

# King crabs up-close: ontogenetic changes in ornamentation in the family Lithodidae (Crustacea, Decapoda, Anomura), with a focus on the genus *Paralomis*

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## ABSTRACT

In this study, we describe the carapace ornamentation found in species of Lithodidae (Decapoda, Anomura), focussing primarily on the genus *Paralomis*, which displays the greatest diversity of forms, globally. Evidence of ontogenetic change in the surface ornamentation of lithodids has previously been highlighted for one species of *Paralomis* (*P. granulosa* Jaquinot, 1847); however, its wider occurrence within the family has never been formally examined. Growth-related change in dorsal spines and tubercles was considered using growth-series from eight species of *Paralomis* (*P. mendagnai*, S Pacific; *P. multispina*, N Pacific; *P. spinosissima*, *P. granulosa*, S Atlantic; *P. inca*, SE Pacific; *P. erinacea*, E Atlantic; *P. cubensis*, Caribbean; *P. stella*, S Indian Ocean). Tubercular structures from adult specimens of 24 additional species of *Paralomis* are figured in order to provide a reference for future diagnosis. This study shows that ontogenetic changes should be considered when identifying specimens of Lithodidae to species level.

## KEY WORDS

Crustacea,  
Decapoda,  
Lithodidae,  
*Paralomis*,  
tubercle,  
spine,  
ontogeny.

## RÉSUMÉ

*Gros plan sur les crabes royaux: changements ontogénétiques de l'ornementation dans la famille Lithodidae (Crustacea, Decapoda, Anomura), le cas du genre Paralomis.*

Dans cet article, nous examinons et décrivons l'ornementation de carapace trouvée chez des espèces de Lithodidae (Decapoda, Anomura), en nous concentrant principalement sur le genre *Paralomis*, qui présente la plus grande diversité de formes. Le changement ontogénétique de l'ornementation de surface des Lithodidae a été précédemment mise en évidence chez une espèce de *Paralomis* (*P. granulosa* Jaquinot, 1847), toutefois son occurrence plus large dans la famille n'a jamais

## MOTS CLÉS

Crustacea,  
Decapoda,  
Lithodidae,  
*Paralomis*,  
tubercule,  
épines,  
ontogénèse.

été formellement examinée. Le changement des épines et des tubercules dorsaux durant la croissance a été étudié à l'aide de séries de croissance de huit espèces de *Paralomis* (*P. mendagnai*, Pacifique S; *P. multispina*, Pacifique N; *P. spinosissima* et *P. granulosa*, Atlantique S; *P. inca*, Pacifique SE; *P. erinacea*, Atlantique E; *P. cubensis*, Caraïbe; *P. stella*, Océan Indien S). Des structures tuberculeuses des spécimens adultes de 24 espèces additionnelles de *Paralomis* sont figurées afin de fournir une référence pour les diagnostics futures. Cette étude montre que des changements ontogénétiques devraient être pris en considération pour l'identification des spécimens de Lithodidae au niveau de l'espèce.

## INTRODUCTION

King crabs of the family Lithodidae Samouelle, 1819, inhabit cold waters, predominantly in the deep sea, and are represented by species in most of the world's oceans. The deep water, patchy distribution (63% of species never found shallower than 200 m, 39% never found shallower than 500 m) (Hall & Thatje 2009a) means that many species of king crab are not commonly or easily targeted for sampling. Many species are based on a description of one or two specimens, and are recovered infrequently after first publication (Macpherson 1988a; Spiridonov *et al.* 2006; Hall & Thatje 2009b). Some of the characters used to distinguish species of king crab are the size, position and form of dorsal carapace ornamentation (Macpherson 1988a). The 100+ described lithodid species and particularly the 61 extant species of the genus *Paralomis* White, 1856 (Zaklan 2002; Macpherson 2003; Spiridonov *et al.* 2006; Takeda & Bussarawit 2007; Macpherson & Chan 2008; Hall & Thatje 2009b) display an array of spines and tubercles, with or without setae, which can aid diagnosis. Few authors have given images of these structures under magnification, but those that have (e.g., Haig 1974; Andrade 1980) have revealed the intricate structures that adorn carapaces within this family.

## TERMINOLOGY

In scientific writing on the Lithodidae, the words used to describe carapace structures are various and sometimes poorly defined. The word "tubercle"

(Haig 1974; Macpherson 1988a) describes small protuberances, swellings or nodules, and is often used interchangeably with the terms "papillae" (Faxon 1895; Haig 1974), "granule" (Macpherson 1988a, 1992), "flattened spinules" (Takeda 1974) and "vesiculous granules" (Takeda & Ohta 1979). These terms actually describe a whole spectrum of morphological features (Appendix 1), but in an inconsistent way that can sometimes be unhelpful in diagnosis. If described in an unambiguous manner through the provision of detailed drawing or photography, real differences could be used to identify species more accurately; to delimit lineages; and to allow non-specialists to make useful comparisons between the works of different authors.

## ONTOGENY

The difference in expression of carapace ornamentation within a species at successive stages of growth has been noted by several authors (Haig 1974; Takeda 1974; Ingle & Garrod 1987; Macpherson 1988a-c, 1990; Macpherson & Chan 2008). "The clear difference between juvenile and adult lithodids has been pointed out, and illustration is strongly recommended" (Macpherson & Chan 2008). This phenomenon occurs in other decapod families, such as in *Cancer pagurus* Linnaeus, 1758, which displays progressively fewer features on its carapace in successive moults, from crab stage 1 to adults (Ingle 1981). Particularly in members of the lithodid genus *Neolithodes* A. Milne-Edwards & Bouvier, 1894, variation in spine length and density between juveniles and adults makes identification to species

level problematic – especially when a whole growth series isn't available for comparison. In descriptions of several species of the genus *Neolithodes*, the ontogenetic change itself is mentioned as a characteristic for identification (e.g., *N. agassizii* Smith, 1882, *N. diomedea* Benedict, 1894, *N. asperrimus* Barnard, 1947: in Macpherson 1988a). Within many species of lithodid, it seems that major spines vary in size but not relative position on the carapace (Macpherson & Chan 2008). Differing growth stages can usually be unified as a single species using features other than the spines and tubercles; however, the microscopic changes can often have substantial effects on the macroscopic appearance of a specimen. The identification process would be enhanced by increasing the available knowledge in this area.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

In addition to changes between ontogenetic stages, changes within a moult stage caused by the erosion of spines, breakage and re-growth, or fouling of the surface, can hinder identification. The state of fouling on the carapace can assist in determining the age of a moult stage, and this should be considered. Whereas juvenile and young reproductive adult stages have annual or semi-annual moult cycles, it is estimated that there can be several years between moulting stages of larger adults (McCaughan & Powell 1977). The effect of environmental attrition can therefore be assumed to be greater in larger adults.

A taxonomist attempting to identify a potentially novel species is unlikely to have a complete growth series of similar species available to refer to. Here, we aim to look for common ontogenetic trajectories within the Lithodidae and to provide the basis of a catalogue covering intraspecific variety.

#### MATERIALS AND METHODS

Specimens were obtained from museum collections or from un-deposited cruise materials (Mauritania: MAU 1107; fisheries projects, Southern Ocean). Specimens were identified to species-level using features such as the shape of the carapace; the form of the legs, chelae, abdomen, and rostrum; and the position of spines

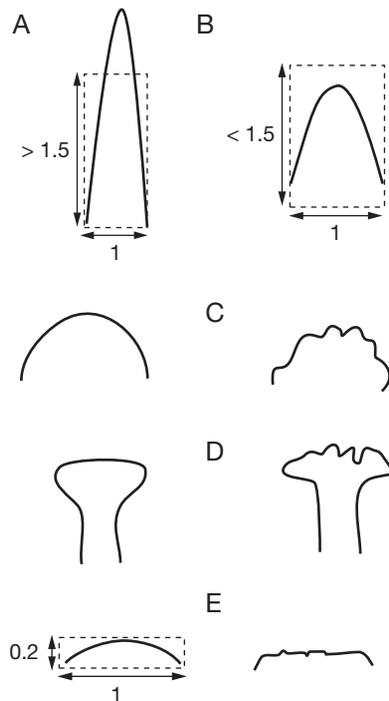


FIG. 1. — Terminology for describing carapace ornamentation in species of *Paralomis* White, 1856: spines (A) are structures which measure more than 1.5 times as high as wide at the base; tubercles (B-E) are any structures measuring less than 1.5 times high as wide at the base; within this system, tubercles can be conical (B), rounded (C), pedunculate (D) or flattened (E), and have regular (smooth) or irregular surfaces. Conical tubercles differ from rounded tubercles in that they taper towards an acute apex. Flattened tubercles are lower than 0.2 times as high as wide at the base. Numbers represent ratios.

on the lateral margin of the carapace. In this study, the terminology used to describe ornamentation of *Paralomis* (Fig. 1) was: “tubercle”, which replaced previously used synonyms: granule and papilla to describe structures that are not spines; and “spine”, which describes structures measuring more than 1.5 times as high as they are wide at the base. A distinction was then made between conical, flattened, pedunculate or rounded tubercles, and regular or irregular tubercles. Elsewhere, terminology follows Macpherson (1988a), and measurements of carapace length (CL) are taken from the base of the orbit to the posterior edge, excluding lateral spines.

For 32 species of *Paralomis*, adult specimens (larger than CL 50 mm) were illustrated under

magnification (Figs 2-15; Appendix 1) in order to provide a reference for future descriptive works. Eight species of *Paralomis* with good representation in sample collections were also selected to illustrate the growth-related changes within the genus (*P. cubensis* Chace, 1939; *P. erinacea* Macpherson, 1988; *P. granulosa* Jaquinot, 1847; *P. inca* Haig, 1974; *P. mendagnai* Macpherson, 2003; *P. multi-spina* Benedict, 1894; *P. spinosissima* Birstein & Vinogradov, 1972; *P. stella* Macpherson, 2001). These sample species were also chosen to cover a range of habitat depths and localities and so to reflect the global distribution of the genus.

Following the Ingle & Garrod (1987) study on *Paralomis granulosa*, from the Falkland Islands, specimens from three size classes (determined by carapace length from orbital to posterior margin, excluding lateral spines) 10-25 mm, 30-50 mm, 50+ mm were examined; and up to three were chosen for illustration where differences were evident. In all *Paralomis* species figured (except possibly *P. inca*), the 30-50 mm and the 50+ size classes typically contain reproductively mature females (Lovrich & Vinuesa 1993; S. Hall pers. obs.). Maximum sizes for species range between 60 and 110 mm (Macpherson 1988a; Zaklan 2002; S. Hall pers. obs.). No juvenile specimens of *Paralomis erinacea* are deposited in museums; however, the change in form between adults in the studied range warrants their inclusion in the growth series. Figured specimens were judged to be representative of their size class by microscopic and macroscopic comparison. Actual sample measurements are stated in the relevant sections, and there was no observed difference in the features studied correlated with a division between the sexes. Growth-series specimens were obtained from as close to the type locality as possible.

The dorsal carapace, abdomen, and legs of each specimen were examined under a light microscope to assess the consistency of tubercle form within one specimen. Where a difference is observed, it is noted in the results. The figured region is a dorsal view, depicting the mid point of the right branchial region, unless otherwise stated in the figure legend. Pictures are taken using the "macro" setting of a Sony 8.2 megapixel digital camera attached to the lens of an optical microscope.

#### ABBREVIATIONS

BMNH The Natural History Museum, London;  
MNHN Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Paris;  
USNM National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC.

#### RESULTS

Photographs and drawings were taken of the mid-branchial region of the dorsal carapace, and were, on the whole, representative of the entire dorsal carapace (exceptions are noted in the text). Spination of the lateral margins is usually independent in form to that found elsewhere on the carapace, and tends to vary only in relative size between life stages (S. Hall, pers. obs.).

Images of 24 additional species of the genus *Paralomis* (Figs 10-15; Appendix 1) demonstrate the diversity of ornamentation within adults (and in two cases, of juveniles) of the Lithodidae, with a view to standardising terminology and aiding future identifications using carapace features.

#### *Paralomis cubensis* Chace, 1939 (Fig. 2)

*Paralomis cubensis* Chace, 1939: 49. — Macpherson 1988a: 97, fig. 44, pl. 22B, 23A.

TYPE LOCALITY. — East of Havana, Cuba, 23°12'30"N, 82°12'W, 420-548 m.

DISTRIBUTION. — Caribbean Sea and Western Atlantic, 1-27°N, 300-600 m.

MATERIAL EXAMINED. — 5 ♀♀ (CL 25-52 mm), 13 ♂♂ (CL 23-85 mm) (including paratypes).

SPECIMENS FIGURED. — RV *Miss Virginia*, 329-366 m, 21.III.1962, 1 ♀ CL 26 mm (USNM-231310). — 26°45'N, 84°55'W, 466-732 m, XII.1983, 1 ♀ CL 45.8 mm (USNM-213542). — Amazon River Mouth, 411 m, XI.1957, 1 ♀ CL 79.6 mm (USNM-231312).

#### REMARKS

In the original description of the 53.2 mm female holotype of *Paralomis cubensis*, Chace (1939) notes "the dorsal carapace crowded with tubercles of different sizes, low and rounded on most surfaces, becoming more acute towards the margins". This description

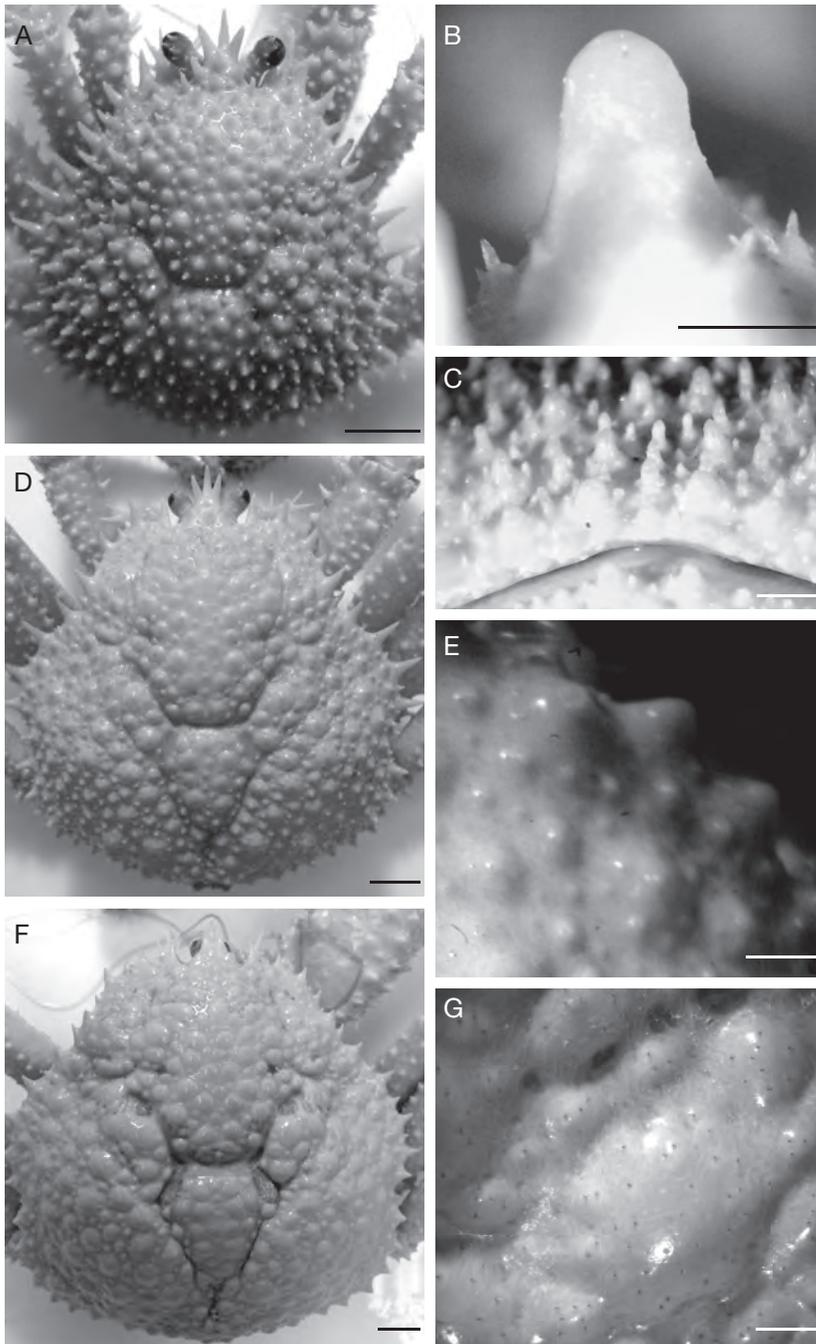


FIG. 2. — *Paralomis cubensis* Chace, 1939: **A-C**, ♀ CL 26 mm (USNM-231310), RV *Miss Virginia*, 329-366 m, 21.III.1962; **D, E**, ♀ CL 45.8 mm (USNM-213542), 26°45'N, 84°55'W, 466-732 m, XII.1983; **F, G**, ♀ CL 79.6 mm (USNM-231312), Amazon River Mouth, 411 m, XI.1957; **A**, carapace, dorsal view; **B**, mid-branchial spine, postero-lateral view; **C**, mid-branchial spines, postero-lateral view; **D**, carapace, dorsal view; **E**, mid-branchial region, dorsal view; **F**, carapace, dorsal view; **G**, mid-branchial region, dorsal view. Scale bars: A, D, 5 mm; B, 1 mm; C, 2 mm; E, G, 4 mm; F, 10 mm.

matches the figured specimen (Fig. 2D, E) in the CL 30–50 mm size class. Substantial ontogenetic change is seen in *P. cubensis*, with later growth stages bearing progressively flattened tubercles (Fig. 2G). Specimens smaller than CL 30 mm bore pedunculate tubercles or spines with a bulbous swelling at the apex (Fig. 2B, C). Setae are not found on the apices of these tubercles at any growth stage, instead tubercles are covered evenly in short setae. Macpherson (1988a) reports corroborating features in a CL 28 mm specimen, “granules very acute, forming small spines” but does not include a figure.

*Paralomis erinacea* Macpherson, 1988  
(Fig. 3)

*Paralomis erinacea* Macpherson, 1988a: 82, figs 36A, 37, pl. 19A.

TYPE LOCALITY. — Syntypes taken from Guinea Bissau and the Ivory Coast 251–900 m.

DISTRIBUTION. — East coast of Africa, from Mauritania to the Ivory Coast, 251–1500 m.

MATERIAL EXAMINED. — 9 ♀♀ (CL 44–66 mm); 8 ♂♂ (CL 61–83 mm).

SPECIMENS FIGURED. — Guinea Bissau, 1 ♀ CL 44.87 mm (MNHN Pg-2937). — Mauritania 14.XII.2007, 1 ♀ CL 59 mm, 1 ♀ CL 83 mm (both specimens in collection of A. Ramos, Vigo, Spain).

REMARKS

In the original description of this species (Macpherson 1988a), 9 adult specimens were examined, CL 46–78 mm. Our examination slightly extends this range, doubling the specimen count, and examining newly identified individuals from CL 44 mm to 83 mm. Macpherson (1988a: fig. 37G) shows spines similar to those that we found on the smaller size classes (40–50 mm, Fig. 3B). These are large conical spines, of uniform size, bearing small setae. The larger specimen, at CL 83 mm (Fig. 3E, F) has spines which are wider, lower and blunter than those originally figured specimens.

The macroscopic appearance of the larger adults is smoother than that of the spiny smaller adults, and might be a cause of misidentification. In *P. erinacea*, the lateral spines are similar in form to the dorsal spines.

*Paralomis granulosa* (Jaquinot, 1847)  
(Fig. 4)

*Lithodes granulosa* Jaquinot, 1847: figs 15–21, plate 8.

*Lithodes granulosa* – White 1847: 56.

*Lithodes granulata* Jaquinot, 1853: 94.

*Lithodes verrucosa* Dana, 1852: 428; 1855: pl. 26, fig. 16. — Cunningham 1871: 494.

*Paralomis verrucosa* Bouvier, 1895: 187, pl. 13, fig. 3. — Bouvier 1896: 26.

*Paralomis granulosa* White, 1856: 134.

DISTRIBUTION. — Patagonia and the Falkland islands, 5–130 m.

MATERIAL EXAMINED. — 20 ♀♀ (CL 28–55 mm), 17 ♂♂ (CL 13–90 mm).

SPECIMENS FIGURED. — Strait of Le Maire, Tierra del Fuego, 25.IV.1971, 1 ♂ CL 25.6 mm (USNM-231429). — Tierra del Fuego, 10 m, 1 ♀ CL 45.6 mm, 1 ♂ CL 65.7 mm (both specimens, BMNH 152710).

REMARKS

*Paralomis granulosa*, studied by Ingle & Garrod (1987), demonstrates the ontogenetic progression of tubercular flattening observed in *P. cubensis*. Small specimens (particularly those CL 10–25 mm) are covered with very distinctive pedunculated irregular tubercles (Fig. 4A, B), sometimes described as “boleate” (Ingle & Garrod 1987). These progressively become less pedunculated (Fig. 4D) until they are reduced to low tubercles (Fig. 4F). This reduction does not happen evenly across the carapace, with the more lateral tubercles tending to flatten first. The largest specimen that we found bearing pedunculated tubercles was CL 35 mm. In very large specimens of up to CL 90 mm (not mentioned in the 1987 work on this species), the tubercular cover can be quite sparse, and fouling or wear on the carapace can be substantial, as moults become less frequent (McCaughran & Powell 1977). The 1987 study of Falkland Island populations, conducted by Ingle & Garrod, is supported by our results, and can be generalised over the wider geographic range of the species.

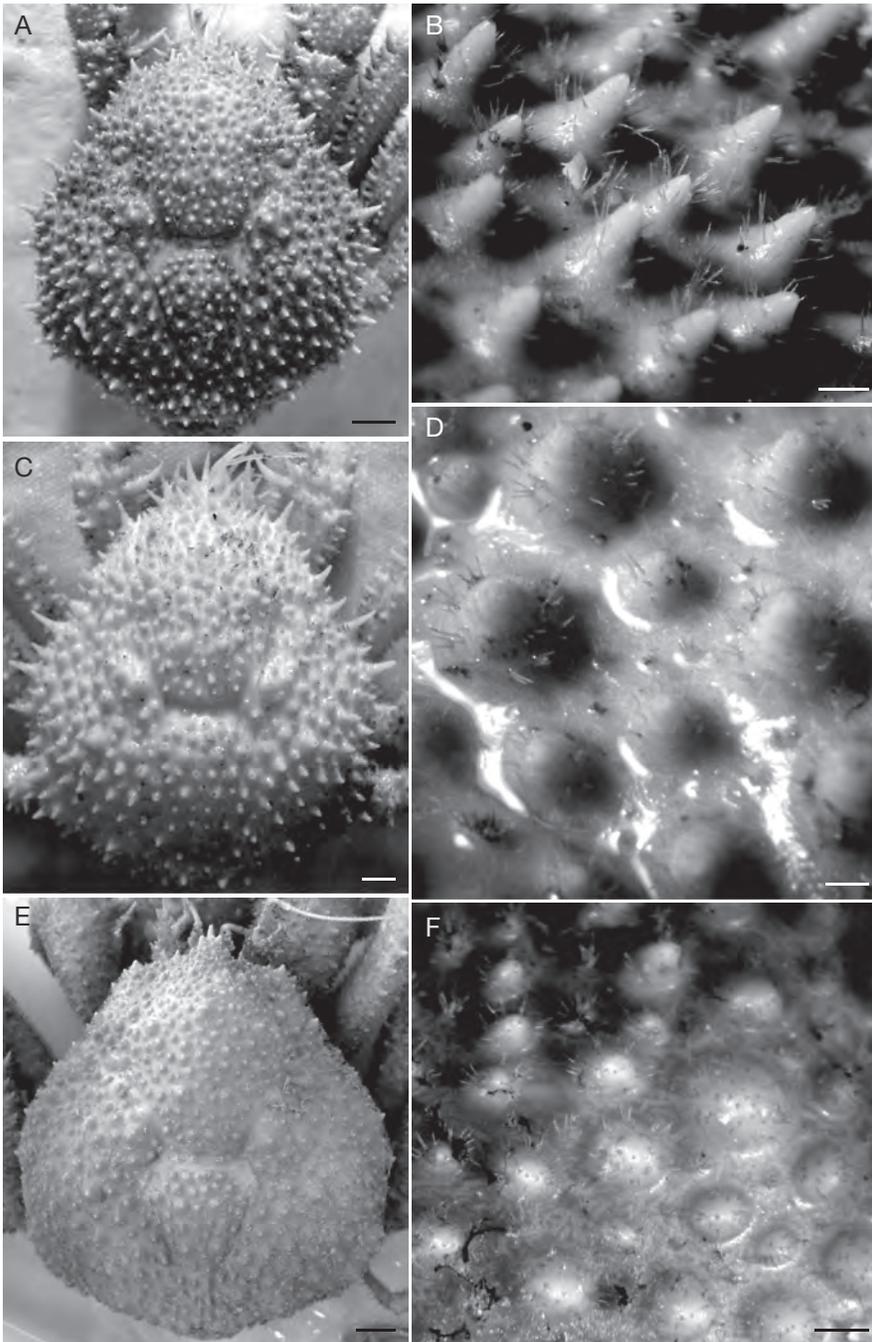


FIG. 3. — *Paralomis erinacea* Macpherson, 1988: **A, B**, ♀ CL 44.87 mm (MNHN Pg-2937); **C, D**, ♀ CL 59 mm (specimen in collection of Dr Ramos, Vigo), Mauritania, 14.XII.2007; **E, F**, ♀ CL 83 mm (specimen in collection of Dr Ramos, Vigo), Mauritania, 14.XII.2007; **A**, carapace, dorsal view; **B**, dorsal spines, posterior view; **C**, carapace, dorsal view; **D**, dorsal spines, posterior view; **E**, carapace, dorsal view; **F**, dorsal tubercles, posterior view. Scale bars: A, C, 5 mm; B, F, 2 mm; D, 1 mm; E, 10 mm.

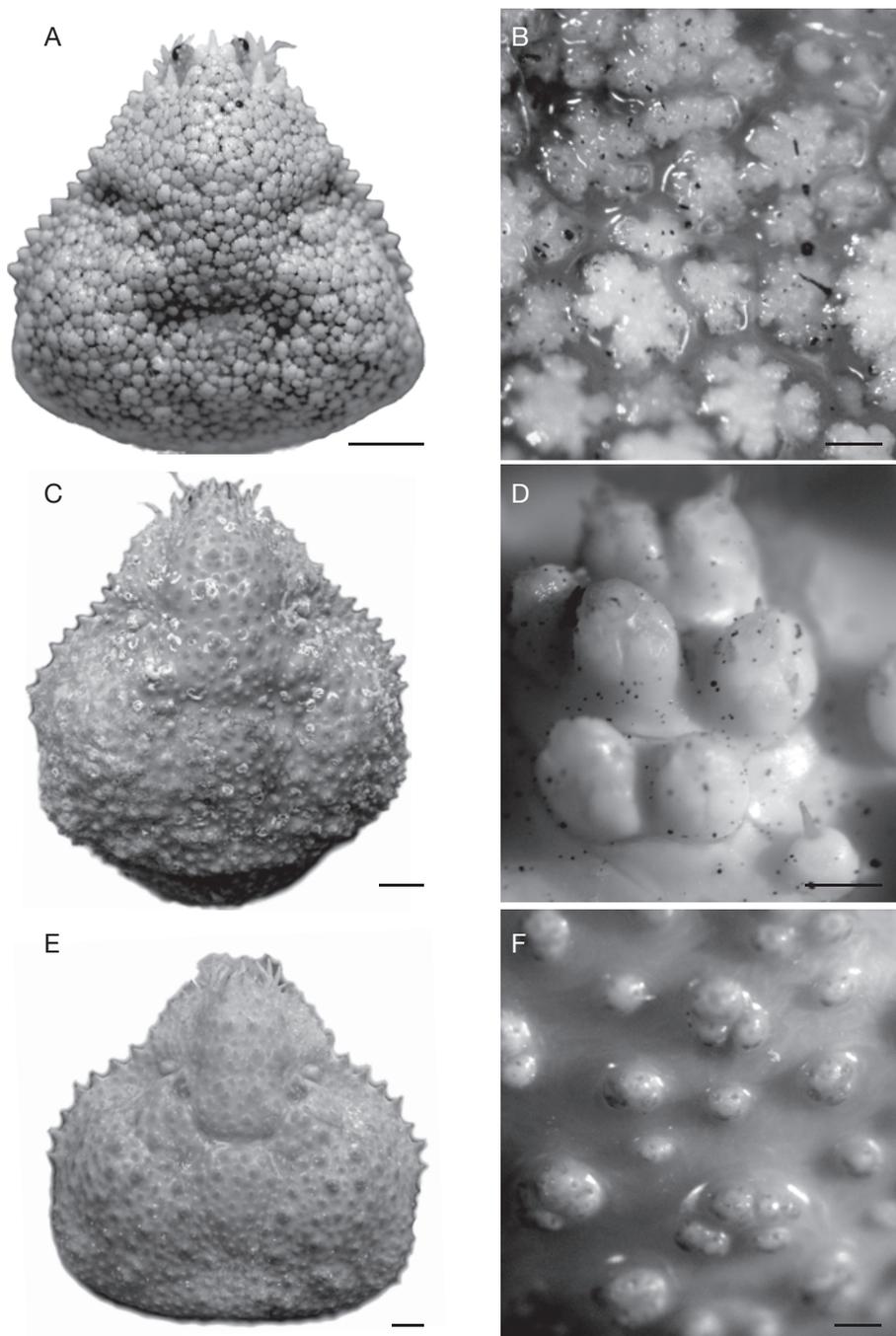


FIG. 4. — *Paralomis granulosa* Jaquinot, 1852: **A, B**, ♂ CL 25.6 mm (USNM-231429), Strait of Le Maire, Tierra del Fuego, 25.IV.1971; **C, D**, ♀ CL 45.6 mm (BMNH-152710); **E, F**, ♂ CL 65.7 mm (BMNH-152710), Tierra del Fuego, 1939; **A**, carapace, dorsal view; **B**, mid-branchial region pedunculated tubercles, dorsal view; **C**, carapace, dorsal view; **D**, mid-branchial tubercle, postero-lateral view; **E**, carapace, dorsal view; **F**, mid-branchial region, dorsal view. Scale bars: A, C, E, 5 mm; B, D, F, 1 mm.

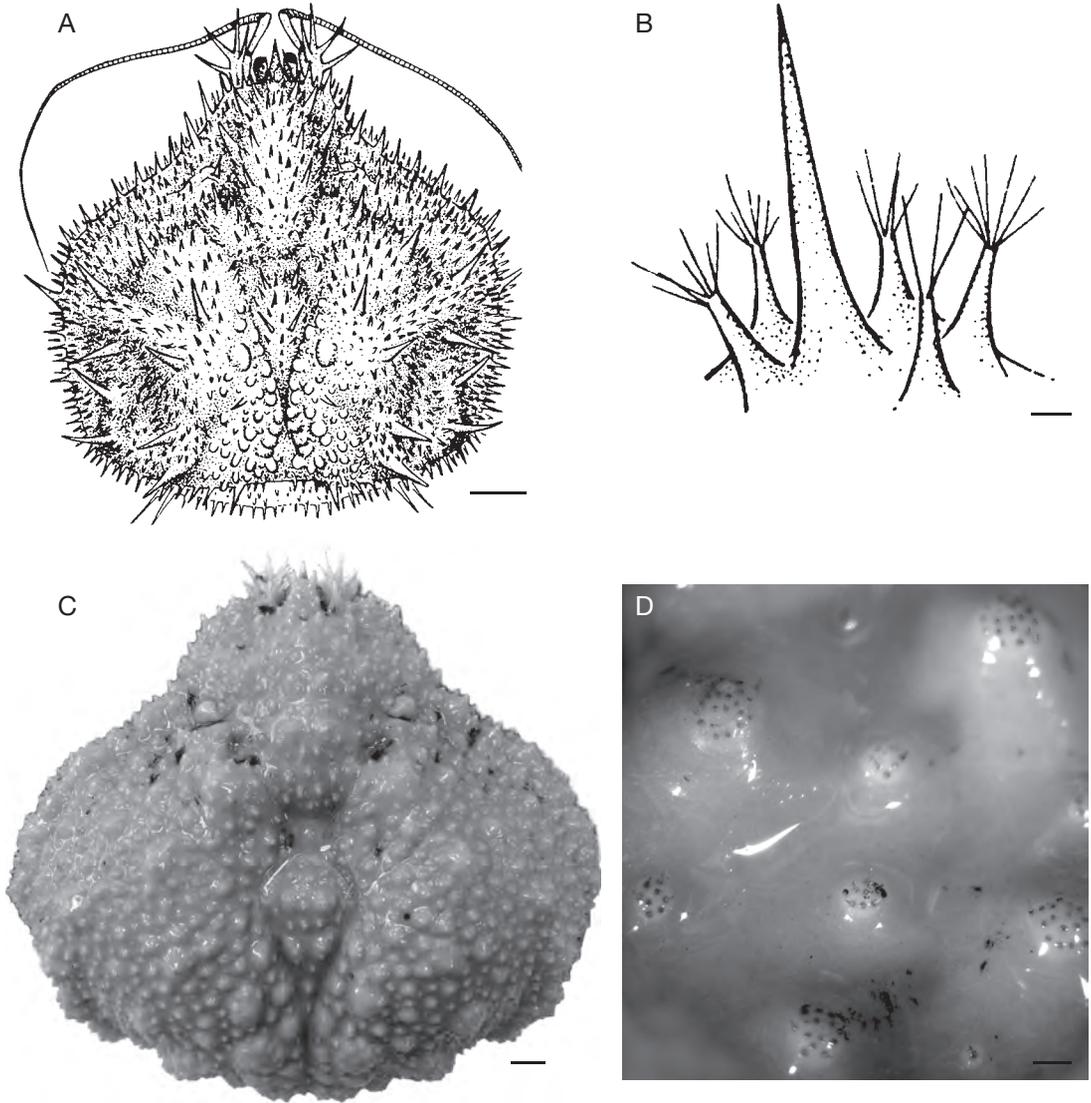


FIG. 5. — *Paralomis inca* Haig, 1974: **A, B**, ♂ CL 69 mm (image of paratype from Haig 1974), 12 miles SW of Banco de Mancora, Peru, 620 m, III.1971; **C, D**, ♀ CL 96 mm (USNM-259223), 7°49'00"S, 80°38'00"W, 705-735 m; **A**, carapace, dorsal view; **B**, carapace spine, lateral view; **C**, carapace, dorsal view; **D**, mid-branchial tubercle, lateral view. Scale bars: A, C, 10 mm; B, D, 1 mm.

*Paralomis inca* Haig, 1974  
(Fig. 5)

*Paralomis inca* Haig, 1974: 157, figs 3, 4.

TYPE LOCALITY. — Pacific coast of Ecuador and Peru, 06°31.5'S, 81°01.5'W, 600-800 m.

MATERIAL EXAMINED. — 6 ♀♀ (CL > 90 mm). Informa-

tion about smaller size classes comes from the original description (Haig 1974).

SPECIMEN FIGURED. — 7°49'00"S, 80°38'00"W, 705-735 m, 1 ♀ CL 96 mm (USNM-259223).

REMARKS

No specimen of *Paralomis inca* (Fig. 5) examined

by us was smaller than CL 90 mm, and the smallest of the “adult” type collection (Haig 1974) was CL 80 mm. In the original description (Haig 1974: fig. 4), a figure of a juvenile (CL 69 mm) is double the normal minimum size of maturity for many species of the genus (Zaklan 2002). Haig (1974) does indicate a marked difference between juvenile and adult spines (Fig. 5). In large specimens, tubercles are low, regular mounds, with a circular patch of short setae at the apex. In the small paratype, the dorsal ornamentation is much more spiniform, with long setae emanating from the apex.

*Paralomis mendagnai* Macpherson, 2003  
(Fig. 6)

*Paralomis mendagnai* Macpherson, 2003: 414, figs 1-3.

TYPE LOCALITY. — Solomon Islands, 9°06.9'S, 159°53.2'E, 869-912 m

DISTRIBUTION. — Solomon Islands, 400-1200 m.

MATERIAL EXAMINED. — 6 ♀♀ (CL 7-49.9 mm), 6 ♂♂ (CL 11-59 mm).

SPECIMENS FIGURED. — Solomon Islands, 896-1012 m, 25-26.IX.2001, 3 ♂♂ CL 11, 36, 58.8 mm (MNHN Pg-6408).

REMARKS

From an ovigerous female found 700-800 m in the Solomon Islands, this species is known to be reproductively mature by at least CL 50 mm. *Paralomis mendagnai* appears to be different from other South Pacific groups studied (Fig. 14) in the smoothly rounded tubercles of the adults, which have pits (possibly minute setae) on the apex (not in a circular pattern). Specimens in the CL 10-25 mm size class had conical, or spiniform tubercles, unlike anything found on specimens above CL 30 mm. The small paratype of *P. mendagnai*, (Fig. 6A, B) has a spiniform enlargement (Fig. 6B) of one of the conical tubercles of the mid-branchial region, whereas the surrounding tubercles are much smaller. In positions on the carapace where juveniles have such enlarged conical tubercles, specimens larger than CL 30 mm have only wide (> 3 mm diameter), flat or rounded tubercles (Fig. 4D, F).

*Paralomis multispina* (Benedict, 1894)  
(Fig. 7)

*Leptolithodes multispina* Benedict, 1894: 484. — Rathbun 1904: 165.

*Paralomis multispina* — Schmitt 1921: 159, pl. 23; pl. 30, figs 7, 8. — Makarov 1938: 257, fig. 102. — Sakai 1971: pl. 6, fig. 2; pl. 14, figs 1, 2.

DISTRIBUTION. — North Pacific, particularly around Japan, approximately 500-1100 m.

MATERIAL EXAMINED. — 7 ♀♀ (CL 14-93 mm); 9 ♂♂ (CL 7-105 mm).

SPECIMENS FIGURED. — Sea Lion rocks, WA, 1253 m, 1 ♀ CL 17 mm (USNM-18591). — San Diego, CA, 1503 m, 1 ♀ CL 68 mm (USNM-18589).

REMARKS

In *P. multispina*, the spines in the larger size classes (CL > 50 mm) are stout, sharp-tipped, and conical, flattened at an oblique (posterior facing) angle, and with a circumference of short setae around that face (Fig. 7E). Juveniles (CL 7-30 mm) of *P. multispina* have short, blunt, pedunculated tubercles, bearing a halo of short setae (Fig. 7B, C). In specimens of around CL 30 mm, there is evidence for the tubercles becoming longer and developing an acute tip, as in larger adults. In all specimens, one spine in the mid-gastric region is larger than the other spines or tubercles, and which has no setae, nor does it have a flattened region posteriorly: this spine appears to be particularly large in relation to the lower tubercles on small specimens.

*Paralomis spinosissima*  
Birstein & Vinogradov, 1972  
(Fig. 8)

*Paralomis spinosissima* Birstein & Vinogradov, 1972: 352, figs 1, 2.

TYPE LOCALITY. — Off South Georgia, 640-650 m, 53°37'S, 36°13'W.

DISTRIBUTION. — South Georgia and the southern and western coasts of Cape Horn, 150-800 m.

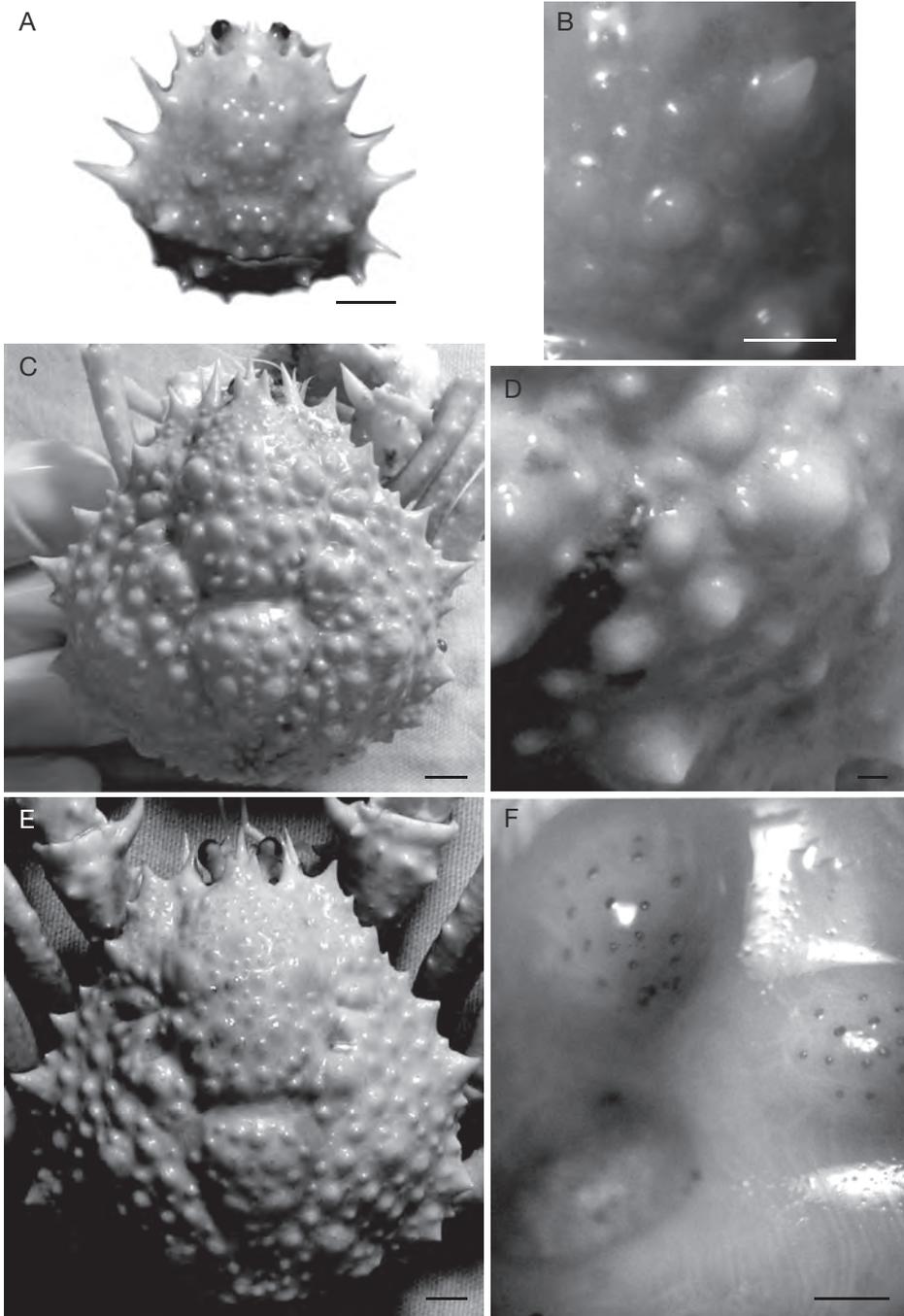


FIG. 6. — *Paralomis mendagnai* Macpherson, 2003: **A, B**, ♂ CL 11 mm (MNHN Pg-6408), Solomon Islands, 1001-1012 m, 26.IX.2001, SALOMON 1, stn CP 1753; **C, D**, ♂ CL 36 mm (MNHN Pg-6408), Solomon Islands, 896-912 m, 25.IX.2001, SALOMON 1, stn CP 1752; **E, F**, holotype ♂ 58.8 mm (MNHN Pg-6408), Solomon Islands, 896-912 m, 25.IX.2001, SALOMON 1, stn CP 1752; **A**, carapace, dorsal view; **B**, mid-branchial region, dorsal view; **C**, carapace, dorsal view; **D**, mid-branchial region, dorsal view; **E**, carapace, dorsal view; **F**, mid-branchial flattened tubercle. Scale bars: A, C, E, 5 mm; B, D, F, 1 mm.

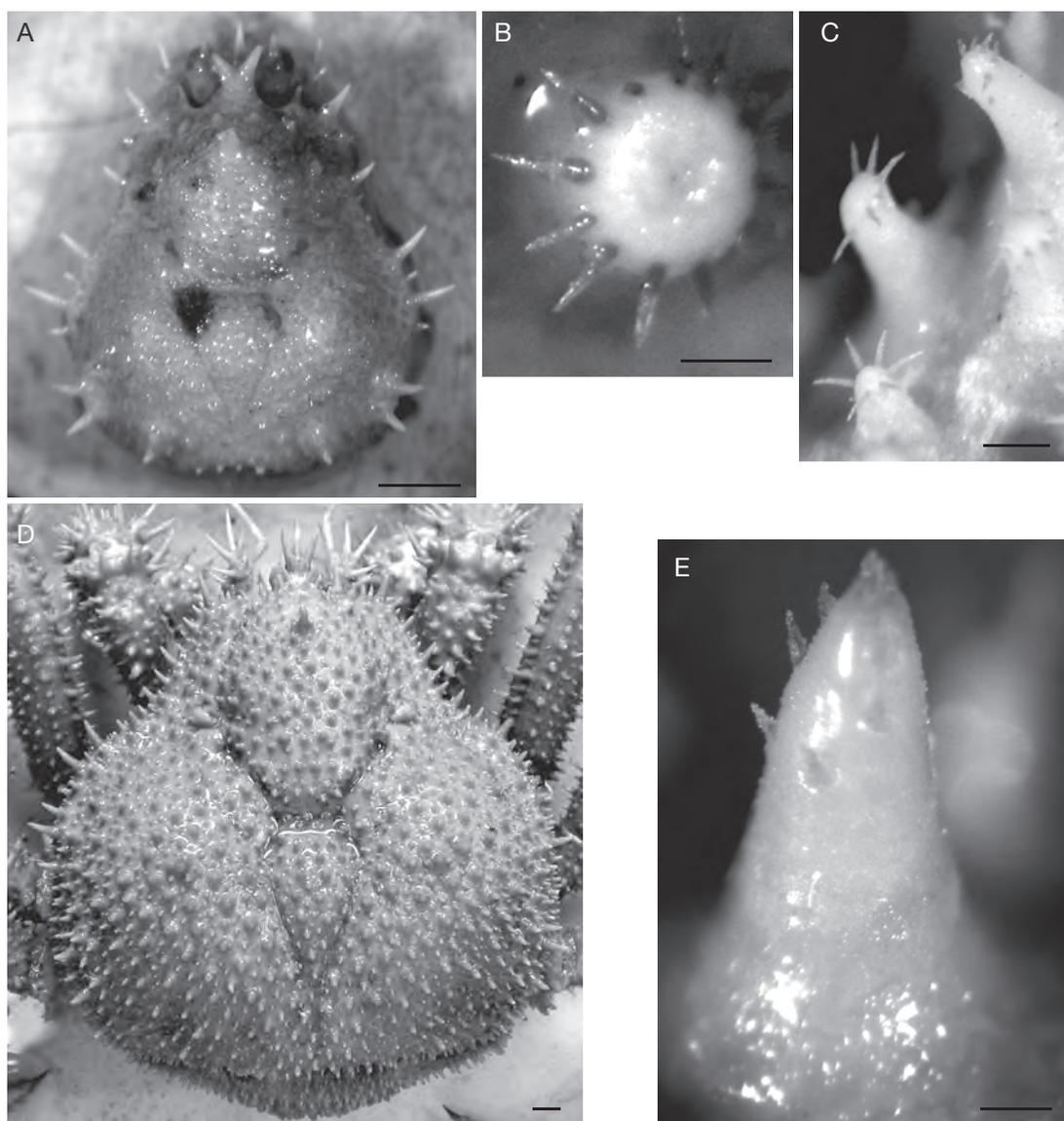


FIG. 7. — *Paralomis multispina* Benedict, 1895: **A-C**, ♀ CL 17 mm (USNM-18591), Sea Lion rocks, WA, 1253 m; **D, E**, ♀ CL 68 mm (USNM-18589); **A**, carapace, dorsal view; **B**, mid-branchial spines, dorsal view; **C**, typical mid-branchial spine, lateral view; **D**, carapace, dorsal view; **E**, typical mid-branchial spine, right lateral view. Scale bars: A, 5 mm; B-E, 1 mm.

**MATERIAL EXAMINED.** — 8 ♀♀ (CL 17-56 mm), 10 ♂♂ (CL 28-80 mm).

**SPECIMENS FIGURED.** — Drake Passage, 384-394 m, IX.1963, 1 ♀ CL 17.1 mm (USNM-154634). — South Georgia, 563-598 m, V.1975, 1 ♀ CL 55.6 mm (USNM-231422).

**REMARKS**

The spines in the larger size classes of *P. spinosissima* (CL > 50 mm) appear to be almost identical to *P. multispina* previously examined. Spines in adult specimens are stout, sharp and conical, flattened apically at an oblique (posterior facing) angle, and

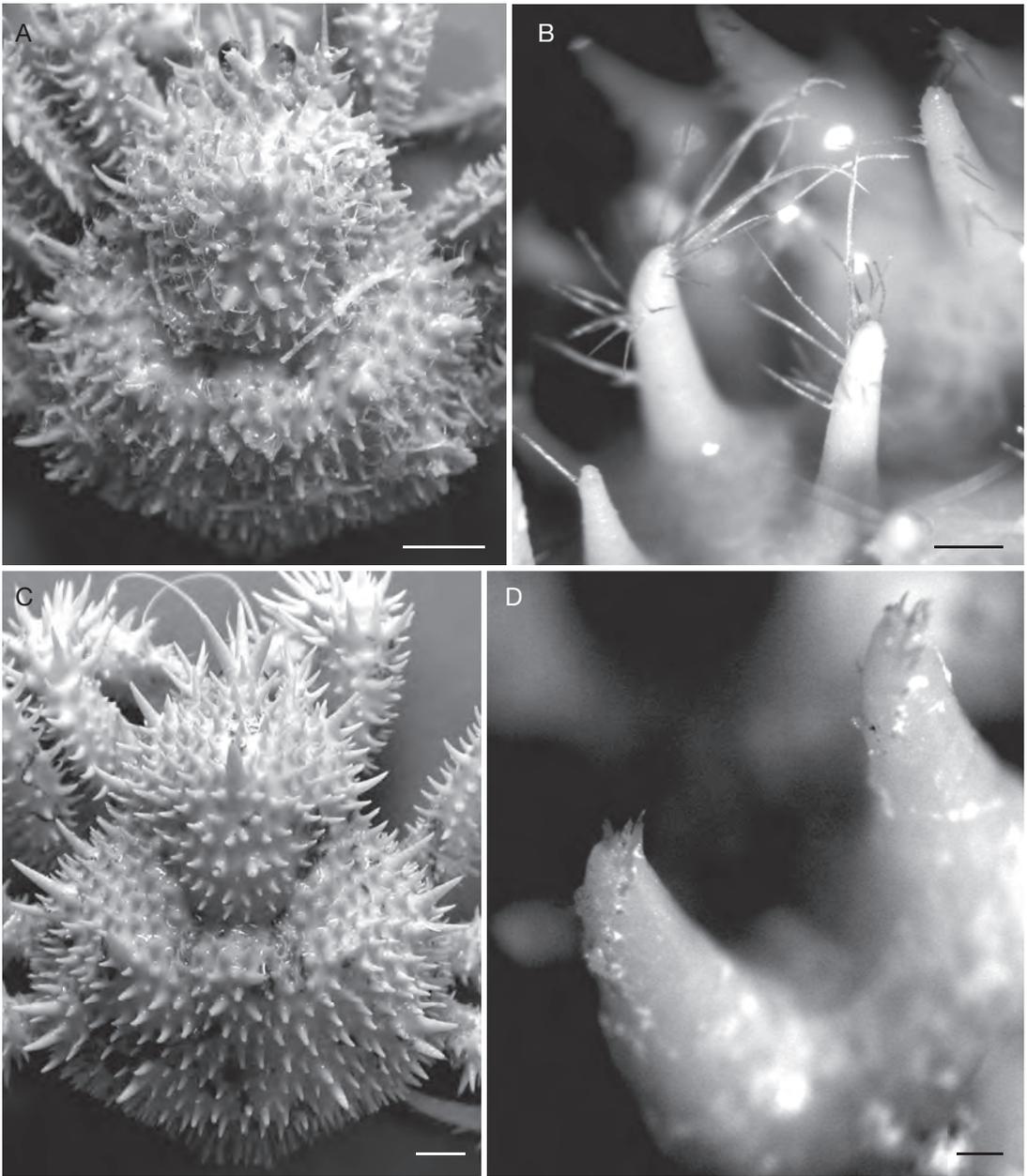


FIG. 8. — *Paralomis spinosissima* Birstein & Vinogradov, 1972: **A, B**, ♀ CL 17.1 mm (USNM-154634), Drake's Passage, 384-394 m, IX.1963; **C, D**, ♀ CL 55.6 mm (USNM-231422), South Georgia, 563-598 m, V.1975: **A**, carapace, dorsal view; **B**, mid-branchial spines, dorsal view; **C**, carapace, dorsal view; **D**, branchial spines, dorso-lateral view. Scale bars: A, C, 5 mm; B, D, 1 mm.

with an apical circumference of short setae (Figs 7E; 8D). Juveniles (CL 7-30 mm) of *P. spinosissima* have long, sharp spines with long setae (Fig. 8B). Again,

similar to *P. multispina*, one spine in the mid-gastric region on all sizes of specimen is prominent, and without setae or a blunt face posteriorly.

*Paralomis stella* Macpherson, 1988  
(Fig. 9)

*Paralomis stella* Macpherson, 1988c: 118, fig. 1, pl. 1A-C.

TYPE LOCALITY. — Réunion Island, 350-937 m.

MATERIAL EXAMINED. — 6 ♀♀ (CL 39-49 mm), 7 ♂♂ (CL 17-86 mm).

SPECIMENS FIGURED. — Réunion Island, 350-750 m, 28.VIII.1982, 1 ♂ CL 24.5 mm (MNHN Pg-4257). — Réunion Islands, 450-937 m, 24.VIII.1982, 1 ♂ CL 71.3 mm (MNHN Pg-4255).

REMARKS

*Paralomis stella*, from the south-eastern Indian Ocean, has a very similar adult spine morphotype, and a comparable ontogenetic progression to *P. mendagnai*. In both groups, the CL 10-25 mm size class have conical, spiniform tubercles, although in *P. stella*, none of the spines on the carapace are consistently enlarged in comparison to others on the same specimen. Adults larger than CL 30 mm have regular, rounded tubercles with pits (possibly minute setae) dispersed across the apex.

DISCUSSION

ONTOGENETIC PATTERNS

There appears to be no single function governing the ontogenetic change of carapace ornamentation across the genus *Paralomis*. In several of the groups (*P. cubensis*, Fig. 2; *P. erinacea*, Fig. 3; *P. granulosa*, Fig. 4; *P. inca*, Fig. 5; *P. stella*, Fig. 9), there is evidence for a progressive flattening of tubercles over subsequent moult stages. Additionally, in *P. africana* Macpherson, 1982, the ornamentation of the juvenile paratype (CL 15.7 mm) is described as being “as in adults, but proportionally longer” (Macpherson 1982). This is not the case for all species – with the large spines of adult *P. multispina* (Fig. 7) developing contrary to this hypothesis from the pedunculated tubercles present in juveniles. It is clear, however, that significant and consistent changes do occur within species. If the ontogenetic progression for more species were recorded, it may also be possible to detect trends within lineages. The apparent convergence of form in spines of adult *P. spinosis-*

*sima* and *P. multispina* suggests that we should be cautious about segregating lineages based on adult morphology alone.

FUNCTIONALITY

Little is known about the significance of the setae and tubercles for camouflage or protection in different habitats. Migrations during development are recorded for many lithodid species (Miquel *et al.* 1985; Abello & Macpherson 1991; Stone *et al.* 1992; Lovrich & Vinuesa 1995), and it seems reasonable to suggest the environmental pressures of changing habitats to explain a change in ornamentation. Thus, it is possible that changes in ornamentation are partially environmentally controlled. Juveniles are generally more densely ornamented than adults, and their spines tend to be proportionally longer. This may reflect the more vulnerable trophic position of the juveniles. Alternatively, the change in appearance may be a by-product of the as-yet-unknown mechanics of tubercle structure formation. The mechanism by which spines and tubercles are formed at each moult, and the genetic or epigenetic mechanism that controls their form should be investigated.

APPLICATION TO OTHER LITHODID GENERA

*Paralomis* has 61 extant species (Zaklan 2002; Hall & Thatje 2009b), and as such is the most speciose genus of the Lithodidae. Species of this genus inhabit a wide variety of habitats, locations and depths, and their identification can pose a challenge for field-ecologists. Ontogenetic changes are documented for the eight out of 11 species of the deep-sea genus *Neolithodes*, as noted in many of their species descriptions (Benedict 1894; Barnard 1947; Macpherson 1988a). Spines in *Neolithodes* are long, thin and devoid of setae. The global, abyssal habitat of *Neolithodes* is more homogenous than that of *Paralomis* (Hall & Thatje 2009a), but it has been observed that those species of *Neolithodes* inhabiting shallower water have a spinier carapace and legs than those in deeper waters in the same region (Smith 1882; Benedict 1894; Stebbing 1905; Barnard 1947). This may be evidence of a higher predatory pressure in shallow seas.

The genus *Paralomis* is monophyletic (Zaklan 2001; Hall & Thatje 2009a) with respect to the

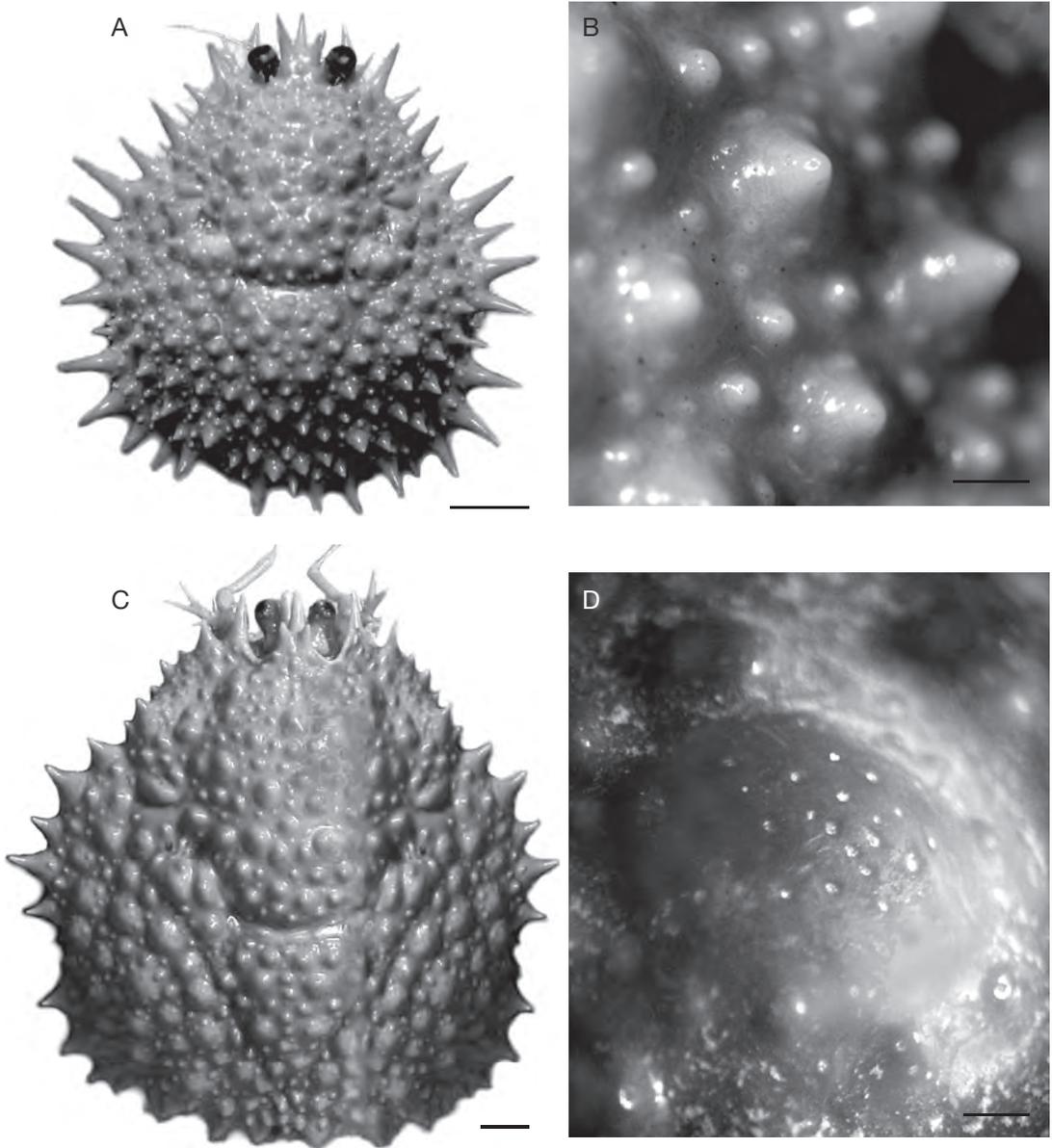


FIG. 9. — *Paralomis stella* Macpherson, 1988: **A, B**, ♂ CL 24.5 mm (MNHN Pg-4257), Réunion Island, 350-750 m, 28.VIII.1982; **C, D**, holotype ♂ 71.3 mm (MNHN Pg-4255); **A**, carapace, dorsal view; **B**, mid-branchial spines, left lateral view; **C**, carapace, dorsal view; **D**, mid-branchial tubercle, dorsal view. Scale bars: A, C, 5 mm; B, 0.5 mm; D, 1 mm.

other major genera of the Lithodidae, although it is likely to include genus *Glyptolithodes* Faxon, 1895; the forms of carapace ornamentation documented here, are not found in any of the other

lithodid groups. Genera *Lithodes* Latreille, 1806, and *Neolithodes* have long, thin spines with no setae; Hapalogastrine (soft bodied) genera, e.g., *Hapalogaster* Brandt, 1850, *Dermaturus* Brandt,

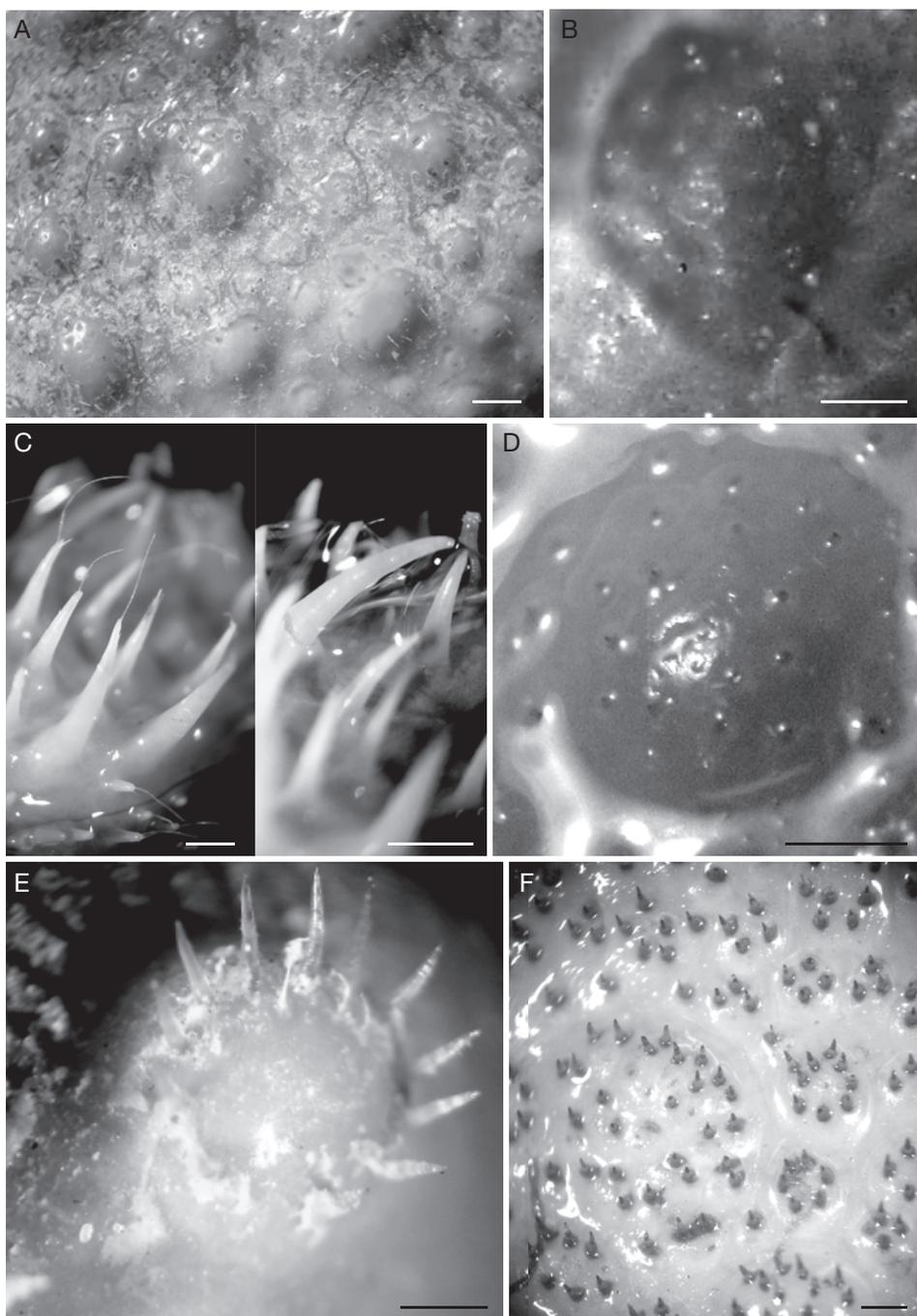


FIG. 10. — Northern and Eastern Atlantic *Paralomis* White, 1856 species: **A, B**, *P. cristulata* Macpherson, 1988, holotype ♀ CL 55 mm (MNHN Pg-3427), Senegal, 650 m; **C**, *P. bouvieri* Hansen 1909, ♂ CL 17.7 mm (USNM-231209); **D**, *P. africana* Macpherson, 1982, ♂ CL 68.4 mm (USNM-213153); **E**, *P. grossmani* Macpherson, 1988, holotype ♀ CL 93.4 mm (USNM-228832); **F**, *P. pectinata* Macpherson, 1988, holotype ♀ CL 96.4 mm (USNM-233599); **A, B, D-F**, mid-branchial tubercles, dorsal view; **C**, carapace spines, lateral view. Scale bars: 1 mm.

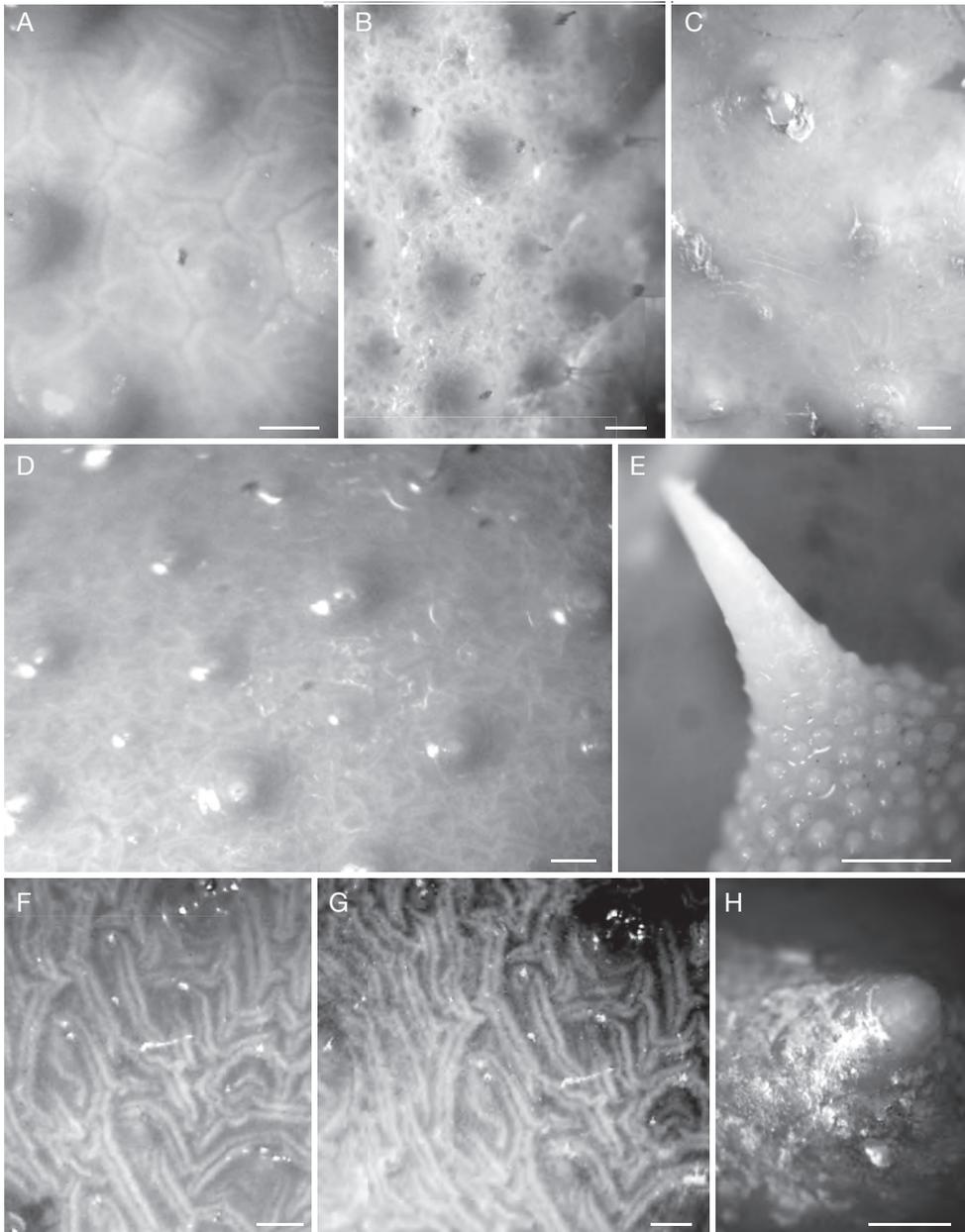


FIG. 11. — Southern Ocean *Paralomis* White, 1856 species: **A, B**, *P. aculeata* Henderson, 1888, holotype ♂ CL 41 mm (BMNH 88.33), Prince Edward Islands; **C**, *P. elongata* Spiridonov, Türkay, Arntz & Thatje, 2006, ♀ CL 65 mm (collection S. Thatje, NOCS), Bouvet Island; **D**, *P. anamerae* Macpherson, 1988, ♀ CL 72 mm, MD24 Crozet Island, 655–700 m, IX.1980; **E, F**, *P. formosa* Henderson, 1888; **E**, paratype ♂ CL 16.4 mm (BMNH 88.33), Rio Plata; **F**, ♂ CL 72.6 mm (collection S. Thatje, NOCS), South Georgia groundfish survey; **G, H**, *P. birsteini* Macpherson, 1988, holotype ♀ CL 54.7 mm (USNM-228830); **A**, mid-branchial region, dorsal view; **B**, antero-lateral carapace, dorsal view; **C**, mid-branchial region, depicting significant intermoult wear on the tubercles, dorsal view; **D**, mid-branchial region, dorsal view; **E**, base of a lateral spine, showing secondary tubercles in juvenile specimen, dorsal view; **F**, mid-branchial region, not showing main spines, which are up to 10 mm in length, dorsal view; **G**, mid-branchial region, dorsal view; **H**, mid-branchial tubercle, lateral view. Scale bars: A, C, E, G, H, 1 mm; B, 3 mm; D, F, 2 mm.

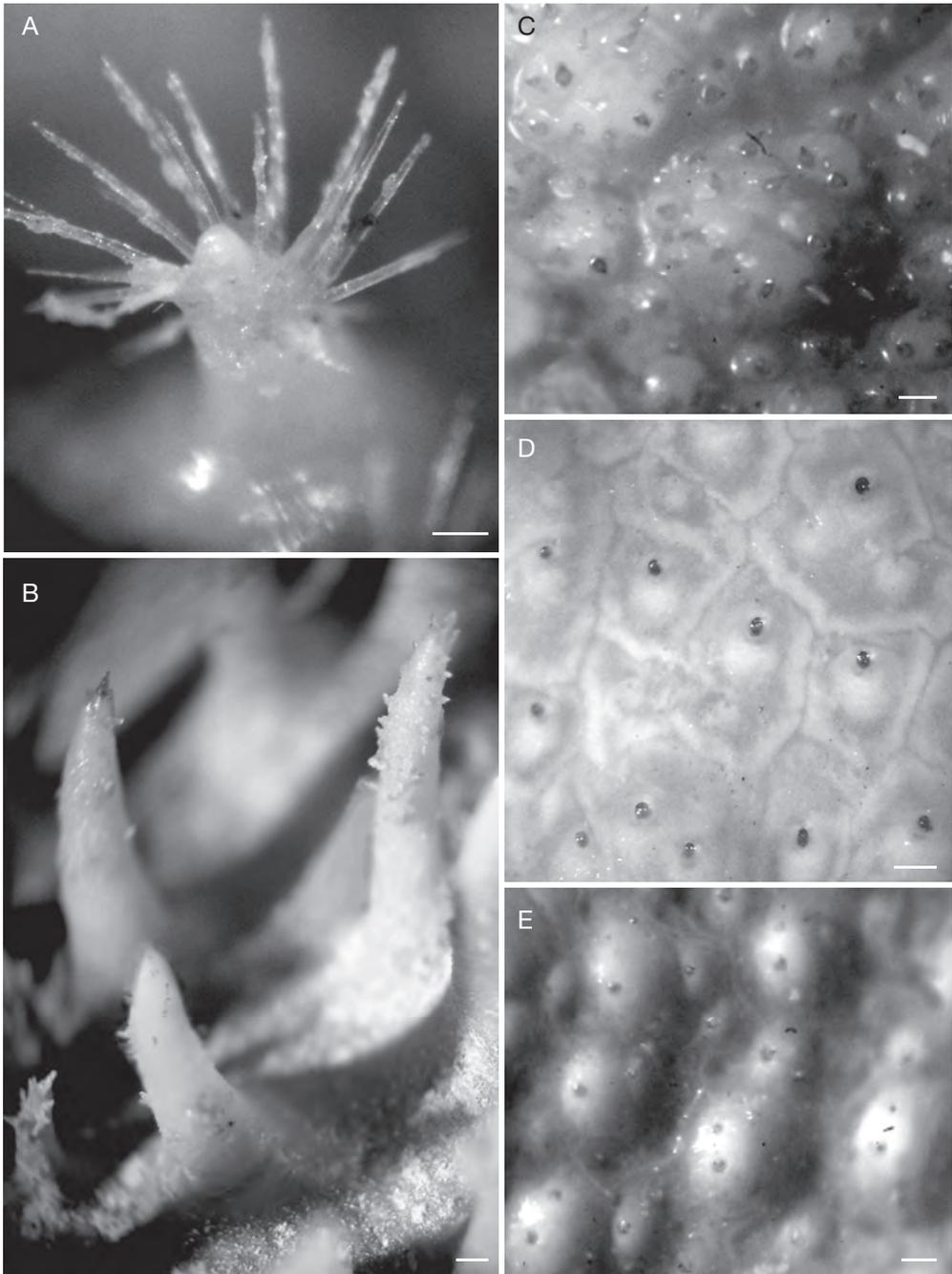


FIG. 12. — South America (west coast) *Paralomis* White, 1856 species: **A**, *P. aspera* Faxon, 1893, ♂ CL 53 mm (BMNH), Coquimbo, 560 m, VI.1971; **B**, *P. phrixa*, Macpherson, 1992, holotype ♀ CL 64.6 mm (USNM-259380); **C**, *P. arae* Macpherson, 2001, holotype ♂ CL 74.5 mm (MNHN Pg 5945); **D**, *P. otsuae* Wilson, 1990, ♀ 73.4 mm (USNM-259219); **E**, *Glyptolithodes cristatipes* Faxon, 1893, ♀ CL 71.2 mm (USNM-259216); **A**, **B**, mid-branchial spines, postero-lateral view; **C**-**E**, mid-branchial region, dorsal view. Scale bars: 1 mm.

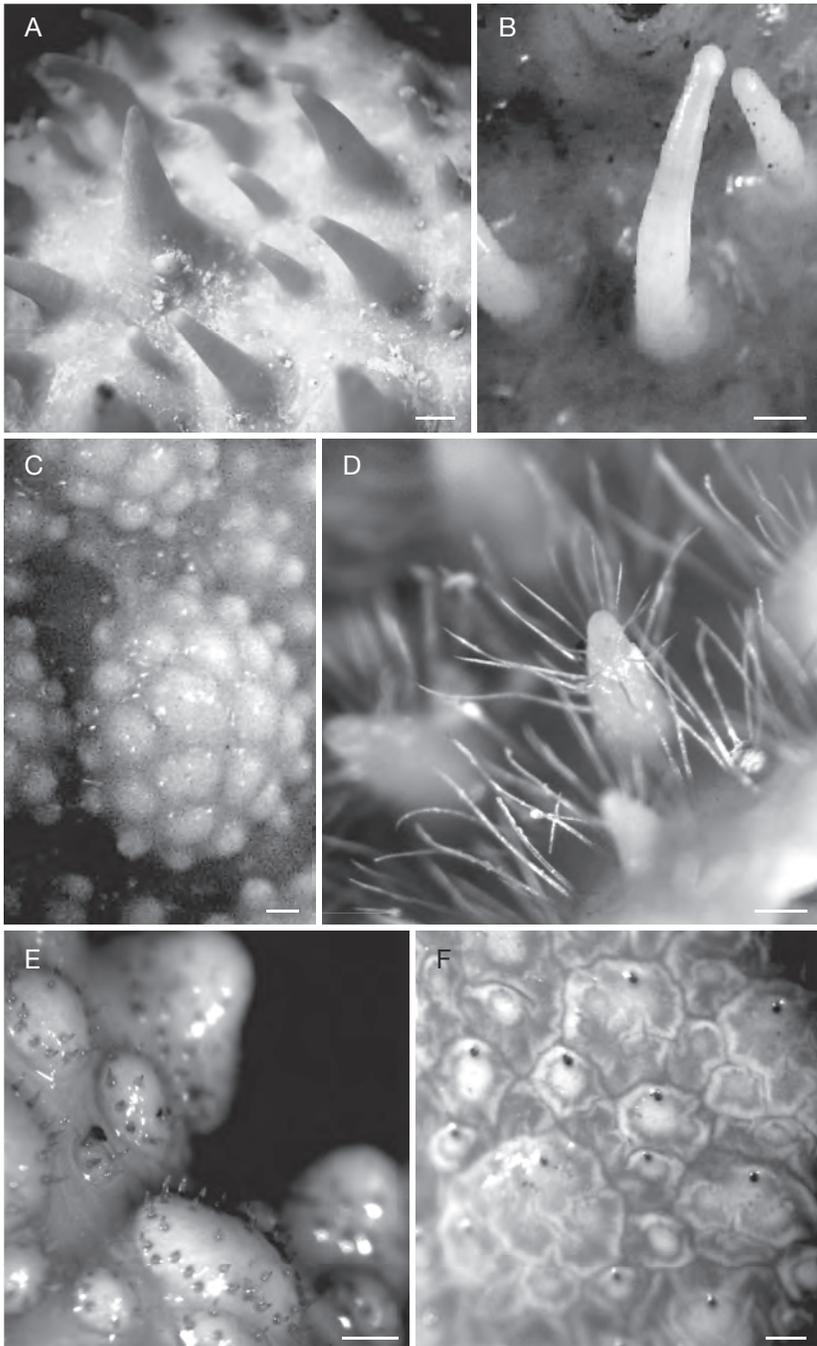


FIG. 13. — Japan and North Pacific species of *Paralomis* White, 1856: **A, B**, *P. histrix* De Haan, 1844; **A**, ♀ CL 63.2 mm (BMNH 1985.140); **B**, ♂ CL 34.9 mm (MNHN Pg 2212); **C**, *P. japonica* Balss, 1911, ♂ CL 46.7 mm (MNHN); **D**, *P. makarovi* Hall & Thatje, 2009, ♂ CL 23 mm (USNM-1122582); **E**, *P. cristata* Takeda & Ohta, 1979, ♀ 76.4 mm (USNM-229721); **F**, *P. verrilli* (Benedict, 1894), holotype ♂ CL 78 mm (USNM-18537); **A, B, D**, mid-branchial spines, lateral view; **C, E, F**, mid-branchial tubercles, dorsal view. Scale bars: A, 3 mm; B, E, 2 mm; C, D, F, 1 mm.

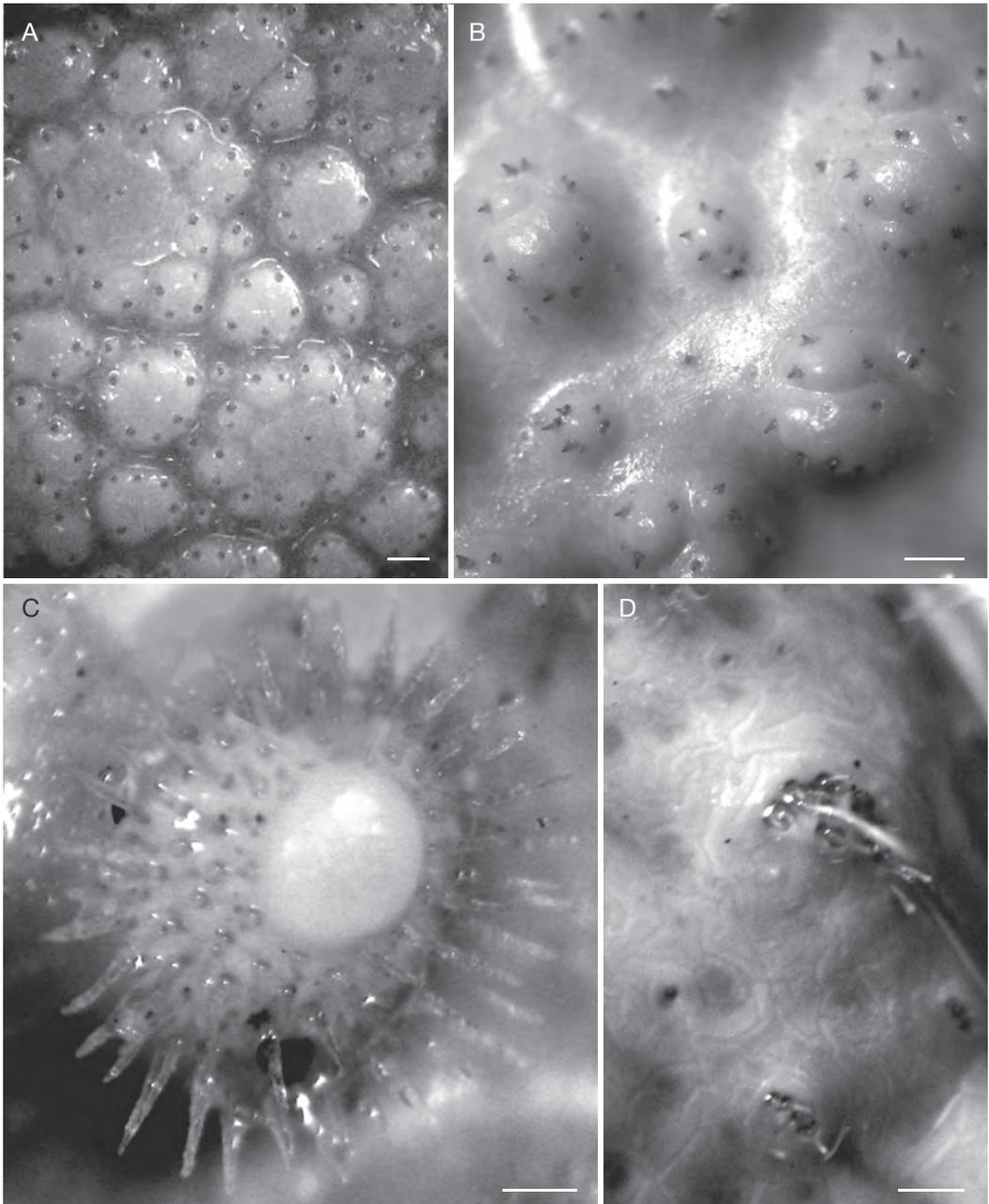


FIG. 14. — Central Pacific *Paralomis* White, 1856 species: **A**, *P. seagranti* Eldredge, 1976, ♂ CL 74.7 mm (MNHN Pg-4265); **B**, *P. dawsoni* Macpherson, 2001, ♀ CL 57.3 mm (MNHN Pg-4279); **C**, *P. haigae* Eldredge, 1976, ♂ CL 49.9 mm (MNHN Pg-4276); **D**, *P. hirtella* de Saint-Laurent & Macpherson, 1997, ♂ CL 47 mm (MNHN Pg-4662); **A-D** mid-branchial tubercles, dorsal view. Scale bars: 1 mm.

1850, *Oedignathus* Benedict, 1894, have features, described as “scales”, which have setae on their anterior edges (Zaklan 2001).

#### TERMINOLOGY

It is with particular difficulty that the tubercular structures of the Lithodidae are described. Aligning the descriptions in original works with pictures taken of adults (type specimens where possible: Appendix 1), highlights deficiencies in the current semantics (for example, where *P. aculeata* in Spiridonov *et al.* (2006) [Fig. 11A, B] is described in the same way as *P. pectinata* in Macpherson (1988a) [Fig. 10F]). Ornamentational structures with different basic forms are not adequately differentiated in descriptions. While it might be possible to create a complex universal classification of carapace ornamentation for the Lithodidae, this would involve conjecture on the homology and the biological processes involved in tubercle development. Here (Fig. 1), we describe a method of standardising the terminology for carapace ornamentation to make the process of defining species more objective. This is complicated by the fact that tubercles may be able to change between these forms over successive moults and we strongly encourage the use of diagrams or photographs (which are lacking from most of the original descriptions) to illustrate the different forms of tubercles found in this genus.

#### SUMMARY

This work highlights the need for the entire growth spectrum to be taken into account when identifying species. The fact that many described lithodid species are represented by only a few specimens underlines the importance of this comparative approach, in which general patterns for the genus are sought. We emphasize the need for drawings or photographs of surface ornamentation to accompany descriptive works, and also highlight the need for the description of variations in morphology when juvenile specimens are found.

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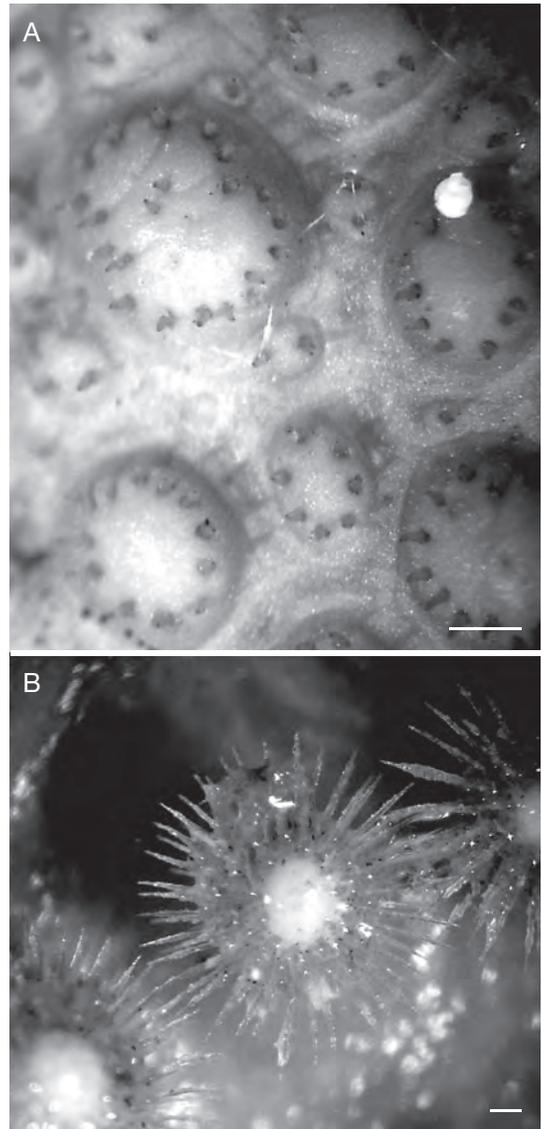


FIG. 15. — Indian Ocean species of *Paralomis* White, 1856: **A**, *P. cerea*, Macpherson, 1989, holotype ♂ CL 58.1 mm (BMNH 1989.926); **B**, *P. ochthodes* Macpherson, 1988, holotype ♂ CL 71.6 mm (USNM-228831); **A**, **B**, mid-branchial tubercles, dorsal view. Scale bars: 1 mm.

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APPENDIX 1. — Some descriptions of tubercular structures in *Paralomis* White, 1856 species, taken from the literature, alongside results from studies of adult forms using terminology in Figure 1.

Species	Distribution	Material examined	Previous descriptions	Standardised descriptions
<i>P. aculeata</i> Henderson, 1888	Prince Edward Islands, Crozet Islands, 300- 1500 m (Macpherson 2004; Spiridonov <i>et al.</i> 2006)	30 specimens, CL 25-74 mm Figured: holotype, 1 ♂ CL 41 mm (BMNH 88.33)	"Carapace dorsally covered with small granules" (Spiridonov <i>et al.</i> 2006)	Sparsely covered with rounded tubercles less than 1 mm in diameter in adults and juveniles (Fig. 11A, B). Some tubercles towards the anterior edge of the carapace are conical and some bear setae, especially in smaller adults (Fig. 11B)
<i>P. africana</i> Macpherson, 1982	Off Mauritania and Namibia, 550-1500 m (Macpherson 1982; Ramos unpublished records)	5 ♀♀ CL 31-57 mm, 10 ♂♂ CL 62-78 mm Figured: 1 ♂ CL 68.4 mm (USNM-213153)	"Covered in granules of variable but small size with stiff setae on the summit" (Macpherson 1982)	Flattened to rounded tubercles, with several pits and very short setae scattered over the surface of the tubercle (Fig. 10D). In smaller specimens tubercles are more conical; becoming flattened in larger adults
<i>P. anameræe</i> Macpherson, 1988	N of the Falkland Islands, 132-135 m; South Georgia, around 300- 500 m	4 ♀♀, 4 ♂♂ CL 68-98 mm Figured: 1 ♀ CL 72 mm		Sparsely covered with rounded tubercles less than 1 mm in diameter (Fig. 11D)
<i>P. arae</i> Macpherson, 2001	Fiji, 1058-1091 m	holotype ♂ CL 74.5 mm (MNH Pg-5945)	"Granules usually with several setae. Dorsal surface covered with small granules of different sizes" (Macpherson 2001)	Carapace ornamentation is made up of irregularly rounded tubercles, tightly packed and clustered, with individual setae on some tubercles. (Fig. 12C)
<i>P. aspera</i> Faxon, 1893	Off Ecuador and W Panama, 750-1200 m (Del Solar 1972; Haig 1974)	holotype ♂ CL 53 mm (BMNH) Coquimbo, 560 m, VI, 1971	"Whole surface of carapace and abdomen thickly beset with papillae or tubercles, each one of which is encircled with a crown of stiff setae" (Faxon 1895)	A dense coverage of spines or conical tubercles, each with a ring of stiff setae around the acute tip. (Fig. 12A)
<i>P. birsteini</i> Macpherson, 1988	Ross Sea; Bellingshausen Sea (Thatje <i>et al.</i> 2008) and Crozet Islands (Macpherson 2004)	4 ♀♀, 6 ♂♂ CL 46-99 mm (USNM-228830; collection of S. Thatje, NOCS; Crozet Islands MD08, 1500 m)	"Covered with granules of small size, and several spines" (Macpherson 1988b)	Small rounded tubercles less than 1 mm in diameter, in addition to 3 or 4 much larger conical tubercles on the gastric and branchial carapace (Fig. 11G, H)

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<i>P. bouvieri</i> Hansen, 1908	Off Iceland, 1471 m; SW Ireland, 4152 m (Macpherson 1988a) and the eastern seaboard of the USA and Canada, 1460 m (Macpherson 1988a)	2 ♂♂ juveniles, CL 13 mm (USNM-231309), 17 mm (MNH: Geomanche, XI.1985, 47°60'N, 12°19'W)	"Dorsal surface covered with many long spines, without granules among them. Normally no setae on spines. Sizes of spines variable, some clearly longer than others". (Macpherson 1988a)	All specimens caught to date are between 13 and 34 mm, and have several long spines on their carapace. Previous reports have stated that spines usually have no setae (Macpherson 1988a), but we find this not to be the case in the specimens examined (Fig. 10C). Setae are long and apical, but not in the circumferential arrangement found in small specimens of <i>P. spinosissima</i> Birstein & Vinogradov, 1972 (Fig. 8B), or other similar species
<i>P. ceres</i> Macpherson, 1989	Ra's al Haad, Arabian Sea, 1189-1354 m	holotype ♂ CL 58.1 mm (BMNH 1989.926)	"Thickly covered with rounded prominent granules of varying sizes" (Macpherson 1989)	Several rounded tubercles with a roughly defined ring of single setae towards the top. It has conical lateral spines or tubercles, which have many setae towards their base (Fig. 15A)
<i>P. chilensis</i> Andrade, 1980	420 m, off Chile, 40°S	Not studied	"Rows of spiniform tubercles of greater length with some smaller spiniform tubercles in the interspaces. Spines with a ring of several stiff setae around the tip, but the tip of spines not obliquely cut" (Andrade 1980)	See original description for diagram, in which it is described as having tubercles similar to those of <i>P. aspera</i> Faxon, 1893 (Fig. 12A)
<i>P. cristata</i> Takeda & Ohta, 1979	Around Sagami Bay, and the coast of Japan	12 specimens, CL 74-96mm Figured: 1 ♀ 76.4 mm (USNM- 229721)	"Thickly covered with vesiculous granules of variable but small size, thus the carapace surface of scaly appearance" (Takeda & Ohta 1979)	Covered with rounded tubercles (Fig. 13E), each with a ring of short setae around the top. Often these tubercles are clustered into groups
<i>P. cristulata</i> Macpherson, 1988	Guinea Bissau, eastern Atlantic, 385 m	2 ♀♀, including holotype Figured: 1 ♀ CL 55.5 (MNH Pg-3427)		Rounded or flattened tubercles in adults. Some pits visible across the apex, possibly bearing setae (Fig. 10A, B)

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<i>P. dawsoni</i> Macpherson, 2001	Solomon Islands and New Caledonia, 897-1057 m (Macpherson 2001, 2003)	8 specimens CL 57-77 mm Figured: 1 ♀ CL 57.3 mm (MNHN Pg-4279)	"Rounded clustered granules of different sizes. Granules with short setae" (Macpherson 2001)	Dorsal surface of its carapace covered with clusters of rounded tubercles, each with a ring of setae around the apex (Fig. 14B)
<i>P. doffeini</i> Balss, 1911	Sagami Bay, and the coast of Japan	3 ♂♂ CL 46-89 mm, mouth of Tokyo bay, off Tateyama 350-400 m, Ill. 1991	"Studded with tubercles of varying sizes" (Sakai 1971). "Ornamentation is very similar to that in <i>P. haigae</i> [Fig. 15C-E]" (Macpherson & Chan 2008)	See <i>P. haigae</i>
<i>P. elongata</i> Spiridonov, Turkyay, Arntz & Thatje, 2006	Spless seamount, Bouvet Island, S Atlantic, 300-900 m	Three paratypes. Figured: 1 ♀ CL 65 mm (collection S. Thatje, NOCS)	"Carapace dorsally covered with small granules" (Spiridonov <i>et al.</i> 2006)	Sparsely covered with rounded tubercles less than 1 mm in diameter (Fig. 11C). Larger specimens with evidence of damage on the tubercles
<i>P. formosa</i> Henderson, 1888	SE Atlantic, off the coast of Argentina, and South Georgia, 400-1600 m	4 ♀♀ CL 14-85 mm, 3 ♂♂ 70-84 mm. (USNM-231436-231439; BMNH 88.33; collection S. Thatje, NOCS)	"Entire surface covered with small granules, and a few spines" (Macpherson 1988a)	Small rounded or conical tubercles less than 1 mm in diameter, in addition to 7-10 much larger conical tubercles or spines on the carapace. The smaller tubercles from juvenile specimens (Fig. 11E), are very densely packed and proportionally larger in relation to the conical tubercles than those in adults (Fig. 11F)
<i>P. grossmani</i> Macpherson, 1988	Off Suriname and N Brazil, 770 m	2 ♀♀ ovig. including holotype, CL 93, 97 mm (USNM-228832, 228833)	"Dorsum and sides covered with granules that are more or less acute, without forming spines. Granules bearing thin setae" (Macpherson 1988a)	Rounded (Fig. 10E), or conical tubercles, bearing rings of short setae around the apex of individual tubercles
<i>P. haigae</i> Eldredge, 1976	Guam and the Solomon Islands (Eldredge 1976; Macpherson & Chan 2008)	7 specimens CL 43-92 mm Figured: 1 ♂ CL 49.9 mm (MNHN Pg-4276)	"Covered with large and small round tubercles, each with a circlet of short setae near the uppermost portion" (Eldredge 1976)	Individual or clustered, rounded tubercles on its carapace and abdominal plates, with a thick ring of setae around the apex of each tubercle (Fig. 14C)
<i>P. hirtella</i> de Saint Laurent & Macpherson, 1997	Vent sites in Lau, and N Fiji Basins, SW Pacific	4 ♀♀ CL 46-62 mm, 3 ♂♂ CL 32-54 mm (MNHN Pg-4658, 4659, 4661, 4662)	"Carapace devoid of granules, tubercules [sic], or spines, but sparsely covered by tufts of erect setae" (de Saint Laurent & Macpherson 1997)	No raised tubercles on the carapace. Specimens do, however, have long (possibly sensory) setae, in semicircular arrays across all surfaces of the carapace (Fig. 14D)

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<i>P. histrix</i> De Haan, 1844	Around Sagami Bay, the coast of Japan, and Solomon Islands	3 ♀ CL 63-96 mm, 3 ♂ CL 16-98 mm (BMNH 1894.7.8.7, 1985.40, USNM-1079610)	"Spines very long and sharply pointed. (Sakai 1971). Spines long and slender in juveniles becoming reduced to conical spines in adults" (Ikeda 1998)	Long, curved, round-tipped spines, without setae in any size of individual examined (Fig. 13A, B). Spines are particularly densely packed in this species, covering all surfaces of the legs, abdomen, and dorsal carapace
<i>P. hystrixoides</i> Sakai, 1980	Pacific coast of Japan, and Sagami Bay, Japan, 700-1100 m	Not studied	"Spines of the carapace are slender and sharp. In <i>P. histrix</i> , they are basally swollen in the form of a bulb, especially in fully-grown specimens. In younger specimens, however, the spines are slender and not particularly swollen basally" (Sakai 1980)	Compare with <i>P. histrix</i> (Fig. 13A, B)
<i>P. indica</i> Alcock & Anderson, 1899	800 m, off SE India (Travancore coast)	Not studied	"The surface of the carapace is studded N/A with vesiculous, pustulous and conical tubercles of various sizes" (Alcock & Anderson 1899)	
<i>P. investigatoris</i> Alcock & Anderson, 1899	800 m, off SE India (Travancore coast)	Not studied	"Closely covered with equal sized papilliform tubercles each with a crown of small stiff hairs" (Alcock & Anderson 1899). "Ornamentation visible in original description" (Alcock & Anderson 1899)	From figures, <i>P. investigatoris</i> appears to have similar carapace ornamentation to <i>P. cristata</i> from Japan (Fig. 13E), and <i>P. ceres</i> Macpherson, 1989 from the Arabian sea (Fig. 15A)
<i>P. japonica</i> Balss, 1911	Around Sagami Bay, and the coast of Japan	1 ♂ CL 46.7 mm (MNHN)	"Carapace covered with conical processes of variable size, and the surfaces covered with tiny tubercles, thus the entire body [has a] frosted appearance" (Sakai 1971)	Many large clusters of small, rounded tubercles (Fig. 13C) arranged on ridges across the carapace, especially the branchial region
<i>P. longipes</i> Faxon, 1893	1410 m, 6°S, 87°W; also known from off the coasts of Ecuador and Peru, 700-1800 m	Not studied	"Whole surface of the carapace thickly covered with blunt tubercles; viewed under a lens, each tubercle is seen to be encircled with a ring of short stiff setae" (Faxon 1895). Figured in Faxon (1895)	Similar to ornamentation in <i>P. grossmani</i> , from Brazil (Fig. 10E); rounded tubercles with a ring of short setae at the apex (Haig 1974)

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<i>P. ochthodes</i> Macpherson, 1988	Gulf of Boni, Indonesia, 1281 m	♂ holotype CL 71.6 mm (USNM-228831)	"Thickly covered with spinulose tubercles, with dense stiff setae on the summit" (Macpherson 1988b)	Rounded tubercles, but with thick bands of stiff setae ringing the top of the tubercles (Fig. 15B), similar to <i>P. haigae</i> and <i>P. dofleini</i> (Fig. 14C)
<i>P. otsuae</i> Wilson, 1990	Off the coast of Chile, 800-1800 m	8 ♀ CL 52-110mm Figured: 1 ♀ 73.4 mm (USNM-259219)	"Carapace covered with granules of small size" (Wilson 1990)	Several flattened tubercles, sometimes clustered together, and usually quite sparsely covering the carapace. Sometimes very short setae are found on the tubercles in <i>P. otsuae</i> (Fig. 12D)
<i>P. pectinata</i> Macpherson, 1998	Margarita island, off Venezuela, 1400-1600 m	♀ holotype CL 64.6 mm (USNM-259380)	"Covered with small granules of various sizes" (Macpherson 1988a)	Flattened tubercles with rings of short setae around individual tubercles (Fig. 10F)
<i>P. phirix</i> Macpherson, 1992	Ecuador and Peru, 1700-1900 m	5 ♀ CL 55-64 mm Figured: 1 ♀ CL 64.6 mm (USNM-259380)	"Thickly covered with long spines" (Macpherson 1992)	A dense coverage of spines, each with an obliquely blunt tip surrounded by a ring of short setae (Fig. 12B)
<i>P. roeleveidae</i> Kensley, 1981	The cape of Africa, 900 m	Not studied	"Short, rounded tubercles of varying sizes" (Kensley 1981)	From the figure in Kensley (1981), tubercles similar to those of <i>P. ceres</i> from the northern Indian Ocean (Fig. 15A)
<i>P. seagranti</i> Eldredge, 1976	Guam and Kiribati, Central Pacific	3 specimens 46-75mm. Figured: 1 ♂ CL 74.7 mm (MNHN Pg-4265)	"Carapace surface covered with low areolations, covered with minute bristles or setae arranged mostly in circular patterns at the bases of the areolation, occasional shorter setae on the surface of the mounds" (Eldredge 1976)	<i>P. seagranti</i> has densely setose legs and carapace edges. Its dorsal carapace surface has many flattened tubercles (Fig. 14A), each with scattered setae on the surface
<i>P. truncatispinosa</i> Takeda & Miyake, 1980	Around Japan	Not studied	"Wart-like truncated tubercles of various size which are symmetrically disposed in basic pattern, some larger tubercles among them" (Takeda 1980)	For figure, see Macpherson & Chan 2008
<i>P. tuberipes</i> Macpherson, 1988	S Chile, no depth recorded	Not studied	"Granules similar to those of <i>P. granulosa</i> but not clustered or pedunculated, and more prominent and numerous [than <i>P. granulosa</i> of a similar size]" (Macpherson 1988b)	Known only from the CL 76 mm holotype in Macpherson (1988b), and figured therein

## APPENDIX 1. — Continuation.

Species	Distribution	Material examined	Previous descriptions	Standardised descriptions
<i>P. verrilli</i> (Benedict, 1894)	Around the coast of Japan to the Bering sea (Sakai 1971)	7 specimens, CL 58-94mm Figured: holotype ♂ CL 78 mm (USNM-18537)	"Very thickly covered with flat tubercles" (Sakai 1971)	Many flattened tubercles (Fig. 13F), sometimes clustered together, and usually quite sparsely covering the carapace. Sometimes very short setae are found on the tubercles in <i>P. verrilli</i> , and its carapace ornamentation bears a strong resemblance to that of <i>P. otsuae</i> (Fig. 12D) from the Pacific coast of South America
<i>P. zealandica</i> Dawson & Yaldwin, 1971	Chatham Rise, S of New Zealand, 640 m	Not studied	"Dorsal surface with numerous subequal conical blunt pointed short spines" (Dawson & Yaldwin 1971). Detailed figure unavailable. The original description suggests the closest allegiance is with adult <i>P. granulosa</i> (Fig. 4)	Juvenile specimens with long slender spines similar to juvenile <i>P. histrix</i> ; spines of juveniles with some apical setae. Adults with short, conical spines in adults and no setae. (pers. comm. S. Ahyong)