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Lysmata zacaе Armstrong, 1941, previously known only by the type specimens from Savai'i Island, Western Samoa, is redescribed on the basis of two non-ovigerous females and one ovigerous female newly collected from southern Japan and New Caledonia. The rediscovery of this species suggests that it is widespread in the western Pacific.

Key Words: *Lysmata zacaе*, Hippolytidae, range extension, western Pacific.

Introduction

Recently, two specimens of the hippolytid shrimp, *Lysmata zacaе* Armstrong, 1941, collected from a shallow rocky reef in southern Japan, were made available to me. Furthermore, I was able to examine a specimen of this species captured during a MUSORSTOM cruise in New Caledonian waters. Apparently, these three specimens represent the rediscovery of the species and mark a large range extension from the type locality, Savai'i Island, Western Samoa.

The abbreviation CL indicates the postorbital carapace length. The institutional names are abbreviated as follows: AMNH—American Museum of Natural History, New York; MNHN=Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris; NSMT=National Science Museum, Tokyo.

Family **Hippolytidae**

Lysmata Risso, 1816

Lysmata zacaе Armstrong, 1941

(New Japanese name: Tametomo Aka-moebi)

(Figs 1, 2)

Lysmata zacaе Armstrong, 1941: 10, fig. 4 (original description; type locality= Savai'i Island, Western Samoa).

Lysmata zacaе: Holthuis, 1947: 19 (listed; no additional material); Feinberg, 1971: 7 (listed; no additional material).

Material Examined. - Japan: 1 female (NSMT-Cr 1826, 3.2mm CL), 24° 13.6'N, 123° 58.8'E, lagoon at Kuro-shima I., Yaeyama Group, Ryukyu Is., 6 Sept. 1992,

coll. by M. Osawa; 1 female (NSMT-Cr 2633, 5.4mm CL), 33° 08.5'N, 139° 44.4'E, Nazumado, Hachijo-jima I., Izu Is., 13m depth, 28 Sept. 1993, coll. by S. Kato, J. Okuno & H. Yagi. New Caledonia: 1 ovigerous female (MNHN-Na 12965, 4.4mm CL), 22° 05.1'S, 165° 58.0'E, Passe de Saint Vincent, 5m depth, 21 Mar. 1990, coll. by Tirard.

Comparative Material. *Lysmata zaca*: 2 females (AMNH 9203, 2.2 & 3.2mm CL, paratypes of *Lysmata zaca*), Mataatu Harbor, Savai'i I., Western Samoa, 15 Oct. 1936; *Lysmata trisetacea* (Heller, 1861): 3 ovigerous females (NSMT-Cr 1827, 4.6-5.6mm CL), same data as NSMT-Cr 1826.

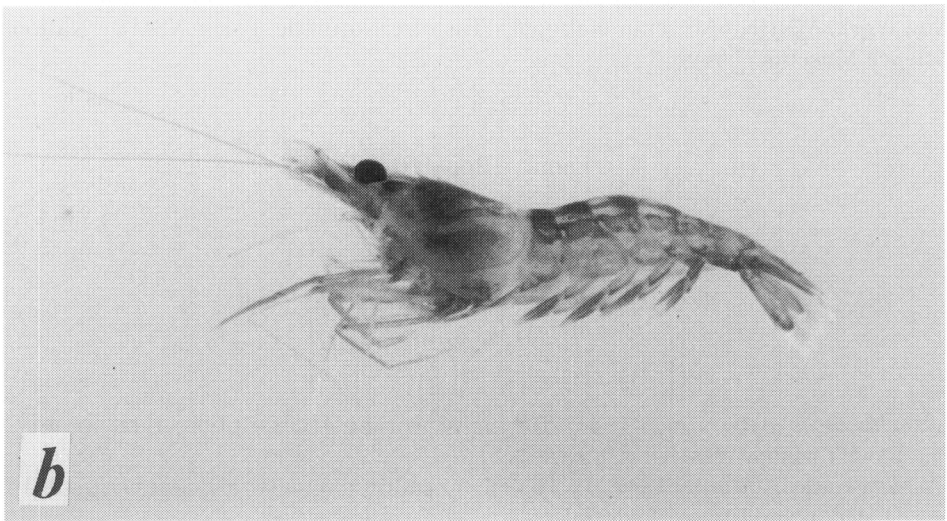
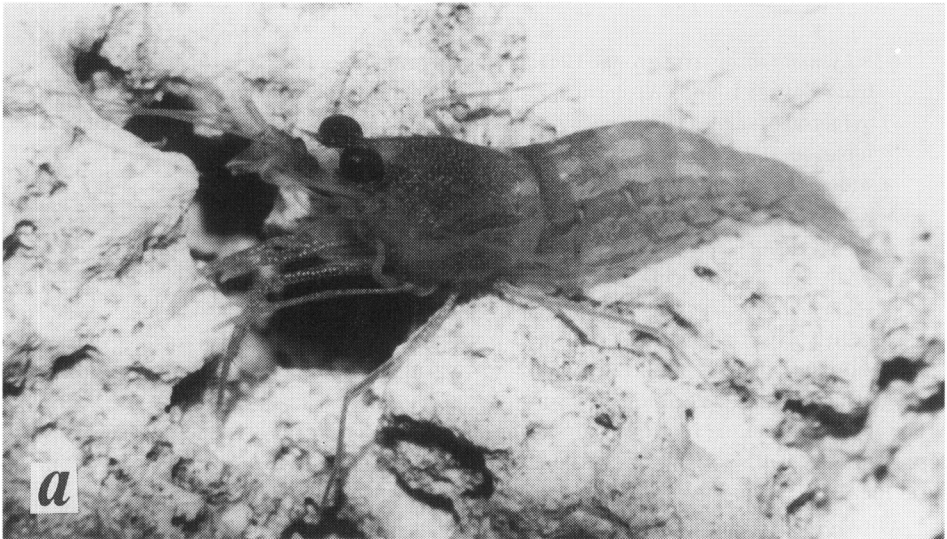


Fig. 1. *Lysmata zaca* Armstrong, 1941. Female (5.4mm CL, NSMT-Cr 2633), a, specimen alive in aquarium; b, fresh specimen, lateral view.

Description. - Carapace smooth, glabrous. Rostrum (Fig. 2a) short, almost straight, 0.6-0.8 times as long as carapace, reaching distal margin of middle segment of antennular peduncle; dorsal margin armed with five teeth, posterior two teeth posterior to level of orbital margin, distalmost tooth situated at distal fifth of rostral length; ventral margin armed with four teeth along distal two thirds of rostral length; lateral carina distinct, continuous with upper orbital margin of carapace (Fig. 2a). Antennal spine moderately strong, supported by carina, directed anteriorly. Pterygostomial angle rounded, without spine.

First three abdominal somites with rounded pleurae; fourth somite with feeble posteroventral protrusion; pleurae of fifth and sixth somites each with acute posteroventral tooth.

Telson (Fig. 2b) 0.6-0.7 times as long as carapace, 1.5-1.8 times as long as sixth abdominal somite, armed with two pairs of dorsolateral spines, anterior pair situated at proximal third of telson, posterior pair at distal third; posterior margin with small median protrusion with two pairs of lateral spinules.

Eye stout, with glabrous, pigmented cornea.

Antennular peduncle (Fig. 2c) reaching about as far as scaphocerite, with acute tooth on ventral inner margin of proximal segment; distal segment slightly shorter than middle segment; stylocerite short, reaching level of proximal third of proximal segment. Dorsal antennular flagellum distinctly biramous.

Scaphocerite 0.6-0.7 times as long as carapace, 3.6-4.1 times as long as maximum width; distolateral tooth reaching level of distal margin of truncate lamella. Basicerite stout, with acute ventrolateral tooth.

Mouthparts typical of genus. Third maxilliped overreaching rostral apex by length of ultimate segment, ultimate segment 0.6-0.7 times as long as carapace, 2.1-2.3 times as long as penultimate segment, with 4-6 corneous terminal spines.

First pereopod overreaching scaphocerite by length of chela; carpus slightly longer than chela.

Second pereopod (Fig. 2d) long and slender, overreaching rostral apex by lengths of carpus and chela; merus 0.7-0.8 times as long as carapace, with 18-28 articles; carpus long, 1.5-1.6 times as long as carapace, 14.0-17.0 times as long as chela, with 34-38 articles.

Ambulatory pereopods slender, similar to each other. Third pereopod overreaching rostral apex by lengths of three distal segments; merus 1.1 times as long as carapace, 1.6 times as long as carpus, with 3-5 spines on outer margin, 3 spines on ventral margin; carpus 0.7 times as long as carapace, with sparse long distal setae; propodus 1.1 times as long as carpus, with sparse spinules on ventral margin; dactylus with 4 accessory claws posterior to terminal largest claw. Fourth pereopod (Fig. 2e) overreaching rostral apex by lengths of two distal segments; merus 0.8-0.9 times as long as carapace, 1.5-2.0 times as long as carpus, with 5 spines on outer margin, 2-4 spines on ventral margin; carpus 0.5 times as long as carapace; propodus 1.2-1.6 times as long as carpus, with spinules similar to those of third pereopods; dactylus (Fig. 2f) with 4-5 claws posterior to terminal claw. Fifth pereopod overreaching rostral apex from midlength of propodus; merus 0.6-0.7 times as long as carapace, 1.0-1.3 times as long as carpus, with 3-5 spines on outer margin, ventral margin unarmed; carpus 0.5 times as long as carapace; propodus 1.2-1.6 times as long as carpus, with spinules similar to those of third and fourth pereopods; number of accessory claws on dactylus agreeing with that of fourth pereopod.

Coloration. - Ground color of body and all appendages brownish red; carapace, rostrum, third maxilliped, and pereopods with dense cover of fine, white spots; abdominal somites with pale, broken, longitudinal stripes (Figs 1a, b).

Distribution. - Savai'i Island, Western Samoa (type locality); Izu and Ryukyu Islands, southern Japan; and New Caledonia.

Remarks. - *Lyismata zaca*e was described by Armstrong (1941) based on three specimens captured in Mataatu Harbor, Savai'i Island, Western Samoa. I was able to examine the two paratypes for comparison. One of them, labeled as male (3.2mm CL), is a non-ovigerous female. The specimens from southern Japan and New Caledonia agreed well with the paratypes in their major morphological characters: rostrum reaching distal margin of middle segment of antennular peduncle (Fig. 2a); stylocerite reaching distal end of proximal third of proximal antennular segment (Fig. 2c); scaphocerite reaching about as far as distal margin of antennular peduncle (Fig. 2a); carpus of second pereopod divided into more than 34 articles (Fig. 2e).

As mentioned in the original description, the smaller female paratype (2.2mm CL) has an extra spine on the dorsal surface of the telson. However, the other paratype and all the specimens from southern Japan and New Caledonia possess no extra spine. The dactyli of the ambulatory pereopods have four accessory claws

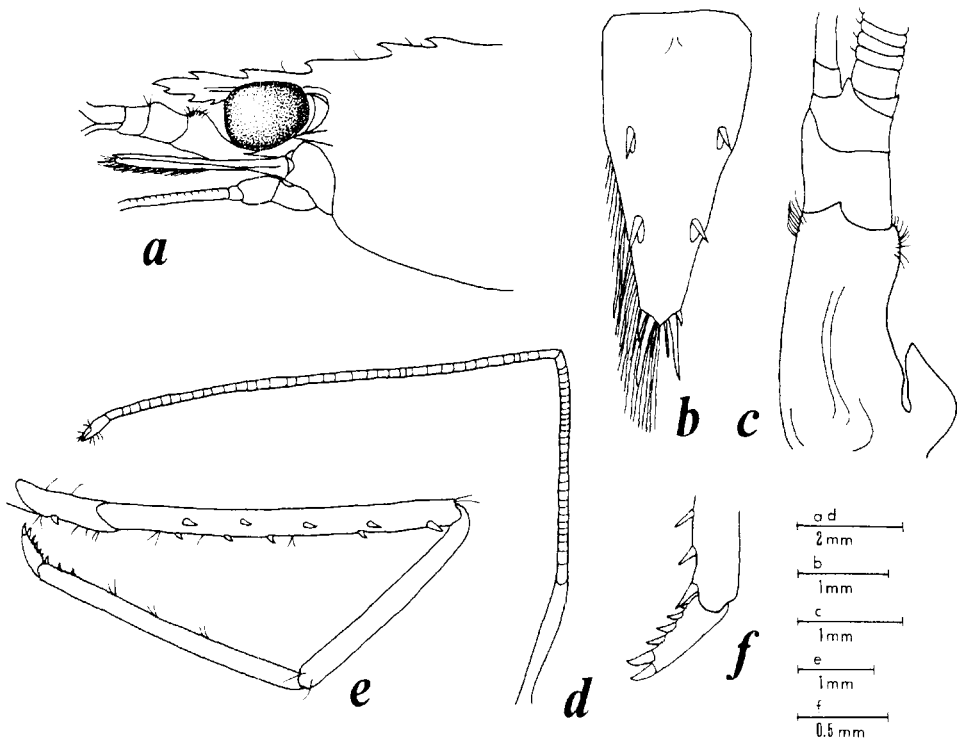


Fig. 2. *Lyismata zaca*e Armstrong, 1941. Female (5.4 mm CL, NSMT-Cr 2633). a, anterior part of carapace and cephalic appendages, lateral view; b, telson, lateral setae omitted from right side; c, antennular peduncle; d, second pereopod; e, fourth pereopod; f, same, dactylus.

posterior to the terminal claw, except for the largest specimen from Hachijo-jima Island (5.4mm CL) having the fourth and fifth dactyli armed with five accessory claws. These morphological differences can be considered as intraspecific variation.

Judging from the localities mentioned above, *L. zaca*e may be widely distributed in the western Pacific. The record from Hachijo-jima Island constitutes the northernmost limit of its known distributional range. The specimen from Kuro-shima Islet was living in coral rock in the lagoon, and the specimen from Hachijo-jima Island was captured in submarine crevices of the rocky reef at a depth of 15 m. It seems that these cryptic habitats may have delayed the species' rediscovery since the finding of the type specimens.

Following Chace (1972) and Wicksten (1990), I recognize herein the genus *Hippolysmata* Stimpson as a junior synonym of *Lysmata* Risso. There are 14 Indo-Pacific species of *Lysmata* (Chace, pers. comm.). Among them, *Lysmata zaca*e may be the most closely related to *L. trisetacea* (Heller, 1861) in having a distinctly biramous dorsal flagellum of the antennule, no pterygostomial spine, and the carpus of the second pereopod divided into numerous articles. Both species occur in the tropical and subtropical western Pacific. I compared the specimens of *L. zaca*e with three ovigerous females of *L. trisetacea* (NSMT-Cr 1827, 4.6-5.6mm CL) from the lagoon at Kuro-shima Islet. *Lysmata trisetacea* can be readily differentiated from *L. zaca*e by having the rostrum reaching the midlength of the middle antennular peduncular segment, the stylocerite reaching about as far as the distal margin of the proximal antennular segment, the scaphocerite overreaching the distal margin of the antennular peduncle, and the carpus of the second pereopod being divided into fewer than 27 articles.

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