation. Marsupium with two pairs of large oostegites. Female pleopods uniramous, reduced to small, (1–2)-segmented, setose rods. Male pleopods well developed, biramous; first endopod one-segmented, endopods 2–5 and exopods 1–5 multi-segmented; basal segment of all endopods bearing an apically setose, pseudobranchial lobe.

**Taxonomic inventory and distribution**

Genus *Longithorax* Illig, 1906 (cosmopolitan, 61°N to 37°S, pelagic throughout).


*Longithorax nouveli* O. S. Tattersall, 1955 (Atlantic and Mid-Pacific, 32°N to 15°S, mesopelagic).

*Longithorax similerythrops* Illig, 1906 (East and Mid-Indian Ocean, 2°N to 5°S, pelagic).

*Longithorax valdiviae* sp. nov. (Mid-Indian Ocean, 34°S, pelagic).

**Key to the species of Longithorax Illig, 1906**

Erythropini with elongate eighth thoracomere occupying 1/4 to 1/3 of cephalothorax Genus *Longithorax* Illig, 1906 ...................................................... 1

1 Antennal scale divided by a subterminal suture. ...................................................................... 2

   - Antennal scale entire. ......................................... 4

2 Cornea diameter exceeds length of basal segment of antennular trunk in dorsal view. ............. *L. megalops* Murano & Mauchline, 1999

   - Cornea diameter less than length of basal segment of antennular trunk. ............................... 3

3 Large triangular rostrum covers part of eyesstalks and antennular trunk in dorsal view. ............ *L. valdiviae* sp. nov.

   - Rostrum very short, not covering part of eyesstalks and antennular trunk. ............................. *L. alici* H. Nouvel, 1942
4 Telson armed with 1–2 pairs of spines on apex and with 4–7 spines on terminal third of each lateral margin. ............... L. fuscus Hansen, 1908

- Telson armed with 1–2 pairs of spines on apex and with 0–2 subapical spines on each lateral margin. ........................................................... 5

5 Telson with two pairs of small spines on narrow apex, lateral margins smooth. ................................. L. similerythrops Illig, 1906

- Telson with one pair of small spines on narrow apex and with one subapical spine on each lateral margin. ........................................................... 6

6 Length of antennal scale less than three times maximum width. Endopod of uropod with one spine below statocyst. ...................................................... L. capensis Zimmer, 1914

- Length of antennal scale exceeds three times maximum width. Endopod of uropod without spine below statocyst. ...................................................... L. nouveli O. S. Tattersall, 1955

Longithorax valdiviae sp. nov.

Figs 1–3

Type material. Holotype ♂ ad. with 8.0 mm body length, #169, mid S-Indian Ocean, 485 km NW of Ile Amsterdam, 34°13.6' S 080°30.9' E, vt. 2000–0 m, bd. 3109 m, 6 Jan. 1899, 05 a.m., ms. (ZSMA20190007).

Etymology. The species name is a noun in genitive singular, referring to the “Valdivia” Expedition.

Type locality. Only known from “Valdivia” station no. 169 in open waters of the South Indian Ocean as detailed above. Illig (1930) did not report any mysid material from this station.

Diagnosis. So far only male known: thoracomeres without median diastemata; thoracomere 8 elongated, about two times length of thoracomere 7. Carapace without median hump, its well projecting triangular rostrum with blunt tip; rostrum covering part of eyestalks and antennae. Nonetheless, carapace short, only 1/5 body length; anterolateral corner well rounded, not produced. Eyes small but essentially normal, set apart; cornea well pigmented, 1/5 length of eyestalks; cornea with oblique dorso-ventral compression, calotte-shaped in dorsal, elliptical (height 0.7 times length) in lateral view, with numerous visual elements; large papilla on postero-ventral face of eyestalks extends beyond cornea. Antennular trunk large, extending 2/5 of its length beyond antennal scale. Antennal scale short, its length 3.1–3.3 times maximum width; smooth portion of outer margin ending in a strong tooth at 1/5 of total scale length; small, setose apical segment separated by a transverse suture at 1/10 of scale length. Antennal gland normal. Thoracic endopods 3, 5, 6, 8 with transverse to indistinctly oblique articulation between carpus and propodus (endopods 4, 7 broken). Sixth thoracic endopod long, slender, subdivided into 13 segments. Endopods of pleopods 1–5 with 1, 9, 10, 10, 9 segments, exopods with 8, 9, 10, 9, 9 segments, respectively. Basal segment of endopods with roughly cylindrical, terminally broadly rounded pseudobranchial lobe with width about half length. Fourth pleopod with modified seta at tip of its endopod. No additional modified setae on pleopods 1–5. Uropods without spines. Telson very short, triangular, length 1.4 times maximum width; its narrow, truncate apex with a pair of short spines between two longer, slender spines; lateral margins smooth except for one subapical spine on each side.

Description of the male

All features of the diagnosis. Body length 8.0 mm. Cephalothorax measures half body length, pleon without telson 1/5. Carapace leaving posterior three thoracomeres dorsally exposed. Carapace (Fig. 1A,C,D) weakly inflated, with distinct cervical sulcus. No pores (> 1 µm) found on carapace.

Antennae (Fig. 1A). Antennular trunk with basal segment not produced at outer distal corner; articulation between median and terminal segments somewhat oblique. Basal segment of trunk 1.1 times longer than broad. Basal segment 0.3, median segment 0.1, terminal segment 0.6, and appendix masculina 0.4 times trunk length. Antennal scale comparatively short, 0.6 times length of antennular trunk. Apical segment wider than long, with five plumose setae. Antennal peduncle shorter than antennular peduncle, its second segment shorter than third. Sympod with inconspicuous, blunt process at outer distal corner.

Mouthparts (Fig. 1E–J). Labrum with frontal margin forming a triangular, blunt extension; widening caudally, dorsally with two rounded posterior lobes; caudal portions with dense cover of minute scale-like fringes. Mandibular palp slender. Basal segment short, smooth all around; median segment setose, 3.5 times as long as maximum width, its outer margin weakly expanded in submedian portions, this segment contributing 1/5 palp length; apical segment again 3.5 times as long as wide, not expanded, 1/5 palp length, with dense series of barbed setae on outer margin, terminally with longer, slender, barbed seta, accompanied by a shorter thick seta bearing bilateral series of stiff barbs. Mandibles weakly asymmetrical, masticatory part small, processus molaris minimalized, spine row lacking, digitus mobilis with three
Fig. 1. *Longithorax valdiviae* sp. nov. Holotype male with body length 8.0 mm. A. Cephalic region, right antennula and setae of antennal scale omitted. B. Left eye, lateral. C. Body trunk with carapace and tail fan, lateral. D. Carapace expanded on slide. E. Labrum, dorsal. F. Mandibles with right palp, rostral. G. Labium, caudal. H. Maxillula, rostral. J. Maxilla, rostral.
Fig. 2. Thoracopods of *Longithorax valdiviae* sp. nov. Holotype male with body length 8.0 mm. **A.** Thoracopod 1, caudal. **B.** Detail of panel (A) showing tip of dactylus. **C.** Endopod 2, rostral. **D.** Detail of panel (C) showing tip of dactylus. **E.** Endopod 3, rostral. **F.** Detail of panel (E) showing tip of dactylus. **G.** Endopod 6, caudal. **H.** Endopod 8 with penis, rostral.
small teeth, pars incisiva with three small teeth on left mandible, four teeth on right mandible. Preparation of foregut failed. Paired labia terminally with stiff setae, lacking spines or teeth. Distal segment of maxillula with ten weak, unequal spines in near terminal position, somewhat scattered; subterminally with one small, barbed seta. Endite of maxillula with two small setae at apex. Maxilla with well-developed exopod, two-segmented palp and four setose endites; exopod narrow, terminally with three plumose setae;

Fig. 3. *Longithorax valdiviae* sp. nov. Holotype male with body length 8.0 mm. A–E. Series of pleopods 1–5, caudal. F. Detail of panel (D) showing modified seta at tip of fourth endopod. G. Uropods, ventral. H. Telson, dorsal.
palp with two segments of about equal length, its apical segment with two large, nearly plumose setae at apex, arch of five smooth setae on terminal third, dense series of short setae along inner margin. Thoracopods (Fig. 2). Thoracic exopods 1, 8 with large, terminally widened basal plate. Exopods 1, 8 with 9-segmented, remaining exopods with 10-segmented, setose flagellum. Endopods 1–3, 5, 6, 8 with 6, 6, 9, 9, 13, 10 segments, respectively (endopods 4 and 7 broken), counting from basis to dactylius. Total length and slenderness increase in series from first endopod (11 % of body length) to eighth endopod (36 %). Slenderness of dactyli also increases in that order. Endopods 1, 2 with short, strong, subterminally toothed claw; endopods 3, 5, 6, 8 with short, apically bent, needle-like claw. Basis of endopod 1 with long, terminally setose endite; ischium without endite. First thoracic epipod linguiform, without seta. Endopod 8 reaches the labrum when stretched anteriorly, or to the middle of pleomere 6 when stretched posteriorly. Paired penes tube-like, subbasally widened; ejaculatory opening flanked by two lobes; upper lobe with series of six smooth setae mostly facing towards the lower lobe.

Pleon (Figs 1C, 3). Pleomeres 1–5 are 0.3, 0.4, 0.4, 0.6 or 0.6 times length of pleomere 6, respectively. Scutellum paracaudale sinusoid, evenly rounded. Pleopods well developed, biramous, well equipped with plumose setae; sympods present in the form of large, wide plates. Pleopod 4, when stretched posteriorly, reaches to the basis, its modified terminal seta to the apex of the telson.

Tail fan (Figs 1C, 3G, H). Telson, endopod, and exopod of uropods are 0.6, 1.0 or 1.5 times length of sixth pleomere, respectively. Uropods long, setose all around; exopod terminally truncate; endopod 0.7 times length of exopod. Endopod extends half its length beyond telson, exopod 0.7 times its length. Statoliths (n = 2) large, maximum diameter 180–190 µm, core diameter 89–98 µm; thickness 110–120 µm. Shape spherical in dorsal view (Fig. 3G), discoidal with weakly convex fundus in lateral view (Fig. 1C); dorsal surface evenly rounded; tegmen not differentiated. Statoliths composed of fluorite.

**Euchaeotomera tenuis** G. O. Sars, 1883

**Material.** 1 ♀ imm. with 3.4 mm body length, #139, SW-Indian Ocean, 1200 km east of Bouvet Island, 55° 01.0’S 021°34.0’E, vt. 1500–0 m, 5 Dec. 1898, 08 a.m., ve. (ZSMA20190009).

**Type locality.** Not specified. Illig (1905, 1930) described characters of that taxon without differentiation between Indian Ocean and Atlantic specimens.

**Distribution.** Widely distributed in open waters of the Indian Ocean, also in the E-Atlantic. Formerly known only from tropical to temperate waters between 10° N and 37° S. The present record extends the southern limit considerably to subantarctic waters at 55° S. Like the eight “Valdivia” samples published by Illig (1930), also the present one was taken by vertical tows within the range of 2500–0 m. A total of three samples reported by W. M. Tattersall (1939), and O. S. Tattersall (1955) were taken mainly during the night in the range of 450–0 m.

**Comparison.** The present immature female with 3.4 mm body length agrees with Illig’s (1905, 1912, 1930) descriptions of E. chuni by the following characters: cornea bipartite; antennal scale short, entire, setose all around; carapace and pleon dorsally armed all over with large spines; telson short, subtriangular, its apex with a pair of long setae, lateral margins with spines. Notably, it shows larger eyes and fewer, longer spines on carapace and pleon compared to
the adults of *E. chuni* with 9–11 mm body length described by Illig (1905, 1912, 1930).

In agreement with the adults of *E. chuni*, the present immature specimen is well differentiated from the two remaining, currently known species of the genus *Echinomysis* Illig, 1905: it differs from *E. distinguenda* Coimfann, 1936 by more closely set parts of the bipartite cornea, and from *E. serratus* Vereshchaka, 1990 by shorter antennal scale and by a subtriangular rather than linguiform telson, with convex rather than concave lateral margins. From either species it differs by a shorter carapace leaving the three ultimate thoracomeres dorsally exposed, rather than only the ultimate one.

### Discussion

**Distribution of Echinomysis chuni Illig, 1905**

The immature female from “Valdivia” station no. 139 fits morphologically well with the descriptions of *E. chuni* given by Illig (1905, 1912, 1930), except for minor differences indicated above. Such differences are related to changes in character states during growth in many species of Mysidae. This is not so for the above documented diagnostic differences, which exclude that this immature may be classified as any of the two remaining species in the genus *Echinomysis*.

Published records of *E. distinguenda* from the Arabian Sea and *E. serratus* from the E-Pacific are restricted to tropical and subtropical latitudes; only *E. chuni* from the Indian Ocean and E-Atlantic is known from tropical to temperate zones. The present record east of Bouvet Island shifts the southern limit of distribution for the genus *Echinomysis* and its species *chuni* to subantarctic waters at 55°S. A wide latitudinal range of 10°N to 55°S would not be surprising if this actually represents a pelagic deep-water species. However, all published records of *E. chuni* (Illig 1930, W. M. Tattersall 1939, O. S. Tattersall 1955) including the present one were made far above the bottom with non-closing pelagic devices. With such devices one cannot definitely exclude that the animals were caught near the surface. Thus, citations as deep-water species (Zimmer 1927) and of upper depth ranges below 300 m (Mauchline & Murano 1977, Müller 1993, WoRMS Editorial Board 2018) require confirmation by appropriate field data.

**Morphology and habit of the genus Longithorax Illig, 1906**

This genus is outstanding within the family Mysidae by the elongated eighth thoracic somite and the short carapace. As already discussed by Wittmann et al. (2004) the elongate body form together with the strong basal plates of thoracic exopods suggest stronger swimming capability compared with most Mysidae, which are generally weak swimmers unless tail flipping during escape behaviour. Apart from swimming speed, the posterior elongation of the thorax appears to provide space for the very large marsupium in *L. megalops*. However, no published data are available on intact mature marsupia of other species.

Sufficient details of mouth parts and thoracic endopods are known only for *L. megalops*, *L. alicei*, and *L. valdiviae* sp. nov. (Murano & Mauchline 1999, Wittmann et al. 2004, orig.). In each case there are very weak, almost reduced, primary mouth parts, weak maxillipeds (= thoracic endopods 1, 2), and slender thoracic endopods 3–8. Setation patterns are weak in primary as well as secondary mouth parts. These features suggest that these three species are not capable of masticating hard particles (i.e. diatoms) and are poorly adapted for filter feeding as well as for taking more powerful prey. The trophic habit of *Longithorax* species remains puzzling as long as no data are available on stomach contents or from direct observation or employment of sophisticated methods such as stable isotope analysis.

**Distinctive features of Longithorax valdiviae sp. nov.**

All six previously described species of *Longithorax*, and also the new one, are very rare. First descriptions of *L. similerythrops*, *L. fuscus*, and *L. alicei*, were based on single specimens. Not considering an additional juvenile, this is also valid for *L. capensis*. This remains unclear for *L. nouveli* O. S. Tattersall, 1955, because no types were defined upon first description of this taxon. Accordingly, as in most species in this genus, it is not unusual that *L. valdiviae* sp. nov. is here described from a single specimen, in this case a comparatively well-preserved adult male. Due to the rarity of materials, the available species descriptions are somewhat heterogeneous in this genus. For example, a feature most important for species diagnosis in the family Mysidae, including the here treated tribe Erythropini, is the potential presence of modified setae on the fourth pleopod of adult males. This can be clearly judged only for the here described new species (present). With the reservations indicated above, such setae are probably absent in *L. nouveli*. Wittmann et al. (2004) found no such modified seta in a subadult male of *L. alicei*, but such seta cannot be definitively excluded for adult specimens. *Longithorax valdiviae* sp. nov. can be distinguished from *L. alicei* and *L. megalops* by its smaller cornea,
from *L. fuscus* and *L. megalops* by the oblique dorso-ventral compression of the cornea. The large rostrum is unlike that of *L. alicei*, *L. megalops*, and *L. fuscus*. The division of the antennal scale by a subterminal suture is not present in *L. capensis*, *L. fuscus*, *L. nouveli*, and *L. similerythrops*. The absence of spines on the endopods of the uropods is unlike the situation in *L. capensis*, *L. fuscus*, and *L. megalops*. The presence of spines on the lateral margins of the telson is unlike the conditions found in *L. alicei* and *L. similerythrops* (not considering latero-apical spines). The short, triangular telson is different from that of *L. fuscus* and *L. similerythrops*, which show a longer, caudally produced telson.

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