

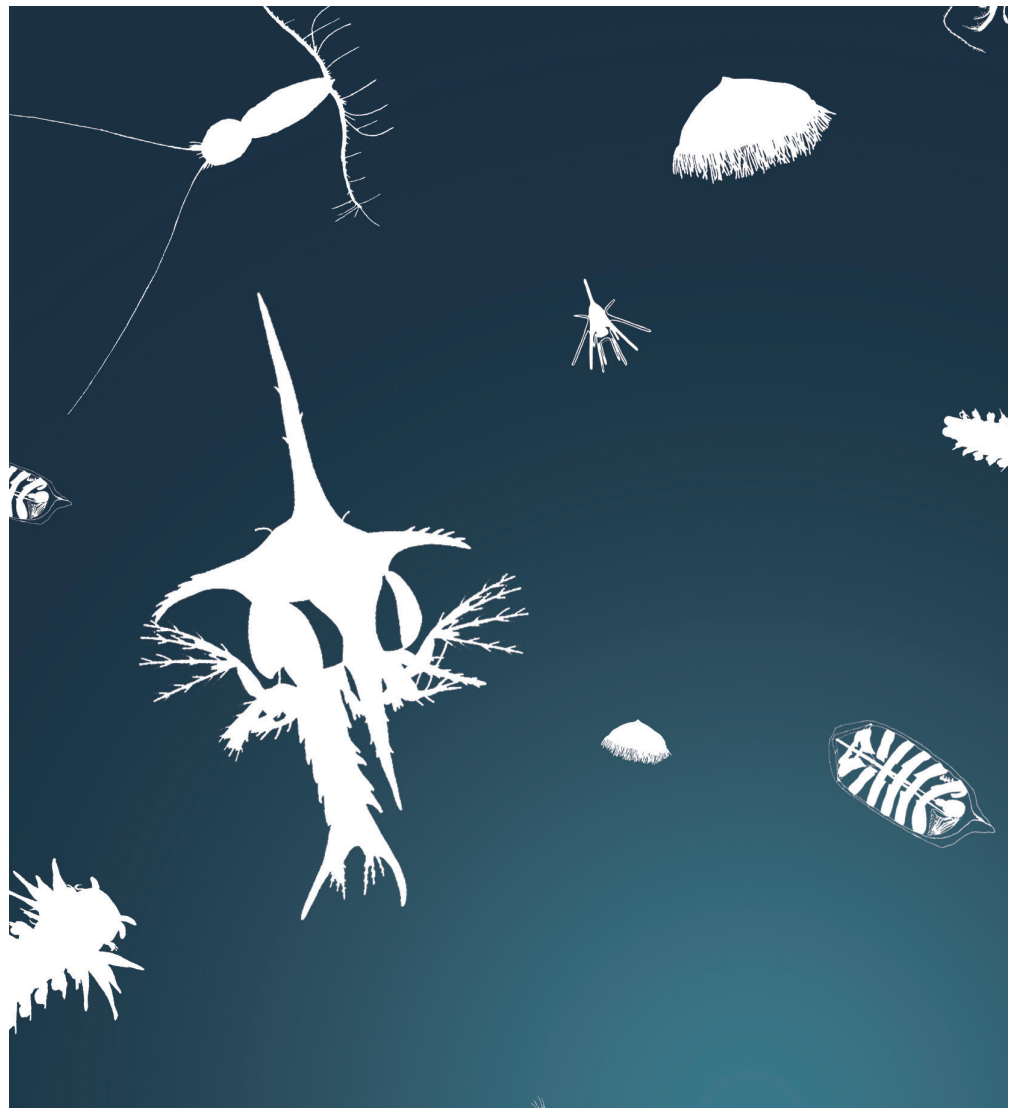
# Pinnotheridae de Haan, 1833

Juan Ignacio González-Gordillo and Jose A. Cuesta

Leaflet No. 191 | April 2020

ICES IDENTIFICATION  
LEAFLETS FOR PLANKTON

FICHES D'IDENTIFICATION  
DU ZOOPLANCTON



## International Council for the Exploration of the Sea Conseil International pour l'Exploration de la Mer

H. C. Andersens Boulevard 44–46  
DK-1553 Copenhagen V  
Denmark  
Telephone (+45) 33 38 67 00  
Telefax (+45) 33 93 42 15  
[www.ices.dk](http://www.ices.dk)  
[info@ices.dk](mailto:info@ices.dk)

Series editor: Antonina dos Santos and Lidia Yebra  
Prepared under the auspices of the ICES Working Group on Zooplankton Ecology (WGZE)  
This leaflet has undergone a formal external peer-review process

### Recommended format for purpose of citation:

González-Gordillo, J. I., and Cuesta, J. A. 2020. Pinnotheridae de Haan, 1833. ICES Identification Leaflets for Plankton No. 191. 17 pp. <http://doi.org/10.17895/ices.pub.5961>

The material in this report may be reused for non-commercial purposes using the recommended citation. ICES may only grant usage rights of information, data, images, graphs, etc. of which it has ownership. For other third-party material cited in this report, you must contact the original copyright holder for permission. For citation of datasets or use of data to be included in other databases, please refer to the latest ICES data policy on the ICES website. All extracts must be acknowledged. For other reproduction requests please contact the General Secretary.

This document is the product of an expert group under the auspices of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea and does not necessarily represent the view of the Council.

Cover Image: Inês M. Dias and Lígia F. de Sousa

<http://doi.org/10.17895/ices.pub.5961>

ISBN number: 978-87-7482-247-9

ISSN number: 2707-675X | © 2020 International Council for the Exploration of the Sea

# Contents

1	Summary .....	1
2	Introduction .....	1
3	Distribution .....	2
4	Number and general morphology of larval stages .....	5
	Larval diagnostic features .....	5
	Selected references of larval descriptions .....	6
5	Taxonomic key .....	7
	Zoeal stages .....	7
	Megalopa stage .....	8
6	Table .....	9
7	Figures .....	10
8	Links to further information .....	12
	WoRMS .....	12
	Molecular information .....	12
9	Acknowledgements .....	14
10	References .....	14
11	Author contact details .....	17

## Decapoda

<b>Suborder:</b>	<b>Pleocyemata</b>
<b>Infraorder:</b>	<b>Brachyura</b>
<b>Section:</b>	<b>Eubrachyura</b>
<b>Subsection:</b>	<b>Thoracothremata</b>
<b>Family:</b>	<b>Pinnotheridae de Haan, 1833</b>

**Author: Juan Ignacio González-Gordillo and Jose A. Cuesta**

### 1 Summary

Pinnotheridae comprises a diverse group of small crabs that live as symbionts with invertebrates. All Pinnotheridae are marine species with a worldwide distribution, living in close relationship with their hosts. Independently of the type of host or symbiotic relationship (parasitic, commensalistic), all species with known larval development present free-living larval stages (except *Tunicotheres moseri*, where larval stages develop in the abdominal enclosure of the parental female). The larval development comprises a zoea phase, with a variable number of stages (2–5), and a megalopa phase with a single stage. Approximately 290 pinnotherid species have been described, and information on larval developmental stages is available for 54 of them. This leaflet presents the distinctive features of the larval stages for 12 out of 13 species distributed in ICES area: *Pinnixulala retinens*, *Pinnixa cylindrica*, *P. lunzi*, *Rathbunixa sayana*, *Tubicolixa chaetoptera*, *Afropinnotheres monodi*, *Dissodactylus mellitae*, *Nepinnotheres pinnotheres*, *Pinnotheres bicristatus*, *P. pectunculi*, *P. pisum*, *Tumidotheres maculatus*, and *Zaops ostreus*. Complete larval development is only known for 6 of these species. Illustrated keys to identify the known zoea and megalopa stages are included.

### 2 Introduction

Family Pinnotheridae de Haan, 1833 belongs to the brachyuran subsection Thoracothremata Guinot, 1977. Members of Pinnotheridae are small crabs that live as endo- or ectosymbionts of invertebrates (molluscs, echinoderms, annelids, and other crustaceans; Schmitt *et al.*, 1973). The symbiotic way of life, sexual dimorphism, and small size of these crabs has complicated their taxonomic classification (Becker and Türkay, 2010). The systematics of pinnotherids has been the subject of numerous revisions at different taxonomic levels (Rathbun, 1918; Balss, 1957; Manning, 1993; Ahyong and Ng, 2009; Campos, 2009; Becker and Türkay, 2010; Palacios Theil *et al.*, 2016). These revisions have been based mainly on adult morphology. However, Marques and Pohle (1995), and Pohle and Marques (1998) utilized pinnotherid larval morphology when conducting phylogenetic studies; while the more recent reviews are based on molecular studies (Palacios Theil *et al.*, 2016; Tsang *et al.*, 2018; Palacios Theil and Felder, 2020). Pinnotheridae comprises 290 species, but larval data are available for only 54 of them (Clark and Cuesta, 2015).

Considering all changes proposed in the latest studies (Ahyong, 2018; Ng *et al.*, 2019; Palacios Theil and Felder, 2020), pinnotherids are currently placed into 58 genera in 3 subfamilies. However, some generic- and subfamilial-level assignments require further studies.

Listed below are the species belonging to the Pinnotheridae family which are currently recorded in ICES area. The taxonomic status is according to WoRMS (2019):

## ORDER DECAPODA

### Family Pinnotheridae de Haan, 1833

#### Subfamily Pinnixulalinae Palacios Theil, Cuesta and Felder, 2016

*Pinnixulala retinens* (Rathbun, 1918)

#### Subfamily Pinnixinae Števcic, 2005

*Pinnixa cylindrica* (Say, 1818)

*Pinnixa lunzi* Glassell, 1937

*Rathbunixa sayana* (Stimpson, 1860)

*Tubicolixa chaetoptera* (Stimpson, 1860)

#### Subfamily Pinnotherinae de Haan, 1833

*Afropinnotheres monodi* Manning, 1993

*Dissodactylus mellitae* (Rathbun, 1900)

*Nepinnotheres pinnotheres* (Linnaeus, 1758)

*Pinnotheres bicristatus* García-Raso and Cuesta, 2019

*Pinnotheres pectunculi* Hesse, 1872

*Pinnotheres pisum* (Linnaeus, 1767)

*Tumidotherea maculatus* (Say, 1818)

*Zaops ostreus* (Say, 1817)

## 3 Distribution

*Afropinnotheres monodi* ICES area distribution: from the Gulf of Cadiz (Spain) to Cascais (Portugal; Perez-Miguel, 2018).

Worldwide distribution: Atlantic – Bay of Cansado and Port-Étienne (Mauritania), Moulay Bou Selham lagoon, mouth of the Oued Massa (Sous, Morocco); Gulf of Cadiz (Spain); from southern Portugal to Cascais (Portugal); Mediterranean – Alborán Sea (from Benalmádena to Caleta de Vélez; Perez-Miguel, 2018).

Hosts: *Cerastoderma edule*, *C. glaucum*, *Chamelea gallina*, *Donax trunculus*, *Eastonia rugosa*, *Macra stultorum*, *Magallana gigas*, *Mytilus galloprovincialis*, *Polititapes aureus*, *Ruditapes decussatus*, *Scrobicularia plana*, *Spisula solida*, and *Venerupis corrugate* (Perez-Miguel, 2018).

- Dissodactylus mellitae* ICES area distribution: from Massachusetts to Virginia (USA; Palacios Theil *et al.*, 2016). Worldwide distribution: from Massachusetts to South Carolina, Northwest Florida, Texas (USA; Palacios Theil *et al.*, 2016).  
Hosts: *Mellita quinquesperforata*, *Echinarachnius parma*, *Encope michelini*, and *Clypeaster subdepressus* (Griffith, 1987).
- Nepinnotheres pinnotheres* ICES area distribution: from Gulf of Cadiz (Spain) to Ireland (Perez-Miguel, 2018).  
Worldwide distribution: Atlantic – from Mauritania to Ireland; Mediterranean – from Alborán to Marmara Sea (Perez-Miguel *et al.*, 2019).  
Hosts: *Ascidia mentula*, *A. virginea*, *Halocynthia papillosa*, *Microcosmos* spp., *Phallusia mammillata*, *Atrina pectinata*, and *Pinna nobilis* (Perez-Miguel *et al.*, 2019).
- Pinnixa cylindrica* ICES area distribution: USA, from Massachusetts (Schmitt *et al.*, 1973) to Chesapeake Bay (Rathbun, 1918).  
Worldwide distribution: from Massachusetts to South Carolina, west and northwest Florida (USA; Schmitt *et al.*, 1973), Gulf of Mexico (Felder *et al.*, 2009).  
Host: *Arenicola cristata* (Schmitt *et al.*, 1973).
- Pinnixa lunzi* ICES area distribution: Virginia (USA; Williams, 1984).  
Worldwide distribution: off Delmarva Peninsula, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia; off Mississippi River Delta, Seven and One-Half Fathom Reef off Texas (USA; Williams, 1984).  
Host: *Thalassema hartmani* (Schmitt *et al.*, 1973).
- Pinnixulala retinens* ICES area distribution: Chesapeake Bay, South Carolina (USA; Palacios Theil *et al.*, 2016).  
Worldwide distribution: Delaware Bay (Watling and Maurer, 1976); Little River Inlet, South Carolina; Alligator Harbor, Florida; Aransas area of Texas coast (Williams, 1984); Chesapeake Bay, South Carolina; Fort Pierce, Florida (USA); Barra del Tordo (Mexico; Palacios Theil *et al.*, 2016).  
Hosts: symbionts living in *Upogebia affinis* galleries and worm burrows (Palacios Theil *et al.*, 2016).
- Pinnotheres bicristatus* ICES area distribution: Gulf of Cadiz (Spain; Cuesta *et al.*, 2019).  
Worldwide distribution: Atlantic – Gulf of Cadiz (Spain); Mediterranean – Alborán Sea (Spain; Cuesta *et al.*, 2019).  
Host: *Anomia ephippium* (Cuesta *et al.*, 2019).
- Pinnotheres pectunculi* ICES area distribution: Brittany coast (France; Becker and Türkay, 2010).  
Worldwide distribution: Atlantic – Brittany coast (France; Becker and Türkay, 2010); Mediterranean – San Roque, Torrox, and Nerja, Alborán Sea (Spain; Perez-Miguel *et al.*, 2019).

Hosts: *Chamalea gallina*, *Clausinella fasciata*, *Glycymeris glycymeris*, *Venus casina*, and *V. verrucosa* (Perez-Miguel *et al.*, 2019).

*Pinnotheres  
pisum*

ICES area distribution: from the Gulf of Cadiz (Spain) to the North Sea and southern Scandinavia (Triay-Portella *et al.*, 2018).

Worldwide distribution: Atlantic – Canary Islands (Spain), from the Gulf of Cadiz (Spain) to the North Sea and southern Scandinavia; Mediterranean – from Alborán to Marmara Sea (Triay-Portella *et al.*, 2018).

Hosts: *Acanthocardia echinata*, *Arctica islandica*, *Arenomya arenaria*, *Atrina pectinata*, *Chamelea gallina*, *Ch. striatula*, *Cerastoderma edule*, *C. glaucum*, *Donax trunculus*, *D. variegata*, *D. venustus*, *D. vittatus*, *Gari ferevensis*, *Laevicardium crassum*, *Lutraria lutraria*, *Macra stultorum*, *Modiolus modiolus*, *Mya arenaria*, *Mytilus edulis*, *M. galloprovincialis*, *Ostrea edulis*, *Pinna nobilis*, *Ruditapes decussatus*, *Spisula solida*, *S. elliptica*, *S. subtruncata*, and *Venus verrucosa* (Perez-Miguel *et al.*, 2019).

*Rathbunixa  
sayana*

ICES area distribution: USA, from Vineyard Sound (Massachusetts) to Virginia (Camp *et al.*, 1977).

Worldwide distribution: from Vineyard Sound (Massachusetts) to Beaufort (North Carolina); Hutchinson Island (East Central Florida; Camp *et al.*, 1977); from Sarasota Bay (Florida) to Grand Isle (Louisiana; USA); Amapa, Para, Pernambuco, São Paulo (Brazil; Williams, 1984).

Hosts: symbionts living in the burrows of worms and mud shrimp (Palacios Theil *et al.*, 2016).

*Tubicolixa  
chaetoptera*

ICES area distribution: USA, from Wellfleet (Massachusetts) to Virginia (Williams, 1984).

Worldwide distribution: Wellfleet (Massachusetts, USA) to Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil; Williams, 1984).

Hosts: *Amphitrite ornata*, *Chaetopterus variopedatus*, and *Lepidophthalmus louisianensis* (Palacios Theil *et al.*, 2016).

*Tumidotheres  
maculatus*

ICES area distribution: from Massachusetts to Virginia (USA, Palacios Theil *et al.*, 2016).

Worldwide distribution: from Massachusetts to south Florida, from west Florida to Texas (USA); northwest Cuba, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Bocas del Toro (Panama), Twin Cays (Belize), Uruguay, Argentina (Palacios Theil *et al.*, 2016).

Hosts: *Mya arenaria*, *Modiolus americanus*, *M. modiolus*, *Mytilus edulis*, *M. edulis platensis*, *Perna perna*, *Ostrea puelchana*, *Anomia simplex*, *Aequipecten tehuelchus*, *Argopecten gibbus*, *A. irradians*, *Placopecten magellanicus*, *Atrina rigida*, *A. seminuda*, *A. serrata*, and *Chama macerophylla* (Palacios Theil *et al.*, 2016).

*Zaops ostreus*

ICES area distribution: from Massachusetts to Virginia (USA; Palacios Theil *et al.*, 2016).

Worldwide distribution: from Massachusetts to south Florida, Texas (USA); northwest Cuba, Guadeloupe, Bocas del Toro (Panama), Twin Cays (Belize), from Pernambuco to Santa Catarina (Brazil; Palacios Theil *et al.*, 2016).

Hosts: *Crassostrea virginica*, *C. rhizophorae*, *Anomia simplex*, *Mytilus edulis*, *Pecten* spp., and, occasionally, living as symbionts in *Chaetopterus* spp. tubes (Palacios Theil *et al.*, 2016).

## 4 Number and general morphology of larval stages

The larval development of pinnotherids involves two larval phases: zoea and megalopa. The zoea phase is characterized by a globose carapace and a pleon. The pleon, together with the maxillipeds, is used for motility in a synchronous manner.

The zoea phase includes several larval stages (zoea stages). Unlike other families of crabs, whose larvae show certain distinctive characteristics for the entire group, pinnotherid zoea larvae exhibit high morphological variability among different species. For example, the carapace may bear dorsal and lateral spines, only lateral spines, or it can be naked; pleonal dorsal knobs may appear on pleonite II, or on pleonite II and III; and the telson can be furcated, trilobated, or furcated with a central lobe. This morphological variability among species is also evident in the number of zoea stages, which may range from 2 to 5. The best way to distinguish pinnotherid zoea stages is to consider the setation of exopodites of maxillipeds I and II, and the degree of pleopodal development. A comparison between these features is shown in Table 1.

The megalopa phase includes only one larval stage, which is easily recognizable by its crab-like form, with a depressed carapace and well developed pereopods.

### Larval diagnostic features

Characteristics of the zoeal stages:

- i) All possible combinations of spines on the carapace, from all absent to all present. When lateral spines are present, they are inserted posteriorly, close to the ventral margin of the carapace, and directed backwards.
- ii) Antennae can be absent or strongly reduced to a small protopod. In case of reduction, an exopod can be present as a small seta. In other cases, the protopodal process can be well developed, with or without an exopod. When the exopod is present, it is reduced to a small seta.
- iii) Maxillule endopod with 0, 4 setae on the proximal and distal segments, respectively.
- iv) Maxilla endopod with 1 + 2 setae. Zoea I with 4 + 1 marginal setae on the exopod (scaphognatite).
- v) Maxilliped I basis with 2 + 2 + (2 or 3) + 3 setae. Zoea I with 2, 2, 1, 2, 5 setae on the endopod.
- vi) Maxilliped II basis with (0/1) + 1 + 1 + 1 setae and 0, 5 setae on the endopod.
- vii) Pleon with or without lateral expansions or distolateral processes on pleonite V.
- viii) Dorsolateral knobs on pleonite II, or pleonite II and III.



- ix) Telson variable. Three main types:
  - a) trilobated,
  - b) furcated with or without spines on furcae,
  - c) furcated with a median lobe; with or without spines on furcae.

Characteristics of the megalopa stage:

- i) Antennal flagellum short, with 2–4 segments.
- ii) Mandibular palp absent, or when present, 2-segmented with variable setation 0, 0–16.
- iii) Maxilliped II endopod with 4 segments, distal segment inserted subterminally.
- iv) Maxilliped III endopod without dactylus or very reduced, sometimes inserted subterminally.
- v) Pleon with 5 or 6 pleonites.
- vi) Pleopodal endopods with 2–3 cincinnuli.
- vii) Uropods absent.

## Selected references of larval descriptions

A selection of relevant papers is listed below for the identification of pinnotherid larvae species in ICES area.

- *Rathbunixa sayana*: Under previous scientific name *Pinnixa sayana*; Sandifer (1972), brief description of zoeal stages (ZI–ZV) from plankton specimens.
- *Tubicolixa chaetoptera*: Under previous scientific name *Pinnixa chaetoptera*; Sandifer (1972), brief description of zoeal stages (ZI–ZV) from plankton specimens.
- *Afropinnotheres monodi*: Marco-Herrero *et al.* (2016), complete description of larval stages (ZI–ZIV + M) reared in the laboratory.
- *Dissodactylus mellitae*: Marques and Pohle (1996), complete description of larval stages (ZI–ZIII/ZIV + M) reared in the laboratory.
- *Nepinnotheres pinnotheres*: Under previous scientific name *Pinnotheres pinnotheres*; Atkins (1955), complete description of larval stages (ZI–ZII + M) reared in the laboratory and collected from plankton.
- *Pinnotheres bicristatus*: Marco-Herrero *et al.* (2018), as *Pinnotheres* spp., description of larval stages (ZII–ZIV + M) collected from plankton and identified by DNA barcoding.
- *Pinnotheres pisum*: Atkins (1955), complete description of larval stages (ZI–ZIV + M) reared in the laboratory and collected from plankton.
- *Tumidotheres maculatus*: Under previous scientific name *Pinnotheres maculatus*; Costlow and Bookhout (1966), complete description of larval stages (ZI–ZV + M) reared in the laboratory.
- *Zaops ostreus*: Under previous scientific name *Pinnotheres ostreum*; Sandoz and Hopkins (1947), complete description of larval stages (ZI–ZV + M) reared in the laboratory.

Listed below are pinnotherid species in ICES area for which larval descriptions are not available or are incomplete:

- *Pinnixulala retinens*: Palacios Theil *et al.* (2016), only description of pleon and antenna of zoea I.
- *Pinnixa cylindrica*: Sandifer (1972), brief description of ZI reared in the laboratory.
- *Pinnixa lunzi*: No larval data.
- *Pinnotheres pectunculi*: No larval description, only confocal images of zoea I (lateral view; Becker, 2010).

## 5 Taxonomic key

### Zoeal stages

- |    |  |                                  |
|----|--|----------------------------------|
| 1. | Telson trilobated (Figure 7b).....   | 2                                |
|    | Telson bifurcated (Figure 1b).....   | 6                                |
| 2. | Dorsal and lateral spines of the carapace absent (Figure 4a, 7a, 7b).....  | 3                                |
|    | Dorsal and lateral spines of the carapace present (Figure 1a, 2a, 2c, 3a, 5, 9b).....  | 5                                |
| 3. | Rostral spine well developed (Figure 6).....   | <i>Pinnotheres pisum</i>         |
|    | Rostral spine reduced, not easily visible (Figure 4a).....   | 4                                |
| 4. | Inner pair of serrulate setae of telson longer than medial lobe (Figure 4b).....   | <i>Pinnotheres bicristatus</i>   |
|    | .....  |                                  |
|    | Inner pair of serrulate setae of telson shorter than medial lobe (Figure 7b).....  |                                  |
|    | .....  | <i>Zaops ostreus</i>             |
| 5. | Zoea I with pereopods and pleopod buds, zoea II with pereopods and pleopod buds elongated (last zoea stage).....                               | <i>Nepinnotheres pinnotheres</i> |
|    | Zoea I and zoea II without pereopods and pleopod buds; these appear in zoea III, and are elongated in zoea IV (last zoea stage; Figure 8)..... |                                  |
|    | .....  | <i>Afropinnotheres monodi</i>    |
| 6. | Fifth pleonite laterally expanded (Figure 1b).....   | 7                                |
|    | No lateral expansion of the fifth pleonite (Figure 10a).....   | 9                                |
| 7. | Telson with a medial lobe well developed (Figure 1b).....  | <i>Tubicolixa chaetoptera</i>    |
|    | Telson without medial lobe (Figure 2b).....  | 8                                |
| 8. | Distance between tips of telson furcae < telson width (Figure 2b).....   |                                  |
|    | .....  | <i>Rathbunixa sayana</i>         |
|    | Distance between tips of telson furcae > telson width (Figure 3b).....   |                                  |
|    | .....  | <i>Pinnixa cylindrica</i>        |

9. Dorsal spine well developed and longer than rostral spine. Telson furcae without dorsal spines (Figure 10b)..... *Tumidotheres maculatus*  
 Dorsal spine shorter than rostral spine. Telson furcae with one pair of small dorsal spines (Figure 9a)..... *Dissodactylus mellitae*

## Megalopa stage

1. Carapace with dorsal spines present (Figure 11a, 11b)..... *Tumidotheres maculatus*  
 Carapace without dorsal spines (Figure 12, 13a–17a)..... 2
2. Antennal flagellum 3 articulated (Figure 13b, 17b)..... 3  
 Antennal flagellum 2 articulated (Figure 14b–16b)..... 4
3. Long terminal setae only on distal article of antennal flagellum (Figure 13b).....  
 ..... *Pinnotheres pisum*  
 Long terminal setae on the two last terminal articles of the antennal flagellum (Figure 17b)..... *Afropinnotheres monodi*
4. Distal article of the antennal flagellum with 1 long terminal seta (Figure 15b).....  
 ..... *Dissodactylus mellitae*  
 Distal article of the antennal flagellum with 2–3 terminal setae (Figure 14b, 16b) 5
5. Distal article of the antennal flagellum with 2 long terminal and 1 shorter subterminal setae (Figure 16b)..... *Pinnotheres bicristatus*  
 Distal article of the antennal flagellum with 1 long and 1 short terminal setae (Figure 14b)..... 6
6. Carapace with tubercles/protuberances, especially one developed on the cardiac region (Figure 14a)..... *Nepinnotheres pinnotheres*  
 Carapace without well-defined tubercles or protuberances (Figure 12).....  
 ..... *Zaops ostreus*

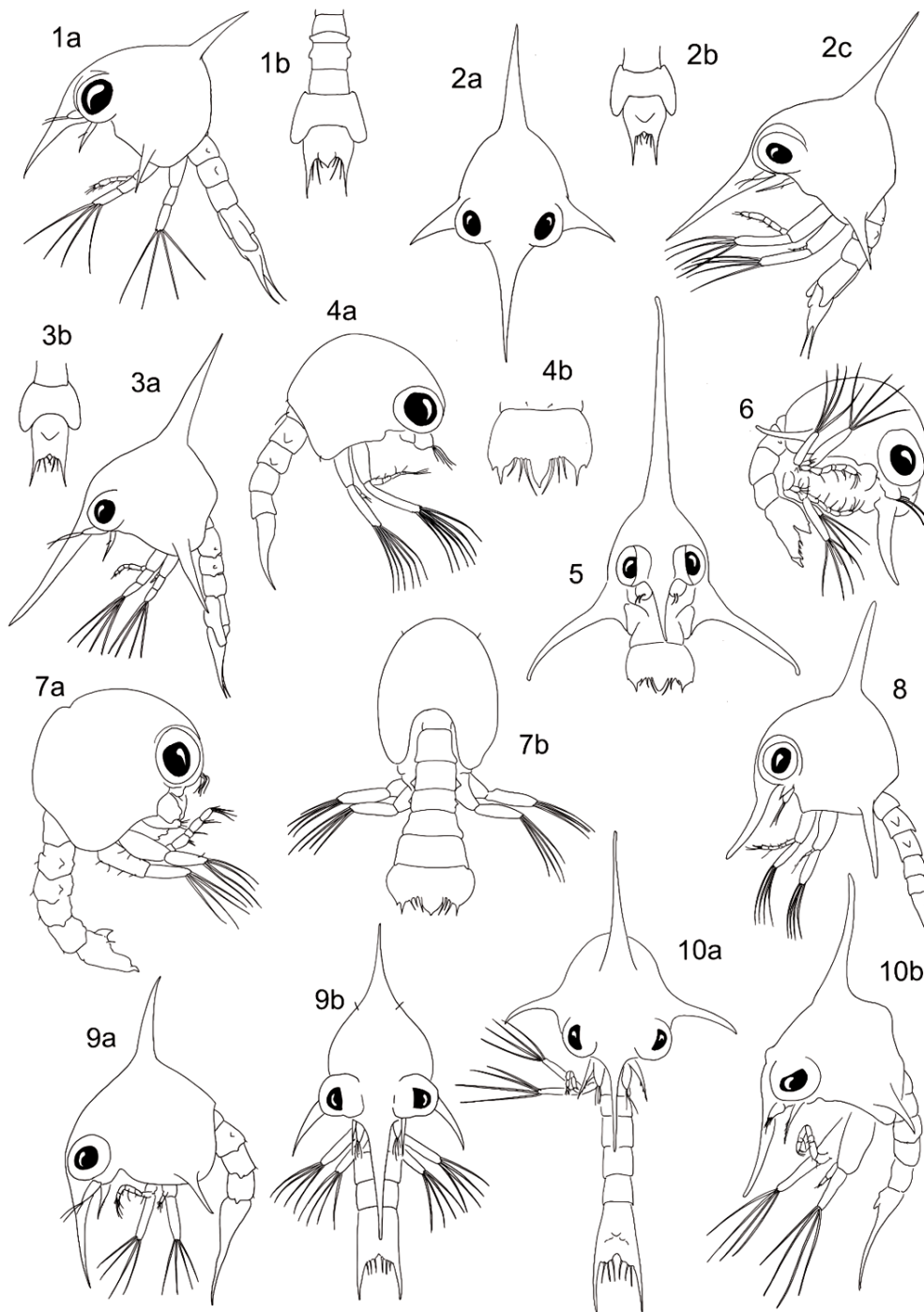
## 6 Table

Table 1. Distinctive features of pinnotherid zoeal stages, recorded in ICES area.

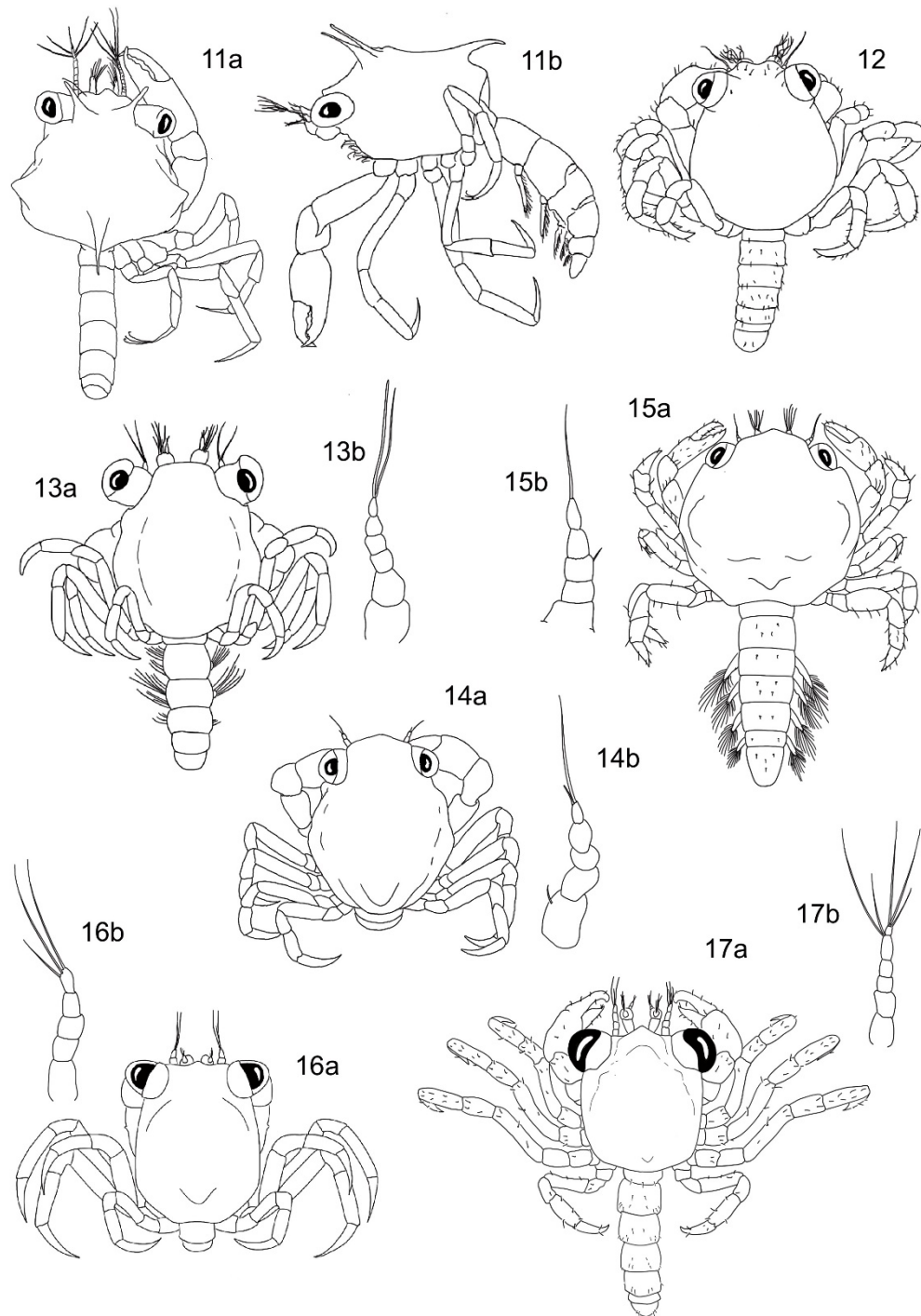
Species	Number of zoea stages	Setation of Mxp I *	Stage with uniramous pleopod buds	Stage with biramous pleopod buds
<i>Afropinnotheres monodi</i>	4	4,6,8,9	ZIII	ZIV
<i>Dissodactylus mellitae</i>	4	4,6,8,9-10	ZIV	-
<i>Nepinnotheres pinnotheres</i>	2	4,6	ZII	-
<i>Pinnixa cylindrica</i>	no data	4	no data	no data
<i>Pinnixa lunzi</i>	no data	-	no data	no data
<i>Pinnixulala retinens</i>	no data	no data	no data	no data
<i>Pinnotheres bicristatus</i>	4	4,6,7-8,7-8	ZIII	ZIV
<i>Pinnotheres. pectunculi</i>	no data	4	no data	no data
<i>Pinnotheres. pisum</i>	4	4,6,8,8-9	ZIV	-
<i>Rathbunixa. sayana</i>	5	4,6,8-9,10,10	ZIV	ZV
<i>Tubicolixa chaetopterana</i>	5	4,6,8,10,10	ZIV	ZV
<i>Tumidotheres maculatus</i>	5	4,6,8,9,9	ZIV	ZV
<i>Zaops ostreus</i>	4	4,6,8,10	ZIII	no data

\* Distal setation of the exopodite of maxiliped I (Mxp I) is shown for each zoea stage from zoea I, separated by commas.

## 7 Figures



Figures 1–10. General morphology of Pinnotheridae zoeae: 1. *Tubicolixa chaetoptera* (ZI), 1a. lateral view, 1b. pleon; 2. *Rathbunixa sayana* (ZI), 2a. frontal view, 2b. posterior part of pleon, 2c. lateral view; 3. *Pinnixa cylindrica* (ZI), 3a. lateral view, 3b. posterior part of pleon; 4. *Pinnotheres bicristatus* (ZII), 4a. lateral view, 4b. telson; 5. *Nepimnotheres pinnotheres* (ZI), frontal view; 6. *Pinnotheres pisum* (ZI), ventrolateral view; 7. *Zaops ostreus* (ZI), 7a. lateral view, 7b. posterior view; 8. *Afropinnotheres monodi* (ZI), lateral view; 9. *Dissodactylus mellitae* (ZI), 9a. lateral view, 9b. frontal view; 10. *Tumidothores maculatus* (ZI), 10a. frontal view, 10b. lateral view. All figures redrawn from: 1, Sandifer (1972) as *Pinnixa chaetoptera*; 2, Sandifer (1972) as *Pinnixa sayana*; 3, Sandifer (1972) as *Pinnixa cylindrica*; 4, Marco-Herrero *et al.* (2017) as *Pinnotheres* spp.; 5, Atkins (1955) as *Pinnotheres pinnotheres*; 6, Atkins (1955); 7, Sandoz and Hopkins (1947) as *Pinnotheres ostreum*; 8, Marcos-Herrero *et al.* (2016); 9, Marques and Pohle (1996); 10, Costlow and Bookhout (1966) as *Pinnotheres maculatus*. Drawings not to scale.



Figures 11–17. General morphology of *Pinnotheridae* megalopa: 11. *Tumidotheres maculatus*, 11a. dorsal view, 11b. lateral view; 12. *Zaops ostreus*, dorsal view; 13. *Pinnotheres pisum*, 13a. dorsal view, 13b. antenna; 14. *Nepinnotheres pinnotheres*, 14a. dorsal view, 14b. antenna; 15. *Dissodactylus mellitae*, 15a. dorsal view, 15b. antenna; 16. *Pinnotheres bicristatus*, 16a. dorsal view, 16b. antenna; 17. *Afropinnotheres monodi*, 17a. dorsal view, 17b. antenna. All figures redrawn from: 11, Costlow and Bookhout (1966) as *Pinnotheres maculatus*; 12, Sandoz and Hopkins (1947) as *Pinnotheres ostreum*; 13, Atkins (1955); 14, Atkins (1955) as *Pinnotheres pinnotheres*; 15, Marques and Pohle (1996); 16, Marco-Herrero *et al.* (2017) as *Pinnotheres* spp.; 17, Marco-Herrero *et al.* (2016). Drawings not to scale.

## 8 Links to further information

### WoRMS

<i>Afropinnotheres monodi</i>	<a href="http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=241175">http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=241175</a>
<i>Dissodactylus mellitae</i>	<a href="http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=158412">http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=158412</a>
<i>Nepinnotheres pinnotheres</i>	<a href="http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=107469">http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=107469</a>
<i>Pinnixa cylindrica</i>	<a href="http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=158447">http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=158447</a>
<i>Pinnixa lunzi</i>	<a href="http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=158449">http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=158449</a>
<i>Pinnixulala retinens</i>	<a href="http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=1264347">http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=1264347</a>
<i>Pinnotheres bicristatus</i>	<a href="http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=1361098">http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=1361098</a>
<i>Pinnotheres pisum</i>	<a href="http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=107473">http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=107473</a>
<i>Pinnotheres pectunculi</i>	<a href="http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=107472">http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=107472</a>
<i>Rathbunixa sayana</i>	<a href="http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=1424659">http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=1424659</a>
<i>Tubicolixa chaetoptera</i>	<a href="http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=1424673">http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=1424673</a>
<i>Tumidotheres maculatus</i>	<a href="http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=158460">http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=158460</a>
<i>Zaops ostreus</i>	<a href="http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=445250">http://www.marinespecies.org/aphia.php?p=taxdetails&amp;id=445250</a>

### Molecular information

Selected 16S and COI DNA barcode sequences of the species from the family Pinnotheridae, present in ICES area. In the cases where several sequences existed for the same species, links are presented for all sequences, and for selected 16S and COI DNA barcode sequences. The selection was performed based on the following criteria: when several sequences existed for the same species: (i) most recent and/or longest sequence, (ii) the sequence included in previous phylogenetic studies, and (iii) testing by BLAST. All 16S and COI DNA barcode sequences are adopted from Genbank, and were tested by BLAST.

<i>Afropinnotheres monodi</i>	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/?term=txid1699869[Organism:noexp]">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/?term=txid1699869[Organism:noexp]</a>
16S sequence	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/KU679625">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/KU679625</a>
COI sequence	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/MF134397">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/MF134397</a>

<i>Dissodactylus mellitae</i>	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/?term=txid1912799[Organism:noexp]">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/?term=txid1912799[Organism:noexp]</a>
16S sequence	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/KU679651">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/KU679651</a>
COI sequence	No data
<i>Nepinnotheres pinnotheres</i>	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/?term=txid585942[Organism:noexp]">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/?term=txid585942[Organism:noexp]</a>
16S sequence	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/EU935001">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/EU935001</a>
COI sequence	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/MF134398">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/MF134398</a>
<i>Pinnixa cylindrica</i>	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/?term=txid585913[Organism:noexp]">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/?term=txid585913[Organism:noexp]</a>
16S sequence	KU679690-94 (sequence code range)
COI sequence	No data
<i>Pinnixa lunzi</i>	No data
<i>Pinnixulala retinens</i>	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/?term=txid764359[Organism:noexp]">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/?term=txid764359[Organism:noexp]</a>
16S sequences	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/KU679638">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/KU679638</a> <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/KU679639">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/KU679639</a>
COI sequence	No data
<i>Pinnotheres bicristatus</i>	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=2507654">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=2507654</a>
16S sequences	MK426940-44 (sequence code range)
COI sequences	MK468903-07 (sequence code range)
<i>Pinnotheres pisum</i>	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/?term=txid364894[Organism:noexp]">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/?term=txid364894[Organism:noexp]</a>
16S sequences	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/KU679724">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/KU679724</a> <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/KU679725">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/KU679725</a>
COI sequence	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/MK308325">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/MK308325</a>
<i>Pinnotheres pectunculi</i>	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/?term=txid2003343[Organism:noexp]">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/?term=txid2003343[Organism:noexp]</a>
16S sequences	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/MF069147">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/MF069147</a>



	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/MF069148">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/MF069148</a>
COI sequences	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/MF134395">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/MF134395</a>
<i>Rathbunixa sayana</i>	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/?term=txid585920[Organism:noexp]">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/?term=txid585920[Organism:noexp]</a>
16S sequences	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/KU679719">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/KU679719</a>
	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/KU679720">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/KU679720</a>
COI sequences	No data
<i>Tubicolixa chaetoptera</i>	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/?term=txid585912[Organism:noexp]">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/?term=txid585912[Organism:noexp]</a>
16S sequences	KU679708-14 (sequence code range)
COI sequences	No data
<i>Tumidotheres maculatus</i>	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/?term=txid585956[Organism:noexp]">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/?term=txid585956[Organism:noexp]</a>
16S sequences	KU679631-35 (sequence code range)
COI sequence	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/MF490123">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/MF490123</a>
<i>Zaops ostreus</i>	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/?term=txid1912812[Organism:noexp]">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/?term=txid1912812[Organism:noexp]</a>
16S sequences	KU679653-58 (sequence code range)
COI sequence	KU172690-92 (sequence code range)

## 9 Acknowledgements

The authors wish to express their sincere thanks to the series editors, Antonina dos Santos and Lidia Yebra, to an anonymous referee, and to Emma Palacios Theil for her comments and revision of the manuscript.

## 10 References

Atkins, D. 1955. The Post-Embryonic development of british *Pinnotheres* (Crustacea). Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London, 124: 687–715. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1469-7998.1955.tb07811.x>

- Ahyong, S. T., Ng, P. K. L. 2009. Aphanodactylidae, a new family of thoracotreme crabs (Crustacea: Brachyura) symbiotic with polychaete worms. *Zootaxa*, 2289: 33–47. <https://doi.org/10.11646/zootaxa.2289.1.3>
- Ahyong, S. T. 2018. Revision of *Ostracotheres* H. Milne Edwards, 1853 (Crustacea: Brachyura: Pinnotheridae). *Raffles Bulletin of Zoology*, 66: 538–571. <https://lknhm.nus.edu.sg/app/uploads/2018/01/66rbz538-571.pdf>
- Balss, H. 1957. Decapoda, *In* Klassen und Ordnungen des Tierreichs, pp. 1593–97. Ed. by H. G. Bronns and H. E. Gruner. Berlin.
- Becker, C., Türkay, M. 2010. Taxonomy and morphology of european pea crabs (Crustacea: Brachyura: Pinnotheridae). *Journal of Natural History*, 44 (25–26): 1555–75. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00222931003760020>
- Becker, C. 2010. European pea crabs - Taxonomy, morphology, and host-ecology (Crustacea : Brachyura : Pinnotheridae). Doctoral Thesis. University of Frankfurt, Frankfurt, Germany.
- Camp, D. K., Whiting, N. H., Martin, R. E. 1977. Nearshore marine ecology at Hutchinson Island, Florida: 1971-1974. V. Arthropods. Florida Marine Research Publication, 25: 1–63. <http://aquaticcommons.org/874/1/FMRP025.pdf>
- Campos, E. 2009. A new species and two new genera of pinnotherid crabs from the Northeastern Pacific Ocean, with a reappraisal of the subfamily Pinnotherinae de Haan, 1833 (Crustacea: Brachyura: Pinnotheridae). *Zootaxa*, 2022: 29–44. <https://doi.org/10.11646/zootaxa.2022.1.3>
- Clark, P. F., Cuesta, J. A. 2015. Larval systematics of Brachyura, *In* Treatise on Zoology - Anatomy, Taxonomy, Biology. The Crustacea, pp. 981–1048. Ed. by P. Castro, P. Davie, D. Guinot, F. Schram, C. Vaupel Klein. Brill. [https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004190832\\_001](https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004190832_001)
- Costlow, J. D., Bookhout, C. G. 1966. Larval stages of the crab, *Pinnotheres maculatus*, under Laboratory conditions. *Chesapeake Science*, 7: 157–63. <https://doi.org/10.2307/1351163>
- Cuesta, J. A., García Raso, J. E., Abelló, P., Marco-Herrero, E., Silva, L., Drake, P. 2019. A new species of pea crab from south-western Europe (Crustacea, Decapoda, Brachyura): Species description, geographic distribution and population structure with an Identification Key to European Pinnotheridae. *Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom*, 99: 1141–1152. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0025315419000018>.
- Felder, D. L., Álvarez, F., Goy, J. W., Lemaitre, R. 2009. Decapoda (Crustacea) of the Gulf of Mexico, with Comments on the Amphionidacea, *In* Gulf of Mexico – Its origins, waters, and biota, biodiversity, pp. 1019–1104. Ed. by D. L. Felder, D. K. Camp. TAMU Press, College Station.
- Griffith, H. 1987. Phylogenetic relationships and evolution in the genus *Dissodactylus* Smith, 1870 (Crustacea: Brachyura: Pinnotheridae). *Canadian Journal of Zoology*, 65: 2292–2310. <https://doi.org/10.1139/z87-347>
- Manning, R. B. 1993. West african pinnotherid crabs, Subfamily Pinnotherinae (Crustacea, Decapoda, Brachyura). *Bulletin du Muséum National d'histoire Naturelle*, 15 (1): 125–78.
- Marco-Herrero, E., Drake, P., Cuesta, J. A. 2017. Larval morphology and DNA barcodes as valuable tools in early detection of marine invaders: A new pea crab found in European Waters. *Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom*, 98 (7): 1675–83. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0025315417000996>
- Marco-Herrero, E., Drake, P., González-Gordillo, J. I., Cuesta, J. A. 2016. Larval development of the pea crab *Afropinnotheres monodi* Manning, 1993 (Decapoda, Pinnotheridae) using

- plankton-collected and laboratory-reared specimens: Effects of temperature. *Marine Biology Research*, 12: 43–55. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17451000.2015.1080369>
- Marques, F. P. L., Pohle, G. W. 1995. Phylogenetic analysis of the Pinnotheridae (Crustacea, Brachyura) based on larval morphology, with emphasis on the *Dissodactylus* species complex. *Zoologica Scripta*, 24(4): 347–364. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1463-6409.1995.tb00479.x>
- Marques, F., Pohle, G. W. 1996. Laboratory reared larval stages of *Dissodactylus mellitae* (Decapoda, Brachyura, Pinnotheridae) and developmental patterns within the *Dissodactylus* species complex. *Canadian Journal of Zoology*, 74: 47–62. <https://doi.org/10.1139/z96-007>
- Minervini, R., Giannota, M. 1982. Sull'incidenza di *Pinnotheres pisum* (Crustacea, Decapoda), *In Glycimeris glycimeris* (Mollusca, Bivalvia). *Il Naturalista Siciliano*, ser 4, 6 (Suppl. 1): 119–20.
- Ng, P. K. L., Ahyong, S. T., Campos, E. 2019. Two new genera of pinnotherid crabs (Crustacea: Brachyura: Pinnotheroidea) from the Americas and the Western Pacific. *Raffles Bulletin of Zoology*, 67: 337–351. <https://doi.org/10.26107/RBZ-2019-0025>
- Palacios Theil, E., Cuesta, J. A., Felder, D. L. 2016. Molecular evidence for non-monophyly of the Pinnotheroid Crabs (Crustacea: Brachyura: Pinnotheroidea), warranting taxonomic reappraisal. *Invertebrate Systematics*, 30 (1): 1–27. <https://doi.org/10.1071/IS15023>
- Palacios Theil, E., Felder, D. L. 2020. Phylogeny of the genus *Pinnixa* White, 1846 (Crustacea: Brachyura: Pinnotheridae) and allies inferred from mitochondrial and nuclear molecular markers, with generic reassignment of twenty-one species. *Zoosystema*, 42 (6): 85–103. <https://doi.org/10.5252/zoosystema2020v42a6>
- Perez-Miguel, M., Drake, P., García Raso, J. E., Mamán Menéndez, L., Navas, J. I., Cuesta, J. A. 2019. European Pinnotheridae (Crustacea, Decapoda, Brachyura): species, distribution, host use and DNA barcodes. *Marine Biodiversity*, 49 (1): 57–68. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12526-017-0754-8>
- Perez-Miguel, M. 2018. Efectos del cangrejo *Afropinnotheres monodi* Manning, 1993 sobre las especies de bivalvos de interés comercial de la Península Ibérica. Doctoral Thesis. University of Cádiz, Spain.
- Pohle, G., Marques, F. 1998. Phylogeny of the Pinnotheridae: Larval and adult evidence, with emphasis on the evolution of gills. *Invertebrate Reproduction and Development*, 33 (2–3): 229–39. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07924259.1998.9652635>
- Rathbun, M. J. 1918. The grapsoid crabs of America. *Bulletin of the United States National Museum*, 97: 1–461. <https://doi.org/10.5479/si.03629236.97.i>
- Sandifer, P. A. 1972. Morphology and ecology of Chesapeake Bay decapod crustacean larvae. Doctoral Thesis. University of Virginia, Virginia, USA. <https://doi.org/10.21220/nvqc-dn53>
- Sandoz, M., Hopkins, S. H. 1947. Early life history of the oyster crab, *Pinnotheres ostreum* (Say). *Biological Bulletin*, 93(3): 250–258. <https://doi.org/10.2307/1537973>
- Schmitt, W. L., McCain, J. C., Davidson, E. S. 1973. Decapoda I, Brachyura I, Fam. Pinnotheridae. Ed. by H. E. Gruner, L. B. Holthuis. *Crustaceorum Catalogus*. Vol. 3. W. Junk B.V. - Den Haag.
- Triay-Portella, R., Perez-Miguel, M., González, J. A., Cuesta, J. A. 2018. On the presence of *Pinnotheres pisum* (Brachyura; Pinnotheridae) in the Canary Islands (NE Atlantic); its

southernmost distribution limit. *Crustaceana*, 91: 1397–1402.  
<https://doi.org/10.1163/15685403-00003838>

Tsang, L. M., Ahyong, S. T., Shih H-T, E., Ng, P. K. L. 2018. Further polyphyly of Pinnotheroid crabs: The molecular phylogenetic position of the polychaete-associated Aphanodactylidae. *Invertebrate Systematics*, 32: 92–99. <https://doi.org/10.1071/IS17038>

Watling, L., Maurer, D. 1976. Ecological studies on benthic and planktonic assemblages in lower Delaware Bay. Report CMS-RANN-3-76, College of Marine Studies, University of Delaware.

Williams, A. B. 1985. Shrimps, lobsters, and crabs of the Atlantic coast of the eastern United States, Maine to Florida. Ed. by D. C. Fisher. Smithsonian Institution Press, Washington.  
<https://doi.org/10.2307/1310137>

WoRMS Editorial Board (2019). World Register of Marine Species. Available from <http://www.marinespecies.org> at VLIZ.

## 11 Author contact details

J. Ignacio González-Gordillo  
Instituto Universitario de Investigación Marina (INMAR)  
Universidad de Cádiz  
Avda. República Saharaui, s/n  
11510 Puerto Real (Cádiz), Spain  
e-mail: nacho.gonzalez@uca.es

Jose A. Cuesta  
Instituto de Ciencias Marinas de Andalucía (ICMAN-CSIC)  
Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas  
Avda. República Saharaui, 2  
11510 Puerto Real (Cádiz), Spain  
e-mail: jose.cuesta@icman.csic.es