





Dicranodromia danielae, a new species of homolodromiid crab from the Philippines (Crustacea: Decapoda: Brachyura)

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Abstract

A new species of homolodromiid crab, *Dicranodromia danielae* n. sp., is reported from Balicasag Island, Panglao, Philippines. The new species is allied to *D. doederleini* Ortmann, 1892, This brings to two the number species known from the Philippines including *D. martini* Guinot, 1995, described from Cagayan and off Mindanao islands. Most species of *Dicranodromia* are found deeper than 400 m, but the new species was collected from 200 to 300 m.

Key words: Crustacea, Decapoda, Brachyura, Homolodromiidae, *Dicranodromia*, new species, Philippines

Introduction

The family Homolodromiidae is a small family of podotreme crabs with only two genera and 19 species. The genus *Dicranodromia* A. Milne-Edwards, 1880, contains the bulk of the species, with 16 recognized taxa, with eight species known from the Atlantic and eight in the IndoWest Pacific. We here describe a new species from the Philippines.

The measurements used are of the carapace width and length respectively. The terminology used follows that by Guinot (1995). The abbreviations P2P5 are used for the pereopods 25 respectively.

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