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ABSTRACT

The Brazilian expeditions Revizee and Oceanprof collected samples from the southwest Brazilian coast between depths of 200 and 2200m. These expeditions sampled eleven species of

Oplophoridae, ten of them new records for Southwestern Atlantic: *Oplophorus gracilirostris* A. Milne Edwards, 1881; *O. spinosus* (Brullé, 1839); *Acanthephyra eximia* A Milne Edwards, 1881; *A. acutifrons* Bate, 1888; *A. quadrispinosa* Kemp, 1939; *A. stylorostratis* (Bate, 1888); *Ephyrina benedicti* Smith, 1885; *Janicella spinicauda* (A. Milne Edwards, 1883); *Notostomus elegans* A. Milne Edwards, 1881; *Systellaspis debilis* (A. Milne Edwards, 1881) and *S. pellucida* (Filhol, 1885). The specimens are described and figured.

Key words: Crustacea Caridea, Oplophoridae, Southwest Atlantic, deep-sea, taxonomy

INTRODUCTION

The Caridea Dana, 1852 includes the family Oplophoridae Dana, 1852 and another 35 families (Martin & Davis 2001). The Oplophoridae was first defined by Dana (1852) and presently includes ten genera and 74 species: *Oplophorus* H. Milne Edwards, 1837, with four species (type species *O. typus* H. Milne Edwards, 1837); *Hymenodora* Sars, 1877, with four species (type species *Pasiphaë glacialis* Buchholz, 1874); *Acanthephyra* A. Milne Edwards, 1881, with 34 species (type species *A. armata* A. Milne Edwards, 1881); *Notostomus* A. Milne Edwards, 1881, with nine species (type species *N. gibbosus* A. Milne Edwards, 1881); *Meningodora* Smith, 1882, with four species (type species *M. mollis* Smith, 1882); *Ephyrina* Smith, 1885, with six species (type species *E. benedicti* Smith, 1885); *Systellaspis* Bate, 1888, with ten species (type species *S. lanceocaudata* Bate, 1888); *Heterogenys* Chace, 1986, monotypic (*Acanthephyra microphthalmia* Smith, 1885); *Janicella* Chace, 1986, monotypic (*Oplophorus spinicauda* A. Milne Edwards, 1883); and *Kemphyra* Chace, 1986, monotypic (*Notostomus corallinus* A. Milne Edwards, 1883) (Crosnier & Forest 1973; Chace 1986; Wasmer 1986; Crosnier 1987; Holthuis 1993).

From the Brazilian coast, *Acanthephyra eximia*, *Meningodora mollis* and *Notostomus gibbosus* were recorded only (Ramos-Porto & Coelho 1998). This study describes and figures eleven species of Oplophoridae collected from the Southwestern Atlantic collected during the Revizee and Oceanprof Programs.

All the measurements presented are of the carapace length, taken from the rostrum base to the carapace end. The nomenclature of the cephalic structures was followed that of McLaughlin (1980) (Fig. 1) and the setae nomenclature used was that presented by Watling (1989) (Fig. 2).

Abbreviations used: ai — appendix interna; am — appendix masculina; as — antennal spine; bas — basis; brc — branchiostegal carina; brs — branchiostegal spine; c — carpus; cg — cervical groove; goc — gastro—orbital carina; hc — hepatic carina; hg — hepatic groove; igoc — infra gastro—orbital carina; i—m — ischium—merus; lrc — lateral rostral carina; lrci — lateral rostral carina inferior; lrsc — lateral rostral carina superior; p—d — propod—dactyl; sbrc — suprabranchial carina; shc — subhepatic carina; smc — submarginal carina; st — stylocerite; sto — sharp tooth.