



## ***Callipallene tiberi* (Dohrn, 1881) (Arthropoda, Pycnogonida): A Pycnogonid New for the Eastern Mediterranean**

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### **Abstract**

Two male specimens of *Callipallene tiberi* (Dohrn, 1881) were found at Urla (Izmir Bay, Turkish Aegean Sea). The species was hit her to known in the Mediterranean Sea only in the western and central Mediterranean. Morphological features of the species are illustrate dandits distribution in the Mediterranean Sea is shown.

**Keywords:**Pycnogonida, *Callipallene tiberi* , Mediterranean Sea, eastern Mediterranean.

### ***Callipallene tiberi* (Dohrn, 1881) (Arthropoda, Pycnogonida): Doğu Akdeniz İçin Yeni Bir Pycnogonid Türü**

#### **Özet**

*Callipallene tiberi* (Dohrn, 1881) türünün 2 erkek bireyi Urla (İzmir Körfezi, Türk Ege Denizi)'dan rapor edilmiştir. Bu tür bugüne kadar Akdeniz'de sadece batı ve merkez Akdeniz'den bilinmektedir. Türün morfolojik özellikleri ve Akdeniz'deki dağılımı gösterilmiştir.

**Keywords:**Pycnogonida, *Callipallene tiberi*, Akdeniz, doğu Akdeniz.

### **Introduction**

Previously records of *Callipallene tiberi* (Dohrn, 1881) from the Mediterranean Sea are from the western and central basins (Dohrn, 1881; Krapp, 1973; Krapp-Schickel and Krapp, 1975; Schüller, 1989; Munilla, 1991,1994; Munilla and Nieto, 1999; Munilla and San Vicente, 2000:2005; Vignoli *et al.*, 2006; Lehman *et al.*, 2014). There is no record of *C. tiberi* from the eastern Mediterranean as yet. Samples from Urla (İzmir Bay, Turkish Aegean Sea) retrieved in 2012 yielded two specimens of the genus *Callipallene*. This is identified herein as *Callipallene tiberi*.

To date, 3 species of *Callipallene* have been recorded from the eastern Mediterranean Sea: *C. emaciata* (Dohrn, 1881); Egypt (Helfer, 1936), Grece (Arnaud, 1987), Turkey (Arnaud, 1976; Krapp *et al.*, 2008). *C. phantoma* (Dohrn, 1881); Greece (Arnaud, 1987), Turkey (Arnaud, 1976; Krapp *et al.*, 2008). *C. spectrum* (Dohrn, 1881); Egypt (Helfer, 1936), Turkey (Krapp *et al.*, 2008).

In the present study, *C. tiberi* is reported for the first time from the eastern Mediterranean.

### **Materials and Methods**

Two specimens of *Callipallene tiberi* were collected by snorkelling from *Cystoseira mediterranea* facies at one station in the upper infralittoral zone (0.5 m depth) of Urla, İzmir Bay (Figure 1). The samples were fixed in 5% formaldehyde and later rinsed with fresh water and then preserved in 70% ethanol. The specimens sampled were examined and dissected under a stereomicroscope, and slide mounts were examined under a compound microscope. Drawings were made with the aid of a drawing tube mounted on an Olympus CX31 compound microscope. The following papers were used for the species identification: Stock (1952) and Munilla and Soler-Membrives (2014). The specimens were deposited in the ESFM (Museum of the Faculty of Fisheries, Ege University, İzmir).



**Figure 1.** Known localities of *Callipallene tiberi* (Dohrn, 1881) in the Mediterranean Sea (filled circle), including the sampling area (asteriks).

## Results

### Systematics

**Order PANTOPODA Gerstäcker, 1863**

**Family CALLIPALLENIDAE Hilton, 1942**

**Genus CALLIPALLENE Flynn, 1929**

***Callipallene tiberi* (Dohrn, 1881)**

**Synonyms:** *Pallene tiberii* Dohrn, 1881, *Callipallene emaciata tiberii* (Dohrn, 1881)

**Material examined:** 2 ♂♂ (1 ovigerous) (EFSM-PYC/2012-1), Urla (İzmir Bay, Turkish Aegean Sea), 38°22'27"N, 26°47'13"E, *Cystoseira mediterranea* Sauvageau, 1912, 0.5 m, 15.01.2012.

**Diagnosis:** ♂ (ovigerous). Trunk length (from frontal margin of first trunk segment to tip of fourth lateral process) 1.0 mm, fully segmented, cephalon with very short neck, chelifores well developed, scapes one segmented. Proboscis short, with a distinctly angulate outline (Figure 2 A). Oviger with 10 segments; the 5th segment longest, with laterodistal knob bearing one seta, strigilis with row of denticulate spines, without terminal claw; row of spines arranged according to the formula 6:5:5:6 (Figure 2D). Legs slender, with few setae (Figure 2B). Propodus well curved, with 4 heel spines; auxiliary claws about half as long as claw (Figure 2C). (Stock, 1952; Munilla and Soler-Membrives, 2014).

**Worldwide Distribution:** Eastern Atlantic Ocean, western and central Mediterranean Sea.

### Discussion

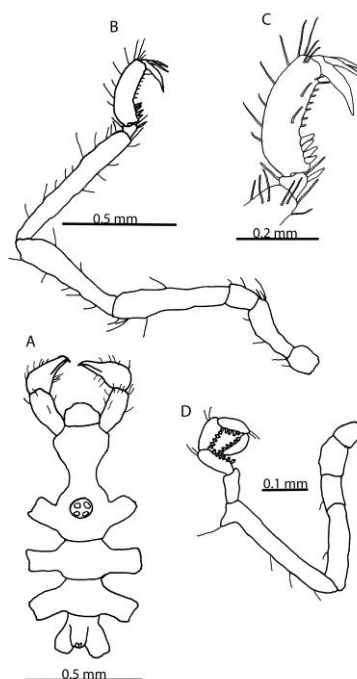
All earlier records of *Callipallene tiberi* (Dohrn, 1881) from the Mediterranean Sea are from the western and central regions (Figure 1). Spanish coast: Malaga, Alboran Sea (Munilla, 1991); Chafarinas Islands, Alboran Sea (Munilla and Nieto, 1999); Ceuta (Tarragona (Munilla and San Vicente, 2000:2005). Italian coast: Naples (Dohrn, 1881;

Munilla, 1994); Catania, Sicily Island (Krapp, 1973); Costa d'Argento-Southern Tuscany (Vignoli *et al.*, 2006); Giglio Island (Lehmann *et al.*, 2014). Croatian coast: Islet of Banjole, Adriatic Sea (Krapp-Schickel and Krapp, 1975); Rovinj, Adriatic Sea (Schüller, 1989).

The new record of *C. tiberi* reported in this study further extends the known distribution of this species to the east in the Mediterranean Sea. Therefore, *C. tiberi* now has an established distribution ranging from the eastern Atlantic Ocean (Bay of Biscay (Soler-Membrives and Munilla, 2015); England (Munilla and Soler-Membrives, 2014), Canary Islands-La palma, Strait of Dover (Stock, 1990)) to the eastern Mediterranean. With this species, the total number of species is raised to 29 in the eastern Mediterranean, as follows:

*Ammothella longipes* (Hodge, 1864); *A. uniungiculata* (Dohrn, 1881). *A. longioculata* (Faraggiana, 1940); *A. biungiculata* (Dohrn, 1881); *A. appendiculata* (Dohrn, 1881). *Achelia langi* (Dohrn, 1881); *A. vulgaris* (Costa, 1861); *A. echinata* Hodge, 1864. *Tanystylum orbiculare* Wilson, 1878; *T. conirostre* (Dohrn, 1881). *Trygaeus communis*. *Ascorhynchus castelli* (Dohrn, 1881). *Anoplodactylus petiolatus* (Kroyer, 1844); *A. pygmaeus* (Hodge, 1864); *A. virescens* (Hodge, 1864); *A. digitatus* (Böhm, 1879); *A. californicus* Hall, 1912; *A. angulatus* (Dohrn, 1881); *A. nanus* Krapp, Kocak & Katagan, 2008. *Rhynchothorax mediterraneus* Costa, 1861. *Callipallene emaciata* (Dohrn, 1881); *C. phantoma* (Dohrn, 1881); *C. spectrum* (Dohrn, 1881). *C. tiberi* (Dohrn, 1881). *Pigrogromitus timsanus*, Calman, 1927. *Pycnogonum nodulosum* Dohrn, 1881. *Endeis charybdaea* (Dohrn, 1881); *E. spinosa* (Montagu, 1808). *Nymphon gracile* Leach, 1814.

These 29 species of pycnogonids, out of a total number of species worldwide of 1330 (Munilla and Soler-Membrives, 2014). They thus represent 2.1% of



**Figure 2.** *Callipallene tiberi* (Dohrn, 1881), ♂ (ovigerous) from Urla, İzmir Bay (Aegean Sea): A. Dorsal view; B. Right leg 3; C. Propodus and tarsus of the same leg D. Right oviger.

the actual world species. To date, 56 the total number of pycnogonid species found in the Mediterranean Sea (Kocak, 2015). Thus, the reported 29 species in the eastern basin of Mediterranean Sea represent 51.7% of the actual Mediterranean Sea species.

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