

## Summer Distribution of Tintinnids in Open Waters of the Adriatic Sea

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The researches were being carried out on June 19 - 23, 1978 in Jabuka pit (  $43^{\circ}08'N$ ,  $15^{\circ}02'E$  ), the South Adriatic trench (  $42^{\circ}04'N$ ,  $17^{\circ}33'E$  ) and the Strait of Otranto (  $40^{\circ}02'N$ ,  $19^{\circ}07'E$  ). The samples have been collected in six layers by vertical tows with a closing net system ( 0,47 m diameter, 53 microns mesh aperture ).

Totally, 23 species of tintinnids have been recorded. Codonella aspera and Undella claparedei were found in all stations, but in the Jabuka pit samples they were the only species present. Amphorella tetragona, Amplectella tricollaria, Codonellopsis orthoceras, Codonaria cistellula were found only in the Strait of Otranto and Parundella aculeata, Xystonella lohmanni, Albatrossiella agassizi and Ormosella trachelium in the South Adriatic trench.

Vertical distribution indicates three populations of tintinnids. Codonella aspera, Epilocylis acuminata, Rhabdonella spiralis, Xystonella lohmanni X. treforti, Undella hyalina, U. biangulata and Eutintinnus fraknoi are dominant in surface layer. Parundella lohmanni and Undella claparedei are most numerous in 400 - 200 m layers. Parundella messinensis, P. aculeata, Xystonellopsis scyphium, X. aciculifera, Amphorella tetragona, Albatrossiella agassizi and Ormosella trachelium have been found only in the deeper layers ( table 1 ). During the summer cruise of "Thor" expedition in the West Mediterranean Sea, Jørgensen (1924) found and described these five species of tintinnids from the deeps, mentioned here, which have been up to now the only findings of these species. Now, for the first time, they are mentioned also for the Adriatic Sea. It is the first time that Albatrossiella agassizi has been found in the Mediterranean Sea.

### References :

- Jørgensen, E. (1924) : Mediterranean Tintinnidae. Rep. Danish Oce. Exp. 1908 - 1910 in the Mediterranean and adjacent seas, 2,3, 1 - 110 pp.

Table 1. Vertical distribution of tintinnids at three stations in open waters of the A

Species	STRAIT OF OTRANTO						SOUTH ADRIATIC TRENCH					35-0	
	100-0	200-100	300-200	400-300	500-400	800-500	100-0	200-100	300-200	400-300	500-400		1150-500
<i>Codonella aspera</i>	8	67	63	16	9	5	100	33	5	5	3	2	24
" <i>amphorella</i>		25	15	29	6	8			13	2	1	1	
<i>Codonaria cistellula</i>		40											
<i>Codonellopsis orthoceras</i>	8												
<i>Epiplocyliis acuminata</i>	50	30	5	8			315						
<i>Rhabdonella spiralis</i>	33	10	6	4	8	2	170						
<i>Parundella lohmanni</i>		20	84	110	17	9	8	76	440	15	1	6	
" <i>aculeata</i>									4				
" <i>messinensis</i>			15	12	18	2			4	4	2	1	
<i>Xystonella lohmanni</i>							110	10	5	4	1	1	
" <i>treforti</i>		25	12	13	17		180	67	30				
<i>Xystonellopsis scyphium</i>			15	40	17	8					1	11	
" <i>aciculifera</i>				12	5	6						3	
<i>Undella hyalina</i>	25	8	12	4	3	1	67						
" <i>claparedei</i>	20	126	55	25	40	29	50	550	949	100	28	26	
" <i>biangulata</i>				4			16						
" <i>subcaudata acuta</i>		20	21	12					3	2	2	1	
<i>Amplectella tricollaria</i>			+										
<i>Undellopsis marsupialis</i>		34	12	3	8	2	8	8	4	2	2	1	
<i>Amphorella tetragona</i>				4	15								
<i>Albatrossiella agassizi</i>												1	
<i>Ormosella trachelium</i>												2	
<i>Eutintinnus fraknoi</i>	50						25						
Total numbers	194	405	315	296	159	72	1049	744	1457	134	41	56	24