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Hermit crabs from Brazil: Family Diogenidae (Crustacea: Decapoda: Paguroidea), except *Paguristes*

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Abstract

We present here the genera and species of the family Diogenidae recorded from Brazil, with the exception of the genus *Paguristes*. We provide a diagnosis, synonymy and illustrations for each species of the nine genera from Brazil and identification keys for genera represented by more than one species.

Key words: Paguroidea, Diogenidae, Brazil

Introduction

According to McLaughlin *et al.* (2010) there are 20 genera and 428 species belonging to the family Diogenidae; certainly this number has been changed due to descriptions of new species. In Brazil, 9 genera and 15 species occur, apart from the genus *Paguristes* and its respective species. Two species treated here previously belonged to the genus *Paguristes* but were transferred to *Areopaguristes* Rahayu & McLaughlin, 2010 and *Pseudopaguristes* McLaughlin, 2002. The other genera covered here are *Calcinus* Dana, 1851; *Cancellus* H. Milne Edwards, 1836; *Clibanarius* Dana, 1852; *Dardanus* Paulson, 1875; *Isocheles* Stimpson, 1858; *Loxopagurus* Forest, 1964 and *Petrochirus* Stimpson, 1858. Thus, continuing the series of articles about the hermit crabs from Brazil, we present here the family Diogenidae, apart from the genus *Paguristes*.

Material and methods

Most of the material examined belongs to the carcinological collection of the Museum of Zoology, University of São Paulo (MZUSP). We also examined some species from the Department of Oceanography, Federal University of Pernambuco (DOUFPE); and one species from the particular collection of Dr Nilton Hebling (PCNH). The identification keys have been prepared and adapted from existing literature and by examination of material. We also present a diagnostic description, synonymy, geographical distribution, material examined and remarks for each species. The diagnoses were based mainly on Melo (1999) and Nucci (2002). Synonymies are based on Nucci (2002) and several articles.

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