

On the Atlantic species of the genus *Abyssianira* Menzies, 1956 (Isopoda: Asellota: Paramunnidae)

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Abstract

Two new Atlantic species of the genus *Abyssianira* are described: *A. acutilobi* **n. sp.** and *A. lingula* **n. sp.** from off Argentine and Brazilian coasts, respectively. In order to facilitate comparisons the descriptions of two previously known Atlantic species, *A. dentifrons* Menzies, 1956 and *A. argentenensis* Menzies, 1962, are completed. Four groups of dorsolateral wart-like elevations are herein described for the first time. These “warts” are present in *A. acutilobi*, *A. lingula* and *A. dentifrons* and they seem to consist of agglutinated sand and detritus. The diagnosis of the genus *Abyssianira* is emended, and a dichotomous key for these four species is offered.