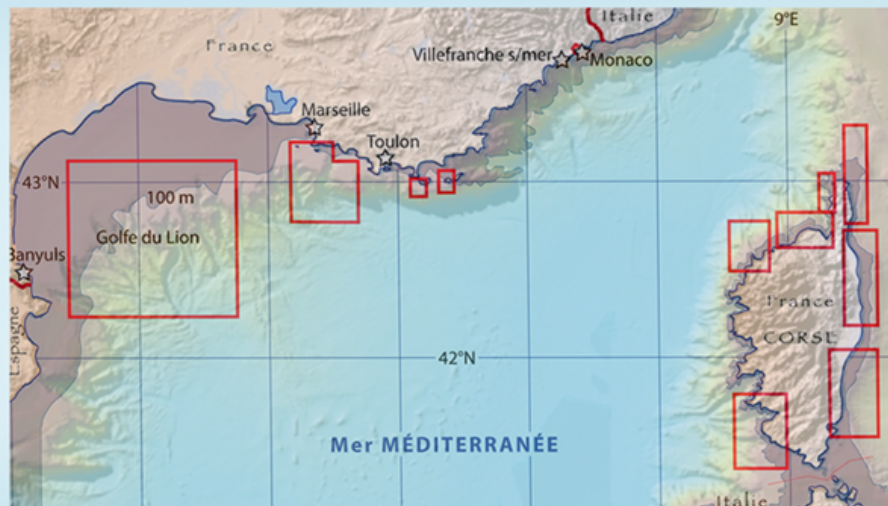


## Brachiopodes récoltés lors de campagnes (1976-2014) dans l'étage Bathyal des côtes françaises méditerranéennes

### Redéfinition des limites du système phytal dans le domaine marin benthique



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#### Abstract

**Brachiopods sampled during expeditions (1976-2014) in the Bathyal Zone of the French Mediterranean coasts. Redefinition of the boundaries of the phytal system in the marine benthic domain .-** The distribution of brachiopods along the French Mediterranean coast, especially in the Bathyal zone, was studied in detail from 1976 to 2014 being one of the main objectives of the RCP-CNRS No 728, that took place during the years 1983 to 1989. The data obtained during these campaigns constitute the main objective of this e-book, which focuses on five brachiopod species *Novocrania anomala*, *Gryphus vitreus*, *Terebratulina retusa*, *Megathiris detruncata*, *Platidia anomioidea* and *Megerlia truncata* that occur in the Upper Bathyal zone. The e-book consists of nine chapters, of which the last two contain the data concerning all the stations studied, the distributional charts of the five species mentioned, included. The presence of these species in the Mediterranean biocoenoses has put in evidence a hiatus in the systematics based mainly in characters of the shell and rarely in phylogenetic analyses. Another important point that is addressed is the discussion of the validity of some species with fossil record, being *Terebratula minor* (= *Gryphus vitreus* ), as well as of extant ones, ie, *Terebratula seminulum*, chosen as examples. Finally, the infestation of *G. vitreus* shells by the *Ostreobium* alga led to reconsider the lower limit of the benthic phytal system and its bathymetric variations as far as in the Bathyal.

**Keywords** : brachiopod; bathyal; Mediterranean; biocoenosis; aphytal; phototic.

#### Foreword

The primary purpose of this book is to make available all the station books of my cruises in the Bathyal stage off the coasts of Provence and Corsica (France), by adding data from some cruises made by the Ifremer (French Research Institute for the Exploitation of the Sea). Indeed, the collected material, and first and foremost the brachiopods, have been deposited in various Museums, the main deposits of which concern the National Museum of Natural History in Paris, the "Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales" (CSIC, in Madrid) and the "Instytut Paleobiologii PAN, Warszawa" (Institute of Paleobiology, Polish Academy of Sciences, in Warsaw). All the collection stations were reported on French nautical charts, as well as the geographical distribution for each species in the different prospected areas.

The research was carried out within the framework of the Cooperative Research Program (National Center for

Scientific Research) RCP-CNRS n°728 entitled *Studies of current populations of brachiopods; transposition to fossil forms* (1983-1989), of which I was the instigator and director. The goal was to federate French researchers working on current and fossil brachiopods, and to add those of our other European colleagues who so wished. This RCP brought together researchers from Marseille, Lyon, Dijon, Besançon, Paris, Brest, Pau for France, Catania for Italy, Oviedo for Spain and Glasgow for Great Britain.

This book is also an opportunity to briefly summarize our knowledge of the history of the Mediterranean Sea, as well as the main results on the ecology of brachiopod species collected in the Bathyal stage, recalling that ecology cannot be eluded from the diagnoses of these species, as in general for all current species, as well as fossils on condition that the natural environment can be defined and not the conditions which, in fact, led to their fossilization. A current case is evoked following a siltation of the continental shelf and the upper Bathyal in Corsica.

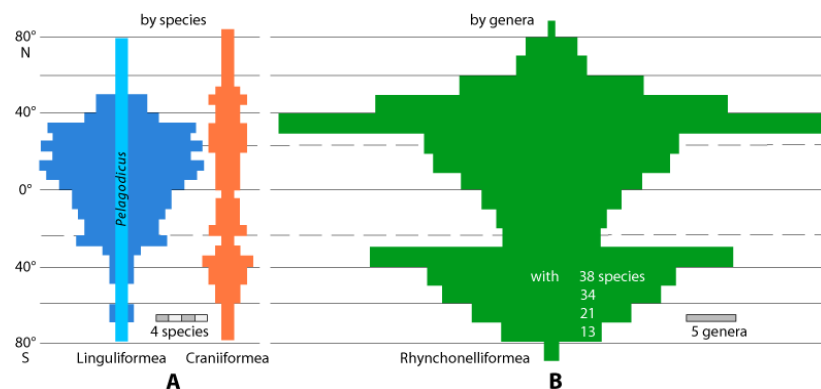
Finally, new data concerning the distribution of *Gryphus* shells infested by the unicellular green alga *Ostreobium* led to clarify the limit between the phytal (or photic) and aphytal (or aphotic) systems in the benthic domain. A few lines have also been written to encourage the revision of the taxonomy of current species of brachiopods, because the use of a "paleontological systematics" is no longer suitable for their identification.

In the appendix, it seemed to me interesting, even useful, to open the debate on the application of phylogenetic methods in the taxonomy of current species and genera of brachiopods. Two *Terebratula*, *T. minor* and *T. seminulum*, both described by Philippi (1836), are taken as examples.

## 1. Introduction

In the World Ocean, the bathymetric distribution of brachiopods is the most abundant from the littoral zones to the upper Bathyal stage (Emig, 1988, 2016): for these suspensivorous lophophorates, it is explained by the need to live in biotopes subject to hydrodynamics, favoring the nutritional supply of food particles and plankton. The edge of the continental shelf is particularly favorable due to the particular characteristics of the water masses circulating there, with a predominance of brachiopods, mainly craniiform and rhynchonelliform, throughout the upper Bathyal stage (Emig, 1997a, 2016).

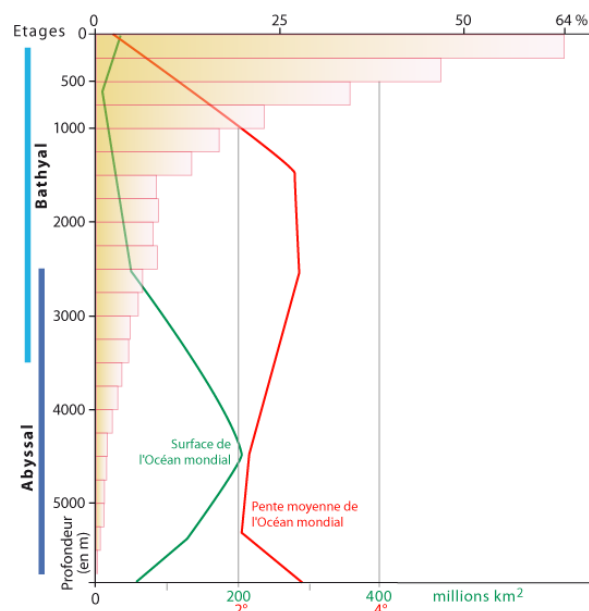
The current distribution of brachiopods extends to all oceans and seas: the latitudinal distribution shows that the linguliforms, mainly littoral, are more abundant in the intertropical zone, while the rhynchonelliforms have a wider distribution in the temperate zones (Emig, 2016).



**Figure 1-1** : Latitudinal distribution of current taxa of the three brachiopod subphyla: for Linguliformea and Craniiformea ( **A** ) by species; for the Rhynchonelliformea ( **B** ) by genera. According to Emig (2016, 2017a).

Our knowledge of the geographical distribution of brachiopods along and off the French coast is almost exclusively linked to the results of oceanographic campaigns (Álvarez *et al.*, 2016, 2017). Indeed, on the continental shelf, brachiopods are generally cryptic, therefore not easily accessible from the surface, except by scuba diving, especially since their density is low and their size small, often less than one centimeter. On the other hand, in the deep domain, beyond the edge of the continental shelf (about 100 m), the diversity of brachiopods is maximum with high densities (several hundred individuals per m<sup>2</sup>) in the upper Bathyal stage (Emig, 1985a, 1988, 1989a, 1997a) (Figs. 1-1, 1-2). The geographical and bathymetric distributions of brachiopods, as for all species, are directly related to the biotope and therefore to the biocoenosis to which a species of brachiopod is subservient. These current and fossil biocoenoses (thanatocoenoses) have been particularly well studied in the Mediterranean Sea: also the taxonomy of brachiopods cannot be done without taking them into account even, as a character, in a cladistic analysis. This misunderstanding has recently led to questionable descriptions (see Emig, 2014; and Appendices AC).

In the Mediterranean Sea, the proximity of the continental slope, often a few miles from the coast, has facilitated the multiplicity of samples by greatly reducing travel time. The data obtained in the stations surveyed during the sea campaigns carried out between 1976 and 2014 have been gathered in chapters 8 and 9, with the distribution maps of the different species of brachiopods. Some unpublished results are also analyzed and used to discuss the limits of the benthic phytal system in the Mediterranean Sea.



**Figure 1-2 :** Distribution of current brachiopods according to depth (from Emig, 2016). Curves of the surface and mean slope of the World Ocean according to Costello & Chaudhary (2017): as brachiopods are suspension feeders, they are mainly distributed in sloping or/and hydrodynamic zones from the continental shelf to the the Bathyal stage, according to the local topography.

This document is mainly technical in order to publish all the data collected during the campaigns at sea and allow their subsequent use if necessary or refine those previously published by the various members of the RCP-CNRS 728 and those who have benefited from the material collected. . The latter has been deposited in the collections of the Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales (CSIC, Madrid), the National Museum of Natural History in Paris and the Institute of Paleobiology (PAN Warsaw).

## 2. Materials and techniques used

### A. Campaigns and Ships.

Work within the framework of the Cooperative Research Program (National Center for Scientific Research) RCP-CNRS No. 728 ( *Studies of current populations of brachiopods; transposition to fossil forms* , 1983-1989; Director CC Emig), bringing together specialists French, British, Spanish, Italian, were based on the results obtained during the cruises carried out off the coasts of Provence and around Corsica (Table 1, Pl. 1). In this same context, two other campaigns took place: one in Scotland (from Oban) with Gordon Curry (University of Glasgow) and one in Sicily (off Syracuse), organized by Italo Di Geronimo (University of Catania) (Di Geronimo, 1987); they are not dealt with here. The material collected has given rise to numerous publications on various subjects and themes in biology, ecology and paleontology.

**Table 1 :** List of cruises at sea, the results of which are mentioned in chapter 8 and the maps in chapter 9. French abbreviations for ships: N/O = research vessel; BISM = underwater intervention building; SMI = intervention submarine (Pl. 1).

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| BraCors 1 | May 31 - June 9, 1983 - N/W Catherine-Laurence | CNRS    | Chapter 8: <a href="#">Table 6</a> and <a href="#">Table 7</a> |
| BraCors 2 | April 9 - 15, 1984 - N/W Catherine-Laurence    |         |                                                                |
| BraCors 3 | 2 - 6 July 1984 - N/W Catherine-Laurence       |         |                                                                |
| BraCors 4 | 4 - 8 July 1985 - N/W Korotneff                |         |                                                                |
| BraCors 5 | 4 - 22 November 1985 - N/W Catherine-Laurence  |         |                                                                |
| BraCors 6 | 19 - 23 January 1987 - N/W Catherine-Laurence  |         |                                                                |
| BathyMed  | 7 - 22 November 1988 - N/O Catherine-Laurence  | IFREMER | Chapter 8: <a href="#">Table 8</a> and <a href="#">Table 9</a> |
| Meditis 2 | May-June 2012 - N/W Europe                     |         | Chapter 8: <a href="#">Table 10</a>                            |
| Meditis 3 | May-June 2013 - N/W Europe                     |         |                                                                |

The station notebooks are available in chapter 8 and the maps of geographical distribution and bathymetric distribution appear in chapter 9. Other counts of *Gryphus vitreus* have taken place during recent CNRS and Ifremer campaigns (Table 1): they have been added to our data.

- The units of measurement used are for distance, nautical mile [= 1852 m], and for speed, knot [= 1852/3600 m/s or 1 nautical mile/h]. These units, although outside the International System of Units, are in use and included in the latter. They are used because one nautical mile on the Earth's surface is one minute of latitude, which is consistent with latitude and longitude being measured in degrees and minutes and seconds – or 1/10th of a second. .
- The geographical coordinates of the stations (latitude, longitude) were obtained by first using the Loran-C positioning system, then replaced by that of the Global Navigation Satellite System type satellite (including GPS) with an accuracy of one meter.

The provision of precise bathymetric maps (with close bathymetric measurements) by the Mediterranean Oceanographic Mission (French Navy, Toulon) made it possible to draw up the profiles of the radials and was of great help in the preparation of the three dives in submersible.

## B. Machinery used

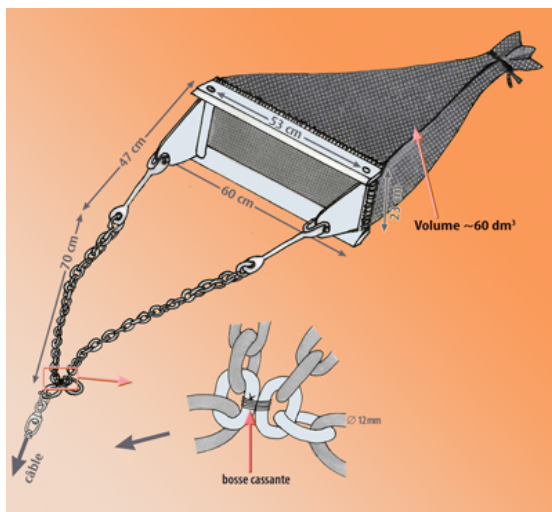
Various devices were used depending on the needs of the research and the results to be obtained (see also Emig, 1983; Anastasios, 2013).

### Charcot-Picard cruising

It is the main and indispensable machine for harvesting brachiopods on the continental slope. It is the perfectly adapted machine with the best efficiency. There are two assemblies according to the needs:

- a burlap, called underpants, lined with a thick protective net (Fig. 2-1).
- without underpants with a 10 mm mesh net, protected by a thick net (10 mm thread) with a coarse mesh (Fig. 2-2).

Although easy to use, it nevertheless requires a good experience for maximum efficiency according to the desired results in the harvesting of brachiopods, especially in conditions of uneven bottoms as are frequently those of the upper Mediterranean Bathyal, especially on relatively steep slopes and in underwater canyons. Also, hooks [1] are frequent, so to limit the damage or allow the dredge to be raised in the event of a serious hook, the machine is equipped with a breakable line (Fig. 2-1); they sometimes require mending or even repairing the metal structure of the dredge.



**Figure 2-1** : Charcot-Picard dredge, with underpants.



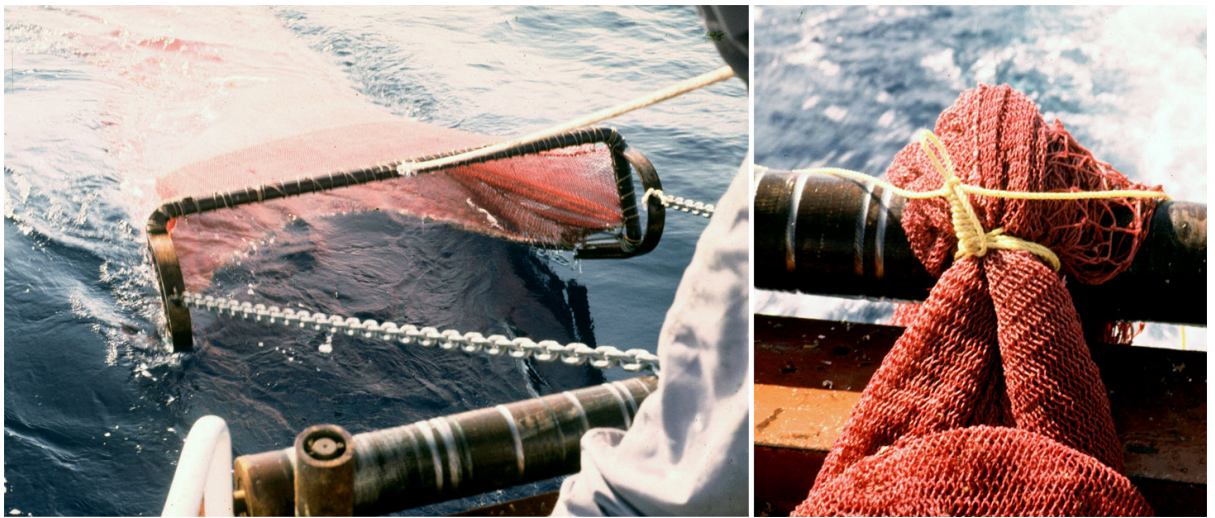
**Figure 2-2** : Return to the deck of a Charcot-Picard dredge without underpants (Photos taken from a video).

Dredging at great depths, on often rocky slopes, requires a good estimate of the bottom conditions, in particular the substrate, the slope, the current, which can also have consequences for the safety of the ship and the sailors and scientists working on it. the bridge (Emig, 1983, 1987). One can cite as an example: the length of the cable varies between 2 and 3 times the depth and it depends on the track going up the slope or along an isobath, the wind at the surface, the interpretation of the sounder data, the substrate, etc. With good practice, the touch of the cable provides information on the work of the dredge on the bottom and also to adapt the speed of the vessel (around 1-1.5 knots) for maximum efficiency.

### Small beam trawl (2 m wide)

This trawl was only used occasionally, because it is fragile (Fig. 2-3), it requires a homogeneous soft bottom without major roughness, which is rare in the upper bathyal of the Provençal and Corsican coasts. It resembles the Provençal gangui with a fixed frame, which was used at shallow depths by fishermen (a use today practically prohibited for damage caused in seagrass beds – subject to derogation).





**Figure 2-3** : Small beam trawl – left: its launch; right: the knot of raban-de-sac.

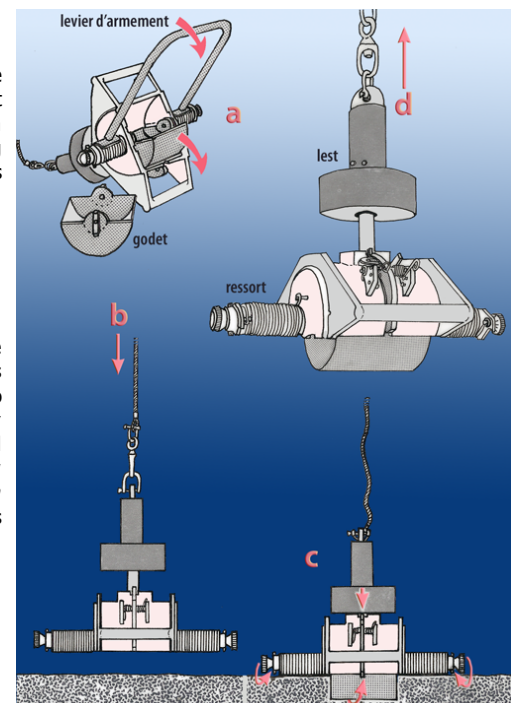
#### Tipper Shipec

This grab was chosen to take samples of soft sediments for the study of their granulometry, as well as the meiofauna. In English, it is called Shipec sediment sampler (Fig. 2-4). The bucket with a dimension of approximately 20.5 x 20 cm pivots 180° on touching the bottom and thus performs the sampling. Its launch requires attention so as not to trigger the rotation prematurely.

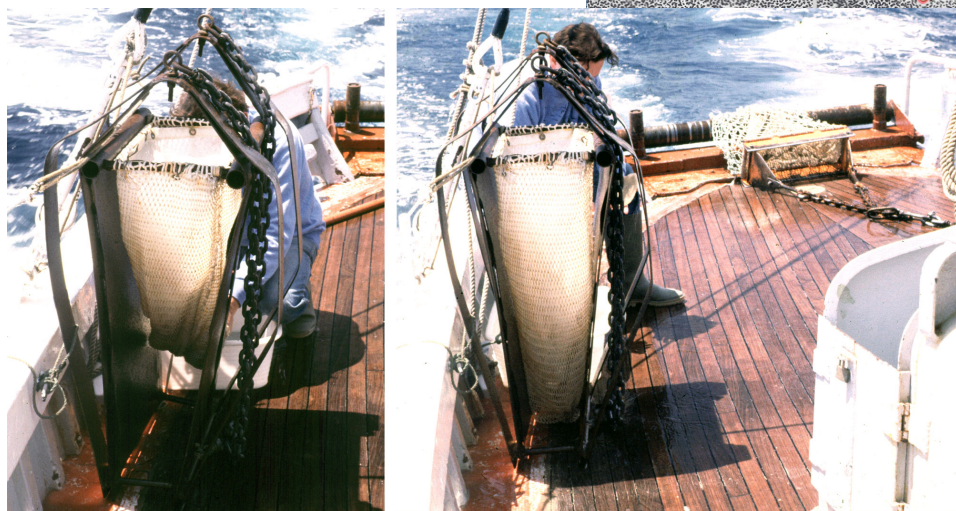
**Figure 2-4** : Shipec grab and its implementation.

#### Modexa, (remotely guided underwater vehicle)

This ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle; Pl. 1) was a prototype that appeared at the time of the creations and development of this new type of underwater vehicle, the purpose of which was to replace underwater submersibles. Because the latter require heavy means, both technical and financial, in their implementation and therefore are not easily available. Nevertheless, if an ROV is now easy to use and inexpensive, nothing replaces a human dive for *in situ* observations. This remark was already made in the early 1960s with the first scientific observations and samples taken during scuba diving (Emig, 1966).



#### Epibenthic luge.



**Figure 2-5** : Epibenthic sledge being collected from the sample (left) and ready for the next launch.

The sledge used (Fig. 2-5), derived from that of Ockelmann, was developed by Ledoyer (1987) for epibenthic mobile fauna, in particular crustaceans (cumaceans, amphipods, etc.).

#### underwater submersible

The dives with the submersible SMS Griffon, from the support ship BSM Triton (Pl. 1) were included in the framework of aid for scientific research by the French Navy, from the home port of Toulon. The observations, made during the three dives carried out in Provence (Table 1), proved essential in the study of the ecology and the distribution of the brachiopods of the Bathyal. In addition, each radial (see chapters 8 and 9) had been preceded by an



intensive sampling campaign, then followed by another to sample the areas observed during the dives.

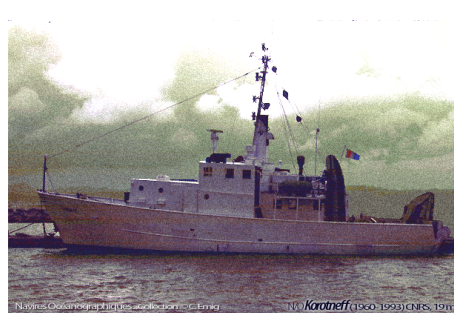
#### Note

The machines used only allow qualitative sampling without giving the density per m<sup>2</sup>. It is in the stations proposed in submersible, where density measurements of *Gryphus vitreus* were carried out visually, that the traicts with the Charcot-Picard dredge were calibrated to obtain an extrapolation according to the number of individuals harvested: each dredging being done at the same constant speed of the ship for the same duration of work on the bottom (the touch of the cable provides perfect information on the arrival on the bottom). In addition, during all dredging, the work of the gear on the bottom is very frequently controlled with one hand on the pulling cable.

[1] *Fisher term* . Natural submerged obstacle in which the net or gear (trawl, dredge) gets caught.



N/W Alciope (Marseille)



N/O Korotneff (Villefranche s/mer)



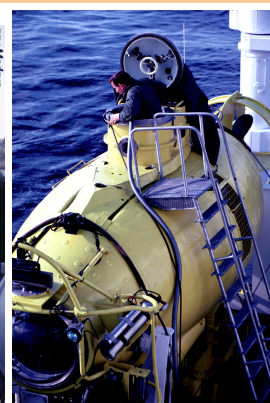
N/W Catherine-Laurence (Villefranche s/mer)



BSM Triton (Toulon), SMS Griffon support ship



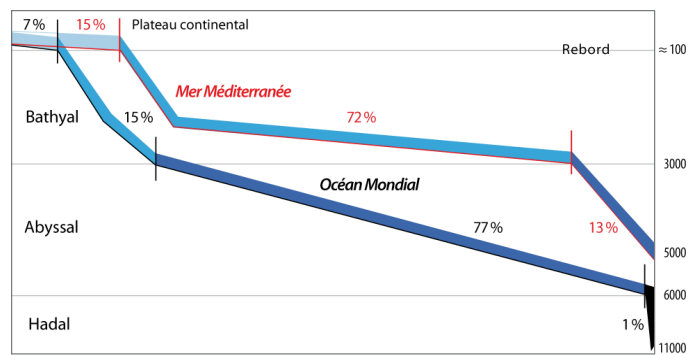
N/O Antedon (Marseille)



**Plate 1** : Main oceanographic vessels used during the campaigns in Provence and Corsica.

### 3. History of exchanges in the deep Mediterranean domain

The edge of the continental shelf constitutes a limit, separating the neritic domain from the deep domain, as important as the coastal line. This rim is defined by geological, physico-chemical and biological characteristics (Emig, 1997a). The deep domain is divided into three stages, whose extension and importance in the Mediterranean Sea differ from those in the World Ocean (Fig. 3-1).

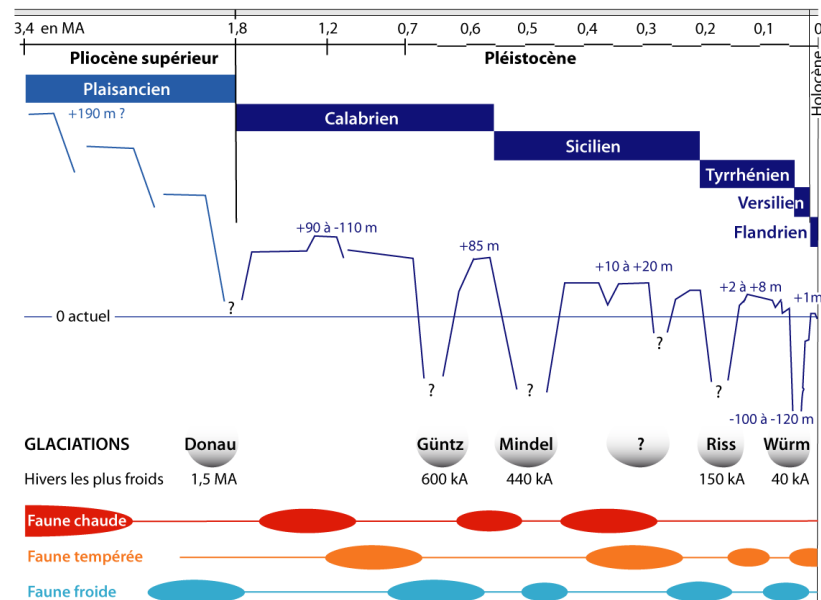


**Figure 3-1 :** Comparison of the extension, in percentage, of the levels in the World Ocean and in the Mediterranean Sea which represents only 0.82% of the total surface of the World Ocean and 0.35% of its volume. The edge of the continental shelf (whose depth varies according to the ocean or sea considered) marks the border between the neritic (continental shelf) and deep domains: it is located around one hundred, one hundred and ten meters in the Mediterranean Sea. Note that the depth of two hundred meters is an exclusively economic and not scientific limit, and it is only in this context that it should be mentioned.

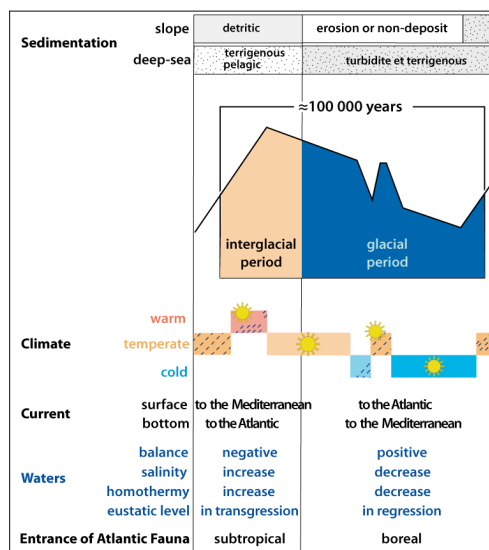
The deep Mediterranean domain remains poorly known, probably because the deep benthos is characterized by a lack of originality and poverty, the reasons for which are to be found in the recent history of the fauna (Di Geronimo, 1990; Laubier & Emig, 1993; Taviani, 2002; Emig & Geistdoerfer, 2004, 2008). Three main types of exchanges are at the origin of this:

- historical exchanges through changes in fauna since the Pliocene and during climatic fluctuations with successions of glacial and interglacial periods (Fig. 3-2, 3-3);
- bathymetric exchanges within the bathyal and abyssal levels subject to very specific conditions (homothermy, relative oligotrophy, barrier of the Gibraltar sill, circulation of water masses); the deeper the extent of species in the Mediterranean Sea and the wider their distribution outside the Mediterranean (Fig. 3-4);
- geographical exchanges with close affinities between the western and eastern basins of the Mediterranean Sea and between the latter and the nearby Atlantic Ocean. The case of endemic species remains a biogeographical problem. In general, species always have a deeper distribution going east and their size becomes smaller.

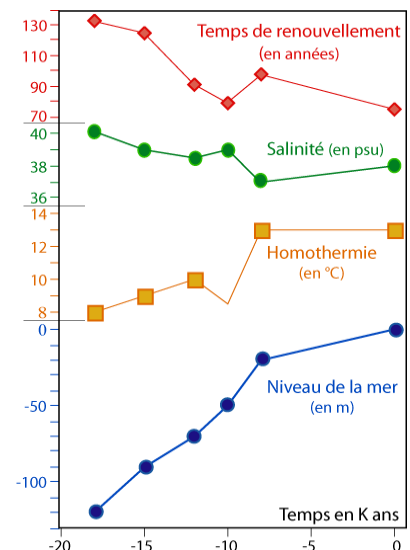
These exchanges are all directly subject to the characteristics of the deep Mediterranean domain, mainly to homothermy (around 13°-13.5°C in the western basin and 14°-15°C in the eastern basin), to high salinity (about 38 to 38.5 psu [2] ), stratification of water layers and their barotropic circulation, currents in straits (Gibraltar and Siculo-Tunisian) (Fig. 3-3).



**Figure 3-2 :** Main phases of faunal succession in the Mediterranean Sea since the Pliocene during the various glacial and interglacial periods (marked by variations in sea level) (modified, after Laubier & Emig, 1993). The actual number of glaciations during the Pleistocene remains to be completed, as it is possible that there were one or two other glaciations between those of Mindel and Riss.



**Figure 3-3 :** Summary of the main characteristics of a Quaternary glaciation during the glacial and interglacial periods, in the Mediterranean Sea.



**Figure 3-4 :** Paleo-oceanographic evolution of the waters of the Western Mediterranean Basin since the last Würm glaciation (from Poutiers, 1987).

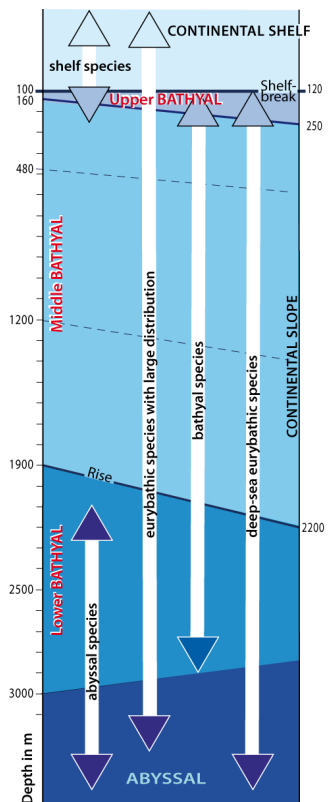
The oceanographic history of the Mediterranean Sea has been the subject of numerous publications and sometimes contradictory debates, particularly on the subject of the salinity crisis in the Messinian. The main stages of this story have been summarized by Laubier & Emig (1993), Emig & Geistdoerfer (2004, 2008).

The current deep Mediterranean appears to be a much younger sea than any other part of the deep World Ocean. Its fauna is mainly composed of old (primitive?) groups within the phyla, while a smaller fraction includes the more specialized types of their group. It is at the level of the edge of the continental shelf, acting as a border at around one hundred to one hundred and ten meters in depth, that an important faunal change occurs (Fig. 3-5, and 4-1, 4-2).

**Figure 3-5 :** Bathymetric distribution of the various categories of species (modified, according to Carpine, 1970; Reyss, 1970) with the limits of the Bathyal stage (and its sub-stages (in dotted line the sub-limits in the Middle Bathyal) and their variations.

In the vertical distribution of the deep Mediterranean benthos, deep homothermy is the most important factor: there are no temperature variations to limit, at depth, the fauna at various levels as in the Atlantic Ocean. Many species are eurybathic in the Mediterranean Sea only because they are not eurytherm or stenothermic. Also, distribution limits are governed by other factors, such as salinity, grain size, pressure, available food, hydrodynamics. And, this variety of local conditions leads to a more heterogeneous bathyal level than that of the Atlantic Ocean (Laubier & Emig, 1993; Emig, 1997a; Emig & Geistdoerfer, 2004, 2008) (Fig. 3-5); this is linked to a mainly belt distribution according to isobaths.

This sea is an important center of evolution with future speciations and the creation of new endemic species due to its physical features with strong gradients.

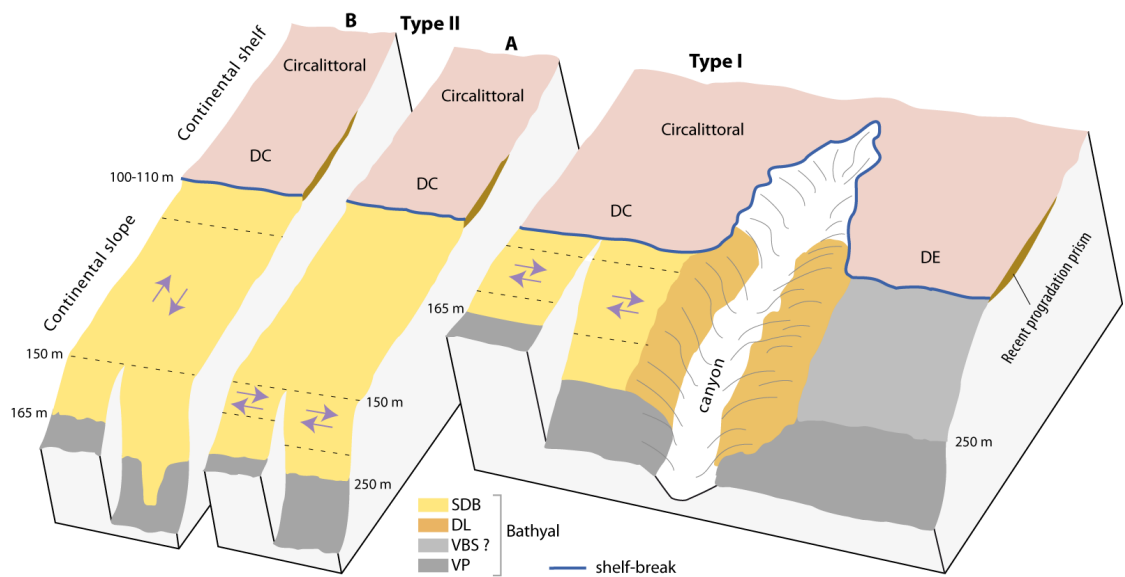


[2] According to international conventions (UNESCO, 1985), salinity values have no specific unit, data are expressed in psu (= practical salinity unit).

#### 4. Definition of the upper Bathyal stage

The upper limit of the Bathyal stage is located at the level of the edge of the continental shelf: it is defined not only by morpho-geological characteristics, but also physical and biological characteristics of the water masses, the benthos and the pelagos (Fig. 4 -1, 4-2). Despite its paramount importance, this rim being a true boundary due to the strong gradients that occur there, its environment remains little known, as it lies between two distinct areas of interest, the coastal environment and the deep domain (Fig. . 4-2): it is comparable to the limit marine domain – terrestrial domain. It is therefore not surprising that the transition from plateau to slope has remained a biological and physical “no man's land” (Vanney & Stanley, 1983; Vanney & Gennesseaux, 1988; Emig, 1997a).





**Figure 4-1** : Block diagram of the two main types of profile (I and II) of the upper zone of the Bathyal stage, with the distribution of the biocoenoses, according to the slope and the depth (according to Emig, 1997a). The arrows indicate the direction of the bottom currents in the zones (between dotted lines) of maximum density of brachiopods where the currents are the most intense – see also Fig. 4-3. Bathyal biocoenoses (see also Fig. 4-2): SDB = b. Bathyal Detrital Sands; DL=b. the Large Detrital; VBS = b. of the Upper Bathyal Vase; PV = b. of the Deep Vase. Circalittoral biocoenoses: DC = b. Coastal Detrital; OF = b. Silted Detritus.

#### A. Morpho-geological characteristics

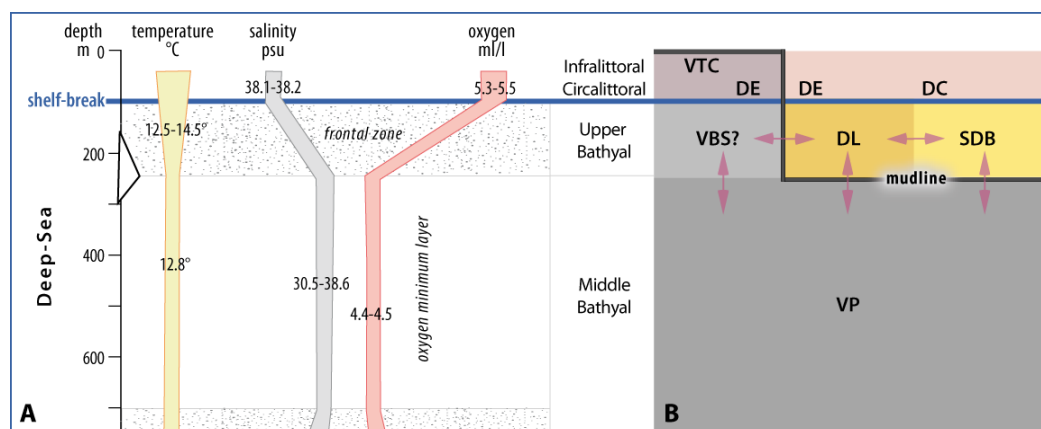
The morphology of the upper Bathyal zone, generally loose substrates, presents two main types of profiles (Fig. 4-1) on which the slope failure occurs at 100 to 120 m. However, on the Type II profile, the break in the continental shelf was generally considered to be around 150 m depth, which, in fact, corresponds to the edge of a large flat bathyal terrace; because the true continental limit, often missed, is located towards the shore and corresponds to the edge of a short declivity of about 5 to 20 m (Fig. 4-1) (Emig, 1989a, 1989b, 1997a; Savoye & Piper, 1993).

The lower boundary of the upper bathyal zone is marked by the " mud-line " following an abrupt change in environmental conditions (Blake & Doyle, 1983) and serves as an energy level marker (Stanley *et al.* , 1983; Emig, 1997a ). Generally located between 160 and 300 m depth according to the profile of the slope (Fig. 4-1, 4-2, 4-3), whose morphology governs the influence of the dominant abiotic factors, one can summarize by more the slope is weak, the less the *mud-line* is deep (Emig, 1989a, 1989b). Thus, it is confirmed that the limits of benthic layering cannot be defined by bathymetry alone, but according to a set of factors.

The recent imprint, since the last rise in sea level (Würm glaciation  $\approx 17,000$  years), clearly appears in the upper Bathyal: the edge of the continental shelf is located at the outer limit of the deposits forming a prograding prism ( Fig. 4-1). The shelf edge is in balance with current environmental conditions; its progradation during the late Holocene was negligible and its depth coincides with a level of "deposition equilibrium" (Mougenot *et al.* , 1983; Monaco *et al.* , 1990; Courp & Monaco, 1990; Savoye & Piper, 1993 ). The relative absence of recent sediments in the Upper Bathyal shows that the sediments are mainly residual sediments (Würmian) reworked with quaternary thanatocoenoses visible by submersibles and generally located between 180 and 200 m deep (Gautier & Picard, 1957; Blanc, 1968; Emig & Arnaud, 1988; Emig & García-Carrascosa, 1991; Emig, 1997a).

#### B. Physical Characteristics

The upper bathyal zone is a high-energy sector characterized by gradient variations of the dominant abiotic factors, namely hydrodynamics, salinity, temperature, oxygen, sediments (Fig. 4-2). Throughout the northwest basin there is a main current, the Liguro-Provençal-Catalan current, which follows the break-up of the continental shelf and coincides with a permanent shelf/slope density front; this flow is intensified by the prevailing winds and separates the continental water masses on the shelf from those deep on the continental slope (Salat & Font, 1987; Millot, 1987; Wang *et al.* , 1988; Emig, 1989b; Monaco *et al.* , 1990; Font, 1990; Emig & García-Carrascosa, 1991; Huthnance, 1992).



**Figure 4-2** : A. Diagram of the different parameters of the water column in the Bathyal stage (from Emig, 1997a). B. Distribution of circalittoral and bathyal biocoenoses along the continental slope with the limits and relationships of the benthic fauna. Biocoenosis: DC - Coastal Detrital, DE - Silted Detrital, DL - Offshore Detrital, SDB - Bathyal Detrital Sands, VBS - Upper Bathyal Mud, VP - Deep Mud, VTC - Coastal Terrigenous Mud .

The current near the bottom, weak or absent on the lower part of the continental shelf, increases in several tens of

meters from the edge of the shelf; its bathymetric extent, velocity and direction are directly related to the physiography of the slope (Fig. 4-1). The speed shows a vertical gradient and varies from about 0.5 to 2 knots or more, sometimes causing large ripples or undulations on the bottom (Emig, 1987). Consequently, sedimentation is absent or weak in the Upper Bathyal, which appears to be a resuspension zone with minor particle accumulation and in which the fauna is characterized by high densities of suspension feeders. At the lower limit of this zone, the speed of the bottom current stops over several tens of meters while the substrate becomes muddy (Emig, 1997a): this is the *mudline* (Fig. 4-1 to 4-3) .

The water column above the Upper Bathyal in the northwestern Mediterranean Sea is characterized by several gradients (Fig. 4-2): low annual temperature variation (about 2°C) which becomes constant (deep homothermy) beyond about 200 m depth, increase in salinity and sharp decrease in oxygen, the content of which is however higher than the biological consumption. From the lower limit of the frontal structure, the hydrological properties change strongly (Huang & Su, 1991), in particular by the minimum oxygen layer linked to the Levantine intermediate water mass, a maximum of salinity and homothermy (Fig. 4-2). The C/N ratio in the sediments decreases from 12 to 10 (Carpine, 1970; Emig, 1997a).

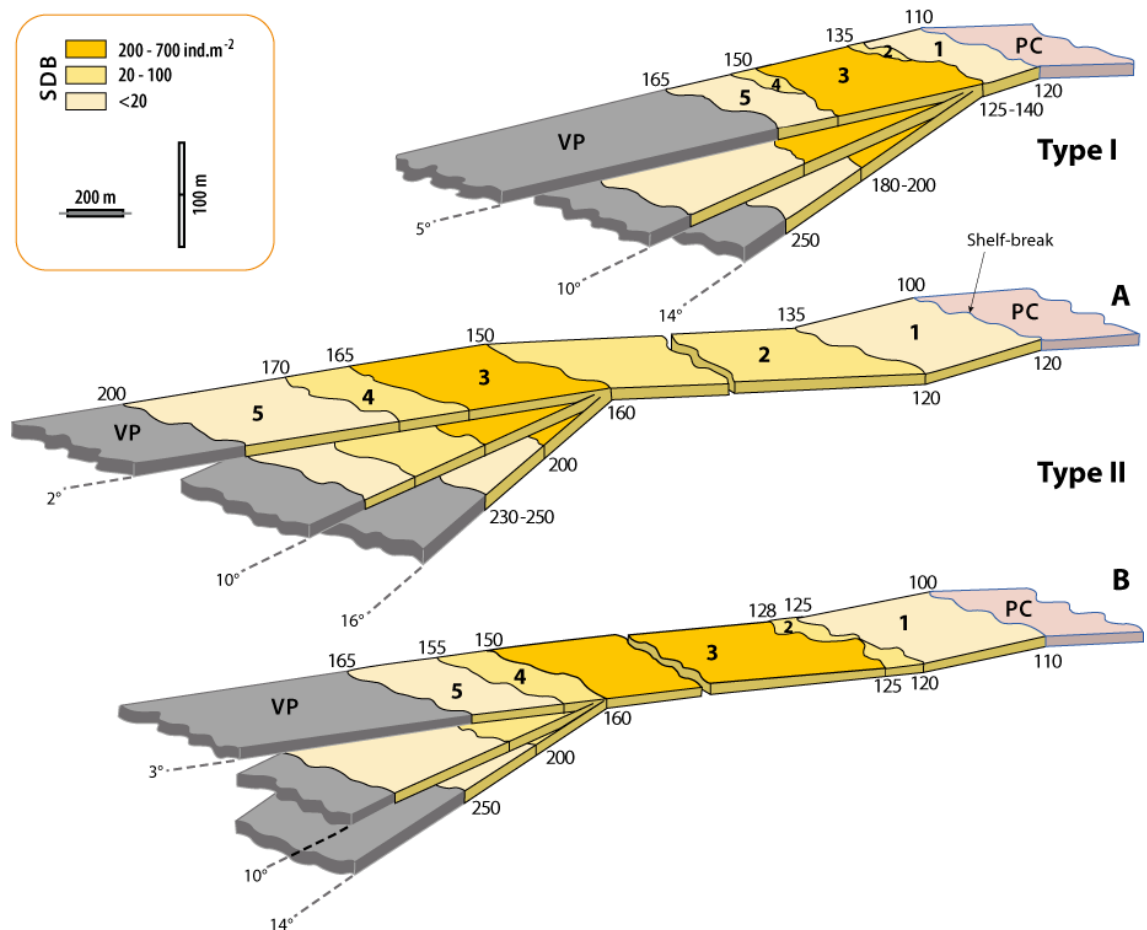
### C. Biological characteristics

The Circalittoral stage extends to the lower limit of multicellular algae (Pérès & Picard, 1964; Picard, 1971; Bellan-Santini *et al.*, 1994): from submersible observations on the biocoenosis of the Coastal Detrital (DC), the calcareous red algae do not exceed the threshold and, after a short transitional period of to a few tens of meters, the biocoenosis of the Bathyal Detrital Sands (SDB) begins, or on the sides of the submarine canyons, the biocoenosis of the Large Detrital (DL) (Fig. 4-1, 4-3). DL has traditionally been considered a circalittoral biocoenosis, sometimes confused with SDB, but both undoubtedly belong to the Upper Bathyal (Laubier & Emig, 1993). The edge of the continental shelf corresponds to the upper limit of the distribution of at least two exclusive upper bathyal species, the brachiopod *Gryphus vitreus* in the SDB and the crinoid *Leptometra phalangium* (Müller, 1841) in the DL, while the *mudline* marks the limit of their extension in depth.

The substrate of the SDB is a well-sorted fine to coarse sandy sediment, clogged with a fine fraction of up to 60% and containing a large detrital proportion of small hard substrates of endogenous origin (fragments of shells of molluscs and brachiopods, sponges, bryozoans, corals) and gravels, pebbles; this detrital fraction is a characteristic of SDB (Falconetti, 1980; Emig, 1989a, 1989b).

The substrate of the DL is a sandy mud (gravel, sand, mud) (Picard, 1965; Emig, unpublished data).

The benthic fauna of these biocoenoses has been described by Pérès & Picard (1964), Picard (1965), Falconetti (1980), Pérès (1982, 1985) and recently by Grinyó *et al.* (2018).



**Figure 4-3 :** Density zones (1-5) of *Gryphus vitreus* according to the two types of profile (I and II) encountered during cruises at sea. PC: continental shelf (Circalittoral); VP: Deep Vase biocoenosis; SDB: Biocoenosis of Detrital Bathyal Sands (from Emig, 1989b).

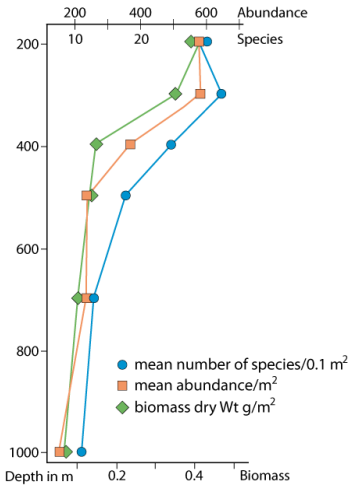
The Bathyal stage outcrops in fossil deposits in Italy, notably in Calabria and Sicily; they have been described by various authors, but we will retain here only a few works concerning brachiopods at the same time: Seguenza (1871), Di Geronimo (1979, 1984, 1987), Barrier (1984), Gaetani & Saccà (1984), Saccà (1986, 1992), Taviani (2002), Taddei Ruggiero & Taddei (2006), Ruggiero & Raia (2010).

On muddy substrates (Fig. 4-2B, 4-4, 4-5), the transition between the circalittoral biocoenoses of the Silted Detrital (DE) and the Coastal Terrigenous Mud (CTV) and those of the Bathyal stage, could be done by the biocoenosis of the

Upper Bathyal Vase (VBS) which nevertheless remains hypothetical due to the lack of investigations. However, according to data from Guille (1970), Picard (1971), Salen-Picard (1982), Albertelli *et al.* (1991) and Albertelli & Frascchetti (1992), there is indeed a faunal change at the edge of the plateau with the appearance of dominant species (Fig. 4-4), in particular the ophiurid *Amphiura filiformis* (Müller, 1776), reaching 8-34% of the fauna according to Salen-Picard (1982) and Albertelli *et al.* (1991), and the polychaete *Maldane glebifex* Grube, 1860, while species characteristic of circalittoral biocoenoses DE and VTC are absent in the Upper Bathyal; certain species can reach high densities there in certain regions, such as the echinoderm *Brissopsis lyrifera* Forbes, 1841, the pennatulid *Funicula quadrangularis* (Pallas, 1766), the sponge *Thenea muricata* (Bowerbank, 1858).

**Figure 4-4** : Species richness, abundance and biomass of macrofauna along a radial on the continental slope in Crete (after Tselepidis & Eleftheriou, 1992).

Let us remember to close this chapter that the biological characteristics are only one of the aspects making it possible to define a biocoenosis [3], the other being the biotope [4] whose abiotic factors are also governed by geomorphology (and physiography). It is therefore necessary to take into consideration data from physical, chemical and geological oceanography, including geomorphology, which biological oceanographers have too often neglected, or even ignored. Because it is only with concomitant multidisciplinary results that benthic layering can or must be defined. In addition, when entering the deep domain, it is essential to precisely locate its upper limit, and therefore the "true" edge of the continental shelf. Ignorance of this limit and of the underlying zone with its strong gradient characteristics had led some authors to consider the upper Bathyal as a transition zone (Ercegovic, 1957; see chapter 7). The analysis of the results obtained in this zone requires precise sampling, because the passage to the deep domain from the plateau can be done in just a few tens of meters. For brachiopods (Emig, 1988, 2016, 2017a), as for other suspension feeders, hydrodynamics in the Upper Bathyal is particularly conducive to high-density distribution.



**Evolution of the presence of brachiopods in biocoenoses**

It was towards the end of the Pliocene that some changes gradually took place within the brachiopods.

**Figure 4-5** : Presence of brachiopods in the biocoenoses of the Circalittoral (continental shelf) and Bathyal levels, from the Pliocene to the present day, in the Western Mediterranean Basin. 1.- Synonym: *Terebratula calabra* Seguenza, 1871 ; 2.- Including *G. minor* Philippi, 1836; 3.- *Stenosarina sphenoidea* (Philippi, 1844) (= form *Stenosarina davidsoni* Logan, 1998) - see Emig (2017a). Abbreviations of Mediterranean biocoenoses: DC = Coastal Detrital; DE = Silted Detrital; VTC = Coastal Terrigenous Mud; C = Coralligenous. Fossil species are those cited in paleoecology work, while there is a long list of varieties and species that can be referred to them in systematic work (see Appendix B).

| Pliocène      |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                       | Pleistocène- Holocène                                                                                                                                                                 |               |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| DC - DE - VTC | <i>Megerlia eusticta</i><br><i>Aphelesia bipartita</i><br><i>Terebratula terebratula</i> 1                                             | DC - C<br><i>Megerlia truncata</i><br><i>Megathiris detruncata</i><br><i>Argyrotheca cuneata</i><br><i>Joania cordata</i><br><i>Novocrania anomala</i><br><i>Terebratulina retusa</i> | DC - C<br><i>Megerlia truncata</i><br><i>Megathiris detruncata</i><br><i>Argyrotheca cuneata</i><br><i>Joania cordata</i><br><i>Novocrania anomala</i><br><i>Terebratulina retusa</i> | Circalittoral |
|               | <i>Aphelesia bipartita</i>                                                                                                             | <i>Megerlia truncata</i><br><i>Megathiris detruncata</i><br><i>Novocrania anomala</i><br><i>Terebratulina retusa</i>                                                                  | <i>Megerlia truncata</i><br><i>Megathiris detruncata</i><br><i>Novocrania anomala</i><br><i>Terebratulina retusa</i>                                                                  |               |
|               | <i>Gryphus vitreus</i> 2<br><i>Stenosarina sphenoidea</i> 3<br><i>Terebratula scillae</i><br><i>Dallina septigera</i><br><i>Fallax</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                       | <i>Gryphus vitreus</i>                                                                                                                                                                | Bathyal       |

[3] **Biocoenosis** : set of **populations** linked by mutual dependence and maintaining themselves permanently and reproducing in a **biotope** (see Arnaud & Emig, 1987).

**Population** : set of individuals of the same species living in the same place.

[4] **Biotope** : living space of a biocoenosis, defined and delimited by the relative constancy of its abiotic factors or the predictability of its fluctuations.

**5. The brachiopod species of the French Mediterranean Bathyal**

In the Mediterranean Sea, with the creation of university marine stations at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the proximity of the continental slope to the coast facilitated deep dredging from the Arago Laboratory [5] (Banyuls), from the Station Marine d'Endoume [6] (Marseille), the Biological Station of Villefranche-sur-mer [7] and the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco [8] (Fig. 5-1, 5-2), as well as dives in submersible on brachiopod bottoms from Toulon [9]. With the exception of the Gulf of Lion, the width of the continental shelf is between a few hundred meters and a few nautical miles, while the limit of territorial waters is 12 miles in the Mediterranean Sea, beyond which are international waters. For more than two centuries, extant and fossil Mediterranean brachiopods have been widely sampled and studied perhaps more than in other equivalent surface areas (Table 2).

It should be noted that a number of marine species present in the Mediterranean Sea also live in the Atlantic Ocean or have vicarious forms there, generally with a shallower bathymetric distribution (Laubier & Emig, 1993; Emig & Geistdoerfer, 2004, 2008).

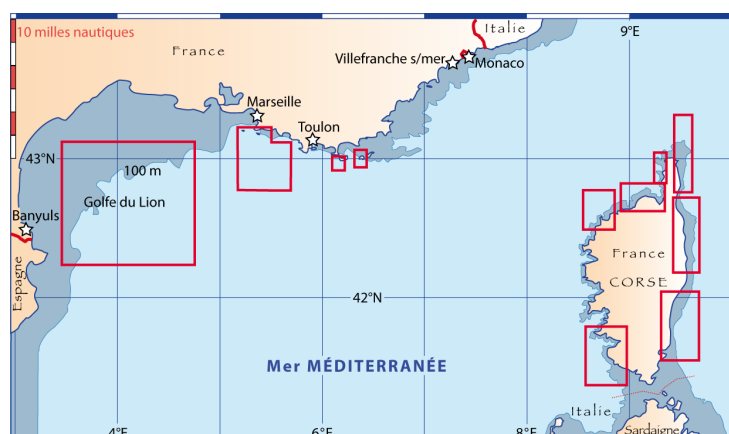
**Table 2** : List of brachiopods from the French Mediterranean coasts (in systematic order, collected in the Bathyal, with the known bathymetric interval for each species and their presence in the English Channel and in the Atlantic Ocean (see Emig, 2016, 2017a; and chapter 9).R- = Rhynchonellata. \* Number of references for each of these species in the Mediterranean Sea out of all the references citing the species (according to my bibliographic database); these references were used to establish the distribution maps in the Mediterranean Sea (see Figs. 5-3 to 5-9; and Emig, 2018; Emig *et al.*, 2018).

| Mediterranean | Sleeve | Atlantic | Known bathymetry (in m) | known since | Classification | References * |
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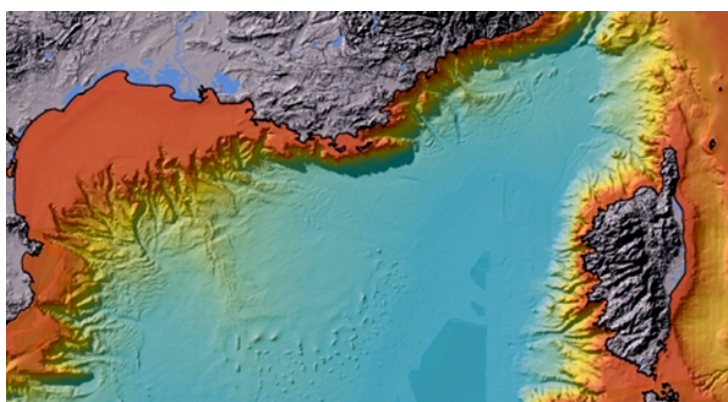


|                              |  |  |                |           |                    |           |
|------------------------------|--|--|----------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| <i>Novocrania anomala</i>    |  |  | a few m - 1478 | Oligocene | Craniida           | 131 / 285 |
| <i>Gryphus vitreus</i>       |  |  | 78 - 2678      | Miocene   | R-Terebratulidina  | 132 / 232 |
| <i>Terebratulina retusa</i>  |  |  | 9 - 3614       | Miocene   | R-Terebratulidina  | 109 / 335 |
| <i>Megathiris detruncata</i> |  |  | 5 - 896        | Eocene    | R-Terebratellidina | 90 / 164  |
| <i>Platidia anomioides</i>   |  |  | 8 - 2190       | Miocene   | R-Terebratellidina | 60 / 159  |
| <i>Megerlia truncata</i>     |  |  | 10 - 1970      | Miocene   | R-Terebratellidina | 120 / 236 |

The classification, proposed below, is the one up to date in the *Brachiopoda Database* [ [http://paleopolis.rediris.es/brachiopoda\\_database/index.html](http://paleopolis.rediris.es/brachiopoda_database/index.html) ], see also Emig *et al.* (2013). The bathyal species of brachiopods, known in the Mediterranean Sea and cited in Table 2, are today all well described by their characters (see Logan, 1979; Boullier *et al.*, 1986; Álvarez & Emig, 2005, Emig, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2016). Nevertheless, the only exclusively bathyal species, at least in the Mediterranean Sea, is *Gryphus vitreus*, while the others also live in biocoenoses of the continental shelf, but with maximum densities in the Bathyal stage. All are known in fossil form (Table 2). Many authors, in particular paleontologists, mainly Italian, French and German, have sometimes described them under various varieties or species, mainly on differences of and in the shell, which are not all taxonomic characters, but are only variations, this way of doing systematics still in use today deserves an explanation (see Appendix A).



**Figure 5-1** : General map of the areas of the cruises at sea to study the distribution of brachiopods along the French coasts (for more details see Material and Appendices). The stars locate the marine laboratories, including three from the CNRS-University, and the Toulon Arsenal for submersible dives (see text and notes).



**Figure 5-2** : Map from the Commission de la Carte Géologique du Monde (Paris), showing the underwater relief (reproduced with the authorization of the CCGM - <http://www.ccgmm.org> ).

In addition, the systematics and biocoenotic distribution of fossil and current brachiopods in the Mediterranean Sea must be studied taking into account the particular and complex geological history of this sea, mainly since the beginning of the Neogene. However, it is often misunderstood, as are the concepts of Mediterranean benthic bionomics. It is because of not having taken into consideration that certain recent authors, such as Cohen *et al.* (2014) or Robinson (2014, 2017), came to conclusions that are inconsistent with the ecology of Mediterranean brachiopods and their Atlantic vicariant species. Shell characters alone are insufficient to describe a new species when their variations have not been studied and formally identified, just like failure to take into account the biocoenotic distribution of a population [3], [4], which is fundamental in Mediterranean benthic bionomy for both current and fossil species.

In addition, the bibliography of these species, which is nevertheless very important (Table 2), mainly includes authors from around the Mediterranean; as for English-speaking authors, they often "forget" to read and quote the works of these authors who, of course, do not write in English. This situation has lasted since the 18th century, as mentioned by Emig (2012) on the descriptions of brachiopods by the Nissart Giuseppe Antonio Risso (1777-1845).

The Brachiopods are not the subject of a redescription here, because during the samplings, their identification is easy to do. Nevertheless, *Gryphus vitreus* has been intensively studied for variations in certain characters, variations that are sometimes considered by paleontologists themselves to be valid characters. The results were then used to reconsider the status of other fossil species, notably from the Mesozoic, as well as stratigraphic systematics. Despite special attention to other small species, such as *Argyrotheca* and *Lacazella*, no individuals were collected during the campaigns listed in Table 1 (see also chapter 8).

Finally, with the exception of *Gryphus vitreus* which lives on a soft substrate, all the other species of brachiopods are fixed on a hard substrate, generally rocky or biological.

Phylum Brachiopoda  
 Subphylum Craniiformea  
 Class Craniata  
 Order Craniida  
 Superfamily Cranioidea  
 Family Craniidae

**Novocrania** Lee and Brunton, 2001

Synonyms: *Criopus* Poli, 1791; *Criopoderma* Poli, 1795; *Orbicula* Cuvier, 1798; *Orbicularius* Dumeril, 1805; *Cryopus* Deshayes, 1836; *Criopododerma* Agassiz, 1846; *Neocrania* Lee and Brunton, 1986; see also Álvarez *et al.* (2005, p. 216), Emig (2018), Emig *et al.* (2018).

**Novocrania anomala** (Müller, 1776) [*Patella anomala* Müller, 1776]

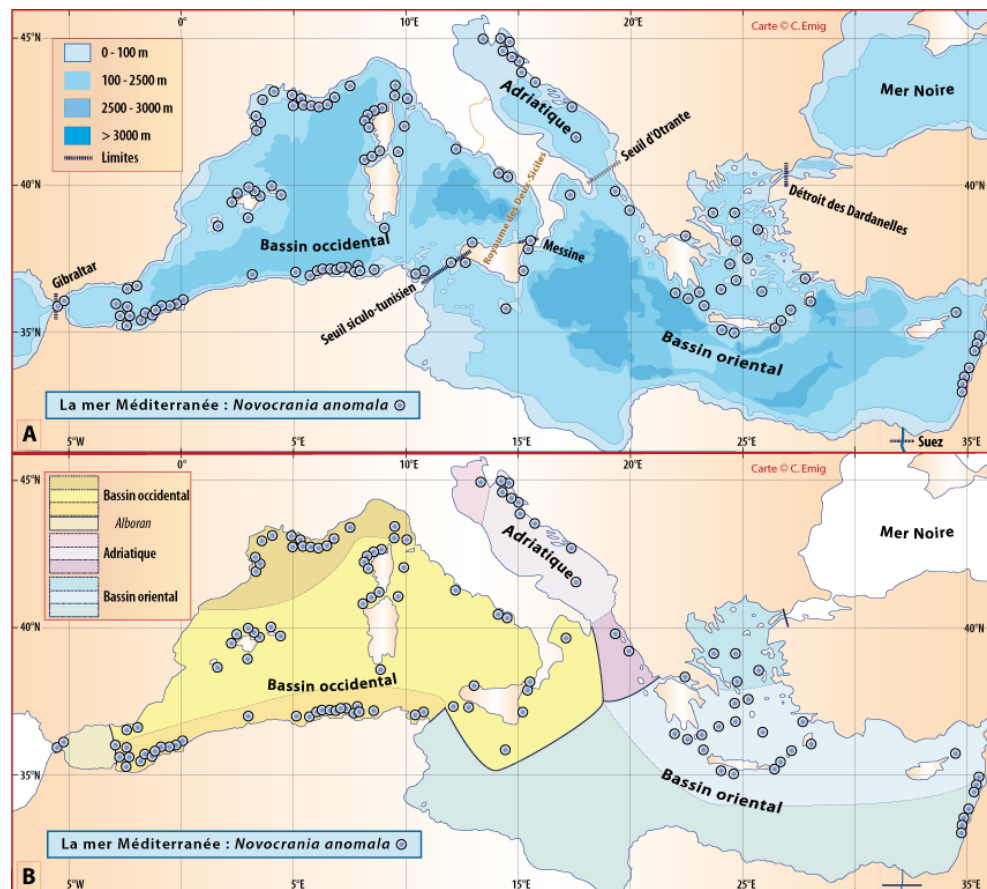
Synonyms: *Anomia turbinata* Poli, 1795; *Orbicula anomala* : Cuvier (1798); *Orbicula norvegica* Lamarck, 1801; *Criopus anomalus* : Fleming (1822); *Anomia norvegica* : Wood (1828); *Crania anomala* : Lovén (1846); *Neocrania anomala* : Lee and Brunton (1986).

Type-locality: Hår-Krøllen (Denmark).

Cast: Fig. 4-5, 5-3, Plate 2; see chapters 8 and 9.

*Novocrania turbinata* (Poli, 1795), described in the Bathyal stage of the waters of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies (Italy), is synonymous with *N. anomala*, as recently demonstrated by Emig (2014). In fact, this species has always been considered by authors as the Mediterranean or vicariant variety of *N. anomala*, with the exception of rare paleontologists, including Brunton (1989), Logan & Long (2001) or Robinson (2017). This is how this last author suggests that the "*turbinata* variety" be raised to the rank of species, but without providing phylogenetic proof of this through a cladistic analysis of new characters, or responding to my previous remarks (Emig, 2014). However, a difference in the taxonomic characters between *anomala* and *turbinata*, both current and fossil, has never been established, except for possible variations of a character. Logan & Long (2001) mention that the differences between the two supposed species are: "mainly in the degree of calcification of the valves and the relative development and placement of the dorsal valve muscle scars." ; however, these characteristics can be interpreted as simple variations, in any case they are not sufficient, except to prove that they are phylogenetic characters (hence the expectation of a cladistic analysis). And to be complete, these authors then mention: "Neither the shell morphology nor geographical distribution of the two forms appears to be the result of ecological factors, such as depth or hydrodynamic action.", but they still have to prove it, because today it is only a supposition. Like these authors, Robinson (2017) remained confined to descriptions of the single shell without taking into account either the anatomy, the history or the distribution of *N. anomala* for the said variety *turbinata* (Fig. 5-3) : how can this author explain that, in the vicinity of Marseilles, he identifies one or two specimens of *N. anomala* and *N. turbinata* attributing the specimens of Logan (1979) to the first species and to my specimens to the second according to my only published photographs (Emig, 2014), whereas it is probably, in this precise case, specimens of my own collections. Furthermore, Robinson (2017) forgot to consider the fossil forms of *N. anomala*, known from the Oligocene in the Mediterranean domain (Bitner *et al.*, 2013), except to mention that in the absence of material identifications remain problematic! In contrast, Cohen *et al.* (2014) reject "traditional morphology" while using it to identify the material on which they performed molecular analyzes (Emig, 2014).

Having two species of the same genus in the same niche is only possible, although exceptional, if there are significant differences, particularly in ethology and reproduction (maturation of gonads, larval type, etc.). Remember that ecological characters can also be taxonomic characters, especially when working on living species (see Appendix A). These remarks can also be repeated for the synonyms of *Megerlia truncata* and *Platidia anomioides*.



**Figure 5-3** : Distribution of *Novocrania anomala* in the Mediterranean Sea (Emig, 2014). **A.** According to geography and bathymetry, with the main limits in the exchanges of water masses, which have evolved since the Miocene. **B.** According to the faunal zones in the different basins (modified, after Carpine, 1970). The circulation of water masses and variations in sea level during glaciations are key factors in the evolution of Mediterranean fauna (Emig & Geistdoerfer, 2004).

Appealing to genetics does not solve the problem, because the identification of specimens is based only on the morphology of the shell and nothing on the anatomy, whereas precisely genetics only uses the soft parts. Also, we will consider that there is to date only one species of *Novocrania* in the Mediterranean Sea, whether it is named *N. anomala* or *N. turbinata*, but, in the latter case, it will be necessary to establish a diagnosis [10] on phylogenetic characters with their variations beyond those of the shell alone, which is not always technically within the reach of paleontologists. However, the latter "neglect" the anatomical characters, which leads to the impossibility of making a cladistic analysis. It remains to undertake an in-depth study of the variations in the taxonomic characters (including anatomy and ecology) of *N. anomala* within the different Mediterranean populations and to compare them with those of specimens from Sicily (Fig. 5-3), which may be considered to relate to *N. turbinata*; moreover, several tens of specimens of various sources are necessary for the study of the characters.

According to our collections (including numerous observations during scuba diving), *N. anomala* lives on hard (rocky) substrate from a few meters down to around 280 m (Emig, 1997b); beyond that, it becomes impossible to sample along drop-offs and other deep rock structures, and therefore to know if its distribution is deeper. It is present in different biocoenoses of the infralittoral, circalittoral and bathyal stages (Fig. 4-5): remember that ecology must be taken into account in taxonomy. *N. anomala* is sometimes abundant, especially with *Terebratulina retusa*, and also the presence of *Gryphus vitreus* and *Megerlia truncata*, in the bathyal biocoenosis of deep white corals (also called "community of Cold-Water Corals") (Pérès, 1982, 1985; Taviani *et al.*, 2017).

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Subphylum Rhynchonelliformea  
Class Rhynchonellata  
Order Terebratulida  
Suborder Terebratulidina  
Superfamily Terebratuloidea  
Family Terebratulidae  
Subfamily Gryphinae  
**Gryphus** Megerle von Mühlfeldt, 1811

Synonyms: no *Gryphus* Brissou, 1760; *Liothyris* Douvillé, 1880 (not Conrad, 1875); *Liothyris* Ehlert, 1887; see also Álvarez *et al.* (2005, p. 219), Emig (2018), Emig *et al.* (2018).

***Gryphus vitreus*** (Born, 1778) [*Anomia vitrea* Born, 1778]

Synonyms: *Terebratula vitrea* : Lamarck (1801); *Terebratula minor* Philippi, 1836: Gaetani & Saccà (1984); Appendix B. – Pliocene fossil form *Terebratula affinis* Carus (1893); *Eurysina minor* : Cooper (1983).

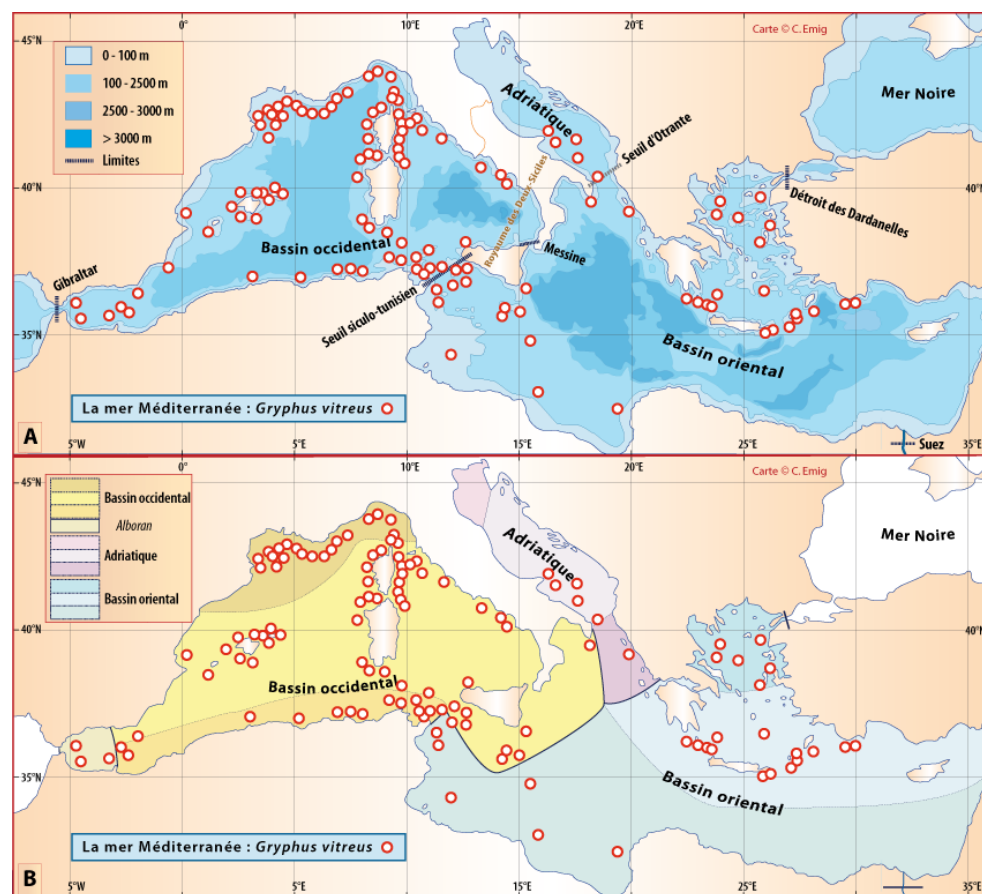
Type-locality: Port-Mahon, Menorca (Balearic Islands, Spain).

Cast: Fig. 4-3, 4-5, 5-4, plate 2; see chapters 8 and 9.

*Gryphus vitreus* is known from the Miocene in the Mediterranean Sea, especially in bathyal fossil deposits in Italy; sometimes small specimens have also been named *Gryphus minor* which has been the subject of much debate among paleontologists as to its status (see Appendix B).

The distribution of this species has been the subject of intensive research both along the coasts of Languedoc and Provence and of Corsica. In addition to the data from the BraProv, BraCorse and Bathymed cruises, recent data provided by J. Martin (Ifremer, Nantes) and by A. Jadaud (Ifremer, Sète) were obtained during the "Meditis" 2012-2014 cruises (Tables 1, 10). The results have been the subject of numerous publications both on its geographical and bathymetric distribution (see Emig, 1985a, 1988, 1989a, 1989b, 1989c, 1997a, 2017a), with also about ten radials monitored by dredging over several years and whose three were traversed by submersible over their entire length (Emig, 1987; Emig & Arnaud, 1988; Emig & García-Carrascosa, 1991).





**Figure 5-4** : Distribution of *Gryphus vitreus* in the Mediterranean Sea. **A.** and **B.** \_ see Fig 5-3 for basemap legend.

*Gryphus vitreus* is today the largest living brachiopod species in the Mediterranean Sea. The variations of the shell and its internal taxonomic characters, within the thousands of specimens collected, surprised the paleontologists of the RCP 727, in particular Bernard Laurin and Jean-Henri Delance (University of Dijon, France): it is in juxtaposing individuals of similar size, whose shell varies from a round shape to a pentagonal, that these researchers arrived at a line formed by a hundred specimens. In the absence of such a comparison, paleontologists could have created at least three species of *Gryphus* on simple variations of characters, some of which are in no way taxonomic, let alone phylogenetic.

In addition to these variations in shell shape, there is a whole range of variations in other characters, notably the brachidium, within populations of *G. vitreus* : these are illustrated in Fig. 5-5 (Boullier *et al.* , 1986; Álvarez & Brunton, 2008). These results should be compared with the variability established in the synonym *G. minor* by Saccà (1985) who at no time mentions a comparison with *G. vitreus* . It therefore appears clearly that describing a new species or even a new genus with only a few individuals available can quickly lead to taking a variation for a discriminating criterion compared to another species, or even a genus. The literature on current and fossil species of brachiopods abounds with examples; for example: - in Antarctica, these species represent around 30% (Emig, 2017b); - in the Mesozoic in France, 16 species of " *Lingula* " have been described whereas only one or even two valid species can be estimated in this stock; - the case of the genus *Tichosina* with nineteen species described by Cooper (1977), most collected during the same cruise at sea in the Caribbean Sea (Rojas *et al.* , 2015).

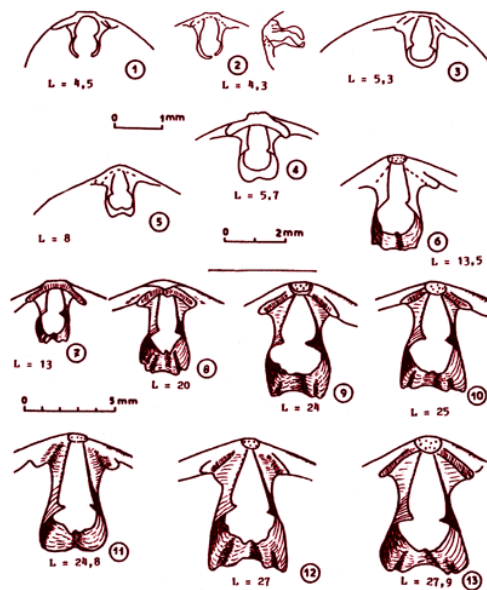


Fig. 6 - Aspects de la boucle brachiale au cours de la croissance chez *Gryphus vitreus* de Corse. 1 : sommet de la valve brachiale avec boucle incomplète. 2 : autre exemplaire en vues ventrale et latérale. 3-5 : boucles complètes, immatures. 6-7 : boucles matures dans les formes juvéniles. 8-13 : variabilité dans la position et l'acuité des crura, dans l'épaisseur et les extrémités antérieures de la bande transverse (L : longueur de la coquille, en mm).

**Figure 5-5** : Shape and variations of the brachidium of *Gryphus vitreus* (in facsimile of Boullier *et al.*, 1986).

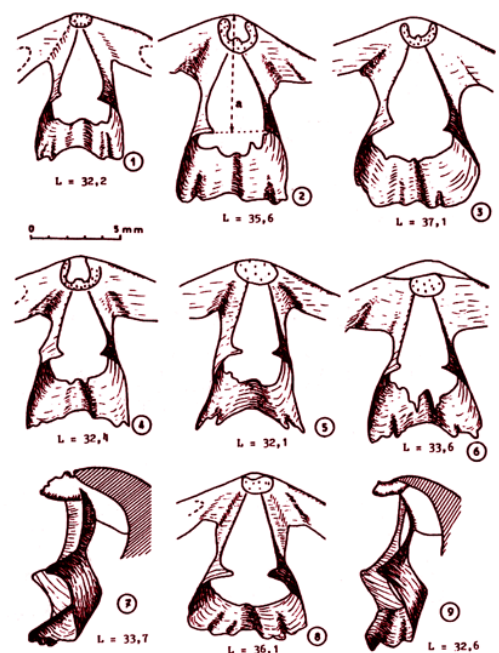


Fig.7-Divers aspects de la boucle brachiale de *Gryphus vitreus* (en vue ventrale); exemplaires adultes provenant du Banc de Magaud (Iles d'Hyères) et de Corse (8-9). Processus cardinal développé en gouttière (2-4) ; bande transverse à extrémités arrondies (3,8), pointues (4) ou déchiquetées (5-6); vue latérale montrant l'importance du processus cardinal, la forme triangulaire des crura, la largeur et l'ondulation de la bandelette transverse (7-9) (L : longueur de la coquille en mm).

*G. vitreus* is the only one to live on a loose substrate formed by detrital sand, quite well classified, containing a high proportion of small hard substrates (especially shellfish) on which *Gryphus* attaches itself by its peduncle. It is one of the characteristic species in the biocoenosis of the Bathyal Detrital Sands (SDB) (Fig. 4-1, 4-2, 4-3; Pl. 2) in the upper bathyal stage. The biotope is characterized by a constant hydrodynamics of average intensity decreasing in depth, by weak annual variations of temperature and salinity (Fig. 4-2). This biocoenosis extends in the form of a horizontal belt in the upper part of the continental slope; this extension depends on two main factors: the morphology of the slope and the direction of the currents on this slope (Fig. 4-1, 4-3). The consequences on the distribution of *G. vitreus* can be summarized in two points:

- the lower the slope, the lower the currents and the lower the bathymetric extension at depth.
- the steeper the slope, the stronger the currents, and the greater the extension in depth (up to 300 m off Cap Corse).

*G. vitreus* is also present, but not abundant, with other species of brachiopods, in the bathyal biocoenosis of deep white corals (also called " [community of Cold-Water Coral](#) ") (Pérès, 1982, 1985; Taviani *et al.*, 2017).

The infestation of *Gryphus* shells by the chlorophyceae *Ostreobium* algae has led to a review and redefinition of the lower limit of the phytal system in the Mediterranean Sea (see Chapter 6.)

In the years 1985, Cap Corse and Balagne (N and NW of Corsica) were devastated by forest fires, which in the following years led to heavy sedimentary discharges causing partial siltation of the Upper Bathyal. The affected area had been prospected before and after these events (Emig, 1985a, 1989b, 1989c, 1990): the effects analyzed made it possible to model possible fossilization by siltation to better understand future paleontological interpretations of brachiopod deposits.

Work on the predation of *G. vitreus* concerned the actions of naticid gastropods, which made it possible to question certain concepts for fossil deposits (Delance & Emig, 2004). Other experiments showed that *G. vitreus* could be a prey for lobsters (Emig, 1990). Indeed, the bathyal lobster, known as offshore lobster, *Palinurus mauritanicus* Gruvel, 1911 [11], lives in the same biocoenosis, which is a trap fishing area in Provence and by entangling nets in Corsica. They fragment with their crushing mandibles the two anterior thirds of the shell which they hold with their maxillipeds, before eating the contents of the shell. This process could partly explain the presence of such fragments in the sediments.

One last point not to be overlooked: depending on the morphology, the Bathyal is also a trawling fishing area [12], which disturbs both the distribution and the density of this species, this must be taken into account in the results (Emig & Garcia-Carrascosa, 1991). In our study area, this is the case in the Gulf of Lion and very rarely on the coasts of Provence; it is obviously the morphology of the slope which conditions the possibility of trawling. In addition, the rejection of trawl refusals can occur beyond the harvesting areas, which can lead to reports of brachiopods outside their natural habitat, therefore at unusual depths, which the authors of such reports never take into account.

Subphylum Rhynchonelliformea  
Class Rhynchonellata  
Order Terebratulida  
Suborder Terebratulidina  
Superfamily Cancellothyridoidea  
Family Cancellothyrididae  
Subfamily Cancellothyridinae  
**Terebratulina** d'Orbigny, 1847

***Terebratulina retusa*** (Linnaeus, 1758) [ *Anomia retusa* Linnaeus, 1758]

Synonyms: *Anomia caputserpentis* Linnaeus, 1758 (see Linnaeus, 1767 and Emig *et al.*, 2015); *Terebratula caputserpentis* Retzius (1781); *Criopoderma caput serpentis* : Poli (1795); *Terebratulina caput-serpentis* : d'Orbigny (1847); *Terebratula emarginata*

Risso, 1826: Dall (1920); *T. quadrata* Risso, 1826; *T. caput-serpentis* Philippi, 1830; *T. chemnitzii* Küster, 1830; *T. caputserpentis* var. *mediterranea* Jeffreys, 1878; see also Álvarez *et al.* (2005, p. 220), Emig (2012, 2017a, 2018), Emig *et al.* (2018).

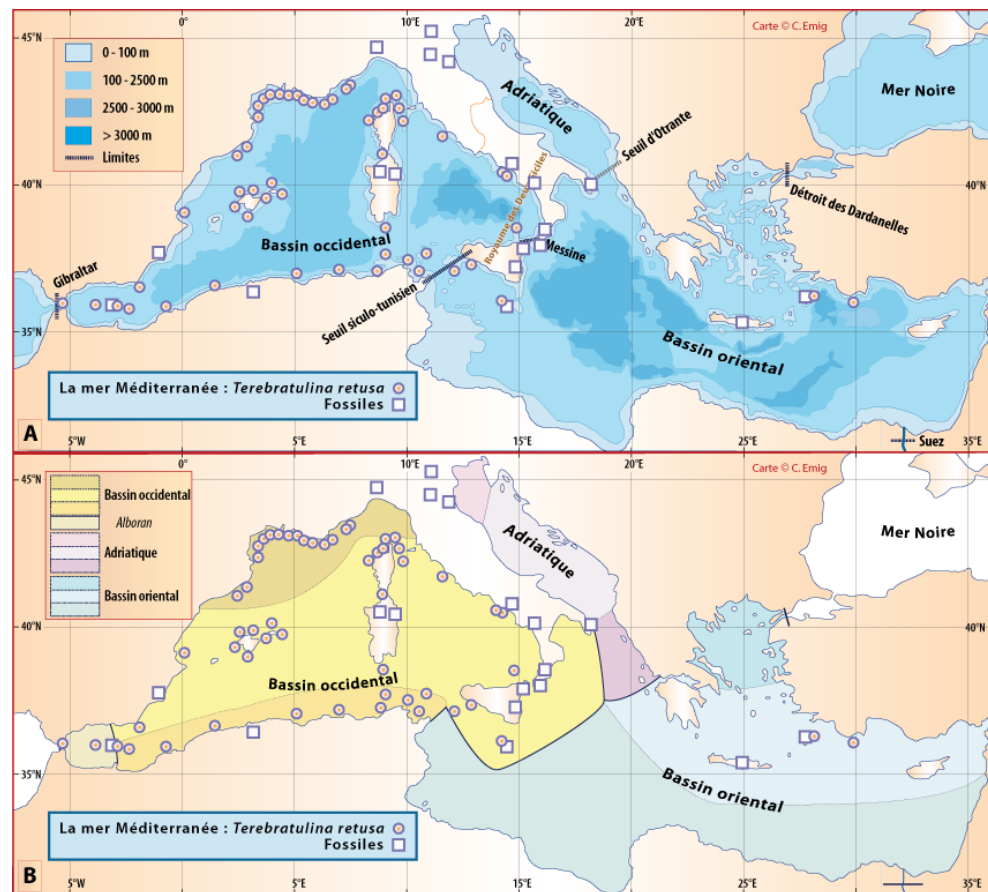
Type-locality: Linné (1767) mentions p. 1151: " *Habitat in pelago Norvegico* " and p. 1153 for *caput-serpentis* : " *Habitat en abyssu M. Norvegici* "

Cast: Fig. 4-5, 5-6; see chapters 8 and 9.

*Terebratulina retusa* lives attached to rocky substrates often concreted, or shells, dead corals...; it is frequently accompanied by the other brachiopods mentioned here, and in particular by *Megathiris detruncata* : in 43 out of 46 stations, for a total of 1129 individuals of *T. retusa* and 639 of *M. detruncata* (see chapter 8). It is also present, often very abundant, with other species of brachiopods, in the bathyal biocoenosis of deep white corals (also called " *community of Cold-Water Corals* "). On dead branches of *Madrepora* and *Lophelia* , Taviani *et al.* (2017) mention a density that can exceed 450 individuals per 0.2 m<sup>2</sup> , with *Novocrania anomala* , and a few specimens of *Gryphus vitreus* and *Megerlia truncata* , around 400 m deep.

Its two-layered shell, besides the periostracum, disintegrates in a few months in the natural environment (Collins, 1986; Emig, 1990), which explains a relative scarcity in the fossil record for *T. retusa* .

Between the Atlantic and Mediterranean populations of *T. retusa* , molecular and morphometric analyzes show low genetic variations and divergence (Cohen *et al.* , 1993), confirming that these populations indeed belong to the same species. But when these authors deduce that the Mediterranean populations they studied (from the coasts of Provence) would date from around 10,000 years ago, but without alluding to the presence of this species in the Mediterranean since the Miocene, or even earlier.



**Figure 5-6** : Distribution of *Terebratulina retusa* in the Mediterranean Sea, as well as reports of fossil forms. **A.** and **B.** \_ see Fig 5-3 for basemap legend.

Subphylum Rhynchonelliformea  
Class Rhynchonellata  
Order Terebratulida  
Suborder Terebratellidina  
Superfamily Megathyridoidea  
Family Megathyrididae  
***Megathiris* d'Orbigny, 1847**

Synonyms: *Argiope* Eudes-Deslongchamps, 1842; *Megathiris* Bronn, 1848; *Argiope* Davidson, 1850; see also Emig (2018), Emig *et al.* (2018).

***Megathiris detruncata* (Gmelin, 1791) [ *Anomia detruncata* Gmelin, 1791]**

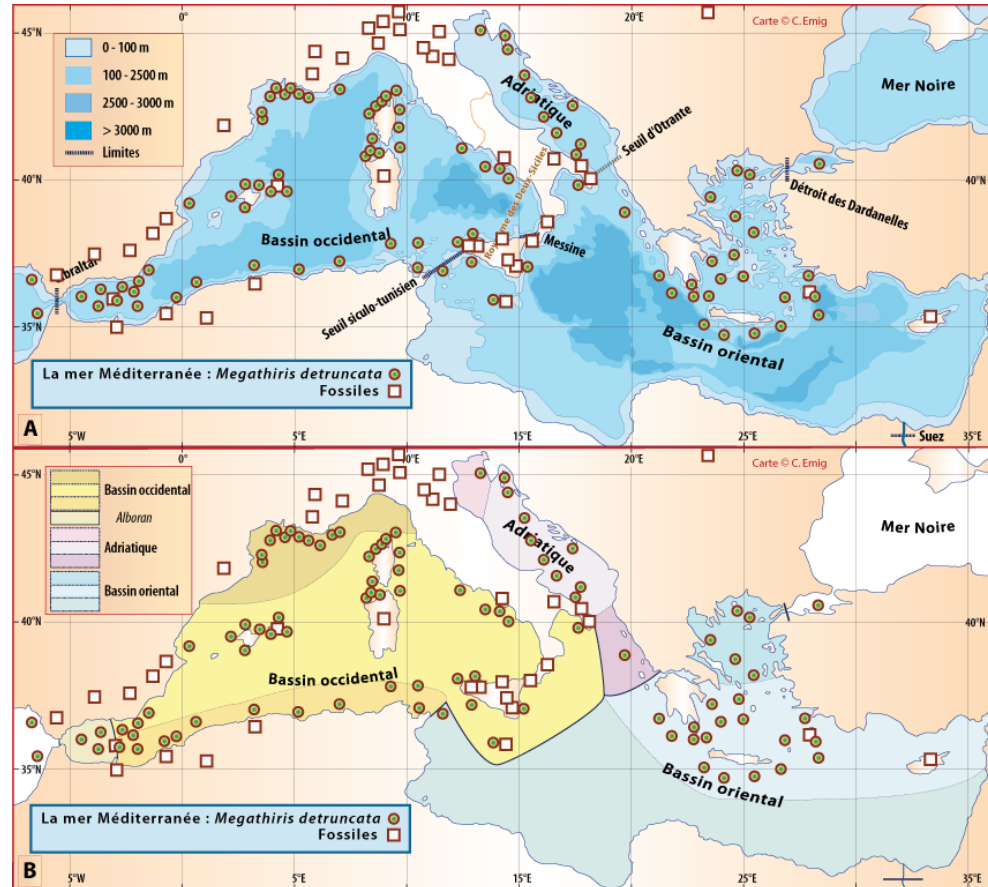
Synonyms: *Anomia decollata* Chemnitz, 1785; *Terebratula aperta* Blainville, 1828; *Terebratula dimidiata* Scacchi, 1833

Type-locality: " *Habitat in mari mediterraneo, coralliis adhaerens* " according to Gmelin (1791). Known from the Eocene.

Cast: Fig. 4-5, 5-7, pl. 2; see chapters 8 and 9.

*Megathiris detruncata* is a small, often cryptic species, living in formations on rocky substrates, mainly in the Circalittoral and Bathyal or in underwater caves. It attaches itself to dead corals (Pl. 2). It is usually accompanied by

one or more other brachiopod species, notably *Terebratulina retusa* .



**Figure 5-7** : Distribution of *Megathiris detruncata* in the Mediterranean Sea, as well as reports of fossil forms. **A.** and **B.** \_ see Fig 5-3 for basemap legend.

Subphylum Rhynchonelliformea  
Class Rhynchonellata  
Order Terebratulida  
Suborder Terebratellidina  
Superfamily Platidioidea  
Family Platidiidae  
Subfamily Platidiinae  
**Platidia** Costa, 1852

Synonyms: *Morrisia* Davidson, 1852; *Platydia* : Seguenza (1870); see also Álvarez *et al.* (2005, p. 222), Emig (2018), Emig *et al.* (2018).

***Platidia anomioides*** (Scacchi and Philippi, 1844, *in* Philippi, 1844) [ *Orthis anomioides* Scacchi and Philippi, 1844, *in* Philippi, 1844]

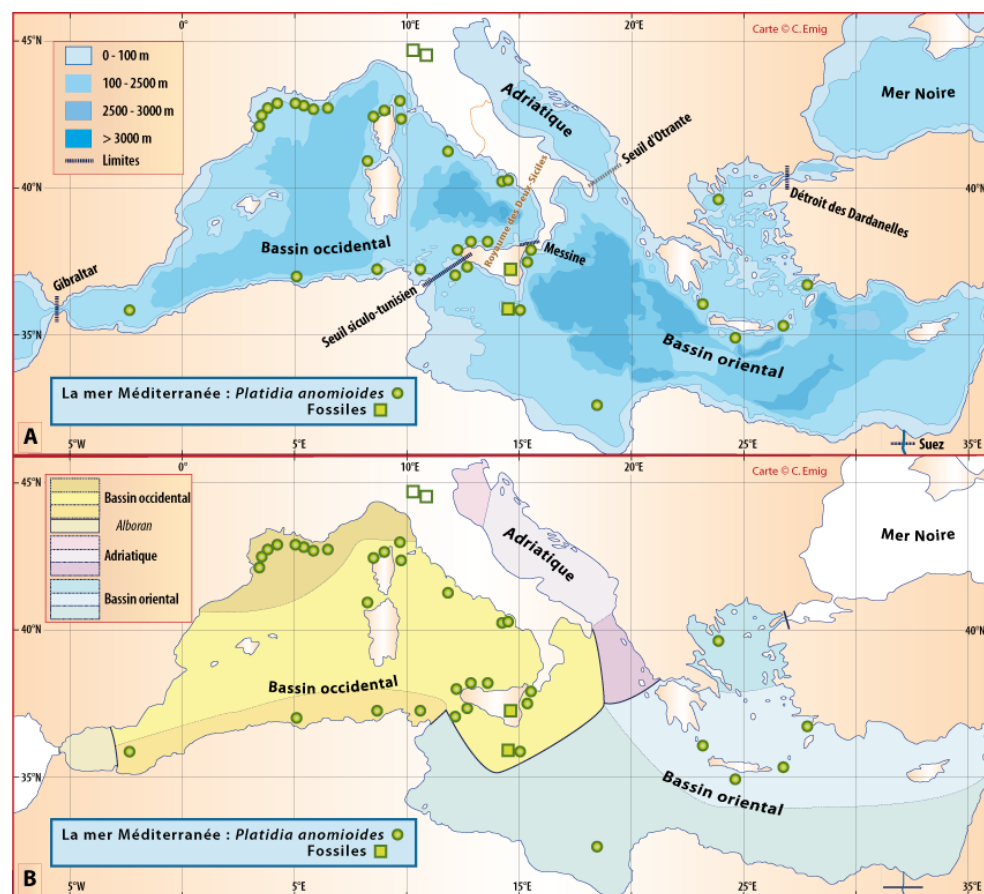
Synonyms: *Terebratula appressed* Forbes, 1843; *Morrisia anomioides* : Davidson (1852, 1869); *Morrisia davidsoni* Eudes-Deslongchamps, 1855; *Platidia davidsoni* Dall, 1870; *Platydia anomioides* : Jeffreys (1878); *Platydia davidsoni* : Davidson (1887).

Type-locality: Sicilian marine waters. Known since the Miocene. The type locality of *P. davidsoni* is off Tunis (Tunisia), a species described by Eudes-Deslongchamps (1855, p. 443).

Cast: Fig. 5-8; see chapters 8 and 9.

*Platidia anomioides* was collected only exceptionally in 13 stations. *P. davidsoni* is considered as a synonym of *P. anomioides* : the two species cohabited in particular in the Mediterranean Sea and their external appearance is identical. Some authors have only used the slightly larger shell width for *P. davidsoni* and the presence of numerous small pustules on the ventral valve from characters suggested by Cooper (1973), Brunton & Curry (1979), for distinguish these species. However, Logan (1979), rejecting Cooper's arguments, finds only one criterion that can distinguish the two species, namely that the brachial support at a more advanced stage of development in *P. anomioides* than in *P. davidsoni* ; this has already been pointed out by Davidson (1886) when mentioning the similarity of the two species. Also, in the absence of a study on the variations of this support and its undeniable phylogenetic character, proving that a stage of development of the brachidium can be a constant taxonomic character, *P. davidsoni* is treated as a synonym of *P. anomioides* . Logan (1979) specifies: " *As P. davidsoni* represents merely a less advanced state of development of the brachial support than in adult *P. anomioides*, no new genus has been created for its reception at the present time . Finally, many localizations are subject to caution, because the authors assigned their specimens to one or the other of the species according to subjective observations. This *Platidia* case is similar to that of *Novocrania anomala* (see Emig, 2014; and Appendices A and C).





**Figure 5-8** : Distribution of *Platidia anomioidea* in the Mediterranean Sea, as well as reports of fossil forms. **A.** and **B.** \_ see Fig 5-3 for basemap legend.

In addition, the history of *Terebratula seminulum* Philippi, 1836 is developed in Appendix C. Because, according to some authors, it would be synonymous with *Platidia anomioidea* or/and *Joania cordata*, while recent works classify it in the genus *Amphithyrus*, unknown in the Mediterranean Sea and with a distribution restricted to the south of the Southern Hemisphere. The type locality of *T. seminulum* is Trapani in Sicily (Italy).

Subphylum Rhynchonelliformea  
Class Rhynchonellata  
Order Terebratulida  
Suborder Terebratellidina  
Superfamily Kraussinoidea  
Family Kraussinidae  
Subfamily Megerliinae  
**Megerlia** King, 1850

Synonyms: *Mühlfeldtia* Bayle, 1880; *Megerlia* Filhol, 1885; *Megerlia* Brazier, 1889; *Pantellaria* Dall, 1919; see also Emig (2018), Emig et al. (2018).

#### **Megerlia truncata** (Linnaeus, 1767) [*Anomia truncata* Linnaeus, 1767]

Synonyms: *Terebratula truncata* : Retzius (1781); *Criopoderma truncatum* : Poli (1795); *Mühlfeldtia truncata* : Fischer and Ehlert (1891); *Mühlfeldtia disculus* : Dall (1920) (not Pallas 1766).

*Terebratula monstrosa* Scacchi, 1833; *Megerlia truncata* var. *monstrous* : Montecristo (1875); *Mühlfeldtia monstrosa* Fischer and Ehlert, 1891; *Pantellaria monstrosa* : Dall (1920).

*Morrisia gigantea* Deshayes, 1863.

*Megerlia echinata* (Fischer and Ehlert, 1890).

Type-locality: " *Habitat in Pelago Norvegico supra coralline* ". Known since the Miocene.

Cast: Fig. 5-9, Pl. 2; and see chapters 8 and 9.

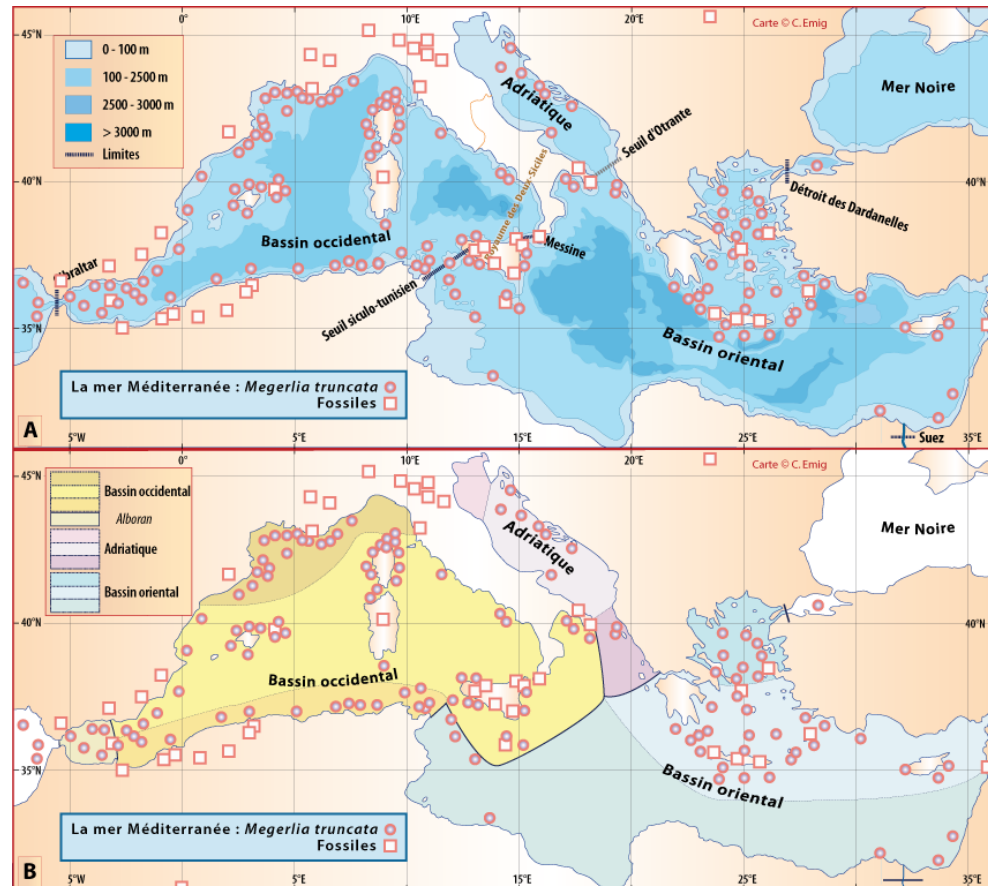
*Megerlia truncata* is mainly attached to relatively flat and vertical substrates, notably on the dead branches of the scleractinia *Dendrophyllia cornifera* on which it can reach densities of 10-20 individuals per branch (Pl. 2). These are both thanatocoenoses and still living species feeding these particular funds. *M. truncata* is also present on flat bedrock along with *Novocrania anomala*. These two species coexist in 41 out of 47 stations: 30 stations in Corsica with a presence ratio of 69% (765 individuals) for *Megerlia* and only 31% for *Novocrania* (243 individuals); 11 resorts in Provence with respectively 73% (267 ind.) and 27% (37 ind.).

In the Bathyal stage, *M. truncata* lives in the biocoenosis of Bathyal Detrital Sands, in the biocoenosis of Deep White Corals, in particular on *Lophelia* and *Madrepora* corals; this last biocoenosis is also called " *community of Cold-Water Corals* " (Pérès, 1982, 1985; Taviani et al., 2017). For the Circalittoral, see fig. 5-7 and also in semi-dark, sometimes shallow, underwater caves.

As noted by Thomson (1927), *Megerlia truncata* can be very variable in its shell shape and adapt to its environment. This characteristic had led to the description of several species and varieties, which have long been debated: *M. monstrosa* (even with the creation of the genus *Pantellaria*), *M. echinata* and *M. gigantea* (see Bitner & Logan, 2016; Álvarez et al., 2017; Emig et al., 2018). The material described under *M. gigantea* is deposited at the National Museum of Natural History in Paris: it has been studied and compared to Mediterranean specimens of *M.*

*truncata*. Deshayes (1863) described *Morrisia gigantea* as "Bourbon's species is the largest known of the genus" from a single specimen collected from a crustacean at a depth of 366 m (200 fathoms).

Predation by borer gastropods has been studied in fossil *Megerlia* in the Pliocene of Algeria (Baumiller *et al.*, 2006); however, this is extremely rare according to the samples taken during the campaigns cited in this work.



**Figure 5-9 :** Distribution of *Megerlia truncata* in the Mediterranean Sea, as well as reports of fossil forms. **A.** and **B.** \_ see Fig 5-3 for basemap legend.

[5] Now named Oceanological Observatory of Banyuls-sur-Mer. This laboratory was founded in 1881 by Henri de Lacaze-Duthiers (1821-1901), professor at the University of Paris.

[6] Today, the premises are shared between the Mediterranean Institute of Biodiversity and Marine and Continental Ecology (IMBE) and the Mediterranean Institute of Oceanology (MIO). It was founded in 1889 by Antoine-Fortuné Marion (1846-1900), professor at the University of Aix-Marseille, on the site in Malmousque, a small district of Marseille, facing the sea.

[7] Now called Ocean Observatory of Villefranche-sur-mer. Created in 1884 by Alexis de Korotneff (1852-1915), professor at the University of Kyiv, in the former premises of the Russian naval base. It was not until 1932 that the premises were ceded to France and made available to the University of Paris.

[8] This museum was founded in 1889 by Prince Albert I<sup>of Monaco</sup> (1848-1922) – many brachiopods were collected and described during his campaigns in the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean. It belongs to the Fondation Albert I<sup>er</sup>, Prince de Monaco (foundation under French law).

[9] The submersible used for the three dives had the Arsenal of Toulon (National Navy) as its home port, created in 1609 by the King of France Henri IV. The Mediterranean Oceanographic Mission which is based there has been of great help to me in the exploitation of the bathymetry of the stations of my cruises by the provision of very precise nautical charts making it possible to obtain detailed profiles of the radials.

[10] Extract from the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN, 1999)

**Recommendation 13A. Presentation of the elements of differentiation.** When describing a new nominal taxon, an author should clearly indicate the differentiating elements of this taxon. by giving a diagnosis, that is to say a summary of the characters which differentiate this nominal taxon from comparable taxa.

**Diagnose**, *sf*. Written statement establishing all the characters of a taxon that are sufficient to distinguish it from other taxa with which it can be usefully compared.

**Recommendation 13A. Intent to differentiate.** When describing a new nominal taxon, an author should make clear his or her purpose to differentiate the taxon by including with it a diagnosis, that is to say, a summary of the characters that differentiate the new nominal taxon from related or similar taxa.

**Diagnosis**, *n*. A statement in words that purports to give those characters which differentiate the taxon from other taxa with which it is likely to be confused.

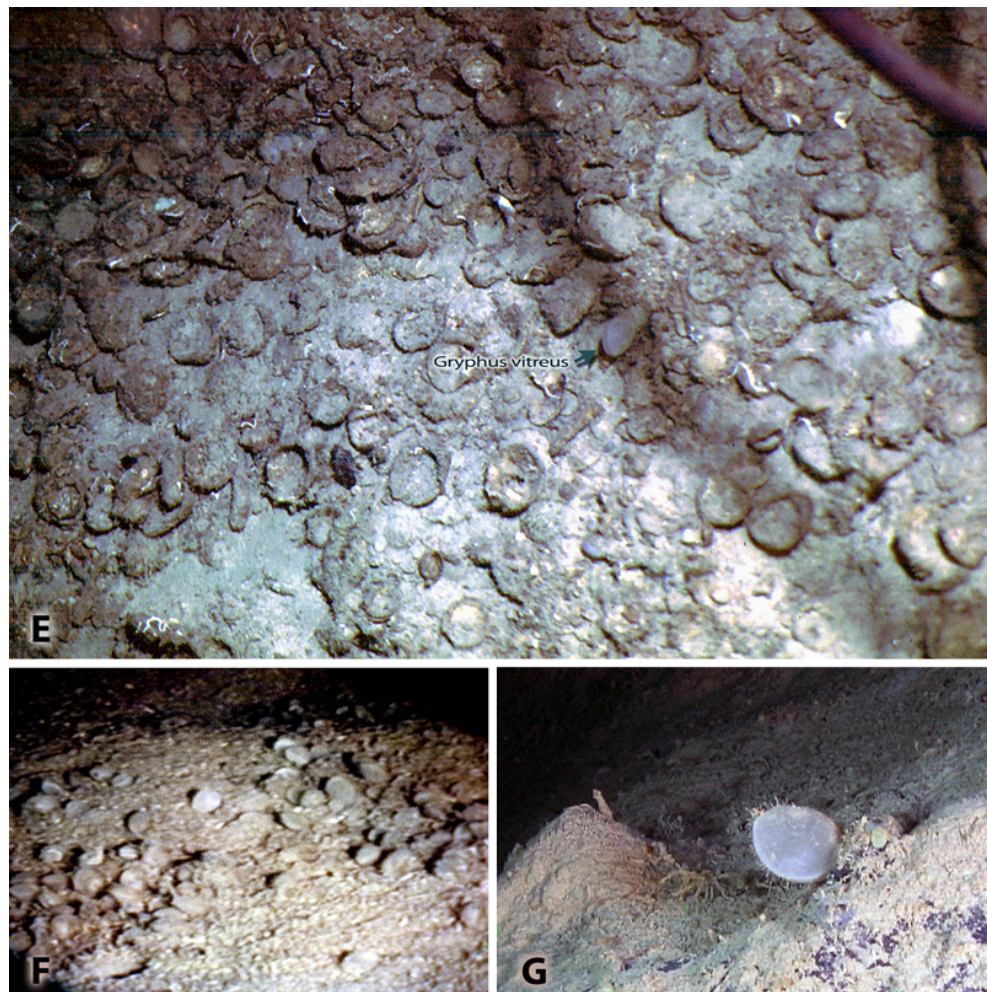
[11] Rarely the red or common lobster *Palinurus elephas* (Fabricius, 1787), living on the continental shelf, with a possible extension beyond the edge up to around 150 m, or even beyond. This species is an emblematic species of the North Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean; it is the most expensive of the lobster.

[12] Since June 2017, the European Union has banned trawling deeper than 800 m in its waters.



**Plate 2 :** **AB :** branches of the scleractinia *Dendrophyllia cornigera* , with many brachiopods ( *Novocrania anomala* , *Megerlia truncata* , *Platidia anomioidea* ), st. BM 30 (Corsica), A 36, A 91 (Provence). **C :** *Megerlia* fixed on *Novocrania* . **D :** Rocky bottom (-255 m) off Île de Porquerolles (Provence, France), with *Novocrania anomala* , *Megathiris detruncata* and many *Megerlia truncata* , some of which show the monstrous form with deformation of the shell depending on the substrate . **E :** Würmian thanatocoenosis at *Venus casina* Linné, 1758, around 230 m depth with *Gryphus vitreus* (submersible dive at Banc du Magaud, BraProv 2; Emig, 1987). **F :** Excerpt from video recording during the submersible dive off the island of Porquerolles, BraProv 10; Emig & Garcia-Carrascosa, 1991). © Photos CC Emig. **G :** *Gryphus* photographed by a ROV at a depth of 470 m in the Cap Sicié canyon (near Toulon) during the MedSeaCan campaign (Goujard & Fourn, 2012). © Photo Marine Protected Areas Agency.





**Note** : Many photographs of various species of brachiopods are online at <http://paleopolis.rediris.es/LOPH-Album/>

## 6. Distribution of *Ostreobium* in *Gryphus* shells

The first report of the unicellular perforating green alga *Ostreobium quekettii* Bornet and Flahaut, 1889 in the shell of *Gryphus vitreus*, a strictly bathyal species, was made in the Mediterranean Sea by Fredj & Falconetti (1977), then studied by Fredj-Reygrobelle & Fredj (1982). *O. quekettii*, considered a cosmopolitan species, is perforating in shells of molluscs and brachiopods; it reproduces by zoospores with four flagella (see Kornmann & Sahling, 1980; Cormaci *et al.*, 2014).

The shells of *Gryphus vitreus* are found to be rarely infested along the French mainland coasts (Emig, 1989c), with the exception of individuals from around the Hyères Islands. Further west of these islands, the waters are relatively turbid, with greatly reduced light penetration in connection with the Ligurian current which is the northern component of the anticyclonic current circulating in the western basin of the Mediterranean Sea. This Ligurian current drains from East to West, along the coasts, the important discharges into the sea from the cities and rivers of Italy and France and then towards the Spanish coasts.

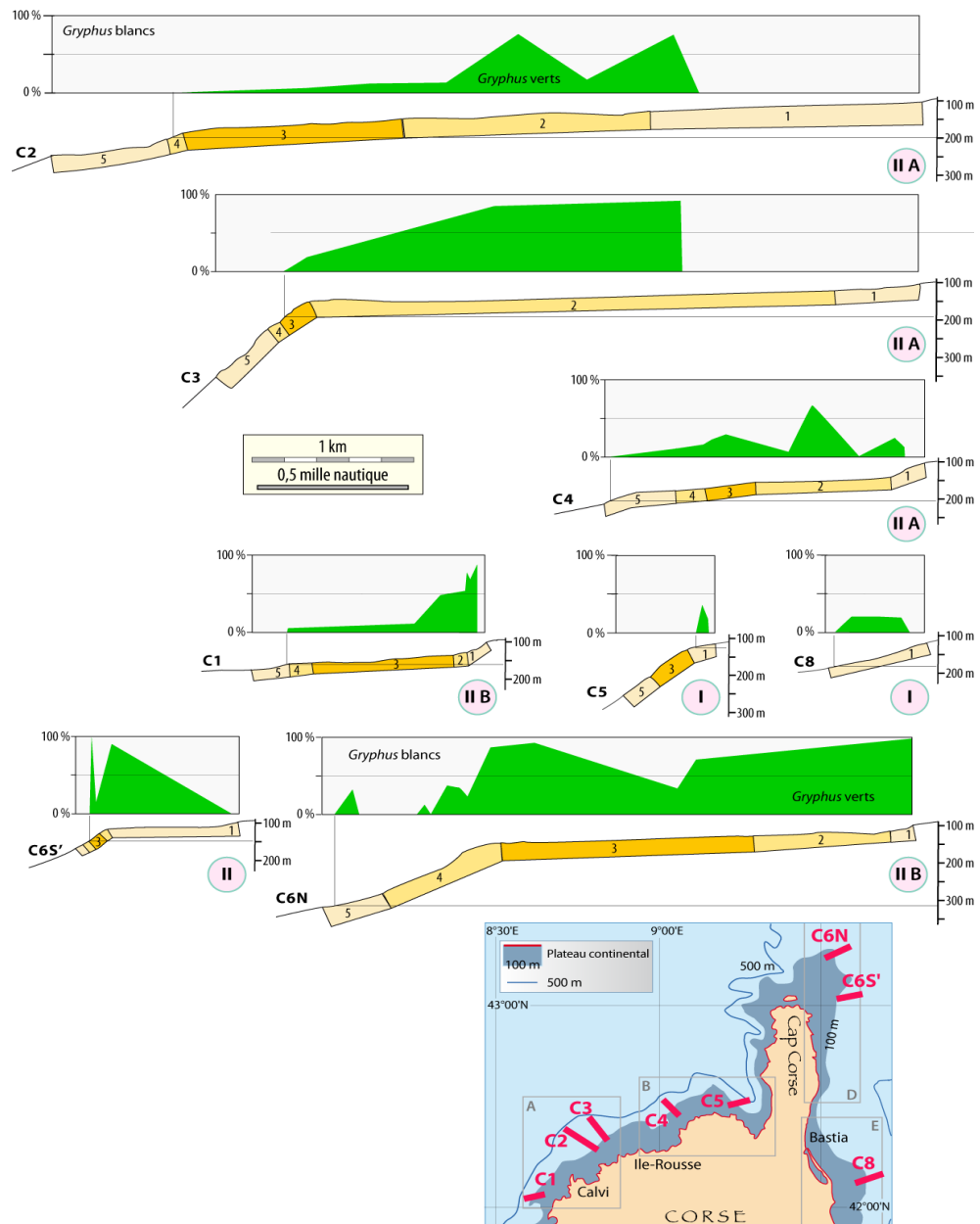
On the other hand, the clarity of the waters is better in Corsica where many infested *Gryphus* have been collected in a large number of dredging and trawling stations, in particular the NW and NE of Corsica and north of Cap Corse (Fig. 6-1) (Emig, 1985a, 1989a): eight radials were chosen, representing the different geomorphological profiles and density zones of *G. vitreus* (Fig. 4-1, 4-3); *Gryphus* counts were made based on shell color: white estimated without infestation, greenish to green with *Ostreobium*. The raw data is given in chapter 8.

The results in green *Gryphus* (Fig. 6-1) are briefly commented. Overall, the percentages are low to nil in zone 1 (Fig. 4-3), which can be explained by the threshold effect which manifests itself at the level of the edge of the continental shelf with a particular hydrodynamics, which can be notoriously vertical. over several meters, even ten meters. It is in zones 2 and 3 that the highest percentages are observed, down to a depth of about 150 to 200 m, and up to more than 300 m north of Cap Corse. Several radials (Fig. 6-1) require some additional explanation, including similarities between radials C4, C5 and C8 regarding the consequences of siltation, which may be a case of taphonomy (Emig, 1989c, 2002).

- **Radial C6N** . The extension in depth of green *Gryphus* is the most important, up to 310-315 m, because the continental shelf north of Cap Corse is subject to strong hydrodynamics, with low turbidity at depth, linked to its distance from the coast. .
- **Radial C4** . Following numerous forest fires in the hinterland of Balagne (Emig, 1989c), the plateau and the edge of the continental slope silted up, down to around 135 m in depth, with an influence extending over the entire "offshore" shelf up to around 150 m. This induced a significant decrease in the density of living individuals of *G. vitreus* and a net decrease in the shells of *G. vitreus* infested by *Ostreobium*, as for radial C 5.
- **Radial C5** . Between 1985 and 1987, Emig (1989c, 1990) mentions a significant mortality of *G. vitreus*, with a sharp drop in density down to around 170-180 m depth; beyond that, there is a normal density of *G. vitreus* (approximately 250-300 individuals per dredging) . The presence of shells infested by *Ostreobium* is limited to 130-135 m. This radial is located near an underwater canyon. The origin of the siltation could be linked to strong terrigenous discharges following the brutal deforestation by fire of the surrounding coastal mountain ranges.
- **Radial C8** . The siltation of the C8 radial probably comes from the proximity of the mouth of the Le Golo river to



alluvial discharges, as well as the “graus” of the Biguglia pond (Emig, 1989c). Its *Gryphus* density is low with a few shells infested with *Ostreobium*.



**Figure 6-1** : Location of the radials with the percentages of “green” *Gryphus* along the profile of each radial with the densities of *Gryphus* (see explanation Fig. 4-3).

## 7. The limit of the phytal system: *Gryphus* as a marker

The biological boundary between the phytal and aphytal system [13], defined by the benthic flora and fauna, was a debate during the last century, which has hardly evolved since. In summary, according to Pérès & Picard (1964): “the set of four levels... constitutes the *littoral system*, or, since it is characterized by the presence of benthic chlorophyllous plants, the *phytal system*. Pérès (1982) mentions: “In the phytal system four vertical zones may be distinguished. Their names always include the suffix “littoral” and that the deepest stage in the phytal system, named Circalittoral, has as its lower limit “down to the maximal depth consistent with the survival of photoautotrophic multicellular algae” . »

An intermediate zone between the Circalittoral and the Bathyal with the presence of unicellular algae had been created and named Bathylittoral by Ercegovic (1957), a term taken up by Pérès & Picard (1964). Then, Pérès (1982) integrates this zone into the Circalittoral, while considering it as a transition and specifying “a true bathylittoral zone with specific organismic assemblages does not exist. Many authors continued to conform to this view, such as Falconetti (1980), Bellan-Santini (1983), Bellan-Santini *et al.* (1994), Pergent *et al.* (2007), Dauvin (pers. comm.), and can be found in various biological dictionaries, such as the Ifremer glossary (see [http://envlit.ifremer.fr/infos/glossaire/e/etages\\_benthiques](http://envlit.ifremer.fr/infos/glossaire/e/etages_benthiques)), the Bathyal stage being considered him as part of the aphytal system.

It was only with the numerous campaigns at sea carried out within the framework of the RCP-CNRS 728 program (1983-1989), with a multidisciplinary approach, that the position of this so-called intermediate zone was defined as being the Upper Bathyal (Emig, 1989a, 1989b, 1997a; Laubier & Emig, 1993; Emig & Geistdoerfer, 2004). Consequently, the boundary of the phytal system is found to be independent of the layering, bathymetry and distribution of only benthic photosynthetic multicellular organisms.

In fact, the limit at the edge of the continental shelf between the Circalittoral and the Bathyal is not linked to illumination, but to a change in factors (thus of biotope in the present case), among which illumination does not can be retained or used as a discriminating factor. This limit marks (or is only) the passage from the littoral domain to the

deep domain (Emig, 1997a), not between the phytal and aphytal system. Because the limit between these two systems depends on the turbidity of the waters.

The results on the presence of the unicellular green alga *Ostreobium* in the shells of *Gryphus* (see chapter 6, above) made it possible to resume the debate on the limit of the phytal system by confirming our statements above: the distribution of the shells with *Ostreobium* is well related to deep penetration. Practically absent on the coasts of Provence because of the turbidity of the water, these shells are present in Corsica down to around 150-200, even 300 m (Fig. 6-1).

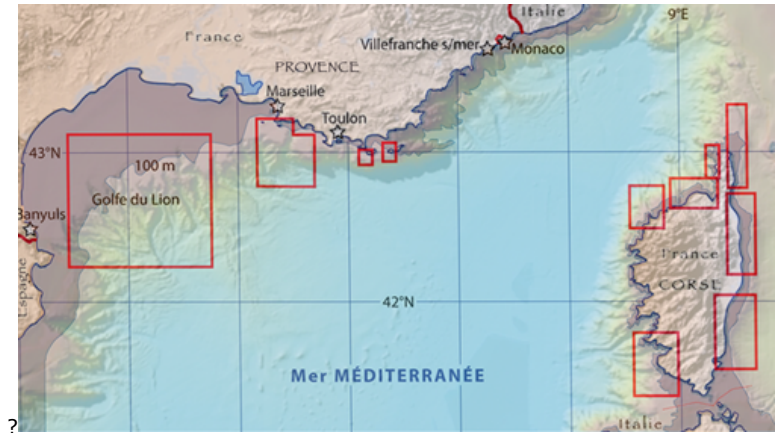
It is generally accepted that the lower limit of the phytal system corresponds to an irradiance of 1%. This limit can only be measured by the extension of photosynthetic microalgae or unicellular algae (Tett, 1990); the case of *Ostreobium* is a good example for using a benthic species. If we often read that this limit is around 200 m, it should be remembered that its depth is valid only at the place of measurement, as evidenced by its bathymetric variations in Corsica (Fig. 6-1).

[13] Also called photic zone and aphotic zone.

## 8. Station books

### List of station books and brachiopod collections: Tables 3 to 10.

| Provence          | chapter 8: resorts  | chapter 9: maps                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Bra Prov 0-10     | Table 3 and Table 4 | Figures 9-2 , 9-3                   |
| IsoBra and DEPROG | Table 5             | Figures 9-1 , 9-2                   |
| <b>Corsica</b>    |                     |                                     |
| BraCors 1-6       | Table 6 and Table 7 | Figures 9-4 , 9-5 , 9-6 , 9-7 , 9-8 |
| BathyMed          | Table 8 and Table 9 | Figures 9-4 , 9-5 , 9-6             |
| Meditis 2-4       | Table 10            | Figures 9-4 , 9-7                   |



**Table 3** : BraProv campaigns (CNRS; head of mission: Christian C. Emig). Figures 9-2 and 9-3 .

[Caption at end of table]

| Campaigns and Stations | Area | Teacher [D - F] | Cape | Distance | Latitude N [D] | Longitude E [D] | Latitude N [F] | Longitude E [F] | gear | Brachiopoda |
|------------------------|------|-----------------|------|----------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------|-------------|
| 0 A 1                  |      | 0               |      | 70       | 43°07'36       | 5°32'12         |                |                 | DF   | B           |
| 0 At 2                 |      | 160             |      | 80       | 43°06'27       | 5°32'12         |                |                 | DF   | B           |
| 0 At 3                 |      |                 |      | 0        | 43°07'24       | 5°33'30         |                |                 | DF   | B           |
| 0 At 4                 |      | 145             |      | 0        | 43°07'03       | 5°33'42         |                |                 | DF   | B           |
| 0 AT 5                 |      | 160             |      | 45       | 43°06'30       | 5°33'36         |                |                 | DF   | B           |
| 0 At 6                 |      | 250             | 220  | 45       | 43°06'42       | 5°30'12         |                |                 | DF   | B           |
| 1 A 1                  |      | 120             | ?    | 0        | 43°07'27       | 5°33'24         |                |                 | DF   |             |
| 1 At 2                 |      | 240             | 130  | 0        | 43°06'54       | 5°33'21         |                |                 | DF-  | B           |
| 1 At 3                 |      | 140             | 100  | 45       | 43°06'45       | 5°33'36         |                |                 | DF   | B           |
| 1 At 4                 |      | 240             | ?    | 45       | 43°06'39       | 5°34'21         |                |                 | DF   | B           |
| 1 AT 5                 |      | 250             | 240  | 90       | 43°03'18       | 5°30'18         |                |                 | DF-  |             |
| 1 At 6                 |      | 250             | 280  | 90       | 43°03'18       | 5°30'18         |                |                 | DF-  | B           |
| 1 At 7                 |      | 250             | ?    | 90       | 43°03'12       | 5°30'21         |                |                 | DF-  |             |
| 1 AT 8                 | B    | 220             | 150  | 270      | 43°01'35       | 5°41'05         |                |                 | DF-  |             |
| 1 At 9                 | B    | 180             | ?    | 270      | 43°01'00       | 5°41'10         |                |                 | DF   | B           |
| 1 At 10                | B    | 220             | 140  | 270      | 43°01'20       | 5°41'20         |                |                 | DF   |             |
| 1 At 11                | B    | 200             | ?    | 270      | 43°00'20       | 5°40'10         |                |                 | DF   | B           |
| 1 AT 12                | B    | 210             | 230  | 0        | 42°58'10       | 5°41'10         |                |                 | DF   |             |

|   |       |          |     |     |     |  |          |         |          |         |      |    |
|---|-------|----------|-----|-----|-----|--|----------|---------|----------|---------|------|----|
| 1 | At 13 | B        | 250 | 160 | 45° |  | 42°58'24 | 5°36'24 |          |         | DF   | B  |
| 1 | At 14 | B        | 280 | 155 | 45  |  | 42°58'48 | 5°35'42 |          |         | DF   | B  |
| 1 | At 15 | B        | 250 | 155 | 45  |  | 42°59'36 | 5°34'51 |          |         | DF   | B  |
| 2 | XL 16 | M        | 345 | 70  |     |  | 43°01'57 | 6°38'45 |          |         | SUBM | B  |
| 3 | At 17 | B        | 200 | 140 | 45  |  | 43°00'18 | 5°35'06 |          |         | DF-  | B  |
| 3 | At 18 | B        | 200 | 160 | 60  |  | 42°58'30 | 5°36'30 |          |         | DF   | B  |
| 3 | At 19 | B        | 160 | 180 | 340 |  | 42°58'51 | 5°35'51 |          |         | DF   | B  |
| 3 | At 20 | M        | 110 | 105 | 250 |  | 43°02'21 | 6°38'24 |          |         | DF   | B  |
| 3 | At 21 | M        | 120 | 110 | 250 |  | 43°02'06 | 6°38'09 |          |         | DF   |    |
| 3 | At 22 | M        | 120 | 130 | 70  |  | 43°01'51 | 6°38'00 |          |         | DF   | B  |
| 3 | At 23 | M        | 120 | ?   | 250 |  |          |         |          |         | DF-  |    |
| 3 | At 24 | M        | 120 | 160 | 250 |  | 43°01'12 | 6°37'51 |          |         | DF   | B  |
| 3 | At 25 | M        | 245 | 235 | 40  |  | 43°01'12 | 6°37'27 |          |         | DF-  | B  |
| 3 | At 26 | M        | 245 | 210 | 240 |  | 43°00'48 | 6°36'06 |          |         | D-   | B  |
| 3 | At 27 | M        | 200 | 120 |     |  | 43°02'09 | 6°38'36 |          |         | DF-  | B  |
| 3 | At 28 | M        | 380 | 420 |     |  | 43°02'00 | 6°39'24 |          |         | DF   |    |
| 3 | At 29 | M        | 180 | 120 | 260 |  | 43°02'18 | 6°39'00 |          |         | DF   | B  |
| 3 | At 30 | computer | 220 | 160 | 260 |  | 43°58'18 | 6°23'00 |          |         | DF   | B  |
| 3 | At 31 | computer | 180 | 120 | 260 |  | 43°58'06 | 6°22'24 |          |         | DF   |    |
| 3 | At 32 | computer | 120 | 110 | 250 |  | 43°58'36 | 6°22'30 |          |         | DF   | B  |
| 3 | At 33 | computer | 330 | 360 | 220 |  | 43°57'48 | 6°20'24 |          |         | HAS- |    |
| 3 | At 34 | B        | 160 | 170 |     |  | 42°59'24 | 5°35'39 |          |         | DF   |    |
| 3 | At 35 | B        | 180 | 260 | 130 |  | 42°58'42 | 5°36'09 |          |         | DF-  | B  |
| 3 | At 36 | B        | 175 | 180 | 160 |  | 42°53'36 | 5°36'24 |          |         | DF   | B  |
| 3 | At 37 | B        | 320 | 360 |     |  | 42°58'21 | 5°36'03 |          |         | D    |    |
| 3 | At 38 | B        | 360 | 360 | 90  |  | 42°59'18 | 5°33'42 |          |         | D    |    |
| 3 | At 39 | B        | 180 | 155 | 340 |  | 43°00'54 | 5°33'24 |          |         | DF   | B  |
| 4 | CL 40 |          | 110 | 140 |     |  | 43°40.64 | 7°18.71 | 43°41.15 | 7°18.90 | ROVs |    |
| 4 | CL 41 |          | 200 | 55  | 325 |  | 43°41.42 | 7°24.86 | 43°41.97 | 7°24.26 | ROVs |    |
| 4 | CL 42 |          | 430 | 380 | 230 |  | 43°41.30 | 7°26.13 | 43°40.94 | 7°24.93 | ROVs |    |
| 5 | At 44 | B        | 140 | 140 | 340 |  | 43°01.35 | 5°33.65 |          |         | DF   |    |
| 5 | At 45 | B        | 140 | 140 | 310 |  | 43°01.35 | 5°33.65 |          |         | DF   | B  |
| 5 | At 46 | B        | 150 | 140 | 130 |  | 43°01.20 | 5°33.60 |          |         | DF   | B  |
| 5 | At 47 | B        | 140 | 150 | 130 |  | 43°01.20 | 5°33.60 |          |         | D-   |    |
| 5 | At 48 | B        | 130 | 125 | 330 |  | 43°01.85 | 5°34.30 |          |         | D    | B  |
| 5 | At 49 | B        | 130 | 125 | 140 |  | 43°01.95 | 5°34.45 |          |         | L    | B  |
| 5 | At 50 | B        | 140 | 140 | 330 |  | 43°02.00 | 5°33.50 |          |         | VS   |    |
| 5 | A 51  |          | 140 | 170 | 310 |  | 43°05.80 | 5°33.75 |          |         | VS-  |    |
| 5 | A 52  | B        | 155 | 160 | 120 |  | 43°00.50 | 5°34.70 |          |         | VS   | B  |
| 5 | A 53  | B        | 160 | 165 | 320 |  | 43°00.50 | 5°34.60 |          |         | L    |    |
| 5 | A 54  | B        | 160 | 160 | 330 |  | 43°00.70 | 5°34.20 |          |         | D    | B  |
| 5 | At 55 | B        | 250 | 260 | 330 |  | 42°59.65 | 5°34.40 |          |         | D    | B  |
| 5 | A 56  | B        | 220 | 260 | 290 |  | 43°00.25 | 5°33.30 |          |         | L    | </ |



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|----|--------|---|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----------|---------|----------|---------|------|---|
| 7  | A 83   | B | 145 | 140 | 320 |       | 43°01.65  | 5°34.60 |          |         | DF   | B |
| 7  | A 84   | B | 145 | 140 | 325 |       | 43°01.85  | 5°34.50 |          |         | DF   | B |
| 7  | At 85  | B | 130 | 135 | 320 |       | 43°02.30  | 5°33.80 |          |         | L    |   |
| 7  | A 86   | B | 135 | 140 | 320 |       | 43°01.95  | 5°34.40 |          |         | VS-  |   |
| 7  | A 87   | B | 140 | 140 | 310 |       | 43°01.95  | 5°34.40 |          |         | VS   | B |
| 7  | At 88  | B | 190 | 180 | 115 |       | 43°00.10  | 5°34.15 |          |         | D    | B |
| 7  | At 89  | B | 200 | 195 | 305 |       | 42°59.10  | 5°33.85 |          |         | DF   | B |
| 7  | At 90  | B | 190 | 210 | 310 |       | 42°59.10  | 5°33.65 |          |         | L    |   |
| 7  | A 91   | B | 195 | 200 | 290 |       | 42°59.10  | 5°33.40 |          |         | VS-  | B |
| 7  | A 92   | B | 245 | 250 |     |       | 42°59.40  | 5°33.25 |          |         | D-   |   |
| 7  | A 93   | B | 245 | 250 |     |       | 42°59.70  | 5°32.90 |          |         | D-   |   |
| 7  | A 94   | B | 250 | 260 |     |       | 42°59.65  | 5°33.15 |          |         | DF   | B |
| 7  | At 95  | B | 245 | 280 |     |       | 42°59.60  | 5°33.05 |          |         | L    |   |
| 7  | A 96   | P | 150 | 145 | 325 |       | 42°57.20  | 6°08.25 |          |         | D    |   |
| 7  | A 97   | P | 155 | 145 |     |       | 42°57.20  | 6°08.25 |          |         | DF   | B |
| 7  | At 98  | P | 150 | 140 |     |       | 42°57.20  | 6°07.50 |          |         | L    |   |
| 7  | At 99  | P | 170 | 220 | 310 |       | 42°51.25  | 6°07.10 |          |         | D    |   |
| 7  | 100    | P | 195 | 210 | 120 |       | 42°57.20  | 6°07.30 |          |         | DF-  | B |
| 7  | To 101 | P | 220 | 190 | 115 |       | 42°57.15  | 6°08.10 |          |         | L    |   |
| 7  | A 102  | P | 143 | 138 | 100 |       | 42°58.00  | 6°07.90 |          |         | DF   | B |
| 7  | A 103  | P | 128 | 130 | 340 |       | 42°58.40  | 6°07.60 |          |         | DF   | B |
| 7  | A 104  | P | 260 | 220 | 300 |       | 42°57.05  | 6°08.10 |          |         | DF   | B |
| 7  | At 105 | P | 280 | 260 | 100 |       | 42°57.05  | 6°07.70 |          |         | D    |   |
| 7  | A 106  | P | 240 | 260 | 300 |       | 42°57.10  | 6°07.30 |          |         | L    |   |
| 7  | A 107  | P | 125 | 120 | 140 |       | 42°57.30  | 6°09.40 |          |         | DF   | B |
| 7  | A 108  | P | 150 | 140 | 320 |       | 42°57.00  | 6°08.90 |          |         | D    |   |
| 8  | XL 109 | B | 420 | 150 | 0   |       | 42°58'43  | 5°34'30 | 43°01'13 | 5°34'28 | SUBM | B |
| 9  | K110   | B | 445 | 469 | 310 | 0.20  | 42°59.00  | 5°33.00 | 42°59.00 | 5°32.80 | DF   |   |
| 9  | K111   | B | 537 | 546 | 95  | 0.18  | 42°58.83  | 5°33.54 | 42°58.78 | 5°33.78 | D-   |   |
| 9  | K112   | B | 439 | 463 | 275 | 0.12  | 42°59.06  | 5°32.98 | 42°59.08 | 5°32.82 | D-   |   |
| 9  | K113   | B | 473 | 475 | 100 | 0.69  | 42°58.88  | 5°33.45 | 42°58.63 | 5°34.37 | L    |   |
| 9  | K114   | B | 362 | 378 | 300 | 0.15  | 42°59.04  | 5°34.06 | 42°59.06 | 5°33.88 | DF   |   |
| 9  | K115   | B | 353 | 358 | 130 | 0.20  | 42°58.48  | 5°35.15 | 42°58.30 | 5°35.41 | D    |   |
| 9  | K116   | B | 352 |     |     |       | 42°58.28  | 5°35.57 |          |         | B    |   |
| 9  | K117   | B | 300 | 302 | 260 | 0.19  | 42°59.23  | 5°34.58 | 42°59.41 | 5°34.34 | D    |   |
| 9  | K118   | B | 302 |     |     |       | 42°59.41  | 5°34.34 |          |         | B    | B |
| 9  | K119   | B | 270 | 259 | 120 | 0.61  | 42°59.11  | 5°34.97 | 42°58.69 | 5°35.74 | L    |   |
| 9  | k 120  | B | 151 | 149 | 310 | 0.16  | 43°00.18  | 5°34.71 | 43°00.53 | 5°34.58 | DF   |   |
| 9  | K121   | B | 147 |     |     |       | 43°00.70  | 5°34.49 |          |         | B    |   |
| 9  | K122   | B | 146 | 149 | 150 | 0.17  | 43°00.45  | 5°34.91 | 42°59.64 | 5°35.49 | L    |   |
| 9  | K123   | B | 148 | 147 | 310 | 0.20' | 43°00.05  | 5°35.20 | 43°00.36 | 5°34.97 | D    |   |
| 9  | K124   | B | 147 | 149 | 150 | 0.82' | 43°00.00  | 5°35.20 | 42°59.48 | 5°36.06 | VS   | B |
| 9  | K125   | B | 155 | 160 | 290 | 0.82  | 42°59.10  | 5°35.60 | 43°00.14 | 5°34.59 | VS   | B |
| 9  | K126   | B | 166 |     |     |       | 43°00.49  | 5°33.80 |          |         | B    |   |
| 9  | K127   | B | 191 | 189 | 290 | 0.21  | 43°00.54  | 5°33.37 | 43°00.71 | 5°33.12 | D    | B |
| 9  | K128   | B | 192 |     |     |       | 43°00.59  | 5°33.22 |          |         | B    |   |
| 9  | K129   | B | 188 | 170 | 130 | 0.76  | 43°00.35  | 5°33.90 | 42°59.91 | 5°35.00 | L-   |   |
| 9  | K130   | B | 118 | 119 | 270 | 0.15  | 43°02.10  | 5°34.80 | 43°02.29 | 5°34.44 | DF   | B |
| 9  | K131   | B | 115 | 120 | 0   | 0.16  | 43°03.00  | 5°33.80 | 43°03.32 | 5°33.83 | DF   | B |
| 9  | K132   | P | 170 | 193 | 90  | 0.17  | 42°57.22  | 6°08.00 | 42°56.94 | 6°05.18 | D-   | B |
| 9  | K133   | P | 200 |     |     |       | 42°57.21  | 6°08.03 |          |         | B    |   |
| 9  | K134   | P | 190 | 200 |     | 0.17  | 42°57.30  | 6°06.90 | 42°57.22 | 6°06.62 | DF   | B |
| 9  | K135   | P | 133 | 126 |     | 0.14  | 42°58.16  | 6°08.11 | 42°58.11 | 6°07.49 | DF-  |   |
| 9  | K136   | P | 132 |     |     |       | 42°57.86  | 6°08.41 |          |         | B    |   |
| 9  | K137   | P | 131 | 130 | 315 | 0.14  | 42°58.04  | 6°08.06 | 42°58.16 | 6°07.89 | DF   | B |
| 9  | K138   | P | 131 | 129 | 127 | 0.76  | 42°58.14  | 6°07.94 | 42°57.67 | 6°08.56 | L    |   |
| 9  | K139   | P | 302 | 294 | 280 | 0.32  | 42°57.00  | 6°07.84 | 42°57.05 | 6°07.31 | D    |   |
| 9  | K140   | P | 180 | 183 | 270 | 0.29  | 42°57.27  | 6°07.22 | 42°57.24 | 6°06.84 | SF   | B |
| 9  | K141   | P | 183 |     |     |       | 42°57.24  | 6°06.84 |          |         | B    |   |
| 9  | K142   | P | 387 | 395 | 90  | 0.15  | 42°56.68  | 6°07.88 | 42°56.61 | 6°07.94 | D-   |   |
| 9  | K143   | P | 395 |     |     |       | 42°56.61  | 6°07.94 |          |         | B    |   |
| 9  | K144   | P | 415 | 419 | 140 | 0.18  | 42°56.50  | 6°08.00 | 42°56.36 | 6°08.10 | DF   |   |
| 9  | K145   | P | 393 | 457 | 320 | 0.77  | 42°56.50  | 6°07.50 | 42°56.75 | 6°06.96 | L    |   |
| 9  | K146   | P | 100 | 99  | 350 | 0.21  | 42°59.00  | 6°08.73 | 42°59.29 | 6°08.52 | DF   |   |
| 9  | K147   | P | 99  |     |     |       | 42°59.26  | 6°08.47 |          |         | B    |   |
| 9  | K148   | P | 129 | 130 | 130 | 0.53  | 42°58.85  | 6°07.00 | 42°58.41 | 6°07.55 | VS   | B |
| 10 | XL 149 | P | 600 | 80  | 20  |       | 42°56.000 | 6°07.20 | 42°59.40 | 6°09.20 | SUBM | B |

Depths in meters and coordinates of the beginning [D] and end [F] of traict on the bottom. Distances are in nautical miles.

BRAPROV 0: March 1983 (N/O Antedon)

BRAPROV 1: February 28 to March 2, 198( (N/O Antedon)

BRAPROV 2: January 27, 1986 (BISM Triton & SMI Griffon)

BRAPROV 3: December 11 to 14, 1986 (N /O Antedon)

BRAPROV 4: January 12 to 16, 1987 (N/O Catherine-Laurence & ROV Modea)

BRAPROV 5: March 4 to 6, 1987 (N/O Antedon)

BRAPROV 6: March 30 to April 3, 1987 (N/O Catherine-Laurence)

BRAPROV 7: June 1 to 5, 1987 (N/O Antedon)

BRAPROV 8: October 22, 1987 (BISM Triton & SMI Griffon)

BRAPROV 9: November 16 to 25, 1987 (N/O Korotneff)

BRAPROV 10: October 13 1989 (BISM Triton & SMI Griffon)

Sampling gear: B = Shipeck tipper; C = small beam trawl (2m wide); D = Charcot-Picard dredge with underpants (burlap); DF = Charcot-Picard dredger (without underpants) with a 10mm mesh net, protected by a 10-mesh net; L = sledge; ROV = remotely operated vehicle or unmanned underwater vehicle; SUBM = submersible. -: indicates an incomplete or empty sample (damage).

**Table 4 :** Distribution of brachiopods (in number of individuals) in BraProv campaign stations (Table 3). Figures 9-2 and 9-3 . At some stations, counts were made of *Gryphus* according to the color of the white or green shell colonized by the algae *Ostreobium* . For the complete legend: see Table 3.

| Campaign and Stations | Areas    | Depth [D-F] | Dist [miles] | gear | <i>Gryphus</i> | <i>Gryphus</i> b/v | <i>Terebratulina</i> | <i>Megerlia</i> | <i>Megathiris</i> | <i>Novocrania</i> | <i>Platidia</i> |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------|--------------|------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 0 A1                  |          | 0           |              | DF   |                |                    |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| 0 A2                  |          | 160         |              | DF   |                |                    |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| 0 A3                  |          |             |              | DF   |                |                    |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| 0 A4                  |          | 145         |              | DF   |                |                    |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| 0 AT 5                |          | 160         |              | DF   |                |                    |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| 0 A6                  |          | 250         | 220          | DF   |                |                    |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| 1 At 2                |          | 240         | 130          | DF-  | 10             |                    | 10                   | 10              |                   |                   |                 |
| 1 A3                  |          | 140         | 100          | DF   | 10             |                    |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| 1 A4                  |          | 240         | ?            | DF   | 60             |                    |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| 1 A6                  |          | 250         | 280          | DF-  |                |                    | 40                   | 10              |                   | 10                |                 |
| 1 At 9                | B        | 180         | ?            | DF   | 10             |                    |                      |                 |                   | 2                 |                 |
| 1 At 11               | B        | 200         | ?            | DF   | 20             |                    |                      |                 |                   | 40                |                 |
| 1 At 13               | B        | 250         | 160          | DF   | 90             |                    | 2                    | 15              |                   | 1                 |                 |
| 1 At 14               | B        | 280         | 155          | DF   | 25             |                    |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| 1 At 15               | B        | 250         | 155          | DF   | 100            |                    | 60                   | 60              |                   |                   |                 |
| 2 XL 16               | M        | 345         | 70           | SUBM | +++            |                    |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| 3 At 17               | B        | 200         | 140          | DF-  | 20             | /0                 |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| 3 At 18               | B        | 200         | 160          | DF   | 4              | /0                 | 1                    |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| 3 At 19               | B        | 160         | 180          | DF   | 49             | 9/40               |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| 3 At 20               | M        | 110         | 105          | DF   | 38             | 6/32               | 2                    | 12              |                   | 1                 |                 |
| 3 At 22               | M        | 120         | 130          | DF   | 34             | 19/15              | 6                    | 14              | 7                 | 3                 |                 |
| 3 At 24               | M        | 120         | 160          | DF   | 56             | 12/44              | 25                   | 67              | 16                |                   | 1               |
| 3 At 25               | M        | 245         | 235          | DF-  | 7              | /0                 |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| 3 At 26               | M        | 245         | 210          | D-   |                |                    |                      | 40              | 20                |                   | 60              |
| 3 At 27               | M        | 200         | 120          | DF-  | 10             | 8/2                |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| 3 A29                 | M        | 180         | 120          | DF   | 140            | /0                 | 4                    | 17              |                   |                   |                 |
| 3 At 30               | computer | 220         | 160          | DF   | 10             | /0                 | 2                    |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| 3 At 32               | computer | 120         | 110          | DF   | 2              | /0                 |                      | 1               |                   |                   |                 |
| 3 At 35               | B        | 180         | 260          | DF-  | 5              | /0                 |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| 3 At 36               | B        | 175         | 180          | DF   | 10             | /0                 | 3                    | 14              |                   |                   |                 |
| 3 At 39               | B        | 180         | 155          | DF   | 137            | /0                 |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| 5 At 45               | B        | 140         | 140          | DF   | 24             | /0                 |                      | 4               |                   |                   |                 |
| 5 At 46               | B        | 150         | 140          | DF   | 6              | /0                 |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| 5 At 48               | B        | 130         | 125          | D    | 1              | /0                 |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| 5 At 49               | B        | 130         | 125          | L    | 300            |                    |                      | 2               | 6                 | 1                 | 2               |
| 5 A 52                | B        | 155         | 160          | VS   | 2000           |                    | 4                    | 8               |                   | 4                 |                 |
| 5 A 54                | B        | 160         | 160          | D    | 1              | /0                 |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| 5 At 55               | B        | 250         | 260          | D    | 3              | /0                 |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| 5 A 57                | B        | 240         | 230          | VS-  | 68             | /0                 | 2                    | 5               |                   | 2                 |                 |
| 6 At 59               | computer | 120         | 96           | DF   | 5              | /0                 | 12                   | 25              |                   |                   |                 |
| 6 At 60               | computer | 170         | 140          | D-   | 20             | /0                 | 20                   | 20              |                   |                   |                 |
| 6 A 61                | computer | 250         | 130          | DF   | 5              | /0                 | 5                    | 8               |                   |                   |                 |
| 6 A 62                | computer | 150         | 160          | DF   | 20             | /0                 | 20                   | 20              |                   |                   |                 |
| 6 A 66                | P        | 130         | 129          | DF   | 70             | /0                 |                      | 1               |                   |                   |                 |
| 6 A 67                | P        | 132         | 132          | DF   | 250            | /0                 |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| 6 A 71                | P        | 125         | 132          | VS   | 1500           |                    | 1                    | 5               |                   | 1                 |                 |
| 6 A 72                | P        | 230         | 212          | DF   | 10             | /0                 |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |

**Table 5 :** IsoBra cruise (CNRS; mission leader: Christian C. Emig) with the N/O Catherine-Laurence: st. IB 2-6 in September 1996 and st. IB 9 in March 1999 - gear: Charcot-Picard dredge with nets (DF). DEPROG cruise (IFREMER) with N/O Europe in April 1996 - gear: beam trawl. Figures 9-1 and 9-2 .

| Campaign and Stations | Depth [D-F] |      | Latitude N [D] | Longitude E [D] | Latitude N [F] | Longitude E [F] | course in° | Gryphus |
|-----------------------|-------------|------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|---------|
| IsoBra IB 2 DF        | 128         | 129  | 43°02'.54      | 5°33'.26        | 43°02'.15      | 5°33'.71        | 275        | 3       |
| IsoBra IB 4 DF        | 156         | 157  | 43°01'.11      | 5°32'.67        | 43°01'.44      | 5°31'.44        | 280        | 200     |
| IsoBra IB 6 DF        | 162         | 155  | 43°01'.85      | 5°30'.55        | 43°02'.34      | 5°30'.38        | 280        | 200     |
| IsoBra IB 9 DF        | 155         | 154  | 43°02'.29      | 5°30'.28        | 43°02'.01      | 5°30'.69        | 150        | 180     |
| DEPROG D-2            | 986         | 1030 | 42°43'.57      | 4°46'.99        | 42°42'.55      | 4°46'.60        |            | 2       |
| DEPROG D-3            | 1129        | 1193 | 42°44'.57      | 4°29'.47        | 42°43'.90      | 4°29'.50        |            | 5       |
| DEPROG D-4            | 1096        | 1179 | 42°34'.68      | 4°07'.40        | 42°33'.37      | 4°08'.19        |            | 4       |
| DEPROG D-5            | 1136        | 1157 | 42°28'.52      | 4°05'.74        | 42°27'.66      | 4°07'.00        |            | 3       |
| DEPROG D-6            | 1600        | 1630 | 42°20'.73      | 3°58'.93        | 42°19'.92      | 4°00'.45        |            | 1       |
| DEPROG D-14           | 1153        | 1275 | 42°15'.67      | 3°42'.90        | 42°14'.27      | 3°44'.25        |            | 1       |
| DEPROG D-17           | 744         | 725  | 42°29'.60      | 3°40'.34        | 42°29'.30      | 3°40'.85        |            | 2       |

[Caption at end of table]

| Campaigns and Stations | Teacher [D - F] | Cape | Latitude N [D] | Longitude E [D] | Latitude N [F] | Longitude E [F] | gear | Brachiopoda |
|------------------------|-----------------|------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------|-------------|
| 1 CL 1                 | 125 125         | 50   | 42°32'52       | 8°39'15         | 42°33'01       | 8°39'42         |      | B           |
| 1 CL 1                 | 130             |      | 42°33'03       | 8°39'38         |                |                 | B    |             |
| 1 CL 1                 | 125 125         |      | 42°33'03       | 8°39'38         | 42°32'50       | 8°39'18         |      | B           |
| 3 CL 1/2               | 146 150         | 0    | 42°32'53       | 8°39'15         | 42°33'21       | 8°39'10         |      | B           |
| 3 CL 1/2               | 153 148         | 180  | 42°33'21       | 8°39'10         | 42°33'00       | 8°39'12         | B    |             |
| 1 CL 2                 | 125 135         | 0    | 42°32'58       | 8°39'08         | 42°33'35       | 8°39'07         |      | B           |
| 1 CL 2                 | 135             |      | 42°33'35       | 8°39'07         |                |                 | B    |             |
| 4 CL 2-85              | 125 130         | 10   | 42°32'48       | 8°39'06         | 42°33'39       | 8°38'47         | B-   |             |
| 4 CL 2-85              | 135 140         | 220  | 42°33'48       | 8°38'46         | 42°33'37       | 8°38'16         |      | B           |
| 1 CL 3                 | 130 130         | 25   | 43°33'27       | 8°39'03         | 43°33'40       | 8°39'13         |      | B           |
| 1 CL 4                 | 138 130         | 80   | 43°34'22       | 8°40'08         | 43°34'27       | 8°40'37         |      | B           |
| 1 CL 4                 | 138             |      | 43°34'23       | 8°40'32         |                |                 | -    |             |
| 1 CL 5                 | 120 120         | 202  | 42°34'15       | 8°41'03         | 42°33'38       | 8°40'55         | VS   |             |

|            |         |     |          |         |          |         |     |   |
|------------|---------|-----|----------|---------|----------|---------|-----|---|
| 1 CL 6     | 140 135 | 120 | 42°33'59 | 8°39'50 | 42°33'48 | 8°40'13 | -   |   |
| 1 CL 7     | 120 100 | 120 | 42°33'32 | 8°40'35 | 42°33'10 | 8°41'12 | VS  |   |
| 1 CL 8     | 135 130 | 72  | 42°34'06 | 8°39'30 | 42°34'13 | 8°40'00 | VS- |   |
| 1 CL 9     | 130 130 | 72  | 42°34'15 | 8°40'08 | 42°34'20 | 8°40'30 |     | B |
| 1 CL 10    | 130 105 | 76  | 42°34'34 | 8°41'05 | 42°34'37 | 8°41'28 |     | B |
| 1 CL 11    | 130 110 | 76  | 42°34'36 | 8°41'27 | 42°34'37 | 8°41'35 |     | B |
| 1 CL 12    | 110     |     | 42°34'35 | 8°41'23 |          |         | B   |   |
| 1 CL 12    | 125 105 | 76  | 42°34'36 | 8°41'27 | 42°34'37 | 8°41'23 |     | B |
| 1 CL 13    | 120 100 | 90  | 42°31'41 | 8°36'38 | 42°31'43 | 8°37'16 |     | B |
| 4 CL 13-1  | 140     | 100 | 42°31'18 | 8°35'43 | 42°31'17 | 8°35'46 |     | B |
| 4 CL 13-2  | 150 160 | 210 | 42°31'42 | 8°35'18 | 42°31'18 | 8°35'06 |     | B |
| 4 CL 13-3  | 130 110 | 40  | 42°31'51 | 8°36'15 | 42°32'04 | 8°36'34 | DF- |   |
| 4 CL 13-4  | 115 120 | 220 | 42°32'12 | 8°36'52 |          |         | DF- |   |
| 4 CL 13-5  | 130 135 | 220 | 42°31'29 | 8°36'18 | 42°31'47 | 8°36'28 | DF  |   |
| 4 CL 13-6  | 125 125 | 70  | 42°32'09 | 8°37'12 |          |         |     | B |
| 4 CL 13-7  | 110 115 |     | 42°31'57 | 8°37'17 | 42°31'50 | 8°36'34 |     | B |
| 4 CL 13-8  | 110 115 | 220 | 42°31'54 | 8°37'17 |          |         | DF- |   |
| 4 CL 13-9  | 115 120 | 220 | 42°32'09 | 8°37'17 |          |         | DF- |   |
| 4 CL 13-10 | 120 125 | 240 | 42°31'57 | 8°36'57 | 42°31'53 | 8°36'49 | DF  |   |
| 4 CL 13-11 | 120 120 | 60  | 42°31'56 | 8°37'06 | 42°32'00 | 8°36'16 |     | B |
| 4 CL 13-12 | 105 110 | 240 | 42°31'48 | 8°37'01 | 42°31'43 | 8°36'42 | DF  |   |
| 5CL 13-13  | 140 140 | 25  | 42°31'48 | 8°36'00 | 42°32'18 | 8°36'42 |     | B |
| 5CL 13-14  | 135 135 | 25  | 42°31'42 | 8°36'30 | 42°32'18 | 8°36'48 |     | B |
| 5CL 13-14  | 136     |     | 42°32'18 | 8°36'48 |          |         | B   |   |
| 5CL 13-15  | 117     |     | 42°31'42 | 8°34'30 |          |         |     | B |
| 5CL 13-16  | 128 115 |     | 42°31'27 | 8°36'33 | 42°31'54 | 8°36'77 |     | B |
| 5 CL 13-17 | 142 137 |     | 42°31'48 | 8°36'00 | 42°32'30 | 8°37'15 | D*  |   |
| 5CL 13-18  | 125 125 | 70  | 42°31'47 | 8°37'00 | 42°32'08 | 8°37'27 |     | B |
| 5CL 13-19  | 107 98  | 70  | 42°31'50 | 8°37'00 | 42°31'47 | 8°37'17 |     | B |
| 5CL 13-20  | 135 127 | 70  | 42°32'17 | 8°37'10 | 42°32'21 | 8°37'37 |     | B |
| 5CL 13-21  | 123 110 | 70  | 42°31'43 | 8°36'43 | 42°31'50 | 8°37'10 |     | B |
| 1 CL 14    | 115 105 | 70  | 42°31'06 | 8°36'56 | 42°31'03 | 8°37'28 |     | B |
| 1 CL 14    | 105     |     | 42°31'02 | 8°37'30 |          |         | B   |   |
| 3 CL 14    | 140 85  | 90  | 42°31'05 | 8°36'55 | 42°31'33 | 8°37'43 |     | B |
| 1 CL 15    | 100 95  | 90  | 42°30'41 | 8°36'42 | 42°30'42 | 8°37'06 |     | B |
| 1 CL 15    | 95      |     | 42°30'42 | 8°37'06 |          |         | B   |   |
| 3 CL 15    | 110 98  | 90  | 42°30'42 | 8°36'38 | 42°30'40 | 8°37'22 |     | B |
| 3 CL 15bis | 150 97  | 90  | 42°30'45 | 8°36'27 | 42°30'43 | 8°37'19 |     | B |
| 3 CL 15bis | 96      |     | 42°30'38 | 8°37'05 |          |         | B   |   |
| 3 CL 15b2  | 155 139 | 90  | 42°30'45 | 8°36'27 | 42°30'55 | 8°36'52 |     | B |
| 3 CL 15b3  | 160 143 | 90  | 42°30'45 | 8°36'23 | 42°30'38 | 8°36'35 |     | B |
| 3 CL 15b4  | 160 135 | 90  | 42°30'48 | 8°30'05 | 42°30'37 | 8°36'45 |     | B |
| 3 CL 15b5  | 145     |     | 42°32'55 | 8°39'15 |          |         | B   |   |
| 3 CL 15ter | 145 97  | 90  | 42°30'55 | 8°36'30 | 42°30'43 | 8°37'19 | DF- |   |
| 3 CL 15-4  | 110 110 | 210 | 42°31'03 | 8°37'30 | 42°30'37 | 8°37'20 |     | B |
| 1 CL 16    | 140 105 | 90  | 42°32'27 | 8°36'53 | 42°32'13 | 8°37'47 |     | B |
| 1 CL 16    | 105     |     | 42°32'13 | 8°37'47 |          |         | B   |   |
| 1 CL 17    | 130 140 | 218 | 42°36'23 | 8°40'58 | 42°35'54 | 8°40'27 |     | B |
| 1 CL 18    | 130 135 | 218 | 42°36'03 | 8°41'27 | 42°36'02 | 8°40'52 |     | B |
| 1 CL 18    | 130 135 |     | 42°36'07 | 8°40'57 |          |         | B   |   |
| 1 CL 19    | 68 72   | 240 | 42°39'24 | 8°51'55 | 42°39'12 | 8°51'30 | DF  |   |
| 1 CL 19    | 71      |     | 42°39'12 | 8°51'30 |          |         | B   |   |
| 1 CL 20    | 85 90   | 240 | 42°39'37 | 8°51'30 | 42°39'32 | 8°51'07 | DF  |   |
| 1 CL 20    | 90      |     | 42°39'32 | 8°51'07 |          |         | B   |   |
| 1 CL 21    | 93 90   | 240 | 42°39'42 | 8°50'37 | 42°39'25 | 8°50'02 |     | B |
| 3 CL 21    | 105 105 | 60  | 42°39'25 | 8°50'00 | 42°39'33 | 8°50'07 |     | B |
| 3 CL 21-2  | 112 112 | 60  | 42°39'33 | 8°50'07 | 42°39'46 | 8°50'12 | D   |   |
| 4 CL 21    | 100 85  | 180 | 42°39'45 | 8°50'22 | 42°39'31 | 8°50'16 | DF  |   |
| 4 CL 21-1  | 100 95  | 80  | 42°39'33 | 8°48'49 | 42°39'31 | 8°49'13 | DF  |   |
| 4 CL 21-2  | 105 95  | 180 | 42°40'   | 8°50'   | 42°39'46 | 8°49'27 | DF  |   |
| 1 CL 22    | 116 125 | 245 | 42°40'29 | 8°49'15 | 42°40'23 | 8°48'50 |     | B |
| 1 CL 22    | 125     |     | 42°40'23 | 8°48'50 |          |         | B   |   |
| 1 CL 23    | 120 130 | 245 | 42°40'28 | 8°48'55 | 42°40'12 | 8°48'15 |     | B |
| 1 CL 23    | 130     |     | 42°40'12 | 8°48'15 |          |         | B   |   |
| 1 CL 24    | 160 150 | 65  | 42°39'05 | 8°44'47 | 42°39'32 | 8°45'42 | VS  |   |
| 1 CL 24    | 150     |     | 42°39'32 | 8°45'42 |          |         | B   |   |
| 1 CL 25    | 123 128 | 233 | 42°38'53 | 8°46'23 | 42°38'35 | 8°46'10 |     | B |
| 1 CL 25    | 126     |     | 42°38'44 | 8°46'25 |          |         | B   |   |
| 1 CL 26    | 140 145 | 235 | 42°39'08 | 8°45'00 | 42°38'54 | 8°45'33 |     | B |
|            |         |     |          |         |          |         |     |   |



|           |           |     |          |         |          |          |     |   |
|-----------|-----------|-----|----------|---------|----------|----------|-----|---|
| 1 CL 26   | 145       |     | 42°39'03 | 8°46'52 |          |          | B*  |   |
| 3 CL 26   | 150 150   | 55  | 42°38'54 | 8°45'33 | 42°39'17 | 8°45'47  |     | B |
| 3 CL 26   | 150 150   | 205 | 42°39'17 | 8°45'47 | 42°39'04 | 8°45'38  | D   |   |
| 4 CL 26   | 135 140   | 235 | 42°39'19 | 8°45'54 | 42°39'05 | 8°45'31  | B   |   |
| 4 CL 26-1 | 155 160   | 235 | 42°38'51 | 8°44'20 | 42°38'45 | 8°43'48  |     | B |
| 1 CL 27   | 165 145   | 165 | 42°39'27 | 8°45'15 | 42°38'52 | 8°45'15  |     | B |
| 1 CL 27   | 148       |     | 42°39'08 | 8°45'18 |          |          | B   |   |
| 1 CL 28   | 92 78     | 180 | 42°35'40 | 8°46'08 | 42°35'17 | 8°46'06  | DF  |   |
| 1 CL 29   | 72 68     | 180 | 42°35'18 | 8°46'14 | 42°34'55 | 8°46'07  | DF  |   |
| 1 CL 30   | 300 250   | 235 | 42°37'45 | 8°43'52 | 42°37'12 | 8°43'23  |     | B |
| 1 CL 31   | 200 120   | 235 | 42°36'30 | 8°44'30 | 42°36'09 | 8°44'06  |     | B |
| 1 CL 32   | 110 110   | 80  | 42°42'16 | 8°56'22 | 42°42'25 | 8°56'41  | DF- |   |
| 1 CL 33   | ?300 200  | 165 | 42°41'32 | 8°59'08 | 42°40'35 | 8°59'53' | DF  |   |
| 1 CL 34   | 200 150   | 140 | 42°45'15 | 9°00'50 |          |          | DF- |   |
| 1 CL 34'  | 160 140   | 140 | 42°44'52 | 9°01'05 | 42°44'13 | 9°01'13  |     | B |
| 1 CL 34'  | 145       |     | 42°44'17 | 9°01'09 |          |          | B   |   |
| 3CL 34'   | ?         |     | 42°44'50 | 9°01'05 |          |          | D*  |   |
| 3 CL 34'1 | 170 180   | 170 | 42°44'50 | 9°01'05 | 42°44'08 | 9°00'57  |     | B |
| 3 CL 34'2 | ? ?       | 170 | 42°44'50 | 9°01'05 | 42°44'38 | 9°01'00  | D-  |   |
| 3 CL 34'3 | ? ?       | 170 | 42°44'38 | 9°01'00 | 42°44'12 | 9°00'47  | D-  |   |
| 3 CL 34'4 | ? ?       | 170 | 42°44'38 | 9°01'00 | 42°44'16 | 9°00'40  | D-  |   |
| 1 CL 35   | 105 125   | 40  | 42°44'15 | 9°02'00 | 42°44'36 | 9°02'15  |     | B |
| 1 CL 35   | 125       |     | 42°44'36 | 9°02'15 |          |          | B   |   |
| 3 CL 35-1 | 150 150   | 30  | 42°44'15 | 9°01'57 | 42°45'03 | 9°02'05  |     | B |
| 3 CL 35-2 | 150 150   | 180 | 42°45'03 | 9°02'05 |          |          | D*  |   |
| 1 CL 36   | ?370 210  | 235 | 42°41'42 | 8°58'25 | 42°41'35 | 8°38'18  | DF- |   |
| 1 CL 37   | 58 55 135 |     | 42°43'54 | 9°02'12 | 42°43'47 | 9°03'13  | DF  |   |
| 1 CL 38   | 117 120   | 135 | 42°42'38 | 9°01'12 | 42°42'29 | 9°01'39  |     | B |
| 1 CL 39   | ?220 180  | 200 | 42°42'52 | 8°57'37 | 42°42'35 | 8°57'31  |     | B |
| 1 CL 39   | 215       |     | 42°42'55 | 8°57'45 |          |          | B   |   |
| 1 CL 40   | 115 110   | 245 | 42°40'02 | 8°49'00 | 42°39'45 | 8°48'28  | DF  |   |
| 1 CL 40   | 110       |     | 42°40'04 | 8°48'43 |          |          | B   |   |
| 1 CL 41   | 125 125   | 60  | 42°40'30 | 8°48'15 | 42°41'00 | 8°49'00  |     | B |
| 1 CL 41   | 122       |     | 42°40'58 | 8°49'05 |          |          | B   |   |
| 1 CL 42   | 135 123   | 220 | 42°41'10 | 8°49'16 | 42°40'52 | 8°49'00  |     | B |
| 1 CL 42   | 125       |     | 42°41'00 | 8°49'07 |          |          | B   |   |
| 1 CL 43   | 145 230   | 230 | 42°41'34 | 8°48'12 | 42°40'53 | 8°47'40  |     | B |
| 1 CL 43   | 150       |     | 42°41'00 | 8°47'46 |          |          | B   |   |
| 1 CL 44   | 180 136   | 230 | 42°41'08 | 8°46'17 | 42°40'51 | 8°45'55  |     | B |
| 1 CL 44   | 163       |     | 42°40'50 | 8°45'59 |          |          | B   |   |
| 3CL 44bis | ? ?       | 55  | 42°41'07 | 8°46'16 |          |          | DF- |   |
| 1 CL 45   | 160?      | 50  | 42°40'54 | 8°46'04 | 42°41'18 | 8°46'48  | DF- |   |
| 1 CL 46   | 170 150   | 190 | 42°41'30 | 8°47'03 | 42°40'44 | 8°47'03  |     | B |
| 1 CL 46   | 149       |     | 42°40'46 | 8°47'04 |          |          | B   |   |
| 3CL 46bis | 280 220   | 55  | 42°41'21 | 8°47'00 | 42°41'18 | 8°47'00  | DF- |   |
| 3 CL 46b  | 280 220   | 180 | 42°41'18 | 8°47'00 | 42°41'06 | 8°47'09  | D*  |   |
| 4 CL 46   | 150 135   | 160 | 42°41'15 | 8°46'49 | 42°41'10 | 8°47'17  |     | B |
| 1 CL 47   | 170 143   | 180 | 42°41'37 | 8°47'08 | 42°40'46 | 8°47'44  |     | B |
| 1 CL 47   | 143       |     | 42°40'47 | 8°47'50 |          |          | B   |   |
| 1 CL 48   | ? ?       | 170 | 42°41'50 | 8°46'21 | 42°41'15 | 8°46'48  | DF- |   |
| 1 CL 49   | ?150 130  | 270 | 42°46'27 | 9°13'38 | 42°46'33 | 9°13'18  |     | B |
| 1 CL 50   | 135 120   | 270 | 42°46'33 | 9°13'22 | 42°46'36 | 9°12'55  |     | B |
| 1 CL 51   | ? ?       | 245 | 42°43'53 | 9°12'58 | 42°45'37 | 9°12'30  | DF  |   |
| 1 CL 52   | 160 115   | 245 | 42°45'37 | 9°12'33 | 42°45'28 | 9°12'05  |     | B |
| 3 CL 52   | ? ?       | 250 | 42°45'36 | 9°12'17 | 42°45'30 | 9°11'53  | DF  |   |
| 3 CL 52-1 | ? ?       | 180 | 42°45'28 | 9°12'22 | 42°44'55 | 9°12'12  | DF  |   |
| 1 CL 53   | 160 115   | 245 | 42°45'28 | 9°12'08 | 42°45'25 | 9°12'05  |     | B |
| 1 CL 54   | 120 60    | 245 | 42°45'30 | 9°12'15 | 42°45'23 | 9°11'38  | DF  |   |
| 1 CL 55   | 150 115   | 245 | 42°45'40 | 9°12'30 | 42°45'31 | 9°12'18  | D   |   |
| 1 CL 56   | 140 120   | 245 | 42°45'33 | 9°12'23 | 42°45'28 | 9°12'06  | D   |   |
| 1 CL 57   | ? 150     | 245 | 42°45'44 | 9°12'40 | 42°45'43 | 9°12'22  | DF  |   |
| 1 CL 58   | ? 150     | 245 | 42°45'42 | 9°12'34 | 42°45'35 | 9°12'23  | DF  |   |
| 1 CL 59   | ? ?       | 245 | 42°45'48 | 9°12'85 | 42°45'43 | 9°12'21  | DF- |   |
| 1 CL 59'  | 180 190   | 245 | 42°45'45 | 9°12'36 | 42°45'43 | 9°12'21  |     | B |
| 1 CL 60   | ? 180     | 200 | 42°46'00 | 9°13'52 | 42°45'32 | 9°13'26  |     | B |
| 1 CL 61   | 140 105   | 185 | 42°45'25 | 9°14'26 | 42°45'08 | 9°14'25  |     | B |
| 1 CL 62   | 140 110   | 205 | 42°43'55 | 9°17'30 | 42°43'35 | 9°17'12  | DF  |   |
| 1 CL 63   | 150 105   | 135 | 42°47'27 | 9°18'10 | 42°47'10 | 9°18'25  |     | B |
| 1 CL 64   | 150 77    | 85  | 42°47'53 | 9°19'18 | 42°47'52 | 9°19'45  | DF  |   |
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| 1 CL 65    | 140 110 | 90  | 42°50'03 | 9°16'50     | 42°50'00 | 9°17'34 | DF  |   |
| 1 CL 66    | ? ?     | 125 | 42°51'53 | 9°18'04     | 42°51'42 | 9°18'31 |     | B |
| 1 CL 67    | 130 85  | 20  | 42°54'08 | 9°16'52     | 42°54'25 | 9°16'56 | DF  |   |
| 1 CL 68    | 115 95  | 50  | 42°54'03 | 9°17'21     | 42°54'27 | 9°17'40 |     | B |
| 1 CL 69    | ? ?     | 180 | 42°55'17 | 9°17'58     |          |         | DF- |   |
| 1 CL 70    | 210 130 | 60  | 42°57'04 | 9°18'32     | 42°57'20 | 9°18'50 |     | B |
| 1 CL 71    | ?       | 210 | 43°00'54 | 9°17'46     | 43°00'40 | 9°17'35 | DF- |   |
| 1 CL 72    | 190 160 | 210 | 43°00'45 | 9°17'30     | 43°00'37 | 9°17'15 |     | B |
| 1 CL 73    | 125 90  | 180 | 42°48'05 | 8°10'00     | 42°47'54 | 8°10'11 |     | B |
| 1 CL 74    | 110 170 | 205 | 42°48'08 | 8°09'32     | 42°47'43 | 8°09'22 |     | B |
| 3 CL 74    | 120 143 | 180 | 42°48'08 | 9°09'32     | 42°47'24 | 9°09'12 |     | B |
| 3 CL 74    | 152 150 | 180 | 42°48'08 | 9°09'32     | 42°47'57 | 9°09'15 |     | B |
| 3 CL 74-1  | 150 110 | 180 | 42°47'32 | 9°08'17     | 42°46'53 | 9°07'43 |     | B |
| 3 CL 74-2  | 150 90  | 155 | 42°46'25 | 9°06'08     | 42°46'15 | 9°06'2? |     | B |
| 3 CL 74-3  | 200 180 | 150 | Canceled | presence of | nets     |         |     | B |
| 3 CL 74-4  | 190 160 | 90  | 42°43'38 | 9°00'20     | 42°43'35 | 9°00'35 |     | B |
| 3 CL 74-5  | ? ?     | 90  | 42°43'20 | 9°00'37     | 42°43'57 | 9°01'28 | DF  |   |
| 1 CL 75    | ? ?     | 180 | 42°41'36 | 8°47'08     | 42°41'10 | 8°47'07 | DF  |   |
| 4 CL 75-85 | 140 135 | 180 | 42°41'36 | 8°47'11     | 42°41'   | 8°47'   | DF  |   |
| 1 CL 76    | ? ?     | 155 | 42°41'30 | 8°47'00     |          |         | DF  |   |
| 1 CL 77    | ? ?     | 150 | 42°41'25 | 8°47'18     | 42°41'10 | 8°47'50 | DF  |   |
| 1 CL 78    | ? ?     | 180 | 42°41'25 | 8°47'18     | 42°41'00 | 8°47'22 | DF  |   |
| 2 CL 79    | 150 95  | 200 | 41°38'47 | 8°49'27     | 41°58'22 | 8°49'12 | DF  |   |
| 2 CL 80    | 150 140 | 130 | 41°39'03 | 8°46'54     | 41°38'47 | 8°47'00 |     | B |
| 2 CL 81    | 150     | 130 | 41°38'50 | 8°46'54     | 41°38'47 | 8°47'10 | DF- |   |
| 2 CL 82    | 145 115 | 130 | 41°38'54 | 8°47'03     | 41°38'42 | 8°47'25 | DF  |   |
| 2 CL 83    | 123 97  | 130 | 41°38'36 | 8°47'24     | 41°38'32 | 8°47'30 |     | B |
| 2 CL 84    | 100 58  | 140 | 41°38'27 | 8°47'30     | 41°38'14 | 8°47'45 | DF  |   |
| 2 CL 85    | 150 122 | 110 | 41°35'47 | 8°44'33     | 41°35'44 | 8°44'55 |     | B |
| 2 CL 86    | 125 110 | 110 | 41°35'42 | 8°44'55     | 41°35'40 | 8°45'12 | DF  |   |
| 2 CL 87    | 128 110 | 90  | 41°35'15 | 8°44'52     | 41°35'20 | 8°45'15 |     | B |
| 2 CL 87bis | 110     |     | 41°35'18 | 8°45'05     |          |         | B   |   |
| 2 CL 88    | 100 87  | 90  | 41°35'25 | 8°45'12     | 41°35'24 | 8°45'24 |     | B |
| 2 CL 88bis | 88      |     | 41°35'24 | 8°45'25     |          |         | B   |   |
| 2 CL 89    | 150 122 |     | 41°42'33 | 8°38'48     | 41°42'42 | 8°38'04 | DF- |   |
| 2 CL 90    | 105 68  |     | 41°47'06 | 8°41'27     | 41°47'18 | 8°42'03 | DF- |   |
| 2 CL 91    | 142     | 40  | 41°24'18 | 8°51'00     | 41°24'24 | 8°51'11 |     | B |
| 2 CL 92    | 127?    | 40  | 41°24'37 | 8°51'25     | 41°24'52 | 8°51'42 | DF  |   |
| 2 CL 93    | 110 118 | 70  | 41°24'42 | 8°54'30     | 41°24'45 | 8°54'40 | DF  |   |
| 2 CL 94    | 130 130 | 60  | 41°20'20 | 8°56'00     | 41°20'30 | 8°56'30 | DF  |   |
| 2 CL 95    | 120     | 60  | 41°20'48 | 8°57'00     | 41°20'55 | 8°57'30 | DF- |   |
| 2 CL 96    | 150 160 | 315 | 41°35'09 | 9°29'33     | 41°35'12 | 9°29'21 |     | B |
| 2 CL 97    | 150 137 | 215 | 41°35'12 | 9°29'15     | 41°35'06 | 9°28'57 |     | B |
| 2 CL 98    | 160 145 | 285 | 41°35'16 | 9°29'15     | 41°35'00 | 9°28'48 |     | B |
| 2 CL 98    | 145     |     | 41°35'09 | 9°29'05     |          |         | B   |   |
| 2 CL 99    | 145     |     | 41°35'09 | 9°29'05     | 41°35'06 | 9°28'57 |     | B |
| 2 CL 100   | 145 145 | 340 | 41°35'06 | 9°28'54     | 41°35'24 | 9°28'57 |     | B |
| 2 CL 101   | 155 142 | 285 | 41°35'09 | 9°29'27     | 41°35'11 | 9°28'45 |     | B |
| 2 CL 102   | 117 113 | 275 | 41°35'00 | 9°27'53     | 41°35'06 | 9°27'27 | DF  |   |
| 2 CL 103   | 124 125 | 340 | 41°32'33 | 9°29'06     | 41°32'49 | 9°29'02 |     | B |
| 2 CL 104   | 146 140 | 280 | 41°32'51 | 9°29'54     | 41°32'54 | 9°29'30 |     | B |
| 2 CL 104   | 140     |     | 41°32'54 | 9°29'30     |          |         | B   |   |
| 2 CL 105   | 146 154 | 358 | 41°33'15 | 9°29'47     | 41°33'48 | 9°29'39 | VS- |   |
| 2 CL 106   | 148 154 | 358 | 41°32'15 | 9°29'47     | 41°33'30 | 9°29'43 |     | B |
| 2 CL 106   | 145     |     | 41°33'30 | 9°29'43     |          |         | B-  |   |
| 2 CL 107   | 150 120 | 238 | 41°43'46 | 9°26'13     | 41°43'38 | 9°25'59 |     | B |
| 2 CL 108   | 150 117 | 238 | 41°43'46 | 9°26'13     | 41°43'36 | 9°26'10 | DF  |   |
| 2 CL 109   | 150 100 | 238 | 41°43'34 | 9°26'11     | 41°43'26 | 9°25'48 | DF  |   |
| 2 CL 110   | 150 145 | 205 | 41°49'17 | 9°28'06     | 41°48'56 | 9°27'35 |     | B |
| 2 CL 110   | 150     |     | 41°48'45 | 9°27'36     |          |         | B   |   |
| 2 CL 111   | 155 130 | 180 | 42°22'09 | 9°37'15     | 42°21'37 | 9°37'00 |     | B |
| 2 CL 111   | 128     |     | 42°21'37 | 9°37'00     |          |         | B   |   |
| 2 CL 112   | 150 127 |     | 42°22'09 | 9°37'15     | 42°21'41 | 9°36'57 |     | B |
| 2 CL 112   | 146     |     | 42°22'09 | 9°37'15     |          |         | B   |   |
| 2 CL 113   | +150?   | 180 | 42°39'51 | 9°33'25     | 42°39'23 | 9°33'11 | DF- |   |
| 2 CL 114   | 200 150 | 150 | 42°39'19 | 9°33'06     | 42°38'55 | 9°33'22 |     | B |
| 2 CL 115   | 135 117 | 175 | 42°38'30 | 9°33'12     | 42°38'10 | 9°33'11 |     | B |
| 2 CL 116   | 150 119 | 225 | 42°38'22 | 9°33'24     | 42°38'20 | 9°32'58 |     | B |
| 2 CL 116   | 116     |     | 42°38'20 | 9°32'58     |          |         | B   |   |

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| 2 CL 117   | 155 137 |     | 42°37'30 | 9°35'42 | 42°37'05 | 9°35'50 |     | B |
| 2 CL 118   | 123+150 | 340 | 42°37'12 | 9°35'39 | 42°37'33 | 9°35'28 |     | B |
| 2 CL 119   | 150?    | 145 | 42°37'21 | 9°37'54 | 42°36'42 | 9°38'24 | DF- |   |
| 2 CL 120   | 150?    | 235 | 42°36'48 | 9°38'22 | 42°36'18 | 9°37'24 | DF  |   |
| 2 CL 121   | 150 95  | 235 | 42°36'10 | 9°37'22 | 42°36'03 | 9°36'49 | DF- |   |
| 2 CL 122   | 69 67   | 300 | 42°36'00 | 9°36'27 | 42°36'11 | 9°36'12 | D   |   |
| 2 CL 123   | 150 130 |     | 42°37'32 | 9°35'38 | 42°37'04 | 9°35'49 |     | B |
| 2 CL 123   | 156     |     | 42°37'32 | 9°35'38 |          |         | B   |   |
| 2 CL 124   | 132 155 | 0   | 42°31'06 | 9°35'50 | 42°37'28 | 9°35'44 |     | B |
| 2 CL 125   | 140 128 | 160 | 42°37'19 | 9°35'29 | 42°36'58 | 9°35'45 |     | B |
| 2 CL 126   | 147 154 | 300 | 42°37'42 | 9°34'39 | 42°37'58 | 9°34'03 |     | B |
| 2 CL 126   | 155     |     | 42°37'58 | 9°34'03 |          |         | B   |   |
| 2 CL 127   | 150 113 | 270 | 42°37'58 | 9°34'03 | 42°37'55 | 9°33'19 | DF- |   |
| 6 CL 128   | 200 220 | 235 | 42°40'30 | 8°44'35 | 42°40'09 | 8°44'04 | DF- |   |
| 6 CL 129   | 181 192 | 235 | 42°40'30 | 8°44'56 | 42°40'17 | 8°44'29 |     | B |
| 6 CL 130   | 166 175 | 235 | 42°40'25 | 8°45'08 | 42°40'11 | 8°44'68 |     | B |
| 6 CL 131   | 156 162 | 235 | 42°40'04 | 8°45'30 | 42°39'50 | 8°45'07 |     | B |
| 6 CL 132   | 170 253 | 235 | 42°39'20 | 8°44'28 | 42°39'04 | 8°44'08 |     | B |
| 6 CL 133   | 420 460 | 235 | 42°40'17 | 8°43'00 | 42°39'48 | 8°42'02 | D   |   |
| 6 CL 134   | 325 330 | 235 | 42°38'34 | 8°39'34 | 42°38'28 | 8°39'19 | D   |   |
| 6 CL 135   | 335 343 | 235 | 42°38'17 | 8°38'28 | 42°38'02 | 8°38'04 | D-  |   |
| 6 CL 136   | 320 327 | 230 | 42°38'32 | 8°39'37 | 42°38'25 | 8°39'18 | DF- |   |
| 6 CL 137   | 127 118 | 230 | 42°44'17 | 9°02'05 | 42°44'07 | 9°01'48 |     | B |
| 6 CL 138   | 155 164 | 230 | 42°45'07 | 9°01'35 | 42°44'43 | 9°01'06 |     | B |
| 6 CL 138-1 | 155 163 | 230 | 42°44'58 | 9°01'33 | 42°44'43 | 9°01'04 |     | B |
| 6 CL 139   | 165 169 | 230 | 42°44'55 | 9°01'08 | 42°44'37 | 9°00'42 |     | B |
| 6 CL 140   | 310 325 | 225 | 42°45'16 | 8°59'34 | 42°45'11 | 8°59'21 | D-  |   |
| 6 CL 141   | 330 340 | 225 | 42°44'59 | 8°59'00 | 42°44.83 | 8°58.78 | D-  |   |
| 6 CL 142   | 345 355 | 230 | 42°45'04 | 8°59'15 | 42°45.00 | 8°58.50 | D   |   |
| 6 CL 143   | 110 99  | 240 | 42°42'20 | 8°56'22 | 42°42.46 | 8°56.26 |     | B |
| 6 CL 144   | 455 350 | 225 | 42°43'27 | 8°55'31 | 42°43.24 | 8°55.32 | D   |   |
| 6 CL 145   | 120 127 | 300 | 42°47'50 | 9°11'23 | 42°48.00 | 9°11.02 |     | B |
| 6 CL 146   | 170 245 | 295 | 42°47'59 | 9°11'32 | 42°48.26 | 9°11.00 | DF- |   |
| 6 CL 147   | 180 197 | 125 | 42°48'02 | 9°11'18 | 42°48.00 | 9°11.43 |     | B |
| 6 CL 148   | 163 178 | 305 | 42°48'04 | 9°11'10 | 42°48.22 | 9°10.97 |     | B |
| 6 CL 149   | 145 174 | 125 | 42°47'58 | 9°11'17 | 42°47.71 | 9°11.89 |     | B |
| 5 CL 150   | 220 161 | 95  | 42°40'32 | 8°45'08 | 42°40'34 | 8°45'43 |     | B |
| 5 CL 150   | 159     |     | 42°40'34 | 8°45'43 |          |         | B   |   |
| 5 CL 151   | 180 210 | 30  | 42°40'47 | 8°45'38 | 42°41'07 | 8°46'17 |     | B |
| 5 CL 151   | 220     |     | 42°41'07 | 8°46'17 |          |         | B   |   |
| 5 CL 152   | 180 146 | 120 | 42°41'00 | 8°46'18 | 42°40'48 | 8°46'55 |     | B |
| 5 CL 154-1 | 330 271 | 220 | 43°06'36 | 9°36'24 | 43°04'54 | 9°36'36 | DF- |   |
| 5 CL 154-2 | 240 208 | 290 | 43°04'36 | 9°36'30 | 43°05'12 | 9°35'42 |     | B |
| 5 CL 155   | 280 240 | 260 | 43°05'18 | 9°36'30 | 43°05'30 | 9°36'00 | DF  |   |
| 5 CL 156   | 330 285 | 260 | 43°05'30 | 9°36'54 | 43°05'48 | 9°36'00 |     | B |
| 5 CL 157   | 120 111 | 260 |          |         | 43°05'54 | 9°34'30 |     | B |
| 5 CL 158   | 110 100 | 225 | 43°06'12 | 9°34'00 | 43°06'06 | 9°32'48 |     | B |
| 5 CL 159   | 130 140 | 330 | 43°07'42 | 9°34'24 | 43°08'39 | 9°34'12 |     | B |
| 5 CL 160   | 230 240 | 330 | 43°08'57 | 9°34'09 | 43°10'00 | 9°34'00 |     | B |
| 5 CL 161   | 225 150 | 330 | 43°10'00 | 9°34'00 | 43°10'45 | 9°33'27 |     | B |
| 5 CL 162   | 147 143 | 330 | 43°10'45 | 9°33'27 | 43°11'42 | 9°32'48 |     | B |
| 5 CL 163   | 290 310 | 347 | 43°12'54 | 9°33'06 | 43°13'42 | 9°32'42 |     | B |
| 5 CL 164   | 280 290 | 347 | 43°14'03 | 9°33'12 | 43°15'54 | 9°32'36 |     | B |
| 5 CL 165   | 160 160 | 6   | 42°56'18 | 9°33'00 | 42°56'57 | 9°33'27 |     | B |
| 5 CL 166   | 190 150 | 6   | 42°57'06 | 9°33'30 | 42°57'42 | 9°33'42 |     | B |
| 5 CL 166   | 154     |     | 42°57'42 | 9°33'42 |          |         | B   |   |
| 5 CL 167   | 200 195 | 185 | 42°57'39 | 9°33'48 | 42°57'24 | 9°33'42 |     | B |
| 5 CL 167   | 195     |     | 42°57'24 | 9°33'42 |          |         | B   |   |
| 5 CL 168   | 147 103 | 290 | 42°57'30 | 9°33'18 | 42°57'36 | 9°33'00 |     | B |
| 5 CL 169   | 220 210 | 6   | 42°58'00 | 9°34'06 | 42°58'54 | 9°33'54 |     | B |
| 5 CL 170   | 263 236 | 355 | 42°59'48 | 9°35'00 | 43°01'00 | 9°34'36 |     | B |
| 5 CL 170   | 236     |     | 43°01'30 | 9°34'42 |          |         | B   |   |
| 5 CL 171   | 150 105 | 355 | 42°58'06 | 9°33'24 | 42°58'36 | 9°33'42 |     | B |
| 5 CL 171   | 120     |     | 42°58'24 | 9°33'36 |          |         | B   |   |
| 5 CL 172   | 100 200 | 85  | 42°45'00 | 9°29'24 |          |         |     | B |
| 5 CL 173   | 100 190 | 80  | 42°45'21 | 9°29'45 | 42°45'26 | 9°30'15 | DF  |   |
| 5 CL 174   | 100 175 | 70  | 42°45'34 | 9°30'05 | 42°46'01 | 9°30'28 |     | B |
| 5 CL 175   | 230 110 | 280 | 42°53'48 | 9°33'12 | 42°53'24 | 9°32'18 |     | B |
| 5 CL 176   | 240 110 | 320 | 42°55'48 | 9°34'12 | 42°55'54 | 9°33'36 |     | B |

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| 5 CL 176   | 250 120 | 320 | 42°53'48 | 9°33'12 | 42°54'00 | 9°32'18 | DF- |   |
| 5 CL 176   | 248 110 | 320 | 42°53'48 | 9°33'12 | 42°54'00 | 9°32'18 | DF- |   |
| 5 CL 177   | 280 250 | 10  | 42°55'48 | 9°34'12 | 42°55'54 | 9°33'36 | DF  |   |
| 5 CL 177   | 250     |     | 42°55'54 | 9°33'36 |          |         | B   |   |
| 5 CL 178   | 320 295 | 10  | 42°55'54 | 9°34'36 | 42°56'18 | 9°32'00 | DF  |   |
| 5 CL 179   | 211 160 | 10  | 42°56'36 | 9°33'36 | 42°56'24 | 9°33'36 |     | B |
| 5 CL 179   | 190     |     | 42°55'42 | 9°33'06 |          |         | B   |   |
| 5 CL 180   | 130 120 | 180 | 42°56'30 | 9°33'42 | 42°55'48 | 9°33'12 |     | B |
| 5 CL 180   | 124     |     | 42°55'42 | 9°33'12 |          |         | B   |   |
| 5 CL 181   | 90 120  | 90  | 42°44'43 | 9°29'18 | 42°44'28 | 9°29'47 |     | B |
| 5 CL 182   | 100 107 | 50  | 42°45'30 | 9°29'52 | 42°45'35 | 9°30'15 |     | B |
| 5 CL 182-2 | 120 105 | 10  | 42°45'35 | 9°30'15 | 42°45'47 | 9°30'19 |     | B |
| 5 CL 183   | 120 115 | 30  | 42°45'16 | 9°30'03 | 42°45'18 | 9°30'13 |     | B |
| 5 CL 184   | 160 140 | 195 | 42°45'18 | 9°30'16 | 42°44'41 | 9°29'55 |     | B |
| 5 CL 184   | 140     |     | 42°44'30 | 9°29'54 |          |         | B   |   |
| 5 CL 185   | 220 195 | 225 | 42°45'30 | 9°31'20 | 42°45'00 | 9°31'30 | DF  |   |
| 5 CL 185   | 195     |     | 42°45'00 | 9°31'29 |          |         | B   |   |
| 5 CL 186   | 130 105 | 200 | 42°45'35 | 9°29'50 | 42°45'17 | 9°29'46 |     | B |
| 5 CL 186-2 | 140 130 | 200 | 42°43'40 | 9°30'05 |          |         | DF  |   |
| 5 CL 187   | 145 150 | 205 | 42°45'34 | 9°30'23 | 42°45'08 | 9°30'07 |     | B |
| 5 CL 188   | 130 125 | 205 | 42°45'30 | 9°30'18 | 42°44'45 | 9°29'52 |     | B |
| 5 CL 189   | 130 125 | 205 | 42°45'05 | 9°30'03 | 42°44'43 | 9°29'45 | D   |   |
| 5 CL 190   | 150 148 | 205 | 42°45'37 | 9°30'28 | 42°44'57 | 9°30'00 |     | B |
| 5 CL 191   | 150 120 | 120 | 42°57'45 | 9°18'20 | 42°57'23 | 9°18'52 |     | B |
| 5 CL 192   | 120 75  | 90  | 42°57'25 | 9°18'45 | 42°57'27 | 9°19'00 | DF  |   |
| 5 CL 193   | 115 97  | 240 | 43°00'15 | 9°18'34 | 43°00'08 | 9°18'00 | DF  |   |
| 5 CL 194   | 140 65  | 240 | 43°00'23 | 9°17'55 | 43°00'08 | 9°17'20 | DF  |   |
| 5 CL 195   | 150 115 | 240 | 43°00'56 | 9°16'51 | 43°00'56 | 9°16'34 | DF  |   |
| 5 CL 196   | 107 115 | 330 | 42°49'11 | 9°17'43 | 42°49'30 | 9°17'26 | DF  |   |
| 5 CL 197   | 115 95  | 5   | 42°49'30 | 9°17'26 | 42°49'42 | 9°17'55 | DF  |   |
| 5 CL 198   | 141,200 | 290 | 42°47'28 | 9°12'03 | 42°47'47 | 9°11'22 |     | B |
| 5 CL 199   | 250 300 | 285 | 42°47'43 | 9°12'30 | 42°47'54 | 9°12'11 | DF  |   |
| 6 CL 200   | 580 620 | 310 | 42°48'03 | 9°12'23 | 42°48'27 | 9°11'48 | D   |   |
| 6 CL 201   | 166 160 | 345 | 43°11'09 | 9°33'10 | 43°11'29 | 9°32'56 |     | B |
| 6 CL 202   | 140 135 | 330 | 43°11'59 | 9°32'24 | 43°12'20 | 9°32'19 |     | B |

Depths in meters and coordinates of the beginning [D] and end [F] of traict on the bottom. Heading in °. D\* sediment sampling with the Charcot-Picard dredge with underpants. See also Table 3bra.

BRACORS 1: May 31 to June 9, 1983 (N/O Catherine-Laurence)  
BRACORS 2: April 9 to 15, 1984 (N/O Catherine-Laurence)  
BRACORS 3: July 2 to 6, 1984 (N/O Catherine-Laurence)  
BRACORS 4: July 4 to 8, 1985 (N/O Korotneff)  
BRACORS 5: November 4 to 22, 1985 (N/O Catherine-Laurence)  
BRACORS 6: January 19 to 23, 1987 (N/O Catherine-Laurence)

Sampling gear: B = Shipeck tipper; C = small beam trawl (2m wide); D = Charcot-Picard dredge with underpants (burlap); DF = Charcot-Picard dredger (without underpants) with a 10mm mesh net, protected by a 10-mesh net; L = sledge. -: indicates an incomplete or empty sample (damage).

**Table 7** : Distribution of brachiopods (in number of individuals) in the BraCORS campaign stations (Table 6). Figures 9-4 , 9-5 , 9-6 , 9-7 and 9-8 . At some stations, counts were made of *Gryphus* according to the color of the white or green shell colonized by the algae *Ostreobium* . For the complete legend: see Table 6.

| Station | Country | gear | Prof [m] | Dist [miles] | <i>Gryphus</i> | <i>Gryphus</i> b/v | <i>Terebratulina</i> | <i>Megerlia</i> | <i>Megathiris</i> | <i>Novocrania</i> | <i>Platidia</i> |
|---------|---------|------|----------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| CL 1    | 1983 -1 | D    | 125 125  | .35          | 25             |                    | 1                    | 1               |                   |                   |                 |
| CL 1    | 1983 -1 | VS   | 125 125  | .20          | 40             |                    |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| CL 1/2  | 1984 -3 | DF   | 146 150  | .40          | 36             |                    |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| CL 2    | 1983 -1 | VS   | 125 135  |              | 40             |                    | 40                   | 10              | 1                 |                   |                 |
| CL 2-85 | 1985 -4 | DF   | 125 130  |              | 61             | 28 / 33            |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| CL 3    | 1983 -1 | VS   | 130 130  |              | 7              |                    | 8                    | 1               |                   |                   |                 |
| CL 4    | 1983 -1 | VS   | 138 130  |              | 2              |                    | 2                    | 12              | 1                 |                   | 1               |
| CL 6    | 1983 -1 | VS   | 140 135  | .22          | 3              |                    |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| CL 9    | 1983 -1 | VS   | 130 130  | .20          | 3              |                    |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| CL 10   | 1983 -1 | VS   | 130 105  | .39          | 8              |                    |                      | 1               |                   |                   |                 |
| CL 11   | 1983 -1 | VS   | 130 110  | .50          | 5              |                    |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| CL 12   | 1983 -1 | DF   | 125 105  | .24          | 20             |                    | 1                    |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| CL 13   | 1983 -1 | DF   | 120 100  | .34          | 40             |                    | 40                   | 20              | 20                |                   |                 |
| CL 13-1 | 1985 -4 | DF   | 140      |              | 219            | 194 / 25           | 10                   | 2               |                   | 1                 |                 |
| CL 13-2 | 1985 -4 | DF   | 150 160  |              | 135            | 130 / 5            |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| CL 13-6 | 1985 -4 | DF   | 125 125  |              | 61             | 13 / 48            | 40                   |                 |                   |                   |                 |



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|    |       |         |     |          |     |      |           |    |    |    |   |
|----|-------|---------|-----|----------|-----|------|-----------|----|----|----|---|
| CL | 74-2  | 1984 -3 | DF  | 150 90   | .16 | 8    |           | 16 |    |    | 1 |
| CL | 74-3  | 1984 -3 | DF  | 200 180  |     | 12   |           |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 74-4  | 1984 -3 | DF  | 190 160  | .29 |      |           | 3  | 4  |    | 4 |
| CL | 80    | 1984 -2 | DF  | 150 140  | .43 | 1    |           | 1  |    |    |   |
| CL | 83    | 1984 -2 | DF  | 123 97   | .14 |      |           |    | 15 |    | 1 |
| CL | 85    | 1984 -2 | DF  | 150 122  | .35 |      |           |    | 2  | 1  |   |
| CL | 87    | 1984 -2 | DF  | 128 110  | .25 |      |           | 4  | 24 | 22 | 1 |
| CL | 88    | 1984 -2 | DF  | 100 87   | .13 |      |           |    | 13 | 8  | 1 |
| CL | 91    | 1984 -2 | DF  | 142?     | .39 |      |           |    | 30 |    |   |
| CL | 96    | 1984 -2 | DF  | 160 150  | .26 | 1    |           |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 97    | 1984 -2 | DF  | 150 137  | .43 | 50   |           |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 98    | 1984 -2 | DF  | 160 145  | .57 | 40   |           |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 99    | 1984 -2 | D   | 145 145  | .10 | 15   |           | 1  | 20 |    |   |
| CL | 100   | 1984 -2 | DF  | 145 145  | .54 | 15   |           |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 101   | 1984 -2 | DF  | 155 142  | .43 | 100  |           |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 103   | 1984 -2 | DF  | 124 125  | .44 | 10   |           |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 104   | 1984 -2 | DF  | 146 140  | .46 | 300  |           |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 106   | 1984 -2 | DF  | 148 154  | .50 | 30   |           |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 107   | 1984 -2 | DF  | 150 120  | .13 | 2    |           | 5  | 4  | 5  |   |
| CL | 110   | 1984 -2 | DF  | +150 145 | .56 | 14   |           |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 111   | 1984 -2 | DF  | 155 130  | .42 | <100 |           |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 112   | 1984 -2 | DF  | 150 127  | .59 | 38   |           |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 114   | 1984 -2 | DF  | 200 150  | .14 | 5    |           |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 115   | 1984 -2 | DF- | 135 117  | .25 | 1    |           | 2  |    |    |   |
| CL | 116   | 1984 -2 | DF  | 150 119  | .31 | 9    |           |    |    |    | 2 |
| CL | 117   | 1984 -2 | DF  | 155 137  | .57 | 6    |           |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 118   | 1984 -2 | DF  | 123 150  | .25 | 14   | 11 / 3    |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 123   | 1984 -2 | DF  | 150 130  | .53 |      |           |    | 1  |    |   |
| CL | 124   | 1984 -2 | DF  | 132 155  | .43 | 15   |           |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 125   | 1984 -2 | DF  | 140 128  | .43 | 10   |           |    | 1  |    |   |
| CL | 126   | 1984 -2 | DF  | 147 154  | .46 | 7    |           |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 129   | 1987 -6 | DF  | 181 192  | .31 | 218  | 210 / 0   |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 130   | 1987 -6 | DF  | 166 175  | .34 | 296  | 296 / 0   |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 131   | 1987 -6 | DF  | 156 162  | .35 | 4    |           |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 132   | 1987 -6 | DF  | 170 253  | .25 | 69   | 69 / 0    |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 137   | 1987 -6 | DF  | 127 118  | .24 | 8    | 8 / 0     | 37 | 51 | 5  | 2 |
| CL | 138   | 1987 -6 | DF  | 155 164  | .38 | 582  | 491 / 91  |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 138-1 | 1987 -6 | DF  | 155 163  | .36 | 250  | 194 / 56  | 3  | 1  |    |   |
| CL | 139   | 1987 -6 | DF  | 165 169  | .34 | 430  | 380 / 50  |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 143   | 1987 -6 | DF  | 110 99   | .37 | 15   | 13 / 2    | 12 | 3  |    |   |
| CL | 145   | 1987 -6 | DF  | 120 127  | .25 | 35   | 30 / 5    | 2  |    |    |   |
| CL | 147   | 1987 -6 | DF  | 180 197  | .24 | 295  |           |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 148   | 1987 -6 | DF  | 163 178  | .19 | 149  |           |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 149   | 1987 -6 | DF  | 145 174  | .46 | 32   | 32 / 0    |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 150   | 1985 -5 | DF  | 220 161  | .18 | 278  | 277 / 1   | 8  | 10 |    |   |
| CL | 151   | 1985 -5 | DF  | 180 210  | .56 | 21   | 21 / 0    | 10 | 5  |    |   |
| CL | 152   | 1985 -5 | DF  | 180 146  | .35 | 148  | 120 / 28  | 10 | 10 |    |   |
| CL | 154-2 | 1985 -5 | DF  | 240 208  | .41 | 33   | 33 / 0    |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 156   | 1985 -5 | DF  | 330 285  | .61 | 1    | 0 / 1     |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 157   | 1985 -5 | DF  | 120 111  | .55 | 45   | 0 / 45    |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 158   | 1985 -5 | DF  | 110 100  | .60 | 1    | 0 / 1     | 2  | 2  |    |   |
| CL | 159   | 1985 -5 | DF  | 130 140  | .51 | 577  | 164 / 413 |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 160   | 1985 -5 | DF  | 230 240  | .72 | 5    | 5 / 0     |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 161   | 1985 -5 | DF  | 225 150  | .53 | 29   | 21 / 8    |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 162   | 1985 -5 | DF  | 147 143  | .59 | 750  | 35 / 715  |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 163   | 1985 -5 | DF  | 290 310  | .57 | 33   | 22 / 11   |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 164   | 1985 -5 | DF  | 280 310  | .77 | 47   | 47 / 0    |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 165   | 1985 -5 | DF  | 160 160  | .43 | 7    | 6 / 1     |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 166   | 1985 -5 | DF  | 190 150  | .41 | 230  | 230 / 0   |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 167   | 1985 -5 | DF  | 200 195  | .49 | 30   | 30 / 0    |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 168   | 1985 -5 | DF  | 147 103  | .31 | 19   | 5 / 14    |    |    |    |   |
| CL | 169   | 1985 -5 | DF  | 220 210  | .65 | 46   | 46 / 0    |    |    |    |   |



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|--------|-----|-----|-----|----------|---------|----------|---------|-----|------|---|
| BM 34  | 126 | 126 |     | 42°39.15 | 8°46.27 |          |         | B   | C2   |   |
| BM 35  | 133 | 129 |     | 42°39.31 | 8°46.12 | 42°38.97 | 8°45.87 | dj  | C2   |   |
| BM 36  | 131 | 129 | 220 | 42°39.77 | 8°46.75 | 42°39.09 | 8°45.95 | L   | C2   |   |
| BMW 37 | 143 | 141 |     | 42°39.84 | 8°45.94 | 42°39.48 | 8°45.55 | DF  | C2   | B |
| BMW 38 | 150 | 152 |     | 42°39.62 | 8°45.25 | 42°39.28 | 8°44.88 | DF  | C2   | B |
| BMW 39 | 164 | 165 | 230 | 42°40.57 | 8°45.19 | 42°40.20 | 8°44.79 | DF  | C2   | B |
| BM 40  | 181 | 176 | 230 | 42°42.37 | 8°44.47 | 42°40.03 | 8°44.21 | D   | C2   | B |
| BM 41  | 176 | 177 | 220 | 42°40.47 | 8°44.71 | 42°39.87 | 8°44.05 | L   | C2   |   |
| BM 42  | 176 | 176 |     | 42°39.81 | 8°44.05 |          |         | B-  | C2   |   |
| BM 43  | 175 | 175 |     | 42°39.80 | 8°44.08 |          |         | B-  | C2   |   |
| BM 44  | 175 | 175 |     | 42°39.75 | 8°44.12 |          |         | B-  | C2   |   |
| BM 45  | 174 | 176 |     | 42°40.32 | 8°44.66 | 42°39.80 | 8°44.07 | VS  | C2   | B |
| BM 46  | 197 | 192 | 220 | 42°40.24 | 8°44.09 | 42°39.90 | 8°43.74 | DF  | C2   | B |
| BM 47  | 231 | 238 | 220 | 42°40.39 | 8°43.78 | 42°40.27 | 8°43.44 | DF- | C2   |   |
| BM 48  | 231 | 224 | 220 | 42°40.47 | 8°43.85 | 42°40.03 | 8°43.50 | DF  | C2   | B |
| BM 49  | 231 | 238 | 40  | 42°40.19 | 8°43.52 | 42°40.81 | 8°44.54 | D   | C2   |   |
| BM 50  | 230 | 230 |     | 42°40.85 | 8°44.87 |          |         | B   | C2   |   |
| BM 51  | 175 | 175 |     | 42°39.77 | 8°44.07 |          |         | B   | C3   |   |
| BM 52  | 420 | 460 |     | 42°40.37 | 8°42.93 | 42°41.38 | 8°44.58 | D-  | C3   |   |
| BM 53  | 473 | 471 | 70  | 42°41.50 | 8°45.48 | 42°42.16 | 8°47.18 | J-  | C3   |   |
| BM 54  | 450 | 465 | 240 | 42°42.28 | 8°47.53 | 42°41.91 | 8°46.36 | L-  | C3   |   |
| BM 55  | 434 | 468 | 250 | 42°42.00 | 8°46.70 | 42°41.67 | 8°45.93 | D   | C3   |   |
| BM 56  | 368 | 420 |     | 42°41.95 | 8°46.97 | 42°42.11 | 8°48.12 | D-  | C3   |   |
| BMW 57 | 448 | 448 |     | 42°42.22 | 8°48.37 |          |         | B   | C3   |   |
| BM 57' | 448 | 448 |     | 42°42.22 | 8°48.37 |          |         | B   | C3   |   |
| BMW 58 | 150 | 162 | 260 | 42°41.62 | 8°48.35 | 42°41.78 | 8°47.71 | DF  | C3   | B |
| BMW 59 | 170 | 188 |     | 42°41.78 | 8°47.65 | 42°41.73 | 8°47.09 | DF  | C3   | B |
| BM 60  | 214 | 250 |     | 42°41.79 | 8°47.51 | 42°41.76 | 8°48.39 | DF  | C3   | B |
| BM 61  | 345 | 373 | 240 | 42°41.92 | 8°47.20 | 42°41.79 | 8°46.41 | DF  | C3   | B |
| BM 62  | 350 | 350 |     | 42°41.90 | 8°46.95 |          |         | B   | C3   |   |
| BM 63  | 230 | 230 |     | 42°41.79 | 8°47.39 |          |         | B   | C3   |   |
| BMW 64 | 171 | 171 |     | 42°41.78 | 8°47.71 |          |         | B   | C3   |   |
| BM 64' | 170 | 170 |     | 42°41.78 | 8°47.70 |          |         | B   | C3   |   |
| BMW 65 | 145 | 145 |     | 42°41.62 | 8°48.19 |          |         | B-  | C3   |   |
| BMW 66 | 148 | 148 |     | 42°41.58 | 8°48.22 |          |         | B-  | C3   | B |
| BMW 67 | 210 | 212 | 10  | 42°56.55 | 9°33.62 | 42°57.10 | 9°33.73 | DF  | C6S  | B |
| BMW 68 | 234 | 237 | 190 | 42°57.07 | 9°33.99 | 42°56.43 | 9°33.78 | DF  | C6S  | B |
| BMW 69 | 234 | 234 | 10  | 42°56.47 | 9°33.75 | 42°56.97 | 9°33.99 | D   | C6S  |   |
| BM 70  | 303 | 310 | 190 | 42°56.80 | 9°35.83 | 42°56.12 | 9°35.46 | D   | C6S  |   |
| BMW 71 | 382 | 390 | 10  | 42°55.34 | 9°40.07 | 42°56.87 | 9°40.34 | D   | C6S  |   |
| BM 72  | 392 | 392 |     | 42°57.01 | 9°40.48 |          |         | B   | C6S  |   |
| BMW 73 | 303 | 303 |     | 42°56.80 | 9°35.86 |          |         | B   | C6S  |   |
| BMW 74 | 230 | 230 |     | 42°57.08 | 9°33.97 |          |         | B   | C6S  |   |
| BMW 75 | 180 | 180 |     | 42°46.94 | 9°33.44 |          |         | B   | C6S  |   |
| BMW 76 | 182 | 196 | 190 | 42°57.46 | 9°33.55 | 42°56.76 | 9°33.48 | DF  | C6S  | B |
| BMW 77 | 160 | 172 | 10  | 42°56.97 | 9°33.41 | 42°57.68 | 9°33.49 | DF  | C6S  | B |
| BMW 78 | 163 | 170 | 190 | 42°57.72 | 9°33.49 | 42°57.13 | 9°33.45 | D   | C6S  | B |
| BMW 79 | 142 | 146 | 10  | 42°57.29 | 9°33.35 | 42°57.74 | 9°33.44 | DF- | C6S  |   |
| BM 80  | 142 | 146 | 190 | 42°57.76 | 9°33.43 | 42°57.14 | 9°33.36 | DF  | C6S  | B |
| BM 81  | 128 | 134 | 10  | 42°57.20 | 9°33.31 | 42°57.66 | 9°33.37 | DF  | C6S  | B |
| BM 82  | 148 | 146 | 190 | 42°57.43 | 9°33.36 | 42°56.27 | 9°33.12 | VS  | C6S  | B |
| BM 83  | 125 | 122 | 10  | 42°56.40 | 9°33.14 | 42°57.03 | 9°33.26 | DF  | C6S  | B |
| BMW 84 | 111 | 105 | 190 | 42°57.01 | 9°33.18 | 42°56.39 | 9°32.78 | DF  | C6S  | B |
| BMW 85 | 106 | 106 |     | 42°56.40 | 9°32.77 |          |         | B   | C6S  |   |
| BMW 86 | 136 | 136 |     | 42°57.68 | 9°33.40 |          |         | B   | C6S  |   |
| BMW 87 | 116 | 108 | 10  | 42°57.69 | 9°33.32 | 42°58.38 | 9°33.41 | DF  | C6S  |   |
| BMW 88 | 152 | 150 | 350 | 43°12.05 | 9°32.53 | 43°12.93 | 9°32.22 | DF  | C6 N | B |
| BMW 89 | 182 | 190 | 170 | 43°12.98 | 9°32.37 | 43°12.36 | 9°32.58 | DF  | C6 N | B |
| BM 90  | 215 | 233 | 350 | 43°12.44 | 9°32.66 | 43°13.23 | 9°32.35 | DF  | C6 N | B |
| BMW 91 | 278 | 290 | 170 | 43°13.20 | 9°32.64 | 43°12.33 | 9°33.06 | DF  | C6 N | B |
| BMW 92 | 340 | 353 | 350 | 43°12.37 | 9°33.68 | 43°13.57 | 9°33.26 | D   | C6 N |   |
| BMW 93 | 410 | 410 | 186 | 43°14.08 | 9°35.57 | 43°13.34 | 9°35.49 | D   | C6 N |   |
| BMW 94 | 410 | 410 |     | 43°13.34 | 9°35.52 |          |         | B   | C6 N |   |
| BMW 95 | 350 | 350 |     | 43°13.34 | 9°33.22 |          |         | B   | C6 N |   |
| BMW 96 | 314 | 320 |     | 43°13.31 | 9°32.89 | 43°12.36 | 9°33.42 | B   | C6 N |   |
| BMW 97 | 232 | 232 |     | 43°12.26 | 9°32.74 |          |         | B   | C6 N |   |



|        |     |     |     |          |         |          |         |    |      |   |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|----------|---------|----------|---------|----|------|---|
| BMW 98 | 154 | 154 |     | 43°12.31 | 9°32.49 |          |         | B  | C6 N |   |
| BMW 99 | 173 | 248 | 170 | 43°12.12 | 9°32.56 | 43°10.88 | 9°33.18 | VS | C6 N | B |

**Table 9 :** Distribution of brachiopods (in number of individuals) in the stations of the BathyMed campaign (Table 8). Figures 9-4 , 9-5 and 9-6 . In some stations, counts were made on the *Gryphus* according to the color of the white or green shell colonized by the algae *Ostreobium* . For the complete legend: see Table 8.

| Campaign and Stations | Depth [D-F] |     | Dist [miles] | Transect | <i>Gryphus</i> | <i>Gryphus</i> b/v | <i>Terebratulina</i> | <i>Megerlia</i> | <i>Megathiris</i> | <i>Novocrania</i> | <i>Platidia</i> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----|--------------|----------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| BM 3D                 | 200         | 186 |              | C4       | 36             | 36/0               | 3                    |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 7 D                | 155         | 156 |              | C4       | 11             | 11/0               | 19                   | 1               |                   | 1                 |                 |
| BM 11 C               | 150         | 159 |              | C4       | 421            | 302/119            |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 13 D               | 147         | 144 |              | C4       | 7              | 6/1                |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 19 D               | 143         | 141 |              | C4       | 10             | 10/0               | 1                    |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 20 D               | 137         | 123 | 0.49         | C4       | 3              | 1/2                |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 22 DJ              | 115         | 115 |              | C4       | 1              |                    | 8                    | 15              | 7                 | 1                 |                 |
| BM 23 D               | 117         | 118 | 0.25         | C4       | 8              | 6/2                | 25                   | 11              | 2                 |                   |                 |
| BM 26 D               | 132         | 128 | 0.24         | C3       | 14             |                    | 4                    | 11              | 2                 |                   |                 |
| BM 27 D               | 128         | 132 | 0.36         | C3       | 138            | 8/130              | 2                    | 1               |                   | 1                 |                 |
| BM 28 D               | 143         | 136 | 0.24         | C3       | 16             | 16/0               | 29                   | 7               | 2                 | 3                 |                 |
| BM 29 D               | 149         | 142 | 0.37         | C3       |                |                    | 5                    | 13              |                   | 2                 |                 |
| BM 30 D               | 147         | 139 | 0.35         | C3       | 2              |                    | 21                   | 41              |                   |                   | 36              |
| BM 31 D               | 124         | 122 | 0.20         | C2       |                |                    | 3                    |                 | 3                 |                   |                 |
| BM 32 D               | 124         | 122 | 0.21         | C2       | 2              |                    | 5                    | 2               |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 33 D               | 130         | 128 | 0.44         | C2       | 29             | 5/24               |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 37 D               | 143         | 141 | 0.36         | C2       | 9              | 1/8                |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 38 D               | 150         | 152 | 0.39         | C2       | 7              | 6/1                |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 39 D               | 164         | 165 | 0.41         | C2       | 166            | 155/11             |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 40 DJ              | 181         | 176 | 0.35         | C2       | 21             | 2/19               |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 45 C               | 174         | 176 | 0.68         | C2       | 441            | 424/17             |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 46 D               | 197         | 192 | 0.38         | C2       | 92             | 92/0               |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 48 D               | 231         | 224 | 0.56         | C2       | 2              | 2/0                |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 58 D               | 150         | 162 | 0.47         | C3       |                |                    | 5                    | 7               |                   | 1                 | 4               |
| BM 59 D               | 170         | 188 | 0.39         | C3       |                |                    | 13                   | 11              |                   | 26                |                 |
| BM 60 D               | 214         | 250 | 0.44         | C3       | 32             | 32/0               | 25                   | 6               |                   | 1                 | 1               |
| BM 61 D               | 345         | 373 | 0.67         | C3       | 2              | 2/0                |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 66 B               | 148         | 148 |              | C3       |                |                    | 1                    | 10              |                   |                   | 3               |
| BM 67 D               | 210         | 212 | 0.46         | C6S      | 76             | 75/1               |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 68 D               | 234         | 237 | 0.41         | C6S      | 12             | 12/0               |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 76 D               | 182         | 196 | 0.49         | C6S      | 74             | 74/0               |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 77 D               | 160         | 172 | 0.62         | C6S      | 28             | 0/28               |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 78 DJ              | 163         | 170 | 0.34         | C6S      | 5              | 5/0                |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 80 D               | 142         | 146 | 0.33         | C6S      | 43             | 39/4               |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 81 D               | 128         | 134 | 0.43         | C6S      | 7              | 7/0                |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 82 C               | 148         | 146 | 0.76         | C6S      | 351            | 260/91             |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 83 D               | 125         | 122 | 0.55         | C6S      | 15             | 14/1               |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 84 D               | 111         | 105 | 0.42         | C6S      | 24             | 10/14              |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 88 D               | 152         | 150 | 0.57         | C6 N     | 56             | 5/51               |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 89 D               | 182         | 190 | 0.56         | C6 N     | 18             | 7/11               |                      | 1               |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 90 D               | 215         | 233 | 0.53         | C6 N     | 12             | 11/1               |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 91 D               | 278         | 290 | 0.77         | C6 N     | 32             | 32/0               |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |
| BM 99 C               | 173         | 248 | 0.83         | C6 N     | 374            | 231/143            |                      |                 |                   |                   |                 |

**Table 10 :** Meditis 2-4 cruises (IFREMER) with N/O Europe. They took place in May or June between 2012 and 2014; only stations with brachiopods have been listed. Figures 9-4 and 9-7 .

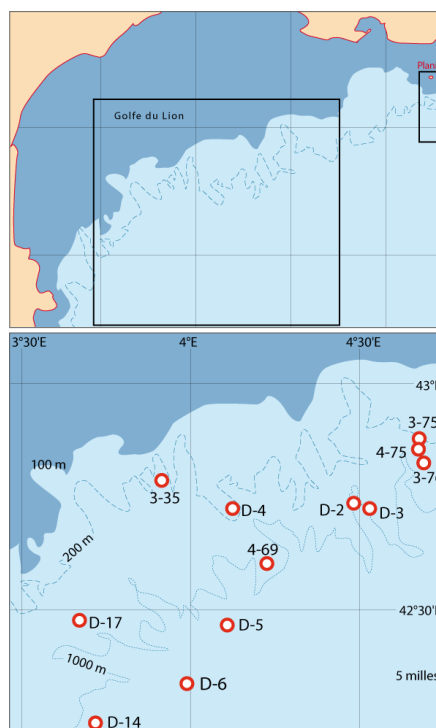
[D] are the data when setting the trawl; [F] when trawling. Traict distance in meters, its duration in minutes and the number of *Gryphus* harvested with a trawl.

| Year | Station | Latitude N [D] | Longitude E [D] | Depth [m] [D] | Latitude N [F] | Longitude E [F] | Depth [m] [F] | Duration [min] | Distance [m] | <i>Gryphus</i> |
|------|---------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 2-7     | 42°14.22'      | 9°37.70'        | 110           | 42°15.65'      | 9°38.38'        | 108           | 30             | 2815         | 141            |
| 2012 | 2-10    | 41°56.60'      | 9°33.73'        | 142           | 41°55.48'      | 9°32.49'        | 130           | 30             | 2685         | 4237           |
| 2012 | 2-13    | 42°21.20'      | 9°39.47'        | 318           | 42°24.25'      | 9°40.28'        | 361           | 60             | 5759         | 5              |
| 2012 | 2-15    | 42°34.75'      | 9°40.78'        | 337           | 42°37.32'      | 9°39.67'        | 365           | 54             | 5000         | 1              |
| 2012 | 2-16    | 42°22.35'      | 9°37.16'        | 113           | 42°20.83'      | 9°37.14'        | 112           | 31             | 2833         | 374            |
| 2012 | 2-20    | 41°35.21'      | 9°31.98'        | 383           | 41°32.34'      | 9°33.22'        | 376           | 60             | 4777         | 15             |

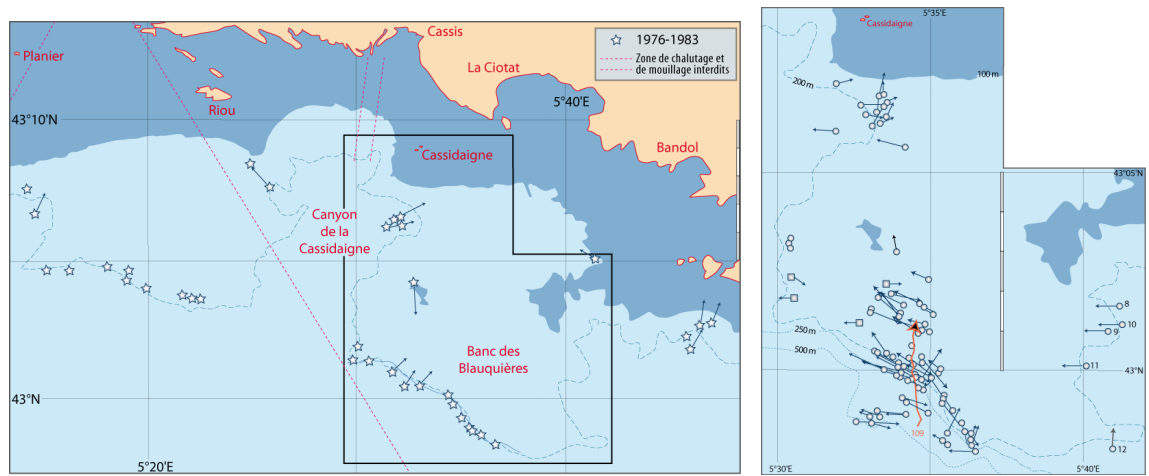
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|------|------|-----------|----------|-----|-----------|----------|-----|----|------|------|
| 2012 | 2-21 | 41°28.46' | 9°28.53' | 92  | 41°29.82' | 9°27.61' | 88  | 30 | 2815 | 1    |
| 2012 | 2-22 | 41°38.54' | 9°27.64' | 106 | 41°37.11' | 9°28.32' | 117 | 30 | 2796 | 506  |
| 2012 | 2-23 | 41°36.91' | 9°32.05' | 479 | 41°34.34' | 9°34.21' | 482 | 60 | 5630 | 17   |
| 2012 | 2-80 | 42°52.28' | 4°40.17' | 330 | 42°50.33' | 4°43.17' | 313 | 61 | 5556 | 35   |
| 2013 | 3-2  | 42°28.11' | 9°37.38' | 89  | 42°26.64' | 9°37.19' | 77  | 30 | 2741 | 6    |
| 2013 | 3-5  | 42°20.95' | 9°37.19' | 112 | 42°22.49' | 9°37.16' | 110 | 29 | 2852 | 2894 |
| 2013 | 3-11 | 41°32.17' | 9°33.21' | 377 | 41°35.02' | 9°32.09' | 370 | 60 | 5519 | 42   |
| 2013 | 3-13 | 41°36.79' | 9°28.43' | 114 | 41°38.15' | 9°27.78' | 105 | 30 | 2667 | 5219 |
| 2013 | 3-15 | 41°46.04' | 9°28.92' | 479 | 41°48.58' | 9°31.26' | 493 | 60 | 5704 | 41   |
| 2013 | 3-19 | 41°56.77' | 9°33.91' | 143 | 41°55.54' | 9°32.64' | 129 | 29 | 2852 | 2391 |
| 2013 | 3-20 | 42°14.30' | 9°37.73' | 106 | 42°15.71' | 9°38.35' | 106 | 29 | 2760 | 23   |
| 2013 | 3-35 | 42°47.13' | 3°54.31' | 350 | 42°44.07' | 3°55.19' | 478 | 60 | 5815 | 1    |
| 2013 | 3-75 | 42°52.33' | 4°39.62' | 158 | 42°50.89' | 4°41.92' | 269 | 60 | 5574 | 94   |
| 2013 | 3-76 | 42°49.12' | 4°41.75' | 345 | 42°46.13' | 4°43.38' | 760 | 60 | 6000 | 3    |
| 2014 | 4-3  | 42°40.96' | 9°34.40' | 300 | 42°38.34' | 9°36.49' | 268 | 60 | 5667 | 3    |
| 2014 | 4-6  | 42°14.76' | 9°38.00' | 110 | 42°16.18' | 9°38.43' | 106 | 30 | 2759 | 19   |
| 2014 | 4-9  | 41°37.42' | 9°31.40' | 448 | 41°34.96' | 9°33.79' | 484 | 60 | 5556 | 51   |
| 2014 | 4-10 | 41°37.19' | 9°28.21' | 114 | 41°38.59' | 9°27.57' | 105 | 30 | 2741 | 1    |
| 2014 | 4-12 | 41°47.37' | 9°30.06' | 460 | 41°44.81' | 9°27.81' | 351 | 60 | 5667 | 36   |
| 2014 | 4-13 | 41°57.17' | 9°37.14' | 446 | 41°54.14' | 9°36.52' | 554 | 60 | 5667 | 7    |
| 2014 | 4-16 | 41°57.17' | 9°34.34' | 151 | 41°56.01' | 9°33.03' | 135 | 31 | 2797 | 2106 |
| 2014 | 4-19 | 42°22.50' | 9°37.12' | 111 | 42°20.86' | 9°37.14' | 112 | 30 | 3037 | 517  |
| 2014 | 4-21 | 41°58.53' | 9°37.78' | 440 | 42°01.22' | 9°39.48' | 386 | 61 | 5500 | 4    |
| 2014 | 4-69 | 42°35.69' | 4°13.25' | 750 | 42°32.90' | 4°12.20' | 897 | 60 | 5371 | 1    |
| 2014 | 4-75 | 42°52.36' | 4°40.13' | 272 | 42°50.30' | 4°43.08' | 315 | 60 | 5556 | 52   |

## 9. Cards

### A. Maps of the campaigns in Languedoc and Provence

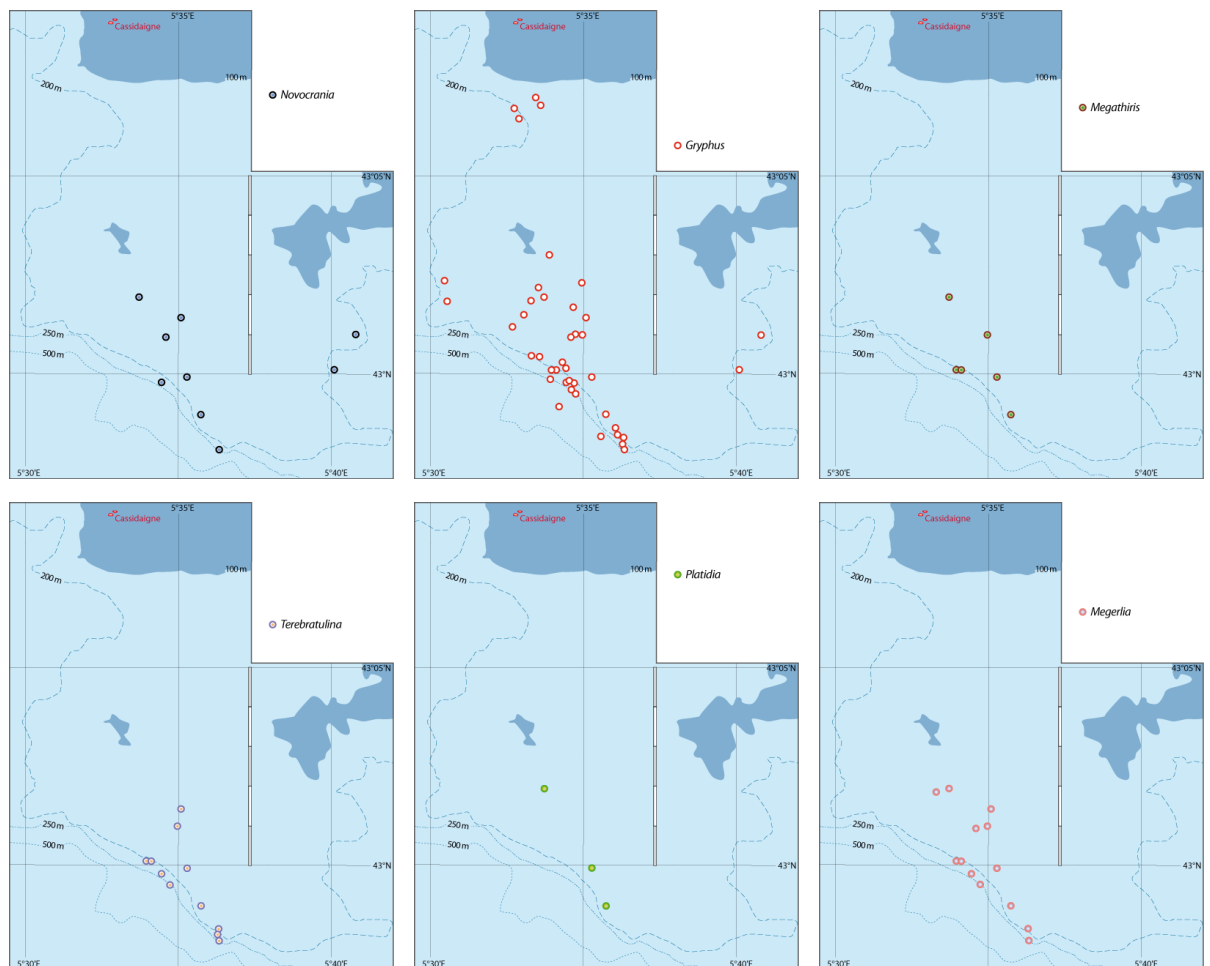


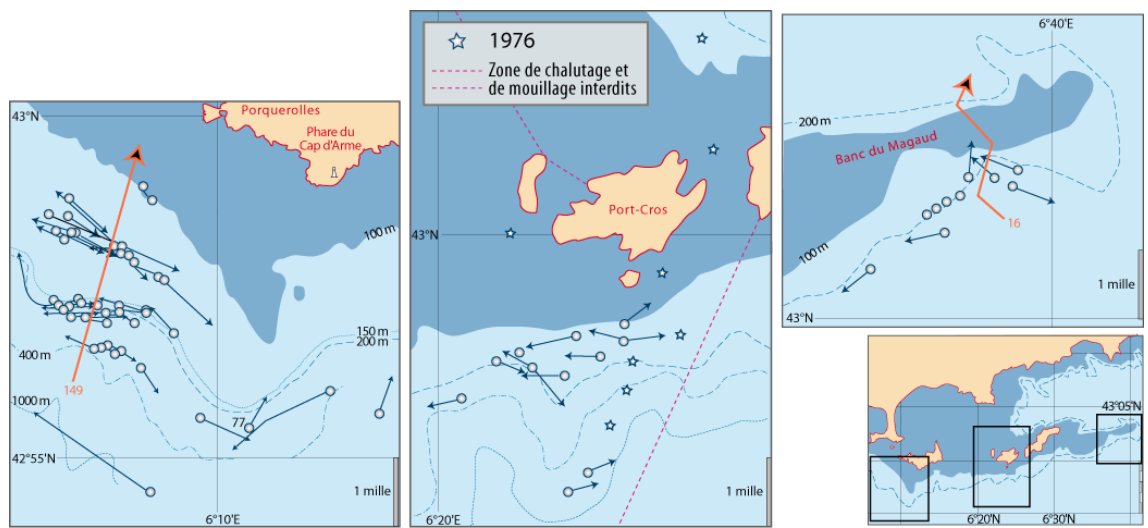
**Figure 9-1 :** Gulf of Lion. Location of the harvesting area - and - *Gryphus vitreus* harvesting stations during the Deprog campaign. See Table 5.



**Figure 9-2 :** West Provence. Location of harvest areas. The stars indicate the survey stations on brachiopods between 1976 and 1983 - and - Stations of the BraProv (CNRS) and IsoBra (CNRS) campaigns. See Tables 3 and 5.

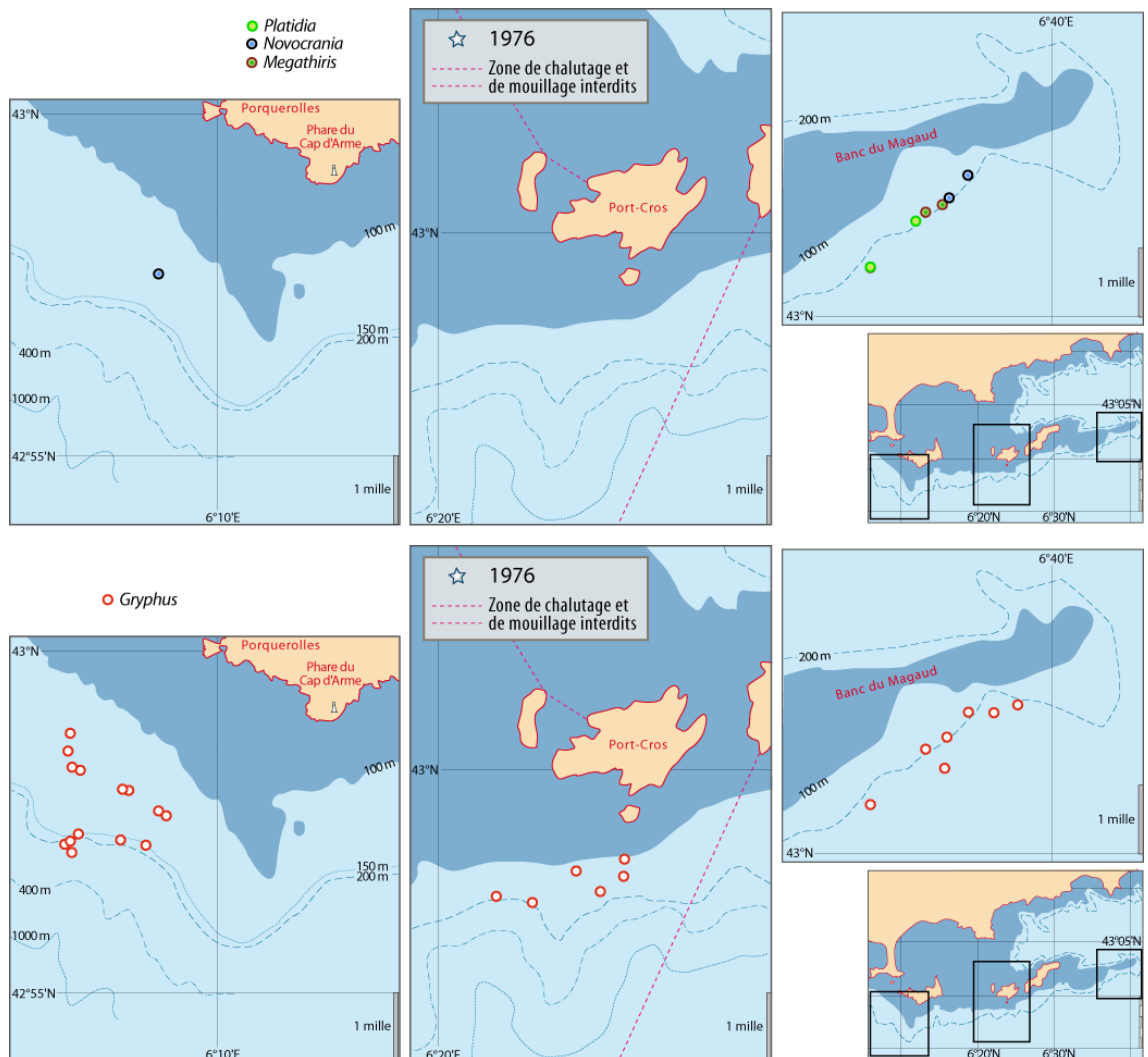
Below are the distribution maps of *Novocrania anomala* . -*Gryphus vitreus* . - *Megathiris detruncata* . - *Terebratulina retusa* . - *Platidia anomioides* . -*Megerlia truncata* . See Tables 4 and 5.



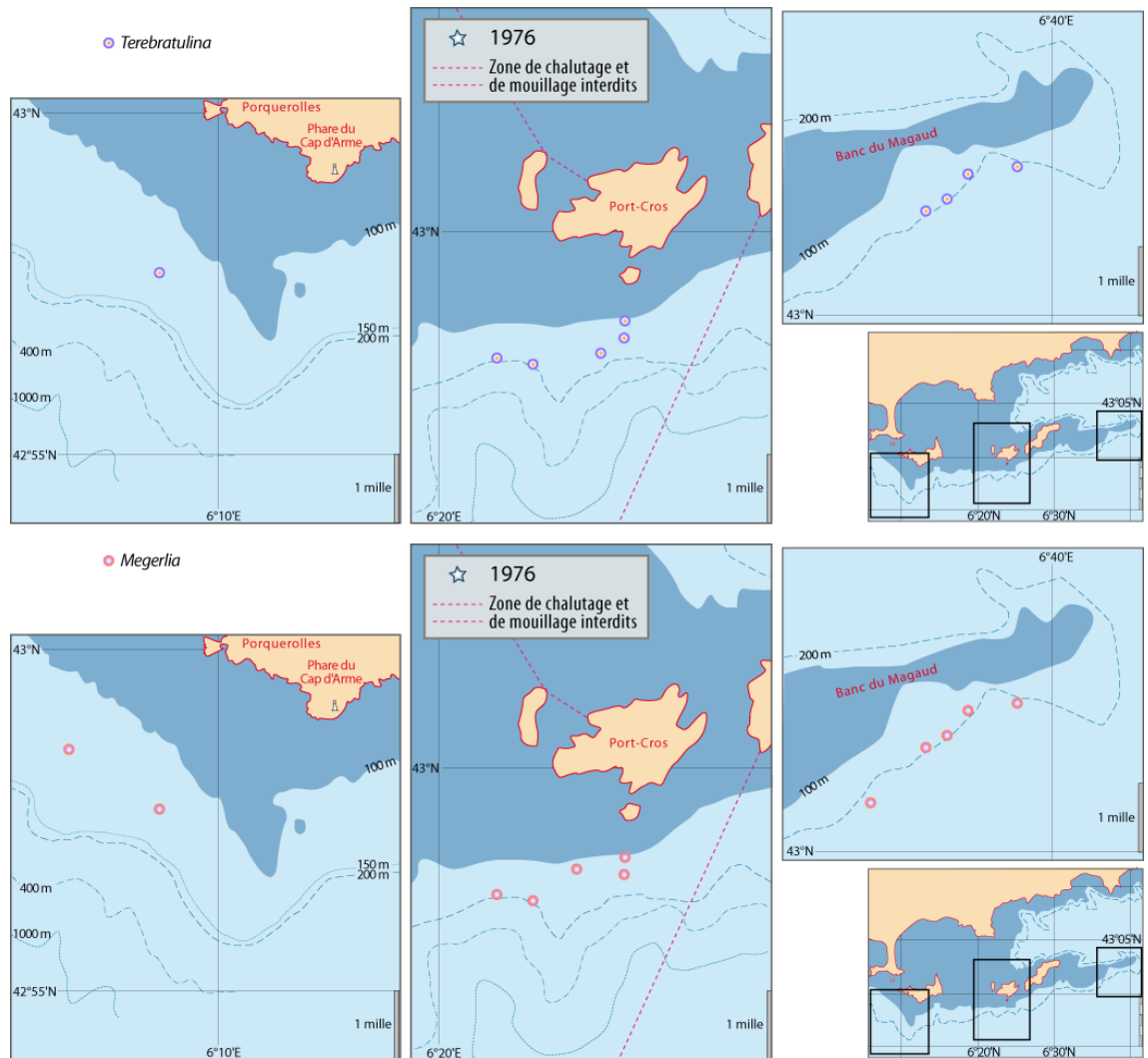


**Figure 9-3** : Eastern Provence. Location of harvesting areas and BraProv campaign stations (CNRS). See Table 3. The stars indicate the survey stations on brachiopods in 1976 during a campaign with the N/O Antedon in the Marine National Park of Port-Cros. This area includes two of the radials (arrows) followed by submersible.

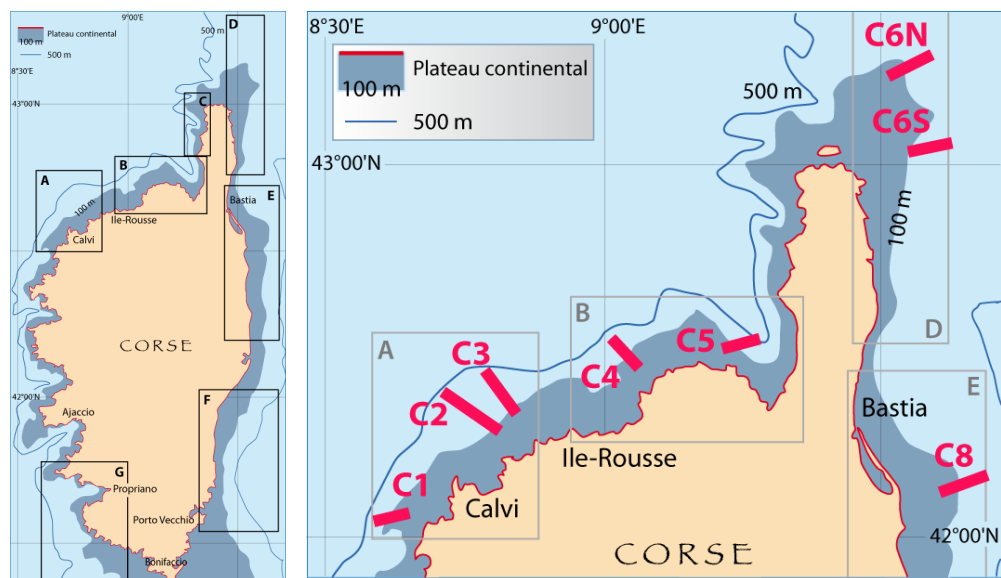
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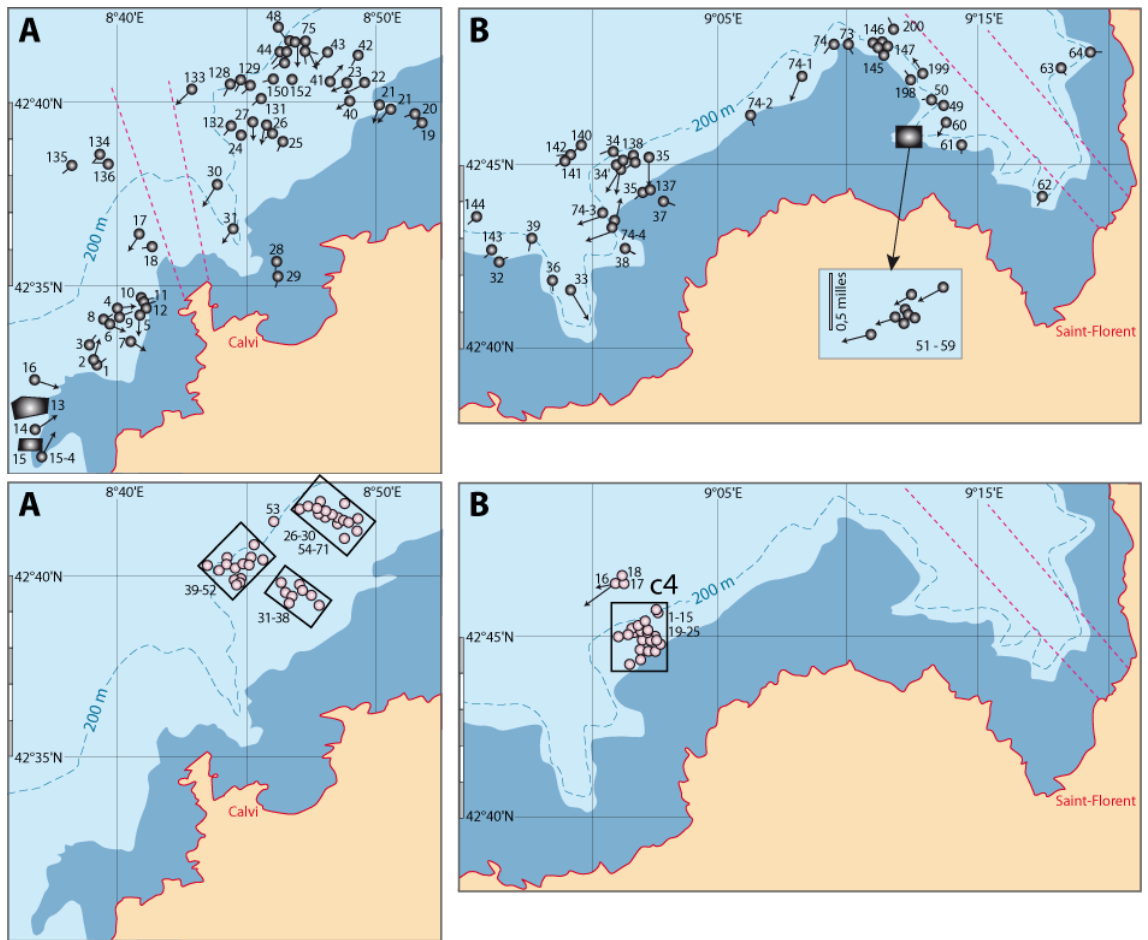
## B. Maps of campaigns in Corsica



**Figure 9-4 : Campaigns in Corsica:**

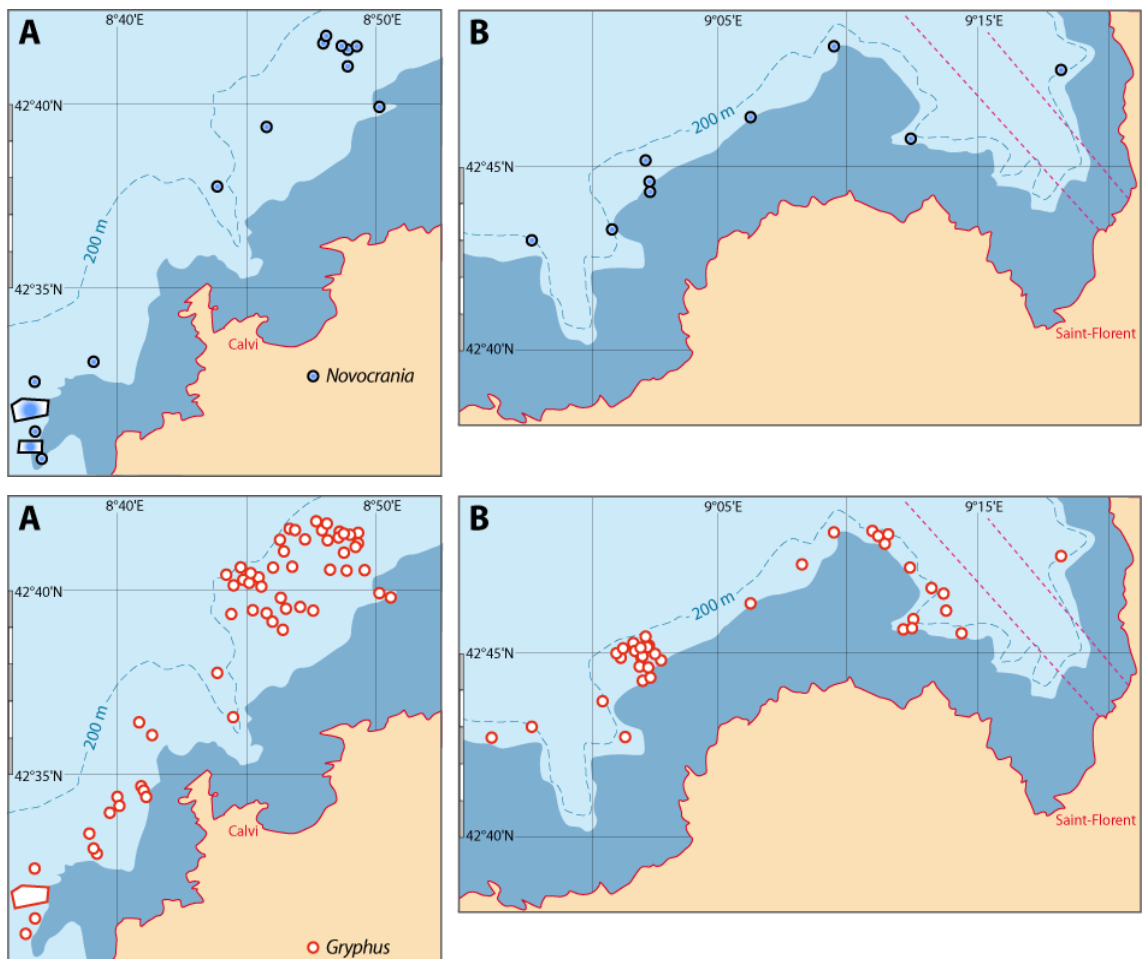
Left - Location of harvest areas (A to G) during the BraCors (CNRS), BathyMed (CNRS) and Meditis (Ifremer) campaigns. See Tables 6, 8, 10.

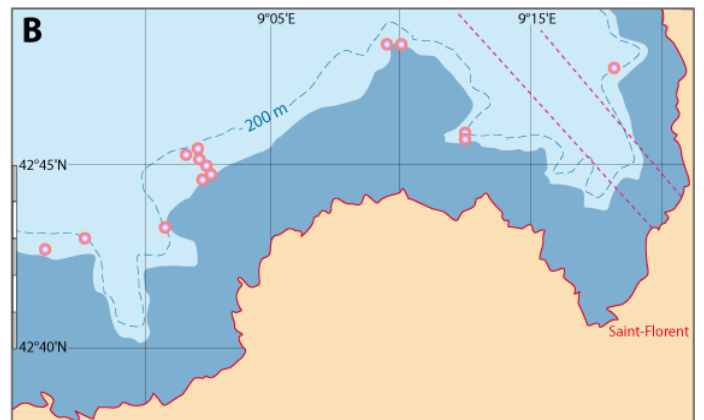
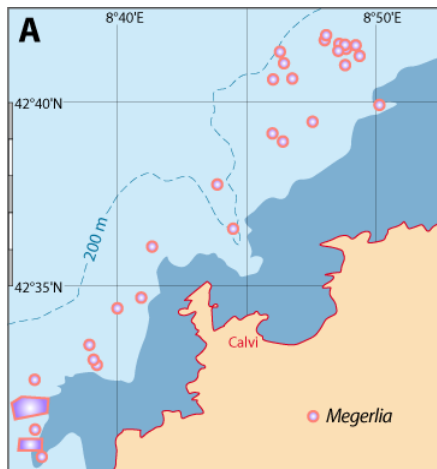
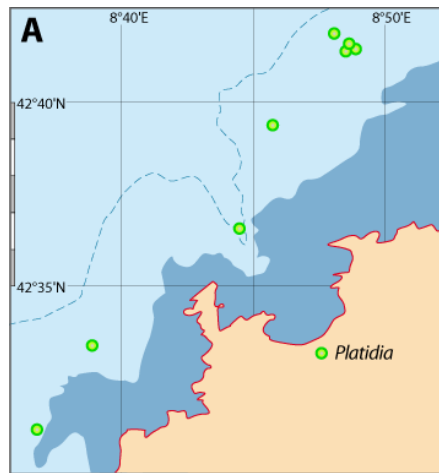
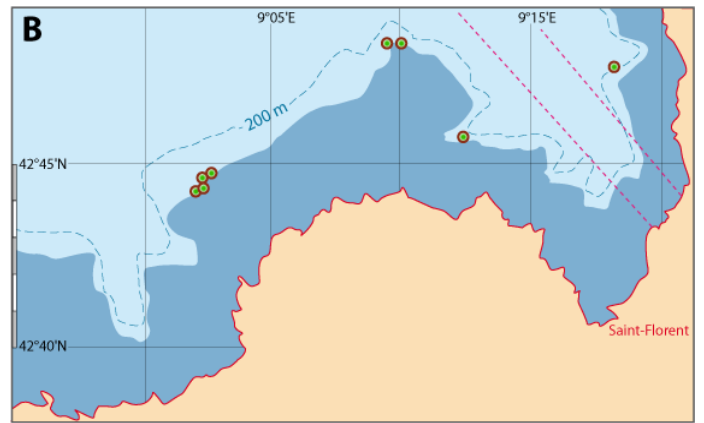
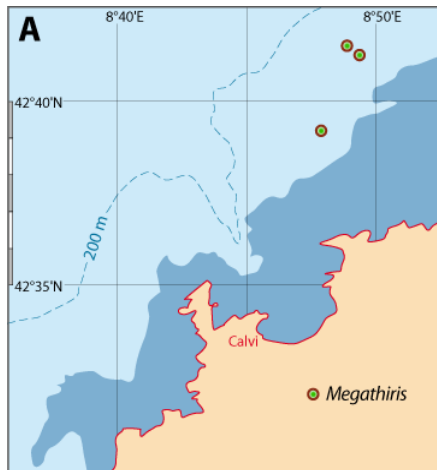
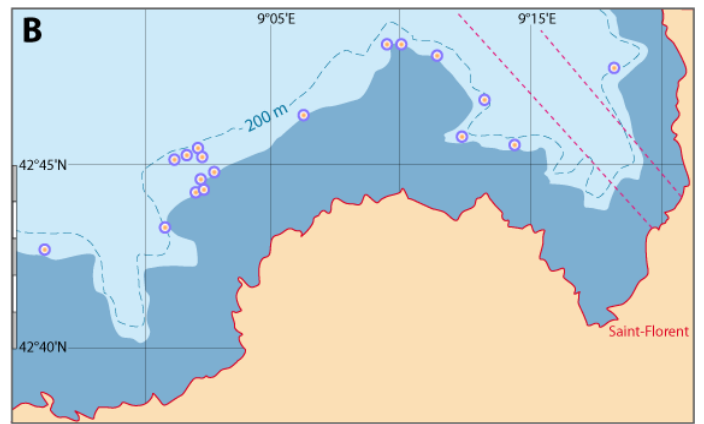
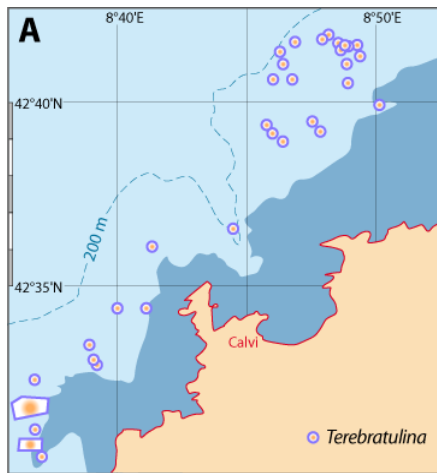
Right - Radials that have been tracked over several years. See chapter 6.



**Figure 9-5 : North-West Corsica: zones A and B.**  
 Top maps: location of BraCORS campaign stations (CNRS).  
 Bottom map: location of BathyMed campaign stations (CNRS).

Below are distribution maps of *Novocrania anomala* . - *Gryphus vitreus* . - *Terebratulina retusa* . - *Megathiris detruncata* . - *Platidia anomioides* . - *Megerlia truncata* . See Tables 7, 9, 10.

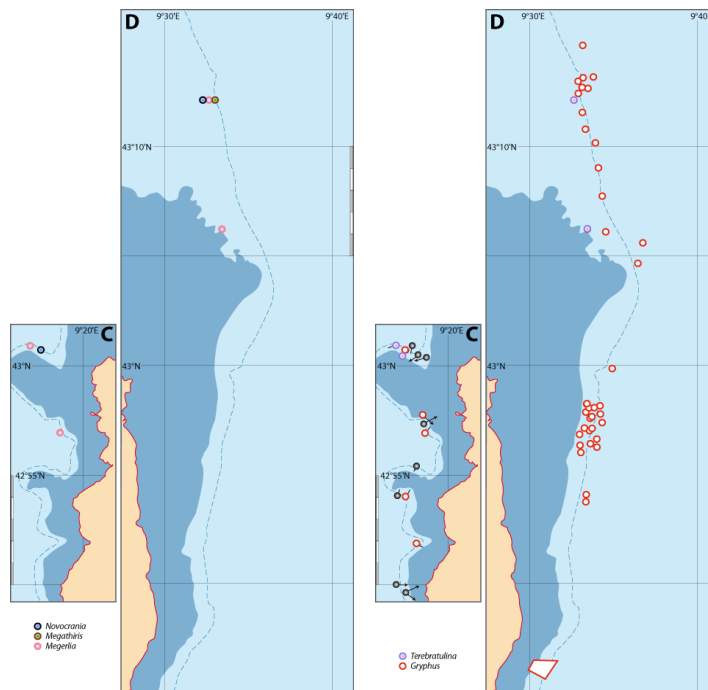


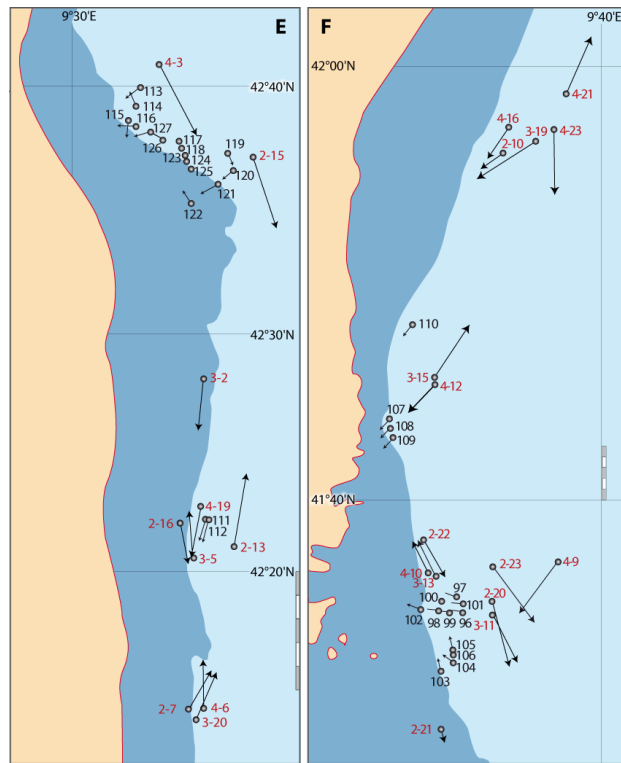




**Figure 9-6** : North Corsica: zones C and D. Location of BraCors (CNRS) and BathyMed (CNRS) campaign stations. See Tables 6 and 8.

Below are distribution maps of *Novocrania anomala* . - *Gryphus vitreus* . - *Terebratulina retusa* . - *Megathiris detruncata* . - *Megerlia truncat* a. See Tables 7 and 9.



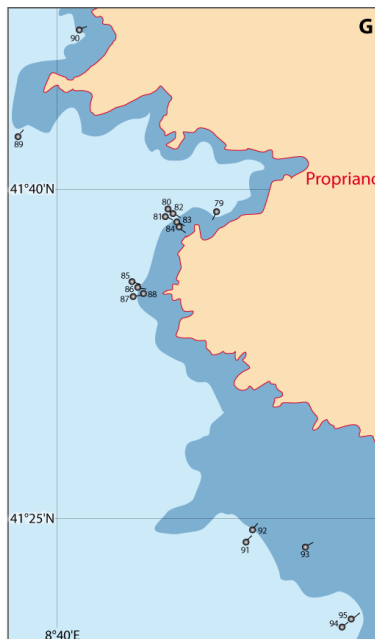


**Figure 9-7 :** Eastern Corsica: zones E and F. Location of BraCors (CNRS) campaign stations – numbered in black – and Meditis (Ifremer) – numbered in red. See Tables 6 and 10.

Below are distribution maps of *Novocrania anomala* . - *Terebratulina retusa* . - *Megathiris detruncata* . - *Megerlia truncat a* . - *Gryphus vitreus* . See Tables 7 and 10.







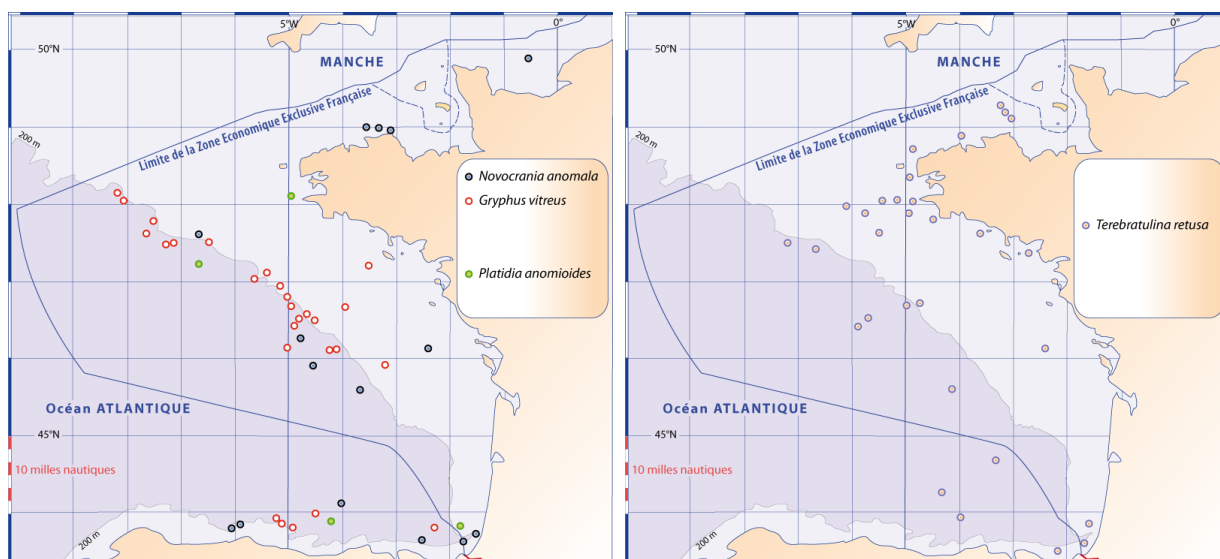
**Figure 9-8** : South Corsica: zone G. Location of BraCORS campaign stations (CNRS). See Table 6.

Below are distribution maps of *Novocrania anomala* . - *Terebratulina retusa* . - *Megathiris detruncata* . - *Megerlia truncat a* . -Gryphus vitreus . See Table 7.

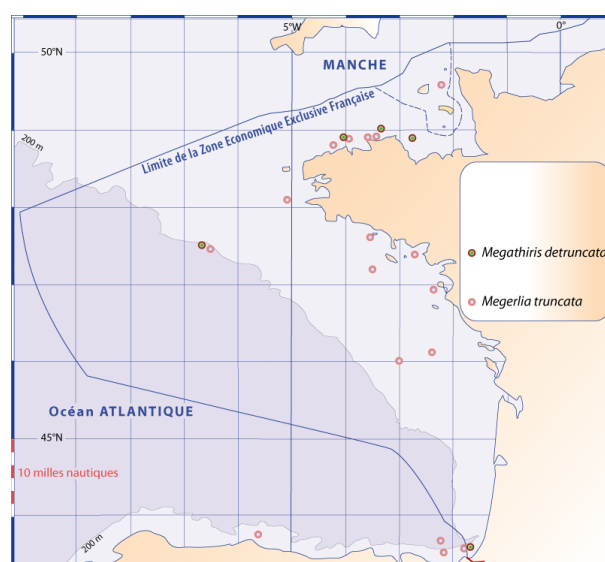


### C. Atlantic and Channel distribution maps

On the nautical charts (above in A and B) with the results of the campaigns reported in this work, it seems judicious to supplement these data by reproducing the maps of the geographical distribution of the six species of brachiopods along the French metropolitan coasts in the Atlantic Ocean and the English Channel, based on maps published by Emig (2016, 2017a).



**Figure 9-9** : Geographical distribution of the six species of brachiopods off the French mainland coasts in the Atlantic and English Channel (modified, according to Emig, 2016, 2017a).



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On board the N/O Catherine-Laurence during a BRACORS campaign, from left to right: Italo Di Geronimo, Bernard Laurin, Christian Emig, Jean-Henri Delance, Jean Revert.

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## Appendix A.

### For a renewal of the taxonomy of current brachiopods.

Among the major zoological groups, the brachiopods have a specificity linked to their age in the fossil records (among the oldest known fossils) and by their relatively small number of current species: they are, with rare exceptions, only paleontologists who study them, to the point of becoming their "private preserve" by and for them (Emig, 2008). Consequently, the taxonomy of the species was made according to a systematic with a paleontological tendency [14], even stratigraphic and even geographical, that is to say based on the only characters (some without taxonomic value) of the fossil remains which are the shell and its internal structures, sometimes modified by taphonomy (Emig & Rachebœuf, 1990; Emig, 2002). Used to define certain stratigraphic stages, the same fossil species of brachiopod can sometimes change its name by changing stage!

The number of fossil taxa described is of the order of 30,000 species, which today turn out to be very largely overestimated (just like for the genera) - perhaps to be reduced by half? - while it is likely that 5-10% of current so-called valid species are in fact synonyms of species already described (Emig, 2017b). A consequence of the absence of complete diagnoses [10] at all hierarchical levels, which, while the number of characters available is low, has led to variations of a character being used as a criterion to describe new species or genera, sometimes even from a few shell fragments. These tendencies inherited from the 19th century have remained alive for certain paleontologists until today. The six species of brachiopods, collected in the Mediterranean Bathyal, alone attest to all the ambiguities of the systematics currently used. A rapid evolution towards new comparative phylogenetic methods, including cladistics, is necessary, as these have undergone rapid development over the past twenty-five years (Darlu & Tassy, 2018).

The large number of varieties and synonyms (current or fossil) of these six species, often without clear criteria to differentiate them, reflects the problem posed by the lack of diagnosis and studies of character variations within and between the different populations that make up the species. In the present case, it is mainly descriptions by Italian and English-speaking authors. And it is not certain that it is possible to make an exhaustive list of these varieties and synonyms by relating them with certainty to one or other of the valid species, so vague are the descriptions. This trend continues in recent work on fossil forms, it sometimes concerns individuals of small size (millimeter) which should question the authors as to the development during life of certain characters. Indeed, many juvenile forms may not have all the characteristics to determine with certainty the membership of a species.

Based on this observation, the purpose of which here is not to stigmatize authors and discipline, and even less to argue, we must ask ourselves the question "is this systematics still transposable to current species? and the answer is definitely NO. Because the taxonomic and phylogenetic characters go beyond the only fossil remains used until now, that is to say the shell. It is true that paleontologists are neither taught nor equipped to study the morphology and anatomy of the body (also called the soft parts) of brachiopods, nor the ecological and oceanographic means to establish the characteristics of the biotope and biocoenoses. However, it is there that the characters are to be found to define the current species and their populations. How many descriptions provide information on the muscles, the lophophore, the gonads, the larva and its ontogenesis, the spicules, etc. ? However, in recent years, there has been an increase in publications on the biology, anatomy and ecology of current species of brachiopods; but this does not mean that brachiopod systematists have integrated them into their work.

A point often mentioned in publications is the constant decline in the number of brachiopod taxa since the Mesozoic; however, the current number of species, about 400 (Emig *et al.*, 2018), covers a period of at least a million years, and, in the geological past, there is no data on the real number cash valid for a similar period. There remains the habit of conveying concepts that deserve to be reviewed and refined (Emig, 2002, 2017b, Emig *et al.*, 2015).

The systematics of current brachiopod species therefore requires a profound revision in its concepts and methods, as is done in other zoological groups (Zaharias & Sanders, 2018), outside the paleontological context alone. The application of cladistics planned in the project for the revision of part H (Brachiopoda) of the Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology, never reached the level of genus and species (Williams & Carlson, 2007). Added to this is the genetic tendency which remains incapable of identifying the species which are determined according to classical systematics. In genetic databases, valid species stand alongside synonyms mentioned as valid or treated as such.

Systematics in the life sciences is only a tool, certainly indispensable, but not an end in itself, as is often the case in paleontology. Identifying from a reliable diagnosis is the basis for all subsequent work, as here on the distribution of species in the Bathyal: the presence of species in one or more biocoenoses is a datum to be integrated into the description of the species, or even as a character taxonomic in their systematics.

A species must have an explicit diagnosis, just as the genus to which it belongs must have its own distinct from that of the species it groups together. In the latter case, the diagnosis includes only the taxonomic characters, but all of them, allowing the genus to be identified according to the definition given in the code [10] (ICZN, 1999). These characters in the current forms cannot be reduced to those of the shell alone. The anatomical parts, such as the muscles, the nephridia, the lophophore and the arrangement of the tentacles, the reproduction (from the gonads to the metamorphosis of the larva), are all data that may contain identification criteria, even if they are not available throughout an individual's lifetime. This makes it all the more essential to know all the variations during the life cycle.

Moreover, among brachiopod specialists, there is too often confusion between diagnosis and description, which are two terms with very different meanings and which cannot replace one another. The description concerns all the observations on the specimens collected beyond the diagnosis, by supplementing the knowledge on the way of life, reproduction, the place of life and the surrounding fauna, the ecological conditions, etc. Similarly, there is often confusion between the diagnosis of the genus and that of the species: it is nonsense to write for a monospecific genus: "same diagnosis as for the species" or "as for species". Not wanting to get angry with my colleagues and not wanting to blame the dead, I leave it to everyone to find these shortcomings in recent work over the last century or more.

The time has come for a new approach in a phylogenetic context for current brachiopod species.

[14] In France, paleontology is considered to belong to both Life Sciences and Earth Sciences (more in an environmental sense).

## Appendix B.

### History of the systematics of *Terebratula minor* Philippi, 1836

Philippi (1836) created a fossil variety named *minor* from the species *Terebratula vitrea*, from which it is distinguished only by the small size of the shell (Fig. B-1): it indicates a maximum size of 7.5''' (or lines - i.e. 17 mm, knowing that a line corresponds to 2.256 mm in French units). The specimens came from Calabria (Southern Italy) notably from Ibisio, Arcile and Molino di Scordia (Philippi, 1836, 1844).

#### 7. *Terebratula vitrea* var. *minor*. v. tab. VI. f. 8.

Satis frequens occurrit prope Ibisio, Arcile, Molino di Scordia, sed nunquam major quam figura. Praeter hanc staturae differentiam autem nullam aliam invenio nisi forte eam, quod margo frontalis paullo brevior et testa igitur magis rotundata est, ideoque minus distincte truncata in fronte apparet. Sceletum interaum vidi.

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#### Species fossiles.

##### 1. *Terebratula vitrea* minor cfr. vol. I. p. 99. tab. VI. f. 8.

Ibisio, Arcile, Molino di Scordia. — Pezzo; Nasiti (vix 7''' longa).

Res memoratu digna, specimina fossilia magnitudinem 7½''' nunquam superare, cum testacea fossilia plerumque vivis majora sint.

**Figure B-1** : Facsimile of Philippi's description (1836 and 1844) of the variety *minor*. Line (or ''') = 2.256 mm in French units. *Terebratula vitrea* is *Gryphus vitreus* (Born, 1778).

Suess (1859) distinguished *Terebratula minor* from *T. vitrea* because "kleinere Art mit stumpfen Bändern und stärkerer Schal" and named its living specimens *T. vitrea minor* or *T. minor* from around the island of Lipari (north - eastern Sicily, Italy), now *Gryphus vitreus*. Reeve (1861a) placed *T. minor* in synonymy with *T. vitrea*, which prompted the following response from Suess (1861): " Nor do I approve the altered generic position of several species, or the uniting of *T. minor* with *T. vitrea*. In his reply, Reeve (1861b) will not answer this point.

Seguenza (1865b, 1870) pointed out that *Terebratula minor* is not distinct from *T. vitrea* (Table 11); his comparison remains ambiguous: " Dalle esposte osservazioni concludiamo, che le *T. minor* può ritenersi come specie differente dall *T. vitrea*, ma essa non no è ben distinta. In his table I, this author shows the similarities between the three species which in fact are variations all leading to *Gryphus vitreus*, therefore to be compared with Boullier *et al.* (1986), Huault (1990) (Fig. 5-5). Other forms, such as *T. leyliana* (Table 11; see Davidson, 1870), have little difference from the shell of *T. minor* and which Seguenza (1871) referred to as *T. minor*. Davidson (1880) recognizes that: " *T. vitrea* varies much, and several of its varieties or modifications in shape have been described as distinct species. Nevertheless a few lines later he maintains *Terebratula vitrea*, var. *minor* while emphasizing: "it is often difficult to distinguish from the young shell of *T. vitrea*. The localities are in the Atlantic Ocean (from the Arctic to the Cape of Good Hope), in the Mediterranean Sea, and fossils in southern Italy. And he adds: " The question may, indeed, be further mooted, whether Philippi was not correct in considering *Ter. minor* or *affinis* as merely a small variety of *Ter. vitrea*. Professor Suess, however, believes the former shell to be specifically distinct from *Ter. vitrea*. Dr Gwyn Jeffreys and my self were also at one time disposed to consider the *Ter. davidsoni*, A. Adams (Annals and Mag. Nat. Hist., 3d ser., vol. vp 12, 1860, dredged at Satanomoski, Japan), as identical with *Ter. vitrea* or *affinis*. This view is not, however, shared by our distinguished contemporary, Mr Dall. Nevertheless, in 1886, Davidson wrote: " I have compared species of the fossil shell with species dredge alive by Prof. Seguenza in the bay of Messina, and found them to be identical I cannot, however, get rid of the idea that *Liothyris minor* is more than a small race or variety of *Liothyris vitrea*; it occurs, associated with the last-named shell, in the same beds and localities in Calabria and in Sicily. Kowalevski (in Ehlert & Deniker, 1883) makes some observations on the embryology of *Terebratula minor*. Carus (1893) cites numerous localities of the living form of *Terebratula affinis* (= *minor*) (Table 11) in the Mediterranean Sea (Adriatic, Aegean Sea, Sicily, Corsica, Algiers, Tunis, Marseille...) which are to be attributed to *Gryphus vitreus*.

Maugeri Patanè (1929) considers *Terebratula* (*Liothyris*) *minor* as distinct from *Gryphus vitreus*: " ha una linea di commessura fortemete accentuata (quasi assente nella vitrea), nonchè apparecchio brachiale piuttosto parallelo, che nella vitrea è quasi triangolare com'ebbero un osservare Aradas e Benoit (1870) "; and it describes three varieties, named *depressa*, *globosa*, and *rotundata*, based primarily on shell shape, noting that *T. minor* occurs in the western Mediterranean basin. Its figures 1 to 3, pl. 28, confirm the similarity with *G. vitreus* (compare with Fig. 5-5). Lipparini *et al.* (1981) reported *Terebratula* (*Liothyris*) *sphenoidea* and *T. (Liothyris) vitrea* var. *minor* in the Pliocene at Cape Milazzo (Sicily).

Creating the new genus *Eurysina* based on the following diagnosis: " *Tichosina* with a loop angle greater than 25° ", Cooper (1983) transferred *Terebratula minor* Philippi to it. But, this position has never been accepted by recent authors. Finally, *Eurysina* has been placed in synonymy with *Tichosina* by Lee & Smirnova (2006): the diagnoses published by these last two authors of the genera *Tichosina* and *Stenosarina* appear very similar, possibly leading to a synonymy.

Gaetani (1986), Gaetani & Saccà (1983, 1984), Saccà (1985) described *Gryphus minor* in the Late Miocene and Pleistocene in Sicily and Calabria, considering the species distinct by external shell characteristics. Scattered valves of *G. minor* and *Terebratula scillae* Seguenza, 1871 are reported from Pleistocene deposits in Sicily by Borghi *et al.* (2005).



According to Taddei Ruggiero (1994), *Gryphus minor* has been known from the Miocene and at least until the Late Pleistocene; but she notices that today a form similar to *G. minor* is still associated with *G. vitreus*. In the fossil record, *G. minor* lived on vaso-detrital bottoms referred to the Circalittoral (around 70 to 120 m deep). According to Taddei-Ruggiero & Bitner (2008), Lower Pleistocene brachiopods in Calabria are represented by seven species, the most common of which are *Terebratula scillae*, *Gryphus vitreus* and *G. minor*, with other species like *Terebratulina retusa*, *Megerlia truncata*, *Dallina septigera* and *Macandrevia cranium*.

Ruggiero & Raia (2010) described *G. minor* in great abundance in siliciclastic-carbonate sand about 1 m thick: the muddy fraction increases at the top of the layer and could be responsible for the fossilization. They consider this species to be a valid extinct Mediterranean species, having been variously assigned to separate species or subspecies, including *dilatatus* (Jeffreys), *elongatus* (Jeffreys) depending on whether the shells are wider, narrower or more elongated. Other authors, including Logan (1979), Boullier *et al.* (1986) and Huault (1990) have shown, even demonstrated, that the variability of forms is a characteristic of *Gryphus vitreus* that must necessarily be taken into account, just like the geographical and biocoenotic distribution of the populations.

During numerous recent expeditions to the Mediterranean, *Gryphus minor* has never been formally identified, nor considered as a juvenile form of *G. vitreus*, because of the great variations in the characters of the latter species (Boullier *et al.*, 1986; Huault, 1990).

**Table 11** : List of species or varieties (since the Miocene) relating to *Terebratula minor*, considered today as a synonym of *Gryphus vitreus*. This list is not exhaustive, but reflects the complexity and ambiguity due to the absence of real taxonomic characters to relate individuals to an identifiable species with certainty.

|                                                                 |     |                                                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Terebratula vitrea</i> var. <i>Minor</i> , Philippi, 1836    |     | Philippi (1836)                                            |
| <i>Terebratula affinis</i> Calcara, 1845                        |     | Calcara (1845)                                             |
| <i>Terebratula miocenica</i> Michelotti, 1847                   | has | Michelotti (1847)                                          |
| <i>Terebratula vitrea</i> ( <i>Anomia</i> )                     |     | Aradas (1847), Reeve (1861a), Seguenza (1870)              |
| <i>Terebratula minor</i>                                        |     | Suess (1859, 1861)                                         |
| <i>Terebratula affinis</i>                                      |     | Seguenza (1862a, 1862b)                                    |
| <i>Terebratula miocenica</i>                                    | has | Seguenza (1862b)                                           |
| <i>Terebratula minor</i>                                        | *   | Seguenza (1863, 1865a, 1865b, 1871)                        |
| <i>Terebratula minor</i>                                        |     | Davidson (1864, 1880)                                      |
| <i>Terebratula minor</i>                                        |     | Davidson (1864)                                            |
| <i>Terebratula lyelliala</i> Seguenza, 1865                     |     | Seguenza, 1865a)                                           |
| <i>Terebratula rovasendianus</i> Seguenza, 1866                 |     | Seguenza, (1866)                                           |
| <i>Terebratula minor</i> = <i>T. affinis</i>                    |     | Aradas & Benoit (1870)                                     |
| <i>Terebratula lyelliala</i>                                    |     | Davidson (1870)                                            |
| <i>Terebratula minor</i>                                        |     | Seguenza (1871-1874)                                       |
| <i>Terebratula vitrea</i> var. <i>minor</i>                     |     | Davidson (1886)                                            |
| <i>Terebratula vitrea</i> var. <i>minor</i> = <i>T. affinis</i> | *   | Davidson (1880)                                            |
| <i>Terebratula vitrea</i> var. <i>minor</i> = <i>T. affinis</i> | *   | Jeffreys (1878)                                            |
| <i>Terebratula affinis</i>                                      | *   | Carus (1893)                                               |
| <i>Terebratula minor</i>                                        |     | Sacco (1902)                                               |
| <i>Terebratula (Liothyryna) minor</i>                           |     | Maugeri Patane (1929)                                      |
| <i>Terebratula (Liothyryna) minor</i> var. <i>depressed</i>     |     | Maugeri Patane (1929)                                      |
| <i>Terebratula (Liothyryna) minor</i> var. <i>globosa</i>       |     | Maugeri Patane (1929)                                      |
| <i>Terebratula (Liothyryna) minor</i> var. <i>rotundata</i>     |     | Maugeri Patane (1929)                                      |
| <i>Terebratula vitrea</i> var. <i>minor</i>                     | *   | Granier (1978)                                             |
| <i>Gryphus miocaenicus</i>                                      | has | Meznerics (1943)                                           |
| <i>Terebratula (Liothyryna) vitrea</i> var. <i>minor</i>        |     | Lipparini <i>et al.</i> (nineteen eighty one)              |
| <i>Eurysina minor</i>                                           | *   | Cooper (1983)                                              |
| <i>Gryphus minor</i>                                            |     | Gaetani (1986), Gaetani & Saccà (1983, 1984), Saccà (1985) |
| <i>Liothyryna agulhasensis</i> Helmcke, 1939                    | b*  | Helmcke (1939, 1940)                                       |
| <i>Gryphus minor</i>                                            |     | Taddei Ruggiero (1988), Taddei Ruggiero (1994),            |
| <i>Gryphus minor</i>                                            |     | Borghi <i>et al.</i> (2005)                                |
| <i>Gryphus minor</i>                                            |     | Taddei-Ruggiero & Bitner (2008), Ruggiero & Raia (2010)    |
| <i>Gryphus miocaenicus</i>                                      | has | Bitner & Dulai (2004)                                      |

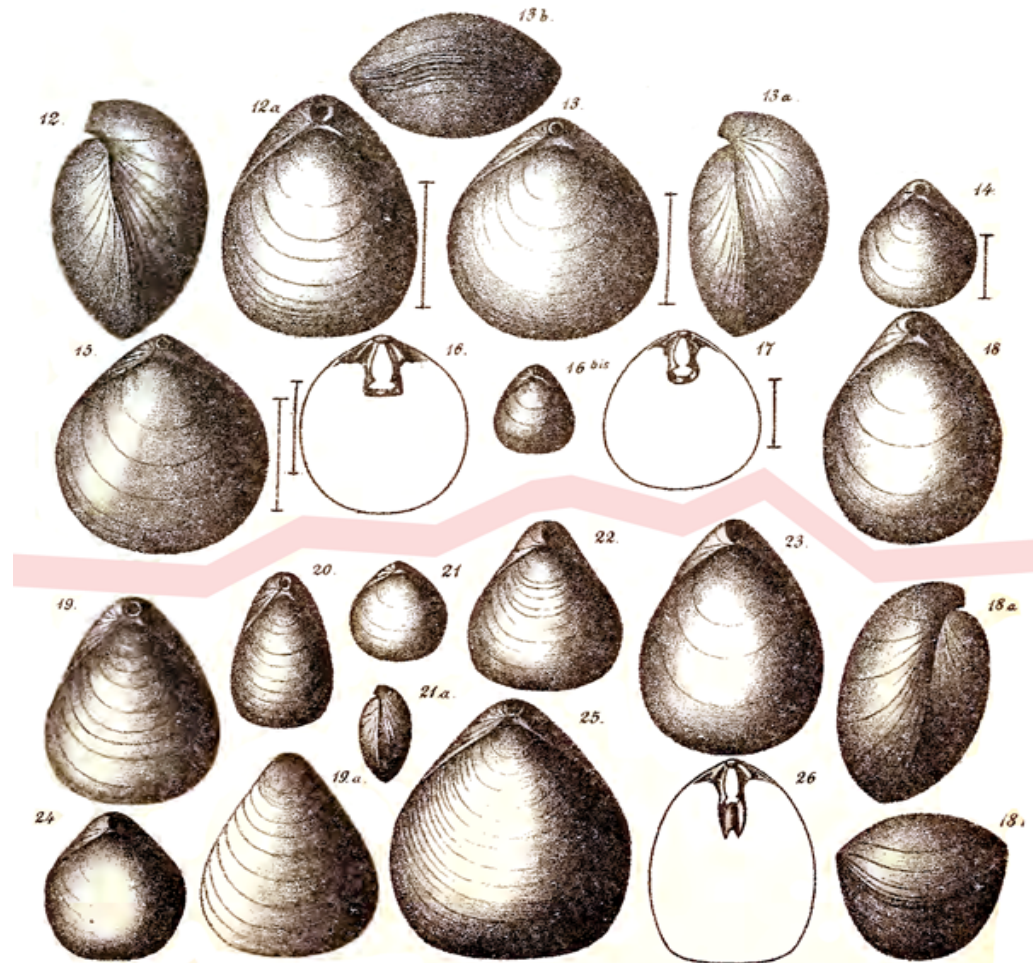
\* Current specimens have been reported under this species name by the author.

**has.** *Terebratula miocenica* was described by Michelotti (1847, p. 76) from Serravalle Scrivia, located about 50 km north of Genoa (Italy), emphasizing that: " the front finally, which in the case of the English author is cut in a straight line, is rounded in our species. This last character is sufficient in itself to distinguish it also from Lamarck's *Terebratula vitrea* ". It should be emphasized that the correct name of the species is *miocenica* or *miocenicus*. Meznerics (1943) describes this species under *Gryphus*, but does not mention *T. minor* in his long list of *Terebratula* in Tertiary sites in Hungary. Recently, Bitner & Dulai (2004) confirm that this species, small in size, does indeed belong to the genus *Gryphus* with a rectimarginate anterior commissure as in *Gryphus vitreus*: it is known from the Eocene to the present day. In the absence of a description of the internal structures of the shell, it is impossible to identify specimens that could refer to *G. miocenicus*.

**b.** Specimens of this species, named *Liothyryna agulhasensis* by Helmcke in 1939, had been mentioned and figured by Blochmann (1906) under " *Liothyryna* n. sp. von Agulhasbank ". Helmcke (1940) places them as a synonym of this new species *Terebratula vitrea* var. *minor* Philippi described and figured by Davidson (1880) and collected at the Cape of Good Hope (South Africa); he also makes a comparison with *Liothyrella affinis* (Calcara). *Liothyryna agulhasensis* was classified under *Xenobrochus agulhasensis* (Helmcke, 1939). Note that the publication date of Helmcke's work is indeed 1939, and not, as sometimes mistakenly indicated, 1938.

To close this presentation, it is interesting to reproduce plate 1 from Seguenza (1871) with the characteristics of the shells of *Terebratella minor* Philippi and *T. spheoidea* Philippi; these species considered here as synonyms respectively of *Gryphus vitreus* (Born, 1778) and of *Stenosarina spheoidea* (Philippi, 1844) that Logan (1998) had renamed under *S. davidsoni* Logan, 1998.

To consult the descriptions of the numerous species of fossil brachiopods by the authors quoted in Table 11, it is necessary to broaden the question of the validity of all these species of brachiopods described since the Eocene in the Mediterranean area: how many are really identifiable by re-examining all taxonomic characters and their variations. At the same time, it is necessary to verify, based on their variations, that the characters available on the fossil forms are sufficient to discriminate individuals up to the species, especially when these forms are still alive in the marine environment (see Appendix A). . The revision of the taxonomy of brachiopods is not an understatement, but a necessity, in particular to be able to apprehend the true biodiversity and its evolution through geological times up to the present day.



**Figure B-2** : Extract in facsimile of plate I ( *species fossil* ) from Seguenza (1871).

***Terebratula minor*** , Philippi (ingrandita).

12. Example of the Pliocene Superiore of Catanzaro.

13. (ingrandita). Un individuo del pliocene superiore di Gravitelli presso Messina.

14. Example of the Pliocene of Gravitelli della var. *Lyelliana* (ingrandito).

15. Un individuo dello Zancleano sup. di cui sono più appa riscenti le pieghe della contrada Pietrazza presso Messina (ingrandito).

16. Apparecchio apofisario ingrandito del pliocene superiore di S. Filippo presso Messina.

16a. Varietà truncata ed elargato alla fronte, pliocene superiore di S. Filippo.

17. Apparecchio apofisario ingrandito della *T. Lyelliana* di Gravitelli.

***Terebratula spheoidea*** , Philippi.

18. Un esemplare ristretto alla fronte dello Zancleano superiore della contrada Pietrazza: presso Mess.

19. Un esemplare di forma tipica, contrada Pietrazza.

20. Forma allungata dello stesso luogo e terreno.

21. A giovane dello Miocene medio di Scirpi presso Mess.

22. Una forma breve e larga di Scirpi nello Zancleano medio.

23. Un esemplare colla truncation frontale meno distinta, SCIRPI.

24. Un altro assai breve colla maggior larghezza verso la metà del medesimo luogo e terreno.

25. Un grande esemplare e largo, dello Zancleano superiore di Trapani presso Messina.

26. Apparecchio apofisario de un esemplare della Contrada Pietrazza.

## Appendix C.

### History of the systematics of *Terebratula seminulum* Philippi, 1836

*Terebratula seminulum* was harvested in the deep sea off Drépane today Trapani ( *Tràpani* in Sicilian, Drépanon in ancient Greek or *Drepanum* in Latin), a port located at the western end of Sicily (Italy). It was described by Philippi in 1836 and depicted on his pl. VI, fig. 15 (Fig. C-1).

7. *Terebratula Seminulum* Phil. t. VI. f. 15. a—g.

T. testa minima, orbiculari, transversa, aut ovata, saepe in fronte emarginata, compressa, densissime punctata, foramine incompleto magno; sceletro e dissepimento parvo triangulari formato.

Plurima specimina ollae antiquae e mari profundo Drepanensi extractae adhaerentia inveni.

Testa circa 1<sup>'''</sup> longa, totidem lata, mox exacte orbicularis, mox transversa, mox ovata, in fronte saepe emarginata vid. fig. b, d, e, f, semper compressa, densissime punctata. Apertura incompleta v. fig. 15. d.; deltidium non vidi. Sceleton internum simplicissimum, a lamella triangulari versus frontem declivi formatum, v. fig. a ubi a latere inspectum est. Brachia versus cardinem connata seriem ciliarum simplicem, orbicularem antice interruptam exhibent v. f. b. — Color testae albidus.



— 15. *Terebratula Seminulum* mihl. p. 97. d, e, f) varietates auctae; g, c) magnitudo naturalis; a) valvula ventralis a latere visa; b) eadem brachiis adhaerentibus.

**Figure C-1** : Facsimile of the original description of *Terebratula seminulum* and fig. 15 pl. VI by Philippi (1836), representing *Terebratula seminulum* , with the extract from the legend corresponding to fig. 15 (see text below). The length of the shell is about a line (or '''), or about 2.3 mm.

Philippi (1844) considers *T. seminulum* to be a synonym of *Orthis neapolitana* Scacchi, today *Joania cordata* (Risso, 1826) (Fig. C-2). Indeed, by observing Fig. C-1, we can only conclude that two distinct species are represented: ad - which may well correspond to *Platidia* (or *Amphithyris* ?) and ef - to *Joania* (?) (Fig. C-2). ): this ambiguity is then found in the debate on the identity of the specimens represented by referring them all to the same species, which is probably erroneous.

5. *Orthis neapolitana* Scac. cfr. vol. I. p. 97. t. 6. f. 15. nomine Tereb. Seminuli.

O. testa minima, orbiculari, transversa aut ovata, saepe in fronte emarginata; sceletro interno e dissepimento parvo triangulari formato.

*Terebratula Neapolitano* Scac. Oss. zool. II. 1833. p. 18.

**Figure C-2** : Facsimile of extract from Philippi (1844) classifying *T. seminulum* with *Orthis neapolitana* , described by Scacchi in 1833 – now *Joania cordata* .

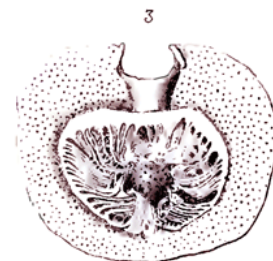
Davidson (1852, 1887) considered *Terebratula seminulum* to belong to the genus *Platidia* , stating that *T. appressa* Forbes, 1844, collected from the Aegean Sea was synonymous. However, in 1852 (p. 371), Davidson observed that: " [Philippi's species has been mistaken by Sowerby, who gave the name seminulum to another form which we have called Argiope Forbesii](#) . *A. forbesii* Davidson , 1852 is a synonym of *Joania cordata* . In neither of his two works does he refer to the change made by Philippi (1844).

Fischer & Ehlert (1891) estimate that the shape of the lophophore is not that of *Platidia* , but perhaps that of *Cistella* (genus which currently corresponds to *Argyrotheca* Dall, 1900 and to *Joania* Álvarez, Brunton and Long, 2008). They also refer to a figure by Monterosato (1879) (Fig. C-4); now this last author considers that *seminulum* is a *Platidia* and he writes that Philippi (1844) " [relates it, inadvertently, to T. Neapolitana, Scacchi](#) . » Thomson (1927) places *T. seminulum* in the genus *Amphithyris* Thomson, 1918 considering that in Davidson (1887, pl. 20, fig. 20-22): « [Philippi's figures reproduced by Davidson leaves no doubt as to distinct characters of the lophophore](#) . (Fig. C-3) and therefore that Davidson (1887) and then Dall (1920) mistakenly assigned this species to *Platidia* . Atkins (1959, fig. 23, p. 126) compares the figures of Philippi (1836) with an individual of *Platidia anomoides* of the same size, i.e. about 2 mm. She concludes that *T. seminulum* is a juvenile form of *P. anomoides* , as already mentioned by Jeffreys (1878). Note that the shape of the lophophore is a juvenile form in a mature adult, since during the development of an individual, this shape evolves, as also pointed out by Atkins (1959). Thus, it cannot be considered as a taxonomic character, but only as an additional character (in its adult form), as demonstrated in the neighboring group Phoronida by Emig (1985b).



**Figure C-3** : Facsimile of figures 20-22 from pl. 21 from Davidson (1887, after Philippi, 1836) depicting *Terebratula seminulum* . They correspond respectively to figures 15 d, e, b of Philippi (1836) (Fig. C-1).

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3. *Platidia seminulum*, Philippi

**Figure C-4** : Facsimile of figure 3, pl. 13 of Monterosato (1879).

In the collection of the Museum für Naturkunde (Berlin, Germany), Lüter & Sieben (2005) discovered a small box



with several copies labeled: " *Terebratula seminulum* Ph., Sicilia, Dr. Ph. " On examining them, they found that these specimens corresponded to two different species and to conclude that, on the original figure of Philippi (1836), the shells ad corresponded to *Platidia anomioides* and those eg to *Joania cordata* (Fig. C-1). One can wonder if this box was not forgotten by Rudolph Amandus Philippi (1808-1904) when he emigrated to Chile in 1854; indeed, according to an Eyzaguirre-Philippi descendant (2008; and personal communication), he had taken his personal library and collections to Santiago in Chile.

It is in Davidson's collection at the British Museum in London that MacKinnon *et al.* (2008) found five specimens labeled " *Platidia seminulum* : specimens described and given to me by Marquis of Monterosato as belonging to Philippi's species, Journ. of Conchology " from the Mediterranean, as well as another individual marked " *P. anomioides*, Canon Norman Collection, Naples ": their examination led these authors to identify them as *Amphithyris seminula* (Philippi, 1836), confirming this species in this kind by Thomson (1927). But they do not cite the publication of Lüter & Sieben (2005). Moreover, it is all the same curious that Davidson never mentioned the possession of these specimens in his collection, especially since he died in 1885 even before the publication of his monograph 1886-1888, in which he reproduced the three figures by Philippi (1836) (Fig. C-2, C-3) without mentioning the specimens donated by de Monterosato. Moreover, during his trip to Nice (with contacts with Italian colleagues) at the request of JG Jeffreys, Davidson (1869) does not mention any relationship with de Monterosato. This trip was initiated in order to thoroughly verify the validity of the brachiopod species described by Antonio Risso (1777-1845), an Italian naturalist pharmacist (Emig, 2012). His work had hardly satisfied these English authors, as Davidson (1869) wrote: " **consequently we must not be surprised to find so large an amount of error in the work above specified** ". It is not sure that the Italian scientific community appreciated!

Nauendorf *et al.* (2014) describe *Terebratula seminulum* under *Amphithyris seminula* (Philippi, 1836) considering that all references to another genus made by the various authors are erroneous and that their specimens are to be put under the name of genus *Amphithyris*. The type of this species was chosen from the specimens of Philippi, cited under *Platidia anomioides* by Lüter & Sieben (2005). However, these copies, at least some, would have been included in Helmcke's collection (1940); however, this author did not work on Mediterranean brachiopods but on the contrary Antarctic ones. In the inventory of the Zoologischen Museum zu Berlin, drawn up by Helmcke in 1939, we find *Argyrotheca cistellula* under the mention " *Trapani* (Philippi) " and " *Palermo* (Monterosato) ", *Joania cordata* under " *Trapani* (Monterosato) ", *Megathiris detruncata* under " *Trapani* (Philippi) ", *Platidia anomioides* under " *Palermo* (Monterosato) ".

Recently, Tréguier and Álvarez ( *in* Álvarez *et al.* , 2016, 2017) studied the collection of the Marquis de Monterosato (1841-1927), belonging to the Musée des Sciences de Laval (France). This collection of living shells from the Mediterranean Sea, determined by de Monterosato, had been purchased in 1893 by Daniel Ehlert, paleontologist and brachiopod specialist (Emig, 2013). The brachiopods all come from the Mediterranean Sea, near the west coast of Italy and around the islands of Corsica, Sardinia and Sicily. Among these specimens of *Argyrotheca cuneata* , *Joania cordata* and *Megerlia truncata* collected in Trapani, but not of *Platidia* .

Difficult to conclude with certainty, because the contradictions remain and appear through this history, to which must be added the fact that no signaling of the genus *Amphithyris* has ever been made in the Mediterranean Sea during centuries of harvesting, especially for individuals referable to *Platidia* (Fig. 5-8), that the genus *Amphithyris* is restricted to the South Pacific, South Africa and Antarctica. It is not a question of questioning the identification of the specimens, but of wondering about their origin. The solution probably lies off the coast of Sicily, and more broadly the Mediterranean. In the meantime, the presence of *Amphithyris* in the Mediterranean Sea appears highly unlikely.

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