A New Species of the *'Periclimenes aesopius* Species Group' (Decapoda: Palaemonidae: Pontoniinae) Associated with Sea Anemone from Pacific Coast of Honshu, Japan

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Abstract A new species of the pontoniinid shrimp, *Periclimenes kobayashii* is described and illustrated from Pacific coast of southern Honshu, Japan. The new species is a member of the 'P. aesopius species group'. It is associated with the sea anemone, *Dofleinia armata*, as well as being a reef fish cleaner. Morphologically, it differs from the close relative, *P. tenuirostris*, in the arched rostrum falling short of the distal margin of the antennular peduncle and the chelae of the first and second pereiopods with fingers shorter than the palms. In the coloration in life, the new species is distinguishable from other species of the species group by the arrangement of the white patch and red stripe on the tergum of the third abdominal somite.

Key words: Decapoda, Palaemonidae, Pontoniinae, Periclimenes, P. kobayashii sp. nov., sea anemone associate, fish-cleaner, Japan.

Periclimenes Costa, 1844, the largest genus in the subfamily Pontoniinae, contains over 115 species from the Indo-West Pacific, and many species are associated with various taxa of marine invertebrates (Chace and Bruce, 1993; Bruce, 1994; Li, 2000). The general morphology of Periclimenes species appears to be diverse, and some distinct species groups have been recognized in this genus (Kemp, 1922; Bruce, 1987, 1989, 1990).

One of the groups, the 'Periclimenes aesopius species group', is characterized by the similar second pereiopods with unarmed meri and carpi, the strongly produced inferior orbital margin with a reflected inner flange, the ophthalmic somite usually with a 'bec ocellaire', and the posterodorsally produced third abdominal somite (Bruce, 1991a). Currently, seven species are assigned to this species group: P. aesopius (Bate, 1863); P. holthuisi Bruce, 1969; P. longicarpus Bruce and Svoboda, 1983; P. magnificus Bruce, 1979; P. tenuirostris Bruce, 1991; P. tosaensis Kubo, 1951, and P. venustus Bruce, 1990. Bruce (1990) mentioned that the characteristic coloration in life is useful for species recognition of the P. aesopius species group and suggested the existence of undescribed species based on underwater photographs taken in various localities in the Indo-West Pacific region. Among some Japanese popular publications (Takeda, 1986, 1994; Nomura, 1992; Masuda, 1999, Kobayashi, 2000: Minemizu, 2000), there is found one of undescribed species photographed the mainly at Izu Peninsula, the most popular diving site for Japanese divers. Its coloration in life primarily differs from those of the previously described species. Our collections with SCUBA equipment from southern coast of Honshu made available the specimens of this species for study. Careful examination showed that the undescribed species was separated from the other members of the species group not only in the unique coloration, but also in certain morphological features. In this paper, it is described as new to science, Periclimenes kobayashii.

Materials and Methods

Specimens of the new species were recently collected from the sublittoral zone in southern coast of Honshu. The illustrations were made with the aid of a drawing tube mounted on a LEICA MZ12 stereomicroscope. The postorbital carapace length is abbreviated as CL in the text. The specimens examined in this study are deposited in the Coastal Branch of Natural History Museum and Institute, Chiba (CMNH), Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris (MNHN), Nationaal Natuurhistorisch Museum, Leiden (RMNH) and Natural History Museum and Institute, Chiba (CBM).

For comparative purpose, the following specimens were examined:

Periclimenes tenuirostris Bruce, 1991: MUS-ORSTOM 4, stn DW 187, New Caledonia, 19°08.3′S, 163°29.3′E, 65–120 m, 19 Sep. 1985, 1 ovig. ♀, 4.7 mm CL, MNHN-Na 12047; SMIB 5, stn DW 81, Norfolk Ridge, 22°38.2′S, 167°34.8′E, 110 m, 9 Sep. 1989, 1 ovig. ♀, 4.1 mm CL, MNHN-Na 12048.

Taxonomy

Periclimenes kobayashii sp. nov. (Japanese name: Hakusen-akahoshikakure-ebi)

(Figs. 1-5)

Periclimenes holthuisi—Suzuki and Hayashi, 1977: 197 (in part); Takeda, 1986: 117, unnumbered fig.; Takeda, 1994: 225, unnumbered fig. Not Periclimenes holthuisi Bruce, 1969.

Periclimenes sp.—Nomura, 1992: 242, unnumbered fig.; Masuda, 1999: 45, unnumbered fig.; Kobayashi, 2000: 173, unnumbered fig. Periclimenes sp. 3—Minemizu, 2000: 53, unnumbered figs.

Material examined. Holotype: Off Akazawa, Ito, Izu Peninsula, Honshu, Japan, 34°51.2′N, 139°05.5′E, 32 m, 15 Jan. 2000, coll. Y. Kobayashi, ♂, 3.7 mm CL, CMNH-ZC 00536.

Paratypes: Boso Peninsula. Hasama, Tateyama, 34°58.6′N, 139°47.1′E, 16 m, 14 June 2001, coll. J. Okuno, 1♂, 4.0 mm CL, CMNH-ZC 00538. Izu Peninsula. Izu Oceanic Park, Ito, 34°52.7′N, 139°08.2′E, 35 m, 25 Aug. 1995, coll. J. Okuno and M. Yokota, 1♂, 5.0 mm CL, CMNH-ZC 00514, 1 ovig. ♀, 5.9 mm CL, CMNH-ZC 00515, 1♀, 4.0 mm CL, RMNH-D 49194; same data as holotype, 1♀, 4.7 mm CL, CMNH-ZC 00537. Kii Peninsula,

Kushimoto. Myoga-jima Islet, $33^{\circ}27.5'$ N, $135^{\circ}48.0'$ E, 40 m, 17 Apr. 1992, coll. K. Nomura, $1\sqrt[3]{}$, 4.0 mm CL, $1\stackrel{\circ}{+}$, 4.9 mm CL, CBM-ZC 6190; same locality as CBM-ZC 6190, 30 m, 26 Mar. 1993, coll. K. Nomura, $2\sqrt[3]{}$, 3.7, 4.0 mm CL, 1 ovig. $\stackrel{\circ}{+}$, 6.1 mm CL, $2\stackrel{\circ}{+}$, 5.8, 6.6 mm CL, CBM-ZC 6191; Kii-Oshima, Kanayama, $33^{\circ}28.6'$ N, $135^{\circ}48.8'$ E, 20 m, 21 Dec. 1993, coll. K. Nomura, $1\sqrt[3]{}$, 3.0 mm CL, $1\stackrel{\circ}{+}$, 3.6 mm CL, CBM-ZC 6192; Hashikui-iwa, $33^{\circ}28.6'$ N, $135^{\circ}48.0'$ E, 18 m, 4 Dec. 1996, coll. K. Nomura, $2\stackrel{\circ}{+}$, 6.9, 7.6 mm CL, CBM-ZC 6193.

Other material: Suruga Bay. Ose-saki, Numazu, 35°01.5′N, 138°47.6′E, 60 m, 21 Apr. 1996, coll. J. Okuno, 1♂, 4.1 mm CL, CMNH-ZC 00527.

Host. Dofleinia armata Wassilieff, 1908. The single male from Tateyama, Boso Peninsula (CMNH-ZC 00538) was associated with Entacmaea sp. [possibly Entacmaea actinostoloides (Wassilieff, 1908) sensu Uchida (2001)].

Diagnosis. A medium sized pontoniinid shrimp with subcylindrical body form. Carapace with a single epigastric spine. Rostrum slender, arched, dentate on dorsal margin. Posterior half of third abdominal somite with strongly elevated, distinctly compressed median carina. Ophthalmic somite with minute 'bec ocellaire'. Antepenultimate segment of third maxilliped with 1 (rarely 2) distolateral spine. Fingers of first and second pereiopods shorter than palms. Dactylus and fixed finger of second pereiopod with cutting borders usually dentate mesially. Second pereiopod with carpus distinctly shorter Ambulatory pereiopods with than chela. dactyli slender, biunguiculate, propodi each with short spines on ventral surface. In life, posterior region of carapace with narrow, transverse white band, tergum of third abdominal somite with semiquadrate white patch fringed posteriorly with oblique, short red stripe.

Description. Carapace (Fig. 1) smooth, glabrous, lacking supraorbital spine; orbit feebly developed, inferior orbital angle strongly produced, acute, with inner ventral flange; antennal spine well developed, slender, submarginal, arising distinctly ventral to orbital angle; hepatic spine large, arising distinctly

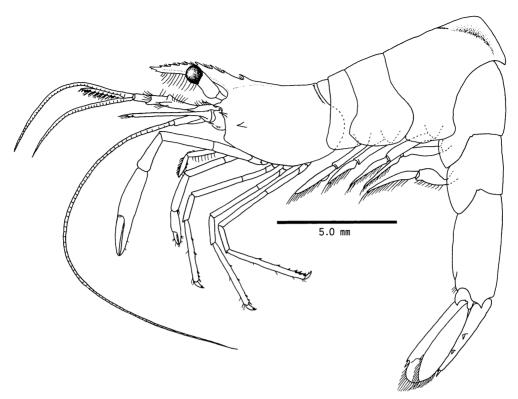


Fig. 1. Periclimenes kobayashii sp. nov. Holotype male (CMNH-ZC 00536). Entire animal in lateral view.

ventral to level of antennal spine; epigastric spine present; pterygostomian margin bluntly angular.

Rostrum (Fig. 2B) slender, weakly arched, 0.80–1.03 times as long as carapace, falling slightly short of level of distal margin of antennular peduncle; dorsal blade low, with 6–8 (usually 7) equidistant, small, acute teeth, interspaced by short setae; ventral blade poorly developed, with row of long setae, subterminaly with 1–3 (usually 2) small, acute teeth.

Fourth thoracic sternite without fingerlike median process; fifth sternite with pair of semiquadrate lobes posteriorly; posterior sternites unarmed.

Abdomen (Fig. 1) smooth, glabrous; pleura of first to third somites broad, rounded, those of fourth and fifth posteriorly produced, but blunt; posterodorsal margin of third somite produced posteriorly, posterior half of tergum with strongly elevated, distinctly compressed median carina; sixth somite 0.90–1.30 times as long as carapace, 1.01–1.24

times as long as telson, posterolateral process acute, posteroventral margin produced, but blunt. Telson (Fig. 2D) tapering posteriorly, posterior margin (Fig. 2E) convex, with 3 pairs of spines (lateral and intermediate spines simple, intermediate spines longest, mesialmost spines plumose); 2 pairs of small, subequal dorsolateral spines at midlength and posterior third length respectively.

Ophthalmic somite with minute 'bec ocellaire' (Fig. 2C). Eye (Fig. 2A) with large, globular cornea, bearing small ocellus; stalk distinctly longer than corneal diameter, becoming slightly narrower distally, maximum width subequal to maximum corneal diameter.

Antennular peduncle (Fig. 2F) with proximal segment distinctly longer than distal two segments combined; distolateral margin strongly produced, reaching level of midlength of intermediate segment, with row of setae, lateral margin straight, terminating distally in small acute tooth; ventromesial margin armed with small acute

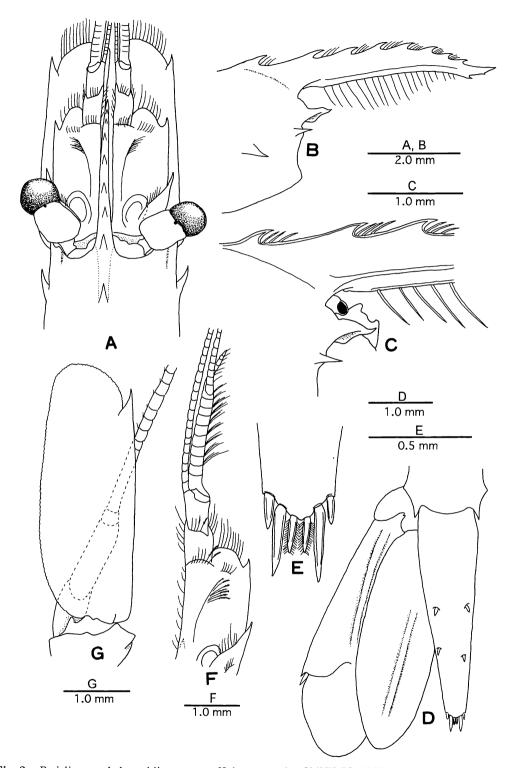


Fig. 2. Periclimenes kobayashii sp. nov. Holotype male (CMNH-ZC 00536). A, anterior carapace, rostrum and cephalic appendages, dorsal; B, anterior carapace and rostrum, lateral; C, orbital region of carapace and ophthalmic somite, lateral; D, telson and left uropod, dorsal; E, posterior part of telson, dorsal; F, right antennular peduncle, dorsal; G, right antenna, dorsal. D, G, setae omitted.

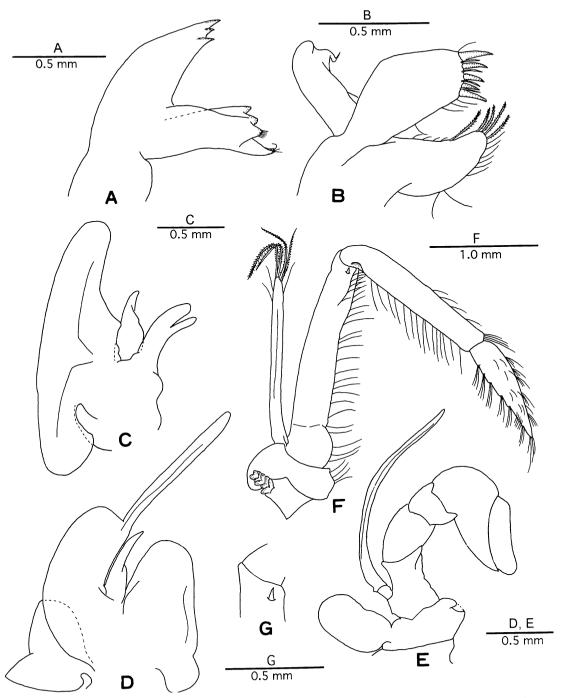


Fig. 3. Periclimenes kobayashii sp. nov. Female paratype (CMNH-ZC 00537). A, right mandible, external; B, right maxillule, external; C, right maxilla, external; D, right first maxilliped, external; E, right second maxilliped (coxa somewhat broken mesially), external; F, right third maxilliped, lateral; G, same, distal part of antepenultimate, lateral. C-E, G, setae omitted.

tooth; stylocerite short, slender, acute, falling slightly short of level of midlength of proximal segment; statocyst well develop-

ed, rounded; intermediate segment slender, about half of proximal segment length, feebly lobed laterally, slightly obliquely articulated with distal segment; distal segment subequal to intermediate segment in length, slender, non-setose. Upper flagellum biramous, proximal 8–10 segments fused, shorter free ramus 5–6 segmented; lower flagellum slenderer than upper flagellum.

Antenna (Fig. 2G) with stout basicerite armed ventrolaterally with acute tooth, dorsal margin with small raised lobe; scaphocerite overreaching antennular peduncle, 2.36–3.93 times as long as maximum width, lateral margin straight, terminating in strong tooth falling short of distal margin of strongly produced lamella; carpocerite reaching proximal third of scaphocerite.

Epistome unarmed.

Mandible (Fig. 3A) robust, without palp; molar process obliquely truncated distally, with 4 large, blunt teeth; incisor process tapering distally, with 3 acute distal teeth. Maxillule (Fig. 3B) with feebly bilobed palp, internal lobe with small distal protuberance with short, curved inferior seta; upper lacinia broad, distal margin truncated, with about 5 simple spines and sparse, short spiniform setae; lower lacinia tapering distally, with some serrulate setae distally. Maxilla (Fig. 3C) with palp slender, tapering distally; distal endite developed, narrow, deeply bilobed, with sparse, simple setae distally; proximal endite obsolete, mesial margin feebly sinuous; scaphognathite well developed, posterior lobe short, distal half of anterior lobe narrow. First maxilliped (Fig. 3D) with long, slender, simple palp; distal endite with mesial margin bearing 2 rows of sparse setae, rounded distally; proximal endite small, rounded, separated from distal endite by shallow notch; caridean lobe broad; exopod with well-developed flagellum; epipod large, subtriangular, feebly bilobed. Second maxilliped (Fig. 3E) with normal endopod; dactylus broad, mesial margin slightly concave; propodus with anteromesial margin broadly rounded; carpus with distinct ventromesial process; merus about twice as long as carpus; ischium and basis completely fused; exopod with well developed flagellum; coxa inflated mesially; epipod oval, without podobranch. Third maxilliped (Fig. 3F) with endopod slender, slightly overreaching distal margin

Table 1. Periclimenes kobayashii sp. nov. Branchial formula.

	Maxillipeds			Pereiopods				
	I	II	III	I	II	III	IV	V
Pleurobranchs	_	_		1	1	1	1	1
Arthrobranchs	_	_	1	_	_	_		_
Podobranchs	_	_	_	_			_	_
Epipods	1	1	_	_	_	_	_	_
Exopods	1	1	1	_	_		_	_

of antennal carpocerite, ischiomerus and basis feebly articulated, mesially with a small notch at junction; ultimate segment tapering distally, mesially with about 7 transverse rows of short setae, laterally with sparse setae; penultimate segment 1.18–1.71 times as long as ultimate segment, with tufts of spiniform setae mesially, long simple setae dorsodistally; antepenultimate segment with 1 (rarely 2) small distolateral spine (Fig. 3G), ventral margin sparsely setose; exopod with well developed flagellum, distally with long plumose setae; coxal plate oval; small arthrobranch present.

Branchial formula as in Table 1.

First pereiopod (Fig. 4A) moderately slender, overreaching distal margin of scaphocerite by length of dactylus and half of palm. Chela (Fig. 4B) 0.36-0.51 times as long as carapace, 0.80-1.20 times as long as carpus; palm subcylindrical, slightly compressed, 1.11-1.33 times as long as dactylus, with 4 transverse rows of short serrulate glooming setae proximally; fingers each terminating in small, hooked unguis, cutting edges situated laterally, entire. Carpus 0.45-0.48 times as long as carapace, slightly widened distally, with longitudinal row of serrulate glooming setae distally. Merus unarmed, 1.11-1.22 times as long as carpus. Coxa with small, setose ventral process.

Second pereiopods (Fig. 4C) well developed, similar, overreaching distal margin of scaphocerite by length of chelae. Chela slightly bowed, 0.95–1.15 times as long as carapace, 1.90–2.57 times as long as carpus; palm 1.10–1.45 times as long as dactylus, slightly compressed; dactylus (Fig. 4D) terminating in hooked, acutely pointed unguis, cutting edge situated laterally, armed proximally with 0–5 (usually 1) small, acute, re-

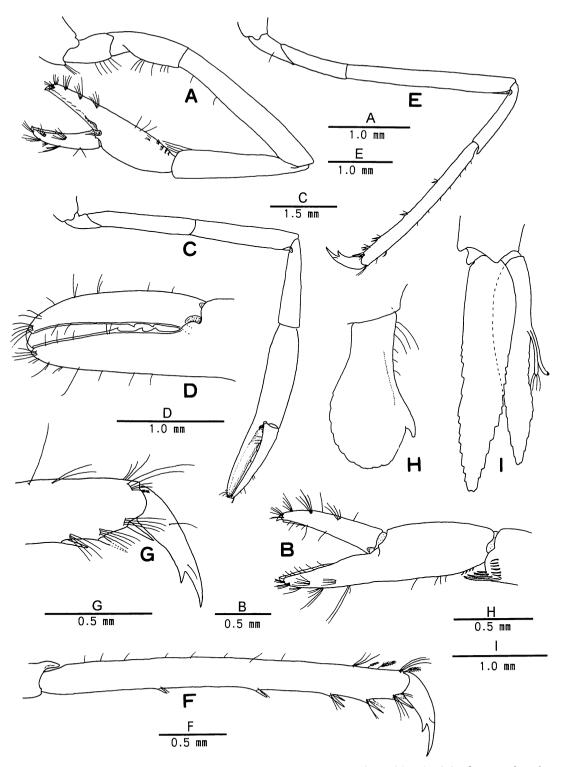


Fig. 4. Periclimenes kobayashii sp. nov. Holotype male (CMNH-ZC 00536). A, right first pereiopod, lateral; B, same, chela, mesial; C, right second pereiopod, lateral; D, same, fingers, mesial; E, right third pereiopod, lateral; F, same, propodus and dactylus; G, dactylus of right fifth pereiopod, lateral; H, endopod of right first pleopod, dorsal; I, right second pleopod, dorsal. H, I, marginal setae omitted.

curved teeth, remaining part entire, sharply edged; fixed finger (Fig. 4D) generally similar to dactylus, armed proximally with 2–6 (usually 3–4) small, acute, recurved teeth. Carpus slender, unarmed, slightly widened distally. Merus slender, unarmed, 1.00–1.43 times as long as carpus. Ischium slender, unarmed, 0.88–1.21 times as long as carpus.

Third pereiopod (Fig. 4E) slender, overreaching distal margin of scaphocerite by length of dactylus and distal part of propodus. Dactylus (Fig. 4F) 0.22-0.28 times as long as propodus, compressed laterally, dorsal margin convex, ventral margin with 1 subdistal accessory tooth, unguis not clearly demarcated. Propodus (Fig. 4F) 2.10-2.25 times as long as carpus, with 2 long distoventral spines and spaced set of 2-3 spines on ventral surface, dorsal surface with few short setae. Carpus unarmed. Merus 2.00-2.42 times as long as carpus, unarmed. Fourth pereiopod similar to third. pereiopod with propodus bearing 1 distal spine and 2 subdistal spines on ventral surface and tufts of setae (Fig. 4G), and widely spaced set of 3-4 spines posterior to distal series of spines.

Endopod of male first pleopod (Fig. 4H) short, generally oval, distally expanded, with small but distinct appendix interna. Endopod of male second pleopod (Fig. 4I) with appendices interna and masculina arising from proximal two-fifths of mesial margin; appendix interna slender, slightly overreaching tip of appendix masculina, with few distal cincinnuli; appendix masculina slender, with four long spiniform setae distally.

Uropod (Fig. 2D) with protopodite posterolaterally produced, but blunt; exopod broad, overreaching posterior margin of telson, broadly rounded distally, lateral margin nearly straight, terminating in small acute tooth, with larger, mobile spine just mesial to distolateral tooth; endopod oval, falling slightly short of posterior margin of exopod.

Coloration (Fig. 5). Body and appendages generally transparent. Lateral part of carapace with sparse red spots. Transverse, narrow white band running across posterior part of carapace. Third abdominal somite with oblique, semiquadrate white patch over

posterior half of dorsal carina, posterior margin of patch fringed with oblique, short red stripe, midlength of carina with longitudinal, short red stripe at a distance from white patch. Pleura of first to fifth abdominal somites with red spots at base of first, third and fifth pleopods, white spots at the base of second and fourth pleopods. Posterior margin of sixth somite with transverse red stripe. Telson white. Eyestalks white, ophthalmic somite with longitudinal white stripe anterodorsally. First and second pereiopods with chelae largely white, more or less mottled, with hinge region and finger tips purple; distal half of carpi purple, proximal half white; meri white, with distal and proximal purple rings. Uropods white, with purple rounded patch at distal half of exopods.

Etymology. This new species is named in honor of a Japanese underwater photographer, Mr. Yasumasa Kobayashi. He supported eagerly our study in various aspects, as providing us with the type material, underwater photograph and information on ecology of this new species.

Distribution. Known only from Boso Peninsula, Izu Peninsula and Kii Peninsula on the Pacific coast of southern Honshu, Japan.

Ecological notes. At the collecting sites of the specimens examined, P. kobayashii was nearly always found around the tentacles of the host sea anemone, Dofleinia armata. One to seven individuals of P. kobayashii lived around a single host sea anemone, and they were usually hovering a short distance from the tentacles. The shrimps may be killed by the heavy nematocysts of D. armata if they touch with the tentacles for a long time. Moreover, P. kobayashii has been observed by us and some divers to clean reef fishes. The process of the cleaning behavior between the shrimp and fishes is as follows: 1) a fish approaches a sea anemone associated with the shrimp; 2) the shrimp begins to sway its body and rapidly wave the second pereiopods; 3) the fish standstills in front of the sea anemone, and 4) the shrimp moves to the fish body and cleans various part of the fish (see Fig. 5B). Similar symbiotic relationship between the pontoniinid cleaner shrimp and sea anemones is known in the western

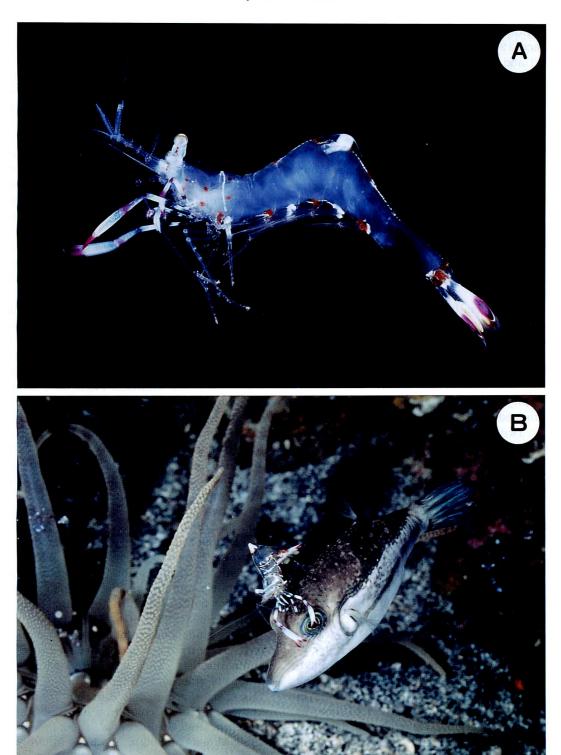


Fig. 5. Periclimenes kobayashii sp. nov. A, male paratype from Tateyama, Boso Peninsula (CMNH-ZC 00538), fresh specimen, lateral view (photo by J. Okuno); B, Periclimenes kobayashii cleaning a sharpnosed puffer, Canthigaster rivulata (Temminck and Schlegel, 1850) at Izu Oceanic Park, Ito, Izu Peninsula (photo by Y. Kobayashi).

Atlantic congeneric species, *P. pedersoni* Chace, 1958 (see Limbaugh *et al.*, 1961; Sargent and Wagenbach, 1975, as *Periclimenes anthophilus* Holthuis and Eible-Eibesfelt, 1964; Gwaltney and Brooks, 1994; Spotte, 1999).

Discussion

Periclimenes kobayashii closely conforms to the definition of the P. aesopius species group given by Bruce (1991a). The new species resembles P. tenuirostris, known from deep waters off New Caledonia (Bruce, 1991a, b), in the following features: 1) the dorsal carina of the carapace is armed only with a single epigastric spine; 2) the 'bec ocellaire' of the ophthalmic somite is minute; 3) the median carina on the posterior half of the third abdominal somite is dorsally elevated and distinctly compressed; 4) the antepenultimate segment of the third maxilliped is armed distolaterally with spine; 5) the carpus of the second pereiopod is distinctly shorter than the chela; 6) the dactyli of the ambulatory pereiopods are biunguiculate. We compared the specimens of P. kobayashii with two topotypic ovigerous females of P. tenuirostris reported by Bruce (1991b). Periclimenes kobayashii is readily distinguished from P. tenuirostris in having the arched rostrum falling short of the distal margin of the antennular peduncle, and the first pereiopod with the palm longer than the dactylus. In contrast, P. tenuirostris has a straight rostrum slightly overreaching the distal margin of the antennular peduncle, and the palm of the first pereiopod being shorter than the dactylus. In the original description of P. tenuirostris, Bruce (1991a) mentioned that the palm of the second pereiopod is subequal to the dactylus in length. In one of the specimens of P. tenuirostris (MNHN-Na 12048), the palm is 0.83 times as long as the dactylus. While in P. kobayashii, the palm is 1.10-1.45 times as long as the dactylus. Therefore, the dactyluspalm ratio of the second pereiopod is useful in distinguishing the two species.

Except for *P. tenuirostris*, the colorations in life have been described for the known members of the *P. aesopius* species group (Bruce, 1990). The color pattern of the tergum of

the third abdominal somite is reliable to recognize the species of the species group in life (Bruce, 1990, 1991a). As mentioned above, P. kobayashii has the subquadrate white patch fringed with a short red stripe at the posterior margin only. This pattern differs from those of the six related species (see Bruce, 1990). Moreover, P. kobayashii is characterized by having the transverse white band and brilliant red spots on the carapace. From the coloration in life and form of the tergum of the third abdominal somite, the Periclimenes species illustrated in the Japanese popular publications (Takeda, 1986; 1994, as P. holthuisi; Nomura, 1992; Masuda, 1999; Kobayashi, 2000, as Periclimenes sp.; Minemizu, 2000, as *Periclimenes* sp. 3) is with little doubt identified with P. kobayashii.

Suzuki and Hayashi (1977) identified an associate of Dofleinia armata from Uchiura, Suruga Bay, with Periclimenes holthuisi. We examined many specimens of *Periclimenes* studied by Suzuki and Hayashi (1977) in the collection of the National Fisheries University, Shimonoseki, but could not find the specimen associated with D. armata among Nevertheless, we suggest that the Suzuki and Hayashi's specimen from D. armata might represent P. kobayashii on account of its rather high host specificity with D. armata, and abundance of the species in Suruga Bay (R. Minemizu, pers. comm.). Takeda (1986, 1994) also reported P. kobayashii under the name of P. holthuisi (see From P. kobayashii, P. holthuisi above). is readily distinguishable by having the moderately humped median carina on the posterior half of the third abdominal somite (Bruce, 1982, 1990, 1991a).

Many guidebooks of marine invertebrates have recently been published for divers and naturalists. They have provided photographs of other shrimps clearly belonging to this species group, but differing from the known species in coloration (see Colin and Arneson, 1995; Gosliner et al., 1996; Debelius, 1999; Minemizu, 2000). We have found further an undescribed species associated with various taxa of sea anemones incorrectly identified as *P. holthuisi* in some Japanese publications (Miyake, 1975, 1982; Kamesaki et al., 1988; Kobayashi, 2000). This species

is rather closely related to *P. venustus* than *P. holthuisi*. It will be described as new in a separate paper.

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南日本産ホンカクレエビ属アカホシカクレエビ種群(十脚目: テナガエビ科: カクレエビ亜科)の1新種

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房総半島、伊豆半島、および紀伊半島で採集された 標本に基づいて、ホンカクレエビ属アカホシカクレエ ビ種群の 1 新種, Periclimenes kobayashii sp. nov. を 記載する. 本種は頭胸甲の背中線上に1胃上棘のみを 有すること, 'bec ocellaire' が小さいこと, 第3腹節 後半の背正中線が背方に突出し、側扁すること、第3 顎脚の antepenultimate segment の外面末端部に 1 (稀に2) 小棘を有すること, 第2 胸脚の腕節が鉗部 よりも短いこと、第3~5胸脚の指節が二叉すること において、ニューカレドニアから知られている P. tenuirostris に類似する. しかし、額角が弓なりを呈 し、第1触角柄部の末端に届かないこと、および第1 胸脚の指節が掌部よりも短いことで識別される. 本 種は主に刺胞動物のスナイソギンチャク Dofteinia armata を宿主とし、 魚類との清掃共生も観察されて いる. 本種はレジャーダイバーにはよく知られたエビ で、水中写真の被写体になることが多く、一般向けの 書籍では"ハクセンアカホシカクレエビ"、"ドフライ ニアシュリンプ"と表記されている. そこで, ここに 本種の標準和名を改めてハクセンアカホシカクレエビ

とすることを提案する.