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Epimeria of the Southern Ocean with notes on their relatives (Crustacea, Amphipoda, Eusiroidea)

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Abstract. The present monograph includes general systematic considerations on the family Epimeriidae, a revision of the genus *Epimeria* Costa in Hope, 1851 in the Southern Ocean, and a shorter account on putatively related eusiroid taxa occurring in Antarctic and sub-Antarctic seas. The former epimeriid genera *Actinacanthus* Stebbing, 1888 and *Paramphithoe* Bruzelius, 1859 are transferred to other families, respectively to the Acanthonotozomellidae Coleman & J.L. Barnard, 1991 and the herein re-established Paramphithoidae G.O. Sars, 1883, so that only *Epimeria* and *Uschakoviella* Gurjanova, 1955 are retained within the Epimeriidae Boeck, 1871. The genera *Apherusa* Walker, 1891 and *Halirages* Boeck, 1891, which are phylogenetically close to *Paramphithoe*, are also transferred to the Paramphithoidae. The validity of the suborder Senticaudata Lowry & Myers, 2013, which conflicts with traditional and recent concepts of Eusiroidea Stebbing, 1888, is questioned. Eight subgenera are recognized for Antarctic and sub-Antarctic species of the genus *Epimeria*: *Drakepimeria* subgen. nov., *Epimeriella* K.H. Barnard, 1930, *Hoplepimeria* subgen. nov., *Laevepimeria* subgen. nov., *Metepimeria* Schellenberg, 1931, *Pseudepimeria* Chevreux, 1912, *Subepimeria* Bellan-Santini, 1972 and *Urepimeria* subgen. nov. The type subgenus *Epimeria*, as currently defined, does not occur in the Southern Ocean. *Drakepimeria* species are superficially similar to the type species of the genus *Epimeria*: *E. cornigera* (Fabricius, 1779), but they are phylogenetically unrelated and substantial morphological differences are obvious at a finer level. Twenty-seven new Antarctic *Epimeria* species are described herein: *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *acanthochelon* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (D.) anguloce* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (D.) colemani* subgen. et

sp. nov., *E. (D.) corbariae* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (D.) cyrano* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (D.) havermansiana* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (D.) leukhoplites* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (D.) loerzae* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (D.) pandora* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (D.) pyrodrakon* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (D.) robertiana* subgen. et sp. nov., *Epimeria (Epimeriella) atalanta* sp. nov., *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) cyphorachis* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (H.) gargantua* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (H.) linseae* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (H.) quasimodo* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (H.) xesta* subgen. et sp. nov., *Epimeria (Laevepimeria) anodon* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (L.) cinderella* subgen. et sp. nov., *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) amoenitas* sp. nov., *E. (P.) callista* sp. nov., *E. (P.) debroyeri* sp. nov., *E. (P.) khariaeis* sp. nov., *Epimeria (Subepimeria) adeliae* sp. nov., *E. (S.) iota* sp. nov., *E. (S.) teres* sp. nov. and *E. (S.) urvillei* sp. nov. The type specimens of *E. (D.) macrodonta* Walker, 1906, *E. (D.) similis* Chevreux, 1912, *E. (H.) georgiana* Schellenberg, 1931 and *E. (H.) inermis* Walker, 1903 are re-described and illustrated. Besides the monographic treatment of Epimeriidae from the Southern Ocean, a brief overview and identification keys are given for their putative and potential relatives from the same ocean, i.e., the Antarctic and sub-Antarctic members of the following eusiroid families: Acanthonotozomellidae Coleman & J.L. Barnard, 1991, Dikwidae Coleman & J.L. Barnard, 1991, Stilipedidae Holmes, 1908 and Vicmusiidae Just, 1990. This overview revealed the existence of a new large and characteristic species of *Alexandrella* Chevreux, 1911, *A. chione* sp. nov. but also shows that the taxonomy of that genus remains poorly known and that several 'variable widespread eurybathic species' probably are species complexes. Furthermore, the genera *Bathypanoploea* Schellenberg, 1939 and *Astyroides* Birstein & Vinogradova, 1960 are considered to be junior synonyms of *Alexandrella*. *Alexandrella mixta* Nicholls, 1938 and *A. pulchra* Ren in Ren & Huang, 1991 are re-established herein, as valid species. It is pointed out that this insufficient taxonomic knowledge of Antarctic amphipods impedes ecological and biogeographical studies requiring precise identifications. Stacking photography was used for the first time to provide iconographic support in amphipod taxonomy, and proves to be a rapid and efficient illustration method for large tridimensionally geometric species. A combined morphological and molecular approach was used whenever possible for distinguishing *Epimeria* species, which were often very similar (albeit never truly cryptic) and sometimes exhibited allometric and individual variations. However in several cases, taxa were characterized by morphology only, whenever the specimens available for study were inappropriately fixed or when no sequences could be obtained. A large number of *Epimeria* species, formerly considered as eurybathic and widely distributed, proved to be complexes of species, with a narrower (overlapping or not) distribution. The distributional range of Antarctic *Epimeria* is very variable from species to species. Current knowledge indicates that some species from the Scotia Arc and the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula are narrow range endemics, sometimes confined to one island, archipelago, or ridge (South Georgia, South Orkney Islands, Elephant Island or Bruce Ridge); other species have a distribution encompassing a broader region, such as the eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea, or extending from the eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea to Adélie Coast. The most widely distributed species are *E. (D.) colemani* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (E.) macronyx* (Walker, 1906), *E. (H.) inermis* Walker, 1903 and *E. (L.) walkeri* (K.H. Barnard, 1930), which have been recorded from the Antarctic Peninsula/South Shetland Islands area to the western Ross Sea. Since restricted distributions are common among Antarctic and sub-Antarctic *Epimeria*, additional new species might be expected in areas such as the Kerguelen Plateau, eastern Ross Sea, Amundsen Sea and the Bellingshausen Sea or isolated seamounts and ridges, where there are currently no *Epimeria* recorded. The limited distribution of many *Epimeria* species of the Southern Ocean is presumably related to the poor dispersal capacity in most species of the genus. Indeed with the exception of the pelagic and semi-pelagic species of the subgenus *Epimeriella*, they are heavy strictly benthic organisms without larval stages, and they have no exceptional level of eurybathy for Antarctic amphipods. Therefore, stretches deeper than 1000 m seem to be efficient geographical barriers for many *Epimeria* species, but other isolating factors (e.g., large stretches poor in epifauna) might also be at play. The existence of endemic shelf species with limited dispersal capacities in the Southern Ocean (like many *Epimeria*) suggests the existence of multiple ice-free shelf or upper slope refugia during the Pleistocene glaciations within the distributional and bathymetric range of these species. Genera with narrow range endemics like *Epimeria*

would be excellent model taxa for locating hotspots of Antarctic endemism, and thus potentially play a role in proposing meaningful Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in the Southern Ocean.

Keywords. *Alexandrella*, Amphipoda, *Epimeria*, Eusiroidea, Senticaudata, Southern Ocean.

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Introduction

The genus *Epimeria* is considered as one of the most iconic taxa of the Southern Ocean, where its species richness and morphological diversity is highest than in any other marine region. In the glacial water masses circulating south of the Polar Front, *Epimeria* species are unusually abundant and diverse, being represented by medium-sized to very large forms (up to 80 mm), which may exhibit vibrant colourations and crested adornments reminiscent of mythological dragons. More specifically, they display an extremely wide range of morphologies (from gracile pelagic species to heavily calcified benthic forms, either globular and smooth or highly processiform). The largest previously known species, *Epimeria rubriques* De Broyer & Klages, 1991 even became an emblematic species, as it was used as the logo for the EASIZ I Antarctic cruise (Arntz & Gutt 1997), and was illustrated on the cover art of the journal ‘Marine Biodiversity’ and that of the Biogeographic Atlas of the Southern Ocean edited by De Broyer *et al.* (2014), along with Antarctic krill and an emperor penguin. With such attributes of nobility, it is no surprise that the systematics of Antarctic *Epimeria* has been studied extensively. This is exemplified by the publication of the synopsis of Coleman (2007), which compiled short descriptions of the 25 species of Antarctic Epimeriidae known at that time: one species of *Actinacanthus*, 18 species of *Epimeria*, 4 species of *Epimeriella*, one species of *Metepimeria*, and one species of *Uschakoviella*. When Coleman’s (2007) revision was published, the spontaneous feeling amongst amphipodologists was that the taxonomy of Antarctic *Epimeria* species was a largely settled issue. Yet, four species were described almost immediately afterwards (Lörz 2009; Lörz *et al.* 2007, 2009, 2011), whilst d’Udekem d’Acoz & Robert (2008) gave a photograph of an additional undescribed *Epimeria* species, and Lörz *et al.* (2011) demonstrated that *Epimeria georgiana* Schellenberg, 1931 was a complex of several, very similar species, of which they described one as new. So the feeling that Antarctic *Epimeria* were adequately known proved to be an ephemeral illusion. Moreover, the data of Lörz *et al.* (2009) (based on 19 species) suggested that all Antarctic *Epimeria* species would belong to one single speciose clade, which was later on interpreted as a species flock (Lecointre *et al.* 2013). These data highlight that *Epimeria* could be a taxon of special interest for studying speciation and evolutionary patterns in Antarctic seas and the world oceans. This attracted the interest of the present authors, who decided to carry out an in-depth phylogenetic and taxonomic study of the genus *Epimeria*, at a global level. Extensive collections from West Antarctica (South Orkney and South Shetland Islands, tip and east of the Antarctic Peninsula, eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea) belonging to the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences and from the Adélie Coast belonging to the Muséum national d’Histoire naturelle, Paris, were studied, resulting in the description of 27 new Antarctic *Epimeria* species and one new *Alexandrella* species (a genus related to *Epimeria* according to molecular phylogenies). Moreover, a checklist of and a key to Antarctic Acanthonotozomellidae, Dikwidae, Stilipedidae and Vicmusiidae are provided, since these families were also included in our molecular studies and since our phylogenetic analyses indicate that they might form a clade with the Epimeriidae.

Material and methods

A combination of DNA-based methods and morphological observations was used to delimit species within Antarctic *Epimeria*. Specimens were preliminarily identified to species or species complexes

using the handbook of Coleman (2007). Specimens presenting obvious character differences with existing species descriptions were tentatively interpreted as new species. Then, fragments of the COI and 28S genes were sequenced and a phylogeny of Antarctic epimeriids was constructed. The recently introduced DNA-based methods GMYC, bPTB and BPP were used to investigate species boundaries (see Verheye *et al.* 2016a for details). In parallel, specimens of the different clades were re-examined and we searched for previously overlooked morphological differences. A clade was identified as a putative species if most DNA-based methods and morphology were congruent regarding its delimitation. In the following cases, however, taxonomic decisions were based on morphology only: (1) if the specimens were not fixed adequately for molecular studies (e.g., old type specimens); (2) if DNA sequences could not be obtained; (3) if the DNA sequences could not be compared with those obtained in previous studies of morphologically similar taxa because the gene sequenced fragment sequenced was different. Illustrations of more than one specimen were carried out for variable species (e.g., *Epimeria corbariae* sp. nov.) or for species with a wide distribution (*Epimeria inermis*). All these photographs are published herein, as they illustrate the individual and geographical variability of those species.

In most cases, simple records and ecological studies are not included in the species synonymies, which are focused on taxonomic studies. When relevant, they are indicated in the sections after the description. Most secondary references can be found in De Broyer *et al.* (2007).

Antarctic *Epimeria* exhibit diverse morphologies and subgenera are recognized herein. With the exception of *Metepimeria*, for which no DNA sequence is available, these subgenera correspond to well-supported clades on the combined phylogeny (Fig. 342), which can be morphologically characterized by a unique combination of characters, including in some cases putative synapomorphies. For *Urepimeria*, the clade criterion applies only to its type species (*Epimeria annabellae*), as no sequences are available for its other species. In their descriptions, the most important diagnostic characters of the subgenera are indicated in bold.

Descriptions and figures were carried out following a pragmatic approach: to provide reliable identification tools, without illustrating details that are irrelevant for identification purposes, i.e., a method inspired to some extent by the so-called 'turbo-taxonomic' approach (e.g., Butcher *et al.* 2012; Riedel *et al.* 2013). The mouthparts, which exhibit little variation between similar species, were usually not illustrated. Orientation of coxae and pereopods is important for illustrations, as the three-dimensional nature of articles is subject to parallax error and this has been problematic for interpretation of earlier works. Illustrations of the coxae *in situ* were considered preferable. Furthermore when the legs are dissected with the three-dimensional coxae (which is also very destructive), it becomes very difficult to flatten the legs. So, in most cases pereopods were dissected without the coxae. On the other hand, it appeared that it was essential to illustrate complete specimens in different orientations, as the shape of the rostrum (both lateral and facial) and the level of lateral projection of the coxae prove to be taxonomically very important. For a few species not available for the present study and closely related to species examined herein, we give a description based on literature accounts, in order to facilitate comparison with their relatives.

In a few cases, the sampling depth was unavailable. In such case the Google Earth depth (<https://earth.google.com>) of the station is given. This is a gross approximation and needs to be considered with extreme caution. The date of the Google Earth examination is given in each case, as the depths given by that information program change over time.

For taxonomic illustrations, the specimens were photographed, using the stacking system developed for dried biological specimens by Brecko *et al.* (2014), but placing the *Epimeria* specimens in a large cylindrical glass filled with alcohol, to prevent their desiccation. Whole specimens were ventrally mounted on a pin glued on a metallic wire, which was fixed on a small plate of stainless steel. This mounting system allowed a greater range of orientations to photograph specimens. Dissected parts

were photographed in Petri dishes filled with alcohol. Parts were covered with a microscope slide for flattening and immobilizing them, as the camera system generates vibrations when it moves on its rail. In this set-up, we used a Canon EOS 600D camera with a resolution of 18 MP in ‘large’ picture mode. The camera was equipped with a Canon MP-E 65 mm 1:2.8 1–5x Macro Photo Lens for the small pieces or a Canon Macro Lens EF 100 mm 1:2.8 USM for complete animals and large structures, and two flashes. Ultra Violet (UV) lamps were tested instead of flashes but did not yield a significant improvement (for the genus *Epimeria*) compared to visible light (Brecko *et al.* 2016: 19). Photographs were taken at intervals of 250 to 400 μm for the habitus of large specimens, 100 to 250 μm for character details of specimens and for small specimens habitus images, and lastly 50 to 100 μm for dissected appendages. Focus stacking was carried out with the Zerene Stacker software (zerenesystems.com/cms/home). Contrasts of the photographs were enhanced with Adobe Photoshop CS3, first with the function ‘curves’ for increasing the darkness of the background and then with the function ‘shadow/highlight’ in order to maximize the contrasts. In a few cases, when the border of structures was not contrasted enough for publication, they were inked with the tool ‘pen’ or ‘plume’, either in Adobe Photoshop CS3 or in Adobe Illustrator CS, resulting in illustrations hybrid between photographs and classical line drawings.

The live colour pattern was recorded on each cruise whenever possible with various makes of cameras. These field pictures were not always of good quality but we publish them regardless, the colour pattern often being taxonomically relevant.

In the descriptions, the term “tooth” is used for non-articulated, pointed ectodermic structures, the term ‘spine’ for stout, inflexible, articulated structures, and the term ‘seta’ for slender, flexible, articulated structures (d’Udekem d’Acoz 2010).

All data mentioned in this paper have been verified in original scientific literature.

The coordinates of the RV *Polarstern* stations have been extracted from the published RV *Polarstern* cruise reports, which are available at <https://www.pangaea.de/expeditions/cr.php/Polarstern> [accessed on 21 Oct. 2016]:

PS06, ANT-III/3: Hempel (1985)
PS10, ANT-V/3: Schnack-Schiel (1987)
PS12, ANT-VI/2, Fütterer (1988)
PS14, ANT-VII/4, EPOS leg 3: Arntz *et al.* (1990)
PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I: Arntz & Gutt (1997)
PS42, ANT-XIV/2: Kattner (1998)
PS48, ANT-XV/3, EASIZ II: Arntz & Gutt (1999)
PS56, ANT-XVII/3, EASIZ III: Arntz & Brey (2001)
PS61, ANT-XIX/5, LAMPOS: Arntz & Brey (2003)
PS65, ANT-XXI/2, BENDEX: Arntz & Brey (2005)
PS69, ANT-XXIII/8: Gutt (2008)
PS71, ANT-XXIV/2, ANDEEP-SYSTCO: Bathmann (2010)
PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, CAMBIO: Knust *et al.* (2012)
PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, LASSO: Gutt (2013)

The coordinates of recent French Antarctic expeditions were communicated by Laure Corbari (Muséum national d’Histoire naturelle) and Cyril Gallut (Université Pierre et Marie Curie). The coordinates of the SIGNY expedition were extrapolated from a map communicated by Stefan Hain. The coordinates of the Belgian and Belgian-Dutch Antarctic expeditions (expéditions antarctiques belges et belgo-néerlandaises) were extracted from an unpublished list compiled by Claude De Broyer (Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences). The coordinates of the RV *James Clark Ross* cruises have been extracted

from an unpublished list communicated by David Barnes (British Antarctic Survey). The coordinates of ancient specimens have been extracted from literature or copied from the labels in the vials.

Acronyms of repositories:

BMNH = British Museum (Natural History) [= former name of the Natural History Museum, London, which was retained on some labels]

MNHN = Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris

NHM = Natural History Museum, London

RBINS = Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, Brussels

SMNH = Swedish Museum of Natural History, Stockholm

Results

Phylum Arthropoda von Siebold, 1848

Subphylum Crustacea Brünnich, 1772

Class Malacostraca Latreille, 1802

Order Amphipoda Latreille, 1816

Superfamily **Eusiroidea** Stebbing, 1888

Eusiridae Stebbing, 1888: 949, 953; elevated to the rank of superfamily by Bousfield (1979).

Calliopiidae G.O. Sars, 1893: 431; elevated to the rank of superfamily by Lowry & Myers (2013).

Eusiridae – Stebbing 1906: 338. — J.L. Barnard 1969: 5, 27, 33, 34, 46, 47, 82, 83, 84, 87, 88, 89, 90, 106, 109, 114, 159, 164, 167, 171, 172, 213, 233, 291, 389, 392, 393, 421, 457, 476, 478, 481. — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 19, 20, 21, 55, 58, 68, 69, 80, 82, 84, 91, 114, 117, 131, 132, 284, 378, 379, 391, 405, 413, 569, 644, 702.

Eusiroidea – Bousfield 1979: 349, 363; 1982: 263. — Bousfield & Hendrycks 1995: 4 (ubi syn.). — Verheye *et al.* 2016b: 314, appendices S1, S2 and S3.

Calliopioidae – Lowry & Myers 2013: 38 (in part).

Composition

The study of Verheye *et al.* (2016b) indicates that the superfamily Eusiroidea Stebbing, 1888 is a larger taxon than previously admitted. In their appendix S2, these authors include the following families in Eusiroidea: Acanthonotozomatidae Stebbing, 1906; Acanthonotozomellidae Coleman & J.L. Barnard, 1991; Amathillopsidae Pirlot, 1934; Bateidae Stebbing, 1906; Calliopiidae G.O. Sars, 1893 (excluding *Cleippides* Boeck, 1871 and *Weyprechtia* Stuxberg, 1880); Dikwidae Coleman & J.L. Barnard, 1991; Epimeriidae Boeck, 1871; Eusiridae Stebbing, 1888; Iphimediidae Boeck, 1871; Laphystiopsidae Stebbing, 1899; Pleustidae Buchholz, 1874; Pontogeneiidae Stebbing, 1906; Sanchoidae Lowry, 2006; Stilipedidae Holmes, 1908 (including the subfamilies Alexandrellinae Holman & Watling, 1983, Astyrinae Pirlot, 1934 and Stilipedinae Holmes, 1908); Thurstonellidae Lowry & Zeidler, 2008; Vicmusiidae Just, 1990; and the orphan genera *Austroregia* J.L. Barnard, 1989 and *Chosroes* Stebbing, 1888, which were formerly included within the Gammarellidae Bousfield, 1977.

Remarks

The concept of Senticaudata Lowry & Myers, 2013 proposed by Lowry & Myers (2013) and adopted in major databases like the World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS, <http://www.marinespecies.org/> accessed on 8 Mar. 2016) conflicts with that of Eusiroidea *sensu* Verheye *et al.* (2016b). A brief discussion on the Senticaudata issue has therefore to be given herein. Lowry & Myers (2013) erected the suborder Senticaudata for amphipods presenting a cluster of spines on the tip of the rami of uropods 1 and 2,

postulating that this character state is a synapomorphy. Surprisingly, Lowry & Myers (2013) overlooked some ‘senticaudate’ taxa, e.g., *Idunellinae* d’Udekem d’Acoz, 2010, Pleustidae, *Apherusa* Walker, 1891, *Halirages* Boeck, 1871 and *Paramphithoe* Bruzelius, 1859). Most senticaudate families traditionally included in the Eusiroidea (the Calliopiidae and Pontogeneiidae) were transferred by Lowry & Myers (2013) to the superfamily Calliopioidea G.O. Sars, 1895 [sic] (real date of publication: 1893), i.e., the family Calliopiidae elevated to the rank of superfamily. The remaining eusiroid families were excluded from the suborder Senticaudata. Myers & Lowry (2013) also transferred the Cheirocratidae and Hornelliidae to the Calliopioidea, because the two latter families formed a clade with the Calliopiidae and Pontogeneiidae in their morphological phylogenetic tree based on the analysis of 41 characters. The molecular phylogenetic analyses of Verheye *et al.* (2016b), which focused on eusiroids, but also included a representative sample of other amphipods, did not support the validity of the suborder Senticaudata. Indeed, senticaudate taxa do not form a clade, suggesting that the distal ornamentation of uropods would be subject to homoplasy, as it is the case for many other characters in amphipods (e.g., J.L. Barnard & Drummond 1978: 7, 193; J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1984: 48; J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 13, 58; Verheye *et al.* 2016b). In the 28S and 18S rDNA trees, Eusiroidea comprises senticaudate as well as non-senticaudate taxa, and the families Calliopiidae (excluding *Cleippides*) and Pontogeneiidae are included in the superfamily, as it was the case in former classifications (e.g., Bousfield 1979, 1982; J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991). The suborder Senticaudata was erected on the assumption that the senticaudate character state is a synapomorphy. However, the morphological phylogeny of the Senticaudata of Lowry & Myers (2013) does not test this hypothesis as it only includes senticaudate taxa. Moreover, the reliability of the nodes of Lowry & Myers (2013) is not assessed by any support values, e.g., bootstrap support or Bremer’s index. Additionally, it should be noted that the Cheirocratidae and Hornelliidae exhibit several important non-eusiroid character states. For example, they have a well developed accessory flagellum on antenna 1 as well as dorsal spines/setae on the urosome, which is never the case in Eusiroidea. Their position close to the Calliopiidae and Pontogeneiidae on the tree of Lowry & Myers (2013) might reflect poorly supported topologies and/or a subjective choice of characters used in their analysis. A direct observation of specimens indicates that the senticaudate and non-senticaudate character states are not always clear-cut and transitional dispositions are observed among dissimilar amphipods, suggesting multiple passages between the senticaudate and non-senticaudate character states. Finally, the polarity of the transition proposed by Lowry & Myers (2013): non senticaudate (plesiomorphic) to senticaudate (apomorphic) is another untested question. In conclusion, before its wide acceptance, the new classification system of amphipods based on the suborder Senticaudata should be evaluated by a combination of molecular and morphological investigations, without *a priori* assuming that the senticaudate character state is a synapomorphy.

Family and sub-family key to Antarctic and sub-Antarctic Epimeriidae and their putative relatives

This key includes the Epimeriidae s. str. and putatively related families and subfamilies of Eusiroidea present in the Southern Ocean.

1. Posterior border of basis of pereopod 7 not produced into an immense median acute process pointing backwards2
 - Posterior border of basis of pereopod 7 produced into an immense median acute process pointing backwards [all pereionites and pleosomites with mid-dorsal crest and with transverse carinae and grooves; rostrum absent; telson blunt-tipped, not cleft]
.....*Dikwidae* Coleman & J.L. Barnard, 1991

2. Article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1 not produced into a large and broad lobe forming a hood above articles 2–33
 - Article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1 produced into a large and broad lobe forming a hood above articles 2–3*Vicmusiidae* Just, 1990

3. Surface of pereion segments just above connection with coxa either smooth or with very small tooth, or surface of pereion (and most parts of body and appendages) homogeneously and densely covered by medium-sized styliform teeth (giving a hedgehog facies to the animal)4
– Surface of pereion segments just above connection with coxa with a large or huge process pointing laterally [telson entire]*Acanthonotozomellidae* Coleman & J.L. Barnard, 1991
4. Coxa 1 narrow or fairly narrow; eyes bulging (rounded, elliptic or reniform), remaining distinct in alcohol; mandible with molar process present; maxilla 2 plates not broadened; teguments strongly to weakly calcified; rostrum well-developed to vestigial*Epimeriidae* Boeck, 1871
– Coxa 1 broad; eyes not bulging, of various shapes, often disappearing in alcohol; mandible with molar process absent; maxilla 2 with plates broadened; teguments weakly calcified; rostrum always vestigial: *Stilipedidae* Holmes, 19085
5. Outer plate of maxilliped well-developed but distinctly shorter than palp; pleosomites without posterodorsal tooth6
– Outer plate of maxilliped immensely developed, overreaching palp; pleosomites with or without posterodorsal tooth*Alexandrellinae* Holman & Watling, 1983
6. Coxae 1–3 longer than coxa 4*Stilipedinae* Holmes, 1908
– Coxae 1–3 not longer than coxa 4*Astyrinae* Pirlot, 1934

Family **Epimeriidae** Boeck, 1871

Epimerinae Boeck, 1871: 103.

Atylinae – Buchholz 1874: 366 (in part).

Epimerinae – Boeck 1876: 227. — Stebbing 1883: 204 (in part).

Epimeridae – G.O. Sars 1883: 26; 1886: 166; 1893: 362–363. — Stebbing 1888: 876–877. — Chevreux 1900: 62. — Reibisch 1906: 188.

Epimeriidae – Coleman & J.L. Barnard 1991a: 255–257. — Coleman 1998b: 216; 2007: 28. — Lörz & Brandt 2004: 179. — Lörz & Held 2004: 4–15.

Paramphithoidae – Stebbing 1906: 320 (in part); 1908: 191 (in part). — Stephensen 1928: 252 (in part); 1929: 130 (in part). — Chevreux & Fage 1925: 190 (in part). — Gurjanova 1951: 665 (in part); 1955: 187–188 (in part); 1972: 175–178 (in part). — Hurley 1957: 3, 5 (in part). — J.L. Barnard 1961: 102 (in part); 1969: 389 (in part). — Bousfield 1979: 363, 378 (in part, discussion); 1982: 265 (in part). — Lincoln 1979: 434 (in part). — Holman & Watling 1983: 31 (in part, discussion). — Andres & Lott 1986: 134 (discussion). — Ledoyer 1986: 854 (in part); 1993: 616 (in part). — Bousfield & Shih 1994: 130 (in part, discussion). — Bousfield & Hendrycks 1995: 5 (in part, key).

‘Acanthonotozomatidae and Paramphithoidae’ – Karaman & J.L. Barnard 1979: 107 (in part).

Iphimediidae – J.L. Barnard & Karaman, 1991: 378 (in part).

non Atylina [sic] Lilljeborg, 1865: plate p. 18.

non Iphimediinae Boeck, 1871: 98.

non Paramphithoidae G.O. Sars, 1883: 25; type genus *Paramphithoe* Bruzelius, 1859: 68; type species: *Acanthosoma hystrix* Ross, 1835 designated by J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 398.

non Acanthonotozomatidae Stebbing, 1906: 210.

non Paramphithoidae – Della Valle, 1893: 557 (discussion). — G.O. Sars 1893: 343 (full description). — Chevreux 1900: 62.

Composition

Two genera are accepted herein within the Epimeriidae: *Epimeria* Costa in Hope, 1851 and *Uschakoviella* Gurjanova, 1955. *Actinacanthus* Stebbing, 1888 and *Paramphithoe* Bruzelius, 1859 are removed from the Epimeriidae, and respectively transferred to the Acanthonotozomellidae Coleman & J.L. Barnard, 1991 and the Paramphithoidae G.O. Sars, 1883.

Nine subgenera are recognized within *Epimeria*: *Drakepimeria* subgen. nov., *Epimeria* Costa in Hope, 1851; *Epimeriella* Walker, 1906; *Hoplepimeria* subgen. nov.; *Laevepimeria* subgen. nov.; *Metepimeria* Schellenberg, 1931; *Pseudepimeria* Chevreux, 1912; *Subepimeria* Bellan-santini, 1972 and *Urepimeria* subgen. nov.

Systematic remarks and decisions

The composition of the family Epimeriidae is in a state of flux. Coleman (2007) listed the following genera within the Epimeriidae: *Actinacanthus* Stebbing, 1888; *Epimeria* Costa in Hope, 1851; *Epimeriella* Walker, 1906; *Metepimeria* Schellenberg, 1931; *Paramphithoe* Bruzelius, 1859 and *Uschakoviella* Gurjanova, 1955. On the other hand, Lörz & Brandt (2004) treated *Epimeriella* as a junior synonym of *Epimeria* and questioned the validity of *Metepimeria*. *Metepimeria* was initially erected as a monotypic genus for the Magellanic species *Epimeria acanthurus*, based on a single character state: the absence of dactylus on the palp of the maxilliped. This character state is likely autapomorphic and *Metepimeria* is relegated herein to the status of subgenus of *Epimeria*, with a new definition. A recent molecular phylogenetic analysis (Verheye *et al.* 2016b) demonstrated that *Paramphithoe* is unrelated to *Epimeria* but belongs to the *Apherusa/Halirages* clade. The senticaudate-type uropods 1–2 and the dissimilar palp of the left and right maxilla 1 (see G.O. Sars 1890–1895: pl. 130 for *Paramphithoe* and d’Udekem d’Acoz 2012 for *Halirages*) are characteristic of this clade, the second character being interpreted as a putative synapomorphy. The profound differences between *Paramphithoe* and *Epimeria* were previously pointed out by Gurjanova (1955: 188) and the affinity of *Paramphithoe* with the Calliopiidae s. lat. was already perceived by Bousfield (1979: 363). *Paramphithoe* sensu Stebbing, 1906 is therefore herein formally removed from the Epimeriidae and transferred to the Paramphithoidae G.O. Sars, 1883, which are re-established.

The study of Verheye *et al.* (2016b) showed that *Alexandrella* Chevreux, 1911, *Bathypanoploea* Schellenberg, 1939 (Alexandrellinae), *Astyra* Boeck, 1871 (Astyrinae), *Dikwa* Griffiths, 1974 (Dikwidae), *Acanthonotozomella* Schellenberg, 1926, *Acanthonotozomoides* Schellenberg, 1931 (Acanthonotozomellidae) and *Acanthonotozomopsis* Watling & Holman, 1980 (Vicmusiidae) are part of a more inclusive clade including *Epimeria*. All these families are accepted herein but an alternative could indeed be to merge all taxa related to *Epimeria* into one large family, which we do not advocate, at least for the time being. The genus *Actinacanthus*, which was traditionally included within the Epimeriidae (e.g., Coleman 2007; De Broyer *et al.* 2007), exhibits striking morphological similarities with the Acanthonotozomellidae, such as the presence of a pair of huge sword-like teeth on pereonites just above the insertion of coxae, and a non-incised telson. While convergent evolution cannot be ruled out, it seems more likely that these characters are synapomorphies. *Actinacanthus* is therefore transferred herein to the Acanthonotozomellidae. The genus *Uschakoviella*, also traditionally assigned to the Epimeriidae, is provisionally retained within this family, in the absence of evidence against its current taxonomic position.

Nomenclatural remarks

The nomenclatural status of the family Paramphithoidae G.O. Sars, 1883 (previously considered as a junior synonym of the Epimeriidae Boeck, 1871) and of the genus *Paramphithoe* Bruzelius, 1859 (previously considered as an Epimeriidae) requires discussion. The genus *Paramphithoe* was created

by Bruzelius (1859) for nine unrelated or distantly related species. Stebbing (1895) noted that “the nine species attributed to that genus by its author have since been distributed among half-a-dozen genera, amid which the original genus, from its vagueness, is an abiding source of confusion. It is a wandering star, of which the orbit is difficult to calculate.” The family name Paramphithoidae was introduced, albeit without description by G.O. Sars (1883). According to ICZN (1999 arts. 12.1. and 12.2.4), Paramphithoidae G.O. Sars, 1883 is a valid name because it derives from an available generic name: *Paramphithoe* Bruzelius, 1859, an explicit description being not required for family names introduced before 1931. G.O. Sars (1883) did not explicitly define the composition of the Paramphithoidae and he designated no type species for *Paramphithoe*. He simply listed four species in it: *Pleustes panoplus* (Kröyer, 1838) (a species included in *Paramphithoe* by Bruzelius (1859) when he created that genus), *Pleustes parvus* (Boeck, 1871) (a probable junior synonym of *Pleustes panoplus* according to Stebbing (1906)), *Paramphithoe brevicornis* G.O. Sars, 1883 and *Paramphithoe assimilis* G.O. Sars, 1883. All these species are currently considered as members of the family Pleustidae Buchholz, 1874. G.O. Sars (1883) did not include *Paramphithoe hystrix* (Ross, 1835) (under the name *Acanthozone cuspidata* (Lepechin, 1780)) in the Paramphithoidae G.O. Sars, 1883 but put it in the Epimeriidae Boeck, 1871.

Ten years later, G.O. Sars (1893) provided a detailed description of the Paramphithoidae, in explicitly restricting it to four genera: *Pleustes* Spence Bate, 1858, *Paramphithoe* Bruzelius, 1859, *Stenopleustes* G.O. Sars, 1893 and *Parapleustes* Buchholz, 1874, and dealing only with species currently treated as Pleustidae — two of them being part of the original *Paramphithoe* species of Bruzelius (1859): *Paramphithoe pulchella* (Kröyer, 1846) and *Pleustes panoplus* (Kröyer, 1838). Consistently with his previous study, G.O. Sars (1893) included *Paramphithoe hystrix* (again under the name *Acanthozone cuspidata*) in the Epimeriidae, this time in explicitly listing *Acanthosoma hystrix* Ross, 1835 (as *Acanthosoma hystrix* Owen) in its synonymy. Again, he designated no type species for *Paramphithoe*.

Stebbing (1906) provided a new definition of the Paramphithoidae conflicting with the previous ones, without citing G.O. Sars (1883, 1893). The Paramphithoidae consisted of *Actinacanthus*, *Epimeria* and *Paramphithoe*. Stebbing (1906) designated no type species for *Paramphithoe*. He simply stated: “3 accepted species, 1 doubtful”. The three accepted species were *P. buchholzi* Stebbing, 1906, *P. hystrix* and *P. polyacantha* (J. Murdoch, 1885) and the “doubtful” species *P. cuspidata*. In other words, only one of the original *Paramphithoe* species of Bruzelius (1859), namely *P. hystrix*, was accepted by him in that genus — while the species was clearly excluded from the Paramphithoidae by G.O. Sars (1883, 1893). Stebbing’s (1906) re-definition of *Paramphithoe* and of the Paramphithoidae was accepted in all subsequent literature, where the family Paramphithoidae was either cited without author’s name (e.g. Barnard 1969) or, more rarely, attributed to Stebbing (1906) (e.g. Bousfield 1979, Coleman & Barnard 1991a). In other words, Stebbing’s (1906) proposal (not a nomenclatural act) was unanimously accepted by the community of amphipodologists as if it was the formal designation of the type species of the genus *Paramphithoe*; the statements of G.O. Sars (1883, 1893) were ignored. Finally Barnard & Karaman (1991) designated *Acanthosoma hystrix* Ross, 1835 as the type species of the genus *Paramphithoe* — hence also of the family Paramphithoidae.

Just like Stebbing (1906), Coleman & J.L. Barnard (1991a) believed that *Paramphithoe sensu* J.L. Barnard & Karaman (1991) was a close relative to the genus *Epimeria* and had to be included in the same family. They re-established the name Epimeriidae Boeck, 1871 for *Epimeria*, *Paramphithoe* (and other genera) because it is older than “Paramphithoidae Stebbing, 1906”. It now appears that *Paramphithoe* is unrelated to *Epimeria* (Verheye *et al.* 2016b) and is nested within the *Apherusa*/*Halirages* clade. The family Paramphithoidae has to be re-established for this internally poorly resolved clade including (at least) *Apherusa* Walker, 1891, *Halirages* Boeck, 1871 and *Paramphithoe* revealed by Verheye *et al.* (2016b). Additional calliopiid genera (especially from the northern hemisphere) will possibly also have to be transferred to the Paramphithoidae, when more details on their phylogenetic

position will be known. Currently, unless ICZN 1999, Article 35.5 on the precedence for names in use at higher rank is invoked, the Calliopiidae can at best be preserved for the genus *Calliopiopus* alone, which might be the sister clade of the Paramphithoidae (Verheye *et al.* 2016b), and presents no close affinity with other sequenced genera traditionally included in the Calliopiidae. However in databases, we feel that the ‘Calliopiidae s. lat.’ should be preserved for all or most genera traditionally included within the Calliopiidae (excluding *Apherusa*, *Halirages* and *Paramphithoe*) as an ‘adoptive’ artificial family, as long as their phylogenetic and systematic position remains in a too imperfect state of knowledge.

Key to the genera of Epimeriidae

1. Body with or without large dentiform processes, but not homogeneously and densely covered by medium-sized styliiform teeth *Epimeria* Costa in Hope, 1851
- Body homogeneously and densely covered by medium-sized styliiform teeth [recorded once, doubtfully, in the Southern Ocean, below 3000 m] *Uschakoviella* Gurjanova, 1955

Genus *Epimeria* Costa in Hope, 1851

Gammarellus Herbst, 1793: 106–115 (in part); type species: *Gammarus homari* Fabricius, 1779 [currently *Gammarellus homari* (Fabricius, 1779)].

Vertumnus White, 1847: 89; type species: *Vertumnus cranchii* Leach’s manuscript name; nomen nudum.

Vertumnus White, 1850a: 97 [+ pl. 16 figs 3–5 illustrating Leach’s specimens, as *Acanthonotus testudo*] (real identity of the specimens: *Epimeria cornigera* (Fabricius, 1779), not *Pereionotus testudo* (Montagu, 1808)); *Vertumnus* White, 1850 = preoccupied and invalid objective synonym of *Epimeria* Costa in Hope, 1851 (see remarks below).

Epimeria Costa in Hope, 1851: 24, 46; type species: *Epimeria tricristata* Costa in Hope, 1851: 46 (= *Gammarus corniger* Fabricius, 1779: 383).

Epimeriella Walker, 1906: 17; type species: *Epimeriella macronyx* Walker, 1906.

Pseudepimeria Chevreux, 1912: 216 (9 on reprints); type species: *Pseudepimeria grandirostris* Chevreux, 1912.

Metepimeria Schellenberg, 1931: 162; type species: *Metepimeria acanthurus* Schellenberg, 1931.

Subepimeria Bellan-Santini, 1972: 225; type species: *Subepimeria geodesiae* Bellan-Santini, 1972.

Gammarus – Fabricius 1779: 383 (in part). — H. Milne Edwards 1840: 42–55 (in part).

Vertumnus – White 1850b: 51. — Spence Bate & Westwood 1862: 231. — Norman 1869: 280.

Acanthonotus – White 1850a: 97, pl. 16 figs 3–5; 1850b: 51 (in part); 1857: 177. — Gosse 1855: 139, 142. — Spence Bate 1857: 141; 1862: 120. — Spence Bate & Westwood 1862: 231. — Carus 1885: 410.

Epimeria – Costa 1857: 175, 197; 1867: 42–44 (discussion). — Spence Bate 1862: 153–154. — Boeck 1871: 185 (105 on reprints); 1876: 232. — Stebbing 1888: 877–878 (ubi syn.); 1906: 321. — G.O. Sars 1893: 363–364. — Holmes 1904: 467: key. — Kunkel 1918: 48 (key). — Stephensen 1928: 253–254; 1929: 130. — Chevreux & Fage 1925: 190–191. — Gurjanova 1951: 666; 1955: 189–191. — J.L. Barnard 1961: 102; 1969: 394. — McCain 1971: 159. — Karaman & J.L. Barnard 1979: 108–109. — Lincoln 1979: 434. — Watling & Holman 1980: 642–643. — Moore 1981: 749. — Andres & Lott 1986: 133 (discussion). — Ledoyer 1986: 860; 1993: 616. — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 380, 393. — Coleman 1998b: 215; 2007: 31. — Wakabara & Serejo 1999: 630–631. — Lörz & Brandt 2004: 179–190 (phylogeny). — Lörz & Held 2004: 4–15 (phylogeny).

Amphithoë – M. Sars 1859: 130–143 (in part).

Acanthosoma – Boeck 1861: 665–666 (in part); 1869: 410 (in part).

Acanthonotosoma [sic] – Della Valle 1893: 674, in part (ubi syn.).

Metepimeria – Gurjanova 1951: 189; 1955: 189, 209. — J.L. Barnard 1969: 396. — Watling & Holman 1981: 215. — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 380, 397. — Lörz & Brandt 2004: 184, 188. — Coleman 2007: 61.

Epimeriella – Gurjanova 1955: 189. — J.L. Barnard 1969: 161, 395. — Holman & Watling 1983: 31 (discussion). — Andres & Lott 1986: 131–136. — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 380, 394, 702. — Coleman 1998b: 215; 2007: 56. — Lörz & Brandt 2004: 179, 184, 188, 189.

Pseudepimeria – Gurjanova 1955: 189, 190. — J.L. Barnard 1969: 396.

non Gammarus Fabricius, 1775: 418; type species: *Cancer pulex* Linnaeus, 1758.

non Acanthonotus Bloch, 1797: 112–114, pl. 431; type species: *Acanthonotus nasus* Bloch, 1797; objective synonym of *Notacanthus* Bloch, 1788: 278 (type species: *Notacanthus chemnitzii* Bloch, 1788) (Pisces).

non Acanthonotus Cuvier, 1800: table 4; nomen nudum (Pisces).

non Acanthonotus Goldfuss, 1809: 308; objective synonym of *Echidna* Cuvier, 1797: 143 (Mammalia).

non Acanthonotus Gray, 1830: pl. 85, fig. 1; type species: *Silurus (Acanthonotus) Cuvieri* Gray, 1830 (Pisces).

non Acanthonotus Swainson & Richardson, 1832: 168; nomen nudum (Aves).

non Acanthonotus Ross, 1835: xc; type species: *Acanthonotus cristatus* Ross, 1835.

non Ampithöe Leach, 1814: 432; type genus: *Cancer rubricatus* Montagu, 1808.

non Vertumnus Otto, 1823: 294, pl. 41 fig. 1; type species: *Vertumnus thetidicola* Otto, 1823 (Trematoda).

non Acanthosoma Curtis, 1824: unnumbered pagina referring to plate 20 (Hemiptera).

non Acanthosoma Ross, 1835: 91; type species: *Acanthosoma hystrix* Ross, 1835.

non Acanthonotozoma Boeck, 1876: 237; type species: *Acanthonotus cristatus* Ross, 1835.

non Amphithöe – Latreille 1816: 470 (misspelling for *Ampithöe* Leach, 1814).

non Vertumnus – Goës 1866: 522. — Boeck 1871: 99. — Miers 1877: 135. — G.O. Sars 1883: 26 (all three = *Acanthonotozoma*) [unaccepted subjective use of *Vertumnus* White, 1850].

Etymology

“Probably so called from the epimera or side-plates” (Stebbing 1888: 1672).

Description

Body smooth or covered with teeth or processes. If processes are present on pereionites just above connection with coxae, these processes are small, not sword-like, not forming large longitudinal carinae. Head high; lateral head lobes very reduced; inferior antennal sinus very shallow; ventral lobe of head well developed, oriented obliquely downwards, sharp or rounded. Development of rostrum variable, usually well developed but sometimes small or even tiny. Urosomite 1 always with dorsal process, which can be rounded or tooth like, projecting upwards or backwards. Telson usually distinctly incised or cleft, rarely weakly emarginate or entire, without spines or setae. Eyes usually present, rarely absent (in abyssal species), medium-sized to large, bulging when present, elliptic, pyriform, rounded or reniform, usually with distinct ommatidia. Antenna 1: peduncular articles short or fairly short, with or without teeth; peduncular article 2 shorter than 1 and longer than 3; accessory flagellum present, small, consisting of one article. Mouthparts projecting quadrately. Upper lip almost entire to notched, symmetrical; epistome not very broad. Mandible: incisor ordinary, toothed; lacinia mobilis present on both mandibles (left and right one different), uniplated; setal row present and well-developed; molar process present, large, triturative or not. Lower lip inner lobes absent, outer lobes relatively broad. Maxilla 1 of basic shape, identical on left and right appendage; palp 2-articulate, article 2 with distal marginal row of conical spines and distal marginofacial row of strong setae. Maxilla 2, with plates of basic form; inner plate without facial row of setae. Maxilliped: inner and outer plates large and broad; outer plates reaching about mid of article 2 of palp, with short spines on medial border, with long spines on tip and with long stout setae on distal part of lateral border (the short spines intergrades into long spines

which themselves intergrade in long stout setae); inner plates nearly reaching tip of article 1 of palp; palp article 4 usually well developed, but sometimes absent, with distal unguis. Coxae long. Coxae 1–4 progressively longer. Coxae 1–3 narrow. Coxa 4 five-sided: border connecting with coxa, anterodorsal border (running along the posterior margin of coxa 3) perpendicular to body axis or projecting obliquely forward; anteroventral border projecting posteriorly backwards (anterodorsal and anteroventral border either separated by angular discontinuity or smoothly intergrading into a regular curve, rarely produced into a tooth); posteroventral border straight or concave, separated from anteroventral border by angle or tooth (ventral angle or tooth); posterodorsal border concave, separate from posteroventral border by a tooth (posterior tooth); a carina or a groove often run on the surface separating ventral and posterior teeth/angles; when present this carina sometimes bear a tooth projecting laterally. Coxae 5–6 with or without tooth or process projecting laterally; when coxa 5 laterally dentate, its tooth can be very large. Gnathopods weak, usually similar but never identical; gnathopod 2 always longer than gnathopod 1 (usually just a bit longer, but sometimes distinctly longer); gnathopods usually subchelate, but sometimes simple; carpus and propodus short to very long, and robust to very narrow; palm well defined or not (sometimes absent), usually posteriorly with about 3 long spines; posterior border of dactylus dentate (sometimes strongly dentate), with terminal unguis. Pereiopods 3–7 with terminal unguis on dactylus, easily breaking at the merocarpal articulation. Pereiopod 6 > pereiopod 5 > pereiopod 7; basis of pereiopods 5–7 with longitudinal carina on both side, which is often very protruding; dactylus of pereiopods 5–7 usually short, rarely long. Coxal gill from gnathopod 2 to pereiopod 7. Oostegite large and broad, from gnathopod 2 to pereiopod 6. Uropods well developed; rami sword-like. In uropods 1–2, inner ramus slightly longer than outer ramus, slightly shorter than peduncle; tip of rami tapering to form a narrow point without spines (i.e., it is not senticaudate); peduncles without ventrolateral spines. In uropod 3, rami subequal much longer than peduncle, which is very short; outer ramus entire.

Body length

8 to 80 mm.

Distribution and biology

The genus *Epimeria* is almost cosmopolitan in distribution, reaching its highest diversity in Antarctic seas. It also comprises a fairly large number of tropical, deep-water Indo-Pacific species, for which the largest part remains undescribed (pers. obs.: samples from the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Paris). *Epimeria* has been recorded from the intertidal (*E. monodon* Stephensen, 1947) down to 5695 m (*E. abyssalis* Shimomura & Tomikawa 2016 — see Shimomura & Tomikawa (2016)), but it is predominantly found between 150 and 2500 m. No shallow-water records are known from tropical and warm-temperate seas. The majority of *Epimeria* species are slow moving, strictly benthic amphipods (Dauby *et al.* 2001a) but they are able to swim quickly over short distances (Moore 1981). At least two highly modified species are truly pelagic: *E. macronyx* (Walker, 1906) and *E. pelagica* (Birstein & Vinogradov, 1958), and a few species, including *E. scabrosa* (K.H. Barnard, 1930) and *E. atalanta* sp. nov., are suspected by us to be semi-pelagic, as they are poorly calcified and exhibit a gracile morphology. *Epimeria* are usually associated with communities rich in epifauna (De Broyer *et al.* 2001). The material examined for this study shows that the diversity of *Epimeria* is directly proportional to the abundance of erect epifauna in trawl catches. The shallow-water species *Epimeria monodon* lives amidst macro-algae (Richardson 1977). Most species are carnivorous and feed on a fairly large range of organisms, albeit with individual preferences for each species (Dauby *et al.* 2001a). One European species, *Epimeria parasitica* (M. Sars, 1859), is an ectoparasite of holothurians (M. Sars 1859). *Epimeria* species are themselves frequently consumed by fishes (e.g., Olaso *et al.* 2000; Dauby *et al.* 2003). Females largely predominate in the catches. Different hypotheses may be advanced as possible explanation: differences in behavioural pattern between males and females, a smaller size and/or shorter lifespan in males, a biased sex ratio, or even protandrous hermaphroditism. *Epimeria* seem to be iteroparous, at least in

some cases. Indeed, within the maxilliped of the specimen of *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) sp. 1 dissected by M. Verheye, which was a mature female with fully developed and setigerous oostegites, the outline of a new cuticle bordered with spines and setae in development could be observed. This indicates that the specimen was preparing an extra moult, after a presumably fertile intermoult. Klages (1991) observed that hatchlings of “*Epimeria georgiana*” (possibly *E. xesta*), *E. robustoides* (under the name *E. robusta*) and *E. rubrieques* climb on the back of their mother and remain there for a short period of time before leaving her. In contrast, he observed that juvenile “*E. macrodonta*” and “*E. similis*” leave their mother immediately after hatching. Cryptoniscin epicaridean isopods have been reported to parasitize *Epimeria robusta* (see K.H. Barnard 1930), *E. robustoides* (see Klages 1991, as *E. robusta*) and *E. rubrieques* (see Klages 1991). According to K.H. Barnard (1930), the parasites occupy the marsupium of the female.

Remarks

The body of many *Epimeria* species is adorned with protrusions, crests or teeth, which can sometimes be very high. Two main conjectural explanations have been previously proposed to explain the role of the dentiform processes in *Epimeria* and other amphipods: defence against predation (Moore 1981; Brandt 2000) and hydrodynamic stabilizers during swimming (Moore 1981). However the second explanation seems less applicable for most *Epimeria*, which are benthic and swim only for short distances (Moore 1981). We herein propose a third explanation, that ornamentation might play a role of camouflage, specifically disruptive camouflage. This idea is based on the analogous observations of the first author for a tuberculate pleustid *Pleustes panoplus* (Krøyer, 1838) [an eusiroid amphipod species superficially similar to *Epimeria*] on a rocky shore near Tromsø (Norway). Their protuberances, combined with a variegated colouration, made individuals almost perfectly blend with their habitat of rocks covered in epiflora and epifauna. The protrusions of some *Epimeria* species might constitute a form of disruptive camouflage on substrates rich in epifauna, which are their preferential habitat. As they live at depths, where the light intensity is very low or absent, a perfect camouflage might not be necessary to avoid detection by predators like fishes. A disruptive body form in a complex tridimensional epifaunal environment could efficiently protect them from predation.

The genus *Epimeria* includes 84 described species (59 in the Southern Ocean). For practical reasons, Antarctic *Epimeria* species are distributed herein into different subgenera, presenting a homogeneous combination of morphological characters. These subgenera are clades (see Verheye *et al.* 2016a) or putative clades (their monophyly was assumed from morphological data when some species could not be sequenced). However, the monophyly of the subgenus *Urepimeria* remains conjectural, since only one of its three species has been sequenced and the morphology of these species is not fully congruent.

The name *Vertumnus* requires discussion. This generic name was first introduced by Otto (1823) for a trematod: *Vertumnus thetidicola* Otto, 1823, for which Otto (1823) gave a detailed description. The name *Vertumnus* was then introduced a second time by White (1847), as a nomen nudum, based on a manuscript of W.E. Leach about crustaceans. Later, White (1850a) illustrated Leach's specimens, describing them briefly as ‘*Vertumnus Cranchii*’. These specimens correspond with the description of *Epimeria cornigera* (Fabricius, 1779). However, White (1850a) erroneously considered *Vertumnus Cranchii* as a junior synonym of *Oniscus testudo* Montagu, 1808 [currently *Pereionotus testudo* (Montagu, 1808)] and used the combination *Acanthonotus testudo* for it in his text and on the caption of his plate. Thus, it is clear that *Epimeria* Costa in Hope, 1851 and *Vertumnus* White, 1850 are synonyms and have the same type species. However, as indicated above, the name *Vertumnus* White, 1850 is preoccupied by *Vertumnus* Otto, 1823. Furthermore, it is unavailable in application of Article 11.6 of the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN 1999), which states: “a name which when first published in an available work was treated as a junior synonym of a name then used as valid is not thereby made available.” The confusion between *Oniscus testudo* and *Epimeria cornigera* was repeated by Gosse (1855), who used again the name *Acanthonotus testudo* for *Epimeria cornigera*.

A sub-generic classification of non-Antarctic and non sub-Antarctic *Epimeria* falls out of the scope of the present paper, as these extralimital species form a clade distinct from the Antarctic *Epimeria* clade (Verheye *et al.* 2017). We simply propose a provisional definition of the type subgenus *Epimeria*, which occurs in the Atlantic, Arctic and Indian Oceans, and in the Mediterranean Sea.

Key to the Antarctic and sub-Antarctic subgenera of *Epimeria*

1. Rostrum small to large (reaching at least mid of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1); robust species with tegument normally to strongly calcified2
– Rostrum minute (not reaching 0.2 of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1), reduced to a tiny blade separating the base of the first article of the peduncles of antennae 1; fragile species with very thin tegument*Epimeriella* Walker, 1906
2. Some or all pereionites may have a pair of dorsolateral teeth or protrusions, but they are always devoid of a pair of ventrolateral protrusions or teeth; eyes bulging but not conical; gnathopods not reduced in size, achelate or subchelate; pereiopods 3–7 with merus, carpus and propodus slender to moderately stout, with dactylus normal-sized or long and slender, not folding on propodus3
– Pereionites both with pair of dorsolateral teeth or protrusions and with pair of ventrolateral protrusions or teeth (just above coxae); eyes conical; gnathopods very small and achelate; pereiopods 3–7 with merus, carpus and propodus extremely stout and dactylus fairly long, stout, curved and folding on propodus [all pereionites and pleonites with mid-dorsal crest or tooth]*Pseudepimeria* Chevreux, 1912
3. Pleonites 2–3 with or 0–2 pairs of dorsolateral protrusions or teeth; when they are two, one is disposed just above the other (and not anteriorly to the other)4
– Pleonites 2–3 with at least 2 pairs of low dorsolateral protrusions, teeth or keels, of which at least two are disposed in longitudinal arrangement [propodus of gnathopods 1–2 fairly slender; pleosomites and posterior pereionites with low mid-dorsal crest]*Metepimeria* Schellenberg, 1931
4. Basis of pereiopod 7 broad in all its length, with posterior border not excavated in its distal half; posterior border of basis of pereiopods 5–6 without proximal tooth directed in the same axis as basis (but a proximal rounded lobe projecting laterally can be present)5
– Basis of pereiopod 7 narrow with straight posterior border (*E. heldi*), or basis 7 with posterior border proximally broad and slightly or strongly excavated in its distal half (distal half narrow with posterodistal lobe reduced); posterior border of basis of pereiopods 5–6 with or without proximal tooth directed in the same axis as basis [gnathopods 1–2 subchelate with palm very robust and often expanding distally]*Hoplepimeria* subgen. nov
6. Some or all pereionites and pleonites 1–2 with LARGE acute-tipped and laterally compressed mid-dorsal tooth; pleonites and some or all pereionites with one (sometimes two) pair(s) of distinct dorsolateral teeth or carinae*Drakepimeria* subgen. nov.
– Pereionite 7 and pleonites 1–2 with or without SMALL posterodorsal tooth; pleonites and pereionites without dorsolateral teeth or carinae; pereionites 1–6 without ornamentation7
7. Pereionite 7 and pleonites 1–2 without posterodorsal tooth8
– Pleonite 2 with posterodorsal tooth; pleonite 1 and pereionite 7 with or without posterodorsal tooth*Subepimeria* Bellan-Santini, 1972

8. Teeth of the dactylus of gnathopods especially long; mandible with molar process drawn out, without triturative surface; lower lip with wide hypopharyngeal gap; pleonite 3 posterodorsally rounded, at most scarcely produced into a lobe; rostrum about $0.5 \times$ as long as article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1 *Laevepimeria* subgen. nov.
- Teeth of the dactylus of the gnathopods normally developed; mandible with molar process normal, triturative; Lower lip with narrow (V-shaped) hypopharyngeal gap; pleonite 3 posterodorsally produced into a large and strong triangular tooth or into a blunt lobe; rostrum $0.5\text{--}1.1 \times$ as long as article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1 *Urepimeria* subgen. nov. *

* Without dissection, *Epimeria (Urepimeria) annabellae* Coleman, 1994 and *E. (U.) monodon* Stephensen, 1947 can be readily separated from *E. (Laevepimeria)* spp. by the strong posterodorsal process of their pleonite 3. The pleonite 3 of *E. (U.) extensa* Andres, 1985 is much less produced and at first glance, the species looks fairly similar to *Laevepimeria*, if the mouthparts are not examined. However, *E. (U.) extensa* can easily be identified by its rostrum, which is about $1.1 \times$ as long as article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1. It is about $0.5 \times$ as long as article 1 in *Laevepimeria* spp.

Subgenus *Drakepimeria* subgen. nov.

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Etymology

Combination of the Greek word: δράκων, dragon and *Epimeria*. The name, which is feminine, alludes to the highly processiform ornamentation in the species of the subgenus, which is reminiscent of mythological dragons.

Type species

Epimeria loerzae sp. nov.

Description

Body opaque, with teguments strongly calcified. Rostrum long. Ventral lobe of head acute. Pleonites 1–3 and at least some pereionites with strong mid-dorsal dentate carina and one pair of dorsolateral much smaller teeth, swelling or carina. On pleonite 2 and 3, a second pair of small dorsolateral teeth is sometimes observed between the main dorsolateral teeth and the mid-dorsal tooth (this accessory pair of small teeth is not positioned anteriorly to the main pair). Pereionites 1–7 without tooth or protrusion just above connection with coxa. Coxae 1–4 often with (but not always) with sharp tip. Coxae 1–3 usually sharply keeled along their axis. Coxa 4 with sharp carina starting at ventral tip of coxa and terminating at posterior tip of coxa; this arching carina sometimes bears a tooth projecting laterally; posteroventral border concave. Coxae 5–6 with strong sharp tooth projecting backwards. Mid of posterior border of epimeral plates 1–3 not produced into a tooth. Posteroventral tooth of epimeral plate 3 strong to very strong. Dorsal process of urosomite 1 produced into a sharp tooth, which can be directed upwards or backwards. Urosomite 2 with or without pair of small teeth pointing upwards. Lateral borders of urosomite 3 posteriorly terminated into a sharp tooth. Telson deeply bilobed. Eyes present, large to very large, not conical. Peduncle of antenna 1 with teeth (dentition sometimes reduced, but never totally absent). Mandible with molar process triturative. Lower lip with narrow (V-shaped) hypopharyngeal gap. Palp of maxilliped with 4 articles. Gnathopods small but not minute, with carpus and propodus of medium slenderness; propodus not strongly expanded distally, subcheliform, with palm obliquely transverse; posterior border of dactylus lined by row of small oblique slender teeth. Basis of pereopods 5–6 moderately slender to broad, with posteroproximal rounded protrusion (sometimes weak) and posterodistal tooth projecting posteriorly. Posterior border of basis of pereopod 7 proximally

slightly convex and distally slightly concave, terminated into a tooth projecting posteriorly. Dactylus of pereopods 5–7 short.

Body length

The maximum body length recorded in *Drakepimeria* species ranges between 19 and 47 mm.

Ecology

Benthic, 33–2190 m.

Distribution

Circum-Antarctic, as far north as the South Orkney Islands.

Remarks

Drakepimeria species are superficially similar to those of the subgenus *Epimeria*. See e.g., illustrations of its type species, *Epimeria (Epimeria) cornigera* (Fabricius, 1779), given by G.O. Sars (1893). However several differences can be observed. In the subgenus *Epimeria*, the ventral lobe of the head is rounded instead of being sharp, the peduncle of antenna 1 is not dentate; the basis of pereopod 5 is extremely narrow; the basis of pereopods 5–6 has neither posteroproximal nor posterodistal process pointing backwards; the posterior margins of the epimeral plates have a median tooth, the lobes of the telson are blunt-tipped instead of being acute and the median notch of the telson is much shallower than in *Drakepimeria*. Molecular data support the idea that the subgenera *Drakepimeria* and *Epimeria* are not closely related (Verheye *et al.* 2016b, 2017).

Drakepimeria species can be subdivided in two phenotypical categories, which are useful for identification. The species of the first category have a pair of denticles pointing upwards on urosomite 2; they are: *E. (D.) anguloce* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (D.) corbariae* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (D.) havermansiana* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (D.) loerzae* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (D.) macrodonta* Walker, 1906, *E. (D.) pandora* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (D.) pyrodrakon* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (D.) schiaparelli* Lörz *et al.*, 2007, and *E. (D.) reoproii* Lörz & Coleman, 2001.

The species of the second category have no pair of denticles pointing upwards on urosomite 2; they are: *E. (D.) acanthochelon* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (D.) colemani* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (D.) cyrano* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (D.) leukhoplites* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (D.) robertiana* subgen. et sp. nov., *E. (D.) similis* Chevreux, 1912, *E. (D.) vaderi* Coleman, 1998, and *E. (D.)* sp. 1.

Key to the species of *Drakepimeria*

1. Rostrum curving downwards; number of pereionites with mid-dorsal tooth and pair of dorsolateral teeth (or carinae) variable, but if pereionites 1 and/or 2 have a mid-dorsal tooth, it is never long and slender2
– Rostrum straight and anteriorly directed; all pereionites and pleonites with long and slender mid-dorsal tooth and pair of long dorsolateral teeth.....
.....*E. (D.) cyrano* subgen. et sp. nov. [Eastern Weddell Sea, around 800–1000 m]
2. Dorsal process of urosomite 1 pointing upwards; basis of pereopod 5 broad3
– Dorsal process of urosomite 1 distinctly pointing backwards; basis of pereopod 5 narrow
.....*E. (D.) robertiana* subgen. et sp. nov. [Weddell Sea, around 2000 m]

3. Lateral tooth of article 2 of peduncle of antenna 1 tiny, reaching basis of article 34
 - Lateral tooth of article 2 of peduncle of antenna 1 large to very large, reaching or overreaching tip of article 35
4. Dorsal process of urosomite 1 obtusely triangular; coxa 4 with lateral carina forming a deep curve, so that its deepest point is very distant from the posteroventral border, with ventral corner acutely pointed and strongly curving posteriorly; pleonites 1–2 with one pair of dorsolateral teeth *E. (D.) reoproii* Lörz & Coleman, 2001
 - Dorsal process of urosomite 1 acutely triangular; coxa 4 with lateral carina very close to posteroventral border and parallel to it, with ventral corner angular, acute, but not strongly curving posteriorly; pleonites 1–2 with two pairs of dorsolateral teeth.....
.....*E. (D.) vaderi* subgen. nov. Coleman, 1998 [Elephant Island]
5. Urosomite 2 without pair of dorsal denticles pointing upwards6
 - Urosomite 2 with pair of dorsal denticles pointing upwards10
6. Lateral carina of coxa 4 without lateral tooth or any trace of angularity visible in dorsal view; merus; carpus and propodus of pereopods 3–7 stout7
 - Lateral carina of coxa 4 with lateral tooth or a very obtuse lateral angularity visible in dorsal view; merus; carpus and propodus of pereopods 3–7 slender8
7. Mid-dorsal carina of pereionite 7 and pleonites 1–2 with anterior border exhibiting a strong angular discontinuity; coxa 4 in lateral view with anterodorsal border more than twice longer than anteroventral border*E. (D.) leukhoplites* subgen. et sp. nov. [Elephant Island and tip of Antarctic Peninsula]
 - Mid-dorsal carina of pereionite 7 and pleonites 1–2 with anterior border regularly curved; coxa 4 in lateral view with anterodorsal and anteroventral border subequal
.....*E. (D.) sp. 1* subgen. nov. [Ross Sea]
8. Coxa 4 laterally produced into an obtuse angularity visible in dorsal view; dorsolateral teeth of pereionites laterally carinate; lateral tooth of article 2 of peduncle of antenna 1 overreaching article 3 by about 0.6 of its length*E. (D.) colemani* subgen. et sp. nov. [South Shetland Islands, Antarctic Peninsula, eastern Weddell Sea, eastwards to the Ross Sea]
 - Coxa 4 laterally produced into a sharp tooth; dorsolateral teeth of pereionites not laterally carinate; lateral tooth of article 2 of peduncle of antenna 1 reaching about tip of article 3: *E. (Drakepimeria)* complex *similis*9
9. Pereionite 1 never with posterodorsal bump or tooth; pereionite 2 with or without small mid-dorsal tooth; mid-dorsal carina of pleonite 3 with weak anterior lobe followed by very shallow notch*E. (D.) similis* subgen. nov. Chevreux, 1912 [Elephant Island to tip of Antarctic Peninsula]
 - Pereionite 1 usually with small posterodorsal bump or small posterodorsal tooth; pereionite 2 with well developed mid-dorsal tooth; mid-dorsal carina of pleonite 3 with strong anterior lobe followed by fairly deep notch ...*Epimeria (D.) acanthochelone* subgen. et sp. nov. [Eastern Weddell Sea to Adélie Coast]
10. Lateral carina of coxa 4 without lateral tooth: *E. (Drakepimeria)* complex *pandora*11
 - Lateral carina of coxa 4 with strong lateral tooth12

11. Pereionite 2 without mid-dorsal tooth; mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 3 small; ventral tooth of coxa 4 moderately long and fairly broad
.....*E. (D.) pandora* subgen. et sp. nov. [Elephant Island to tip of Antarctic Peninsula]
– Pereionite 2 with small mid-dorsal tooth; mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 3 medium-sized; ventral tooth of coxa 4 very long and narrow
.....*E. (D.) havermansiana* subgen. et sp. nov. [eastern Weddell Sea to Adélie Coast]
12. Pereionite 3 with well-developed mid-dorsal tooth13
– Pereionite 3 with posterodorsal bump
.....*E. (D.) schiaparelli* subgen. nov. Lörz *et al.*, 2007 [western Ross Sea]
13. Mid-dorsal tooth of pereionites 3–7 and pleonites 1–2 narrow to moderately broad, without angular discontinuity on their anterior border or with a very weak angular discontinuity; mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 1 absent, weak or fairly strong14
– Mid-dorsal tooth of pereionites 3–7 and pleonites 1–2 broad, the last four of these teeth presenting a strong angular discontinuity on their anterior border; mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 1 very strong [article 2 of peduncle of antenna 1 with lateral and medial teeth overreaching article 3]*E. (D.) loerzæ* subgen. et sp. nov. [South Orkney Islands to tip of Antarctic Peninsula, very rare in the Eastern Weddell Sea]
14. Lateral and medial tooth of article 2 of peduncle of antenna 1 overreaching article 3 [ventral tooth of article 3 excluded]; ventral border of article 2 of antenna 1 at most with tiny denticle15
– Lateral and medial tooth of article 2 of peduncle of antenna 1 not reaching tip of article 3 [ventral tooth of article 3 excluded]; ventral border of article 2 of antenna 1 with large tooth*E. (D.) pyrodrakon* subgen. et sp. nov. [Antarctic Peninsula, eastern Weddell Sea, Princess Ragnhild Coast]
15. Lateral and medial tooth of article 1 of antenna 1 long and subequal16
– Lateral tooth of article 1 of antenna 1 long and considerably longer than medial tooth of the same article, which is short*E. (D.) macrodonta* subgen. nov. Walker, 1906 [western Ross Sea]
16. Pereionite 1 always with small to medium-sized (always very distinct) mid-dorsal tooth and pair of dorsolateral protrusions; mid-dorsal tooth of pereionites 4–7 very narrow
.....*E. (D.) anguloce* subgen. et sp. nov. [Tip of Antarctic Peninsula, eastern Weddell Sea, Princess Ragnhild Coast, Prydz Bay]
– Pereionite 1 usually without mid-dorsal tooth or with a very reduced mid-dorsal tooth, rarely with a well developed mid-dorsal tooth, pair of dorsolateral protrusions rarely present; mid-dorsal tooth of pereionites 4–7 fairly narrow*E. (D.) corbariae* subgen. et sp. nov. [Adélie Coast]

Epimeria (Drakepimeria) acanthochelon subgen. et sp. nov.

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Figs 1–7

Epimeria similis – Coleman 2007: 54, in part, plate 1 fig. e only. — Lörz & Coleman 2009: unnumbered photograph on p. 17. — Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 62, pl. 55 unnumbered photograph.
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non Epimeria similis Chevreux, 1912: 215.

Etymology

From the Greek ακανθα, spine; χελώνη, tortoise. The name, which is a noun in apposition, alludes to the toothed and heavily calcified body of the species, which can be compared to a spiny tortoise.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: ♀, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 1421, stn 62EV303, Adélie Coast, 66°10'34" S, 143°20'45" E, 532–550 m, beam trawl, 4 Jan. 2008 (coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN, removed from MNHN-IU-2014-4342, now MNHN-IU-2014-7321) [extraction M7; Genbank nr, 28S: KU759674].

Paratypes

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 4 specs, cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 1, GSN 1, eastern Weddell Sea, 71°03.10' S, 11°25.50' W to 71°02.10' S, 11°19.30' W, 462–481 m, bottom trawl, 5 Feb. 1996 (previously identified as *Epimeria* cf. *similis* and used for gut content studies), coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132698); 1 spec., cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 1, GSN 1, eastern Weddell Sea, 71°03.10' S, 11°25.50' W to 71°02.10' S, 11°19.30' W, 462–481 m, bottom trawl, 5 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132699); 1 spec., cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 6, AGT 1, eastern Weddell Sea, 71°31.80' S, 13°34.50' W to 71°31.86' S, 13°35.50' W, 254–261 m, Agassiz trawl, 8 Jan. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle, (RBINS, INV. 132697); 1 spec., cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 6, AGT 1, eastern Weddell Sea, 71°31.80' S, 13°34.50' W to 71°31.86' S, 13°35.50' W, 254–261 m, Agassiz trawl, 8 Jan. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle, (RBINS, INV. 132706); 1 spec., cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 9, AGT 10, eastern Weddell Sea, 71°34.70' S, 12°26.60' W to 71°34.80' S, 12°25.90' W, 560–571 m, Agassiz trawl, 26 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 132696); ca 30 specs of all sizes, cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 29, BPN 4, eastern Weddell Sea, 71°31.50' S, 12°25.50' W to 71°30.30' S, 12°27.80' W, 204–529 m, 28 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 132705);

RV *Aurora Australis* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 300, stn 30EV66, Adélie Coast, 65°59'50" S, 143°39'00" E, 421–440 m, beam trawl, 24 Dec. 2007, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4340) [extraction M5; Genbank nr, 28S: KU759672]; 2 specs, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 1317, stn 51AEV215, Adélie Coast, 66°44'52" S, 145°26'40" E, 525–553 m, beam trawl, 30 Dec. 2007, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4279); 1 spec. (possibly ♂), cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 1383, stn 50AEV220, Adélie Coast, 66°45'09" S, 145°20'04" E, 567–604 m, beam trawl, 30–31 Dec. 2007, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4271); 3 specs, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 1384, stn 50AEV220, Adélie Coast, 66°45'09" S, 145°20'04" E, 567–604 m, beam trawl, 30–31 Dec. 2007, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4332); 1 spec., cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 1384, stn 50AEV220, Adélie Coast, 66°45'09" S, 145°20'04" E, 567–604 m, beam trawl, 30–31 Dec. 2007, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4333) [extraction M8; Genbank nr, 28S: KU759675]; 2 specs, in one specimen lateral points of coxa 4 broken, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 1421, stn 62EV303, Adélie Coast, 66°10'34" S, 143°20'45" E, 532–550 m, beam trawl, 4 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4342); 3 specs, 1 adult and 2 immatures, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 1643, stn 31EV268, Adélie Coast, 66°34'30" S, 145°01'15" E, 429–451 m, beam trawl, 3 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4322) [extraction M9; Genbank nr, 28S: KU759676]; 2 specs, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 1951, stn 36EV297, Adélie Coast, 66°20'20" S, 143°41'08" E, 552–573 m, beam trawl, 1 Jan. 2008, coll.

IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4280); 1 spec., cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 2724, stn 71EV447, Adélie Coast, 66°23'60" S, 140°32'21" E, 683–791 m, beam trawl, 14 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4337).

RV *L'Astrolabe* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 3 specs, cruise REVOLTA III, stn none (Dumont d'Urville Sea), Collect_ID: REVO_449, Field_ID: CE-000002101, Adélie Coast, 66°38' S, 140°42' E to 66°38' S, 140°40' E, 718–729 m, mud, beam trawl, 20 Jan. 2012, coll. G. Lecointre, A. Dettai, J. Lanshere, C. Gallut and C. Ozouf (MNHN-IU-2009-2539) [extraction K7 (largest specimen); Genbank nr, 28S: KU759659]; 1 spec., cruise REVOLTA III, stn none (Dumont d'Urville Sea), Collect_ID: REVO_449, Field_ID: CE-000002239, Adélie Coast, 66°38' S, 140°42' E to 66°38' S, 140°40' E, 718–729 m, mud, beam trawl, 20 Jan. 2012, coll. G. Lecointre, A. Dettai, J. Lanshere, C. Gallut and C. Ozouf (MNHN-IU-2009-2532) [extraction K6; Genbank nr, 28S: KU759658].

Belgian and Belgian-Dutch Antarctic expedition:

SOUTHERNOCEAN: 1 spec., Princess Ragnhild Coast, stn 133, Baie Léopold, 70°19'09" S, 24°13'05" E to 70°19'08" S, 24°12'06" E, 240 m, trawl, year 1961, coll. A. Capart (RBINS, INV. 132748); 1 spec., Princess Ragnhild Coast, stn 139, coordinates unavailable, year 1961, coll. A. Capart (RBINS, INV. 132749); 1 spec. (possibly ♂), Princess Ragnhild Coast, stn 150, Baie Léopold, 70°20'04" S, 24°13' E, 255 m, dredge, 20 Jan. 1961, coll. A. Capart (RBINS, INV. 132746); 1 spec., Princess Ragnhild Coast, stn 219, Baie du Glacier, 70°18'05" S, 23°58'00" E, 216 m, trawl, 31 Jan. 1965, coll. A. Capart (RBINS, INV. 132745); 1 spec., Princess Ragnhild Coast, stn 220, Baie du Glacier, exact coordinates unavailable [presumably about 70°18' S, 23°58' E], 414–450 m, 1 Feb. 1965, trawl, coll. A. Capart (RBINS, INV. 132734).

Description

ROSTRUM. Long, reaching about tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1 (teeth excluded), weakly curved, sharp-tipped in lateral view.

EYE. Very large, elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Mid-dorsal tooth on all segments or from pereionite 2 onwards; pair of non-carinate posterodorsal teeth or swellings on all segments; pereionite 1 often with small but distinct mid-dorsal tooth or scarcely distinct bump, with pair of very low non-carinate dorsolateral swellings; pereionite 2 nearly as broad as pereionite 1, with mid-sized blunt-tipped mid-dorsal tooth and pair of dorsolateral swellings or very blunt teeth; pereionite 3 with well-developed blunt-tipped regularly curved broad, mid-dorsal tooth and pair of dorsolateral blunt teeth; pereionite 3 to pleonite 2 with acute-tipped broad and regularly curved mid-dorsal tooth (nearly same shape and size on all these segments) and pair of small non-carinate acute-tipped dorsolateral teeth (pleonites 1–2 without second pair of dorsolateral teeth); pleonite 3 with dorsal sharp carina with distinct median notch (lobe anterior to notch distinctly curved) and obliquely produced posteriorly into an a broad acute and sharp triangular tooth, and pair of dorsolateral non-carinate acute-tipped teeth.

COXAE 1–3. Strongly carinate and distally sharp.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal and anteroventral border nearly straight, joined by low and blunt angular discontinuity, anterior angle not strongly projecting forward; ventral tooth very long and styliiform; lateral carina with lateral long and sharp triangular tooth pointing obliquely backwards, carina very distant from margin of coxa at its deepest point.

COXA 5. With long, sharp and narrowly triangular, carinate, lateral tooth pointing obliquely backwards.

COXA 6. With mid-sized, sharp and narrowly triangular, carinate, lateral tooth pointing obliquely backwards; posteroventral corner produced into a triangular tooth.

COXA 7. With ventral and posterior border straight, with posteroventral angle produced into a strong tooth.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle produced into a very long styliform tooth.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with sharp triangular process pointing upwards; urosomite 2 without pair of small posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.3; tips of lobes sharp, slit narrow.

PEDUNCLE OF ANTENNA 1. Article 1 with long lateral and medial teeth reaching mid of article 2 (teeth excluded) and long ventral tooth reaching tip of article 2 (teeth excluded); article 2 with long lateral tooth nearly reaching tip of article 3, with medial tooth slightly overreaching article 3 (ventral tooth excluded), with ventral tooth slightly overreaching tip of article 3 (tooth excluded); article 3 with very long ventral tooth, longer than article itself.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus of normal slenderness; propodus not narrowing distally, palm distinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus very slender; basis of pereopods 5–6 of normal width, with posteroproximal process rounded and strongly protruding, with posterodistal tooth strong; basis of pereopod 7 very broad with posterodistal tooth sharp, followed more proximally by small concavity, directed posteriorly.

Colour pattern

Body and appendages white with a pinkish hue on posterior dorsal crests, peduncles of antennae and the distal half of pereopods; eyes red (photograph of a specimen from Adélie Coast, MNHN-IU-2009-2539). The specimen from the eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea illustrated by Rauschert & Arntz (2015) under the name of *Epimeria similis* exhibits a diffuse orange pattern on a whitish background.

Body length

Up to 45 mm.

Distribution

Eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea, Princess Ragnhild Coast, Adélie Coast; depth range 204–791 m.

Biology

Dauby *et al.* (2001a) observed the following items in the gut content of *Epimeria* from the eastern Weddell Sea identified by them as *E. similis*: cnidocysts of various size and shape, some of them identified as from hydrozoans of the genera *Tubularia* and *Campanula*, and others to actiniids. Other items observed were: planktonic cells (diatoms and foraminifers), spicules of sponges and setae of polychaetes. Dauby *et al.* (2001b) concluded that it is a micropredatory browser. These specimens were presumably *Epimeria acanthochelon* sp. nov., as that species was collected in large numbers during the cruise EASIZ I, and as the material studied by these authors was largely based on material collected during that cruise. *Epimeria similis* s. str. is not present in the eastern Weddell Sea.

Remarks

Epimeria acanthochelon sp. nov. (type locality: Adélie Coast) is morphologically extremely similar to *E. similis* from the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands. However, results of molecular analyses based on 28S rDNA suggest that they would be distinct species (Verheye *et al.* 2016a; this paper Fig. 342). Specimens from the eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea are also identified as *E. acanthochelon* sp. nov., albeit on basis of their morphology only. A genetic characterization of specimens from that area would be desirable whenever possible. *Epimeria acanthochelon* sp. nov. often has a small tooth or a trace of mid-dorsal tooth on pereonite 1, which is absent in *E. similis*. The dorsal teeth of other segments have a slightly different form, with those of the second and third segments being more developed in *E. acanthochelon* sp. nov. than in *E. similis*. The carina of pleonite 3 also has a stronger anterior lobe followed by a deeper median notch in *E. acanthochelon* sp. nov. than in *E. similis*. Coxa 7 often has a stronger posteroventral tooth in *E. acanthochelon* sp. nov. than in *E. similis*. Finally, the telson notch is also slightly deeper in *E. acanthochelon* sp. nov. than in *E. similis*.

The specimen illustrated by a photograph in Coleman (2007: plate 1 fig. e), Lörz & Coleman (2009: unnumbered photograph on p. 17) and Rauschert & Arntz (2015: 62, plate 55) and identified by them as *Epimeria similis* is probably *E. acanthochelon* sp. nov. On page 125, Rauschert & Arntz (2015) indicated that it was collected on the eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea and in an early draft of their book made available to the authors, it is specified that it was collected during the cruise ANT-XIII/3, which indeed sampled on the eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea (Arntz & Gutt 1997). Its morphology matches perfectly with the description of *E. acanthochelon* sp. nov.: the posteroventral tooth of its coxa 7 is stronger and the anterior lobe of the dorsal crest of pleonite 3 is more developed than in *E. similis*.

Epimeria (Drakepimeria) anguloce subgen. et sp. nov.

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Figs 8–16

Epimeria macrodonta – ? Andres 1985: 124 (in part: form with “schlankeren, spitzen Dorsalzähnen”). — Klages 1988: 72, unnumbered fig. (drawing of antenna 1 incorrect), 75, 77, fig. 15c. — Coleman 2007: 43, in part, colour plate 1 fig. d only, not fig. 21a–b (= *E. pyrodrakon* sp. nov.). — Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 61, pl. 54, unnumbered photograph [picture incorrectly retouched].
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non Epimeria macrodonta Walker, 1906: 16.

Etymology

Angulócë, dragon — Tolkien’s Quenya language (Faulskanger 2008). The name, which is a noun in apposition, alludes to the dragon-like facies of the species.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 ♀, cruise PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, CAMBIO, stn 228-3, Larsen A, 64°54.96' S, 60°31.97' W to 64°54.43' S, 60°30.44' W, 277–309 m, bottom trawl, 27 Feb. 2011, coll. C. Havermans and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132961) [extraction I6; Genbank nr, COI: KU870850, 28S: KU759627].

Paratypes

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 8 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 702-9, southeast of Larsen B, 65°57.85' S, 60°28.42' W to 65°57.42' S, 60°28.12' W, 215–221 m, Agassiz trawl, 12 Jan. 2007, coll.

C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122565); 1 immature spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 702-9, southeast of Larsen B, 65°57.85' S, 60°28.42' W to 65°57.42' S, 60°28.12' W, 215–221 m, Agassiz trawl, 12 Jan. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122563); 1 small juv., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 702-9, southeast of Larsen B, 65°57.85' S, 60°28.42' W to 65°57.42' S, 60°28.12' W, 215–221 m, Agassiz trawl, 12 Jan. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122562); 4 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 725-10, south of Larsen A, 64°55.89' S, 60°40.06' W to 64°55.92' S, 60°40.31' W, 189–192 m, Rauschert dredge, 22 Jan. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122561); 2 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 725-10, south of Larsen A, 64°55.89' S, 60°40.06' W to 64°55.92' S, 60°40.31' W, 189–192 m, Rauschert dredge, 22 Jan. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (MNHN-IU-2014-7322, removed from RBINS, INV. 122561); 7 specs, cruise PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, CAMBIO, stn 248-2, Larsen B, 65°57.51' S, 60°28.15' W to 65°57.69' S, 60°28.30' W, 196–202 m, Agassiz trawl, 7 Mar. 2011, coll. C. Havermans and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122893); 1 juv., cruise PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, CAMBIO, stn 248-2, Larsen B, 65°57.51' S, 60°28.15' W to 65°57.69' S, 60°28.30' W, 196–202 m, Agassiz trawl, 7 Mar. 2011, coll. C. Havermans and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122895); 2 specs, cruise PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, CAMBIO, stn 248-2, Larsen B, 65°57.51' S, 60°28.15' W to 65°57.69' S, 60°28.30' W, 196–202 m, Agassiz trawl, 7 Mar. 2011, coll. C. Havermans and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122900); 1 juv., posterior half missing, cruise PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, CAMBIO, stn 248-2, Larsen B, 65°57.51' S, 60°28.15' W to 65°57.69' S, 60°28.30' W, 196–202 m, Agassiz trawl, 7 Mar. 2011, coll. C. Havermans and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122902); 1 juv., cruise PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, CAMBIO, stn 248-2, Larsen B, 65°57.51' S, 60°28.15' W to 65°57.69' S, 60°28.30' W, 196–202 m, Agassiz trawl, 7 Mar. 2011, coll. C. Havermans and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132975) [extraction I7; Genbank nr COI: KU870851, 28S: KU759628]; 1 small spec., cruise PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, CAMBIO, stn 248-2, Larsen B, 65°57.51' S, 60°28.15' W to 65°57.69' S, 60°28.30' W, 196–202 m, Agassiz trawl, 7 Mar. 2011, coll. C. Havermans and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132655) [extraction A20; Genbank nr COI: KU870817, 28S: KU759589]; 1 spec., cruise PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, CAMBIO, stn 257-2, Larsen A, 64°54.75' S, 60°39.01' W to 64°54.62' S, 60°39.50' W, 159–169 m, Agassiz trawl, 13 Mar. 2011, coll. C. Havermans and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122904); 1 spec., cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 185-3, south east of Dundee Island, 63°51.34' S, 55°41.11' W, to 63°51.52' S, 55°41.43' W, 238–244 m, non muddy bottom with a lot of life (sponges, starfishes, ophiuroids, crinoids, *Pentapora*-like bryozoans), Agassiz trawl, 19 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122941) [extraction ANT34; Genbank nr, COI: KU870821, 28S: KU759593]; 1 ♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 193-8, Bransfield Strait, 62°43.73' S, 57°29.04' W to 62°43.80' S, 57°29.40' W, 428–431 m, Agassiz trawl, 23 Feb. 2013, absolute alcohol, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 132962).

Other material examined

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

1 spec., cruise PS10, ANT-V/3, stn 527, eastern Weddell Sea, 72°23.5' S, 16°37.4' W, depth uncertain (it is indicated 582–631 m on the specimen label, but there are no depth record in the cruise report: Schnack-Schiel 1987), Agassiz trawl, 22 Oct. 1986 (RBINS, INV. 132725); 1 spec., cruise PS39, ANT-XXIII/3, EASIZ I, eastern Weddell Sea, no station, specimen kept in aquarium, 18 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132995); 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 603-5, eastern Weddell Sea, 70°30.99' S, 08°48.08' W to 70°30.40' S, 08°48.13' W, 274–297 m, sponge bottom, 7 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132978).

RV *Marion Dufresne* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 2 specs, cruise MD42 (SIBEX), stn 22-CP66, Prydz Bay, 66°55'45" S, 74°04'11" E, depth missing [Google Earth coordinates for that position: 427 m (accessed 27 Sep. 2016)], 26 Jan. 1985 (MNHN-IU-2014-4264).

Belgian and Belgian-Dutch expeditions:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 ovigerous ♀, Princess Ragnhild Coast, stn 220, Baie du Glacier, exact coordinates unavailable [presumably about 70°18' S, 23°58' E], 414–450 m, trawl, 1 Feb 1965, coll. A. Capart (RBINS, INV. 132728).

Description

ROSTRUM. Long, reaching mid of article 2 of peduncle of antenna 1 (teeth excluded), very strongly curved, sharp-tipped in lateral view.

EYE. Large, broadly elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionite 1 with small broad and blunt mid-dorsal tooth pointing backwards, with pair of low and blunt, conical, dorsolateral teeth; pereionite 2 much narrower than pereionites 1 and 3, without mid-dorsal tooth and without pair of dorsolateral teeth; pereionite 3 with medium-sized broad and blunt mid-dorsal tooth pointing backwards and pair of low and blunt, conical, dorsolateral teeth; pereionite 4 to pleonite 2 with large, narrow, acute mid-dorsal tooth, of which the anterior border is regularly curved and the posterior border is slightly concave (except for pleonite 2 where the posterior border is straight), with pair of conical dorsolateral teeth, of which the size gradually increases posteriorly (these pairs of teeth are never duplicate); pleonite 3 with large nearly styliform acute-tipped symmetrical mid-dorsal tooth, and pair of large narrowly conical dorsolateral teeth (size of mid-dorsal teeth very weakly increasing from pereionite 4 to pleonite 2; mid-dorsal tooth of pleonite 3 almost as long as tooth of pleonite 2).

COXAE 1–3. Strongly carinate and distally sharp.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border straight, anteroventral border distally straight, these two borders being joined by a long curve (anterior angle), this anterior angle is weakly projecting forward; ventral tooth long and acute; lateral carina with small tooth obliquely pointing backwards (in dorsal view this tooth form a broad U-shaped concavity with the coxa); carina very distant from margin of coxa at its deepest point.

COXA 5. With long, sharp, narrowly triangular, carinate, lateral tooth pointing backwards (its anterior margin is parallel to body axis or weakly divergent and its posterior margin is oblique).

COXA 6. With mid-sized, sharp, triangular, carinate, lateral tooth pointing obliquely backwards and with anterior border very weakly convex); posteroventral corner rounded, without angular discontinuity.

COXA 7. With ventral border slightly curved, with posterior border straight, their convergence forming a blunt squared angle.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle produced into a very long and very sharp tooth.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with large and sharp narrow tooth pointing upwards; urosomite 2 with pair of mid-sized posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards; urosomite 3 with pair of mid-sized posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing obliquely upwards.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.35; tips of lobes subacute, notch broadly and bluntly V-shaped.

PEDUNCLE OF ANTENNA 1. Article 1 with long lateral and medial teeth reaching mid of article 2 (teeth excluded) and long ventral tooth slightly overreaching tip of article 2 (teeth excluded); article 2 with large lateral tooth of which 0.3 is overreaching tip of article 3, and huge medial tooth of which 0.6 is

overreaching tip of article 3, without ventral tooth; article 3 with medium-sized ventral tooth, about 0.3 times as long as article itself.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus of normal slenderness; very slightly broadening distally, palm distinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus slender; basis of pereopods 5–6 of normal width, with posteroproximal process rounded and strongly protruding, with posterodistal tooth very strong (as long as basis width); basis of pereopod 7 broad with posterodistal tooth acute and very large, followed more proximally by distinct concavity, directed posteriorly.

Colour pattern

Whitish to yellowish with orange plain markings (pigmented parts not arranged in dots); rostrum, antennae orange; distal half of walking pereopods orange or striped with orange; mouthparts and tip of gnathopods red; eyes red.

Body length

Up to 37 mm.

Distribution

Bransfield Strait, Dundee Island, Larsen A and B area, eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea, Princess Ragnhild Coast, Prydz Bay; 189–431 m and possibly 631 m.

Remarks

Epimeria anguloce sp. nov. is morphologically similar to *E. corbariae*. See key to the subgenus and account for the latter species for differences. Two *E. anguloce* sp. nov. from the eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea were examined. These specimens were not adequately fixed for genetic studies and were not in very good condition. However they showed traces of an orange mottled colour pattern similar to that of specimens from the Antarctic Peninsula region. The mid-dorsal tooth of their pereionite 1 and 3 is a bit stronger and the posterodistal tooth of the basis of their pereopod 7 a bit shorter than in Peninsular specimens. The same form was found off Princess Ragnhild Coast and Prydz Bay.

The collection locality of the '*Epimeria macrodonta*' illustrated by Rauschert & Arntz (2015: 61 plate 54) was given in a preliminary draft of the book made available to the present authors. The specimen was collected during cruise ANT-XV/3, at stn 355: north west of King George Island, 61°60' S, 59°15' W, 128–130 m. On the published picture, the mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 3 appears as almost as long as the tooth of pereionite 4, i.e., much longer than in any known species of the *macrodonta* complex, and acute-tipped. Coleman (2007) published a photograph, which was absolutely identical (plate 1 fig. d), except for the mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 3, which is less than half as long as that of pereionite 4, and blunt-tipped (i.e., as in all known species of the *macrodonta* complex). It seems therefore that the photograph has been erroneously altered in the book of Rauschert & Arntz (2015). One of the authors presumably believed that the tooth was broken and tried to 'repair' it.

Epimeria (Drakepimeria) colemani subgen. et sp. nov.

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Figs 17–26

Epimeria aff. *schiaparelli* – d'Udekem d'Acoz & Verheye 2013: 63, fig. 3.8.2h (photograph in colour). 'Clade A *similis/macrodonta* complex - SI5' – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 2 (online).

non Epimeria schiaparelli Lörz, Maas, Linse & Fenwick, 2007: 25, figs 1–7.

Etymology

The species is dedicated to Charles Oliver Coleman (Museum für Naturkunde, Berlin), as a recognition of his important contribution to the knowledge of the taxonomy of the genus *Epimeria*. The name is a genitive.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERNOCEAN: ovigerous ♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, Bransfield Strait, stn 196-8, 62°47.80' S, 57°5.35' W to 62°47.63' S, 57°5.63' W, 542–580 m, Agassiz trawl, 24 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122942) [extraction ANT37; Genbank nr, COI: KU870823, 28S: KU759596].

Paratypes

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERNOCEAN: 2 specs, cruise PS06, ANT-III/3, stn 348, eastern Weddell Sea, 72°50' S, 19°23' W, 490 m, bottom trawl, 20 Feb. 1985, coll. J. Plötz (RBINS, INV. 132740); 1 spec., cruise PS06, ANT-III/3, station unknown, eastern Weddell Sea, Feb. 1985, coll. J. Plötz (RBINS, INV. 132742); 1 small spec., cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 1, GSN 1, eastern Weddell Sea, 71°03.10' S, 11°25.50' W to 71°02.10' S, 11°19.30' W, 462–481 m, bottom trawl, 5 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132703); 1 small spec., cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 1, GSN 1, eastern Weddell Sea, 71°03.10' S, 11°25.50' W to 71°02.10' S, 11°19.30' W, 462–481 m, bottom trawl, 5 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132709); 1 spec., cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 12, GSN 5, eastern Weddell Sea, 73°18.10' S, 21°10.10' W to 73°17.10' S, 21°08.20' W, 457–459 m, bottom trawl, 14 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132695); 1 spec., cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 17, GSN 10, eastern Weddell Sea, 73°18.00' S, 21°09.90' W to 73°19.10' S, 21°14.90' W, 465–468 m, bottom trawl, 16 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132693); 4 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 661-2, between Elephant Island and King George Island, 61°39.29' S, 57°02.89' W to 61°39.20' S, 57°04.75' W, 466–467 m, bottom trawl, 30 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122549); 3 alcohol-fixed specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 662-1, between Elephant Island and King George Island, 61°35.91' S, 57°17.04' W to 61°35.41' S, 57°20.60' W, 425–432 m, bottom trawl, 30 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122492); 2 specs, initially fixed with formalin, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 663-1, north of King George Island, 61°38.18' S, 57°33.17' W to 61°38.02' S, 57°37.16' W, 432–434 m, bottom trawl, 30 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122537); 1 immature spec., cruise PS71, ANT-XXIV/2, ANDEEP-SYSTCO, eastern Weddell Sea, stn 48-1, 70°23.94' S, 8°19.14' W to 70°23.89' S, 8°18.67' W, 595–602 m, bryozoan bottom (exceptional diversity of bryozoans), Agassiz trawl, 12 Jan. 2008, coll. H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122901); 1 spec., dissected and illustrated by unpublished line drawings, cruise PS71, ANT-XXIV/2, ANDEEP-SYSTCO, eastern Weddell Sea, stn 48-1, 70°23.94' S, 8°19.14' W to 70°23.89' S, 8°18.67' W, 595–602 m, bryozoan bottom (exceptional diversity of bryozoans), Agassiz trawl, 12 Jan. 2008, coll. H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132977) [extraction P41; Genbank nr, COI: KU870895, 28S: KU759684]; 8 specs, fixed in formalin, cruise PS71, ANT-XXIV/2, ANDEEP-SYSTCO, eastern Weddell Sea, stn 48-1, 70°23.94' S, 8°19.14' W to 70°23.89' S, 8°18.67' W, 595–602 m, bryozoan bottom (exceptional diversity of bryozoans), Agassiz trawl, 12 Jan. 2008, coll. H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132455); 2 specs, fixed in alcohol, cruise PS71, ANT-XXIV/2, ANDEEP-SYSTCO, eastern Weddell Sea, stn 48-1, 70°23.94' S, 8°19.14' W to 70°23.89' S, 8°18.67' W, 595–602 m, bryozoan bottom (exceptional diversity of bryozoans), Agassiz trawl, 12 Jan. 2008, coll. H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132986); 1 immature spec., cruise PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, CAMBIO, eastern Weddell Sea, stn 265-2, 70°47.34' S, 10°40.39' W to 70°47.13' S, 10°40.54' W, 500–600 m,

Agassiz trawl, 22 Mar. 2011, coll. C. Havermans and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132965) [extraction I9; Genbank nr, COI: KU870853, 28S: KU759630]; 1 ♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, Bransfield Strait, stn 193-8, 62°43.73' S, 57°29.04' W to 62°43.80' S, 57°29.40' W, 428–431 m, Agassiz trawl, 23 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 132976) [extraction I13; Genbank nr, COI: KU870839, 28S: KU759615]; 1 ovigerous ♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, Bransfield Strait, stn 193-9, 62°43.50' S, 57°27.92' W to 62°43.53' S, 57°28.28' W, 420–428 m, sponge bottom, Agassiz trawl, 23 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 132966) [extraction ANT36; Genbank nr, COI: KU870822, 28S: KU759595]; 1 large spec., cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, Bransfield Strait, stn 193-9, 62°43.50' S, 57°27.92' W to 62°43.53' S, 57°28.28' W, 420–428 m, sponge bottom, Agassiz trawl, 23 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122962); 3 large specs, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, Bransfield Strait, stn 196-8, 62°47.80' S, 57°5.35' W to 62°47.63' S, 57°5.63' W, 542–580 m, Agassiz trawl, 24 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122959); 3 specs, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, Bransfield Strait, stn 217-6, 62°53.45' S, 58°13.06' W to 62°53.42' S, 58°13.41' W, 461–483 m, rich sponge bottom, Agassiz trawl, 2 Mar. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122922A) [extraction K39, largest specimen; Genbank nr, COI: KU870871, 28S: KU759651].

Other material examined

RV *Aurora Australis* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 1317, stn 51AEV215, Adélie Coast, 66°44'52" S, 145°26'40" E, 525–553 m, beam trawl, 30 Dec. 2007, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-7323, removed from MNHN-IU-2014-4279); 1 spec., cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 2724, stn 71EV447, Adélie Coast, 66°24'00" S, 140°32'21" E, 683–791 m, beam trawl, 14 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-7324, removed from MNHN-IU-2014-4337) [extraction M6; Genbank nr, COI: KU870889, 28S: KU759673]; 3 specs, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 3532, stn 87EV524, Adélie Coast, 65°29'29" S, 139°18'37" E, 397–411 m, beam trawl, 17 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4353); 5 specs, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 3978, stn 36EV297, 66°20'20" S, 143°41'08" E, Adélie Coast, 552–573 m, 4 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4329).

RV *Marion Dufresne* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., cruise MD42 (SIBEX), stn 22-CP73, Prydz Bay, 66°57'25" S, 72°41'25" E, depth missing [Google Earth depth for that position: 540 m (accessed 27 Sep. 2016)] 26 Jan. 1985 (MNHN-IU-2014-4259) (typed label); 1 spec., cruise MD42 (SIBEX), stn 22-CP66, Prydz Bay, 66°55'45" S, 74°4'11" E, depth missing [Google Earth depth for that position: 427 m (accessed 27 Sep. 2016)], 26 Jan. 1985 (MNHN-IU-2014-4266) (typed label).

Belgian and Belgian-Dutch Antarctic expedition:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 2 specs, Princess Ragnhild Coast, stn 220, Baie du Glacier, exact coordinates unavailable [presumably about 70°18' S, 23°58' E], 414–450 m, trawl, 1 Feb. 1965, coll. A. Capart (RBINS, INV. 132737); 2 specs, Princess Ragnhild Coast, stn 220, Baie du Glacier, exact coordinates unavailable [presumably about 70°18' S, 23°58' E], 414–450 m, trawl, 1 Feb. 1965, coll. A. Capart (RBINS, INV. 132738); 5 specs, Princess Ragnhild Coast, stn 220, Baie du Glacier, exact coordinates unavailable [presumably about 70°18' S, 23°58' E], 414–450 m, trawl, 1 Feb. 1965, coll. A. Capart (RBINS, INV. 132739).

RV *Discovery* cruises (National Antarctic Expedition 1901–1904):

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 adult ♀, Ross Sea, n° 13, 914 m (500 fathoms), 22 Jan. 1902, together in the same tube with a juvenile *Epimeria*, which is identified herein as *E. macrodonta* s.str., obviously

representing paralectotypes of *Epimeria macrodonta* designated by Lörz *et al.* (2007), albeit no label indicated their status of paralectotypes (BMNH 1907.6.6.259-262) (in part).

Description

ROSTRUM. Long, overreaching tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1 (teeth excluded), weakly curved, sharp-tipped in lateral view.

EYE. Very large, elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 3 to pleonite 3 with mid-dorsal tooth; pereionite 1 to pleonite 3 with pair of posterodorsal teeth or protrusions (those of the pereion are distinctly carinate); pereionites 1–2 without any trace of mid-dorsal tooth, with pair of carinate dorsolateral protrusions; pereionite 2 slightly narrower than pereionite 1; pereionite 3 with small blunt-tipped posterior mid-dorsal tooth and pair of small dorsolateral carinate teeth; pereionite 4 to 6 with medium-sized blunt-tipped broad and regularly curved mid-dorsal tooth and pair of small dorsolateral carinate teeth; pereionite 7 with large acute-tipped and regularly curved mid-dorsal tooth and pair of small dorsolateral carinate teeth; pleonites 1–2 with large acute-tipped and regularly curved mid-dorsal tooth and pair of small dorsolateral non-carinate teeth; on pleonite 1 a second pair of (much smaller) dorsolateral teeth is observed between the mid-dorsal tooth and the main pair of dorsolateral teeth; pleonite 3 with large acute-tipped mid-dorsal tooth bearing a weak median notch and pair of small dorsolateral non-carinate teeth (teeth from pereionite 7 to pleonite 3 distinctly longer than more anterior teeth, the size difference being more important in immatures than in adults)

COXAE 1–3. Strongly carinate and distally sharp.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal and anteroventral border nearly straight joined by low and blunt angular discontinuity, anterior angle slightly but distinctly projecting forward; ventral tooth long and acute; lateral carina with obtuse angularity or very obtuse tooth, carina very distant from margin of coxa at its deepest point.

COXA 5. With long, sharp, triangular, carinate, lateral tooth pointing obliquely backwards.

COXA 6. With mid-sized, sharp, triangular, carinate, lateral tooth pointing obliquely backwards; posteroventral corner rounded, with trace of angular discontinuity.

COXA 7. With ventral border slightly curved, with posterior border straight, their convergence forming a sharp squared angle.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle produced into a long and very sharp tooth.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with sharp triangular process pointing upwards; urosomite 2 without pair of small posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.2; tips of lobes rounded, slit fairly narrow.

PEDUNCLE OF ANTENNA 1. Article 1 with long lateral and medial teeth nearly reaching mid of article 2 (teeth excluded) and long ventral tooth reaching tip of article 2 (teeth excluded); article 2 with huge lateral tooth and very large medial tooth considerably overreaching tip of article 3, with ventral tooth slightly overreaching tip of article 3 (tooth excluded); article 3 with well developed ventral tooth, about as long as article itself.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus of normal slenderness; propodus not narrowing distally, palm distinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus slender; basis of pereopods 5–6 of normal width, with posteroproximal process rounded and strongly protruding in pereopod 5, weakly protruding in pereopod 6, with posterodistal tooth strong; basis of pereopod 7 very broad with posterodistal tooth sharp, followed more proximally by small concavity, directed posteriorly.

Colour pattern

Whitish, with vague reddish marks on the mid-dorsal tooth of the posterior body segments (pereionite 7 to urosomite 1), tip of rostrum, tip of pereopods. Eyes reddish.

Body length

Up to 47 mm.

Distribution

Between King George Island and Elephant Island, Bransfield Strait, eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea, Princess Ragnhild Coast, Prydz Bay, Adélie Coast, western Ross Sea, 397–914 m.

Remarks

In immature *E. colemani* sp. nov., the mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 7 and pleonites 1–2 are much longer than in adults and much longer than more anterior mid-dorsal teeth. *Epimeria colemani* sp. nov. specimens from western stations (South Shetland Islands, Antarctic Peninsula, Eastern Weddell Sea) and the only sequenced specimen from the Adélie Coast (MNHN-IU-2014-7324, extraction M6) have identical COI haplotypes, whereas the divergence between their 28S sequences is in the range expected between distinct species (from comparison with other species in this complex) (fig. 1 in Verheye *et al.* 2016a as *Epimeria* S15). Additional data would be needed to explain this discrepancy. As morphologically, the specimens from the Adélie Coast cannot be distinguished from the remaining *E. colemani*, they are provisionally considered as conspecifics.

Epimeria (Drakepimeria) corbariae sp. nov.

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Figs 27–43

Epimeria macrodonta – ? Chilton 1912: 486.

‘Clade A *similis/macrodata* complex - MA2’ – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 2 (online).

non Epimeria macrodata Walker, 1906: 16.

Etymology

The species is dedicated to Laure Corbari (Muséum national d’Histoire naturelle, Paris), who gave us the opportunity to study the very interesting collections of the CEAMARC and REVOLTA expeditions. The name is a genitive.

Type material

Holotype

REVOLTA cruises: (RV *Seatruck*)

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 ♀, cruise REVOLTA I, stn REVO-007b, Collect_ID: 249, Field_ID: CE-000004589, Adélie Coast, 66°38’25” S, 139°49’43” E, 127–133 m, 22 Jan. 2010, coll. M. Eléaume, L.

Hemery and A. D'Hont, (MNHN-IU-2009-2570) [extraction K4; Genbank nr, COI: KU870872, 28S: KU759652].

Paratypes

RV *Aurora Australis* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 3 specs, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 933, stn 40EV152, Adélie Coast, 66°39'38" S, 143°01'16" E, 471–637 m, beam trawl, 28 Dec. 2007, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4283); 1 ♀, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 1643, stn 31EV268, Adélie Coast, 66°34'30" S, 145°01'15" E, 429–451 m, beam trawl, 3 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-7326, removed from MNHN-IU-2014-4322); 5 specs, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 2072, stn 65EV322, Adélie Coast, 65°48'29" S, 143°03'46" E, 750–788 m, beam trawl, 5 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4286); 1 ♀, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 2724, stn 71EV447, Adélie Coast, 66°24'00" S, 140°32'21" E, 683–791 m, v14 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-7327, removed from MNHN-IU-2014-4337); 6 specs, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 3978, stn 36EV297, Adélie Coast, 66°20'20" S, 143°41'08" E, 552–573 m, beam trawl, 4 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4330); 1 spec., cruise REVOLTA II, stn REVO_133, Collect_ID: REVO_133, Adélie Coast, 66°37'04" S, 140°00'13" E, 103–107 m, 11 Jan. 2011, coll. N. Améziane, N. Bax, C. Gallut, A.C. Lautrédou and C. Robineau (MNHN-IU-2014-4297); 1 ovigerous ♀, cruise REVOLTA II, stn REVO_091, Collect_ID: REVO_162, Field_ID: CE-000001166, Adélie Coast, 66°41'07" S, 139°56'41" E, 33–34 m, 19 Jan. 2011, coll. N. Améziane, N. Bax, C. Gallut, A.C. Lautrédou and C. Robineau (MNHN-IU-2014-7325, removed from MNHN-2014-4299) [extraction M10; Genbank nr, COI: KU870878, 28S: KU759661]; 1 spec., cruise REVOLTA II, stn REVO_091, Collect_ID: REVO_162, Field_ID: CE-000001166, 66°41'07" S, 139°56'41" E, 33–34 m, 19 Jan. 2011, coll. N. Améziane, (MNHN-IU-2014-4299); 1 spec., cruise REVOLTA II, stn REVO_091, Collect_ID: REVO_162, Adélie Coast, 66°41'07" S, 139°56'41" E, 33–34 m, 19 Jan. 2011, coll. N. Améziane, N. Bax, C. Gallut, A.C. Lautrédou and C. Robineau (MNHN-IU-2014-4298); 1 juv., cruise REVOLTA II, stn REVO_085, Collect_ID: REVO_191, Field_ID: CE-000001559, 66°40'12" S, 139°55'56" E, Adélie Coast, 37–44 m, 29 Jan. 2011, coll. N. Améziane, N. Bax, C. Gallut, A.C. Lautrédou and C. Robineau, (MNHN-IU-2014-4296) [extraction M11; Genbank nr, 28S: KU759662]; 1 spec., cruise REVOLTA II, stn REVO_037, Collect_ID: REVO_209, Adélie Coast, 66°39'13" S, 139°52'04" E, 105–107 m, 1 Feb. 2011, coll. N. Améziane, N. Bax, C. Gallut, A.C. Lautrédou and C. Robineau (MNHN-IU-2014-4305); 2 specs, cruise REVOLTA II, stn REVO_037, Collect_ID: REVO_209, Adélie Coast, 66°39'13" S, 139°52'04" E, 105–107 m, 1 Feb. 2011, coll. N. Améziane, N. Bax, C. Gallut, A.C. Lautrédou and C. Robineau (RBINS 132717, formerly MNHN-IU-2014-4305); 1 spec., cruise REVOLTA III, stn REVO_039, Collect_ID: REVO_464, Adélie Coast, 66°38.370' S, 139°55.863' E to 66°38.406' S, 139°56.030' E, 100 m, beam trawl, 30 Jan. 2012, coll. G. Lecointre, A. Dettaï, J. Lanshere, C. Gallut and C. Ozouf (MNHN number-IU-2009-2542); 1 juv., cruise REVOLTA III, stn REVO_040, Collect_ID: REVO_470, Adélie Coast, 66°38.50' S, 139°57.02' E to 66°38.41' S, 139°57.14' W, 98–100 m, beam trawl, 31 Jan. 2012, coll. G. Lecointre, A. Dettaï, J. Lanshere, C. Gallut and C. Ozouf (MNHN-IU-2009-2551); 1 small spec., cruise REVOLTA III, stn REVO_064, Collect_ID: REVO_481, Adélie Coast, 66°36.371' S, 140°05.075' E to 66°36.394' S, 140°04.966' E, 110–120 m, beam trawl, 3 Jan. 2012, coll. G. Lecointre, A. Dettaï, J. Lanshere, C. Gallut and C. Ozouf (MNHN-IU-2009-2562); 1 adult spec., cruise REVOLTA III, stn REVO_068, Collect_ID: REVO_493, Field_ID: CE-000002621, Adélie Coast, 66°35'18" S, 140°03'15" E to 66°35'22" S, 140°03'23" E, 57–118 m, beam trawl, 7 Feb. 2012, coll. G. Lecointre, A. Dettaï, J. Lanshere, C. Gallut and C. Ozouf (MNHN-IU-2009-2581).

RV *L'Astrolabe* cruises:

5 specs, cruise REVOLTA III, stn none (Dumont d'Urville sea), Collect_ID: REVO_449, Field_ID: CE-000002109 Adélie Coast, 66°38' S, 140°42' E to 66°38' S, 140°40' E, 718–729 m, mud, beam trawl, 20 Jan. 2012, coll. G. Lecointre, A. Dettaï, J. Lanshere, C. Gallut and C. Ozouf (MNHN-IU-2009-2543);

1 ♀, cruise REVOLTA III, stn REVO_064, Collect_ID: REVO_481, Field_ID: CE-000003196, Adélie Coast, 66°36.371' S, 140°05.075' E to 66°36.394' S, 140°04.966' E, 110–120 m, beam trawl, 3 Feb. 2012, coll. G. Lecointre, A. Dettai, J. Lanshere, C. Gallut and C. Ozouf (MNHN-IU-2009-2563) [extraction K5; Genbank nr, COI: KU870876, 28S: KU759657].

Description

ROSTRUM. Long, reaching base of article 2 of peduncle of antenna 1 (teeth excluded), very strongly curved, sharp-tipped in lateral view.

EYE. Large, broadly elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionite 1 usually without mid-dorsal tooth or with a posterior bump, rarely with small subacute tooth pointing upwards (tooth with anterior border oblique and posterior border vertical), without pair of dorsolateral protrusions when pereionite has no mid-dorsal tooth or only a posterior bump, with pair of low protrusions when mid-dorsal tooth present; pereionite 2 much narrower than pereionites 1 and 3, without mid-dorsal tooth and without pair of dorsolateral teeth; pereionite 3 with medium-sized, broad, subacute to acute tooth pointing upwards or slightly backwards and pair of low and blunt, conical, dorsolateral teeth; pereionite 4 to pleonite 2 with large, narrow to fairly narrow, acute mid-dorsal tooth, of which the anterior border is regularly curved or curved with very faint angular discontinuity and the posterior border is slightly concave, with pair of conical dorsolateral teeth of which the size gradually increases posteriorly (these pairs of teeth are never duplicate); pleonite 3 with large nearly styliform acute-tipped symmetrical mid-dorsal tooth, and pair of large narrowly conical dorsolateral teeth (size of mid-dorsal teeth weakly increasing from pereionite 4 to pleonite 2; mid-dorsal tooth of pleonite 3 slightly but distinctly shorter than tooth of pleonite 2).

COXAE 1–3. Strongly carinate and distally sharp.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border straight, anteroventral border distally slightly curved, these two borders being joined by a fairly short blunt angular discontinuity (anterior angle), this anterior angle is weakly projecting forward; ventral tooth long and acute; lateral carina with small tooth pointing backwards (its anterior border is parallel to body axis or nearly so; in dorsal view this tooth form a narrow V-shaped notch with the coxa); carina fairly distant from margin of coxa at its deepest point.

COXA 5. With long, sharp, narrowly triangular, carinate, lateral tooth pointing backwards (its anterior margin is distinctly oblique to nearly parallel to body axis and its posterior margin is oblique).

COXA 6. With mid-sized, sharp and triangular, carinate, lateral tooth pointing obliquely backwards; its anterior border is distinctly convex); posteroventral corner broadly rounded.

COXA 7. With ventral border slightly curved, with posterior border straight or very weakly concave, their convergence forming a sharp squared angle.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle produced into a very long and very sharp tooth.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with large and sharp narrow tooth pointing upwards; urosomite 2 with pair of mid-sized posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards; urosomite 3 with pair of mid-sized posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing obliquely upwards.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.45–0.55; tips of lobes subacute, notch narrowly U-shaped.

PEDUNCLE OF ANTENNA 1. Article 1 with long lateral and medial teeth reaching mid of article 2 (teeth excluded) and long ventral tooth distinctly overreaching tip of article 2 (teeth excluded); article 2 with large lateral tooth of which 0.3 is overreaching tip of article 3, and huge medial teeth of which 0.6 is overreaching tip of article 3, without ventral tooth; article 3 with medium-sized ventral tooth, about 0.3 times as long as article itself.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus of normal slenderness; very slightly broadening distally, palm distinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus slender; basis of pereopods 5–6 of normal width, with posteroproximal process rounded and strongly protruding, with posterodistal tooth very strong (as long as basis width); basis of pereopod 7 broad with posterodistal tooth acute and large, followed more proximally by distinct concavity, directed posteriorly.

Colour pattern

Homogeneously bright red, or red marks on a whitish or pale reddish background.

Body length

Up to 31 mm.

Distribution

Adélie Coast, 33–827 m.

Remarks

Epimeria corbariae sp. nov. exhibits variation in the dentition of the first body segment and the robustness of the mid-dorsal teeth (see figs 27, 28, 34, 38). The angle of divergence of the lateral tooth of coxa 5 with body axis is also variable. Due to these variations, the most extreme forms of *E. corbariae* sp. nov. were initially interpreted as two separate species. However, genetic data (COI, 28S) suggest that they are indeed conspecific (Fig. 342). *Epimeria corbariae* sp. nov. (Adélie Coast) is morphologically similar to *E. anguloce* sp. nov. (Weddell Sea and Bransfield Strait), but molecular analyses based on the 28S gene suggest that they are distinct species (Fig. 342). The following morphological differences were observed. In *E. corbariae* sp. nov., pereonite 1 is usually smooth or with a posterior bump (rarely with a small tooth); in *E. anguloce* sp. nov. a small tooth is always present. In *E. corbariae* sp. nov. the mid-dorsal tooth of pereonite 3 to pleonite 2 are a bit shorter and a bit broader than in *E. anguloce* sp. nov. and those of pereonite 3 to pleonite 2 have a trace of anterior angular discontinuity, which is not present in *E. anguloce* sp. nov. The tooth of the lateral carina of coxa 4 is more posteriorly directed in *E. corbariae* sp. nov. and forms a narrower notch with the coxa (when examined in dorsal view) than in *E. anguloce* sp. nov. The junction between the ventral and the posterior border of coxa 7 forms a sharp squared angle in *E. corbariae* sp. nov. vs a blunt squared angle in *E. anguloce* sp. nov., this difference being very clear. In *E. corbariae* sp. nov., the posterodistal tooth of basis of pereopod 7 is shorter than in *E. anguloce* sp. nov. *Epimeria corbariae* sp. nov. is also very similar to *E. schiaparelli*, but the mid-dorsal ornamentation of pereonite 3 is much more developed in the first species.

Epimeria (Drakepimeria) cyrano subgen. et sp. nov.

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Figs 44–50

‘Clade A *similis/macrodonta* complex - SP1’ – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 2 (online).

Etymology

Cyrano de Bergerac is the central character of the eponymous play by Edmond Rostand. In the play, Cyrano is described as endowed with a prominent nose. The name, which is a noun in apposition, alludes to the long, straight and anteriorly directed rostrum of the species.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 ♀, cruise PS77, ANT XXVII/3, CAMBIO, stn 263-6, eastern Weddell Sea, BENDEX area, 70°38.66' S, 10°28.16' W to 70°39.50' S, 10°32.91' W, depth not given [Google Earth depth range for the coordinates: 867–955 m (accessed 27 Sep. 2016)], gear: “BPT” (presumably benthopelagic trawl), 21 Mar. 2011, coll. Ch. Havermans and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132967) [extraction I16; Genbank nr, COI: KU870842, 28S: KU759618].

Description

ROSTRUM. Very long, reaching about tip of article 2 of peduncle of antenna 1, straight and anteriorly directed, sharp-tipped in lateral view.

EYE. Medium-sized, elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. All pereionites and pleosomites with large styliform mid-dorsal tooth and pair of large styliform dorsolateral teeth; the mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 1 is oriented forward, the others are directed posteriorly, the most posterior ones being the most backwards directed; the size of the mid-dorsal teeth slightly increase backwards; pereionite 2 nearly as broad as pereionite 1.

COXAE 1–3. Strongly carinate, curving forward and laterally, distally very sharp.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border weakly concave, and anteroventral border straight, the two border are joined by obtuse but very distinct angular discontinuity; anterior angle slightly projecting forward; ventral tooth medium-sized, long and styliform, curving laterally; lateral carina with lateral long and sharp styliform tooth pointing laterally (scarcely oriented backwards).

COXA 5. With sharp, broadly styliform, carinate, lateral tooth pointing laterally or rather slightly obliquely backwards.

COXA 6. With large, sharp and narrowly triangular, carinate, lateral tooth pointing obliquely backwards; posteroventral corner broadly rounded.

COXA 7. With ventral border rounded, and posterior border nearly straight, with posteroventral angle bluntly rounded.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle produced into a very long styliform tooth.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with very long styliform tooth pointing upwards (or very slightly backwards); urosomite 2 without pair of small posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards.

TELSON. Cleft on half of its length; tips of lobes blunt-tipped, slit of medium width, U-shaped.

PEDUNCLE OF ANTENNA 1. Article 1–2 with trace of medial tooth or teeth; articles 1–3 with tiny ventral tooth, otherwise without ornamentation.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Gnathopods 1 and 2 a bit different, not narrowing distally: gnathopod 1 with propodus and especially carpus rather stout, with palm oblique and large; gnathopod 2 of normal slenderness, with palm oblique and large.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus of pereopods 5–7 very slender, dactylus fairly long; basis of pereopods 5–6 narrow, with posteroproximal process reduced to a very low proximal protrusion merging without angular discontinuity with the posterior border, with posterodistal tooth very small, reduced to a broad acute angle scarcely projecting posteriorly; basis of pereopod 7 fairly narrow with posterodistal tooth triangular and sharp, followed more proximally by low inconspicuous concavity, directed obliquely.

Colour pattern

White, with antennae and anterior part of body with a very pale pinkish hue; gnathopods and mouthparts blood red; eyes white.

Body length

23 mm.

Distribution

Eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea at about 867–955 m.

Remarks

The only other species with long styliiform teeth is *E. oxycarinata*, but it belongs to a separate subgenus. The holotype and unique specimen of *E. cyrano* sp. nov. was apparently collected with a benthopelagic trawl. As the morphology of the species suggests a benthic life style, it is possible that the trawl operated close to the seafloor or hit the seafloor.

Epimeria (Drakepimeria) havermansiana subgen. et sp. nov.

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Figs 51–57

‘Clade A *similis/macrodonta* complex - S11’ – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 2 (online).

Etymology

The species is dedicated to Charlotte Havermans (formerly RBINS, currently Alfred-Wegener-Institute Helmholtz-Zentrum für Polar- und Meeresforschung), who collected the holotype of the species. *Havermansiana* is the feminine of *havermansianus*, which is a Latin adjective of the second declension derived from her name.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., sex undetermined, cruise PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, CAMBIO, stn 300-1, eastern Weddell Sea, BENDEX area, 70°50.99' S, 10°35.23' W to 70°50.34' S, 10°34.92' W, 227–266 m, bottom trawl, 1 Apr. 2011, (RBINS, INV. 132964) [extraction I12; Genbank nr, 28S: KU759614].

Paratypes

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 1, GSN 1, eastern Weddell Sea, 71°03.10' S, 11°25.50' W, to 71°02.10' S, 11°19.30' W, 462–481 m, bottom trawl, 5 Feb. 1996, specimen kept in aquarium on board, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132700); 1 spec., cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 17, GSN 10, eastern Weddell Sea, 73°18.00' S, 21°09.90' W, to 73°19.10' S, 21°14.90' W, 465–468 m, bottom trawl, 16 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132694).

RV *Aurora Australis* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 3 specs, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 3226, stn 20EV490, Adélie Coast, 66°00'59" S, 140°00'02" E, 189–196 m, beam trawl, 15 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4347); 1 spec., cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 3978, stn 36EV297, Adélie Coast, 66°20'20" S, 143°41'08" E, 552–573 m, beam trawl, 4 Jan. 2008 (MNHN-IU-2014-7328n, removed from MNHN-IU-2014-4329).

RV *Marion Dufresne* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 3 specs (2 large specs and 1 juv.) cruise MD42 (SIBEX), stn 22-CP73, Prydz Bay, 66°57'25" S, 72°41'25" E, depth missing [Google Earth depth for that position: 540 m (accessed 27 Sep. 2016)], 26 Jan. 1985 (MNHN-IU-2014-4260); 1 ♀, cruise MD42 (SIBEX), stn 22-CP71, Prydz Bay, 66°57'37" S, 72°52'07" E, depth missing [Google Earth depth for that position: 513 m (accessed 27 Sep. 2016)], 26 Jan. 1985 (MNHN-IU-2014-4268).

Belgian and Belgian-Dutch Antarctic expedition:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 9 specs, Princess Ragnhild Coast, stn 219, Baie du Glacier, 70°18'05" S, 23°58'00" E, 216 m, trawl, 31 Jan. 1965 (RBINS, INV. 132743); 10 specs, Princess Ragnhild Coast, stn 219, Baie du Glacier, 70°18'05" S, 23°58'00" E, 216 m, trawl, 31 Jan. 1965, coll. A. Capart (RBINS, INV. 132744); 1 spec., Princess Ragnhild Coast, stn 219, Baie du Glacier, 70°18'05" S, 23°58'00" E, 216 m, trawl, 31 Jan. 1965 (RBINS, INV. 132747); 1 spec., Princess Ragnhild Coast, stn 219, Baie du Glacier, 70°18'05" S, 23°58'00" E, 216 m, trawl, 31 Jan. 1965 (RBINS, INV. 132750); 2 specs, Princess Ragnhild Coast, stn 220, Baie du Glacier, exact coordinates unavailable [presumably about 70°18' S, 23°58' E], 414–450 m, 1 Feb. 1965, trawl, coll. A. Capart (RBINS, INV. 132733); 1 spec., Princess Ragnhild Coast, stn 220, Baie du Glacier, exact coordinates unavailable [presumably about 70°18' S, 23°58' E], 414–450 m, 1 Feb. 1965, trawl, coll. A. Capart (RBINS, INV. 132735); 1 spec., Princess Ragnhild Coast, stn 220, Baie du Glacier, exact coordinates unavailable [presumably about 70°18' S, 23°58' E], 414–450 m, 1 Feb. 1965, trawl, coll. A. Capart (RBINS, INV. 132736); 1 spec., Princess Ragnhild Coast, stn 220, Baie du Glacier, exact coordinates unavailable [presumably about 70°18' S, 23°58' E], 414–450 m, 1 Feb. 1965, trawl, coll. A. Capart (RBINS, INV. 132751).

Description

ROSTRUM. Long, reaching about tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1 (teeth excluded), moderately curved, sharp-tipped in lateral view.

EYE. Very large, broadly elliptic (nearly circular).

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionite 1 with indistinct posterior bump, with pair of low non-carinate dorsolateral swellings; pereionite 2 slightly narrower than pereionite 1, with small but distinct blunt mid-dorsal tooth and pair of low dorsolateral swellings; pereionite 3 with medium-sized blunt-tipped mid-dorsal tooth and pair of well-developed dorsolateral blunt teeth; pereionite 4 to pereionite 7 with large, broad, regularly curved, acute-tipped mid-dorsal tooth (dorsal length of teeth slightly

and gradually increasing posteriorly) and pair of well developed conical dorsolateral teeth (pleonites 1–2 without second pair of dorsolateral teeth); pleonite 3 with dorsal sharp carina with weak median notch and produced posteriorly into an a broad acute and sharp triangular tooth, and pair of fairly large dorsolateral non-carinate acute-tipped teeth.

COXAE 1–3. Strongly carinate and distally sharp.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal + anteroventral borders forming a curve projecting forward (anterodorsal and anteroventral borders becoming straight respectively only at their upper and lower extremities); ventral tooth very sharp and very long; lateral carina without tooth, without distinct angularity, carina very distant from margin of coxa at its deepest point.

COXA 5. With sharp and narrowly triangular carinate, lateral tooth pointing backwards (its lateral border is nearly parallel to body axis or weakly divergent).

COXA 6. With mid-sized, sharp, triangular, carinate, lateral tooth pointing obliquely backwards; posteroventral corner bluntly angular.

COXA 7. With ventral and posterior border straight, converging to form a sharp acute, nearly squared angle.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle produced into a very long sharp tooth.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with strong triangular process pointing upwards; urosomite 2 with pair of small sharp posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.25; tips of lobes sharp, broadly V-shaped.

PEDUNCLE OF ANTENNA 1. Article 1 with long lateral and medial teeth reaching beyond mid and nearly mid of article 2 (teeth excluded) and long ventral tooth nearly reaching tip of article 2 (teeth excluded); article 2 with very long lateral and medial teeth overreaching tip of article 3, with ventral tooth slightly overreaching tip of article 3 (tooth excluded); article 3 with long ventral tooth, about as long as article itself.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus of normal slenderness; propodus not narrowing distally, palm distinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus fairly slender; basis of pereopods 5–6 of normal width, with posteroproximal process rounded and strongly protruding, with posterodistal tooth strong; basis of pereopod 7 very broad with posterodistal tooth angulate, followed more proximally by small concavity, directed posteriorly.

Body length

Up to 33 mm.

Distribution

Eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea, Princess Ragnhild Coast, Prydz Bay, Adélie Coast; 189–573 m.

Remarks

Epimeria havermansiana sp. nov. is morphologically very similar to *E. pandora* sp. nov., but delimitation methods based on the 28S phylogeny indicate that they are indeed distinct species (Verheye *et al.* 2016a,

and this paper Fig. 342). On pereionite 1, *E. havermansiana* sp. nov. may have a trace of posterior mid-dorsal bump, which is absent in *E. pandora* sp. nov. On pereionite 2, *E. havermansiana* sp. nov. has a posterior tooth, while *E. pandora* sp. nov. has only a slight bump. In *E. havermansiana* sp. nov., the dorsolateral teeth of the pereion pleosome and urosomite 2 are larger than in *E. pandora* sp. nov. Coxa 4 is anteriorly more curved than in *E. pandora* sp. nov. and its ventral tooth is longer and narrower.

Epimeria (Drakepimeria) leukhoplites subgen. et sp. nov.

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Figs 58–65

Epimeria sp aff *reopro*i – d'Udekem d'Acoz & Robert 2008: 56, fig. 2.5B

non *Epimeria reopro*i Lörz & Coleman, 2001: 991–1001, figs 1–5.

Etymology

From the Greek, λευκος, white; οπλιτης, hoplite, citizen-soldier of the ancient Greece. The name, which is a noun in apposition, alludes to the armoured facies and the white or whitish colour of the species.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 ovigerous ♀, fixed in alcohol 70%, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-5, Elephant Island, 61°20.27' S, 55°30.92' W to 61°20.37' S, 55°28.99' W, 131–152 m, Agassiz trawl, 20 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122470).

Paratypes

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 3 specs, initially fixed in formalin, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-3, Elephant Island, 61°20.33' S, 55°31.53' W to 61°20.35' S, 55°30.18' W, 148–154 m, Agassiz trawl, 20 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122536); 1 ovigerous ♀, fixed in alcohol 70%, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3, Elephant Island, 60°52.37' S, 55°29.80' W to 60°52.71' S, 55°27.83' W, 248–265 m, a lot of epifauna, Rauschert dredge and Agassiz trawl, 22 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122473); 1 spec., fixed in alcohol 70%, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 671-1, northwest of King George Island, 61°59.98' S, 59°14.78' W to 61°60.00' S, 59°10.74' W, 131–144 m, bottom trawl, 1 Jan. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122538); 1 juv., initially fixed in formalin, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 728-2, northwest of Weddell Sea, south of Dundee Island, 63°42.63' S, 56°01.63' W to 63°42.25' S, 56°02.16' W, 293–298 m, Agassiz trawl, 24 Jan. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122539).

Description

ROBUSTNESS. Body and pereiopods more robust than in most *Drakepimeria*.

ROSTRUM. Medium-sized, just reaching tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1 (teeth excluded), weakly curved, sharp-tipped in lateral view.

EYE. Large, elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 4 to pleonite 3 with mid-dorsal tooth; pereionite 1 to pleonite 3 with pair of dorsolateral teeth or protrusions (those of pereionites 1–2 so low that they are nearly inconspicuous); pereionites 1–3 without any trace of mid-dorsal tooth, with pair of extremely

low, nearly inconspicuous, dorsolateral protrusions; pereionite 2 slightly but distinctly narrower than pereionite 1; pereionite 4 with very small blunt-tipped posterior mid-dorsal tooth and pair of very low blunt dorsolateral protrusions; pereionite 5–6 with medium-sized blunt-tipped broad mid-dorsal tooth and pair of small blunt dorsolateral teeth, which are anteriorly prolonged by a blunt carina; pereionite 7 with well-developed acute-tipped broad mid-dorsal tooth, which is anteriorly broadly angulate, and pair of small blunt dorsolateral teeth, which are anteriorly prolonged by a blunt carina; pleonites 1–3 with very broad and not very elevated, acute-tipped mid-dorsal tooth, which is anteriorly angulate and pair of small dorsolateral non-carinate teeth; on pleonite 1 a trace of second pair of (much smaller) dorsolateral teeth is observed between the mid-dorsal tooth and the main pair of dorsolateral teeth; pleonite 3 with large acute-tipped mid-dorsal tooth bearing an inconspicuous median concavity.

COXAE 1–3. Strongly carinate and distally sharp.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border nearly straight (inconspicuously convex) and unusually long, anteroventral border nearly straight (inconspicuously concave) and short, joined by blunt but very distinct angular discontinuity, anterior corner not projecting forward; ventral tooth narrowly triangular, not long, apically subacute; lateral carina without tooth or angularity, not projecting laterally, carina very distant from margin of coxa at its deepest point.

COXA 5. With well developed sharp and broadly triangular, carinate, lateral tooth, of which the anterior border diverges backwards and the posterior border is nearly perpendicular to body axis.

COXA 6. With mid-sized, blunt, broadly triangular, carinate, lateral tooth, of which the anterior border diverges backwards and the posterior border is perpendicular to body axis; posteroventral corner broadly rounded.

COXA 7. With ventral border distinctly curved, with posterior border nearly straight (inconspicuously convex), their convergence forming a very blunt angular discontinuity; surface of coxa posteriorly with a blunt and very low carina oriented in the dorsoventral axis.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle produced into a long and sharp tooth.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with sharp triangular process pointing upwards; urosomite 2 without pair of small posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.33; tips of lobes subacute.

PEDUNCLE OF ANTENNA 1. Article 1 with short lateral, medial and ventral teeth reaching the base of article 2; article 2 with large lateral and medial teeth reaching about tip of article 3 (ventral tooth excluded), with ventral tooth reduced to a tiny denticle; article 3 with small ventral tooth, distinctly shorter than article itself.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus fairly robust, propodus narrowing distally, palm indistinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus very stout; basis of pereiopods 5–6 of normal width, with posteroproximal process rounded and distinctly protruding, with posterodistal tooth strong; basis of pereiopod 7 very broad with posterodistal tooth sharp, not followed more proximally by small concavity, directed posteriorly.

Colour pattern

Uniformly whitish, or whitish with a few extremely pale, small, brownish/yellowish spots. Appendages whitish. Eyes pale reddish.

Body length

Up to 43 mm.

Distribution

Elephant Island and tip of Antarctic Peninsula, 131–298 m.

Remark

E. leukhoplites sp. nov. is superficially similar to *E. vaderi* but important differences are observed. In *E. leukhoplites* sp. nov., coxa 5 and 6 have large triangular carinae projecting laterally, which are very distinct in dorsal view, whilst *E. vaderi* has no such lateral projections; this is the most obvious difference. In *E. leukhoplites* sp. nov., the mid-dorsal tooth of pereonite 7 and pleonites 1–2 are anteriorly very angulate, whilst they form a regular curve in *E. vaderi*. In *E. leukhoplites* sp. nov., only the pair of dorsolateral teeth of pleonite 1 is duplicated, whilst this is also the case for pleonite 2 in *E. vaderi*. In *E. leukhoplites* sp. nov., the profile of the dorsal crest of pleonite 3 is nearly straight, with an inconspicuous trace of notch just on the middle, whilst in *E. vaderi* it presents a shallow but long concavity. In *E. leukhoplites* sp. nov., the central point of the lateral carina of coxa 4 is very distant from posterior border of coxa, whilst in *E. vaderi* the carina remains very close to the border of the coxa. The angle joining the anterodorsal and the anteroventral angle is also more distinct in *E. leukhoplites* sp. nov. than in *E. vaderi*. The posteroventral tooth of the epimeral plates is much stronger in *E. leukhoplites* sp. nov. than in *E. vaderi*, especially for the third one. Finally, in *E. leukhoplites* sp. nov., the propodus of the gnathopods narrows anteriorly and the palm is indistinct, whilst in *E. vaderi* the propodus is not tapering and the palm is normally developed.

E. leukhoplites sp. nov. is also similar to *Epimeria (Drakepimeria)* subgen. nov. sp. 1 from the Ross Sea, which will be named and described in a separate paper by Verheye, Lörz & d'Udekem d'Acoz. The most obvious differences between the two species are given in the key.

Epimeria (Drakepimeria) loerzae subgen. et sp. nov.

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Figs 66–71

Epimeria macrodonta forma *similis* – K.H. Barnard 1932: 172, in part, fig. 105.

Epimeria macrodonta – Andres 1985: 124 (in part: “breite Form”) — Andres in Sieg & Wägele 1990: 136, fig. 270. — Lörz & Coleman 2009: unnumbered photograph p. 17.

Epimeria aff. *macrodonta* – d'Udekem d'Acoz & Verheye 2013: 62, fig. 3.8.2F.

Epimeria sp. nov. 3 – Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 61, pl. 54, unnumbered photograph (*non Epimeria* sp. nov. 3 p. 125).

‘Clade A *similis/macrodonta* complex - MA3’ – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 2 (online).

non Epimeria macrodonta Walker, 1906: 16.

non Epimeria similis Chevreux, 1912: 215.

Etymology

The species is dedicated to Anne-Nina Lörz (formerly NIWA), as a recognition of her important contribution to the taxonomy of the genus *Epimeria*. The name is a genitive.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: ♀, 36 mm, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 116-9, north of Joinville Island, 62°33.79' S, 56°27.81' W to 62°33.71' S, 56°28.31' W, 248 m, muddy bottom with stones, *Pentapora*-like bryozoans and a lot of life, Agassiz trawl, 26 Jan. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122929A) [extraction K35; Genbank nr, 28S: KU759647].

Paratypes

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., photographed, cruise PS14, ANT-VII/4, EPOS leg 3, stn 230, eastern Weddell Sea, 75°14.2' S, 26°59.4' W to 75°14.5' S, 26°59.9' W, 270–275 m, Agassiz trawl, 30 Jan. 1989, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 132721); 4 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-1, Elephant Island, 61°20.35' S, 55°29.16' W to 61°19.98' S, 55°32.67' W, 146–151 m, bottom trawl, 19 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122571); 2 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-1, Elephant Island, 61°20.35' S, 55°29.16' W to 61°19.98' S, 55°32.67' W, 146–151 m, bottom trawl, 19 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert, (MNHN-IU-2014-7329, removed from RBINS, INV. 122571); 7 medium-sized and small specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-1, Elephant Island, 61°20.35' S, 55°29.16' W to 61°19.98' S, 55°32.67' W, 146–151 m, bottom trawl, 19 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122573); 3 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-5, Elephant Island, 61°20.27' S, 55°30.92' W to 61°20.37' S, 55°28.99' W, 131–152 m, Agassiz trawl, 20 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122567); 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, Elephant Island, 60°52.37' S, 55°29.80' W to 60°52.71' S, 55°27.83' W, 248–265 m, a lot of epifauna, Rauschert dredge and Agassiz trawl, 22 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122568); 1 large spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 686-1, Bransfield Strait, 62°34.12' S, 55°26.66' W to 62°35.38' S, 55°23.67' W, 149 m, bottom trawl, 4 Jan. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122474); 2 large specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 689-1, north of Joinville Island, 62°27.28' S, 55°18.23' W to 62°27.63' S, 55°14.81' W, 224–229 m, bottom trawl, 4 Jan. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122566); 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 692-1, north of Joinville Island, 62°21.76' S, 55°36.96' W to 62°23.62' S, 55°36.42' W, 263–277 m, bottom trawl, 5 Jan. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122572); 2 very large specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 693-1, north of Joinville Island, 62°25.84' S, 55°35.07' W to 62°25.87' S, 55°32.62' W, 243–291 m, bottom trawl, 5 Jan. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122471); 6 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 726-1, Snow Hill Island, 64°30.86' S, 56°40.23' W to 64°31.16' S, 56°40.51' W, 197–199 m, Rauschert dredge, 22 Jan. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122574); 2 large specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 728-2, south of Dundee Island, 63°42.63' S, 56°01.63' W to 63°42.25' S, 56°02.16' W, 293–298 m, Agassiz trawl, 24 Jan. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122570); 1 ♀, 36 mm, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 116-9, north of Joinville Island, 62°33.79' S, 56°27.81' W to 62°33.71' S, 56°28.31' W, 248 m, muddy bottom with stones and *Pentapora*-like bryozoans and a lot of life, Agassiz trawl, 26 Jan. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122929B) [extraction K36; Genbank nr, COI: KU870868, 28S: KU759648]; 2 ♀♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 116-9, north of Joinville Island, 62°33.79' S, 56°27.81' W to 62°33.71' S, 56°28.31' W, 248 m, muddy bottom with stones and *Pentapora*-like bryozoans and a lot of life, Agassiz trawl, 26 Jan. 2013 (RBINS, INV. 122951); 4 specs, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 162-7, east of James Ross Island, 63°58.78' S, 56°46.24' W to 63°59.02' S, 56°46.26' W, 214–216 m, bottom with *Glyptonotus* and *Echiniphimedia* cf. *hodgsoni*, Agassiz trawl, 10 Feb. 2013 (RBINS, INV. 122940) [extraction ANT35: largest specimen; Genbank nr, 28S: KU759594]; 3 specs, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 162-7, east of James Ross Island, 63°58.78' S, 56°46.24' W to 63°59.02' S, 56°46.26' W, 214–216 m, bottom with *Glyptonotus* and *Echiniphimedia*

cf. *hodgsoni*, Agassiz trawl, 10 Feb. 2013 (RBINS, INV. 122955); 2 specs, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 162-7, east of James Ross Island, 63°58.78' S, 56°46.24' W to 63°59.02' S, 56°46.26' W, 214–216 m, bottom with *Glyptonotus* and *Echiniphimedia* cf. *hodgsoni*, Agassiz trawl, 10 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122958); 2 specs, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 164-4, south of Dundee Island, 63°37.28' S, 56°9.11' W to 63°37.29' S, 56°9.58' W, 102–114 m, non-muddy bottom with a lot of life, including *Molgula*, big red ophiuroids, and a lot of *Glyptonotus*, Agassiz trawl, 11 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 132974) [extraction I19: largest specimen; Genbank nr, COI: KU870844, 28S: KU759621]; 16 specs, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 185-3, southeast of Dundee Island, 63°51.34' S, 55°41.11' W to 63°51.52' S, 55°41.43' W, 261–296 m, non muddy bottom (a lot of life: sponges, starfishes, ophiuroids, crinoids, *Pentapora*-like bryozoans), Agassiz trawl, 19 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122960); 4 small specs, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 185-4 southeast of Dundee Island, 63°51.53' S, 55°40.74' W to 63°51.53' S, 55°40.43' W, 253–255 m, extremely fine sand mixed with some mud and gravel, Rauschert dredge, 19 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122971); 13 juvs, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, 185-4 southeast of Dundee Island, 63°51.53' S, 55°40.74' W to 63°51.53' S, 55°40.43' W, 253–255 m, extremely fine sand mixed with some mud and gravel, Rauschert dredge, 19 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122968).

Expedition SIGNY 1991/92:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 adult, SIGNY 1991/92, AGT 24, transect 2, South Orkney Plateau: Signy Island, 60.704° S, 45.452° W, 190–200 m, 15 Feb. 1992, coll. Stefan Hain (RBINS, INV. 132686); 1 juv., SIGNY 1991/92, AGT 21, transect 2, South Orkney Plateau: Signy Island, 60.707° S, 45.437° W, 150 m, 14 Feb. 1992, coll. Stefan Hain (RBINS, INV. 132692).

Description

ROSTRUM. Long, overreaching tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1 (teeth excluded), very strongly curved, sharp-tipped in lateral view.

EYE. Very large, broadly elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionite 1 with medium-sized broad and blunt mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards, with pair of well-developed, conical, dorsolateral teeth; pereionite 2 much narrower than pereionites 1 and 3, without mid-dorsal tooth and without pair of dorsolateral teeth; pereionite 3 with well-developed broad and blunt mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards, of which the anterior margin is strongly convex and the posterior margin weakly convex, and pair of fairly large, conical, dorsolateral teeth; pereionites 4–5 with large, fairly broad, acute to subacute mid-dorsal tooth, of which the anterior border is regularly curved and the posterior border is slightly concave, with pair of large narrowly conical dorsolateral teeth; pereionites 6 to pleonite 2 with large and fairly broad, acute mid-dorsal tooth of which the anterior border is subdivided into a proximal part pointing obliquely upwards and a posterior part nearly parallel to body axis, both parts being joined by distinct blunt angular discontinuity, with pair of large narrowly conical dorsolateral teeth (these pairs of teeth are never duplicate); pleonite 3 with large narrowly triangular acute-tipped symmetrical mid-dorsal tooth, and pair of large narrowly conical dorsolateral teeth (size of mid-dorsal teeth increasing from pereionite 1 to 5, those of pereionite 6 to pleonite 3 subequal to tooth of pereionite 5).

COXAE 1–3. Strongly carinate and distally sharp.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border straight, anteroventral border weakly curved, these two borders being joined by obtuse, blunt but distinct angular discontinuity, anterior angle scarcely projecting forward; ventral tooth long and acute; lateral carina with large tooth, which is anteriorly convex and posteriorly

concave, strongly projecting laterally and obliquely pointing backwards, carina very distant from margin of coxa at its deepest point.

COXA 5. With long, sharp, narrowly triangular, carinate, lateral tooth pointing obliquely backwards; posteroventral corner broadly rounded.

COXA 6. With long, sharp and narrowly triangular (nearly styliform), carinate lateral tooth pointing obliquely backwards.

COXA 7. With ventral border slightly curved, with posterior border straight, their convergence forming a sharp squared angle.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle produced into a very long and very sharp tooth.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with large and sharp narrow tooth pointing upwards; urosomite 2 with pair of mid-sized posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards; urosomite 3 with pair of mid-sized posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.45; tips of lobes blunt and narrow, notch narrowly and bluntly V-shaped.

PEDUNCLE OF ANTENNA 1. Article 1 with long lateral and medial teeth reaching mid of article 2 (teeth excluded) and long ventral tooth reaching about tip of article 2 (teeth excluded); article 2 with large lateral and medial teeth overreaching tip of article 3, without ventral tooth (ventral margin with scarcely distinct denticle); article 3 with medium-sized ventral tooth, about half as long as article itself.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus of normal slenderness; propodus not narrowing distally, palm distinct.

PEREIPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus slender; basis of pereopods 5–6 of normal width, with posteroproximal process rounded and strongly protruding, with posterodistal tooth very strong (as long as basis width for pereopod 5, nearly as long as basis width for pereopod 6); basis of pereopod 7 broad with posterodistal tooth subacute, followed more proximally by small concavity, directed posteriorly but somewhat obliquely.

Colour pattern

Whitish with irregular orange-red marks and dots arranged in complex patterns and in some places merging into small irregular transverse lines. Eyes reddish. This colour pattern is very constant and highly characteristic of the species.

Body length

Up to 30 mm.

Distribution

South Orkney Islands; South Shetland Islands, including Elephant Island; Bransfield Strait; tip of Antarctic Peninsula; eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea (where it is very rare), 102–298 m.

Remarks

Epimeria loerzae sp. nov. is a common species off the South Shetland Islands and near the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula. It is also present off the South Orkney Islands, but it is very rare in the Eastern Weddell Sea, where only one specimen was found. Its bathymetrical range is apparently rather limited,

since this species was not found in samples collected below 300 m. The colour pattern and the broad angulate mid-dorsal teeth of *E. loerzae* sp. nov. are unique in *macrodonta*-like *Epimeria*, making its identification easy (it is most similar to *E. pyrodrakon* sp. nov.). The collection locality of the specimen of *Epimeria loerzae* sp. nov. illustrated as *Epimeria* sp. n. 3 by Rauchert & Arntz (2015) was given in an early draft of their book made available to the authors: ANT-XV/3 stn 355. Its coordinates are: 61°59.8' S, 59°14.8' W to 62°00.1' S, 59°14.8' W, 128–130 m, which corresponds to a position northwest of King George Island.

***Epimeria (Drakepimeria) macrodonta* subgen. nov. Walker, 1906**

Figs 72–76

Epimeria macrodonta Walker, 1906: 16 (in part).

Epimeria macrodonta – Walker 1907: 24 (in part), pl. 8 fig. 14. — Lockyer 1907: 35. — J.L. Barnard 1961: 103 (key, in part). — McCain 1971: 161. — Dell 1972: 71, fig. 7a (after Walker). — De Broyer & Klages 1991: 165 (key, in part). — Wakabara & Serejo 1999: 642 (key, in part). — Lörz *et al.* 2007: 32, table 1 (lectotype designation).

Epimeria macrodonta macrodonta – Gurjanova 1955: 195.

Type material

Lectotype

National Antarctic Expedition 1901–1904, RV *Discovery*:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., sex undetermined, Ross Sea, W.Q. [Winter Quarters — hole 12] 2–4 Sep. 1903, “236”, “237” (these two enigmatic numbers are put in a circle), J.107, depth not stated, lectotype designated by Lörz *et al.* (2007), although no label by Lörz indicating its status as lectotype is present (BMNH 1907.6.6.259-262) (in part).

Paralectotypes

National Antarctic Expedition 1901–1904, RV *Discovery*:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 juv., mixed in the same tube with an adult ♀ of *Epimeria colemani*, Ross Sea, no locality but presumably McMurdo Sound, n° 13, 914 m (500 fathoms), 22 Jan. 1902, obviously 2 of the paralectotypes of *Epimeria macrodonta* designated by Lörz *et al.* (2007), albeit no label by Lörz indicating their status as paralectotypes (BMNH 1907.6.6.259-262) (in part); 1 spec., sex undetermined, dissected by Walker, Ross Sea, no locality but presumably McMurdo Sound, 914 m (500 fathoms), 22 Jan. 1902, obviously 1 of the paralectotypes of *Epimeria macrodonta* designated by Lörz *et al.* (2007), albeit no label by Lörz indicating its status as paralectotype, 3 tubes (BMNH 1907.6.6.259-262) (in part).

Description

Basis of description. Description based on lectotype.

ROSTRUM. Long, reaching base of article 2 of peduncle of antenna 1 (teeth excluded), strongly curved, sharp-tipped in lateral view.

EYE. Large, broadly elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionite 1 with small and blunt posterior mid-dorsal protrusion, with pair of low dorsolateral protrusions; pereionite 2 much narrower than pereionites 1 and 3, without mid-dorsal tooth and without pair of dorsolateral teeth; pereionite 3 with medium-sized fairly broad and fairly blunt mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards and pair of low and blunt, conical, dorsolateral teeth; pereionite 4 to pleonite 2 with large, narrow to very narrow, acute mid-dorsal tooth, of which the anterior

border is almost regularly curved, with inconspicuous trace of angular discontinuity (pereionites 4–6) or with weak but distinct angular discontinuity (pereionite 7 and pleonites 1–2), and the posterior border is slightly concave, with pair of conical dorsolateral teeth of which the size gradually increases posteriorly (these pairs of teeth are never duplicate); pleonite 3 with large narrowly triangular acute-tipped sub-symmetrical mid-dorsal tooth, and pair of large narrowly conical dorsolateral teeth (size of mid-dorsal teeth weakly and gradually increasing from pereionite 4 to pleonite 2; mid-dorsal tooth of pleonite 3 distinctly shorter than tooth of pleonite 2).

COXAE 1–3. Strongly carinate and distally sharp; in dorsal view, the tip coxa 3 appears as projecting laterally.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border straight, anteroventral border distally nearly straight, these two borders being joined by a long weak curve (anterior angle), this anterior angle is weakly projecting forward; ventral tooth extremely long, very narrow and acute, weakly arching backwards; lateral carina with well developed tooth pointing obliquely backwards (in dorsal view its anterior border strongly diverges from body axis; in dorsal view this tooth form a narrow U-shaped notch with the coxa); carina very distant from margin of coxa at its deepest point.

COXA 5. With long, sharp and narrowly triangular, carinate, lateral tooth pointing obliquely backwards (its anterior and posterior margins are distinctly oblique to body axis).

COXA 6. With mid-sized, sharp and narrowly triangular, carinate, lateral tooth pointing obliquely backwards; its anterior border is distinctly convex; posteroventral corner broadly rounded.

COXA 7. With ventral border distinctly curved, with posterior border nearly straight (inconspicuously convex), their convergence forming a curve (a very blunt squared angle).

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle produced into a very long and very sharp tooth.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with large and sharp narrow tooth pointing upwards; urosomite 2 with pair of mid-sized posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards; urosomite 3 with pair of mid-sized posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing obliquely backwards.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.33; tips of lobes subacute, notch narrowly V-shaped.

PEDUNCLE OF ANTENNA 1. Article 1 with long lateral tooth and short medial tooth reaching respectively 0.9 and 0.33 of article 2 (teeth excluded) and long ventral tooth overreaching tip of article 2 (teeth excluded) by 0.4 of its length; article 2 with huge lateral tooth of which 0.6 is overreaching tip of article 3, and very huge medial teeth of which 0.7 is overreaching tip of article 3, without ventral tooth; article 3 with tiny ventral tooth, about 0.25 times as long as article itself.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus of normal slenderness; palm distinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus slender; basis of pereio-pods 5–6 of normal width, with posteroproximal process rounded and strongly protruding, with posterodistal tooth very strong (nearly as long as basis width); basis of pereio-pod 7 broad with posterodistal tooth acute, triangular, mid-sized, followed more proximally by distinct concavity, directed posteriorly.

Body length

Up to 25 mm.

Variations

The juvenile specimen has no posterodorsal bump on pereionite 1.

Distribution

Ross Sea: Winter Quarters Bay [about 77°50' S, 166°39' E], no depth record [lectotype]; Ross Sea, no locality, 914 m [paralectotypes] (Walker 1906, 1907). The paralectotypes were presumably collected in McMurdo Sound because Hodgson (1907) stated that “on the 20th of January 1902, the ‘Discovery’ passed across the mouth of the McMurdo Sound” and the specimens were collected shortly afterwards, on 22 Jan. 1902.

Remarks

Epimeria macrodonta is morphologically similar to *E. anguloce* sp. nov. (Antarctic Peninsula, eastern Weddell Sea and Prydz Bay) and *E. corbariae* sp. nov. (Adélie Coast). *Epimeria macrodonta* can be distinguished from its relatives by the length of the teeth on article 1 of antenna 1 peduncle. In *E. macrodonta*, the lateral tooth is indeed considerably longer than the medial tooth, whilst in other species the teeth are subequal. It also exhibits other distinctive characters: lateral and medial tooth of article 2 of peduncle of antenna 1 especially long; ornamentation of pereionite 1 weak or absent; mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 4 to pleonite 2 especially long and slender (those of pereionite 6 and pleonite 1–2 exhibiting a slight angular discontinuity on their anterior border); ventral tooth of coxa 4 especially long; lateral tooth of coxae 4 and 5 very oblique in dorsal view; coxa 7 with posterior border nearly straight (inconspicuously convex), with posteroventral angle rounded; posterodistal tooth of basis of pereopod 7 not very strong.

The type locality of *E. macrodonta* is Ross Island (Ross Sea). Lörz *et al.* (2007) mistakenly reported Ross Island as being located off the Antarctic Peninsula. This lapsus might result from a confusion between Ross Island (Ross Sea) and James Ross Island (Antarctic Peninsula).

E. macrodonta s. lat. has previously been recorded throughout the Southern Ocean, south of the Polar Front at depths shallower than 1000 m. However, all specimens except the lectotype and two of the three paralectotypes of *E. macrodonta* belong to other species.

Epimeria (Drakepimeria) pandora subgen. et sp. nov.

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Figs 77–82

Epimeria similis – Lörz 2003: 85, 86, in part, fig. 3B (not fig. 3A). — d'Udekem d'Acoz & Verheyne 2013: 58 (in part), 63, fig. 3.8.2G.

‘Clade A *similis/macrodongta* complex - SI2' – Verheyne *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 2 (online).

non *Epimeria similis* Chevreux, 1912: 215.

Etymology

Πανδώρα is a well-known character of the Greek mythology. According to the myth, Pandora opened a jar, in modern accounts usually mistranslated as “Pandora’s box”, releasing all the evils of humanity, leaving only Hope inside once she had closed it again. She opened the jar out of simple curiosity and not as a malicious act. The name, which is a noun in apposition, should be considered as an allegory to the present study. The authors initially believed that the taxonomy of Antarctic *Epimeria*, was easy and fairly well-known, with perhaps a few attractive new species to describe; hence they had the curiosity to open glass jars filled with *Epimeria* specimens. In doing so, they opened the door to an inexhaustible

flow of new species, often very difficult to separate from each other, and erased any hope of easy taxonomy for the genus.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: ovigerous ♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 217-6, Bransfield Strait, 62°53.45' S, 58°13.06' W to 62°53.42' S, 58°13.41' W, 461–483 m, rich sponge bottom, Agassiz trawl, 2 Mar. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122931A) [extraction K31; Genbank nr, COI: KU870865, 28S: KU759644].

Paratypes

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 6 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 604-1, Elephant Island, 61°20.52' S, 55°09.72' W to 61°20.11' S, 55°07.26' W, 286–407 m, bottom trawl, 19 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122545); 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 604-1, Elephant Island, 61°20.52' S, 55°09.72' W to 61°20.11' S, 55°07.26' W, 286–407 m, bottom trawl, 19 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (MNHN-IU-2014-7330, removed from RBINS, INV. 122545); 1 spec., alcohol-fixed, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 604-1, Elephant Island, 61°20.52' S, 55°09.72' W to 61°20.11' S, 55°07.26' W, 286–407 m, bottom trawl, 19 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122478); 2 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 604-1, Elephant Island, 61°20.52' S, 55°09.72' W to 61°20.11' S, 55°07.26' W, 286–407 m, bottom trawl, 19 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122547); 4 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 608-1, Elephant Island, 61°11.34' S, 54°43.17' W to 61°11.80' S, 54°40.05' W, 284–293 m, bottom trawl, 20 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122542); 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 611-1, Elephant Island, 60°58.90' S, 55°11.31' W to 60°58.52' S, 55°07.82' W, 215–297 m, bottom trawl, 21 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122546); 6 small specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, Elephant Island, 60°52.37' S, 55°29.80' W to 60°52.71' S, 55°27.83' W, 248–265 m, a lot of epifauna, Rauschert dredge and Agassiz trawl, 22 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122552); 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 627-1, Elephant Island, 60°59.00' S, 55°42.36' W to 60°57.62' S, 55°40.19' W, 90–102 m, bottom trawl, 24 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122559); 2 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 642-1, Elephant Island, 61°04.38' S, 55°59.81' W to 61°04.27' S, 55°58.88' W, 254 m, Agassiz trawl, 27 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122548); 2 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 654-6, Elephant Island, 61°22.80' S, 56°03.84' W to 61°23.35' S, 56°04.89' W, 341–342 m, Agassiz trawl, 29 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122543); 1 large spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 726-4, southeast of Snow Hill Island, 64°37.83' S, 56°42.10' W to 64°38.03' S, 56°42.57' W, 292 m, Agassiz trawl, 23 Jan. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122551); 1 ovigerous ♀, posterior part missing, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 217-6, Bransfield Strait, 62°53.45' S, 58°13.06' W to 62°53.42' S, 58°13.41' W, 461–483 m, rich sponge bottom, Agassiz trawl, 2 Mar. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122931B); 1 ovigerous ♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 217-6, Bransfield Strait, 62°53.45' S, 58°13.06' W to 62°53.42' S, 58°13.41' W, 461–483 m, rich sponge bottom, Agassiz trawl, 2 Mar. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122935) [extraction K32; Genbank nr, COI: KU870866, 28S: KU759645].

Description

ROSTRUM. Long, reaching about tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1 (teeth excluded), moderately curved, sharp-tipped in lateral view.

EYE. Very large, broadly elliptic (nearly circular).

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionite 1 without any trace of mid-dorsal tooth, with pair of very low non-carinate dorsolateral swellings; pereionite 2 nearly as broad as pereionite 1, with weak posterior mid-dorsal bump, and pair of indistinct dorsolateral swellings; pereionite 3 with small blunt-tipped mid-dorsal tooth and pair of small dorsolateral blunt teeth; pereionite 4 with well-developed blunt-tipped mid-dorsal tooth and pair of small dorsolateral blunt teeth; pereionite 5 to pleonite 2 with large, acute-tipped, broad, regularly curved mid-dorsal tooth (dorsal length of teeth slightly and gradually increasing posteriorly) and pair of dorsolateral non-carinate acute teeth (pleonites 1–2 without second pair of dorsolateral teeth); pleonite 3 with dorsal sharp carina with very weak median notch (lobe anterior to notch extremely low) and produced posteriorly into an a broad acute and sharp triangular tooth, and pair of dorsolateral non-carinate acute teeth.

COXAE 1–3. Strongly carinate and distally sharp.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal and anteroventral border nearly straight, joined by low and very blunt angular discontinuity, anterior angle not projecting forward; ventral tooth sharp and strong; lateral carina without tooth, without sharp angularity, carina very distant from margin of coxa at its deepest point.

COXA 5. With sharp and narrowly triangular, carinate, lateral tooth pointing obliquely backwards.

COXA 6. With mid-sized, sharp and narrowly triangular, carinate lateral tooth pointing obliquely backwards; posteroventral corner bluntly angular.

COXA 7. With ventral and posterior border straight, converging to form a sharp acute angle (i.e. a tooth).

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle produced into a very long sharp tooth.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with strong triangular process pointing upwards; urosomite 2 with pair of small sharp posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.25; tips of lobes blunt, broadly V-shaped.

PEDUNCLE OF ANTENNA 1. Article 1 with long lateral and medial teeth respectively nearly reaching beyond mid and nearly reaching mid of article 2 (teeth excluded) and long ventral tooth reaching tip of article 2 (teeth excluded); article 2 with very long lateral and medial teeth overreaching tip of article 3, with ventral tooth slightly overreaching tip of article 3 (tooth excluded); article 3 with long ventral tooth, about as long as article itself.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus of normal slenderness; propodus not narrowing distally, and palm distinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus fairly slender; basis of pereiopods 5–6 of normal width, with posteroproximal process rounded and strongly protruding, with posterodistal tooth strong; basis of pereiopod 7 very broad with posterodistal tooth angulate, followed more proximally by small concavity, directed posteriorly.

Colour pattern

Body whitish with intense orange colour marks. Peduncle of antenna 1 orange-tinged. Rostrum, and posterior part of pereiopods vaguely orange-tinged; Eyes reddish.

Body length

Up to 45 mm.

Distribution

Elephant Island and tip of Antarctic Peninsula: Bransfield Strait and Snow Hill Island; 90–483 m.

Remarks

Epimeria pandora sp. nov. is morphologically similar to the sympatric *E. similis* and *E. colemani* sp. nov. *Epimeria pandora* sp. nov. has a pair of small teeth pointing upwards on urosomite 2, which are absent in the two other species. It has no lateral tooth or angularity on the lateral carina of coxa 4, whilst *E. similis* has a well developed tooth and *E. colemani* sp. nov. a very obtuse tooth or angularity. Finally, the dorsolateral teeth of the pereion are conical in *E. pandora* sp. nov., whilst they are carinate in *E. colemani* sp. nov. The Peninsular *E. pandora* sp. nov. is replaced by the extremely similar *E. havermansiana* subgen. et sp. nov. in the eastern Weddell Sea, off Princess Ragnhild Coast, Prydz Bay and Adélie Coast. See also key to *E. (Drakepimeria)* subgen. et sp. nov. and account on *E. havermansiana* subgen. et sp. nov. for differences.

Epimeria (Drakepimeria) pyrodrakon subgen. et sp. nov.

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Figs 83–89

Epimeria macrodonta – Coleman 2007: 43, in part, fig. 21a–b, not colour plate 1d (= *E. anguloce* sp. nov.).

‘Clade A *similis/macrodonta* complex - MA4’ – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 2 (online).

non Epimeria macrodonta Walker, 1906: 16.

Etymology

From the Greek Πυρρός, flame-coloured, yellowish red; and δράκων, dragon. The name alludes to the Great Red Dragon of the Book of Revelation, because its highly intricate ornamentation is not unlike that of a dragon and its colour accurately matches with the description given by John the Apostle. The Book of Revelation (12.3) indeed states: “καὶ ὄφθη ἄλλο σημεῖον ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ, καὶ ἶδού **δράκων πυρρός** μέγας, ἔχων κεφαλὰς ἑπτὰ καὶ κέρατα δέκα καὶ ἐπὶ τὰς κεφαλὰς αὐτοῦ ἑπτὰ διαδήματα”, which is translated as follows in the Holman Christian Standard Bible: “Then another sign appeared in heaven: There was a great **fiery red dragon** having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems”. The name is a noun in apposition.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: ♀, in absolute alcohol, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 193-8, Bransfield Strait, 62°43.73' S, 57°29.04' W to 62°43.80' S, 57°29.40' W, 428–431 m, Agassiz trawl, 23 Feb 2013, coll. C. d’Udekem d’Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 132973) [extraction N1; Genbank nr, 28S: KU759677].

Paratypes

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 2 specs, cruise PS06, ANT-III/3, stn 348, eastern Weddell Sea, 72°50' S, 19°23' W, 490 m, bottom trawl, 20 Feb. 1985, coll. J. Plötz (RBINS, INV. 132724); 1 spec., cruise PS14,

ANT-VII/4, EPOS leg 3, stn 230, eastern Weddell Sea, 75°14.2' S, 26°59.4' W to 75°14.5' S, 26°59.9' W, 270–275 m, Agassiz trawl, 30 Jan. 1989, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 132722); 2 specs, kept on board in aquarium, cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 8, AGT 2, eastern Weddell Sea, 71°18.70' S, 12°17.10' W to 71°18.45' S, 12°16.30' W, 170–174 m, 9 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132685); 1 spec., kept on board in aquarium, cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 8, AGT 2, eastern Weddell Sea, 71°18.70' S, 12°17.10' W to 71°18.45' S, 12°16.30' W, 170–174 m, 9 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (MNHN-IU-2014-7331, removed from RBINS, INV. 132685); 1 spec. (used for gut content analysis and previously misidentified as *E. macrodonta*), cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 6, AGT 1, eastern Weddell Sea, 71°31.80' S, 13°34.50' W to 71°31.86' S, 13°35.50' W, 254–261 m, Agassiz trawl, 8 Jan. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132681); 4 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 603-5, eastern Weddell Sea, 70°30.99' S, 08°48.08' W to 70°30.40' S, 08°48.13' W, 274–297 m, sponge bottom, Agassiz trawl, 7 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122560); 1 spec., alcohol-fixed, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 603-5, eastern Weddell Sea, 70°30.99' S, 08°48.08' W to 70°30.40' S, 08°48.13' W, 274–297 m, sponge bottom, Agassiz trawl, 7 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122475); 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 726-4, southeast of Snow Hill Island, 64°37.83' S, 56°42.10' W to 64°38.03' S, 56°42.57' W, 292 m, Agassiz trawl, 23 Jan. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122564); 2 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 728-2, south of Dundee Island, 63°42.63' S, 56°01.63' W to 63°42.25' S, 56°02.16' W, 293–298 m, Agassiz trawl, 24 Jan. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122569); 1 ♀, dissected, absolute alcohol, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 193-8, Bransfield Strait, 62°43.73' S, 57°29.04' W to 62°43.80' S, 57°29.40' W, 428–431 m, Agassiz trawl, 23 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 132960) [extraction I17; Genbank nr, 28S: KU759619].

Belgian and Belgian-Dutch Antarctic expedition:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., Princess Ragnhild Coast, stn 215, Baie Léopold, exact position missing, 234 m, trawl, 28 Jan. 1965, coll. A. Capart (RBINS, INV. 132730); 1 spec., Princess Ragnhild Coast, stn 219, Baie du Glacier, 70°18'05" S, 23°58'00" E, 216 m, trawl, 31 Jan. 1965, coll. A. Capart (RBINS, INV. 132727); 1 spec., Princess Ragnhild Coast, stn 219, Baie du Glacier, 70°18'05" S, 23°58'00" E, 216 m, trawl, 31 Jan. 1965, coll. A. Capart (RBINS, INV. 132729); 1 spec., Princess Ragnhild Coast, stn 219, Baie du Glacier, 70°18'05" S, 23°58'00" E, 216 m, trawl, 31 Jan. 1965, coll. A. Capart (RBINS, INV. 132727); 1 spec., Princess Ragnhild Coast, stn 234, between 'Baie des Pingouins' and 'Baie du Polarhav', 70°19' S, 24°26' E, 200 m, trawl, 2 Feb. 1967, coll. A. Capart (RBINS, INV. 132276).

Description

ROSTRUM. Long, reaching mid of article 2 of peduncle of antenna 1 (teeth excluded), strongly curved, subacute in lateral view.

EYE. Large, elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionite 1 with medium-sized broad and blunt mid-dorsal tooth pointing backwards, with pair of small conical, dorsolateral teeth; pereionite 2 much narrower than pereionites 1 and 3, without mid-dorsal tooth and without pair of dorsolateral teeth; pereionite 3 with medium-sized broad and blunt mid-dorsal tooth pointing backwards and pair of fairly blunt, conical, dorsolateral teeth; pereionite 4 to pleonite 2 with large, moderately narrow, acute mid-dorsal tooth, of which the anterior border exhibits a slight angular discontinuity, and the posterior border is slightly concave, with pair of conical dorsolateral teeth of which the size gradually increases posteriorly (these pairs of teeth are never duplicate); pleonite 3 with large narrowly triangular, nearly symmetrical, acute-tipped mid-dorsal tooth, and pair of large styliform dorsolateral teeth (size of mid-dorsal tooth very

weakly increasing from pereionite 4 to pleonite 2; mid-dorsal tooth of pleonite 3 as long as tooth of pleonite 2).

COXAE 1–3. Strongly carinate and distally sharp.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border straight, anteroventral border weakly curved, these two borders being joined by a long curve (anterior angle), this anterior angle is weakly projecting forward; ventral tooth very long and acute; lateral carina with very large tooth obliquely pointing backwards; carina very distant from margin of coxa at its deepest point.

COXA 5. With long, sharp, narrowly triangular, carinate, lateral tooth pointing obliquely backwards.

COXA 6. With mid-sized, sharp and narrowly triangular, carinate, lateral tooth pointing obliquely backwards; posteroventral angle rounded, without angular discontinuity.

COXA 7. With ventral border slightly curved, with posterior border straight, their convergence forming a blunt squared angle.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle produced into a very long and very sharp tooth.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with large and sharp narrow tooth pointing upwards; urosomite 2 with pair of mid-sized posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards; urosomite 3 with pair of mid-sized posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing obliquely upwards.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.3; tips of lobes subacute, notch narrowly and sharply V-shaped.

PEDUNCLE OF ANTENNA 1. Article 1 with medium-sized lateral, medial and ventral teeth reaching mid of article 2 (teeth excluded) or less; article 2 with medium-sized lateral, medial and ventral teeth, not reaching tip of article 3 (ventral tooth excluded); article 3 with well developed ventral tooth, 0.5–0.8 times as long as article itself.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus of normal slenderness; not broadening distally, palm distinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus slender; basis of pereiopods 5–6 of normal width, with posteroproximal process rounded and strongly protruding, with posterodistal tooth very strong (as long as basis width); basis of pereiopod 7 broad with posterodistal tooth acute and very large, followed more proximally by distinct concavity, directed posteriorly.

Colour pattern

Whitish with large orange red marks; eye reddish.

Body length

Up to 35 mm.

Distribution

Tip of Antarctic Peninsula, eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea, Princess Ragnhild Coast; 170–490 m.

Biology

Specimens previously identified as *Epimeria macrodonta* collected during the cruises ANT-VII/4 and ANT-XIII/3, and apparently used by Dauby *et al.* (2001a, 2001b) for their trophic studies were examined. They proved to be *E. pyrodrakon* sp. nov. According to Dauby *et al.* (2001a), gut contents of their freshly

collected "*Epimeria macrodonta*" (i.e., at least in part *E. pyrodrakon* sp. nov.) showed a wide variety of food items: cnidarians (hydroid perisarc, gorgonian ossicles), crustaceans (pieces of euphausiids) and pycnogonids, sea cucumbers (ossicles), and plankton (foraminifers, diatoms, ostracods); sponge spicules and sand grains completed the diet. On the basis of these observations, Dauby *et al.* (2001a, 2001b) concluded that the species was an opportunistic feeder or an opportunistic predator, coupling microbrowsing on colonial organisms with active capture of small live prey and with microdetritivory.

Remarks

Epimeria pyrodrakon sp. nov. is superficially similar to the sympatric *E. anguloce* sp. nov., but exhibits a different size arrangement of teeth on the peduncle of antenna 1, a larger mid-dorsal tooth on pereonite 1 and a much longer tooth on the lateral carina of coxa 4. The '*Epimeria macrodonta*' illustrated in fig. 21 by Coleman (2007) corresponds to the description of *E. pyrodrakon* sp. nov. based on the size and disposition of the teeth on the peduncle of antenna 1. The station of the specimen is not given in the book. It is 62°59.38' S, 57°4.82' W [tip of Antarctic Peninsula]; 3 Dec. 1984, leg. Wägele, 200–300 m, Agassiz trawl (Coleman pers. com.).

Epimeria (Drakepimeria) reoproï subgen. nov. Lörz & Coleman, 2001

Figs 90–98

Epimeria reoproï Lörz & Coleman, 2001: 991–1001, figs 1–5.

Epimeria reoproï – Lörz & Coleman in Lörz 2003: 20, figs 1–5. — Coleman 2007: 49, in part, fig. 26, Map 13 (open square), not colour plate 2h (= *E. robertiana* sp. nov.) — d'Udekem d'Acoz & Robert 2008.

non *Epimeria reoproï* – Lörz & Coleman 2009: unnumbered photograph on p. 17 (= *E. robertiana* sp. nov.).

Material examined

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: ♀, partly dissected, stacking photographs, probably photographed on board — dotted colour morph without red patch, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, Elephant Island, 60°52.37' S, 55°29.80' W to 60°52.71' S, 55°27.83' W, 248–265 m, a lot of epifauna, Rauschert dredge and Agassiz trawl, 22 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122477); 1 spec., probably photographed on board — dotted colour morph without red patch, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, Elephant Island, 60°52.37' S, 55°29.80' W to 60°52.71' S, 55°27.83' W, 248–265 m, a lot of epifauna, Rauschert dredge and Agassiz trawl, 22 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122477); 2 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 608-1, Elephant Island, 61°11.34' S, 54°43.17' W to 61°11.80' S, 54°40.05' W, 284–293 m, 20 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122541); 2 specs, one of these specimens was photographed on board, colour morph with both red dots and red patch, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5 ?3–5?, Elephant Island, 60°52.37' S, 55°29.80' W, to 60°52.71' S, 55°27.83' W, 248–265 m, a lot of epifauna, Rauschert dredge and Agassiz trawl, 22 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122481A); 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, Elephant Island, 60°52.37' S, 55°29.80' W, to 60°52.71' S, 55°27.83' W, 248–265 m, a lot of epifauna, Rauschert dredge and Agassiz trawl, 22 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122481B); ca 20 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, Elephant Island, 60°52.37' S, 55°29.80' W to 60°52.71' S, 55°27.83' W, 248–265 m, a lot of epifauna, Rauschert dredge and Agassiz trawl, initially fixed with formalin, 22 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122535); 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, Elephant Island, 60°52.37' S, 55°29.80' W to 60°52.71' S, 55°27.83' W, 248–265 m, a lot of epifauna, Rauschert dredge and Agassiz trawl, initially fixed with formalin, 22

Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (MNHN-IU-2014-7332, removed from RBINS, INV. 122535); 1 spec., initially fixed with formalin, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 622-1, Elephant Island, 60°56.70' S, 55°52.71' W to 60°55.93' S, 55°50.79' W, 218–307 m, Agassiz trawl, 23 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122540).

Description

ROSTRUM. Long, just reaching tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1 (teeth excluded), distinctly curved on both sides, subacute in lateral view.

EYE. Very large, broadly elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 1–4 without any trace of mid-dorsal tooth, without pair of dorsolateral teeth or protrusions; pereionite 2 slightly narrower than pereionite 1; pereionite 5 with trace of dorsoventrally flattened posterior mid-dorsal tooth (very obtuse in dorsal view, subacute in lateral view), with pair of flattened and indistinct dorsolateral protrusions or small teeth; pereionites 6–7 with small and low subacute mid-dorsal tooth, with pair of flattened dorsolateral protrusions; pleonites 1–3 with low, acute-tipped mid-dorsal tooth (apically broader on pleonite 3), which are not anteriorly angulate (but more or less regularly curved) and pair of small dorsolateral non-carinate teeth (of which none is duplicated); pleonite 3 with large acute-tipped mid-dorsal tooth bearing an inconspicuous trace of median concavity.

COXAE 1–3. Carinate; coxa 1 not tapering, distally very broad and very blunt; coxae 2–3 distally blunt and fairly broad.

COXA 4. Anteriorly forming a strong curve (not projecting much forward), where the anterodorsal and the anteroventral borders merge into each other without angular discontinuity; ventral tooth fairly long, narrow, apically acute, arching backwards, lateral carina without tooth but forming a very low, very bluntly angular lobe projecting laterally, carina very distant from margin of coxa at its deepest point.

COXA 5. With well developed, sharp and broadly triangular, lateral carinate tooth, of which the anterior border weakly diverges backwards and the posterior border is nearly perpendicular to body axis.

COXA 6. With mid-sized, subacute and broadly subtriangular, carinate, lateral tooth, of which the proximal half of the anterior border diverges backwards, the distal half of the anterior border is nearly parallel with body axis (transition between anterior and posterior half with angular discontinuity), and the posterior border is nearly perpendicular to body axis; posteroventral corner produced broadly rounded.

COXA 7. With ventral border distinctly curved, with posterior border weakly curved, their convergence forming a very blunt angular discontinuity.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle produced into a long and sharp tooth (especially the third one).

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with low and blunt triangular process pointing upwards; urosomite 2 with pair of small but sharp posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.3; tips of lobes subacute, slit forming a fairly broad V.

PEDUNCLE OF ANTENNA 1. Article 1 with tiny lateral and medial teeth and fairly small ventral tooth reaching half of article 2; article 2 without lateral tooth (it is replaced by a weak lobe) and two tiny medial teeth,

with small ventral tooth reaching about 0.3–0.5 of article 3; article 3 with well developed ventral tooth, slightly longer than article itself.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus fairly robust, propodus not narrowing distally, palm distinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus slender; basis of pereopods 5–6 of normal width, with posteroproximal process rounded, distinctly but not strongly protruding, with posterodistal tooth broadly triangular and strong; basis of pereopod 7 very broad with posterodistal tooth triangular and sharp, followed more proximally by shallow concavity, directed posteriorly.

Colour pattern

Body, coxae and pereopods studded with bright red or reddish small dots on a whitish background. In some specimens there is a large irregular red patch on the anterior half of the body. Eyes reddish to red.

Body length

Up to 40 mm.

Distribution

RV *Polarstern* cruise, PS56, ANT-XVII/3, Stn. 171-3 (Lörz & Coleman 2001). Exact position: 63°00.10' S, 060°30.70' W to 63°00.10' S, 60°31.00' W [Bransfield Strait: Deception Island, outside of the caldera, near South East Point], 45–48 m (Arntz & Brey 2001). Elephant Island, 218–307 m (present material).

Remark

All the specimens of *Epimeria reoproii* examined by us have a pair of small postero-dorsolateral teeth on urosomite 2. Lörz & Coleman (2001) stated that urosomite 2 was smooth in the type material. However, a tiny postero-dorsolateral tooth pointing backwards is visible on their figure 1b, suggesting that their description is incorrect.

Epimeria (Drakepimeria) robertiana subgen. et sp. nov.

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Figs 99–105

Epimeria reoproii – Coleman 2007: in part, only plate 2 fig. h, not p. 49, not fig. 6, not map 13. —

Lörz & Coleman 2009: unnumbered photograph on p. 17. — Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 62, pl. 55, unnumbered photograph.

'Clade A *similis/macrodonta* complex - SP2' – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 2 (online).

non Epimeria reoproii Lörz & Coleman, 2001: 991–1001, figs 1–5.

Etymology

The species is dedicated to Henri Robert (Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences), who collected a large part of the type material. *Robertianus*, *-a*, *-um* is an adjective derived from his name.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: ♂, initially fixed in formalin, cruise PS71, ANT-XXIV/2, ANDEEP-SYSTCO, eastern Weddell Sea, given by colleagues to H. Robert on 22 Dec. 2007, presumably stn 17-10, of which

the coordinates are: 70°4.58' S, 3°19.66' W to 70°4.48' S, 3°19.20' W, 2163–2190 m, Agassiz trawl, coll. H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132413).

Paratypes

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., cruise PS48, ANT-XV/3, EASIZ II, stn 134, eastern Weddell Sea, 74°32.2' S, 27°13.8' W to 74°32.5' S, 27°14.5' W, 2054–2081 m, Agassiz trawl, 9 Feb. 1998, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 132991); 1 immature spec., sex undetermined, cruise PS71, ANT-XXIV/2, ANDEEP-SYSTCO, stn 17-11, eastern Weddell Sea, 70°5.13' S, 3°23.50' W to 70°4.66' S, 3°21.37' W, 1724–2091 m, epibenthic sledge, 22 Dec. 2007, coll. H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132963) [extraction K44; Genbank nr, COI: KU870842, 28S: KU759618]; 2 specs, initially fixed in formalin, cruise PS71, ANT-XXIV/2, ANDEEP-SYSTCO, eastern Weddell Sea, given by colleagues to H. Robert on 22 Dec. 2007, presumably stn 17-10, of which the coordinates are: 70°4.58' S, 3°19.66' W to 70°4.48' S, 3°19.20' W, 2163–2190 m, Agassiz trawl, coll. H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132413).

Description

ROSTRUM. Long, overreaching mid of article 2 of peduncle of antenna 1, scarcely curved, sharp-tipped in lateral view.

EYE. Very large, elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 1–4 without any trace of mid-dorsal tooth and dorsolateral protrusions or teeth; pereionite 2 nearly as broad as pereionite 1; pereionite 5 with very distinct posterodorsal bump and pair of weak dorsolateral teeth; pereionite 6 with small mid-dorsal tooth (of which the anterior border is straight) and pair of weak dorsolateral teeth; pereionite 7 with low medium-sized mid-dorsal tooth (of which the anterior border is weakly curved) and pair of small dorsolateral non-carinate teeth; pleonites 1–2 with low but large and very sharp, anteriorly weakly curved mid-dorsal tooth and pair of small dorsolateral non-carinate teeth; on pleonite 1 a second pair of (much smaller) dorsolateral teeth is observed between the mid-dorsal tooth and the main pair of dorsolateral teeth; pleonite 3 with low but large acute-tipped mid-dorsal tooth bearing an inconspicuous median notch and pair of small dorsolateral non-carinate teeth (mid-dorsal teeth gradually increasing in size in a backwards direction).

COXAE 1–3. Weakly carinate and distally very sharp.

COXA 4. Not broad; anterodorsal and anteroventral border straight joined by low and blunt angular discontinuity, anterior angle not projecting forward; ventral tooth medium-sized and acute; lateral carina not sharp, without tooth or angularity, carina very distant from margin of coxa at its deepest point.

COXA 5. With long, sharp and broadly triangular, carinate, lateral tooth.

COXA 6. With mid-sized, sharp and broadly triangular, carinate, lateral tooth; posteroventral corner broadly rounded.

COXA 7. With ventral border strongly convex, with posterior border distinctly convex, their convergence forming a very rounded angular discontinuity.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle: produced into a medium-sized and very sharp tooth, especially the plate 3.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with sharp tooth pointing backwards of which the anterior border is weakly convex and longer than the posterior border, and of which the posterior border is strongly curved and concave; urosomite 2 without pair of small posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.2; tips of lobes acute, separated by very broad V-shaped notch.

PEDUNCLE OF ANTENNA 1. Article 1 without lateral tooth, with very short medial tooth, and medium-sized ventral tooth reaching 0.4 of article 2; article 2 without lateral tooth, with very short medial tooth, and short ventral tooth reaching 0.3 of article 2; article 3 with well developed ventral tooth, about as long as article itself.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus of normal slenderness; propodus not narrowing distally, palm distinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus slender; basis of pereopods 5–6 narrow, with posteroproximal process rounded and very weak, not well individualized, with posterodistal tooth small but acute and obliquely directed in pereopod 5, reduced to a squared angle in pereopod 6; basis of pereopod 7 broad with posterodistal tooth sharp, not followed more proximally by distinct concavity, directed obliquely.

Colour pattern

Body and appendages uniformly pink or pale purple, except for eyes and gnathopods, which are red (colour photograph published by Coleman 2007 and Rauschert & Arntz 2015, both as *E. reoproi*).

Body length

Up to 31 mm.

Distribution

Eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea, 1724–2190 m.

Remarks

Rauschert & Arntz (2015) published a colour photograph of *E. robertiana* sp. nov. (as *E. reoproi*), without indicating the origin of the specimen. However, that information was given in an early draft of the book made available to the authors: ANT-XV/3, stn 134. The coordinates of that station are: 74°32.2' S, 27°13.8' W to 74°32.5' S, 27°14.5' W, 2054–2081 m. The same photograph was previously published (also as *E. reoproi*) by Coleman (2007) and Lörz & Coleman (2009). The inclusion of *E. robertiana* sp. nov. in the subgenus *Drakepimeria* is supported by molecular data. However, its narrow basis of pereopod 5 and its posteriorly directed process of urosomite 1 are character states unusual for the subgenus *Drakepimeria*. On the other hand, these character states are frequent in non-Antarctic *Epimeria* species, which are predominantly deep-sea forms, just like *E. robertiana* sp. nov.

Epimeria (Drakepimeria) schiaparelli subgen. nov. Lörz, Maas, Linse & Fenwick, 2007

Epimeria schiaparelli Lörz, Maas, Linse & Fenwick, 2007: 25, figs 1–7.

Epimeria schiaparelli – Lörz & Coleman 2009: unnumbered photograph on p. 17.

Diagnosis

Diagnosis based on the figures of Lörz *et al.* (2007).

Pereionites 1–2 smooth; pereionite 3 with posterior mid-dorsal bump and pair of dorsolateral protrusions; pereionites 3–7 with moderately slender mid-dorsal tooth of length increasing posteriorly and pair of dorsolateral smaller teeth; mid-dorsal tooth of pleonite 3 narrow and without median notch. Urosomite 2 with pair of small dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards. lateral carina of coxa 4 with well-developed tooth pointing backwards. Peduncle of antenna 1: article 1 with short lateral and medial teeth, with long ventral tooth reaching tip of article 2 (teeth excluded); article 2 with long lateral and medial teeth overreaching article 3; article 3 with short ventral tooth shorter than article itself.

Colour pattern

Usually whitish with irregular pale orange patches, more rarely whitish with red transverse stripes (one stripe per body segment).

Body length

30 mm.

Distribution

Western Ross Sea, 130–350 m.

Remarks

Epimeria schiaparelli is very similar to *E. corbariae* sp. nov. They can be differentiated by the dorsal ornamentation of pereionite 3: a posterior bump in *E. schiaparelli* vs a tooth in *E. corbariae* sp. nov.

Epimeria (Drakepimeria) similis subgen. nov. Chevreux, 1912

Figs 106–124

Epimeria similis Chevreux, 1912: 215.

Epimeria similis – Chevreux 1913: 149, fig. 41. — Andres 1985: 124–125 (in part) — De Broyer & Klages 1991: 165 (key, in part). — Coleman 2007: 54, in part, fig. 30a–b, map 11 (circle, at least in part), not plate 1 fig. e (= *Epimeria acanthochelon* sp. nov.).

Epimeria macrodonta f. *similis* – Gurjanova 1955: 195.

‘Clade A *similis/macrodongta* complex - SI4’ – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 2 (online).

Type material

Lectotype (designated here)

RV *Pourquoi Pas?* Cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: undissected ovigerous ♀, second French Antarctic expedition 1908–1910, Draguage XVII, South Shetlands, King George Island, Admiralty Bay, 420 m (n° 713) (MNHN Am. 5984 and MNHN-IU-2013-17865).

Paralectotype (designated here)

RV *Pourquoi Pas?* Cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 ♀ dissected by E. Chevreux, second French Antarctic expedition 1908–1910, Draguage XVII, South Shetlands King George Island, Admiralty Bay, 420 m (MNHN Am. 3095 and MNHN-IU-2013-17864).

Other material examined

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 3 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 604-1, Elephant Island, 61°20.52' S, 55°09.72' W to 61°20.11' S, 55°07.26' W, 286–407 m, bottom trawl, 19 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132980); 1 spec. with a true posterodorsal bump on second body segment, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 604-1, Elephant Island, 61°20.52' S, 55°09.72' W to 61°20.11' S, 55°07.26' W, 286–407 m, bottom trawl, 19 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122555); 2 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 608-1, Elephant Island, 61°11.34' S, 54°43.17' W to 61°11.80' S, 54°40.05' W, 284–293 m, bottom trawl, 20 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132982); 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 610-1, Elephant Island, 60°58.59' S, 55°08.39' W to 60°58.05' S, 55°05.00' W, 287–311 m, bottom trawl, 21 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122550); 2 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, Elephant Island, 60°52.37' S, 55°29.80' W to 60°52.71' S, 55°27.83' W, 248–265 m, a lot of epifauna, Rauschert dredge and Agassiz trawl, 22 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132984); 2 juvs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, Elephant Island, 60°52.37' S, 55°29.80' W to 60°52.71' S, 55°27.83' W, 248–265 m, a lot of epifauna, Rauschert dredge and Agassiz trawl, 22 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122554); 1 spec., alcohol-fixed, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 624-3, Elephant Island, Agassiz trawl, 61°00.23' S, 55°58.53' W to 61°00.76' S, 55°59.20' W, 287–319 m, 23 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122479); 4 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 627-1, Elephant Island, 60°59.00' S, 55°42.36' W to 60°57.62' S, 55°40.19' W, 90–102 m, bottom trawl, 24 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132979); 5 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 642-1, Elephant Island, 61°04.38' S, 55°59.81' W to 61°04.27' S, 55°58.88' W, 254 m, Agassiz trawl, 27 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132981); 1 small spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 642-2, Elephant Island, 61°04.28' S, 55°58.93' W to 61°04.24' S, 55°59.27' W, 255–277 m, Rauschert dredge, 27 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122557); 2 specs, alcohol-fixed, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 654-6, Elephant Island, 61°22.80' S, 56°03.84' W to 61°23.35' S, 56°04.89' W, 341–342 m, Agassiz trawl, 29 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122480); 1 small spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 654-6, Elephant Island, 61°22.80' S, 56°03.84' W to 61°23.35' S, 56°04.89' W, 341–342 m, Agassiz trawl, 29 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122556); 2 ♀♀, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 654-6, Elephant Island, 61°22.80' S, 56°03.84' W to 61°23.35' S, 56°04.89' W, 341–342 m, Agassiz trawl, 29 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132983); 5 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 676-1, north of Livingstone Island, 62°11.06' S, 60°47.49' W to 62°09.65' S, 60°49.56' W, 418–472 m, bottom trawl, 2 Dec. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122544); 2 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 680-5, northeast of Livingstone Island, 62°23.37' S, 61°25.58' W to 62°22.75' S, 61°25.97' W, 324–349 m, Agassiz trawl, 3 Jan. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122553); 1 ♀, specimen used for detailed illustrations, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 193-8, Bransfield Strait, 62°43.73' S, 57°29.04' W to 62°43.80' S, 57°29.40' W, 426–431 m, 23 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122956A) [extraction P36; Genbank nr, 28S: KU759680]; 3 ♀♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 193-8, Bransfield Strait, 62°43.73' S, 57°29.04' W to 62°43.80' S, 57°29.40' W, 426–431 m, 23 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122956B); 6 specs, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 193-9, Bransfield Strait, 62°43.50' S, 57°27.92' W to 62°43.53' S, 57°28.28' W, 420–431 m, sponge bottom, 23 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122961); 1 spec., cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 217-6, Bransfield Strait, 62°53.45' S, 58°13.06' W to 62°53.42' S, 58°13.41' W, 461–483 m, rich sponge bottom, Agassiz trawl, 2 Mar. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122922B) [extraction P38; Genbank nr, 28S: KU759682].

Description

ROSTRUM. Long, reaching about tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1 (teeth excluded), weakly curved, sharp-tipped in lateral view.

EYE. Very large, elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionite 1 without any trace of mid-dorsal tooth, with pair of very low non-carinate dorsolateral swellings; pereionite 2 nearly as broad as pereionite 1, with or without very small blunt-tipped mid-dorsal tooth or bump, and with pair of dorsolateral non-carinate swellings or very blunt teeth; pereionite 3 with medium-sized blunt-tipped mid-dorsal tooth and pair of small dorsolateral non-carinate blunt teeth; pereionite 3 to pleonite 2 with acute-tipped broad regularly curved mid-dorsal tooth (nearly same shape and size on all these segments) and pair of dorsolateral non-carinate acute-tipped teeth (pleonites 1–2 without second pair of dorsolateral teeth); pleonite 3 with dorsal sharp carina with very weak median notch (lobe anterior to notch very low) and obliquely produced posteriorly into an a broad acute and sharp triangular tooth, and pair of dorsolateral non-carinate acute-tipped teeth.

COXAE 1–3. Strongly carinate and distally sharp.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal and anteroventral border nearly straight, joined by low and blunt angular discontinuity, anterior angle not strongly projecting forward; ventral tooth very long and styliform; lateral carina with lateral well-developed and sharp triangular tooth pointing obliquely backwards.

COXA 5. With sharp and broadly triangular, carinate, lateral tooth pointing obliquely backwards.

COXA 6. With mid-sized, sharp and narrowly triangular, carinate, lateral tooth pointing obliquely backwards; posteroventral corner produced into a triangular tooth.

COXA 7. With ventral and posterior border straight, with posteroventral angle produced into a strong tooth.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle produced into a very long styliform tooth.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with sharp triangular process pointing upwards; urosomite 2 without pair of small posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.25; tips of lobes rounded, slit fairly narrow.

PEDUNCLE OF ANTENNA 1. Article 1 with long lateral and medial teeth nearly reaching mid of article 2 (teeth excluded) and long ventral tooth reaching tip of article 2 (teeth excluded); article 2 with long lateral tooth nearly reaching tip of article 3 (tooth excluded), with medial tooth slightly overreaching article 3 (tooth excluded), with ventral tooth slightly overreaching tip of article 3 (tooth excluded); article 3 with very long ventral tooth, longer than article itself.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus of normal slenderness; propodus not narrowing distally, palm distinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus slender; basis of pereiopods 5–6 of normal width, with posteroproximal process rounded and strongly protruding, with posterodistal tooth strong; basis of pereiopod 7 very broad with posterodistal tooth sharp, followed more proximally by small concavity, directed posteriorly.

Colour pattern

Whitish with faint orange marks on body; peduncle of antenna 1 carpus and propodus of pereopods and uropods also tinged with orange. Eyes reddish.

Body length

Up to 40 mm.

Distribution

Elephant Island to Bransfield Strait, 90–483 m (present data).

Remarks

The tip of the lateral tooth of coxa 4 is slightly damaged in the syntype of *Epimeria similis* illustrated by Chevreux (1913). This explains why the orientation of that tooth does not seem accurate on the drawings made by that author. Specimens of *E. similis* from Elephant Island look identical to specimens recorded further south, except for the absence of a mid-dorsal tooth on pereionite 2, which is either smooth or with a trace of bump. The difference is presumably size-related. *Epimeria similis* from Bransfield Strait and King George Island often reach a larger size than those of Elephant Island, and only the large ones have the extra tooth. So the specimens from Elephant Island are considered herein as small *E. similis* s. str.

The collecting station of the *E. similis* illustrated by Coleman (2007) on his figure 30 are 61°03.6' S, 54°41.6' W [Elephant Island]; 15 Dec. 1987, leg. Coleman, 358–332 m, bottom trawl (Coleman pers. com.). This specimen appears to be a true *E. similis*. On the other hand, the specimen illustrated by a colour photograph on his plate 1, fig. e is presumably *Epimeria acanthochelon* sp. nov. (see discussion on that species).

It seems that *E. similis* and the similar and closely related *E. acanthochelon* sp. nov. have non-overlapping distributions. *Epimeria similis* was recorded from the South Shetland Islands and the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula. *Epimeria acanthochelon* sp. nov. was recorded on the Adélie Coast (supported by 28S rDNA) and on the eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea (identification based on morphology only). See key of *Drakepimeria* and account on *E. acanthochelon* sp. nov. for differences with *E. similis*.

Epimeria (Drakepimeria) vaderi subgen. nov. Coleman, 1998

Epimeria vaderi Coleman, 1998b: 215–224, figs 1–6.

Epimeria vaderi – Coleman 2007: 55, figs 31a–b, map 14 (circle).

Description

Description based on the figures of Coleman (1998b).

ROBUSTNESS. More robust than most *Drakepimeria*. Rostrum: medium-sized, just overreaching tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1 (teeth excluded), weakly curved, sharp-tipped in lateral view.

EYE. Very large, elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 1–3 without any trace of mid-dorsal tooth, without dorsolateral protrusions; pereionite 2 slightly narrower than pereionite 1; pereionite 4 with very faint posterodorsal bump and no dorsolateral protrusions; pereionite 5 to pleonite 2 with broad and low, regularly curved, dorsolateral tooth, and pair of small posterodorsal swelling or teeth; on pleonites 1–2 a second pair of (a bit smaller) dorsolateral teeth is observed between the mid-dorsal tooth and the main

pair of dorsolateral teeth; pleonite 3 with large subacute mid-dorsal tooth bearing a shallow but long median concavity.

COXAE 1–3. Carinate and distally sharp.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border proximally nearly straight (inconspicuously convex) and unusually long, of curvature gradually increasing downwards and followed by anteroventral border without any angular discontinuity or visible transition; posteroventral border weakly convex and short; coxa scarcely projecting forward; ventral tooth narrowly triangular, not long, apically subacute; lateral carina without tooth or angularity, not projecting laterally, carina very close from margin of coxa at its deepest point.

COXA 5. Without laterally projecting carina (hence scarcely visible in dorsal view), with posteroventral corner produced into a blunt tooth oriented backwards.

COXA 6. With mid-sized, blunt, triangular, lateral tooth pointing obliquely backwards (scarcely projecting laterally); posteroventral corner produced into a rounded lobe pointing downwards (posterior margin nearly straight).

COXA 7. With ventral border distinctly curved, with posterior border, their convergence forming a blunt angular discontinuity; surface of coxa posteriorly without low carina oriented in the dorsoventral axis.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle produced into a small but sharp tooth.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with very sharp narrow triangular process pointing upwards; urosomite 2 without pair of small posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.25; tips of lobes subacute, slit fairly broad and V-shaped.

PEDUNCLE OF ANTENNA 1. Article 1 with short lateral medial and ventral teeth reaching the base of article 2 [some teeth apparently duplicated]; article 2 with medium-sized lateral and medial teeth reaching about tip of article 3, with ventral tooth very reduced to a denticle [some teeth apparently duplicated]; article 3 with small ventral tooth, about as long as article itself.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus of normal slenderness; propodus not narrowing distally, palm distinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus very stout; basis of pereopods 5–6 of normal width, with posteroproximal process rounded and distinctly protruding, with posterodistal tooth strong and broad; basis of pereopod 7 very broad with posterodistal tooth forming a squared angle, not followed more proximally by small concavity, directed posteriorly.

Body length

19 mm.

Distribution

RV *Polarstern*, PS12, stn 231, Elephant Island. Coleman (1998b) gives the following coordinates for station 231: 61°03.8' S, 54°37.6' W, 332 m, and Fütterer (1988) the following ones: 61°03' S, 54°45' W (start position), 331 m.

Remarks

Superficially similar to the sympatric and larger *E. leukhoplites* sp. nov. See account on *E. leukhoplites* sp. nov. for differences.

Epimeria (Drakepimeria) subgen. nov. sp. 1

Distribution

Ross Sea, 151–300 m.

Remarks

This undescribed species, which is similar to *E. leukhoplites* sp. nov. (see key) was discovered in the Ross Sea by A.-N. Lörz. It will be described as new in a forthcoming paper by M. Verhey, A.-N. Lörz & C. d'Udekem d'Acoz.

Incertae sedis: *Epimeria (Drakepimeria)* subgen. nov. sp. 2

Epimeria sp. – Andres 1985: 127, fig. 10, 11A.

Distribution

South Shetland Islands: Clarence Island, 0–145 m.

Remark

The description of *Epimeria* sp. by Andres (1985) is based on two tiny (7 mm) male specimens. It exhibits similarities with *E. leukhoplites* sp. nov., *E. reoproii* and *E. vaderi*, of which the description is based on much larger specimens. It is likely that Andres' (1985) specimens are juveniles of one of these species.

Subgenus *Epimeria* Costa in Hope, 1851

Gammarellus Herbst, 1793: 106–115 (in part); type species: *Gammarus homari* Fabricius, 1779 [currently *Gammarellus homari* (Fabricius, 1779)].

Vertumnus White, 1847: 89; type species: *Vertumnus cranchii* Leach's manuscript name; nomen nudum.

Vertumnus White, 1850a: 97 [+ pl. 16 figs 3–5 illustrating Leach's specimens, as *Acanthonotus testudo*] (real identity of the specimens: *Epimeria cornigera* (Fabricius, 1779), not *Pereionotus testudo* (Montagu, 1808)); *Vertumnus* White, 1850 = preoccupied and invalid objective synonym of *Epimeria* Costa in Hope, 1851 (see remarks below).

Epimeria Costa in Hope, 1851: 24, 46; type species: *Epimeria tricristata* Costa in Hope, 1851: 46 (= *Gammarus corniger* Fabricius, 1779: 383).

Gammarus – Fabricius 1779: 383 (in part). — H. Milne Edwards, 1840: 42–55 (in part).

Vertumnus – White 1850b: 51. — Spence Bate & Westwood 1862: 231. — Norman 1869: 280.

Acanthonotus – White 1850a: 97, pl. 16 figs 3–5; 1850b: 51 (in part); White 1857: 177. — Gosse 1855: 139, 142. — Spence Bate 1857: 141; 1862: 120. — Spence Bate & Westwood 1862: 231. — Carus 1885: 410.

Epimeria – Costa 1857: 175, 197. — Spence Bate 1862: 153–154. — Boeck 1871: 185 (105 on reprints); 1876: 232. — Stebbing 1888: 877–878 (ubi syn.); 1906: 321. — G.O. Sars 1893: 363–364. — Chevreux & Fage 1925: 190–191. — Lincoln 1979: 434.

Acanthonotosoma [sic] – Della Valle 1893: 674, in part (ubi syn.).

Amphithoë – M. Sars 1859: 130–143 (in part).

Acanthosoma – Boeck 1861: 665–666 (in part); 1869: 410 (in part).

Acanthonotosoma [sic] – Della Valle 1893: 674, in part (ubi syn.).

non Gammarus Fabricius, 1775: 418; type species: *Cancer pulex* Linnaeus, 1758.

non Acanthonotus Bloch, 1797: 112–114, pl. 431; type species: *Acanthonotus nasus* Bloch, 1797; objective synonym of *Notacanthus* Bloch, 1788: 278 (type species: *Notacanthus chemnitzii* Bloch, 1788) (Pisces).

non Acanthonotus Cuvier, 1800: table 4; nomen nudum (Pisces).

non Acanthonotus Goldfuss, 1809: 308; objective synonym of *Echidna* Cuvier, 1797: 143 (Mammalia).

non Acanthonotus Gray, 1830: pl. 85, fig. 1; type species: *Silurus (Acanthonotus) Cuvieri* Gray, 1830 (Pisces).

non Acanthonotus Swainson & Richardson, 1832: 168; nomen nudum (Aves).

non Acanthonotus Ross, 1835: xc; type species: *Acanthonotus cristatus* Ross, 1835.

non Ampithöe Leach, 1814: 432; type genus: *Cancer rubricatus* Montagu, 1808.

non Vertumnus Otto, 1823: 294, pl. 41 fig. 1; type species: *Vertumnus thetidicola* Otto, 1823 (Trematoda).

non Acanthosoma Curtis, 1824: unnumbered pagina referring to plate 20 (Hemiptera).

non Acanthosoma Ross, 1835: 91; type species: *Acanthosoma hystrix* Ross, 1835.

non Acanthonotozoma Boeck, 1876: 237; type species: *Acanthonotus cristatus* Ross, 1835.

non Amphithöe – Latreille, 1816: 470 (misspelling for *Ampithöe* Leach, 1814).

non Vertumnus – Goës 1866: 522. — Boeck 1871: 99. — Miers 1877: 135. — G.O. Sars 1883: 26 (all three = *Acanthonotozoma* Boeck, 1876).

Type species

Epimeria tricristata Costa in Hope, 1851 (= *Gammarus corniger* Fabricius, 1779). Good illustrated descriptions: G.O. Sars (1893); Chevreux & Fage (1925); Lincoln (1979); Ledoyer (1993).

Description

Body opaque, with teguments strongly calcified. Rostrum medium-sized to long. Ventral lobe of head rounded to angular. Eyes present, not conical. Pleonites 1–3 and at least pereionites 6–7 (sometimes all pereionites) with low mid-dorsal dentate carina projecting backwards and one pair of dorsolateral much smaller carinate teeth (sometimes duplicate or triplicate on pleonites) or carina. Pereionites 1–7 sometimes with low carina or trace of protrusion just above connection with coxa. Coxae 1–4 subacute to blunt-tipped. Coxae 1–3 sharply keeled along their axis. Coxa 4 with sharp carina starting at ventral tip of coxa and terminating at posterior tip of coxa; this never bears a tooth projecting laterally; posteroventral border concave. Coxae 5–6 with strong sharp tooth projecting backwards. Mid of posterior border of epimeral plates 1–3 or 1–2 produced into a tooth. Dorsal process of urosomite 1 produced into a tooth, which can be directed upwards or backwards. Urosomite 2 without pair of small teeth pointing upwards. Lateral borders of urosomite 3 posteriorly blunt or bluntly angular, not produced into a sharp tooth. Telson weakly bilobed. Eyes present, large, rounded or pyriform. Peduncle of antenna 1 without teeth. Mandible with molar process triturative. Lower lip with narrow (V-shaped) hypopharyngeal gap. Palp of maxilliped with 4 articles. Gnathopods of normal size, with carpus and propodus of medium slenderness, with palm obliquely transverse (gnathopods subcheliform); propodus not expanded distally; posterior border of dactylus lined by row of small oblique slender teeth. Basis of pereopods 5 very slender, quadrate, without posteroproximal protrusion and with trace of posterodistal tooth projecting posteriorly (or posterodistal corner angulate). Basis of pereopod 6 fairly slender, elliptic or narrowly ovate (then broad part proximal), without posteroproximal rounded protrusion and without posterodistal tooth projecting posteriorly, without posterodistal angle: the basis is distally tapering and at its apex it has the same width as the ischium, hence there is not projecting angularity. basis of pereopod 7 fairly narrow to fairly broad, with posterior border proximally slightly convex and distally slightly concave,

with posterodistal corner rounded or with a tooth projecting posteriorly. Dactylus of pereopods 5–7 short. Benthic.

Body length

The maximum body length recorded in species of the subgenus *Epimeria* ranges between 9 and 40 mm (G.O. Sars 1893).

Ecology.

Benthic, 50 m (Lincoln 1979) to 3028 m (Jones *et al.* 2003).

Distribution

European western and northern seas, Mediterranean and South Africa.

Remarks

As eight Antarctic and sub-Antarctic subgenera are erected herein for *Epimeria*, the extralimital (Atlantic) type subgenus *Epimeria* had to be redefined. It is cautiously restricted herein to the following species: *Epimeria cornigera* (Fabricius, 1779), *Epimeria loricata* G.O. Sars, 1879, *Epimeria parasitica* (M. Sars, 1858), *Epimeria tuberculata* G.O. Sars, 1893, an undescribed Northwest European species discovered by Beerman & Raupach (2015), and an undescribed Mediterranean deepsea species, of which specimens are deposited in the Museum of Verona (J. Beerman, pers. com.).

Subgenus *Epimeriella* Walker, 1906

Epimeriella Walker, 1906: 17 (in part).

Epimeriella – Gurjanova 1955: 189, 206 (in part). — J.L. Barnard 1961: 102 (in part); 1969: 161, 395 (in part). — McCain 1971: 160 (in part). — Karaman & J.L. Barnard 1979: 109–110 (in part). — Holman & Watling 1983: 31 (in part, discussion). — Andres & Lott 1986: 131–136 (in part). — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 380, 394, 702 (in part). — Coleman 1998b: 215 (in part); 2007: 56 (in part). — Lörz & Brandt 2004: 179, 184, 188, 189 (in part).

Type species

Epimeriella macronyx Walker, 1906.

Description

Body pellucid with teguments very weakly calcified. Rostrum minute (not reaching 0.2 of length of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1), reduced to a narrow tiny blade-shaped process separating the bases of the first articles. Ventral lobe of head rounded. Eyes present, extremely large, not conical. Pereonite 7 and pleonites 1–3 with or without small posterodorsal tooth directed backwards; all pereonites and pleonites without dorsolateral pair of teeth, swelling or carina. Pereonites 1–7 without tooth or protrusion just above connection with coxa. Coxae 1–3 with rounded tip; coxa 4 with tip of variable sharpness. Coxae 1–3 not keeled or not strongly keeled along their axis. Coxa 4 narrow, not carinate; posteroventral border straight or very weakly concave. Coxae 5–6 without tooth. Mid of posterior border of epimeral plates 1–3 not produced into a tooth. Posteroventral tooth of epimeral plate 3 very small. Dorsal process of urosomite 1 produced into a low rounded process or into a carina posteriorly terminated in tooth directed backwards. Urosomite 2 without pair of small teeth pointing upwards. Lateral borders of urosomite 3 posteriorly terminated into an acute angle. Telson deeply cleft. Peduncle of antenna 1 with dentition very reduced (tiny ventral denticles may be present). Mandible with molar process drawn out, without triturative surface. Lower lip with wide hypopharyngeal gap. Palp of maxilliped

with 4 articles. Gnathopods of normal size, with carpus and propodus broad to very broad, with palm obliquely transverse (gnathopods subcheliform); propodus not expanded distally; posterior border of dactylus lined by row of small oblique slender teeth. Basis of pereopods 5–6 moderately broad, without posteroproximal protrusion or tooth and without posterodistal tooth projecting posteriorly. Posterior border of basis of pereopod 7 convex along all its length, with tip angular or rounded. Dactylus of pereopods 5–7 long to very long.

Body length

The maximum body length recorded in *Epimeriella* species ranges between 8 and 28 mm.

Ecology

Epimeria (Epimeriella) macronyx is obviously pelagic, as it is usually found in plankton nets. The fragile and poorly caclified morphology of other species suggest that they might also be pelagic or semi-pelagic. 0–1200 m.

Distribution

Circum-Antarctic, as far north as the South Orkney Islands.

Remarks

Epimeriella was initially erected as a genus (Walker 1906), on the basis of the non triturative molar process of the mandibles. This character is considered as a synapomorphy since *Epimeriella sensu* Walker, 1906 forms a clade in our phylogenetic trees. It is herein split into two subgenera corresponding to two sub-clades with very different morphotypes. The robust benthic forms of the group *walkeri* are now placed into the new subgenus *Laevepimeria* subgen. nov. Only the slender pelagic or semipelagic forms (*Epimeria macronyx*, *E. scabrosa* and their relatives) are retained within the subgenus *Epimeriella*. The extralimital species *Epimeria pelagica* Birstein & Vinogradov, 1958 also exhibits adaptations to a pelagic lifestyle: enlarged eyes and elongation of the posterior pereopods (Birstein & Vinogradov 1958). However, this species exhibits many other characters not observed in *Epimeriella* species such as the shape of the mandible.

Key to the species of *Epimeriella*

1. Pleonites 1–3 (and sometimes pereionite 7) with small posterodorsal tooth; dorsal process of urosomite 1 not produced into a tooth2
– Pleonites 1–3 without posterodorsal tooth; dorsal process of urosomite 1 posteriorly produced into a tooth directed backwards*Epimeria (Epimeriella) macronyx* (Walker, 1906) [Antarctic Peninsula to Ross Sea, usually caught in plankton nets]
2. Pereionite 7 with posterodorsal tooth; eye broadly elliptic; coxa 4 fairly wide, ventrally produced into a blunt angle*E. (Epimeriella) atalanta* sp. nov. [Weddell Sea]
– Pereionite 7 without posterodorsal tooth; eye narrowly elliptic; coxa 4 fairly wide, ventrally pointed*E. (Epimeriella) scabrosa* (K.H. Barnard, 1930) [Oates Coast]
– Pereionite 7 without posterodorsal tooth; eye broadly elliptic; coxa 4 slender, ventrally rounded*E. (Epimeriella) truncata* (Andres, 1985) [west of Antarctic Peninsula]

Epimeria (Epimeriella) atalanta sp. nov.

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Figs 125–130

Epimeriella cf. *scabrosa* '4 dorsal teeth' – d'Udekem d'Acoz & Robert 2008: 53 (list).

Epimeria cf. *scabrosa* – Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 62, pl. 55 unnumbered photograph.

non *Epimeriella scabrosa* K.H. Barnard, 1930: 378, fig. 43.

Etymology

Ἀταλάντη is a character of the Greek mythology. She was the only woman, who took part in the nautical expedition of the Argonauts (the genus *Epimeria* being feminine). The name alludes to the presumed good swimming capacities of the species and its possibly pelagic life style. The name is a noun in apposition.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Polarstern*:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: specimen initially fixated in formalin, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 725-10, south of Larsen A, 64°55.89' S, 60°40.06' W to 64°55.92' S, 60°40.31' W, 189–192 m, Rauschert dredge, 22 Jan. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122527).

Description

ROSTRUM. Very minute, reduced to a narrow tiny process reaching a bit more than 0.1 of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1.

EYE. Very large, elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionite 7 and pleonites 1–3 carinate and posterodorsally produced into a tooth; other body segments without mid-dorsal tooth; pereionites 1–7 and pleonites 1–3 without pair of lateral teeth.

COXAE 1–3. Not carinate; coxa 1 distally broadly rounded; coxa 2–3 distally narrow but very blunt.

COXA 4. Fairly broad; anterodorsal and anteroventral border nearly straight, joined by low and blunt angular discontinuity, anterior angle not strongly projecting forward; ventral projection short, bluntly but distinctly angular; no lateral carina; posteroventral border nearly straight.

COXA 5–7. Toothless, posteriorly, ventrally and posteroventrally rounded.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle produced into a tiny tooth.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with elongate carinate process, forming a broad and regularly rounded process in lateral view.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.3; tips of lobes sharp, notch broadly V-shaped.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus short and broad; propodus not narrowing distally, palm very distinct, oblique.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Propodus and dactylus of pereopods 5–6 very long and very slender; basis of pereopod 5 of normal width, without posteroproximal process, with posterior border nearly straight on most of its length, posterodistally produced into a rounded lobe; basis of pereopods 6 broad, without posteroproximal process, with posterior border rounded on proximal half and straight on distal half, posterodistally forming a rounded angle; basis of pereopod 7 extremely broad with posterodistal corner forming a sharp squared angle, not followed more proximally by small concavity.

Colour pattern

Body and appendages (including gnathopods and mouthparts) whitish/pellucid studded with red chromatophores arranged in large pigmented zones. Eyes reddish.

Body length

15 mm.

Distribution

Western side of the Weddell Sea: Larsen A, 189–192 m; eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea, 402–405 m (see remarks).

Remarks

Epimeria atalanta sp. nov. is very similar to *E. scabrosa*, but differs by the presence of a posterodorsal tooth on pereonite 7 and its broader eyes (see illustrations by K.H. Barnard 1930 and Coleman 2007). Rauschert & Arntz (2015) give a photograph of a specimen that we identify as *E. atalanta* sp. nov. The station was given in an early draft of their book made available to us: ANT-XXI/2 stn 145 [145-1]. Its coordinates are: ANT-XXI/2 stn 145-1, 70°56.99' S, 10°48.26' W to 70°56.97' S, 10°47.71' W (eastern Weddell Sea), 402–405 m.

Epimeria (Epimeriella) macronyx (Walker, 1906)

Fig 131

Epimeriella macronyx Walker, 1906: 17.

Epimeriella macronyx – Walker 1907: 26, pl. 15. — K.H. Barnard 1930: 378; 1932: 178, pl. 1 fig. 3. — Andres 1985: 129, fig. 11H–I, 12A–D. — Andres & Lott 1986: 133, fig. 1 (*E. mac.*). — Andres in Sieg & Wägele 1990: 137–138, fig. 271. — Coleman 2007: 57, fig. 32a–b, map 15 (rhomb).

Material examined

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, 182-1, south east of Snow Hill Island, 64°47.21' S, 56°41.90' W to 64°46.02' S, 56°42.50' W, 0–200 m, rectangular mid-water trawl, formalin-fixed, 17 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 121486); 2 specs, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 238-1, north of Livingstone Island, 62°22.65' S, 61°17.63' W to 62°20.89' S, 61°19.82' W, 0–200 m, rectangular midwater trawl, 8 Mar. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122943) [extraction ANT38 (largest specimen); Genbank nr, COI: KU870824, 28S: KU759597 and ANT39 (smallest specimen); Genbank nr, COI: KU870825, 28S: KU759598].

RV *Aurora Australis* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 1295, stn 51AEV215, Adélie Coast, 66°44'52" S, 145°26'40" E, 525–553 m, beam trawl, 30 Dec. 2007, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2016-6559); 1 spec., cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 1317, stn 51AEV215, Adélie

Coast, 66°44'52" S, 145°26'40" E, 525–553 m, beam trawl, 30 Dec. 2007, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4276) [extraction M19]; Genbank nr, COI: KU870885, 28S: KU759668].

Colour pattern

Body and appendages whitish to colourless, semi-translucent; dorsal part of body orange; eyes orange; oral field and tip of gnathopods blood red.

Body length

Up to 28 mm.

Distribution

South Orkney Islands; South Shetland Islands; Antarctic Peninsula; eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea; Davis Sea; Adélie Coast, Ross Sea; 0–1200 m (Coleman 2007; present data). As many records of *E. macronyx* come from pelagic nets (De Broyer *et al.* 2007; present data), and as the species is very slender with large eyes reminiscent to those of hyperiids, it is obviously a true pelagic species.

Epimeria (Epimeriella) scabrosa (K.H. Barnard, 1930)

Epimeriella scabrosa K.H. Barnard, 1930: 378, fig. 43.

Epimeriella scabrosa – Coleman 2007: 58, fig. 33, map 15 (circle).

Body length

Up to 14 mm.

Distribution

Oates Coast, 329–366 m (K.H. Barnard 1930).

Remarks

Coleman (pers. com.) informed us that the specimen illustrated in the figure 33 of Coleman (2007) is drawn from the type series. De Broyer *et al.* (2007) mention imprecise records of *E. scabrosa* from the southern and eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea, but they might refer to its very close relative *E. atalanta* sp. nov.

Epimeria (Epimeriella) truncata Andres, 1985

Epimeriella truncata Andres, 1985: 130–132, figs 12I–O, 13, 14, 15A–D.

Epimeriella truncata Andres & Lott 1986: 133, fig. 1 (*E. tru.*).

Body length

8 mm.

Distribution

Palmer Archipelago [type material], eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea, 100–622 m (De Broyer *et al.* 2007).

Subgenus *Hoplepimeria* subgen. nov.

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Etymology

Combination of the Greek word *πλα*, armour and *Epimeria*. The name, which is feminine, alludes to the thick and heavily calcified teguments of the members of that subgenus.

Type species

Epimeria quasimodo sp. nov.

Description

Body opaque, with teguments very strongly calcified. Rostrum medium-sized to large. Eyes not conical. Pereionites and pleonites with a wide diversity of ornamentation. Most species have a low and broad mid-dorsal crest on their pleonites and often on their anterior pereionites. However all the pereionites and pleonites can have a very long non-flattened mid-dorsal tooth (*E. rubriques*), or the body can be strongly sculptured (*E. rimicarinata*). Dorsolateral processes are absent except for *E. rimicarinata*, where they are part of its sculptured pattern. Pereionites 1–7 without ventrolateral tooth or protrusion just above connection with coxa. Coxae 1–4 with sharp or blunt tip. Coxae 1–3 usually weakly keeled along their axis. Coxa 4 with or without groove along the posteroventral border; when present, the anterior border of this groove forms a kind of blunt carina; when present this carina never bears a tooth projecting laterally; posteroventral border straight or concave. Coxa 5 with tooth or blunt protrusion projecting backwards (size and development very variable). Coxa 6 with or without blunt protrusion projecting backwards. Posteroventral tooth of epimeral plate 3 small to medium-sized. Dorsal process of urosomite 1 produced into a blunt tooth or a rounded lobe directed upwards. Urosomite 2 without pair of small teeth pointing upwards. Lateral borders of urosomite 3 posteriorly terminated into an acute angle. Peduncle of antenna 1 with dentition very reduced (a small ventral tooth can be present on article 1). Mandible with molar process triturative. Lower lip with narrow (V-shaped) hypopharyngeal gap. Palp of maxilliped with 4 articles. Gnathopods of normal size, with carpus and propodus very robust, with palm obliquely transverse (gnathopods subcheliform); propodus often expanded distally; posterior border of dactylus lined by row of small oblique slender teeth. Basis of pereiopods 5–6 broad, with posteroproximal process, which can be a (very low) rounded protrusion or a large (sometimes sword-like) tooth orientated in the same direction as the basis, with or without posterodistal tooth projecting posteriorly. Basis of pereiopod 7 narrow on its distal half; posterior border proximally slightly convex and distally either slightly concave, or deeply concave or deeply angularly notched; the posterior border of the basis of pereiopod 7 can be terminated into a small tooth projecting posteriorly or not. Dactylus of pereiopods 5–7 short.

Body length

The maximum body length recorded in *Hoplepimeria* subgen. nov. species ranges between 35 and 80 mm.

Ecology

Benthic, 33–2154 m.

Distribution

Circum-Antarctic, as far north as the South Georgia.

Remarks

Hoplepimeria subgen. nov. includes species with diverse body shapes. Most species are globular with only low teeth or crests, whilst *E. rubrieques* is one of the *Epimeria* with the longest teeth. However, *E. rubrieques* has the same robust and distally expanded gnathopods as in other *Hoplepimeria* subgen. nov. and has the same proximally toothed basis of pereopods 5–6 as in many other *Hoplepimeria* subgen. nov. The absence of dorsolateral teeth, and the non- or scarcely laterally flattened dorsal processes of *E. rubrieques* distinguishes it at first glance from the dentate Antarctic *Epimeria* of the subgenus *Drakepimeria* subgen. nov. *Hoplepimeria* subgen. nov. includes the largest known *Epimeria* species, namely *E. gargantua* sp. nov., which can reach up to 80 mm.

Key to the species of *Hoplepimeria* subgen. nov.

1. Proximal part of posterior border of basis of pereopod 6 with rounded protrusion (which can be very low)2
 - Proximal part of posterior border of basis of pereopod 6 with triangular or sword-like tooth directed in the axis of the basis3
2. Coxa 4 without lateral carina, with posteroventral border straight; posterior border of basis of pereopod 7 weakly excavate; eye medium-sized and broadly elliptic*Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903 [Elephant Island, to Adélie Coast and western Ross Sea]
 - Coxa 4 with lateral carina widely separate from posterior border, with posteroventral border deeply concave; posterior border of basis of pereopod 7 straight; eye large and narrowly elliptic*E. (Hoplepimeria) heldi* subgen. nov. Coleman, 1998 [Elephant Island]
3. Pereionites and pleonites naked, or with low mid-dorsal crest or tooth4
 - Pereionites 1–7 and pleonites 1–2 with very large elongate mid-dorsal tooth; pleonite 3 with large triangular tooth*E. (Hoplepimeria) rubrieques* subgen. nov. De Broyer & Klages, 1991 [Eastern Weddell Sea to Davis Sea]
4. Mid-dorsal crest of pereionites 3–7 and pleonites 1–3 very slightly notched or not notched; these segments are not laterally sculptured5
 - Mid-dorsal crest of pereionites 3–7 and pleonites 1–3 deeply notched; these segments are laterally strongly sculptured*E. (Hoplepimeria) rimicarinata* subgen. nov. Watling & Holman, 1980 [Prydz Bay, western Ross Sea]
5. Coxa 5 sometimes angular but not with a distinct tooth when seen in dorsal view; ventral part of coxa 4 moderately produced6
 - Coxa 5 with a distinct tooth pointing laterally or obliquely backwards when seen in dorsal view; ventral part of coxa 4 very strongly produced*E. (Hoplepimeria) larsi* subgen. nov. Lörz, 2009 [Adélie Coast and western Ross Sea, 1900–2200 m]
6. Pleonite 3 with small but well defined, narrow, posterodorsal tooth pointing upwards: *E. (Hoplepimeria) complex robusta*7
 - Pleonite 3 without small posterodorsal tooth pointing upwards9
7. Pleonite 2 with posterodistal tooth (pointing backwards)8
 - Pleonite 2 without posterodistal tooth*E. (Hoplepimeria) robusta* subgen. nov. K.H. Barnard, 1930 [Western Ross Sea and Adélie Coast]

8. Dorsolateral margins of urosomite 3 deeply concave; posterodistal corner of the basis of pereopods 5–7 bluntly angular; body either pure white or with coloured motives on a white background *E. (Hoplepimeria) robustoides* subgen. nov. Lörz & Coleman in Lörz *et al.*, 2009 [Eastern Weddell Sea]
– Dorsolateral margins of urosomite 3 weakly concave; posterodistal corner of the basis of pereopods 5–7 produced into a sharp tooth; body always pure white.....
..... *E. (Hoplepimeria) gargantua* subgen. et sp. nov. [Tip of Antarctic Peninsula]
9. Dorsal keels of body segments not strongly laterally compressed; eyes elliptic; rostrum ventrally straight or weakly concave, usually longer than article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1; coxa 4 with anteroventral border slightly to significantly concave, with ventral tip fairly blunt to sharp, with more or less distinct groove running along posteroventral border; notch of basis of pereiopod 7 forming a squared or acute angle in adults: *E. (Hoplepimeria) complex georgiana*10
– Dorsal keels of body segments strongly laterally compressed; eyes distinctly reniform; rostrum ventrally distinctly concave, as long as article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1; coxa 4 with anteroventral border straight and ventral tip very blunt, without any trace of posterior groove running along posteroventral border; notch of basis of pereiopod 7 forming a very obtuse angle in adults *E. (Hoplepimeria) angelikae* subgen. nov. Lörz & Linse in Lörz *et al.*, 2011 [eastern Weddel Sea, Adélie Coast; lower shelf species]
10. Anterior corner of coxa 4 broadly rounded11
– Anterior corner of coxa 4 bluntly angular12
11. Rostrum broad in frontal view; ventral corner of coxa 4 sharply angular; posterior notch of basis of pereiopods 5–7 broad, that of pereiopod 7 forming a squared angle (or nearly so) in adults *E. (Hoplepimeria) cyphorachis* sp. nov. [South Shetland Islands, mostly lower shelf]
– Rostrum fairly slender in frontal view; ventral corner of coxa 4 bluntly angular; posterior notch of basis of pereiopods 5–7 narrow, that of pereiopod 7 forming an acute angle in adults *E. (Hoplepimeria) xesta* subgen. et sp. nov. [Eastern Weddell Sea]
12. Rostrum broad in frontal and lateral view, not ventrally concave13
– Rostrum fairly slender in frontal and lateral view, ventrally slightly concave ... *E. (Hoplepimeria) linseae* subgen. et sp. nov. [Plateau of the South Orkney Islands, upper shelf]
13. Coxa 4 with anterior corner angular and not so blunt, with ventral corner forming an acute angle, of which the tip is sharp; anteroventral border markedly concave; basis of pereiopod 5 very broad; posterodistal corner of basis of pereiopods 5–7 laterally strongly produced *E. (Hoplepimeria) georgiana* subgen. nov. Schellenberg, 1931 [South Georgia, upper shelf]
– Coxa 4 with anterior border broadly angular and blunt, with ventral corner forming a squared angle of which the tip is not especially sharp; anteroventral border inconspicuously concave; basis of pereiopod 5 not especially broad; posterodistal corner of basis of pereiopods 5–7 laterally weakly produced *E. (Hoplepimeria) quadimodo* subgen. et sp. nov. [Elephant Island to tip of Antarctic Peninsula, upper shelf]

Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) angelikae subgen. nov. Lörz & Linse in Lörz *et al.*, 2011
Figs 132–137

Epimeria angelikae Lörz & Linse in Lörz *et al.*, 2011: 6, figs 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.1, 12.2.

‘*Epimeria inermis* 3’ – Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 61, pl. 54.

'Clade E *georgiana-rimicarinata-rubriequies* [sic] complex - GE5' – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 4 (online).

non Epimeria inermis Walker, 1903: 54, pl. 10 fig. 69.

Material examined

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., exuvia, cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, eastern Weddell Sea, no station, specimen kept in aquarium, 26 Mar. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132682); 2 specs, cruise PS48, ANT-XV/3, EASIZ II, stn 95, eastern Weddell Sea, 73°33.5' S, 22°15.3' W to 73°34.0' S, 22°12.3' W, 866–920 m, bottom trawl, 5 Feb. 1998, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 13992); 1 spec., cruise PS48, ANT-XV/3, EASIZ II, stn 120, eastern Weddell Sea, 73°33.5' S, 22°14.8' W to 73°34.0' S, 22°12.2' W, 812–928 m, bottom trawl, 7 Feb. 1998, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 13993).

RV *Aurora Australis* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 4 specs including an ovigerous ♀, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 3410, stn 86EEV518, Adélie Coast, 65°28'51" S, 139°24'11" E, 781–835 m, beam trawl, 16 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4278); 1 dissected ovigerous ♀, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 3410, stn 86EEV518, Adélie Coast, 65°28'51" S, 139°24'11" E, 781–835 m, beam trawl, 16 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-7343) [removed from MNHN-IU-2014-4278] [extraction M17; Genbank nr, COI: KU870883, 18S: KU759666]; 1 spec., cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 2268, stn 32AEV400, Adélie Coast, 65°52'44" S, 144°10'55" E, 953–1194 m, beam trawl, 12 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4285); 1 ovigerous ♀, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 2271, stn 32AEV400, Adélie Coast, 65°52'44" S, 144°10'55" E, 953–1194 m, beam trawl, 12 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4281) [extraction M18; Genbank nr, COI: KU870884, 18S: KU759667]; 3 specs, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 2271, stn 32AEV400, Adélie Coast, 65°52'44" S, 144°10'55" E, 953–1194 m, beam trawl, 12 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN, (MNHN-IU-2014-7344, formerly MNHN-IU-2014-4281).

Description

ROSTRUM. Medium-sized, reaching tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1, anteriorly distinctly curved, ventrally distinctly concave, subacute in lateral view; narrow and with nearly straight converging borders in frontal view.

EYE. Very large, distinctly reniform.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereonite 1 with trace of mid-dorsal carina and no posterior bump; pereonites 2 to pleonite 3 with low and fairly blunt mid-dorsal carina, which becomes more and more laterally compressed in the posterior body segments; profile of carina of pereonite 2 straight, of pereonites 3 to pleonite 3 with median notch (more distinct on pleonites than on pereonites); profile of carina of pleonite 3 straight with anterior very low protrusion followed by shallow notch, then nearly straight (slightly irregular), posteriorly bluntly angular; dorsolateral ornamentation absent.

COXAE 1–3. Not carinate and apically forming a blunt squared angle.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border nearly straight (very slightly concave), anteroventral border straight, these two borders being joined by blunt but distinct angular discontinuity (anterior corner), which is weakly projecting forward; ventral corner forming a blunt squared angle (ventral projection well developed); lateral carina absent; posteroventral border distinctly concave.

COXA 5. Broad, with surface smooth, with posteroventral corner forming a blunt-tipped nearly squared angle, weakly expanded laterally, forming a blunt obtuse angle in dorsal view.

COXA 6. With posteroventral corner forming a blunt acute but nearly squared angle, with low projection arising from its surface (forming a very low indistinct lobe in dorsal view).

COXA 7. Posteriorly rounded.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle: very obtusely rounded in plate 1; produced into a small tooth in plate 2 and into a medium-sized tooth in plate 3.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with very low dorsal process, irregularly convex on both sides; urosomite 3 with dorsolateral borders nearly straight.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.2; tips of lobes triangular and subacute, notch broadly V-shaped and rounded at its deepest point.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus broad; propodus expanding distally, palm distinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus of medium width; dactylus medium-sized; basis of pereopods 5–6 of normal width, with posteroproximal process present, sword-like, parallel to axis of basis, with posterodistal corner rounded, very weakly pointing in posterior direction; basis of pereopod 7 broad with posterior border weakly convex, with distinct notch on distal 0.8, forming a blunt-tipped obtuse (nearly square) angle, with posterodistal corner bluntly angular and not pointing backwards.

Colour pattern

Uniformly whitish, eyes yellowish (Lörz *et al.* 2011), or uniformly pale orange, eyes golden (Rauschert & Arntz 2015 as '*Epimeria inermis* 3', p. 61, pl. 54), or uniformly salmon pink with reddish eyes (picture made by G. Chapelle published herein).

Body length

Up to 40 mm.

Distribution

Eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea; Adélie Coast; 781–1194 m.

Remarks

The new records of *E. angelikae* off Adélie Coast considerably extend eastwards the distribution of the species. No morphological differences were detected between these specimens, the illustrations given by Lörz *et al.* (2011) and the specimens examined from the Weddell Sea. One of the main diagnostic characters proposed by Lörz *et al.* (2011) for distinguishing *E. angelikae* from other species of the *georgiana* complex is the obtusely notched posterior border of the basis of pereopod 7. This character is valid for adults. However, the depth and the angularity of that notch is a character to be used with caution, as it is partly size-dependent: the notch is shallow in juveniles of all species of the *georgiana* complex and becomes gradually deeper and more angulate in some species only, as size increases. *Epimeria angelikae* is superficially similar to *E. xesta* sp. nov. The two species coexist on the eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea, but have apparently different depth optima. The '*Epimeria inermis* 3' of Rauschert & Arntz (2015) corresponds to the description of *E. angelikae* and not to that of *E. inermis*, as it has a short rostrum, reniform eyes, the posteroventral border of coxa 4 concave and a median spur on the basis of pereopods 5 and 6. The station of this specimen was given in an early draft of their book made available

to the authors: ANT-XXI/2 stn 233 [233-1]. Its coordinates are: 71°18.99' S, 13°56.56' W to 71°19.19' S, 13°57.45' W (eastern Weddell Sea), 844–848 m.

Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) cyphorachis subgen. et sp. nov.

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Figs 138–144

Epimeria georgiana Clade A – Lörz *et al.* 2011: 1, fig. 1 (triangle), 3, 4, 5, 12.4, 12.5, 12.6, 13 row 1, 14A, 14B, table 3.

Epimeria georgiana – Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 61, pl. 54, unnumbered photograph.

'Clade E *georgiana-rimicarinata-rubriequies* [sic] complex - GE3' – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 4 (online).

Etymology

From the Greek, κυφός, humpbacked; ραχίς, spine, spinal column. The name, which is a noun in apposition, alludes to the humpbacked silhouette of the species.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: ♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn. 249-2, Drake Passage, north of Livingstone Island, 61°56.05' S, 60°5.56' W to 61°56.21' S, 60°5.80' W, 413–421 m, mud, Agassiz trawl, 12 Mar. 2013 (RBINS, INV. 122936) [extraction K25; Genbank nr, COI: KU870859, 28S: KU759637].

Description

ROSTRUM. Medium-sized, overreaching tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1, anteriorly weakly curved, ventrally straight, acute in lateral view; broad and with weakly curved converging borders in frontal view.

EYE. Very large, broadly elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 1–3 smooth, pereionites 4 to pleonite 3 with extremely low and extremely blunt mid-dorsal carina; profile of carina of pereionite 4 inconspicuously curved; profile of carinae of pereionites 5 to pleonites 3 straight, those of pleonite 2 with inconspicuous concavity; profile of carina of pleonite 3 straight with anterior low very protrusion followed by shallow notch, then nearly straight, posteriorly blunt; dorsolateral ornamentation absent.

COXAE 1–3. Weakly carinate and distally subacute to narrowly blunt-tipped.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border nearly straight (very slightly concave), anteroventral border very weakly concave, these two borders being joined by a very large rounded lobe (anterior corner), which is weakly projecting forward; ventral corner forming a sharp squared angle (ventral projection well developed); lateral carina very obtuse, parallel and close to posteroventral border; posteroventral border distinctly concave.

COXA 5. Broad, with surface smooth, with posteroventral corner forming a blunt-tipped nearly squared angle, weakly laterally produced, forming a low very rounded obtuse angle in dorsal view (coxa 5 distinctly visible in dorsal view).

COXA 6. With posteroventral corner broadly rounded, with low projection arising from its surface (forming a distinct lobe in dorsal view).

COXA 7. Posteriorly rounded.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle: very obtusely rounded, with indistinct trace of tooth in plate 1; produced into a small tooth in plate 2 and into a medium-sized tooth in plate 3.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with very low dorsal process: anteriorly nearly straight, apically very blunt, posteriorly regularly convex large; urosomite 3 with dorsolateral borders nearly straight.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.2; tips of lobes bluntly triangular, notch narrowly V-shaped.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus broad; propodus expanding distally, palm distinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus of medium width; dactylus long; basis of pereopods 5–6 of normal width, with posteroproximal process present, triangular (pereopod 5) or sword-like (pereopod 6), parallel to axis of basis, with posterodistal corner obtuse, scarcely projecting posteriorly; basis of pereopod 7 broad with posterior border distinctly convex, with deep notch on distal 0.8, forming a blunt-tipped squared angle, with posterodistal corner obtuse, scarcely projecting posteriorly.

Colour pattern

Red with a diffuse finely mottled pattern; some parts of the coxae and epimeral plates are white; eyes red.

Body length

Up to 42 mm.

Distribution

South Shetland Islands: north of Livingstone Island, 413–421 m (present material); south of Elephant Island, 463–990 m (Lörz *et al.* 2011 as *Epimeria georgiana* Clade A).

Remarks

Epimeria cyphorachis sp. nov. can be easily distinguished from the similar sympatric species *E. quasimodo* sp. nov. by the shape of the anterior corner of coxa 4: it is broadly rounded in the first species, angulate in the second. Actually, *E. cyphorachis* sp. nov. (South Shetland Islands) is morphologically more similar to *E. xesta* sp. nov. (eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea). In *E. xesta* sp. nov., the rostrum is narrower, the ventral corner of coxa 4 is more blunt, the coxa 5 less projecting laterally and the notch of the basis of pereopods 5–7 is narrower than in *E. cyphorachis* sp. nov.

Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) gargantua subgen. et sp. nov.

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Figs 145–151

Epimeria robusta Klages, 1988: 73, unnumbered fig., 76, 82, figs 20a–b.

Epimeria robustoides ? Lörz & Coleman in Lörz *et al.*, 2009: 10, possibly in part, possibly fig. 10A, not figs 2–5 (= *E. robustoides*).

Epimeria robusta – Coleman 1994: 560, in part, fig. 5D only.

‘Clade G *robustoides/robusta* complex - RO1’ – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 4 (online).

non Epimeria robusta K.H. Barnard, 1930: 375, figs 40a, 41.

non Epimeria robustoides Lörz & Coleman in Lörz *et al.*, 2009: 10, figs 2–5.

Etymology

Gargantua is a giant and one of the main characters in the tales of François Rabelais, such as 'La vie très horrifique du grand Gargantua, père de Pantagruel'. The name, which is a noun in apposition, alludes to the huge size of the species, which is the largest known *Epimeria* species.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: ♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, Bransfield Strait, stn 196-8, 62°47.80' S, 57°5.35' W to 62°47.63' S, 57°5.63' W, 542–580 m, trawl haul with huge stones and a lot of life, Agassiz trawl, 24 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122937A) [extraction ANT33; Genbank nr, COI: KU870820, 28S: KU759592].

Paratypes

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 medium-sized spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 662-1, between Elephant Island and King George Island, 61°35.91' S, 57°17.04' W to 61°35.41' S, 57°20.60' W, 425–432 m, bottom trawl, 30 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122491); 2 large specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 663-1, northeast of King George Island, 61°38.18' S, 57°33.17' W to 61°38.02' S, 57°37.16' W, bottom trawl, 432–434 m, 30 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122494); 5 specs, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, Bransfield Strait, stn 196-8, 62°47.80' S, 57°5.35' W to 62°47.63' S, 57°5.63' W, 542–580 m, trawl haul with huge stones and a lot of life, Agassiz trawl, 24 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122937B); 1 spec., cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, Bransfield Strait, stn 217-6, 62°53.45' S, 58°13.06' W to 62°53.42' S, 58°13.41' W, 461–483 m, rich sponge bottom, Agassiz trawl, 2 Mar. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122927) [extraction K37; Genbank nr, COI: KU870869, 28S: KU759649]; 1 spec., cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, Bransfield Strait, stn 217-6, 62°53.45' S, 58°13.06' W to 62°53.42' S, 58°13.41' W, 461–483 m, rich sponge bottom, Agassiz trawl, 2 Mar. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122928) [extraction K38; Genbank nr, COI: KU870870, 28S: KU759650]; 7 specs, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, Bransfield Strait, stn 217-6, 62°53.45' S, 58°13.06' W to 62°53.42' S, 58°13.41' W, 461–483 m, rich sponge bottom, Agassiz trawl, 2 Mar. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 132957); 1 spec., cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, Bransfield Strait, stn 217-6, 62°53.45' S, 58°13.06' W to 62°53.42' S, 58°13.41' W, 461–483 m, rich sponge bottom, Agassiz trawl, 2 Mar. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (MNHN-IU-2014-7333, removed from RBINS, INV. 132957); 1 spec., cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, Bransfield Strait, stn 227-2, 62°55.83' S, 58°41.09' W to 62°55.76' S, 58°41.46' W, 562–564 m, mud, Agassiz trawl, 5 Mar. 2013, RBINS, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122939) [extraction ANT40; Genbank nr, COI: KU870826, 28S: KU759599].

Description

ROSTRUM. Medium-sized, not reaching tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1, anteriorly distinctly and regularly curved, ventrally straight, fairly narrow and subacute in lateral view; fairly narrow and with very weakly convex converging borders in frontal view.

EYE. Very large, broadly elliptic to more or less reniform.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 1–7 smooth; pleonite 1 dorsally weakly carinate, very weakly convex, with distinct posterior bump; pleonite 2 dorsally distinctly carinate, with extremely low (nearly inconspicuous) proximal rounded lobe followed by extremely weak (nearly inconspicuous) concavity, posteriorly produced into a bluntly triangular tooth projecting backwards; pleonite 3 dorsally distinctly carinate with median very low rounded lobe, followed by distinct concavity, terminated by a blunt tooth directed upwards.

COXAE 1–3. Not carinate, apically subacute.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border nearly straight (inconspicuously concave), anteroventral border straight, these two borders being joined by blunt but broad, very distinct squared angle (anterior corner), which is slightly projecting forward; ventral corner forming a very obtuse angle (ventral projection very short and very broad); lateral carina absent; posteroventral border nearly straight (inconspicuously convex).

COXA 5. Broad, with surface smooth, with posterior border inconspicuously concave (nearly straight), with posteroventral corner forming a blunt tooth (shape: acute triangle) projecting backwards and not laterally (no tooth or corner visible in dorsal view).

COXA 6. With posterior border very weakly concave, with posteroventral corner forming a blunt tooth (shape: narrow acute triangle) projecting backwards and not laterally (no tooth or corner visible in dorsal view).

COXA 7. Posteriorly weakly rounded.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle: angulate in plate 1, produced into a medium-sized tooth in plates 2–3.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with well developed blunt-tipped process of which both the anterior and the posterior borders have an angulate concavity (the anterior deeper); urosomite 3 with dorsolateral borders weakly concave and posteriorly produced into a sharp triangular tooth.

TELSON. Cleft nearly on 0.2; tips of lobes triangular and subacute, notch very broadly V-shaped and subacute at its deepest point.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus very broad; propodus expanding distally, palm distinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus fairly broad; dactylus small, very curved, with long unguis; basis of pereopods 5–6 broad, with posteroproximal process present, sword-like, projecting obliquely, with posterodistal corner produced into a triangular tooth (with tip subacute), projecting backwards; basis of pereopod 7 broad; posterior border with proximal 0.4 with weak concavity, with distal 0.6 deeply concave, with posterodistal corner forming a narrowly triangular tooth projecting backwards.

Colour pattern

Body and coxae pure white, gnathopods and oral field purplish; antennae and pereopods 3–4 pale pink; pereopods 5–7 and tailfan pure white; eyes red. This colour pattern was very consistent in all specimens examined during ANT-XXIX/3; none had spots or marks on their immaculate body.

Body length

Up to 80 mm.

Distribution

Between Elephant Island and King George Island; northeast of King George Island, Bransfield Strait; 404–580 m (present material; Coleman 1994: “*Epimeria robusta* from Elephant Island” (specimen actually collected between Elephant and King George Islands)).

Remarks

Epimeria gargantua sp. nov. is the largest known *Epimeria* species, both in length and body volume. *Epimeria gargantua* sp. nov. (tip of Antarctic Peninsula) is morphologically similar to *E. robustoides* (eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea), but these two species were identified as separate species by methods based on COI and 28S genes (Fig. 342). In *E. gargantua* sp. nov., the dorsolateral margins of urosomite 3 are less concave and the posterodistal corner of the basis of pereopods 5–7 sharper than in *E. robustoides*. The colour pattern of *E. gargantua* sp. nov. is very constant (body white, without coloured marks), whilst it is more variable in *E. robustoides*.

Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) georgiana subgen. nov. Schellenberg, 1931 Figs 152–158

Epimeria georgiana Schellenberg, 1931: 160.

Epimeria excisipes K.H. Barnard, 1932: 174, in part but well the types, presumably figs 104e, 107, not fig. 106 (presumably another *Epimeria* of the complex *georgiana*).

Epimeria georgiana – Gurjanova 1955: 197. — J.L. Barnard 1961: 103 (key). — McCain 1971: 161. — Watling & Holman 1981: 211, in part, not fig. 19 (= *E. quasimodo* sp. nov.). — De Broyer & Klages 1991: 165 (key, in part). — Wakabara & Serejo 1999: 642 (key, in part). — Lörz *et al.* 2011: 1, figs 1 (star), 13 row 5, table 3.

Epimeria excisipes – Gurjanova 1955: 198 (in part). — J.L. Barnard 1961: 103 (key, in part). — McCain 1971: 161 (in part).

Type material

Lectotype

Swedish South Polar Expedition 1901–1903:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: ♀, from the syntype series, stn 34, South Georgia, in front of mouth of Cumberland Bay, 54°11' S, 36°18' W, grey clay, some stones, 252–310 m, T= +1.45°C, Skottsberg pinx. (SMNH - type 673).

Description

ROSTRUM. Medium-sized, just overreaching tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1, anteriorly distinctly curved, ventrally straight, subacute in lateral view; broad and with proximally nearly straight converging borders in frontal view.

EYE. Fairly large, broadly elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionite 1 smooth; pereionites 2–3 with weak posterior bump; pereionites 4 to pleonite 3 with low, non-toothed, very broad carina (not reduced on pereionites 2–3), those of pleonites 1–3 with trace of concavity in anterior 0.4; posterodorsal angle of pleonite 3 very bluntly angular; dorsolateral ornamentation absent.

COXAE 1–3. Scarcely carinate and apically tapering and blunt.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border weakly sigmoid, anteroventral border distinctly concave, these two borders being joined by very distinct and not so blunt angle (anterior corner), which is strongly projecting forward; ventral corner forming a sharp acute angle (ventral projection short); lateral carina present, not sharp; broad hollow surface between carina and posteroventral border of coxa; posteroventral border distinctly concave.

COXA 5. Broad, with surface smooth, with posteroventral corner forming a rounded lobe, weakly expanded laterally, forming a blunt squared angle which is very distinct in dorsal view.

COXA 6. With posteroventral corner rounded, with lateral projection arising from its surface (broadly triangular in dorsal view).

COXA 7. Posteriorly rounded.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle: forming an angle with a trace of tooth in plate 1, produced into a small tooth in plate 2 and into a medium-sized tooth in plate 3.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with very low dorsal process, regularly convex on both sides; urosomite 3 with dorsolateral borders nearly straight (inconspicuously convex), with tip bluntly angular.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.4; lobes with rate of divergence abruptly increasing on their distal half, triangular and subacute in their distal half, median notch narrowly V-shaped.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus very broad; propodus expanding distally, palm distinct.

PEREIPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus of medium width; dactylus medium-sized; basis of pereopods 5–6 very broad, with posteroproximal process present, tooth-like, parallel to axis of basis, with posterodistal corner bluntly angular, distinctly produced and pointing in posterior direction; basis of pereopod 7 broad with posterior border weakly convex, with distinct notch on distal 0.8, forming a blunt-tipped acute angle, with posterodistal corner bluntly angular and not projecting backwards.

Body length

Up to 40 mm.

Distribution

South Georgia, 75–310 m (Schellenberg 1931).

Remarks

Epimeria georgiana s. str. is considered endemic to South Georgia and all extralimital records are presumably based on related species. The mention ‘Skottsberg pinx.’ (i.e., Skottsberg pinxit) on one of the labels of the lectotype suggests that Carl Johan Skottsberg made a painting of it during the Swedish Antarctic Expedition. Nothing is known about the fate of that painting. Besides the adult female examined and designated herein as the lectotype, Schellenberg (1931) recorded a mid-sized (20 mm) specimen and three juveniles (7–8 mm) of *Epimeria georgiana*, which become paralectotypes. These specimens were not examined.

Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) heldi subgen. nov. Coleman, 1998

Epimeria heldi Coleman, 1998a: 17–25, figs 1–5.

Epimeria heldi – Wakabara & Serejo 1999: 642 (key). — Coleman 2007: 39, figs 18a–b, colour plate 1f, map 9 (rhomb).

Description

Description based on illustrations of Coleman (1998a).

ROSTRUM. Medium-sized, just overreaching tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1, anteriorly weakly curved, ventrally straight, tip subacute in lateral view.

EYE. Very large, narrowly elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 1–5 smooth; pereionite 6 with weak mid-dorsal straight carina, pereionite 7 to pleonite 3 with low carina, each with median slight concavity and posterior corner bluntly angular; the carinae are strongly laterally compressed.

COXAE 1–3. Scarcely carinate and apically broadly rounded.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border nearly straight (very slightly concave), anteroventral border weakly but distinctly concave, these two borders being joined by broad rounded angle (anterior corner), which is distinctly projecting forward; ventral corner forming a fairly narrow rounded projection; lateral carina present and projecting laterally (it appears as a low rounded lobe in dorsal view); at its deepest point the carina is very distant from the posteroventral border of the coxa; posteroventral border deeply concave.

COXA 5. Broad, with rounded lateral projection pointing laterally. In dorsal view, the lateral projection of coxa 4 and 5 looks like a mirror version of each other, the unit coxa 4 + coxa 5 forming a low concave structure on each side of the body.

COXA 6. Posteriorly broadly rounded, with very low projection arising from its surface (forming a very low rounded lobe in dorsal view).

COXA 7. Posterior and ventral border strongly convex; transition between these borders indistinct.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle: rounded in plates 1–2, produced into a small tooth in plate 2 and into a medium-sized tooth in plate 3.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with low rounded dorsal process; urosomite 3 with dorsolateral borders straight, distally forming a rounded lobe.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.15; tips of lobes broadly rounded, notch broadly V-shaped.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus broad; propodus not expanding distally, palm distinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus slender, dactylus medium-sized; basis of pereopods 5–6 of normal width, with posteroproximal half forming a very low rounded projection; with posterodistal corner not produced; basis of pereopod 7 narrow with posterior border straight, with posterodistal corner very bluntly angular, not projecting.

Colour pattern

Body and coxae whitish with a very faint dull purplish hue. Basis of pereopods 5–7 pale dull purple. Antennae, other pereopods, distal part of pereopods 5–7 and tailfan dull brownish pink. Eyes pale yellow.

Body length

52 mm.

Distribution

Northwest of Elephant Island. Said to have been collected at 60°54.60' S, 55°45.90' W at 235 m depth (RV *Polarstern*, PS42, ANT-XIV/2, stn 31) (Coleman 1998a). The coordinates of station 31 given by Kattner (1998) are slightly different and deeper: 60°53' S, 55°47' W to 60°54' S, 55°57' W, 443–734 m. However, Coleman (pers. com.) informed us that the depth record given in his logbook is 230–235 m.

Remarks

This highly characteristic species, which shares a number of character states with *Epimeria georgiana* and *E. inermis*, is presumably rare, as it was not found in the abundant *Epimeria* material from Elephant Island collected during the cruise ANT-XXIII/8. *Epimeria heldi* is tentatively assigned to the subgenus *Hoplepimeria* subgen. nov. based on morphological assessment only.

Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) inermis subgen. nov. Walker, 1903
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Epimeria inermis Walker, 1903: 54, pl. 10 fig. 69.

Epimeria inermis – K.H. Barnard 1930: 374 (in part); 1932: 173 (in part), fig. 104a. — Nicholls 1938: 95, fig. 50. — Gurjanova 1955: 198. — J.L. Barnard 1961: 103 (key). — McCain 1971: 161. — Bellan-Santini 1972: 223, plate 32. — De Broyer & Klages 1991: 165 (key). — Ren & Huang 1991: 262, fig. 48. — Wakabara & Serejo 1999: 642 (key). — Coleman 2007: 41, fig. 19a–b, colour plate 1c, map 10 (rhomb). — Lörz & Coleman 2009: unnumbered photographs on p. 17. — Lörz *et al.* 2011: 2, fig. 13 row 6 [holotype], table 3.

‘*Epimeria inermis* 2, 4, 5, 6’ – Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 61, pl. 54.

non ‘*Epimeria inermis* 1’ – Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 61, pl. 54 (= *Epimeria (Metepimeria) acanthurus* (Schellenberg, 1931)).

non ‘*Epimeria inermis* 3’ – Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 61, pl. 54 (= *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) angelikae* subgen. nov. Lörz & Linse in Lörz *et al.*, 2011).

Type material

Holotype

British Antarctic Expedition 1898–1900, RV *Southern Cross*:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: ♀, Cape Adare, 51 m (28 fathoms) (BMNH 1903.10.5.19).

Other material examined

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 2 specs, previously identified as *E. georgiana*, cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 11, GSN 4, eastern Weddell Sea, 73°22.60' S, 21°10.60' W to 73°23.00' S, 21°12.90' W, 333–338 m, bottom trawl, 13 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132707); 1 juv., cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 11, GSN 4, eastern Weddell Sea, 73°22.60' S, 21°10.60' W to

73°23.00' S, 21°12.90' W, 333–338 m, bottom trawl, 13 feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132710); 9 specs, previously mixed with 1 *E. xesta* sp. nov., misidentified as *E. georgiana* and used for gut content analysis, cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 12, GSN 5, eastern Weddell Sea, 73°18.10' S, 21°10.10' W to 73°17.10' S, 21°08.20' W, 457–459 m, bottom trawl, 14 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132996); 1 spec., cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 17, GSN 10, eastern Weddell Sea, 73°18.00' S, 21°09.90' W to 73°19.10' S, 21°14.90' W, 465–468 m, bottom trawl, 16 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132708); 1 spec., cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, eastern Weddell Sea, station lost, specimen kept in aquarium, 27 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132684); 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-1, Elephant Island, 61°20.35' S, 55°29.16' W to 61°19.98' S, 55°32.67' W, 146–151 m, bottom trawl, 19 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122513); 1 large spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 608-1, Elephant Island, 61°11.34' S, 54°43.17' W to 61°11.80' S, 54°40.05' W, 284–293 m, bottom trawl, 20 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122520); 1 small spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 609-6, Elephant Island, 61°08.58' S, 54°31.86' W to 61°08.58' S, 54°31.86' W, 437–442 m, Rauschert dredge, 21 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122486); 4 ♀♀, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, Elephant Island, 60°52.37' S, 55°29.80' W to 60°52.71' S, 55°27.83' W, 248–265 m, a lot of epifauna, Rauschert dredge and Agassiz trawl, 22 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122512); 5 ♀♀, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 654-6, Elephant Island, 61°22.80' S, 56°03.84' W to 61°23.35' S, 56°04.89' W, 341–342 m, Agassiz trawl, 29 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122511); 6 ♀♀, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 654-7, Elephant Island, 61°23.37' S, 56°04.35' W to 61°23.94' S, 56°03.79' W, 318–345 m, Rauschert dredge, 29 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122514); 1 spec., cruise PS71, ANT-XXIV/2, ANDEEP-SYSTCO, stn 48-1, eastern Weddell Sea, 70°23.94' S, 8°19.14' W to 70°23.89' S, 8°18.67' W, 595–602 m, bryozoan bottom (exceptional bryozoan diversity), Rauschert dredge, 12 Jan. 2008, coll. H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132954) [extraction I3; Genbank nr, COI: KU870847, 28S: KU759624]; 2 small specs, cruise PS71, ANT-XXIV/2, ANDEEP-SYSTCO, stn 48-1, eastern Weddell Sea, 70°23.94' S, 8°19.14' W to 70°23.89' S, 8°18.67' W, 595–602 m, bryozoan bottom (exceptional bryozoan diversity), Rauschert dredge, 12 Jan. 2008, coll. H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122897); 1 small spec., cruise PS71, ANT-XXIV/2, ANDEEP-SYSTCO, stn 48-1, eastern Weddell Sea, 70°23.94' S, 8°19.14' W to 70°23.89' S, 8°18.67' W, 595–602 m, bryozoan bottom (exceptional bryozoan diversity), Agassiz trawl, 12 Jan. 2008, coll. H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122905); 1 large spec., cruise PS71, ANT-XXIV/2, ANDEEP-SYSTCO, stn 48-1, eastern Weddell Sea, 70°23.94' S, 8°19.14' W to 70°23.89' S, 8°18.67' W, 595–602 m, bryozoan bottom (exceptional bryozoan diversity), Agassiz trawl, 12 Jan. 2008, initially fixed in formalin, coll. H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132459); 1 spec., cruise PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 281-1, eastern Weddell Sea, BENDEX area, 70°48.93' S, 10°32.69' W to 70°49.46' S, 10°33.66' W, 283 m, bottom trawl, 28 Mar. 2011, bottom trawl, coll. C. Havermans and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132955) [extraction I11, Genbank nr, 28S: KU759613]; 1 ♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 199-4, Bransfield Strait, 62°57.22' S, 58°14.60' W to 62°57.33' S, 58°14.95' W, 325–339 m, non-muddy bottom (content of the net dominated by sponges; also small stones, Stylasteridae and crinoids) Agassiz trawl, 27 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 132953) [extraction I18; Genbank nr, COI: KU870843, 28S: KU759620]; 1 spec., cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 224-2, Bransfield Strait, 63°0.50' S, 58°37.53' W to 63°0.54' S, 58°37.50' W, 254–256 m, black sand, Rauschert dredge, 4 Mar. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122972); 1 ovigerous ♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 224-3, Bransfield Strait, 63°0.53' S, 58°35.67' W to 63°0.58' S, 58°36.11' W, 257–261 m, mud, Agassiz trawl, 4 Mar. 2013 (RBINS, INV. 122945A) [extraction ANT45; Genbank nr, COI: KU870831, 28S: KU759604]; 1 immature spec., cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 224-3, Bransfield Strait, 63°0.53' S, 58°35.67' W to 63°0.58' S, 58°36.11' W, 257–261 m, mud, Agassiz trawl, 4 Mar. 2013 (RBINS, INV. 122945B); 1 spec., cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 227-2, Bransfield

Strait, 62°55.83' S, 58°41.09' W to 62°55.76' S, 58°41.46' W, 562–564 m, mud, Agassiz trawl, 5 Mar. 2013 (RBINS, INV. 122948) [extraction ANT44, Genbank nr, COI: KU870830, 28S: KU759603].

RV *Marion Dufresne* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 3 specs, cruise MD42 (SIBEX), stn 22-CP73, Prydz Bay, 66°57'25" S, 72°41'25" E, depth missing [Google depth for that position: 533 m], 26 Jan. 1985, (MNHN-IU-2014-4261) (typed label).

RV *Aurora Australis* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 ovigerous ♀, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 971, stn 42EV167, Adélie Coast, 66°53'22" S, 142°38'54" E, 262–431 m, beam trawl, 28 Dec. 2007, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4272) [extraction M1; Genbank nr, COI: KU870877, 28S: KU759660]; 1 spec., cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 1317, stn 51AEV215, Adélie Coast, 66°44'52" S, 145°26'40" E, 525–553 m, beam trawl, 30 Dec. 2007, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4274); 1 ♀, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 2724, stn 71EV447, Adélie Coast, 66°24'00" S, 140°32'21" E, 683–791 m, beam trawl, 14 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4338) [extraction M2; Genbank nr, COI: KU870886, 28S: KU759669]; 3 specs, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 3226, stn 20EV490, Adélie Coast, 66°00'59" S, 140°00'02" E, 189–196 m, beam trawl, 15 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4346); 5 specs, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 3532, stn 87EV524, Adélie Coast, 65°29'29" S, 139°18'37" E, 397–411 m, beam trawl, 17 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4351); 5 very large specs, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 3978, stn 36EV297, Adélie Coast, 66°20'20" S, 143°41'08" E, 552–573 m, beam trawl, 4 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4328).

RV *Seatruck*, cruise REVOLTA I:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 ovigerous ♀, stn REVO_020b, Collect_ID: 143, Field_ID: CE-000004560, Adélie Coast, 66°40'30" S, 139°55'05" E, 19–23 m, 15 Jan. 2010., coll. M. Eléaume, L. Hemery and A. D'Hont, (MNHN-IU-2009-2569) [extraction K3; Genbank nr, 28S: KU759642].

RV *Seatruck*, cruise REVOLTA II:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 2 specs, stn REVO_091, Collect_ID: REVO_162, Adélie Coast, 66°41'07" S, 139°56'41" E, 33–34 m, 19 Jan. 2011, coll. N. Améziane, N. Bax, C. Gallut, A.C. Lautrédou and C. Robineau (MNHN-IU-2014-4308).

RV *L'Astrolabe*, cruise REVOLTA III:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., stn none (Dumont d'Urville Sea), Collect_ID: REVO_449, Adélie Coast, 66°38' S, 140°42' E to 66°38' S, 140°40' E, 718–729 m, mud, beam trawl, 20 Jan. 2012, coll. G. Lecointre, A. Dettaï, J. Lanshere, C. Gallut and C. Ozouf (MNHN-IU-2009-2545); 1 large spec., stn none (Dumont d'Urville Sea), Collect_ID: REVO_449, Adélie Coast, 66°38' S, 140°42' E to 66°38' S, 140°40' E, 718–729 m, mud, beam trawl, 20 Jan. 2012, coll. G. Lecointre, A. Dettaï, J. Lanshere, C. Gallut and C. Ozouf (MNHN-IU-2009-2584).

RV *Seatruck*, cruise REVOLTA III:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 ovigerous ♀, stn REVO_032, Collect_ID: REVO_509, Field_ID: CE-000002403, Adélie Coast, 66°39.306' S, 140°01.635' W to 66°39.370' S, 140°01.686' W, 72–100 m, beam trawl, 8 Feb. 2012, coll. G. Lecointre, A. Dettaï, J. Lanshere, C. Gallut and C. Ozouf, (MNHN-IU-2009-2531) [extraction K2; Genbank nr, 28S: KU759632].

Description

Description based on holotype.

ROSTRUM. Medium-sized, reaching mid of article 2 of peduncle of antenna 1, anteriorly strongly curved, ventrally straight, acute-tipped in lateral view; blunt-tipped, broad and with borders scarcely convex in frontal view.

EYE. Medium-sized, elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 1–2 smooth; pereionite 3 with trace of carina and trace of posterodorsal bump; pereionite 4 to pleonite 3 with low and blunt mid-dorsal carina, which is strongly laterally compressed (especially the posterior ones); all these carinae with very weak median concavity, that of pleonite 3 with a second weak concavity and posteriorly forming a blunt squared angle.

COXAE 1–3. Weakly carinate and apically subacute.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border nearly straight (very slightly concave), anteroventral border very weakly convex, these two borders being joined by blunt but distinct squared angle (anterior corner), which is distinctly projecting forward; ventral corner forming an obtuse angle (ventral projection moderately developed); lateral carina absent; posteroventral border straight.

COXA 5. Broad, with surface smooth, with posteroventral corner forming a blunt-tipped projection, weakly expanded laterally, forming a blunt squared angle in dorsal view.

COXA 6. With posteroventral corner forming a blunt squared angle, with very low projection arising from its surface (forming a very low indistinct lobe in dorsal view).

COXA 7. Posterior and ventral border weakly convex, joined by blunt squared angle.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle: rounded in plate 1, produced into a small tooth in plate 2 and into a medium-sized tooth in plate 3.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with very low rounded dorsal process; urosomite 3 with dorsolateral borders distinctly concave.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.035; tips of lobes obtusely triangular and very blunt, notch very broadly V-shaped.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus broad; propodus expanding distally, palm distinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus of medium width; dactylus medium-sized; basis of pereio-pods 5–6 of normal width, with posteroproximal process present, forming a very low rounded projection in pereio-pod 5, forming a well-developed asymmetrical rounded lobe in pereio-pod 6; with posterodistal corner rounded, small, projecting forward; basis of pereio-pod 7 broad with posterior border weakly convex, with distinct but very shallow notch on distal 0.8, forming a blunt-tipped extremely obtuse angle, with posterodistal corner rounded, small, projecting ventrally.

Colour pattern

Holotype red (Walker 1903). The colour of specimens from the Antarctic Peninsula, the Weddell Sea and Adélie Coast is very variable: uniformly orange, orange red with a finely mottled/dotted pattern, whitish with sparse small mottling or body divided between white zones and red zones with a finely mottled/dotted pattern; eyes always reddish.

Body length

36 mm (holotype). The holotype is one of the largest specimens examined.

Distribution

Elephant Island, tip of Antarctic Peninsula, eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea, Davis Sea, Adélie Coast, western Ross Sea; 33–791 m.

Remarks

Examination of the holotype of *Epimeria inermis* (Ross Sea) revealed morphological differences with the specimens from the South Shetland Islands, the Antarctic Peninsula, the eastern Weddell Sea and Adélie Coast. The most striking difference is the telson, which is scarcely emarginate in the holotype of *E. inermis*, whilst it exhibits an acutely triangular V-shaped notch in all other specimens examined. However, the notch is also quite small in the specimen from the Adélie Coast illustrated by Bellan-Santini (1972). The rostrum is also shorter and more distinctly curved in the holotype of *E. inermis*. The dorsal carina of pereonite 4 is posteriorly slightly projecting upwards, which is not the case in other specimens. The ventral part of coxa 4 is less developed, forming a blunt-tipped obtuse angle instead of a sharp squared angle. The posterior notch of the basis of pereopod 7 is a bit shallower. Finally, the process of urosomite 1 is more obtuse.

Molecular data would be needed to investigate if the specimens from the Ross Sea (topotypical *E. inermis*) are conspecific with or distinct from specimens from other seas. On the other hand, the COI corrected mean distance (GTR+G+I) between the haplotypes from the Scotia Arc area and the Adélie Coast is 1.3%. This distance is much higher than intraspecific distances observed in other *Epimeria* species (0–0.5%; table 2 in Verheye *et al.* 2016a). However, additional intraspecific sampling might increase these values. It is unclear from the molecular data if these two clades are distinct species or populations of the same widespread species (Verheye *et al.* 2016a). As the single specimen from the eastern Weddell Sea was only sequenced for 28S, it is possible that the more variable COI would show some differentiation with the haplotypes from the Adélie Coast and Scotia Arc area as well. But as no morphological differences were observed between the specimens from the three regions (compare Figs 167–172: Bransfield Strait and Figs 173–184: eastern Weddell Sea and Adélie Coast), they are provisionally considered as conspecifics.

The record of *E. inermis* from the Falkland Islands by K.H. Barnard (1930) seems very dubious. It is possibly based on *E. (Metepimeria) acanthurus* (Schellenberg, 1931), which is the only Magellanic *Epimeria* species known to date.

Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) larsi subgen. nov. Lörz, 2009

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Epimeria larsi Lörz, 2009: 61, figs 2–6.

‘Clade E *georgiana-rimicarinata-rubriequies* [sic] complex - GE4’ – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 4 (online).

Material examined

RV *Aurora Australis* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 3 small specs, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 2173, stn 67AEV326, Adélie Coast, 65°43'07" S, 143°03'37" E, 1957–2154 m, beam trawl, 5 Jan. 2008 (MNHN-IU-2014-4343); 1 adult ♀, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 2173, stn 67AEV326, Adélie Coast, 65°43'07" S, 143°03'37" E, 1957–2154 m, beam trawl, 5 Jan. 2008 (RBINS, INV. 132718, removed from MNHN-IU-2014-4344) [extraction M16; Genbank nr, COI: KU870882, 28S: KU759665]; 2 ♀♀, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 2173, Adélie Coast, stn 67AEV326, 65°43'07" S, 143°03'37" E, beam trawl, 1957–2154 m, 5 Jan. 2008 (MNHN-IU-2014-4344).

Description

ROSTRUM. Well-developed, reaching tip of article 2 of peduncle of antenna 1, anteriorly weakly curved, posteriorly nearly straight (inconspicuously concave), narrow and subacute in lateral view; narrow and with straight converging borders in dorsal view.

EYE. Very large, distinctly reniform.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 1–3 smooth; pereionite 4 with trace of posterodorsal bump; pereionite 5 with small and low posterodorsal tooth; pereionite 6 to pleonite 2 with very low mid-dorsal carina posteriorly produced into a tooth pointing backwards and very shallow median notch; pleonite 3 with very low rounded protrusion on median 0.4 followed posteriorly by a straight line and terminated by a medium-sized broad bluntly triangular tooth pointing obliquely upwards; dorsolateral ornamentation absent.

COXAE 1–3. Not carinate, apically rounded (coxa 1) and bluntly angular (coxae 2–3).

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border straight, anteroventral border straight, these two borders being joined by blunt but distinct squared angle (anterior corner), which is distinctly projecting forward; ventral corner forming an acute (nearly squared) angle (ventral projection longer than in most *Hoplepimeria*); lateral carina absent; posteroventral border weakly concave.

COXA 5. Broad, with surface smooth, with posteroventral corner forming a triangular tooth projecting laterally: in dorsal view the anterior border of the tooth points obliquely backwards (it forms a low concave curve with the more anterior part of the coxa), the tip of the tooth is blunt or subacute; the posterior border of the tooth is perpendicular with the body axis.

COXA 6. With posteroventral corner forming a blunt acute but nearly squared angle, with low projection arising from its surface (forming blunt lobe in dorsal view).

COXA 7. Posteriorly rounded.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle: very obtusely rounded in plate 1, produced into a small tooth in plate 2 and into a medium-sized tooth in plate 3.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with very low dorsal process, forming a symmetrical and blunt-tipped obtuse triangle; urosomite 3 with dorsolateral borders nearly straight (very weakly convex) and posteriorly produced into a sharp triangular tooth.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.2; tips of lobes triangular and sharp, notch broadly V-shaped and sharp at its deepest point.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. With carpus and propodus very broad; propodus expanding distally, palm distinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus of medium width; dactylus medium-sized; basis of pereio pods 5 of normal width, with posteroproximal process present, acutely triangular, parallel to axis of basis, far from reaching tip of basis, with posterodistal corner produced into a bluntly quadrate lobe; basis of pereio pod 6 of normal width, with posteroproximal process present, sword-like, parallel to axis of basis, nearly reaching tip of basis, with posterodistal corner produced into a bluntly quadrate lobe; basis of pereio pod 7 broad with posterior border proximally distinctly convex, with very shallow concavity on distal 0.8; with posterodistal corner produced into a bluntly quadrate lobe.

Variations

Epimeria larsi exhibits variations (possibly related to size) in the shape of the lateral projection of coxa 5. It is very long and projecting backwards in the large holotype illustrated by Lörz (2009: 66, fig. 6). It is shorter and apparently projecting laterally in the smaller paratype illustrated by Lörz (2009: 62, fig. 2); the same disposition is observed in the material studied herein. In our specimens, coxa 1 is also less blunt and the spur of the basis of pereopod 6 a bit longer than in the specimens illustrated by Lörz (2009). On the other hand, the colour pattern is the same.

Colour pattern

Body pale pink, with a brighter pink hue on the tip of the dorsal crests; coxae bright pink; lateral border of rostrum, antennae, pereopods and tailfan blood red. Eyes orange.

Body length

Up to 58 mm (Lörz 2009). The specimen illustrated herein is 55 mm long.

Distribution

Western Ross Sea, 1954–1990 m (type material); Adélie Coast, 1957–2154 m (present material).

Remarks

The coordinates of the type station (TAN0802/167) as given by Lörz *et al.* (2009): 71°51'21" S, 71°53'24" E are incorrect, this position being located on the Antarctic mainland far away from the Ross Sea area. The correct coordinates of this station are: 71.8557°S 174.033°E (Vargas *et al.* 2015: supplement 2).

Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) linseae subgen. et sp. nov.

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Figs 192–197

Epimeria georgiana – Coleman 2007: 37, fig. 16a–b.

Epimeria georgiana Clade B – ? Lörz *et al.* 2011: 3, fig. 1 (circle), fig. 13 row 2, 14C, 14D, table 3.

‘Clade E *georgiana-rimicarinata-rubriequies* [sic] complex - GE2’ – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 4 (online).

non Epimeria georgiana Schellenberg, 1931: 160.

Etymology

The species is dedicated to Katrin Linse (British Antarctic Survey, Cambridge), who played an important role in the study of the *Epimeria georgiana* complex. The name is a genitive.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Polarstern* Cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: ♀, cruise PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, South Orkney Islands, stn 217-6, 61°09.62' S, 44°02.37' W to 61°10.52' S, 44°04.91' W, 350–354 m, bottom trawl, 19 Feb. 2011, coll. C. Havermans and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132958) [extraction I10; Genbank nr, COI: KU870838, 28S: KU759612].

Paratypes

Expedition SIGNY 1991/92 (name of ship unavailable):

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 large ♀, Transect 1, AGT 8, South Orkney Plateau: Signy Island, 60.679° S, 45.557° W, 150–160 m, 14 Jan. 1992, coll. Stefan Hain (RBINS, INV. 132688); 1 fairly small spec., Transect 2, AGT 23, South Orkney Plateau: Signy Island, 60.691° S, 45.443° W, 150–160 m, 14 Feb. 1992, coll. Stefan Hain (RBINS, INV. 132689); 1 large ♀, Transect 2, AGT 14, South Orkney Plateau: Signy Island, 60.705° S, 45.557° W, 150 m, 5 Feb. 1992, coll. Stefan Hain (RBINS, INV. 132690); 1 adult ♀, Transect 1, AGT 4, South Orkney Plateau: Signy Island, 60.685° S, 45.573° W, 100–140 m, 9 Jan. 1992, coll. Stefan Hain (RBINS, INV. 132691).

Description

ROSTRUM. Large, nearly reaching tip of article 2 of peduncle of antenna 1, anteriorly slightly curved, ventrally inconspicuously concave, blunt-tipped in lateral view; narrow and with borders weakly convex in frontal view.

EYE. Fairly large, nearly round.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionite 1–3 smooth; pereionites 4 with posterior bump and trace of carina; pereionites 5 to pleonite 3 with low, non-toothed, very broad carina, that of pleonite 2 with trace of concavity on anterior 0.4; pleonite 3 with weak dorsal protuberance followed by weak concavity followed by trace of second concavity; posterodorsal angle of pleonite 3 bluntly angular; dorsolateral ornamentation absent.

COXAE 1–3. Scarcely carinate and apically tapering, sharp to subacute.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border nearly straight (very weakly sigmoid), anteroventral border weakly concave, these two borders being joined by blunt but very distinct angle (anterior corner), which is distinctly projecting forward; ventral corner forming a sharp or subacute squared angle (ventral projection short); lateral carina present but not sharp; broad hollow surface between carina and posteroventral border of coxa; posteroventral border distinctly concave.

COXA 5. Broad, with surface smooth, with posteroventral corner forming a rounded lobe, weakly expanded laterally, forming a broadly rounded obtuse (nearly square) angle which is very distinct in dorsal view.

COXA 6. With posteroventral corner rounded, with projection arising from its surface (broadly triangular in dorsal view).

COXA 7. Posteriorly rounded.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle: produced into a small tooth in plates 1–2 and into a medium-sized tooth in plate 3.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with very low dorsal process, anteriorly slightly concave, apically rounded and posteriorly oblique and straight; urosomite 3 with dorsolateral borders nearly straight (inconspicuously concave), with tip sharply angular.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.25; lobes broad, forming subacute triangle; notch V-shaped, neither very narrow nor very broad.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus very broad; propodus expanding distally, palm distinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus of medium width; dactylus rather long; basis of pereopods 5–6 of normal width, with posteroproximal process present, tooth-like, parallel to axis of basis, with posterodistal corner bluntly angular, very weakly pointing in posterior direction; basis of pereopod 7 broad with posterior border weakly convex, with distinct notch on distal 0.8, forming a blunt-tipped squared or acute angle, with posterodistal corner rounded and not projecting backwards.

Colour pattern

Body and appendages with a diffuse orange dotted/mottled pattern, more intense in some parts; eye reddish.

Body length

Up to 35 mm.

Distribution

Plateau of the South Orkney Islands. Our specimens were collected between 100 and 354 m. If we are correct in identifying the ‘*Epimeria georgiana* clade B’ of Lörz *et al.* (2011) as *E. linseae* sp. nov., the species descends down to 964–1014 m.

Remarks

E. linseae sp. nov. is morphologically similar to *E. quasimodo* sp. nov. The best differential character is the shape of the rostrum, which is narrower (both in lateral and dorsal view) and laterally more curved in the first than in the second species. The dorsal profile of pleonite 3 and urosomite 3 is also slightly different. Material from Coleman (2007) is here attributed to *E. linseae* sp. nov. based on morphology (especially for the shape of the rostrum) and collection location: 60°43.12′ S, 45°30.86′ W (South Orkney Islands), 141–190 m, Agassiz trawl, 3.1.1985, leg. Wägele (Coleman pers. com.).

Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) quasimodo subgen. et sp. nov.

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Epimeria georgiana – Watling & Holman 1981: 211, in part, fig. 19. — Coleman 1991: 3, fig. 1A–C.

Epimeria georgiana Clade C – Lörz *et al.* 2011: 3, fig. 1 (square), 12.3, 13 row 3, 14E, 14F, table 3.

‘Clade E *georgiana-rimicarinata-rubriequies* [sic] complex - GE1’ – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 4 (online).

non Epimeria georgiana Schellenberg, 1931: 160.

Etymology

Quasimodo, the hunchback of Notre-Dame, is a well-known character from the novel ‘Notre-Dame de Paris’ by Victor Hugo. The name, which is a noun in apposition, alludes to the humpbacked silhouette of the species.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: ♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 160-3, East of Joinville Island, 63°10.57′ S, 54°06.66′ W to 63°10.71′ S, 54°06.37′ W, 238–244 m, Agassiz trawl, 8 Feb. 2013 (RBINS, INV. 122930A) [extraction K23; Genbank nr, COI: KU870857, 28S: KU759635].

Paratypes

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 ♀, cruise PS14, ANT-VII/4, EPOS leg 3, stn 211, Elephant Island, 60°59.8' S, 55°12.1' W to 60°59.3' S, 55°10.5' W, 207–213 m, bottom trawl, 15 Jan. 1989, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 132950); 3 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 604-1, Elephant Island, 61°20.52' S, 55°09.72' W to 61°20.11' S, 55°07.26' W, 286–407 m, bottom trawl, 19 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122467); 3 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 604-1, Elephant Island, 61°20.52' S, 55°09.72' W to 61°20.11' S, 55°07.26' W, 286–407 m, bottom trawl, 19 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122496); 2 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 604-1, Elephant Island, 61°20.52' S, 55°09.72' W to 61°20.11' S, 55°07.26' W, 286–407 m, bottom trawl, 19 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122500); 1 juv., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 604-1, Elephant Island, 61°20.52' S, 55°09.72' W to 61°20.11' S, 55°07.26' W, 286–407 m, bottom trawl, 19 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122508); 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-1, Elephant Island, 61°20.35' S, 55°29.16' W to 61°19.98' S, 55°32.67' W, 146–151 m, bottom trawl, 19 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122504); 1 juv., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-1, Elephant Island, 61°20.35' S, 55°29.16' W to 61°19.98' S, 55°32.67' W, 146–151 m, bottom trawl, 19 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122506); 4 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-5, Elephant Island, 61°20.27' S, 55°30.92' W to 61°20.37' S, 55°28.99' W, 131–152 m, Agassiz trawl, 20 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122501); 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 608-1, Elephant Island, 61°11.34' S, 54°43.17' W to 61°11.80' S, 54°40.05' W, 284–293 m, bottom trawl, 20 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122515); 3 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 608-1, Elephant Island, 61°11.34' S, 54°43.17' W to 61°11.80' S, 54°40.05' W, 284–293 m, bottom trawl, 20 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122498); 2 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 608-1, Elephant Island, 61°11.34' S, 54°43.17' W to 61°11.80' S, 54°40.05' W, 284–293 m, bottom trawl, 20 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (MNHN-IU-2014-7334, removed from RBINS, INV. 122498); 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 611-1, Elephant Island, 60°58.90' S, 55°11.31' W to 60°58.52' S, 55°07.82' W, 215–297 m, bottom trawl, 21 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122558); 1 spec., initially fixed with formalin, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 622-1, Elephant Island, 60°56.70' S, 55°52.71' W to 60°55.93' S, 55°50.79' W, 218–307 m, Agassiz trawl, 23 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122505); 7 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 654-6, Elephant Island, 61°22.80' S, 56°03.84' W to 61°23.35' S, 56°04.89' W, 341–342 m, Agassiz trawl, 29 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122499); 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 668-1, north of King George Island, 61°49.32' S, 58°34.74' W to 61°50.05' S, 58°30.67' W, 152–193 m, bottom trawl, 31 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122503); 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn; 688-1, north of Joinville Island, 62°32.27' S, 54°57.55' W to 62°33.59' S, 55°0.22' W, bottom trawl, 4 Jan. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122495); 1 very large spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 692-1, north of Joinville Island, 62°21.76' S, 55°36.96' W to 62°23.62' S, 55°36.42' W, 263–277 m, bottom trawl, 5 Jan. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122497); 1 juv., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 726-4, southwest of Snow Hill Island, 64°37.83' S, 56°42.10' W to 64°38.03' S, 56°42.57' W, 292 m, Agassiz trawl, 23 Jan. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122507); 2 ♀♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 116-9, north of Joinville Island, 62°33.79' S, 56°27.81' W to 62°33.71' S, 56°28.31' W, 248 m, muddy bottom with stones, *Pentapora*-like bryozoans and a lot of life, Agassiz trawl, 26 Jan. 2013 (RBINS, INV. 122920) [extractions K27 (largest specimen); Genbank nr, COI: KU870861, 28S: KU759639 and K28 (smallest specimen), Genbank nr, COI: KU870862, 28S: KU759640]; 1 juv., cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 160-3, East of Joinville Island, 63°10.57' S, 54°6.66' W to 63°10.71' S, 54°6.37' W, 238–244 m, Agassiz trawl, 8 Feb. 2013 (RBINS, INV. 122930B); 1 ♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 160-3, East of Joinville Island, 63°10.57' S, 54°6.66' W to

63°10.71' S, 54°6.37' W, 238–244 m, Agassiz trawl, 8 Feb. 2013 (RBINS, INV. 122933) [extraction K24; Genbank nr, COI: KU870858, 28S: KU759636]; 1 immature spec., cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 162-7, east of James Ross Island, 63°58.78' S, 56°46.24' W to 63°59.02' S, 56°46.26' W, 214–216 m, muddy bottom with a lot of life, Agassiz trawl, 10 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122952); 1 very large spec., cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 162-7, east of James Ross Island, 63°58.78' S, 56°46.24' W to 63°59.02' S, 56°46.26' W, 214–216 m, muddy bottom with a lot of life, Agassiz trawl, 10 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122952); 1 very large spec., cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 164-4, south of Dundee Island, 63°37.28' S, 56°9.11' W to 63°37.29' S, 56°9.58' W, 102–114 m, non-muddy bottom with a lot of life, including *Molgula*, big red ophiuroids, and a lot of *Glyptonotus*, 11 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122923) [extraction K29; Genbank nr, COI: KU870863, 28S: KU759641]; 1 very large ♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 164-4, south of Dundee Island, 63°37.28' S, 56°9.11' W to 63°37.29' S, 56°9.58' W, 102–114 m, non-muddy bottom with a lot of life, including *Molgula*, big red ophiuroids, and a lot of *Glyptonotus*, Agassiz trawl, 11 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122925) [extraction K30; Genbank nr, COI: KU870864, 28S: KU759643]; 1 ♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 185-3, south east of Dundee Island, 63°51.34' S, 55°41.11' W to 63°51.52' S, 55°41.43' W, Agassiz trawl, 238–244 m, not muddy bottom with a lot of life (sponges, starfishes, ophiuroids, crinoids, *Pentapora*-like bryozoans), Agassiz trawl, 19 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122921A) [extraction K26; Genbank, COI nr: KU870860, 28S: KU759638] [the station given by Verheye *et al.* (2016a) is incorrect]; 1 adult ♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 185-3, south east of Dundee Island, 63°51.34' S, 55°41.11' W to 63°51.52' S, 55°41.43' W, Agassiz trawl, 238–244 m, not muddy bottom with a lot of life (sponges, starfishes, ophiuroids, crinoids, *Pentapora*-like bryozoans), Agassiz trawl, 19 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye, dissected and photographed (RBINS, INV. 122921B) [extraction P35; Genbank nr, COI: KU870893, 28S: KU759679]; 2 immature spec., cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 185-3, south east of Dundee Island, 63°51.34' S, 55°41.11' W to 63°51.52' S, 55°41.43' W, Agassiz trawl, 238–244 m, not muddy bottom with a lot of life (sponges, starfishes, ophiuroids, crinoids, *Pentapora*-like bryozoans), Agassiz trawl, 19 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122921C) [extraction P37; Genbank nr, COI: KU870894, 28S: KU759681]; 1 spec., cruise PS81, ANT-XXI/3, stn 185-4, south east of Dundee Island, 63°51.53' S, 55°40.74' W to 63°51.53' S, 55°40.43' W, 253–255 m, extremely fine sand mixed with some mud and gravel, Rauschert dredge, 19 Feb. 2013 coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 132971) [extraction I20; Genbank nr, COI: KU870846, 28S: KU759623]; 1 ♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 197-5, Bransfield Strait, 62°44.73' S, 57°26.79' W to 62°45.05' S, 57°26.68' W, 258–273 m, Agassiz trawl, 25 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122867) [extraction ANT41; Genbank nr, COI: KU870827, 28S: KU759600]; 1 ♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 197-6, Bransfield Strait, 62°45.05' S, 57°26.68' W to 62°45.09' S, 57°26.47' W, 210–222 m, black gravel mixed with sand and a little bit of mud, Rauschert dredge, 25 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122954); 1 juv., cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 197-6, Bransfield Strait, 62°45.05' S, 57°26.68' W to 62°45.09' S, 57°26.47' W, 210–222 m, black gravel mixed with sand and a little bit of mud, Rauschert dredge, 25 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122954); 1 spec., cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 205-1, Bransfield Strait, 63°2.35' S, 58°3.63' W to 63°2.67' S, 58°6.46' W, depth unrecorded [Google Earth coordinates for these positions: 155–178 m (accessed 27 Sep. 2016), rectangular midwater trawl (which presumably hit the sea floor, as it was supposed to sample between 0 and 200 m depth), 28 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122970); 1 ♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 224-3, Bransfield Strait, 63°0.53' S, 58°35.67' W to 63°0.58' S, 58°36.11' W, 257–261 m, mud, Agassiz trawl, 4 Mar. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122924) [extraction K22; Genbank nr, COI: KU870856, 28S: KU759634]; 1 very large ♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 224-3, Bransfield Strait, 63°0.53' S, 58°35.67' W to 63°0.58' S, 58°36.11' W, 257–261 m, mud, Agassiz trawl, 4 Mar. 2013, red colour, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122926) [extraction K21; Genbank nr,

COI: KU870855, 28S: KU759633]; 1 ♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 224-3, Bransfield Strait, 63°0.53' S, 58°35.67' W to 63°0.58' S, 58°36.11' W, 257–261 m, mud, Agassiz trawl, 4 Mar. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122953); 3 large specs, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 224-3, Bransfield Strait, 63°0.53' S, 58°35.67' W to 63°0.58' S, 58°36.11' W, 257–261 m, mud, Agassiz trawl, 4 Mar. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122957); 1 ♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 234-5, north of Livingstone Island, 62°17.36' S, 61°12.06' W to 62°17.31' S, 61°12.63' W, 248–251 m, mud with a lot of specimens of a small reddish ophiuroid with very long and flexible legs, Agassiz trawl, 7 Mar. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 132970) [extraction I14; Genbank nr, COI: KU870840, 28S: KU759616].

Description

ROSTRUM. Medium-sized, overreaching tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1, anteriorly slightly curved, ventrally straight, blunt-tipped in lateral view; broad and with proximally nearly straight converging borders in frontal view.

EYE. Fairly large, broadly elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereonite 1 smooth; pereonites 2–3 with weak posterior bump; pereonites 4 to pleonite 3 with low, non-toothed, very broad carina (very reduced in pereonites 2–3), those of pereonite 7 and pleonites 1–3 with very shallow concavity on anterior 0.4; posterodorsal angle of pleonite 3 broadly rounded; dorsolateral ornamentation absent.

COXAE 1–3. Scarcely carinate and apically tapering and blunt (coxae 1–2) or subacute (coxa 3).

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border nearly straight (very weakly sigmoid), anteroventral border weakly concave, these two borders being joined by blunt but very distinct angle (anterior corner), which is distinctly projecting forward; ventral corner forming a sharp squared angle (ventral projection short); lateral carina present not sharp; broad hollow surface between carina and posteroventral border of coxa; posteroventral border distinctly concave.

COXA 5. Broad, with surface smooth, with posteroventral corner forming a rounded lobe, weakly expanded laterally, forming a broadly rounded obtuse (nearly squared) angle which is very distinct in dorsal view.

COXA 6. With posteroventral corner rounded, with projection arising from its surface (broadly triangular in dorsal view).

COXA 7. Posteriorly rounded.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle: forming an angle with a trace of tooth in plate 1, produced into a small tooth in plate 2 and into a medium-sized tooth in plate 3.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with very low dorsal process, regularly convex on both sides; urosomite 3 with dorsolateral borders nearly straight (inconspicuously convex), with tip bluntly angular.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.4; lobes broad becoming apically broadly and bluntly triangular, notch narrowly V-shaped.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus very broad; propodus expanding distally, palm distinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus of medium width; dactylus medium-sized; basis of pereopods 5–6 of normal width, with posteroproximal process present, tooth-like, parallel to axis of basis, with posterodistal corner bluntly angular, very weakly pointing in posterior direction; basis of pereopod 7 broad with posterior border weakly convex, with distinct notch in distal 0.8, forming a blunt-tipped squared or acute angle, with posterodistal corner rounded and not projecting backwards.

Colour pattern

Red-coloured with the red pigmentation forming an irregular, finely mottled/dotted pattern; or whitish with very irregular and diffuse red patches, in which the red pigmentation is forming an irregular finely peppered pattern. Eyes reddish.

Body length

Up to 50 mm.

Distribution

Elephant Island to tip of Antarctic Peninsula, 131–407 m.

Biology

Examination of the stomach content of fifteen specimens indicates that the species is carnivorous (Coleman 1991, as *Epimeria georgiana*).

Remarks

A juvenile *E. quasimodo* sp. nov. is illustrated herein (Fig. 207) to show the notch of the basis of pereopod 7, which is much shallower than in adults. *Epimeria quasimodo* sp. nov. is a very common species, which was previously confused with *E. georgiana*. The latter is presumably endemic to South Georgia.

Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) rimicarinata subgen. nov. Watling & Holman, 1980

Fig. 208

Epimeria rimicarinata Watling & Holman, 1980: 642, figs 22–23.

Epimeria rimicarinata – De Broyer & Klages 1991: 165 (key). — Wakabara & Serejo 1999: 642 (key). — Coleman 2007: 51, fig. 27a–c, colour plate 2e, map 13 (circle). — Lörz & Coleman 2009: unnumbered photograph on p. 17.

‘Clade *E. georgiana-rimicarinata-rubriequies* [sic] complex - RI’ – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 4 (online).

Material examined

RV *Marion Dufresne* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., specimen used for illustrations, cruise MD42 (SIBEX), stn 22-CP66, Prydz Bay, 66°55'45" S, 74°04'11" E, depth not given [Google Earth depth for that position: 427 m (accessed 27 Sep. 2016)], 26 Jan. 1985 (MNHN-IU-2014-4265) [extraction M24; Genbank nr, COI: KU870887]; 1 spec., previously identified as *Epimeria grandirostris*, cruise MD42 (SIBEX), stn 22-CP73, Prydz Bay, 66°57'25" S, 72°41'24" E, depth not given [Google Earth depth for that position: 540 m (accessed 27 Sep. 2016)], 26 Jan. 1985 (MNHN-IU-2014-4256).

Diagnosis

Morphology unique in the genus *Epimeria*. Pereionite 2 with small but broad posterodorsal tooth; pereionite 3 to pleonite 3 laterally sculptured, with tridimensionally sculptured and medially notched mid-dorsal tooth. Posteroventral border of coxa 4 very concave, surface just in front of this border forming a very deep groove.

Colour pattern

Red with on each side a broad white longitudinal stripe running along the upper part of the coxae (Coleman 2007: plate 2 fig. e) or blood red with white patches (Lörz & Coleman 2009: unnumbered photograph p. 17).

Distribution

Western Ross Sea, 337–474 m (Watling & Holman 1980); Prydz Bay, 427–540 m (present material).

Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) robusta subgen. nov. K.H. Barnard, 1930
Figs 209–211

Epimeria robusta K.H. Barnard, 1930: 375, figs 40a, 41.

Epimeria inermis – Walker 1907: 23, pl. 8 fig. 13.

Epimeria robusta – Gurjanova 1955: 198. — J.L. Barnard 1961: 103 (key). — McCain 1971: 161. — De Broyer & Klages 1991: 164 (key, in part). — Coleman 1994: 560, in part, fig. 5C only.; 1998b: 223 (in part) — Wakabara & Serejo 1999: 643 (key). — Lörz *et al.* 2009: 16, figs 6–9. — Lörz & Coleman 2009: 17, unnumbered photograph.

‘Clade G *robusta-robustoides* complex - R03’ – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 4 (online).

non Epimeria inermis Walker, 1903: 54, pl. 10 fig. 69.

non Epimeria robusta – Klages & Gutt 1990: 73, fig. 1A, 4A–D (= *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) robustoides* subgen. nov. Lörz & Coleman *in* Lörz *et al.*, 2009).

Material examined

RV *Seatruck* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 ♀, cruise REVOLTA I, stn REVO-043, Collect_ID: 436, Adélie Coast, 66°38'28" S, 140°01'50" E, 85–86 m, 26 Jan. 2010, coll. M. Eléaume, L. Hemery and A. D'Hont (MNHN-IU-2009-2571) [extraction K1; Genbank nr, COI: KU870854, 28S: KU759631].

Description

ROSTRUM. Medium-sized, nearly reaching tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1, anteriorly straight, ventrally straight, narrow and subacute in lateral view; of medium width and with weakly curved converging borders in frontal view.

EYE. Very large, narrowly elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 1–7 smooth; pereionite 7 dorsally scarcely carinate; pleonite 1 with weak, straight mid-dorsal carina; pleonite 2 with weak straight mid-dorsal carina, posteriorly simply angulate but not forming a tooth; pleonite 3 dorsally weakly carinate with median extremely low (inconspicuous) rounded lobe, followed by inconspicuous concavity, terminated by a narrow but blunt-tipped tooth directed upwards.

COXAE 1–3. Not carinate, apically blunt.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border very weakly sigmoid, anteroventral border straight, these two borders being joined by very broad, blunt but very distinct squared angle (anterior corner), which is slightly projecting forward; ventral corner forming an obtuse sharp angle (ventral projection short and fairly broad); lateral carina absent; posteroventral border straight.

COXA 5. Broad, with surface smooth, with posterior border straight, with posteroventral corner forming a very blunt tooth (shape: acute triangle) projecting backwards and not laterally (no tooth or corner visible in dorsal view).

COXA 6. With posterior border straight, with posteroventral corner forming a blunt tooth (shape: narrow acute triangle) projecting backwards and not laterally (no tooth or corner visible in dorsal view).

COXA 7. Posteriorly very weakly rounded.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle: angulate in plate 1, produced into a medium-sized tooth in plates 2–3.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with well developed blunt-tipped process of which the anterior border is distinctly concave and the posterior border is nearly straight; urosomite 3 with dorsolateral borders distinctly concave and posteriorly produced into a sharp triangular tooth.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.15; tips of lobes triangular and blunt, notch very broadly V-shaped and blunt at its deepest point.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus very broad; propodus expanding distally, palm distinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus fairly broad; dactylus small, normally curved, with unguis normally developed; basis of pereopods 5–6 broad, with posteroproximal process present, sword-like, projecting obliquely, with posterodistal corner produced into a subacute to sharp triangular tooth projecting obliquely backwards; basis of pereopod 7 broad; posterior border with proximal 0.4 weakly rounded, with distal 0.6 deeply concave, with posterodistal corner forming a sharp triangular tooth projecting obliquely backwards.

Colour pattern

Body and coxae either yellowish, sometimes with two pairs of small yellowish spots transversally ordered on some body segments or alternatively pale yellowish with a few tiny dark dots; pereopods and mouthparts often tinged with pink; eyes red (Lörz *et al.* 2009: 111, fig. 10 B–D).

Body length

Up to 43 mm.

Distribution

Adélie Coast to western Ross Sea, 85–814 m (Lörz *et al.* 2009; present material).

Biology

K.H. Barnard (1930) found epicaridean isopods in the marsupium of *E. robusta*.

Remarks

Epimeria robusta s. str. is known from Adélie Coast and the western Ross Sea. Records from the Weddell Sea and the Scotia Region are based on its close relatives *E. robustoides* and *E. gargantua* sp. nov.

Epimeria robusta can be easily distinguished from its relatives by the dentition of its pleosome (see key of *Hoplepimeria* subgen. nov. species).

Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) robustoides subgen. nov. Lörz & Coleman in Lörz *et al.*, 2009
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Epimeria robustoides Lörz & Coleman in Lörz *et al.*, 2009: 10, figs 2–5, possibly fig. 10A [it might also be *E. gargantua* sp. nov.].

Epimeria robusta – Coleman 1994: 560, in part, figs 5A–B, 5E–G, 6–8 (not figs 5C–D). — Klages & Gutt 1990: 73, fig. 1A, 4A–D.

‘*Epimeria robustoides* 2’ – Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 62, pl. 55, unnumbered photograph.

‘Clade G *robusta/robustoides* complex - R02’ – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 4 (online).

non ‘*Epimeria robustoides* 1’ – Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 62, pl. 55, unnumbered photograph (= *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria)* sp.).

Material examined

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 3 specs, dorsally opened for gut content analysis, cruise PS14, ANT-VII/4, EPOS 3, stn 290 (AGT 24), 71°05.9' S, 12°34.0' W to 71°06.5' S, 12°42.3' W, 522–531 m, 19 Feb. 1989, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 132944); 1 ♀, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 603-5, eastern Weddell Sea, 70°30.99' S, 08°48.08' W to 70°30.40' S, 08°48.13' W, 274–297 m, sponge bottom, Agassiz trawl, 7 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132985); 1 juv., cruise PS71, ANT-XXIV/2, ANDEEP-SYSTCO, stn 48-1, eastern Weddell Sea, 70°23.94' S, 8°19.14' W to 70°23.89' S, 8°18.67' W, 595–602 m, bryozoan bottom (exceptional bryozoan diversity), Rauschert dredge, 12 Jan. 2008., coll. H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132969) [extraction I8; Genbank nr, COI: KU870852, 28S: KU759629]; 1 ♀, cruise PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, CAMBIO, stn 265-2, eastern Weddell Sea, 70°47.34' S, 10°40.39' W to 70°47.13' S, 10°40.54' W, 500–600 m, 22 Mar. 2011, coll. C. Havermans and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122894) [extraction Ex114; Genbank nr, COI: KU870834, 28S: KU759608].

Description

ROSTRUM. Medium-sized, nearly reaching tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1, anteriorly straight, ventrally straight, narrow and subacute in lateral view; of medium width and with straight converging borders in frontal view.

EYE. Very large, narrowly elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 1–6 smooth; pereionite 7 with weak posterior bump; pleonite 1 dorsally distinctly carinate, straight, with distinct posterior bump or small very blunt tooth; pleonite 2 dorsally distinctly carinate, with very low proximal rounded lobe followed by weak concavity, posteriorly produced into a bluntly triangular tooth projecting obliquely upwards; pleonite 3 dorsally distinctly carinate with median very low rounded lobe, followed by distinct concavity, terminated by a blunt tooth directed upwards.

COXAE 1–3. Not carinate, apically subacute.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border very weakly sigmoid, anteroventral border nearly straight (extremely weakly convex), these two borders being joined by very broad blunt, very distinct squared angle (anterior corner), which is slightly projecting forward; ventral corner forming an obtuse sharp angle (ventral projection short and fairly broad); lateral carina absent; posteroventral border straight.

COXA 5. Broad, with surface smooth, with posterior border straight, with posteroventral corner forming a very blunt tooth (shape: acute triangle) projecting backwards and not laterally (no tooth or corner visible in dorsal view).

COXA 6. With posterior border straight, with posteroventral corner forming a blunt tooth (shape: narrow acute triangle) projecting backwards and not laterally (no tooth or corner visible in dorsal view).

COXA 7. Posteriorly very weakly rounded.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle: angulate with tiny tooth in plate 1, produced into a medium-sized tooth in plates 2–3.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with well developed blunt-tipped process of which the anterior border is distinctly concave and the posterior border is straight; urosomite 3 with dorsolateral borders strongly concave and posteriorly produced into a sharp triangular tooth.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.25; tips of lobes triangular and blunt, notch very broadly V-shaped and subacute at its deepest point.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus very broad; propodus expanding distally, palm distinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus fairly broad; dactylus small, normally curved, with unguis normally developed; basis of pereopods 5–6 broad, with posteroproximal process present, sword-like, projecting obliquely, with posterodistal corner produced into a rounded lobe projecting obliquely backwards (pereopod 5) or a blunt triangular tooth projecting obliquely backwards (pereopod 6); basis of pereopod 7 broad; posterior border with proximal 0.4 with weak concavity, with distal 0.6 deeply concave, with posterodistal corner forming a blunt triangular tooth projecting obliquely backwards.

Colour pattern

Body and coxae either pure white, or white with two pairs of small yellow spots transversally ordered on some body segments; gnathopods and oral field deep purple; antennae yellowish; pereopods 3–4 pink; pereopods 5–7 with basis white and distal articles pale yellowish to orange; tailfan white or whitish; eye red.

Body length

Up to 40 mm.

Distribution

Eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea, 274–605 m (Lörz *et al.* 2009; present data).

Biology

According to Klages & Gutt (1990), the digestive tract of specimens identified as *E. robusta* (but presumably belonging to *E. robustoides* as they were collected in the eastern Weddell Sea) contained mainly (42%) miscellaneous organic matter. Only in some specimens were siliceous sigma and other types of microspiculae of Demospongiae and calcareous spiculae of Calcispongiae found among sediment particles and organic material. In all the *E. robusta* stomachs examined by them, some 10% of the contents consisted of tentacles and body wall sclerites of holothurians. The tentacle sclerites of *Abyssoicum* cf. *liouvillei* [i.e. *Stauroicum* cf. *liouvillei* (Vaney, 1914)] (Holothuroidea: Dendrochirotida) in one single specimen were identified. On the other hand, Dauby *et al.* (2001a) recorded a wider range of organisms in the digestive tract of the species (also specimens from the Eastern Weddell Sea identified

as *E. robusta*): ophiuroids, plankton remains, sponges, cnidarians, polychaetes and crustaceans. Dauby et al. (2001b) concluded that *E. robustoides* would be an opportunistic predator. Klages (1991, as *Epimeria robusta*) indicates that the species is sometimes parasitized by cryptoniscin isopods. Klages (1991, as *E. robusta*) also observed that hatchlings of *E. robustoides* climb on the back of their mother and remain there for a short period of time.

Remarks

Epimeria robustoides is extremely similar to *E. gargantua* sp. nov., but the two species appear to have allopatric distributions. *Epimeria robustoides* has been recorded from the eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea, whilst *E. gargantua* sp. nov. has been found around the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula. Rauschert & Arntz (2015) do not indicate the coordinates of their illustrated '*Epimeria robustoides*', but the origin of the specimens was listed in an early draft of their book made available to the authors. The specimen 2 of Rauschert & Arntz (2015) was collected during the *Polarstern* cruise ANT-XIII/3 (EASIZ 1), which sampled on the eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea; hence it is presumably *E. robustoides*. The specimen 1 of Rauschert & Arntz (2015) was collected on the Bruce Ridge (a small isolated shallow bank situated midway between the South Orkney Islands and the South Sandwich Islands) and presumably belongs to an undescribed species, which is referred herein as *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria)* sp. subgen. nov.

Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) rubrieques subgen. nov. De Broyer & Klages, 1991

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Epimeria rubrieques De Broyer & Klages, 1991: 159–166, figs 1–5.

Epimeria rubrieques – Klages 1991: 95–96, unnumbered figs. — Wakabara & Serejo 1999: 641 (key). — Chappelle 2002: 20, unnumbered photograph. — Barnes 2007: 5, plate 5, unnumbered photograph. — Lörz 2003: 85, 86, fig. 3. — Coleman 2007: 53, fig. 29a–b, colour plate 2a, map 7 (circle). — Lörz & Coleman 2009: unnumbered photograph on p. 17. — De Broyer & Jażdżewska 2014: 155, photo 1. — Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 62, pl. 55, unnumbered photographs.

Epimeria sp. 1 (nov.) – Klages 1988: 73, unnumbered fig.

Epimeria sp. nov. – Klages 1988: 75, 77, figs 15a–b.

'Clade E *georgiana-rimicarinata-rubrieques* [sic] complex - RU' – Verheyne et al. 2016a, supplement: 4 (online).

Material examined

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 3 specs, in 3 different tubes, cruise PS10, ANT-V/3, station missing, eastern Weddell Sea, fixed on board [presumably after aquarium observations] on 20 Nov. 1986, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 132732); 1 spec., cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 17, GSN 10, eastern Weddell Sea, 73°18.00' S, 21°09.90' W to 73°19.10' S, 21°14.90' W, 465–468 m, bottom trawl, specimen kept on board in aquarium, 16 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chappelle (RBINS, INV. 132680); 1 spec., cruise PS48, ANT-XV/3, EASIZ II, stn 206, eastern Weddell Sea, 71°00.4' S, 11°42.6' W to 71°00.7' S, 11°42.5' W, 594–602 m, Agassiz trawl, 18 Feb. 1998, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 132990); 1 spec., cruise PS71, ANT-XXIV/2, ANDEEP-SYSTCO, stn 48-1, eastern Weddell Sea, 70°23.94' S, 8°19.14' W to 70°23.89' S, 8°18.67' W, 595–602 m, bryozoan bottom (exceptional bryozoan diversity), Rauschert dredge, 12 Jan. 2008, coll. H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132943) [extraction K41; Genbank nr, COI: KU870874, 28S: KU759654]; 1 spec., fixed in formalin, cruise PS71, ANT-XXIV/2, ANDEEP-SYSTCO, stn 48-1, eastern Weddell Sea, 70°23.94' S, 8°19.14' W, to 70°23.89' S, 8°18.67' W, 595–602 m, bryozoan bottom (exceptional bryozoan diversity), Rauschert dredge, 12 Jan. 2008, coll. H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132410); 1 small badly damaged spec., cruise PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, CAMBIO, stn 265-

2, eastern Weddell Sea, BENDEX area, 70°47.34' S, 10°40.39' W to 70°47.13' S, 10°40.54' W, depth not recorded [Google Earth depth range for these coordinates: 571–599 m (accessed 27 Sep. 2016)], Agassiz trawl, 22 Mar. 2011.; coll. Ch. Havermans and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132968) [extraction I5; Genbank nr, COI: KU870849, 28S: KU759626].

Diagnosis

ROSTRUM. Curved and very long, nearly reaching tip of article 2 of peduncle of antenna 1.

BODY SEGMENTS. All pereionites and pleonites with strong mid-dorsal tooth, without pair of dorsolateral teeth or projections (however there is a very faint trace of dorsolateral protrusions on posterior segments); pereionites without pair of ventrolateral teeth or projections; mid-dorsal tooth of pereionites nearly cylindrical, very long, with tip not acute; mid-dorsal tooth of pleonites 1–2 very narrowly triangular in lateral view, scarcely laterally compressed, with slight anterior notch; pleonite 3 with low rounded lobe followed by notch which is itself followed by a subacute broad triangular tooth.

COXA 4. Anteriorly produced into a blunt angle, strongly projecting forward, ventrally produced into a fairly narrow, subacute tooth, with posteroventral border very concave.

COXA 5. Produced into very long styliform tooth projecting obliquely backwards.

UROSOMITE 1. With rounded dorsal process.

PEDUNCLE OF ANTENNA 1. Not toothed.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus robust; propodus distally expanding, with palm oblique.

PEREIOPOD 5. Basis with posteroproximal tooth forming a blunt squared angle with the basis, with posterodistal corner not produced into a tooth.

PEREIOPOD 6. Basis with posteroproximal acutely triangular tooth pointing obliquely, with posterodistal corner not produced into a tooth.

PEREIOPOD 7. Basis with distinct notch forming a blunt obtuse angle on 0.8 of posterior border, with posterodistal corner not produced into a tooth.

Colour pattern

Body orange red. Rostrum laterally lined with white. Coxae 1–4 largely whitish. Posterior coxae and epimeral plates with diffuse whitish zones. Pereiopods largely whitish. Eyes orange.

Body length

Up to 70 mm.

Distribution

Eastern shelf of Weddell Sea (De Broyer *et al.* 2007), Davis Sea: Tressler Bank (Pyper 2010); 254–1030 m (De Broyer *et al.* 2007).

Biology

Analyses of digestive tract contents revealed the following items: diatoms, sponge spicules, fragments of hydroids of the genus *Staurotheca*, spicules of *Clavularia*, crustacean remains (mainly amphipods), polychaete setae, and sclerites of holothurians (*Sigmodota contorta* (Ludwig, 1875) as *Taeniogyrus*

contortus) (Dauby *et al.* 2001a). These authors conclude that *E. rubrieques* is rather an opportunistic feeder with both scavenging and predatory behaviour. Dauby *et al.* (2001b) stated that it is an opportunistic predator. Klages (1991) observed that the species is sometimes parasitized by cryptoniscin isopods. Klages (1991) also observed that hatchlings of *E. rubrieques* climb on the back of their mother and remain there for a short period of time.

Remarks

The collection data of the specimens illustrated on figure 29 by Coleman (2007) are: 73°12.39' S, 20°46.24' W (eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea), 650–710 m, 22.1.1985, leg. Wägele (Coleman pers. com.). The collection data of the “specimen 2” illustrated by Rauschert & Arntz (2015) were given in an early draft of their book accessed by us: ANT-XV/3 stn 222. Its coordinates are 70°49.1' S, 10°39.2' W 70°50.5' S, 10°41.8' W (eastern Weddell Sea) at 234–385 m. The photograph of Pyper (2010: cover art of the Australian Antarctic Magazine, as “amphipod”) shows *E. rubrieques*. That specimen came from the Tressler bank, which considerably extends eastwards the distribution of the species.

Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) xesta subgen. et sp. nov.

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Etymology

Xestus, *-a*, *-um* is a Latinization of the Greek adjective ξεστός, which means smooth or polished. The name alludes to the smooth body surface of the species.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: dissected ♀, cruise PS14, ANT-VII/4, EPOS leg 3, stn 226, eastern Weddell Sea, 75°15.9' S, 25°58.3' W to 75°15.7' S, 25°54.2' W, 569–574 m, bottom trawl, 28 Jan. 1989, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 132946).

Paratypes

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 juv., cruise PS14, ANT-VII/4, EPOS leg 3, stn 226, eastern Weddell Sea, 75°15.9' S, 25°58.3' W to 75°15.7' S, 25°54.2' W, 569–574 m, bottom trawl, 28 Jan. 1989, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 132947); 2 adult specs, cruise PS14, ANT-VII/4, EPOS leg 3, stn 226, eastern Weddell Sea, 75°15.9' S, 25°58.3' W to 75°15.7' S, 25°54.2' W, 569–574 m, bottom trawl, 28 Jan. 1989, subsample, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 132948); 1 ovigerous ♀, cruise PS14, ANT-VII/4, EPOS leg 3, stn 226, eastern Weddell Sea, 75°15.9' S, 25°58.3' W to 75°15.7' S, 25°54.2' W, 569–574 m, bottom trawl, 28 Jan. 1989, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 132949); 3 very large specs, presumably including specimen photographed on board, cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, no locality, aquarium, 3 Mar. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132994); 1 spec., previously mixed with 9 *E. inermis*, misidentified as *E. georgiana* and used for gut content analysis, cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 12, GSN 5, eastern Weddell Sea, 73°18.10' S, 21°10.10' W to 73°17.10' S, 21°08.20' W, 457–459 m, bottom trawl, 14 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132997); 1 large spec., misidentified as *E. georgiana* and used for gut content analysis, cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 29, BPN 4, eastern Weddell Sea, 71°31.50' S, 12°25.50' W to 71°30.30' S, 12°27.80' W, 504–529 m, 28 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132998).

Description

ROSTRUM. Medium-sized, overreaching tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1, anteriorly weakly curved, ventrally straight, subacute in lateral view; of medium width and with nearly straight converging borders in frontal view.

EYE. Very large, broadly elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 1–3 smooth; pereionite 4 to pleonite 3 with very low and very blunt mid-dorsal carina; profile of carinae of pereionites 4–7 weakly and regularly curved; profile of carinae of pleonites 1–2 straight, profile of carina of pleonite 3 straight with anterior low protrusion followed by shallow notch, then nearly straight (slightly irregular), posteriorly blunt; dorsolateral ornamentation absent.

COXAE 1–3. Weakly carinate and distally subacute.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border nearly straight (very slightly concave), anteroventral border slightly but distinctly concave, these two borders being joined by a very large rounded lobe (anterior corner), which is weakly projecting forward; ventral corner forming a blunt squared angle (ventral projection well developed); lateral carina very obtuse, parallel and close to posteroventral border; posteroventral border distinctly concave.

COXA 5. Broad, with surface smooth, with posteroventral corner forming a blunt-tipped nearly squared angle, not expanded laterally, not forming an angle in dorsal view (scarcely visible in dorsal view).

COXA 6. With posteroventral corner broadly rounded, with low projection arising from its surface (forming a very low indistinct lobe in dorsal view).

COXA 7. Posteriorly rounded.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle very obtusely rounded in plate 1, produced into a small tooth in plate 2 and into a medium-sized tooth in plate 3.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with very low dorsal process: anteriorly nearly straight, apically very blunt, posteriorly regularly convex large and sharp narrow tooth pointing upwards; urosomite 3 with dorsolateral borders nearly straight.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.2; tips of lobes very broad and very rounded, notch narrowly V-shaped.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus broad; propodus expanding distally, palm distinct.

PEREIOPODS 5–7. Merus, carpus and propodus of pereio-pods 5–7 of medium width; dactylus long; basis of pereio-pods 5–6 of normal width, with posteroproximal process present, sword-like, parallel to axis of basis, with posterodistal corner bluntly angular and pointing in posterior direction; basis of pereio-pod 7 broad with posterior border very convex, with deep notch on distal 0.8, forming a blunt-tipped acute angle, with posterodistal corner very bluntly angular and pointing backwards.

Colour pattern

Body and appendages with a homogeneous and diffuse orange dotted/mottled pattern; legs with colour more intense; eyes reddish.

Body length

Up to 55 mm.

Distribution

Eastern shelf of Weddell Sea, 457–574 m.

Biology

Dauby *et al.* (2001a, as *E. georgiana*) state that “this weakly mobile large amphipod (up to 40 mm) can be found, sometimes in abundance, on coarse sediment bottoms or at the base of animal colonies”. According to them, “digestive tract analyses of 31 specimens revealed a wide variety of food items identifiable by hard remnants: crustaceans (mysids and amphipods), polychaetes (setae of terebellids), holothurioid ossicles and hydrozoan perisarcis; planktonic items (diatoms, radiolarians, foraminifers) also form a significant part of the diet; finally, as for the other deposit-feeders, sponge spicules (which form a major component of bottom mats) and mineral particles complete the food, the latter providing evidence of feeding on the sediment; both these items, albeit ‘inorganic’, are likely to be of considerable nutritional value, since they may be densely coated with bacteria, the importance of which has been shown in the Weddell Sea.” Dauby *et al.* (2001b) concluded that *E. xesta* (as *E. georgiana*) is a deposit feeder.

Remarks

Epimeria xesta is sympatric with *E. angelikae*, though they have different bathymetric ranges, with *E. angelikae* being found at greater depths: 781–1194 m vs 457–574 m. The morphologically most similar species to *E. xesta* is *E. cyphorachis* from the South Shetland Islands and from the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula. In *E. xesta*, the rostrum is narrower in frontal view than in *E. cyphorachis*, the ventral corner of coxa 4 bluntly angulate instead of being sharply angulate, and the posterior notch of pereopods 5–7 is narrower.

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‘*Epimeria robustoides* 1’ – Rauschert & Arntz, 2015: 62, pl. 55.

non *Epimeria robustoides* Lörz & Coleman in Lörz *et al.*, 2009: 10.

Character states and colour pattern

Similar to *Epimeria gargantua* but with a different colour pattern. Background colour of the body: white; all pereionites with two pairs of small red spots disposed transversally; pereionite 1 + coxa 1, pereionite 4 + coxa 4, pereionite 7 + coxa 7 with broad orange red stripe; urosomite 1 and basis of pereopod 7 orange red; basis of pereopods 5–6 white; antennae and pereopods (except basis of pereopods 5–7) pink; mouthparts purple; eyes red.

Distribution

PS61, ANT-XIX/5, LAMPOS, stn 229-1, Bruce Ridge [a geomorphologic elevation situated midway between the South Orkney Islands and the southern tip of the archipelago of the South Sandwich Islands], 60°08.77' S, 34°54.83' W to 60°07.81' S, 34°56.17' W, 362–371 m.

Remarks

Rauschert & Arntz (2015) do not indicate the coordinates of their ‘*Epimeria robustoides* 1’, but this information is given in an early draft of the book made available to the authors: ANT-XIX/5, LAMPOS, stn 229-1, Bruce Ridge. It is not known where the specimen is stored; in November 2015, it was not

deposited at the Berlin Museum (Coleman pers. com.). As its colour pattern, with large red patches, is very different from the purely white *E. gargantua* sp. nov. found more southernly, this specimen possibly belongs to a distinct species. It should be noted that the colour pattern of all *E. gargantua* sp. nov. collected during the cruises ANT-XXIII/8 and ANT-XXIX/3 (20 specimens) was examined on board and exhibited no variation.

Subgenus *Laevepimeria* subgen. nov.

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Epimeriella Walker, 1906: 17 (in part).

Epimeriella – Gurjanova 1955: 189, 206 (in part). — J.L. Barnard 1961: 102 (in part); 1969: 161, 395 (in part). — McCain 1971: 160 (in part). — Karaman & J.L. Barnard 1979: 109–110 (in part). — Holman & Watling 1983: 31 (in part, discussion). — Andres & Lott 1986: 131–136 (in part). — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 380, 394, 702 (in part). — Coleman 1998b: 215; 2007: 56 (in part). — Lörz & Brandt 2004: 179, 184, 188, 189 (in part).

Etymology

Combination of *laevis*, smooth in Latin, and *Epimeria*. That name, which is feminine, alludes to the absence of ornamentation in the species of that subgenus.

Type species

Epimeria walkeri (K.H. Barnard, 1930).

Description

Body opaque, with teguments moderately calcified. Rostrum small but not minute (reaching about mid of article 1 of antenna 1). Eyes not conical. Pereionites and pleonites completely smooth (only pleonite 3 can be posterodorsally produced into a low bump). Coxae 1–4 with sharp or blunt tip. Coxae 1–3 not keeled along their axis. Coxa 1 with anterior margin proximally concave and with subdistal dilatation. Coxa 4 without carina or groove; posteroventral border straight or nearly so. Coxae 5–6 toothless. Mid of posterior border of epimeral plates 1–3 not produced into a tooth. Posteroventral tooth of epimeral plate 3 small. Dorsal process of urosomite 1 produced into a large blunt tooth, of which the anterior border is shorter than the posterior border (the posterior border of the tooth extend to the posterior border of urosomite 1). Urosomite 2 without pair of small teeth pointing upwards. Lateral borders of urosomite 3 posteriorly terminated into a blunt angle. Peduncle of antenna 1 without teeth. Mandible with molar process drawn out, without triturative surface. Lower lip with wide hypopharyngeal gap. Palp of maxilliped with 4 articles. Gnathopods of normal size, with carpus and propodus very stout, with palm reduced or normal; propodus not expanded distally; dactylus very stout, with long slender posterior teeth perpendicular (or nearly perpendicular) to axis of dactylus (as in a comb). Basis of pereopods 5–6 fairly broad, with indistinct trace of posteroproximal process, with or without trace posterodistal blunt process projecting posteriorly. Basis of pereopod 7 with posterior border convex along all its length or with slight distal concavity, with large distal lobe reaching 0.3 of merus. Merus of pereopod 7 broad. In pereopod 7, the sum of the merus, carpus and propodus is short: only about as long as basis or a little bit more. Dactylus of pereopods 5–7 short.

Body length

The maximum body length recorded in *Laevepimeria* species ranges between 15 and 32 mm.

Ecology

Benthic, 170–889 m.

Distribution

Circum-Antarctic, as far north as Elephant Island.

Remarks

Laevepimeria subgen. nov. and *Epimeriella* form a large clade together. These subgenera share synapomorphies in the morphology of the mandible (molar process non triturative) and the lower lip (wide hypopharyngeal gap), and were formerly grouped into the genus *Epimeriella* s. lat. However, *Laevepimeria* subgen. nov. and *Epimeriella* s. str. exhibit striking differences in the morphology of the body, gnathopods and pereopods. These differences are presumably related to their benthic lifestyle (*Laevepimeria* subgen. nov.) versus a pelagic or semi-pelagic lifestyle (*Epimeriella*). These subgenera can be identified without dissection, which was not possible with the former concept of *Epimeriella*.

Key to the species of *Laevepimeria*

1. Coxa 4 narrow; palm of gnathopods not reduced (gnathopods subcheliform); posterior border of basis of pereopod 7 regularly rounded2
 - Coxa 4 broad; palm of gnathopods reduced (gnathopods nearly achelate); posterior border of basis of pereopod 7 sinuate3
2. Tip of coxae 1–2 subacute*E. (Laevepimeria) cinderella* subgen. et sp. nov. [Elephant Island and tip of Antarctic Peninsula]
 - Tip of coxae 1–2 very broadly rounded*E. (Laevepimeria) sp.* subgen. nov. [Bransfield Strait]
3. Rostrum narrow in frontal view; eyes huge (interocular distance about $1.3 \times$ as wide as eye size when seen in frontal view) and oriented forward (in frontal view the eyes appears about as high as wide); in lateral view the eyes almost reach the tip of head and the head appears as very strongly curved; posterodistal corner of basis of pereopod 5 produced into a blunt angle, posterodistal corner of basis of pereopod 6 forming a well defined squared angle; posterodistal corner of basis of pereopod 7 forming a triangular tooth; pleonites 1–3 not carinate and not posteriorly produced..... *E. (Laevepimeria) walkeri* subgen. nov. (K.H. Barnard, 1930). [Elephant Island, tip of Antarctic Peninsula, Weddell Sea, Adélie Coast, Ross Sea]
 - Rostrum broad in frontal view; eyes medium-sized (interocular distance about $3 \times$ as wide as eye size when seen in frontal view) and their orientation is no more lateral than frontal (in frontal view the eyes appears as higher than wide); in lateral view the eyes are far from reaching the tip of head and the head appears as moderately curved; posteroventral corner of basis of pereopod 5 and pereopod 6 rounded; posterodistal corner of basis of pereopod 7 forming a tiny rounded lobe; pleonites 1–3 weakly carinate and posterodorsally weakly produced *E. (Laevepimeria) anodon* subgen. et sp. nov. [Adélie Coast]

Epimeria (Laevepimeria) anodon subgen. et sp. nov.

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Figs 229–234

‘Clade C *walkeri* complex - WA4’ – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 3 (online).

Etymology

Combination of the prefix an-, which means ‘lack of’ and of the Greek noun, ὀδούς, which means ‘teeth’. The name, which is an apposition, alludes to the absence of tooth in the species.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Aurora Australis* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: ♀, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 2724, stn 71EV447, Adélie Coast, 66°24′00″ S, 140°32′21″ E, 683–791 m, beam trawl, 14 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4336) [extraction M13; Genbank nr, COI: KU870880, 28S: KU759664].

Paratypes

RV *Aurora Australis* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 1317, stn 51AEV215, Adélie Coast, 66°44′52″ S, 145°26′40″ E, 525–553 m, beam trawl, 30 Dec. 2007, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4275); 1 adult spec., cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 1384, stn 50AEV220, Adélie Coast, 66°45′09″ S 145°20′04″ E, 567–604 m, beam trawl, 30 Dec. 2007, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4331) [extraction M12; Genbank nr, COI: KU870879, 28S: KU759663]; 1 ♀, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 2724, stn 71EV447, Adélie Coast, 66°24′00″ S, 140°32′21″ E, 683–791 m, beam trawl, 14 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-7335) [removed from MNHN-IU-2014-4336].

Description

HEAD + ROSTRUM. Normally curved in lateral view.

ROSTRUM. In lateral view short and very broad, reaching mid of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1, anteriorly distinctly curved, ventrally weakly convex, tip subacute; in frontal view very broad and with nearly straight converging borders, tip blunt.

EYES. Medium-sized, elliptic, laterally oriented (interocular distance about 3 × as wide as eye size when seen in frontal view).

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 1–7 totally smooth; pleonites 1–2 with trace of mid-dorsal keel and with trace of posterior bump; pleonite 3 with trace of mid-dorsal carina and with posterior bump.

COXAE 1–3. Tip sharp.

COXA 4. Broad, anterodorsal border straight; anteroventral border nearly straight (inconspicuously convex), these two borders being joined by broad rounded convexity, which is distinctly projecting forward; anterodorsal border 1.35 × as long as anteroventral border; posteroventral border nearly straight (inconspicuously sinuate).

COXA 5. Very broad, posteroventral corner very broadly rounded in lateral view, very obtusely rounded in dorsal view (almost not projecting laterally).

COXA 6. Posterior border weakly convex; posteroventral corner very broadly rounded.

COXA 7. Posterior border nearly straight (inconspicuously concave); posteroventral corner broadly rounded.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle very obtusely rounded in plate 1 (without any trace of tooth), produced into a small tooth in plates 2–3.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with distinct asymmetrical dorsal process, anteriorly nearly straight, apically blunt, posteriorly strongly convex; urosomite 3 with dorsolateral borders weakly convex, with tip broadly rounded.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.2; lobes laterally very convex, medially nearly straight, with tips subacute; notch with borders weakly convergent and end rounded.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus short and very broad; propodus not expanding distally, palm very reduced (dactylus 4 × as long as palm; gnathopods achelate or nearly so).

PEREIOPOD 4. Merus, carpus and propodus long and slender, dactylus short.

PEREIOPOD 5. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process absent, with posterodistal corner forming a very obtuse angle (not projecting posteriorly) of which the tip is very blunt; merus, carpus and propodus long and slender, dactylus short.

PEREIOPOD 6. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process absent, with posterodistal corner very broadly rounded (not angulate); merus, carpus and propodus long and slender, dactylus short.

PEREIOPOD 7. Basis broad; posterior border weakly convex and slightly diverging in proximal 0.8, at this level forming a blunt but strong angular discontinuity and abruptly and very strongly converging (border becoming inconspicuously concave, terminated into a small, blunt but distinctly protruding lobe; merus very broad and short, carpus of medium width and short, propodus slender and short, dactylus short.

Colour pattern

Uniformly pale yellowish; eyes blood red.

Body length

Up to 32 mm.

Distribution

Adélie Coast, 525–791 m.

Remarks

Epimeria anodon sp. nov. and *E. walkeri* are very similar in morphology. *Epimeria anodon* sp. nov. has smaller eyes and the posterodistal corner of the basis of its pereopods 5 and 6 is very broadly rounded, which is not the case for the other two species. In dorsal view, pleonites 1–3 are also less smooth than in *E. walkeri*.

Epimeria (Laevepimeria) cinderella subgen. et sp. nov.
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Figs 235–240

‘Clade C *walkeri* complex - WA3’ – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 3 (online).

Etymology

Cinderella, heroin of humble origin in a well-known folk tale. The name, which is a noun in apposition, alludes to the modest size and the absence of ornamentation of the species, which contrasts with the extravagant adornment and the impressive size of many ‘rival’ *Epimeria* species.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: ♂, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 188-5, south east of Dundee Island, 63°50.92' S, 55°37.66' W to 63°50.93' S, 55°37.52' W, 402–407 m, Rauschert dredge, 20 Dec. 2013, coll. C. d’Udekem d’Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 132656) [extraction I15; Genbank nr, COI: KU870841, 28S: KU759617].

Paratypes

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-1, Elephant Island, 61°20.35' S, 55°29.16' W to 61°19.98' S, 55°32.67' W, 146–151 m, bottom trawl, 19 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d’Udekem d’Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122528); 1 spec., cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 185-3, south east of Dundee Island, 63°51.53' S, 55°40.74' W to 63°51.53' S, 55°40.43' W, 253–255 m, extremely fine sand mixed with some mud and gravel, Rauschert dredge, 19 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d’Udekem d’Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122965); 1 spec., cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 234-5, north of Livingstone Island, 62°17.36' S, 61°12.06' W to 62°17.31' S, 61°12.63' W, 248–251 m, mud with a lot of specimens of a small reddish ophiuroid with very long and flexible legs, Agassiz trawl, 7 Mar. 2013, coll. C. d’Udekem d’Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122949) [extraction ANT43; Genbank nr, COI: KU870829, 28S: KU759602].

RV *James Clark Ross* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 2 specs, cruise JR144, stn EI-EBS-4-supra, south of Elephant Island, 61°33'544" S, 55°20'379" W to 61°33'637" S, 55°20'901" W, epibenthic sledge, 270 m, 12 Mar. 2006, coll. BAS (RBINS, INV. 132959) [extraction I4; Genbank nr, COI: KU870848, 28S: KU759625].

Other material

RV *Seatruck*, cruise REVOLTA II:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., stn REVO_140, Collect_ID: REVO_140, Adélie Coast, 66°37'53.4" S, 139°51'18" E, 106–172 m, 12 Jan. 2011, coll. N. Améziane, C. Gallut and A.C. Laurédou (MNHN-IU-2016-6885).

Description

HEAD + ROSTRUM. Very strongly curved in lateral view.

ROSTRUM. In lateral view short and broad, reaching 0.6 of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1, anteriorly and ventrally straight, subacute; in dorsal view narrow, with straight converging borders, with tip blunt.

EYES. Huge, broadly elliptic, partly anteriorly oriented (interocular distance about $1.5 \times$ as wide as eye size when seen in frontal view).

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 1–7 and pleonites 1–2 totally smooth; pleonite 3 with weak posterior bump.

COXAE 1–3. Coxa 1 blunt-tipped, coxa 2 with tip subacute, coxa 3 blunt-tipped.

COXA 4. Narrow; anterodorsal border straight; anteroventral border nearly straight (inconspicuously convex), these two borders being joined by very broad rounded convexity, which is distinctly projecting forward; anterodorsal border $1.75 \times$ as long as anteroventral border; posteroventral border nearly straight.

COXA 5. Broad, posteroventral corner rounded in lateral view, not projecting laterally.

COXA 6. Posterior border weakly convex; posteroventral corner very broadly rounded.

COXA 7. Posterior border nearly straight (inconspicuously concave); posteroventral corner broadly rounded.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle very obtusely rounded in plate 1 (without any trace of tooth), produced into a small tooth in plates 2–3.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with distinct asymmetrical dorsal process, anteriorly nearly straight, apically bluntly angulate, posteriorly weakly convex; urosomite 3 with dorsolateral borders very weakly convex, with tip very bluntly angulate.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.2; lobes laterally very convex, medially nearly straight, with tips rounded; notch with borders weakly convergent and end rounded.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus short and very broad; propodus not expanding distally, palm not reduced.

PEREIOPOD 4. Merus, carpus and propodus long and slender, dactylus short.

PEREIOPOD 5. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process absent, with posterodistal corner forming a blunt squared angle (not projecting posteriorly); merus, carpus and propodus long and slender, dactylus short.

PEREIOPOD 6. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process absent, with posterodistal corner forming a blunt squared angle (not projecting posteriorly); merus, carpus and propodus long and slender, dactylus short.

PEREIOPOD 7. Basis broad; posterior border strongly convex along all its length, terminated in a large rounded lobe projecting ventrally; merus very broad and short, carpus of medium width and short, propodus slender and short, dactylus short.

Body length

Up to 15 mm.

Distribution

Elephant Island, tip of Antarctic Peninsula, Adélie Coast; 106–270 m.

Remarks

Epimeria cinderella sp. nov. can be easily distinguished from the related *E. anodon* sp. nov. and *E. walkeri* by its much narrower and more asymmetrical coxa 4. The gnathopods and the basis of pereopod 7 are also different. *Epimeria cinderella* sp. nov. seems more similar to *Epimeria (Laevepimeria)* sp. subgen. nov., which is only known from a very small juvenile. The tip of the coxae 1–2 of the young *Epimeria (Laevepimeria)* sp. subgen. nov. examined are, however, much more rounded than in *Epimeria cinderella* sp. nov., but this difference might disappear in adults.

Epimeria (Laevepimeria) walkeri subgen. nov. (K.H. Barnard, 1930)
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Epimeriella walkeri K.H. Barnard, 1930: 380–381, fig. 44.

Epimeriella walkeri – McCain, 1971: 160, fig. 1.

Epimeria walkeri – Coleman 2007: 60, fig. 35a–b, plate 3 fig. a, map 16 (circles, in part). — Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 62, pl. 55 unnumbered photograph.

‘Clade C *walkeri* complex - WA1’ – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 3 (online).

non Epimeriella walkeri subgen. nov. K.H. Barnard, 1930: 380–381, fig. 44.

Material examined

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 8, AGT 2, eastern Weddell Sea, 71°18.70' S, 12°17.10' W to 71°18.45' S, 12°16.30' W, 170–174 m, 9 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132683); 1 spec., alcohol-fixed, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 603-5, eastern Weddell Sea, 70°30.99' S, 08°48.08' W to 70°30.40' S, 08°48.13' W, 274–297 m, sponge bottom, Agassiz trawl, 7 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d’Udekem d’Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122485); 4 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, Elephant Island, 60°52.37' S, 55°29.80' W to 60°52.71' S, 55°27.83' W, 248–265 m, a lot of epifauna, Rauschert dredge and Agassiz trawl, 22 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d’Udekem d’Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122516); 1 spec., cruise PS71, ANT-XXIV/2, ANDEEP-SYSTCO, stn 48-1, eastern Weddell Sea, 70°23.94' S, 8°19.14' W to 70°23.89' S, 8°18.67' W, 595–602 m, bryozoan bottom (exceptional diversity of bryozoans), Agassiz trawl, 12 Jan. 2008, coll. H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132448); 1 spec., cruise PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, CAMBIO, stn 222-5, southwest of King George Island, 62°17.60' S, 58°41.19' W to 62°17.49' S, 58°41.46' W, 445–889 m, Agassiz trawl, 23 Feb. 2011, coll. C. Havermans and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132667) [extraction A6; Genbank nr, COI: KU870819, 28S: KU759591]; 1 spec., specimen missing, DNA extraction products only, PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, CAMBIO, stn 288-3, Eastern Weddell Sea, 70°56.40' S, 10°32.60' W to 70°56.42' S, 10°32.25' W, 303–311 m, Rauschert Dredge, 30 Mar. 2011, coll. C. Havermans and H. Robert [extraction Ex169; Genbank nr, COI: KU870836, 28S: KU759610]; ♂, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 217-7, Bransfield Strait, 62°53.64' S, 58°12.52' W to 62°53.64' S, 58°12.37' W, 387–395 m, heterogeneous bottom (black muddy sand and gravel; small stones with incrusting bryozoans; gorgonians; sea urchins), Rauschert dredge, 2 Mar. 2013, coll. C. d’Udekem d’Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122944) [extraction ANT42; Genbank nr, COI: KU870828, 28S: KU759601].

RV *Aurora Australis* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 631, stn 4EV112, Adélie Coast, 66°20'16" S, 141°59'17" E, 237–257 m, beam trawl, 26 Dec. 2007, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4324); 1 spec., cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 1643, Adélie Coast, 66°34'30" S, 145°01'15" E, 429–451 m, beam trawl, 3 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4323);

4 specs, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 3532, Adélie Coast, 65°29'29" S, 139°18'37" E, 397–411 m, beam trawl, 17 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4352).

Description

HEAD + ROSTRUM. Very curved in lateral view.

ROSTRUM. In lateral view short and broad, reaching mid of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1, anteriorly weakly curved, ventrally straight, acute-tipped; in frontal view narrow and with straight converging borders, with tip acute.

EYES. Huge, broadly elliptic, largely oriented forward (interocular distance about $1.3 \times$ as wide as eye size when seen in frontal view).

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 1–7 and pleonites 1–2 totally smooth; pleonite 3 with posterior bump.

COXAE 1–3. Tip blunt.

COXA 4. Broad, anterodorsal border nearly straight (inconspicuously concave); anteroventral border weakly convex, these two borders being joined by broad rounded convexity, which is distinctly projecting forward; anterodorsal border $1.12 \times$ as long as anteroventral border; posteroventral border nearly straight (inconspicuously sinuate).

COXA 5. Very broad, posteroventral corner very broadly rounded in lateral view, very obtusely rounded in dorsal view (almost not projecting laterally).

COXA 6. Posterior border weakly convex; posteroventral corner very broadly rounded.

COXA 7. Posterior border nearly straight (inconspicuously concave); posteroventral corner broadly rounded.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle very obtusely rounded in plate 1 (without any trace of tooth), produced into a small tooth in plates 2–3.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with distinct asymmetrical dorsal process, anteriorly nearly straight, apically blunt, posteriorly moderately convex; urosomite 3 with dorsolateral borders nearly straight (very weakly convex), with tip bluntly angulate.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.15; lobes laterally very convex, medially nearly straight, with tips blunt; notch with borders weakly convergent and end rounded.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus short and very broad; propodus not expanding distally, palm very reduced (dactylus $4 \times$ as long as palm; gnathopods achelate or nearly so).

PEREIOPOD 4. Merus, carpus and propodus long and slender, dactylus short.

PEREIOPOD 5. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process absent, with posterodistal corner forming a blunt squared angle (slightly projecting posteriorly); carpus and propodus long and slender, dactylus short.

PEREIOPOD 6. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process absent, with posterodistal corner forming a sharp squared angle; carpus and propodus long and slender, dactylus short.

PEREIOPOD 7. Basis broad; posterior border weakly convex and slightly diverging in proximal 0.8, at this level the curvature slightly and gradually increases and becomes convergent with the anterior border; just before tip the curve becomes slightly concave; the posterior border of the basis is terminated into a small, sharp tooth (forming a small squared angle); merus very broad and short, carpus of medium width and short, propodus slender and short, dactylus short.

Colour pattern

Background whitish or very pale greyish; pereionites 3–7 yellowish/brownish; indistinct pale orange marks present here and there; peduncle of antenna 1 tinged with pale orange; urosome (especially urosomite 1) and tailfan tinged with orange; a proximal orange mark on the basis of pereiopod 7; eyes red.

Body length

Up to 30 mm.

Distribution

Type locality: Ross Sea, McMurdo Sound, 256–379 m (K.H. Barnard 1930). Other records: King George Island and Bransfield Strait, eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea, Adélie Coast; 170–889 m.

Biology

Dauby *et al.* (2001a) provide some information on the gut content of *Epimeria walkeri* (as *Epimeriella walkeri*). According to them, the commonest items were ophiuroids (ossicles and parts of arms), striated muscle and diatoms. Less prevalent were sponge spicules and cnidocysts, while crustacean pieces and holothurian ossicles were infrequent. Dauby *et al.* (2001b) concluded that it is a macropredator/scavenger.

Remarks

The illustrations of *E. walkeri* given by K.H. Barnard (1930) are difficult to understand. On his figures, the rostrum appears as broader than in specimens examined by us, but this might be related the orientation of the specimen. On the other hand, the shapes of coxa 4 and of the basis of pereiopods 5–7 are similar to that of our specimens. Our identification is only tentative. A comparison between topotypical *E. walkeri* (from the Ross Sea) and specimens from other Antarctic seas should be carried out whenever possible.

The collection details of the specimen illustrated by Coleman (2007: 60, fig. 35a–b) are: 72°27.7' S, 17°42.32' W (eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea), 240–254 m, Agassiz trawl, leg. Wägele, 15 Feb. 1985 (Coleman pers. com.). The station of the specimen illustrated by Rauschert & Arntz (2015) was indicated in an early draft made available to the authors. It is ANT-XVII/3, stn 85 [85-1], of which the coordinates are: 71°11.30' S, 12°15.40' W to 71°12.19' S, 12°19.01' W (eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea), 309–318 m.

Epimeria (Laevepimeria) sp. subgen. nov.

Fig. 250

‘Clade C *walkeri* complex - WA2’ – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 3 (online).

Material examined

RV *Polarstern* cruise:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 tiny juv., cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 197-5, Bransfield Strait, 62°44.73' S, 57°26.79' W to 62°45.05' S, 57°26.68' W, 258–273 m, Agassiz trawl, 25 Feb. 2013 (RBINS, INV. 122932) [extraction K40; Genbank nr, COI: KU870873, 28S: KU759653].

Description

HEAD + ROSTRUM. Weakly curved in lateral view.

ROSTRUM. In lateral view short and very broad, reaching about 0.6 of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1, anteriorly weakly convex and ventrally straight, blunt-tipped.

EYES. Huge, broadly elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 1–7 and pleonites 1–2 totally smooth; pleonite 3 missing.

COXAE 1–3. Tip broadly rounded.

COXA 4. Fairly narrow; anterodorsal border straight; anteroventral border slightly convex, these two borders being joined by very broad rounded convexity, which is distinctly projecting forward (anterior corner and anteroventral border forming a regular curve, without discontinuity); anterodorsal border 1.4 x as long as anteroventral border; ventral corner bluntly and obtusely angulate; posteroventral border nearly straight.

COXA 5. Broad, posteroventral corner very broadly rounded in lateral view.

COXA 6. Posterior border weakly convex; posteroventral corner very broadly rounded.

COXA 7. Posterior border nearly straight (inconspicuously concave); posteroventral corner broadly rounded.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–2. Posteroventral angle very obtusely rounded in plate 1 (without any trace of tooth), produced into a small tooth in plate 2.

UROSOME. Missing.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus short and very broad; propodus not expanding distally, palm not reduced.

PEREIOPOD 6. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process absent, with posterodistal corner rounded or very bluntly angulate.

PEREIOPOD 7. Basis broad; posterior border strongly convex along all its length, terminated in a large rounded lobe projecting ventrally.

Body length

5 mm.

Distribution

Tip of Antarctic Peninsula: Bransfield Strait, 258–273 m.

Remarks

A COI phylogenetic analysis (Verheye et al. 2016a) indicates that this specimen would belong to a distinct species of the subgenus *Laevepimeria* subgen. nov. Since it is an incomplete and very small juvenile (about 5 mm long), it is considered inappropriate for formal description and naming. Only a photograph and a description of the morphological details visible without dissection are given herein. Within *Laevepimeria* subgen. nov., this specimen is more similar to *E. cinderella* sp. nov. regarding the shape of its coxa 4 and of the basis of its pereopod 7. On the other hand, the tip of coxae 1–2 are broadly rounded, whilst they are subacute in *E. cinderella* sp. nov. However, these structures might differ in adults, as seen in other *Epimeria*.

Subgenus *Metepimeria* Schellenberg, 1931

Metepimeria Schellenberg, 1931: 162.

Metepimeria – Gurjanova 1955: 189, 209. — J.L. Barnard 1961: 102; 1969: 396. — Watling & Holman 1981: 215. — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 380, 397. — Coleman 1998b: 215; 2007: 61. — Lörz & Brandt 2004: 184, 188.

Type species

Metepimeria acanthurus Schellenberg, 1931.

Description

Body opaque, with teguments strongly calcified. Rostrum medium-sized. Eyes not conical. Pleonites and at least posterior pereionites with low mid-dorsal carina, which is sometimes posteriorly produced into a tooth pointing backwards; some carinae with slight or strong median concavity. Dorsolateral processes (small teeth or low carinae) always present on pleosomites and posterior pereionite(s); some body segments have 2 or more dorsolateral processes, some in longitudinal arrangement. Pereionites 1–7 without tooth or protrusion just above connection with coxa. Coxae 1–4 with sharp to fairly sharp tip. Coxae 1–3 distinctly keeled along their axis. Coxa 4 with groove along the posteroventral border; this groove might be limited by a distinct carina; when present this carina never bears a tooth projecting laterally; posteroventral border concave. Coxae 5–6 without tooth or distinct protrusion. Mid of posterior border of epimeral plates 1–3 not produced into a tooth. Posteroventral tooth of epimeral plate 3 small to medium-sized. Dorsal process of urosomite 1 produced into a sharp tooth directed upwards. Urosomite 2 without pair of small teeth pointing upwards. Lateral borders of urosomite 3 posteriorly terminated into an acute angle. Peduncle of antenna 1 without teeth. Mandible with molar process triturative. Lower lip with narrow (V-shaped) hypopharyngeal gap. Palp of maxilliped with 3 or 4 articles. Gnathopods of normal size, with carpus and propodus elongate, with palm very reduced, forming a weak oblique convexity in continuity with the axis of the propodus (gnathopods nearly achelate); propodus not expanded distally; ornamentation of posterior border of dactylus weak. Basis of pereiopods 5–6 broad, with posteroproximal process present, of variable development (strong nearly dentiform lobe at the base of basis; weak lobe at the base of basis; or a low lobe occupying half of posterior border), with or without posterodistal tooth or lobe (if present not distinctly projecting posteriorly). Posterior border of basis of pereiopod 7 with distinct median blunt angle; the distal half is slightly to distinctly concave; distal corner rounded. Dactylus of pereiopods 5–7 short.

Body length

The body length recorded in *Metepimeria* species ranges between 15 and 22.6 mm.

Ecology.

Benthic, 27–1025 m.

Distribution

Sub-Antarctic and low Antarctic seas: Patagonia; Falkland Islands; Shag Rocks; South Georgia; Macquarie Ridge.

Remarks

Metepimeria was initially erected as a monotypic genus for the Magellanic species *Epimeria acanthurus*, based on a single character state: the absence of dactylus on the palp of the maxilliped. This character state is most likely autapomorphic, and the recognition of a separate genus for *E. acanthurus* is not supported here. *Epimeria acanthurus* is morphologically similar to *Epimeria intermedia* (South Georgia endemic) and *E. ashleyi* from Macquarie Ridge. In the present paper, *Metepimeria* is redefined, as a subgenus for these three species only. However, the New Zealand species, *E. sophie* Lörz & Coleman, 2014 (see Lörz & Coleman 2014) exhibits morphological similarities with them and a future transfer of *E. sophie* to *Metepimeria* seems possible.

Key to the species and “forms” of *Metepimeria*

1. Palp of maxilliped with 4 articles; posterior border of basis of pereopods 5–6 with a weak or a strong lobe occupying no more than 0.3 of the border2
– Palp of maxilliped with 3 articles; posterior border of basis of pereopods 5–6 with a proximal very low expansion occupying half of posterior border*E. (Metepimeria) acanthurus* (Schellenberg, 1931) [Falkland Islands and Patagonia]
2. Posterior border of basis of pereopods 5–6 with very strong (nearly dentiform) posteroproximal process3
– Posterior border of basis of pereopods 5–6 with low rounded posteroproximal process.....*E. (Metepimeria) ashleyi* Lörz, 2012 [Macquarie Ridge: Hjort Seamount]
3. Dorsal carina starting at pereionite 3; pleonite 3 posterodorsally terminated in a trapezoidal process*E. (Metepimeria) intermedia* Schellenberg, 1931 **forma A** [South Georgia]
– Dorsal carina starting at pereionite 1; pleonite 3 posterodorsally terminated in a triangular process*E. (Metepimeria) intermedia* Schellenberg, 1931 **forma B** [South Georgia, Shag Rocks]

Epimeria (Metepimeria) acanthurus (Schellenberg, 1931)

Metepimeria acanthurus Schellenberg, 1931: 162, fig. 85, pl. 1. fig. G.

Epimeria acanthurus – K.H. Barnard 1932: 176, fig. 104B, 108, pl. 1. fig. 2.

Metepimeria acanthurus – Watling & Holman 1981: 216–217, fig. 22. — Coleman 2007: 61, fig. 36, map 1 (rhomb).

‘*Epimeria inermis* 1’ – Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 61, pl. 54.

non *Epimeria inermis* Walker, 1903: 54, pl. 10, fig. 69.

Body length

22 mm (Coleman 2007).

Colour pattern

White with scarce suffusions of orange; eyes reddish (photograph of Rauschert & Arntz 2015 as ‘*Epimeria inermis* 1’).

Distribution

Magellanic Region: Patagonia, Falkland Islands, 27–494 m (De Broyer *et al.* 2007), Burdwood Bank, 296–299 m (see remarks).

Remarks

The specimen labelled ‘*Epimeria inermis* 1’ in Rauschert & Arntz (2015) does not correspond to the description of *E. inermis*: it exhibits important differences in the shape of coxa 4, and the dorsal profiles of pleonite 3 and urosomite 1. The morphology of this specimen is more similar to *E. acanthurus* as illustrated by Coleman (2007), and it is therefore identified as such. Rauschert & Arntz (2015) do not indicate the collection details of their specimen, but this information was found in an early draft of their book made available to the authors: ANT XIX [obviously ANT-XIX/5], LAMPOS, station 153 [i.e., 153-1]. The coordinates of this station are: 54°32.75′ S 56°09.84′ W to 54°31.22′ S 56°08.93′ W [Burdwood Bank], 296–299 m.

Epimeria (Metepimeria) ashleyi Lörz, 2012

Epimeria ashleyi Lörz, 2012: 51, figs 2–7.

Body length

22.6 mm.

Distribution

Hjort Seamount, Macquarie Ridge, 676–1025 m.

Epimeria (Metepimeria) intermedia Schellenberg, 1931 **forma A**

Epimeria intermedia Schellenberg, 1931: 161, fig. 84, pl. 1 fig. F.

Epimeria intermedia – Gurjanova 1955: 197. — J.L. Barnard 1961: 103 (key). — De Broyer & Klages 1991: 165 (key). — Wakabara & Serejo 1999: 642 (key, in part). — Coleman 2007: 42 (in part), fig. 20a–b, map 10 (circle, in part).

non Epimeria intermedia – K.H. Barnard, 1932: 177, figs 104c, 109 (= *Epimeria (Metepimeria) intermedia* Schellenberg, 1931 forma B).

Body length

18 mm (Schellenberg 1931).

Distribution

South Georgia: Cumberland Bay, 75 m (Schellenberg 1931).

Remarks

See notes on *Epimeria (Metepimeria) intermedia* forma B.

Epimeria (Metepimeria) intermedia Schellenberg, 1931 **forma B**

Epimeria intermedia – K.H. Barnard, 1932: 177, figs 104c, 109. — Wakabara & Serejo, 1999: 642 (key, in part). — Coleman, 2007: 42 (in part), not fig. 20a–b (= *Epimeria (Metepimeria) intermedia* forma A), map 10 (circle, in part).

Epimeria sp. n. 2 – Rauschert & Arntz, 2015: 60, plate 53, unnumbered photograph.

Epimeria sp. n. 3 – Rauschert & Arntz, 2015: 125 (*non Epimeria* sp. n. 3 p. 54 pl. 61).

non Epimeria intermedia Schellenberg, 1931: 161, fig. 84, pl. 1 fig. F. (= *Epimeria (Metepimeria) intermedia* Schellenberg, 1931 forma A).

Body length

15 mm (K.H. Barnard 1932).

Colour pattern

Pure white (Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 60, as *Epimeria* sp. n. 2).

Distribution

South Georgia, 88–273 m (K.H. Barnard 1932); Shag Rocks, 284 m (see remarks).

Remarks

There are substantial differences between the illustrations of *E. intermedia* given by Schellenberg (1931) and Coleman (2007) on one hand, and those of K.H. Barnard (1932). Coleman (2007) questions the conspecificity of these specimens. We agree and treat them as separate forma A and B. However we refrain to attribute them a formal taxonomic status, as no direct examination of these specimens was possible.

Rauschert & Arntz (2015) gave a colour photograph of a juvenile (6 mm) named “*Epimeria* sp. n. 2”, which corresponds to the drawings of *Epimeria intermedia* forma B given by K.H. Barnard (1932). The collection details of the specimen were given in an early draft of the book: ANT-XIX/5 in stn 169-1, 53°22.94' S, 42°41.37' W to 53°22.89' S, 42°41.50' W (Shag Rocks), at 284 m.

Subgenus *Pseudepimeria* Chevreux, 1912

Pseudepimeria Chevreux, 1912: 216 (9 on reprints).

Pseudepimeria – Gurjanova 1955: 189, 190. — J.L. Barnard 1969: 396. — De Broyer 1983: 305 (discussion). — Coleman 1998a: 22 (discussion).

Type species

Pseudepimeria grandirostris Chevreux, 1912.

Description

Body opaque, with teguments strongly calcified, very strongly ornamented and sculptured by teeth and carinae. Rostrum long. Eyes conical. Pleonites 1–3 and pereionites 1–7 with strong mid-dorsal tooth. Each pereionite is entirely lined by a strong and sharp transverse carina starting on the mid-dorsal tooth and terminating at the connection with coxa; these transverse carinae bear two pairs of small teeth: a dorsolateral one and a second one just above the connection with coxa. Pleonites 1–2 with one pair of well developed dorsolateral teeth and smaller teeth in various arrangement more ventrally; pleonite 3 with 3 pairs of dorsolateral teeth and smaller teeth in various arrangements more ventrally. Coxae 1–3 (and often coxa 4) with sharp tip. Coxae 1–3 sharply keeled along their axis. Coxa 4 with sharp carina starting at ventral tip of coxa and terminating at posterior tip of coxa; this carina sometimes bears a tooth or a lobe projecting laterally; carina very distant from posteroventral border of coxa at its deepest point; posteroventral border of coxa concave; anterior corner of coxa strongly bulging anteriorly and

sometimes produced into a tooth. Coxa 5 with strong lateral carina which is laterally or posterolaterally produced into a tooth, which is sometimes very large. Coxa 6 with strong lateral carina which is laterally or posterolaterally produced into a tooth, which is much smaller than that of coxa 5. Posteroventral tooth of epimeral plate 3 strong to very strong. Dorsal process of urosomite 1 produced into a sharp tooth directed upwards. Urosomite 2 with pair of small teeth pointing upwards. Lateral borders of urosomite 3 posteriorly terminated into a sharp tooth or an acute angle. Peduncle of antenna 1 with teeth. Mandible with molar process triturative. Lower lip with narrow (V-shaped) hypopharyngeal gap. Palp of maxilliped with 4 articles. Gnathopods very small, achelate; gnathopod 2 distinctly more slender than gnathopod 1. Basis of pereiopods 5–6 broad, with strong posteroproximal protrusion (which can be acute but not sword-like and which is directed posteriorly) and posterodistal tooth projecting posteriorly. Posterior border of basis of pereiopod 7 with strong median angle followed by deep excavation, terminated into a tooth projecting posteriorly. Merus, carpus and propodus of pereiopods 3–7 very short and very stout; dactylus medium-sized, stout and strongly curved, partly folding on propodus (as if they were designed to clasp on the branches of bushy organisms). Benthic.

Body length

The maximum body length recorded in *Pseudepimeria* species ranges between 22 and 35 mm.

Ecology

Benthic, 50–573 m.

Distribution

Circum-Antarctic, as far north as the South Orkney Islands.

Remarks

Of all the *Epimeria* subgenera, *Pseudepimeria* is probably the most distinctive. Their highly sculptured and processiform body, and their strong clasping pereiopods 4–7 presumably reflect a specialized habitat. Hydroid remains were found in the stomach of *E. (Pseudepimeria) oxicarinata* (Coleman 1990a) and pictures of this species clinging on hydroids have been published (Coleman 2007). Coleman (1988) also observed *E. grandirostris* eating branches of hydroids in an aquarium on the RV *Polarstern*. Some species are morphologically very similar to each others, but the most similar forms appear to be allopatric. These complexes include the tetrad *amoenitas/debroyeri*/cf. *debroyeri/pulchra* and the triad *callista/grandirostris/kharieis*. Molecular data were not available for all taxa, hence some taxonomic decisions were taken based on morphology alone. Some observed morphological differences are possibly size-dependant, which did not facilitate taxonomic decisions (descriptions are based on adult females only). Immature specimens are assumed to be conspecific with adults of the most similar species found in the same region.

Key to the species of *Pseudepimeria*

This key applies to adult females only.

1. Mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 1 short and not arching forward; mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 2 equal or slightly shorter than mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 1; mid-dorsal tooth of pereionites 3–7 and pleonites 1–2 blunt or not very sharp2
- Mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 1 long and arching forward; mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 2 considerably shorter than mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 1; mid-dorsal tooth of pereionites 3–7 and pleonites 1–2 very sharp, sword-like*E. (Pseudepimeria) oxicarinata* Coleman, 1990 [Elephant Island, North of Nelson Island (Drake Passage)]

2. Mid-dorsal tooth of pereionites 3–7 and pleonites 1–2 very large and narrow; mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 1 with anterior border (nearly) straight and perpendicular to body axis; in dorsal view, carina of coxa 4 strongly protruding; in lateral view anterior corner of coxa 4 forming a lobe or tooth well separated (by deep notch) from anteroventral border; carina of coxa 5 posteriorly produced into a very strong tooth pointing obliquely backwards or laterally, of which the tip is narrow: *E. (Pseudepimeria) pulchra* complex3
 - Mid-dorsal tooth of pereionites 3–7 and pleonites 1–2 medium-sized and fairly broad; mid-dorsal tooth of body segment 1 with anterior border convex and/or oblique with body axis; in dorsal view, carina of coxa 4 weakly protruding; in lateral view anterior corner of coxa 4 forming a low lobe poorly separated (by shallow concavity) from anteroventral border; carina of coxa 5 posteriorly produced into a strong to medium-sized tooth pointing backwards or obliquely backwards, of which the tip is broad: *E. (Pseudepimeria) grandirostris* complex5
3. Pleonite 3 with broad to fairly broad triangular mid-dorsal tooth; carina of coxa 4 rounded in dorsal view; posterior border of third epimeral plate convex, curved, not produced into a tooth; gnathopod 1 with carpus and propodus of medium width; gnathopod 2 with carpus and propodus very slender4
 - Pleonite 3 with long sword-like mid-dorsal tooth; carina of coxa 4 bluntly triangular in dorsal view; posterior border of third epimeral plate produced into a tooth; gnathopod 1 with carpus and propodus very robust; gnathopod 2 with carpus and propodus of medium width*E. (Pseudepimeria) pulchra* Coleman, 1990 [South Orkney Islands]
4. Pleonite 3 with very broad, blunt, triangular mid-dorsal tooth; posterior border of third epimeral plate forming a strongly protruding curved projection; tip of lateral carina of coxa 5 blunt (in dorsal view)*E. (Pseudepimeria) debroyeri* sp. nov. [eastern and possibly western Weddell Sea]
 - Pleonite 3 with fairly broad and acute-tipped mid-dorsal tooth; posterior border of third epimeral plate weakly curved; tip of lateral carina of coxa 5 sharp (in dorsal view).....
.....*E. (Pseudepimeria) amoenitas* sp. nov. [Adélie Coast]
5. Posteroproximal projection of basis of pereopod 5 rounded; posterior border of basis of pereopod 7 bluntly angulate in proximal 0.756
 - Posteroproximal projection of basis of pereopod 5 acutely triangular; posterior border of basis of pereopod 7 with rounded discontinuity in proximal 0.75*E. (Pseudepimeria) grandirostris* (Chevreux, 1912) [Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands]
6. In dorsal view, lateral border carina of coxa 5 distinctly oblique; posteroproximal projection of basis of pereopod 6 produced into a sharp triangular tooth; dactylus of gnathopod 2 very broad*E. (Pseudepimeria) callista* sp. nov. [Adélie Coast]
 - In dorsal view, lateral border of carina of coxa 5 almost parallel to body axis; posteroproximal projection of basis of pereopod 6 produced into a bluntly angulate lobe; dactylus of gnathopod 2 moderately broad*E. (Pseudepimeria) kharieis* sp. nov. [Eastern Weddell Sea]

Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) amoenitas sp. nov.

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‘Clade H *grandirostris-pulchra-oxicarinata* complex - PUL1’ – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 5 (online).

Etymology

From the Latin, *amoenitas*, *-tatis*: pleasantness, delightfulness, loveliness. This name, which is a noun in apposition, has been coined because the species is as elegant as its close relative *Epimeria pulchra*, of which the specific epithet means beautiful.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Aurora Australis* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: ♀ with hatchlings, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 3978, stn 36EV297, Adélie Coast, 66°20'19.806" S, 143°41'07.782" E, 552–573 m, beam trawl, 4 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4327).

Paratype

RV *Aurora Australis* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., cruise CEAMARC, sample ‘CEAMARC V3 stn 158’, stn 28EV53, Adélie Coast, 65°59'46.95" S, 143°02'57.0948" E, 461–483 m, beam trawl, 23 Dec. 2007, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4284) [extraction M14; Genbank nr, COI: KU870881].

Description

ROSTRUM. Long, overreaching tip of peduncle of antenna 1; in lateral view, anteriorly weakly curved in its middle and forming a blunt very obtuse angle with head, ventrally straight, tip not abruptly curving downwards; in frontal view, fairly narrow, with weakly convex borders, with subacute tip.

EYE. Medium-sized, conical.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionite 1 with medium-sized fairly broad and blunt-tipped mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards, of which the anterior border is straight and the posterior border is strongly convex, with pair of well-developed, blunt, dorsolateral teeth and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pereionite 2 much narrower than pereionites 1 and 3, with small narrow blunt-tipped tooth pointing upwards (a bit shorter than mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 1 and much shorter than mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 3), with pair of small very blunt dorsolateral teeth, and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pereionite 3 with large, broad and blunt mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards, of which the anterior and the posterior borders are both strongly convex, with pair of medium-sized, low and blunt dorsolateral teeth, and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pereionites 4–7 with large and broad mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards, of which the anterior border is strongly convex and the posterior border weakly convex to nearly straight, and of which the tip is bluntly angulate to subacute, and with pair of medium-sized, low and blunt dorsolateral teeth, and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pleonites 1–2 with large and broad mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards, of which the anterior border is strongly convex (regularly convex for pleonite 1, with weak median angular discontinuity in pleonite 2) and the posterior border straight, of which the tip is subacute, with pair of large subacute dorsolateral teeth (anteriorly preceded by small but sharp denticle); pleonite 3 with medium-sized mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards, of medium width, of which the anterior border is proximally convex and distally weakly concave, the tip narrow and acute

and the posterior border nearly straight, with 5 pairs of dorsolateral teeth (the most posterior one very large and blunt).

COXAE 1–3. Strongly carinate and distally sharp.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border straight; anteroventral border with proximal very distinct notch forming an obtuse angle, with distal part straight; anterior angle rounded and projecting forward; ventral tooth long, narrow and acute, directed backwards; lateral carina with rounded lobe strongly projecting laterally, posteriorly followed by fairly deep rounded concavity; in lateral view, inner corner of carina forming a distinct squared angle; in lateral view posteroventral border of coxa deeply concave, the deepest point of this concavity forming a blunt squared angle (more anteriorly and more distally the posterior border is nearly straight).

COXA 5. In dorsal view, with very long, triangular, carinate, lateral tooth, of which the anterior border points obliquely backwards and the posterior border is nearly perpendicular to body axis (very weakly pointing backwards); tip of carina sharp.

COXA 6. With triangular carinate lateral tooth of which the anterior border points obliquely backwards and the posterior border is nearly perpendicular to body axis (very weakly pointing onwards) (character to be examined in dorsal view); tip of carina sharp.

COXA 7. With ventral border distinctly curved, with posterior border very weakly concave, these two borders being joined by a broad curve.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Plate 1 with posteroventral angle bluntly angulate, with distinct lateral carina and 2 lateral teeth; plate 2 with posteroventral angle sharply angulate (forming a sharp tooth in squared angle), with distinct lateral carina and 2 lateral teeth; plate 3 with posteroventral angle produced into a long tooth, with distinct lateral carina and 1 lateral tooth, with posterior margin weakly convex.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with sharp narrow tooth pointing upwards, not anteriorly preceded by pair of denticles; urosomite 2 with pair of mid-sized posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards; urosomite 3 with pair of mid-sized posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.4; tips of lobes subacute, notch forming a narrow slit.

PEDUNCLE OF ANTENNA 1. Article 1 with anterior border concave, with strong anterior and posterior tooth; article 2 with strong lateral triangular tooth; article 3 with strong ventral tooth.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Very small, achelate; carpus and propodus of normal slenderness in gnathopod 1 (propodus tapering), extremely narrow in gnathopod 2; dactylus of gnathopod 2 moderately broad and posteriorly straight.

PEREIOPODS 3–4. Merus, carpus and propodus extremely broad and short; dactylus fairly large, strongly curved on both sides, clasping.

PEREIOPODS 5–6. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process sharply triangular, with posterodistal tooth strong, narrow and sharp; merus, carpus and propodus extremely broad and short; dactylus fairly large, strongly curved on both sides, clasping.

PEREIOPOD 7. Basis broad; posterior border parallel to axis of basis in proximal 0.75; at this level it forms a distinct squared angle, which is followed by a deep concavity; this concavity forms a rounded obtuse (nearly squared) angle; the posterodistal corner is produced into a long narrow tooth pointing

obliquely backwards; merus, carpus and propodus extremely broad and short; dactylus fairly large, strongly curved on both sides, clasping.

Body length

Up to 35 mm.

Distribution

Adélie Coast, 461–573 m.

Remarks

Epimeria amoenitas sp. nov. (Adélie Coast) is very similar to *E. debroyeri* sp. nov. (eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea). In *E. amoenitas* sp. nov., pleonite 3 has a fairly broad and acute-tipped mid-dorsal tooth, whilst in *E. debroyeri* sp. nov., the same tooth is very broad and bluntly triangular. In *E. amoenitas* sp. nov., the posterior border of third epimeral plate is weakly curved, whilst in *E. debroyeri* sp. nov., it forms a strongly protruding curved projection. Finally, in *E. amoenitas* sp. nov., the tip of the lateral carina of coxa 5 is sharp in dorsal view, whilst in *E. debroyeri* sp. nov., it is blunt.

Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) callista sp. nov.

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Epimeria grandirostris – Bellan-Santini, 1972: 223.

‘Clade H *grandirostris-pulchra-oxicarinata* complex - GR2’ – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 5 (online).

non Pseudepimeria grandirostris Chevreux, 1912: 216.

Etymology

From the Greek, κάλλιστος, Latinized as *callistus*, *-a*, *-um*, adjective meaning very beautiful, the most beautiful.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Aurora Australis* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: adult ♀, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 3978, stn 36EV297, Adélie Coast, 66°20'20" S, 143°41'08" E, 552–573 m, beam trawl, 4 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-7336, removed from MNHN-IU-2014-4327) [Extraction P40; Genbank nr, 28S: KU759683].

Paratypes

RV *Aurora Australis* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 dissected adult ♀, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 3978, stn 36EV297, Adélie Coast, 66°20'20" S, 143°41'08" E, 552–573 m, beam trawl, 4 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN, (MNHN-IU-2014-7337, removed from MNHN-IU-2014-4327).

RV *Seatruck* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 small and damaged spec., cruise REVOLTA II, stn REVO_029, Collect_ID: REVO_183, Adélie Coast, 66°39'30" S, 140°01'59" E, 97–103 m, beam trawl, 26 Jan. 2011, coll. N. Améziane, N. Bax, C. Gallut, A.C. Lautrédou and C. Robineau (MNHN-IU-2014-4300).

Description

ROSTRUM. Long, overreaching tip of peduncle of antenna 1; in lateral view, regularly curved along all its length, not forming an angle with head, ventrally straight, tip not abruptly curving downwards; in frontal view, fairly narrow, with weakly convex borders, with acute tip.

EYE. Medium-sized, conical.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionite 1 with low, very broad, rounded mid-dorsal tooth of which the anterior border is very oblique, with pair of well-developed, rounded, dorsolateral teeth and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pereionite 2 much narrower than pereionites 1 and 3, with small broad rounded tooth pointing upwards (as high as mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 1 and distinctly shorter than mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 3), with pair of very small dorsolateral teeth, and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pereionite 3 with medium-sized, broad and rounded mid-dorsal tooth of which the anterior and the posterior borders are both strongly convex, with pair of medium-sized, low and blunt dorsolateral teeth, and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pereionites 4–7 with fairly large and broad mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards, of which the anterior border is strongly convex and the posterior border nearly straight, and of which the tip is bluntly angulate, and with pair of medium-sized, low and blunt dorsolateral teeth, and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pleonites 1–2 with large and broad mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards, of which the anterior border is strongly and regularly convex and the posterior border straight, and of which the tip is subacute, and with pair of large subacute dorsolateral teeth and 4 pairs of much smaller denticles; pleonite 3 with medium-sized, fairly broad, triangular mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards, of which the anterior border is proximally convex, medially concave and distally straight, the tip subacute and the posterior border nearly straight, with 5 pairs of dorsolateral teeth.

COXAE 1–3. Strongly carinate and distally sharp.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border nearly straight; anteroventral border with proximal very shallow concavity, with distal part distinctly convex; anterior angle very broadly rounded and slightly projecting forward; ventral tooth long, broad and subacute, directed backwards; lateral carina with broadly rounded lobe distinctly projecting laterally, posteriorly followed by fairly deep rounded concavity and small extremely low second lobe; in lateral view, inner corner of carina forming a distinct squared angle; in lateral view posteroventral border of coxa deeply concave; the concavity is rounded, not distinctly angulate.

COXA 5. In dorsal view, with medium-sized, triangular, carinate, lateral tooth, of which the anterior border points weakly obliquely backwards and the posterior border is nearly perpendicular to body axis; tip of carina broadly rounded.

COXA 6. With triangular carinate lateral tooth of which the anterior border points obliquely backwards and the posterior border is nearly perpendicular to body (character to be examined in dorsal view); tip of carina subacute.

COXA 7. With ventral + posterior borders forming a regular curve, with small lateral tooth.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Plate 1 with posteroventral angle angulate, with distinct lateral carina and 2 lateral teeth; plate 2 with posteroventral angle sharply angulate (forming a distinct blunt-tipped tooth in squared angle), with distinct lateral carina and 2 lateral teeth; plate 3 with posteroventral angle produced into a fairly long tooth, with distinct lateral carina and 1 lateral tooth, with posterior margin weakly convex.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with sharp narrow tooth pointing upwards, not anteriorly preceded by pair of denticles; urosomite 2 with pair of tiny posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards; urosomite 3 with pair of mid-sized posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.35; tips of lobes rounded, notch forming a fairly narrow slit.

PEDUNCLE OF ANTENNA 1. Article 1 with anterior border weakly concave, with trace of anterior and posterior tooth; article 2 with medium-sized lateral triangular tooth; article 3 with weak ventral tooth.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Very small, achelate; carpus and propodus of normal slenderness in gnathopod 1 (propodus tapering), extremely narrow in gnathopod 2; dactylus of gnathopod 2 very broad and posteriorly strongly convex.

PEREIOPODS 3–4. Merus, carpus and propodus extremely broad and short; dactylus fairly large, strongly curved on both sides, clasping.

PEREIOPOD 5. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process rounded and strongly protruding, with posterodistal tooth fairly strong, triangular and sharp; merus, carpus and propodus extremely broad and short; dactylus fairly large, strongly curved on both sides, clasping.

PEREIOPOD 6. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process acutely triangular, with posterodistal tooth strong, narrow and sharp; merus, carpus and propodus extremely broad and short; dactylus fairly large, strongly curved on both sides, clasping.

PEREIOPOD 7. Basis broad; posterior border distinctly diverging from axis of basis in proximal 0.75; at this level it forms a distinct nearly squared (very slightly obtuse) angle, which is followed by a deep concavity; this concavity forms a broadly rounded curve; the posterodistal corner is produced into a long narrow tooth pointing obliquely backwards.

Body length

Up to 22 mm.

Distribution

Adélie Coast, 97–573 m.

Remarks

Epimeria callista sp. nov. (Adélie Coast) is very similar to *E. kharieis* sp. nov. (eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea) and *E. grandirostris* (Antarctic Peninsula and surrounding islands). Molecular phylogenetic analysis of 28S rDNA (Verheye et al. 2016a) supports the species status of *E. callista* sp. nov. and *E. grandirostris*. *Epimeria kharieis* sp. nov. is herein recognized as a distinct species based on morphology alone, as the type material was not suitable for genetic studies. See key of the subgenus *Pseudepimeria* for differences between the three species. Allometric differences have been observed in immatures and juveniles of these species, therefore the morphological characters given in the key and descriptions refer to adult females only.

Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) debroyeri sp. nov.

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Epimeria pulchra – Coleman 2007: 47, in part, colour plate 2 fig. f, not fig. 24a–b (= *E. pulchra*). — Lörz & Coleman 2009: unnumbered photograph on p. 17. — Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 62, pl. 55, unnumbered photograph.

non *Epimeria pulchra* Coleman, 1990a: 166–176, pls 10–16.

Etymology

The species is dedicated to Claude De Broyer (Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences), who collected the holotype of the species. The name is a genitive.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: large ♀, cruise PS14, ANT-VII/4, EPOS leg 3, stn 291 (GSN 14), eastern Weddell Sea, 71°06.1' S, 12°33.5' W to 71°05.9' S, 12°34.8' W, 499–515 m, bottom trawl, 19 Feb. 1989, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 132940).

Description

ROSTRUM. Long, overreaching tip of peduncle of antenna 1; in lateral view, anteriorly weakly curved in its middle and forming a blunt very obtuse angle with head, ventrally straight, tip abruptly curving downwards; in frontal view, fairly narrow, with weakly convex borders, with subacute tip.

EYE. Medium-sized, conical.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionite 1 with medium-sized broad and blunt-tipped mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards of which the anterior border is straight and the posterior border is strongly convex, with pair of well-developed, blunt, dorsolateral teeth and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pereionite 2 much narrower than pereionites 1 and 3, with small narrow blunt-tipped tooth pointing upwards (a bit shorter than mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 1 and much shorter than mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 3), with pair of small very blunt dorsolateral teeth, and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pereionites 3–4 with large, broad and blunt to subangulate mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards, of which the anterior and the posterior borders are both strongly convex, with pair of medium-sized, low and blunt dorsolateral teeth, and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pereionites 5–7 with large and broad mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards, of which the anterior border is strongly convex and the posterior border weakly convex, of which the tip is bluntly angulate to subacute, with pair of medium-sized, low and blunt dorsolateral teeth, and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pleonites 1–2 with large and broad mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards, of which the anterior border is strongly convex (with weak median angular discontinuity) and the posterior border nearly straight, of which the tip is subacute, with pair of large subacute dorsolateral teeth (anteriorly preceded by small but sharp denticle); pleonite 3 with very broad medium-sized mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards, of which the anterior border is convex, the tip broad and subangulate and the posterior border weakly convex, with 5 pairs of dorsolateral teeth.

COXAE 1–3. Strongly carinate and distally blunt.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border weakly but distinctly concave; anteroventral border with proximal very distinct notch forming an obtuse angle, with distal part convex; anterior angle rounded to very bluntly angulate and projecting forward; ventral tooth long, narrow and acute, directed backwards; lateral carina with rounded to very bluntly angulate lobe strongly projecting laterally, posteriorly followed by fairly shallow rounded concavity, and more backwards by a second, very low lobe projecting laterally; in lateral view, inner corner of carina forming a distinct obtuse (nearly squared) angle; in lateral view posteroventral border of coxa deeply concave, the deepest point of this concavity forming a blunt squared angle (more anteriorly and more distally the posterior border is nearly straight).

COXA 5. In dorsal view, with very long, triangular, carinate, lateral tooth, of which the anterior border points obliquely strongly backwards and the posterior border is also distinctly pointing backwards); tip of carina blunt.

COXA 6. With triangular carinate lateral tooth of which the anterior border points obliquely backwards and the posterior border is nearly perpendicular to body axis (very weakly pointing onwards) (character to be examined in dorsal view); tip of carina subacute.

COXA 7. With ventral border distinctly curved, with posterior border straight, these two borders being joined by a broad curve.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Plate 1 with posteroventral angle broadly rounded, with distinct lateral carina and 1 lateral tooth; plate 2 with posteroventral angle sharply angulate (forming a sharp tooth in squared angle), with distinct lateral carina and 1 lateral tooth; plate 3 with posteroventral angle produced into a long tooth, with distinct lateral carina and 1 lateral tooth, with posterior margin very strongly convex.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with sharp narrow tooth pointing upwards, anteriorly preceded by pair of denticles; urosomite 2 with pair of mid-sized posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards; urosomite 3 with pair of mid-sized posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing obliquely backwards.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.2; tips of lobes subacute, notch forming a broad V.

PEDUNCLE OF ANTENNA 1. Article 1 with anterior border concave, with strong anterior and posterior tooth; article 2 with strong lateral triangular tooth; article 3 with strong ventral tooth.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Very small, achelate; carpus and propodus of normal slenderness in gnathopod 1 (propodus tapering), extremely narrow in gnathopod 2; dactylus of gnathopod 2 fairly narrow and posteriorly straight.

PEREIOPODS 3–4. Merus, carpus and propodus extremely broad and short; dactylus fairly large, strongly curved on both sides, clasping.

PEREIOPODS 5–6. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process sharply triangular, with posterodistal tooth strong, narrow and sharp; merus, carpus and propodus extremely broad and short; dactylus fairly large, strongly curved on both sides, clasping.

PEREIOPOD 7. Basis broad; posterior border parallel to axis of basis in proximal 0.75; at this level it forms a distinct acute (nearly squared) angle, which is followed by a deep concavity; this concavity forms a rounded obtuse (nearly squared) angle; the posterodistal corner is produced into a long narrow tooth pointing obliquely backwards; merus, carpus and propodus extremely broad and short; dactylus fairly large, strongly curved on both sides, clasping.

Colour pattern

Body and appendages entirely white; eye reddish (Coleman 2007: 47, colour plate 2f; Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 62, pl. 55, both as *Epimeria pulchra*).

Body length

33 mm.

Distribution

Eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea, 499–515 m.

Remarks

Epimeria debroyeri sp. nov. (eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea) is very similar to *E. amoenitas* sp. nov. (Adélie Coast). See key and account on *E. amoenitas* sp. nov. The specimen of *E. debroyeri* sp. nov. illustrated by a photograph as *E. pulchra* in Coleman (2007) and reproduced in Rauschert & Arntz (2015) was collected on the eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea. Indeed, in an early draft of Rauschert & Arntz's (2015) book, it was indicated that this specimen was collected during the cruise ANT-XIII/3 dedicated to the study of that region.

Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) cf. debroyeri

Fig 272

Material examined

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 juv., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, Elephant Island, 60°52.37' S, 55°29.80' W to 60°52.71' S, 55°27.83' W, 248–265 m, a lot of epifauna, Rauschert dredge and Agassiz trawl, 22 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132941); 1 white juv., photographed, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 728-2, south of Dundee Island, 63°42.63' S, 56°01.63' W to 63°42.25' S, 56°02.16' W, 293–298 m, Agassiz trawl, 24 Jan. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122524).

Colour pattern

Body and appendages entirely white; eyes reddish.

Remarks

These two specimens possibly belong to *Epimeria debroyeri* sp. nov. However, they are much smaller (8 mm instead of 33 mm) and exhibit a number of differences, especially in the development of their mid-dorsal crests. It has to be noted that these differences might be size-related. The two specimens are therefore referred as *E. cf. debroyeri*.

Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) grandirostris (Chevreux, 1912)

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Pseudepimeria grandirostris Chevreux, 1912: 216.

Pseudepimeria grandirostris – Chevreux 1913: 154, figs 44–46. — De Broyer 1983: 305 (in part), pl. 100.

Epimeria grandirostris – Coleman 1990a: 151–158, pls 1–4. — De Broyer & Klages 1991: 165 (key). — Wakabara & Serejo 1999: 641 (key). — Coleman 2007: 38, in part, fig. 17a–b, not colour plate 2b (= *E. kharieis* sp. nov.), map 8 (rhomb), in part.

'Clade H *grandirostris-pulchra-oxicarinata* complex - GR1' – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 5 (online).

Material examined

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 very small juv., PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, Elephant Island, 60°52.37' S, 55°29.80' W to 60°52.71' S, 55°27.83' W, 248–265 m, a lot of epifauna, Agassiz trawl, 22 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122523); 1 small spec., PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-1, Elephant Island, 61°20.35' S, 55°29.16' W to 61°19.98' S, 55°32.67' W, 146–151 m, bottom trawl, 19 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122530); 1 small spec.,

PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 608-1, Elephant Island, 61°11.34' S, 54°43.17' W to 61°11.80' S, 54°40.05' W, 284–293 m, bottom trawl, 20 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122626); 1 small spec., PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 654-6, Elephant Island, 61°22.80' S, 56°03.84' W to 61°23.35' S, 56°04.89' W, 341–342 m, Agassiz trawl, 29 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122484); 1 adult ♀, PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 185-3, south east of Dundee Island, 63°51.34' S, 55°41.11' W to 63°51.52' S, 55°41.43' W, bottom not muddy with a lot of life (sponges, starfishes, ophiuroids, crinoids, *Pentapora*-like bryozoans), 261–296 m, Agassiz trawl, 19 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122946) [extraction ANT46; Genbank nr, COI: KU870832, 28S: KU759605]; 1 badly damaged small spec., PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 197-6, Bransfield Strait, 62°45.05' S, 57°26.68' W to 62°45.09' S, 57°26.47' W, 210–222 m, black gravel mixed with sand and a little bit of mud, Rauschert dredge, 25 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122950) [extraction ANT47; Genbank nr, COI: KU870833, 28S: KU759606]

Description

Description based on adult female of ANT-XXIX/3, stn 185-3 (RBINS, INV. 122946).

ROSTRUM. Long, overreaching tip of peduncle of antenna 1; in lateral view, proximally nearly straight, distinctly curved on second 0.3, not forming a distinct angle with head, ventrally straight, tip not abruptly curving downwards; in frontal view, fairly broad, with weakly convex borders, with acute tip.

EYE. Medium-sized, conical.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionite 1 with low, very broad, rounded mid-dorsal tooth, of which the anterior border is very oblique, with pair of well-developed, rounded, dorsolateral teeth and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pereionite 2 much narrower than pereionites 1 and 3, with small broad rounded tooth pointing upwards (as high as mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 1 and distinctly shorter than mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 3), with pair of very small dorsolateral teeth, and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pereionites 3–7 with fairly large, broad and rounded mid-dorsal tooth of which the anterior and posterior borders are both strongly convex, with pair of medium-sized, low and blunt dorsolateral teeth, and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pleonites 1–2 with large and broad mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards, of which the anterior border is strongly and regularly convex (less convex in pleonite 2) and the posterior border straight, and of which the tip is subacute, and with pair of large subacute dorsolateral teeth and 4 pairs of much smaller denticles; pleonite 3 with medium-sized, fairly broad, triangular mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards, of which the anterior border is straight (except for proximal tiny protrusion), the tip acute and the posterior border slightly but distinctly convex, with 5 pairs of dorsolateral teeth.

COXAE 1–3. Strongly carinate and distally sharp.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border nearly straight; anteroventral border with inconspicuous concavity, with distal part distinctly convex; anterior angle extremely broadly rounded and not projecting forward; ventral tooth well developed, very broad and subacute directed backwards; lateral carina with low, very broadly rounded lobe distinctly projecting laterally, posteriorly not followed by concavity and not followed by second smaller lobe; in lateral view, the carina is forming a regular, strongly arching curve and is not at all angulate; in lateral view posteroventral border of coxa deeply concave; the concavity is rounded, not distinctly angulate.

COXA 5. In dorsal view, with medium-sized, triangular, carinate, lateral tooth, of which the anterior border points distinctly obliquely backwards and the posterior border is nearly perpendicular to body axis; tip of carina broadly rounded.

COXA 6. Triangular carinate lateral tooth of which the anterior border points obliquely backwards and the posterior border is nearly perpendicular to body (character to be examined in dorsal view); tip of carina very blunt.

COXA 7. With ventral + posterior borders forming a regular curve, with small lateral tooth.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Plate 1 with posteroventral angle sharply angulate and with small triangular tooth, with distinct lateral carina and 2 lateral teeth; plate 2 with posteroventral angle sharply angulate and produced into a small triangular tooth, with distinct lateral carina and 2 lateral teeth; plate 3 with posteroventral angle produced into a fairly long tooth, with distinct lateral carina and 1 lateral tooth, with posterior margin distinctly convex.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with sharp narrow tooth pointing upwards, not anteriorly preceded by pair of denticles; urosomite 2 with pair of tiny posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards; urosomite 3 with pair of mid-sized posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.25; lobes laterally very convex, blunt-tipped, notch fairly narrow.

PEDUNCLE OF ANTENNA 1. Article 1 with anterior border weakly concave, with low anterior and posterior tooth; article 2 with medium-sized lateral triangular tooth; article 3 with weak ventral tooth.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Very small, achelate; carpus and propodus of normal slenderness in gnathopod 1 (propodus tapering), extremely narrow in gnathopod 2; dactylus of gnathopod 2 very broad and posteriorly weakly convex.

PEREIOPODS 3–4. Merus, carpus and propodus extremely broad and short; dactylus fairly large, strongly curved on both sides, clasping.

PEREIOPOD 5. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process triangular and sharp, with posterodistal tooth fairly strong, triangular and sharp; merus, carpus and propodus extremely broad and short; dactylus fairly large, strongly curved on both sides, clasping.

PEREIOPOD 6. Basis 6 of normal width, with posteroproximal process triangular and subacute, with posterodistal tooth strong, narrow and sharp; merus, carpus and propodus extremely broad and short; dactylus fairly large, strongly curved on both sides, clasping.

PEREIOPOD 7. Basis broad; posterior border distinctly diverging from axis of basis in proximal 0.75; at this level it forms a very blunt obtuse angle, which is followed by a distinct concavity; this concavity forms a broadly rounded curve; the posterodistal corner is produced into a long triangular tooth pointing obliquely backwards; merus, carpus and propodus extremely broad and short; dactylus fairly large, strongly curved on both sides, clasping.

Allometric variations

See photographs of immatures (Figs 279–282).

Colour pattern

Orange red mottling on a whitish background.

Body length

Up to 25 mm.

Distribution

Marguerite Bay, 254 m [type locality] (Chevreux 1912, 1913); Elephant Island, Bransfield Strait, north-western Weddell Sea (Dundee Island); 146–342 m (present material). For an inventory of older records of *Epimeria* of the *grandirostris* complex, see De Broyer *et al.* (2007), as *Epimeria grandirostris*.

Biology

Coleman (1988) observed *E. grandirostris* eating branches of hydroids in an aquarium on the RV *Polarstern*.

Remarks

The populations of the *E. grandirostris* complex sampled in the eastern Weddell Sea and Adélie Coast are described herein as distinct species, respectively *E. kharieis* sp. nov. and *E. callista* sp. nov. See key of the subgenus *Pseudepimeria* for the main diagnostic characters of adult females.

Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) kharieis sp. nov.

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Figs 283–290

Pseudepimeria grandirostris – Klages 1988: 74, 75, unnumbered fig., 78, fig. 16c.

Epimeria grandirostris – Coleman 2007: 38, in part, colour plate 2 fig. b only. — Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 61, 125, pl. 54 (adult and juvenile).

non Pseudepimeria grandirostris Chevreux, 1912: 216.

Etymology

Derived from the Greek adjective *χαρίεις*, meaning graceful and beautiful, and Latinized herein as *kharieis*, *-is*, *-e*.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: adult ♀, cruise PS48, ANT-XV/3, EASIZ II, stn 77 (AGT7), eastern Weddell Sea, 71°08.6' S, 12°26.6' W to 71°10.2' S, 12°30.7' W, 330–433 m, Agassiz trawl, 2 Feb. 1998, coll. C. De Broyer and Y. Scailteur (RBINS, INV. 132937).

Paratypes

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 fairly large spec., cruise PS14, ANT-VII/4, EPOS leg 3, stn 281, eastern Weddell Sea, 71°39.0' S, 12°21.1' W to 71°36.9' S, 12°25.0' W, 389–450 m, Agassiz trawl, 17 Jan. 1989, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 132939); 1 spec., cruise PS48, ANT-XV/3, EASIZ II, stn 77 (AGT7), eastern Weddell Sea, 71°08.6' S, 12°26.6' W to 71°10.2' S, 12°30.7' W, 330–433 m, Agassiz trawl, 2 Feb. 1998, coll. C. De Broyer and Y. Scailteur (RBINS, INV. 132938); 1 immature spec., cruise PS65, ANT-XXI/2, BENDEX, stn 144-1, eastern Weddell Sea, 70°57.02' S, 10°48.43' W to 70°56.98' S, 10°48.04' W, 401–407 m, 13 Dec. 2003, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 132988).

Description

Description based on adult females.

ROSTRUM. Long, overreaching tip of peduncle of antenna 1; in lateral view, straight on proximal half, regularly curved on second half, forming a very obtuse angle with head, ventrally straight, tip not abruptly curving downwards; in frontal view, fairly broad, with weakly convex borders, with acute tip.

EYE. Medium-sized, conical.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionite 1 with low, broad, rounded mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards of which the anterior border is distinctly oblique, with pair of well-developed, rounded, dorsolateral teeth and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pereionite 2 much narrower than pereionites 1 and 3, with small elliptic tooth pointing upwards (as high as mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 1 and distinctly shorter than mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 3), with pair of very small dorsolateral teeth, and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pereionites 3–7 with medium-sized, very broad and rounded mid-dorsal tooth of which the anterior and the posterior borders are both strongly convex, with pair of medium-sized, low and blunt dorsolateral teeth, and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pleonites 1–2 with large and broad mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards, of which the anterior border is strongly and regularly convex and the posterior border slightly less convex, and of which the tip is bluntly angulate, and with pair of large subacute dorsolateral teeth and 4 pairs of much smaller denticles; pleonite 3 with medium-sized, broad, triangular mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards, of which the anterior border may have (holotype) a low obtuse angulate protrusion on proximal 0.6, of which the tip is subacute and the posterior border weakly sinuate, with 5 pairs of dorsolateral teeth.

COXAE 1–3. Strongly carinate and distally sharp.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border nearly straight; anteroventral border with proximal very shallow concavity, with distal part distinctly convex; anterior angle very broadly rounded and slightly projecting forward; ventral tooth long, broad and subacute, directed backwards; lateral carina with very low rounded lobe slightly projecting laterally, in the holotype posteriorly followed by very shallow rounded concavity and small extremely low second lobe; in lateral view, inner corner of carina forming a distinct squared angle; in lateral view posteroventral border of coxa deeply concave; the concavity is rounded, not distinctly angulate.

COXA 5. In dorsal view, with low, triangular, carinate, lateral tooth, of which the anterior border is nearly parallel to body axis and the posterior border is obliquely pointing backwards; tip of carina blunt.

COXA 6. With triangular carinate lateral tooth, of which the anterior border (which is nearly straight, inconspicuously convex) points obliquely backwards; the posterior border is nearly perpendicular to body axis (character to be examined in dorsal view); tip of carina blunt.

COXA 7. With ventral + posterior borders forming a regular curve, with small lateral tooth.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Plate 1 with posteroventral angle angulate, with distinct lateral carina and 2 lateral teeth; plate 2 with posteroventral angle sharply angulate (forming a distinct sharp tooth), with distinct lateral carina and 2 lateral teeth; plate 3 with posteroventral angle produced into a fairly long tooth, with distinct lateral carina and 1 lateral tooth, with posterior margin weakly convex.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with sharp narrow tooth pointing upwards, more anteriorly with or without pair of low dorsolateral denticles; urosomite 2 with 2 pairs of posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards; urosomite 3 with pair of mid-sized posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.30; tips of lobes blunt, notch forming a fairly narrow slit.

PEDUNCLE OF ANTENNA 1. Article 1 with anterior border weakly concave, with well-developed anterior and posterior tooth; article 2 with medium-sized lateral triangular tooth; article 3 with weak ventral tooth.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Very small; gnathopod 1 incomplete in dissected specimen; gnathopod 2 achelate; carpus and propodus extremely narrow; dactylus of gnathopod 2 fairly broad and posteriorly weakly convex.

PEREIOPODS 3–4. Merus, carpus and propodus extremely broad and short; dactylus fairly large, strongly curved on both sides, clasping.

PEREIOPOD 5. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process rounded and strongly protruding, with posterodistal tooth small, triangular; merus, carpus and propodus extremely broad and short; dactylus fairly large, strongly curved on both sides, clasping.

PEREIOPOD 6. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process very protruding (with proximal border very convex, with tip angulate or bluntly angulate, with distal border concave), with posterodistal tooth fairly small, triangular; merus, carpus and propodus extremely broad and short; dactylus fairly large, strongly curved on both sides, clasping.

PEREIOPOD 7. Basis broad; posterior border strongly diverging from axis of basis in proximal 0.75; at this level it form a distinct, blunt, nearly squared (very slightly obtuse) angle, which is followed by a deep concavity; this concavity form a broadly rounded curve; the posterodistal corner is produced into a long narrow tooth pointing obliquely backwards; merus, carpus and propodus extremely broad and short; dactylus fairly large, strongly curved on both sides, clasping.

Allometric variations

See pictures of immature specimen.

Colour pattern

Red mottled on a white background (photographs of Rauschert & Arntz 2015).

Body length

Up to 26 mm.

Distribution

Eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea, 330–450 m.

Remarks

Based on morphological characters, *Epimeria* of the *grandirostris* complex from the eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea are herein considered as the new species *E. kharieis* sp. nov. See key of the subgenus *Pseudepimeria* for characters. The '*Epimeria grandirostris*' specimens illustrated by Rauschert & Arntz (2015) are presumably *E. kharieis* sp. nov. based on the collection location: eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea. However, as many morphological characters cannot be observed on their photographs, this identification is tentative. The precise localities are given in an early draft of their book. They are indicated as respectively coming from stations F42 and 121 of the cruise ANT-XXI (obviously ANT-XXI/2). Station 42 corresponds to a photo sledge. The letter "F" would suggest that it is not an error, as the official acronym of the photo sledge used during ANT-XXI/2 is FTS (Arntz & Brey 2005: 120). The coordinates of station 42 are 70°29.66' S, 08°58.73' W to 70°29.65' S, 08°58.55' W, 428–429 m. Those

of station 121 are 70°50.08' S, 10°35.54' W to 70°50.08' S, 10°34.76' W, 268–274 m. The '*Epimeria grandirostris*' illustrated on plate 2 fig. b (colour photograph) by Coleman (2007) is also presumably *E. kharieis* sp. nov. A copy of the photograph used by Coleman (2007) was found in the archives of RBINS, indicating that it was made during the cruise ANT-XIII (obviously ANT-XIII/3), which was focused on the study of the eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea.

Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) oxicarinata Coleman, 1990

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Epimeria oxicarinata Coleman, 1990b: 158–166, 175, 177–178, pls 5–9, 17.

“Eine neue, noch unbekannte *Epimeria*-Art” – Andres in Sieg & Wägele 1990: pl. 8, lower photograph. *Epimeria oxicarinata* – De Broyer & Klages 1991: 166 (key). — Coleman 2007: 46, fig. 23a–b, colour pl. 2 fig. g, map 13 (rhomb). — Lörz & Coleman 2009: unnumbered photograph on p. 17. — Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 61, pl. 54, unnumbered photograph.

Epimeria oxycarinata – Wakabara & Serejo 1999: 641 (key). — Barnes 2007: 5, pl. 5, unnumbered photograph (misspelling).

‘Clade H *grandirostris-pulchra-oxicarinata* complex - OX’ – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 5 (online).

Material examined

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., cruise PS14, ANT-VII/4, EPOS leg 3, stn 211, Elephant Island, 60°59.8' S, 55°12.1' W to 60°59.3' S, to 55°10.5' W, 207–213 m, bottom trawl, 15 Jan. 1989, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 132945); 1 spec., cruise PS48, ANT-XV/3, EASIZ II, stn 353, north of Nelson Island, 61°59.4' S, 59°14.4' W to 61°58.2' S, 59°14.3' W, 129–132 m, Agassiz trawl, 20 Mar. 1998, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 132723); 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-3, Elephant Island, 61°20.33' S, 55°31.53' W to 61°20.35' S, 55°30.18' W, 148–154 m, Agassiz trawl, 20 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122483) [extraction N8; Genbank nr, COI: KU870892]; 1 ♀, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-5, Elephant Island, 61°20.27' S, 55°30.92' W to 61°20.37' S, 55°28.99' W, 131–152 m, 20 Dec. 2006, Agassiz trawl, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122482); 8 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, Elephant Island, 60°52.37' S, 55°29.80' W to 60°52.71' S, 55°27.83' W, 248–265 m, a lot of epifauna, Rauschert dredge and Agassiz trawl, 22 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122517); 1 spec., PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, Elephant Island, 60°52.37' S, 55°29.80' W to 60°52.71' S, 55°27.83' W, 248–265 m, a lot of epifauna, Rauschert dredge and Agassiz trawl, 22 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (MNHN-IU-2014-7338, removed from RBINS, INV. 122517); 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, Elephant Island, 60°52.37' S, 55°29.80' W to 60°52.71' S, 55°27.83' W, 248–265 m, a lot of epifauna, Rauschert dredge and Agassiz trawl, 22 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132942); 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, Elephant Island, 60°52.37' S, 55°29.80' W to 60°52.71' S, 55°27.83' W, 248–265 m, a lot of epifauna, Rauschert dredge and Agassiz trawl, 22 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132972); 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, Elephant Island, 60°52.37' S, 55°29.80' W to 60°52.71' S, 55°27.83' W, 248–265 m, a lot of epifauna, Rauschert dredge and Agassiz trawl, 22 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122468) [extraction N7; Genbank nr, COI: KU870891]; 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, Elephant Island, 60°52.37' S, 55°29.80' W to 60°52.71' S, 55°27.83' W, 248–265 m, a lot of epifauna, Rauschert dredge and Agassiz trawl, 22 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122472); 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3, Elephant Island, 60°52.37' S, 55°29.80' W to 60°52.71' S, 55°27.83' W, 248–265 m, Agassiz trawl, 22 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem

d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122521); 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 639-1, Elephant Island, 61°10.27' S, 55°56.52' W to 61°11.12' S, 55°53.03' W, 127–128 m, bottom trawl, 26 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122518); 2 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 644-1, Elephant Island, 61°03.19' S, 55°54.36' W to 61°01.78' S, 55°51.83' W, 150–187 m, bottom trawl, 27 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122522).

Description

ROSTRUM. Long, overreaching tip of peduncle of antenna 1; in lateral view, regularly curved, forming a distinct obtuse angle with head, ventrally very weakly concave, tip scarcely curving downwards; in frontal view, fairly broad, with weakly convex borders, with acute tip.

EYE. Medium-sized, conical.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionite 1 with very long, narrow, sharp mid-dorsal tooth arching forward (anterior border strongly concave, posterior border strongly convex), with pair of long, sharp, dorsolateral teeth, and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pereionite 2 much narrower than pereionites 1 and 3, with small, narrow and sharp tooth pointing upwards ($5 \times$ shorter than mid-dorsal tooth of pereionites 1 and 3), with pair of small dorsolateral teeth, and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pereionites 3–7 with very long, very narrow, very sharp mid-dorsal tooth of which the anterior and the posterior borders are nearly straight, with pair of large and sharp dorsolateral teeth, and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pleonites 1–2 with very long, very narrow, very sharp mid-dorsal tooth of which the anterior and the posterior borders are nearly straight, with pair of large acute dorsolateral teeth and very small denticles; pleonite 3 very long, very narrow, very sharp mid-dorsal tooth of which the anterior and the posterior borders are nearly straight, with about 5 pairs of dorsolateral teeth, of which 2 are large and sharp and the others small to very small.

COXAE 1–3. Strongly carinate and distally sharp.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border weakly but distinctly concave; anteroventral border with deep notch, with distal part nearly straight; anterior angle produced into a large and sharp tooth pointing downwards; ventral tooth long, narrow and sharp, directed ventrally (scarcely arching backwards); lateral carina with long and sharp tooth projecting laterally; in lateral view, inner corner of carina forming a distinct obtuse angle; in lateral view posteroventral border of coxa deeply concave; the concavity is rounded.

COXA 5. In dorsal view, with very large, narrowly triangular, carinate, lateral tooth, of which the anterior and the posterior borders point obliquely backwards; tip of carina sharp.

COXA 6. With narrowly triangular carinate lateral tooth of which the anterior border (which is convex) and the posterior border (which is concave) points obliquely backwards (character to be examined in dorsal view); tip of carina very sharp.

COXA 7. With ventral + posterior borders forming a regular curve, with small lateral tooth.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Plate 1 with posteroventral angle angulate, with distinct lateral carina and 2 lateral teeth; plate 2 with posteroventral angle sharply angulate (forming a distinct sharp triangular tooth), with distinct lateral carina and 2 lateral teeth; plate 3 with posteroventral angle produced into a very long tooth, with distinct lateral carina and 1 lateral tooth, with posterior margin weakly convex.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with sharp narrow mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards, with pair of lateral denticles at the same level as mid-dorsal tooth; urosomite 2 with 2 pairs of small posterior

dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards (a very small triangular one followed by a longer styliform one); urosomite 3 with pair of mid-sized posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.4; tips of lobes sharp, notch V-shaped.

PEDUNCLE OF ANTENNA 1. Article 1 with anterior border weakly concave, with well-developed anterior and posterior tooth; article 2 with medium-sized lateral triangular tooth; article 3 with weak ventral tooth.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Very small, achelate; carpus and propodus of medium stoutness in gnathopod 1 (propodus tapering), of fairly narrow in gnathopod 2; dactylus of gnathopod 2 fairly broad and posteriorly slightly convex.

PEREIOPODS 3–4. Merus, carpus and propodus extremely broad and short; dactylus fairly large, strongly curved on both sides, clasping.

PEREIOPODS 5–6. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process sharply triangular and strongly protruding, with posterodistal tooth large and sharp; merus, carpus and propodus extremely broad and short; dactylus fairly large, strongly curved on both sides, clasping.

PEREIOPOD 7. Basis of medium-width; posterior border distinctly diverging from axis of basis in proximal 0.75; at this level it forms a triangular tooth (i.e., blunt-tipped acute, nearly straight angle), which is followed by a deep concavity; this concavity form a broadly rounded curve; the posterodistal corner is produced into a long narrow tooth pointing obliquely backwards; merus, carpus and propodus extremely broad and short; dactylus fairly large, strongly curved on both sides, clasping.

Colour pattern

Transversally striped of white, red and orange.

Body length

Up to 26 mm.

Distribution

Elephant Island, 127–267 m (Coleman 2007; present data), Drake Passage: north of Nelson Island (present data).

Biology

Coleman (1990a) found thecate hydrozoans (cf. *Oswaldella antarctica* (Jäderholm, 1904)) in the stomachs of several *E. oxycarinata* specimens. A photograph of the species clinging onto a thecate hydrozoan with a long strong stem and thin lateral branches was published by Coleman (2007). So it is likely that *E. oxycarinata* is a hydroid-associated and hydroid-feeding species.

Remarks

There is an unconfirmed record of *E. oxycarinata* from the eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea (Klages 1991; De Broyer *et al.* 2007), but this might be a misidentification, possibly a confusion with *E. cyrano* sp. nov., which is also a very spiny, albeit very different in other morphological characters. The collection station of the specimen of *Epimeria oxycarinata* illustrated by Rauchert & Arntz (2015) was mentioned in an early draft of their book accessed by the authors: ANT-XV/3 stn 355. This corresponds to 61°59.8' S, 59°14.8' W to 62°00.1' S, 59°14.8' W (north of Nelson Island), 128–130 m.

Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) pulchra Coleman, 1990

Fig. 293

Epimeria pulchra Coleman, 1990a: 166–176, pls 10–16.

Epimeria pulchra – De Broyer & Klages 1991: 166 (key). — Wakabara & Serejo 1999: 641 (key). — Coleman 2007: 47, in part, fig. 24a–b, not colour plate 2f (= *E. debroyeri* sp. nov.).

Material examined

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 2 adult specs, SIGNY 1991/92, AGT 5, transect 1, South Orkney Plateau: Signy Island, 60.683° S, 45.581° W, 50 m, 10 Jan. 1992, coll. Stefan Hain (RBINS, INV. 132687).

Description

ROSTRUM. Long, overreaching tip of peduncle of antenna 1; in lateral view, anteriorly weakly curved in its middle and forming a blunt very obtuse angle with head, ventrally weakly curved, tip sometimes abruptly curving downwards; in frontal view, fairly narrow, with weakly convex borders, with subacute tip.

EYE. Medium-sized, conical.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionite 1 with medium-sized broad and blunt-tipped mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards of which the anterior border is straight and the posterior border is strongly convex, with pair of well-developed, blunt, dorsolateral teeth and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pereionite 2 much narrower than pereionites 1 and 3, with small narrow blunt-tipped tooth pointing upwards (a bit shorter than mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 1 and much shorter than mid-dorsal tooth of pereionite 3), with pair of small very blunt dorsolateral teeth, and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pereionites 3–7 with very large, slender and blunt-tipped mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards, of which the anterior and the posterior borders are similarly convex, with pair of small, low and blunt dorsolateral teeth, and pair of small ventrolateral teeth; pleonite 1 with very large and slender mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards, of which the anterior and posterior borders are convex (anterior border with distinct subdistal angular discontinuity), and of which the tip is blunt to angulate, and with pair of large subacute dorsolateral teeth (associated with several pairs of smaller denticles); pleonite 2 with very large and slender mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards, of which the anterior and posterior borders are convex, and of which the tip is angulate, and with pair of large subacute dorsolateral teeth (associated with several pairs of smaller denticles); pleonite 3 with very narrow and very large mid-dorsal tooth pointing upwards, of which the anterior border is not convex, and the tip sharp and narrow, with 5 pairs of dorsolateral teeth.

COXAE 1–3. Strongly carinate and distally subacute.

COXA 4. Anterodorsal border straight; anteroventral border with median very deep angulate concavity (anterior border of concavity concave; posterior border of concavity straight); anterior angle produced into a large broad tooth projecting forward; ventral tooth fairly long, narrow and subacute, pointing weakly obliquely backwards; lateral carina with bluntly angulate lobe strongly projecting laterally, posteriorly followed by fairly deep rounded concavity, and more backwards by a second, lower but distinct lobe projecting laterally; in lateral view, inner corner of carina forming a distinct squared angle; in lateral view posteroventral border of coxa deeply concave, the deepest point of this concavity forming a very rounded, obtuse (nearly squared) angle.

COXA 5. In dorsal view, with extremely long, triangular, carinate, lateral tooth, of which the anterior border points obliquely strongly backwards and the posterior border is almost perpendicular to body axis; tip of carina sharp.

COXA 6. With triangular carinate lateral tooth of which the anterior border points obliquely backwards and the posterior border is nearly perpendicular to body axis (very weakly pointing onwards); tip of carina subacute; posteriorly with a second, much smaller obtuse triangular tooth directed backwards.

COXA 7. With ventral border strongly curved, with posterior border straight, these two borders being joined by a long broad curve.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Plate 1 with posteroventral angle angulate and with posterior border distinctly angulate, with distinct lateral carina and 2 lateral teeth; plate 2 with posteroventral angle produced into a medium-sized sharp tooth, with distinct lateral carina and 2 lateral teeth; plate 3 with posteroventral angle produced into a long tooth, with distinct lateral carina and 1 lateral tooth, with posterior margin produced into a large triangular tooth.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with sharp narrow tooth pointing upwards, with pair of denticle just in front of the main tooth; urosomite 2 with pair of mid-sized posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards; urosomite 3 with pair of mid-sized posterior dorsolateral teeth pointing upwards.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.3; tips of lobes acute, notch forming a narrow V.

PEDUNCLE OF ANTENNA 1. Article 1 with anterior border concave, with strong anterior and posterior tooth; article 2 with strong lateral triangular tooth; article 3 with strong ventral tooth.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Very small, achelate; carpus and propodus broad in gnathopod 1 (propodus tapering), of medium width in gnathopod 2; dactylus of gnathopod 2 extremely broad and posteriorly straight.

PEREIOPOD 3–4. Merus, carpus and propodus extremely broad and short; dactylus fairly large, strongly curved on both sides, clasping.

PEREIOPODS 5–6. Basis of pereopods 5–6 of normal width, with posteroproximal process produced into a sharp tooth, with posterodistal tooth strong, narrow and sharp; merus, carpus and propodus extremely broad and short; dactylus fairly large, strongly curved on both sides, clasping.

PEREIOPOD 7. Basis broad; posterior border nearly parallel to basis axis of proximal 0.75; at this level it forms a medium-sized sharp to very sharp tooth, which is followed by a deep rounded concavity; the posterodistal corner is produced into a medium to long narrow tooth pointing obliquely backwards; merus, carpus and propodus extremely broad and short; dactylus fairly large, strongly curved on both sides, clasping.

Body length

Up to 35 mm.

Distribution

Plateau of the South Orkney Islands, 50–190 m (Coleman 1990; present material).

Remarks

Epimeria pulchra is superficially similar to *E. amoenitas* sp. nov. and *E. debroyeri* sp. nov., but it differs from these two species by a number of characters such as: longer mid-dorsal teeth on pereionites 3–7

and pleonites 1–2, much longer mid-dorsal tooth on pleonite 3, anterior corner of coxa 4 much more produced, posterior border of third epimeral plate produced into a tooth instead of being simply convex, gnathopods much broader. It is likely that *E. pulchra* s. str. is endemic to the South Orkney Islands, just as *E. linseae* sp. nov.

Subgenus *Subepimeria* Bellan-Santini, 1972

Subepimeria Bellan-Santini, 1972: 225.

Subepimeria – Karaman & J.L. Barnard 1979: 108–109 (in part).

Type species

Subepimeria geodesiae Bellan-Santini, 1972.

Description

Body opaque, with teguments moderately calcified. Rostrum medium-sized. Eyes not conical. Pleonite 2 posteriorly produced into a small sharp tooth oriented backwards; pleonite 1 and pereionite 7 sometimes also posteriorly produced into a tooth or bump; dorsal border of pleonite 3 keeled; in lateral view that keel posteriorly terminated into a rounded bump or a squared angle. With the exception of the aforementioned mid-dorsal ornamentations, pereionites and pleosomites perfectly smooth. Coxae 1–3 with blunt tip, not sharply keeled. Coxa 4 with indistinct carina starting at ventral tip of coxa and terminating at posterior tip of coxa; this carina remains very close to the posteroventral border of coxa, the space in-between forming a very shallow groove; posteroventral border of coxa 4 very weakly concave, nearly straight. Coxae 5–6 without tooth or distinct protrusion. Mid of posterior border of epimeral plates 1–3 not produced into a tooth. Posteroventral tooth of epimeral plate 3 medium-sized to strong. Dorsal process of urosomite 1 produced into a triangular tooth directed upwards. Urosomite 2 without pair of small teeth pointing upwards. Lateral borders of urosomite 3 posteriorly terminated into a sharp tooth or bluntly angular. Peduncle of antenna 1 without teeth or with dentition vestigial. Mandible with pars molar process triturative. Lower lip with narrow (V-shaped) hypopharyngeal gap. Palp of maxilliped with 4 articles. Gnathopods of normal size, with carpus and propodus of medium slenderness, with palm obliquely transverse but poorly developed (gnathopods subcheliform); propodus not expanded distally; posterior border of dactylus lined by row of small oblique slender teeth. Basis of pereiopods 5–6 moderately broad, with posteroproximal rounded protrusion (sometimes very weak and scarcely distinct); a posterodistal tooth projecting posteriorly can be present on basis of pereiopod 5, otherwise basis posterodistally angulate or bluntly angulate. Posterior border of basis of pereiopod 7 slightly convex in proximal 0.8; at this level there is a slight angular discontinuity and the distal 0.2 can be slightly concave; posterior border terminated into a blunt angle or a blunt tooth directed in the axis of the basis. Dactylus of pereiopods 5–7 short. Benthic. Small species.

Body length

The maximum body length recorded in *Subepimeria* species ranges between 14 and 16 mm.

Ecology.

Benthic, 52–840 m.

Distribution

Circum-Antarctic, as far north as South Georgia.

Remarks

Molecular data (COI, 28S) (Verheye et al. 2016a) indicate that *Subepimeria* and *Drakepimeria* are sister clades (Fig. 342). The morphology of their gnathopods and pereopods is similar. However, *Subepimeria* species are much smaller (< 20 mm) and have only one or two (smaller) mid-dorsal teeth and no dorsolateral teeth on pereionites and pleosomites. The lateral carina of coxa 4 is also vestigial in *Subepimeria*, whilst it is very strongly developed in *Drakepimeria*. We believe that these conspicuous morphological differences justify the recognition of distinct subgenera for these clades. The morphological identification of species within the subgenus *Subepimeria* is very difficult. Interspecific differences are based on ill-defined characters, such as the curves of coxa 4. The species are also rare, which largely prevents the study of individual and allometric differences within species. The link between immatures and adult specimens of *Epimeria* (*Subepimeria*) *iota* is tentative as only immature specimens were available for sequencing. As *Subepimeria* species can only be distinguished by a combination of ill-defined characters, we delineate their differences in a tabular format (Table 1) instead of an identification key.

Epimeria (*Subepimeria*) *adeliae* sp. nov.

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Figs 294–298

‘Clade B *puncticulata* complex - PUN4’ – Verheye et al. 2016a, supplement: 3 (online).

Etymology

The noun *Adelia*, *-ae* is a Latinization of Adèle (referring to Adèle Pépin, the wife of Jules Sébastien César Dumont d’Urville), and alludes to Adélie Coast (discovered by J.S.C. Dumont d’Urville), where the type material of the species was collected. The name is a genitive.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Aurora Australis* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: ♀, cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 2072, stn 65EV322, Adélie Coast, 65°48’09” S, 143°03’46” E, 750–788 m, beam trawl, 5 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-4288) [extraction M4; Genbank nr, COI: KU870888, 28S: KU759671].

Paratypes

RV *Aurora Australis* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 2072, stn 65EV322, Adélie Coast, 65°48’09” S, 143°03’46” E, 750–788 m, beam trawl, 5 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-7339, removed from MNHN-IU-2014-4288); 1 spec., cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 2072, stn 65EV322, Adélie Coast, 65°48’09” S, 143°03’46” E, 750–788 m, beam trawl, 5 Jan. 2008, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-7340, removed from MNHN-IU-2014-4288) [extraction M3; Genbank nr, 28S: KU759670].

Description

ROSTRUM. In lateral view short and narrow, nearly reaching tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1, distinctly curved on the proximal half of its anterior border, posterior border straight, tip acute; in frontal view triangular: fairly broad and with straight converging borders, with tip blunt.

EYES. Large, broadly elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 1–6 totally smooth; pereionite 7 keeled with small blunt posterodorsal tooth; pleonites 1–2 keeled with well developed acute posterodorsal tooth; pleonite 3 keeled with posterodorsal tip forming a distinct squared angle.

COXAE 1–3. Tip blunt but narrow.

COXA 4. Of medium width; anterodorsal border proximally nearly straight, curving ventrally and followed by curved anteroventral border (transition between anterodorsal and anteroventral border very gradual, without distinct anterior corner); the coxa is not projecting forward; ventral corner forming a squared angle of which the tip is blunt but not rounded; posteroventral border nearly straight (very weakly concave); posterodorsal border as long as posteroventral border.

COXA 5. Very broad, posteroventral corner forming a blunt but distinct angle.

COXA 6. Posterior border regularly rounded.

COXA 7. Posterior border nearly straight (very weakly convex); posteroventral corner broadly rounded.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle blunt and squared in plate 1, produced into a medium-sized tooth in plate 2, into a large tooth in plate 3.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with distinct triangular dorsal process, anteriorly weakly concave, tip subacute, posterior border weakly convex.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.4; lobes with tips bluntly angulate; notch narrowly V-shaped.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus of normal slenderness; propodus not narrowing distally, and palm distinct.

PEREIOPOD 5. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process forming a low but distinct rounded lobe, with posterodistal corner forming a long, narrowly triangular blunt-tipped tooth; merus, carpus and propodus stout.

PEREIOPOD 6. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process very low and rounded, posterior border nearly straight, diverging from anterior border and terminated in blunt squared angle; merus, carpus and propodus stout.

PEREIOPOD 7. Basis broad; posterior border weakly convex, with inconspicuous trace of concavity in distal 0.9, terminated into a blunt, obtuse (nearly squared) angle.

Body length

Up to 16 mm.

Distribution

Adélie Coast, 750–788 m.

Remarks

The pattern of dorsal teeth of *Epimeria adeliae* sp. nov. is reminiscent to that of *E. (Subepimeria)* sp. 1 from South Georgia and different from that of other species of the subgenus *Subepimeria*.

Epimeria (Subepimeria) geodesiae Bellan-Santini, 1972

Subepimeria geodesiae Bellan-Santini, 1972: 225, pls 33–34.

Epimeria puncticulata – Watling & Holman 1981: 213–215 (discussion, in part), not fig. 21
(= *E. (Subepimeria) iota* sp. nov.); Coleman 1998b: 223–224 (in part).

Subepimeria geodesiae – De Broyer 1983: 305 (discussion).

Description

Description based on the illustrations of Bellan-Santini (1972).

ROSTRUM. Reaching tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1, broad in lateral view.

EYES. Large, rounded.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 1–7 totally smooth; pleonite 1 toothless; pleonite 2 with small, posterodorsal tooth; pleonite 3 with posterodorsal tip forming a small, distinct rounded (very broadly triangular) lobe projecting backwards.

COXAE 1–3. Tip subacute in coxae 1–2, blunt in coxa 3.

COXA 4. Very narrow; anterodorsal border weakly convex, directly followed by very broadly rounded ventral lobe (anteroventral border absent); posteroventral border nearly straight (weakly concave); ratio length of posterodorsal border / length of posteroventral border: 0.5.

COXA 5. Very broad, posteroventral corner with broadly rounded angular discontinuity.

COXA 6. Posterior border regularly rounded.

COXA 7. Posterior border nearly straight (very weakly convex); posteroventral corner broadly rounded.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle angulate in plate 1, produced into a small tooth in plate 2; produced into a medium-sized tooth in plate 3.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with narrow triangular dorsal process; urosomite 3 with dorsolateral borders straight, with tip produced into a long tooth pointing obliquely.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.25.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus of normal slenderness; propodus not narrowing distally, and palm distinct.

PEREIOPOD 5. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process indistinct (reduced to very low proximal dilatation in continuity with the more distal part of the posterior border), with posterodistal corner forming a blunt-tipped broadly triangular process (acute angle) projecting backwards; merus, carpus and propodus stout.

PEREIOPOD 6. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process indistinct (reduced to very low proximal dilatation in continuity with the more distal part of the posterior border), with posterior border nearly straight and parallel to anterior border, with posterodistal corner forming a blunt-tipped broadly triangular process (acute but nearly squared angle) scarcely projecting backwards; merus, carpus and propodus stout.

Table 1. (continued on next page). Tentative table of character states and distribution for *Subepimeria* species.

GROUPS OF SUBEPIMERIA					
	<i>Epimeria (Subepimeria) group adeliae</i>		<i>Epimeria (Subepimeria) group puncticulata</i>		
Pereionite 7	with posterodorsal bump or reduced tooth		without posterodorsal bump or tooth		
Pleonite 1	with well-developed sharp tooth		toothless or with slight bump or with trace of tooth		
SUBEPIMERIA GROUP ADELIAE					
	<i>E. (Subep.) adeliae</i> sp. nov.		<i>E. (Subep.)</i> sp. 1		
Pleonite 3 posterodorsal process	distinctly triangular, forming a squared angle		regularly rounded		
Distribution	Adélie Coast		South Georgia, «Scotia Arc»		
SUBEPIMERIA GROUP PUNCTICULATA					
	<i>E. (Subep.) geodesiae</i>	<i>E. (Subep.) iota</i> sp. nov.	<i>E. (Subep.) puncticulata</i>	<i>E. (Subep.) teres</i> sp. nov.	<i>E. (Subep.) urvillei</i> sp. nov.
Rostrum shape, in lateral view	broad	broad	very narrow	very narrow	narrow
Rostrum size (better seen in dorsal view)	reaching tip of art. 1 of peduncle of antenna 1	not reaching tip of art. 1 of peduncle of antenna 1	—	reaching tip of art. 1 of peduncle of antenna 1	not reaching tip of art. 1 of peduncle of antenna 1
Eye	medium-sized, rounded	large, broadly elliptic, nearly rounded	medium-sized, narrowly elliptic	large, broadly elliptic, nearly rounded	large, narrowly elliptic
Coxa 4 anterior margin	forming a weak curve, which dramatically increases near its tip	with distinct angular discontinuity of ventral 0.6	with distinct angular discontinuity of ventral 0.6	forming a regular curve, anteroventral part very weakly arching backwards	forming a regular curve, anteroventral part weakly arching backwards
Coxa 4 ventral corner	forming a very broad curve	forming a blunt squared angle	forming a sharp squared angle	forming a blunt acute angle	forming a very distinct acute (nearly squared) angle
Basis of pereopod 5, posterodistal corner	produced into a broadly triangular tooth	produced into a broadly triangular tooth	produced into a narrowly triangular tooth	produced into a narrowly triangular tooth	produced into a narrowly triangular tooth

Table 1. Tentative table of character states and distribution for *Subepimeria* species.

SUBEPIMERIA GROUP PUNCTICULATA					
	<i>E. (Subep.) geodesiae</i>	<i>E. (Subep.) iota</i> sp. nov.	<i>E. (Subep.) puncticulata</i>	<i>E. (Subep.) teres</i> sp. nov.	<i>E. (Subep.) urvillei</i> sp. nov.
Basis of pereopod 6, posterodistal corner	produced into a sharp squared angle	produced into a sharp squared angle in adults, into a blunt one in immatures	produced into a sharp acute (nearly squared) angle	produced into a sharp acute (nearly squared) angle	produced into an acute angle
Basis of pereopod 7, posterodistal corner	produced into a sharp tooth forming a squared angle	produced into a blunt obtuse angle	produced into a blunt obtuse angle	produced into a sharp tooth forming a squared angle	produced into a blunt obtuse angle
Posterodorsal corner of pleonite 3	with rounded or very broadly triangular protrusion pointing backwards	with rounded or very broadly triangular protrusion very weakly pointing backwards	with very broadly triangular protrusion pointing backwards	with very broadly triangular protrusion pointing backwards	with bluntly triangular protrusion strongly pointing backwards
Dorsal protrusion of urosomite 1	fairly strong	fairly weak to weak	weak	fairly strong	fairly strong
Distribution	Adélie Coast	Elephant Island to tip of Antarctic Peninsula	western Ross Sea	western Weddell Sea	Adélie Coast

PEREIOPOD 7. Basis broad; posterior border weakly convex, with shallow concavity in distal 0.8, terminated into a sharp triangular tooth (forming a squared angle).

Body length

15 mm.

Distribution

Adélie Coast: Cape Géodésie, 115–135 m, on coarse sand with abundant epifauna: hydroids, bryozoans and sponges (Bellan-Santini 1972).

Remarks

Watling & Holman (1981) synonymised *Subepimeria geodesiae* with *Epimeria puncticulata*, which they considered as a widely distributed variable species. Molecular data (COI, 28S) revealed different species within *E. puncticulata* s. lat. (Verheyne *et al.* 2016a; this paper Fig. 342), leading to the resurrection of *Subepimeria*, as a subgenus. The shape of coxa 4 of *E. geodesiae* as illustrated by Bellan-Santini (1972) is unique and does not fit with the descriptions of the holotype of *E. puncticulata* (K.H. Barnard 1930; Coleman 1994) or any other *Subepimeria* species. *Epimeria geodesiae* is considered here to be a valid species.

Epimeria (Subepimeria) iota sp. nov.

[urn:lsid:zoobank.org:act:7A557F8F-058F-413B-998C-AED9C9D23EE6](https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-1711111/v1)

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Epimeria puncticulata – Watling & Holman 1981: 213, in part, fig. 21.

Epimeria aff. *puncticulata* – ? Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 61, pl. 54, unnumbered photograph.

‘Clade B *puncticulata* complex - PUN1’ – Verheye *et al.* 2016a, supplement: 3 (online).

non *Epimeria puncticulata* K.H. Barnard, 1930: 377, fig. 42.

Etymology

Iota is the smallest letter of the Greek alphabet. The name, which is a noun in apposition, alludes to the small size of the species.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: sex undetermined, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 197-6, Bransfield Strait, 62°45.05' S, 57°26.68' W to 62°45.09' S, 57°26.47' W, 210–222 m, black gravel mixed with sand and a little bit of mud, Rauschert dredge, 25 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d’Udekem d’Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122947) [extraction ANT48; Genbank nr, 28S: KU759607].

Paratypes

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-3, Elephant Island, 61°20.33' S, 55°31.53' W to 61°20.35' S, 55°30.18' W, 148–154 m, Agassiz trawl, 20 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d’Udekem d’Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122519); 2 specs, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, Elephant Island, 60°52.37' S, 55°29.80' W to 60°52.71' S, 55°27.83' W, 248–265 m, a lot of epifauna, Rauschert dredge and Agassiz trawl, 22 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d’Udekem d’Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122525); 1 spec., sex undetermined, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 164-5, south of Dundee Island, 63°36.84' S, 56°10.28' W to 63°36.72' S, 56°10.46' W, 121–122 m, Rauschert dredge, 11 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d’Udekem d’Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122934) [extraction K42; Genbank nr, 28S: KU759655].

Description

Basis of description. Description based on holotype.

ROSTRUM. In lateral view fairly short and fairly narrow; distinctly curved, posterior border straight, tip acute; in frontal view narrowly triangular, fairly narrow and with almost straight converging borders, with tip blunt; not reaching tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1.

EYES. Very large, nearly circular (very broadly elliptic).

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 1–7 and pleonite 1 totally smooth; pleonite 2 with small, posterodorsal tooth; pleonite 3 carinate, with posterodorsal tip forming a small, low, rounded lobe very weakly projecting backwards.

COXAE 1–3. Tip blunt.

COXA 4. Narrow; anterodorsal border nearly straight, curving ventrally and followed by weakly curved anteroventral border; anterior corner very rounded but distinct, projecting forward; ventral corner forming a broadly rounded squared angle; posteroventral border distinctly concave; ratio length of posterodorsal border / length of posteroventral border: 0.7.

COXA 5. Very broad, posteroventral corner with broadly rounded angular discontinuity.

COXA 6. Posterior border rounded.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle rounded in plate 1, produced into a small tooth in plate 2; produced into a medium-sized tooth in plate 3.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with medium-sized blunt triangular dorsal process; urosomite 3 with dorsolateral borders straight, with tip bluntly angulate.

TELSON. Broad, with lateral border strongly converging, with lobes distally broad, slit narrowly U-shaped, cleft on 0.3.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus of normal slenderness; propodus not narrowing distally, and palm weak but distinct.

PEREIOPOD 5. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process indistinct (reduced to very low proximal dilatation in continuity with the more distal part of the posterior border), with posterodistal corner forming a blunt-tipped broadly triangular process (squared angle), not projecting backwards; merus, carpus and propodus stout.

PEREIOPOD 6. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process indistinct (reduced to very low proximal dilatation in continuity with the more distal part of the posterior border), with posterior border parallel to anterior border, with posterodistal corner forming a rounded triangular process (very rounded squared angle) not projecting backwards; merus, carpus and propodus stout.

PEREIOPOD 7. Basis broad; posterior border nearly straight, with trace of concavity in distal 0.8, terminated into an obtuse rounded lobe.

Variations

The sequenced holotype is obviously immature. Adult specimens preserved in formalin interpreted as adult *Epimeria iota* sp. nov. have broader coxa 4, a stronger posterodistal tooth on the basis of pereopods 5 and 6, sometimes a trace of a posterodorsal tooth or bump on pleonite 1 and a more obtuse dorsal process on urosomite 1.

Colour pattern

Holotype: background whitish (some areas very pale pinkish or very pale yellowish); head, pereionites 3–5, lower part of epimeral plates, posterior border of pleonite 3 and urosomites 1–2 suffused with orange-red; two red dots on the anterior part of coxa 4; a large red dot on first epimeral plate; eyes reddish.

Body length

The holotype is 9.5 mm. Non sequenced specimens interpreted as adult *E. iota* sp. nov. reach 16 mm.

Distribution

Tip of Antarctic Peninsula and Elephant Island, 121–265 m.

Remarks

The specimens from the stations 605-3 and 614-3/4/5 of ANT-XXIII/8 are interpreted as adult *Epimeria* (*Subepimeria*) *iota* sp. nov. They possess the following character states of *E. iota* sp. nov.: (1) the anterior margin of their coxa 4 has an angular discontinuity (forming a regular curve in *E. teres* sp. nov.), and (2) the margins of the basis of pereopod 6 are parallel (diverging in *E. teres* sp. nov.). The '*Epimeria puncticulata*' illustrated by Watling & Holman (1981) and the '*Epimeria* aff. *puncticulata*' illustrated by Rauschert & Arntz (2015: 61, pl. 54) presumably belong to the same morphospecies as well. The collection details are not given by Rauschert & Arntz (2015), but are indicated in an early draft of their book made available to the authors: ANT-XXI/2 stn 276 [i.e., 276-1], 71°06.44' S, 11°27.76' W to 71°06.64' S, 11°27.28' W, 268–277 m, eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea.

Epimeria (*Subepimeria*) *puncticulata* K.H. Barnard, 1930

Epimeria puncticulata K.H. Barnard, 1930: 377, fig. 42.

Epimeria puncticulata – Gurjanova 1955: 197. — McCain 1971: 161. — De Broyer 1983: 305 (discussion). — De Broyer & Klages 1991: 164 (key). — Coleman 1994: 569, figs 13–16 [holotype]; 1998b: 223–224 (in part). — Wakabara & Serejo 1999: 643 (key). — Coleman 2007: 48, in part, fig. 25 [holotype], not plate 2 fig. d [= *Epimeria* (*Subepimeria*) sp.], map 12 (circle) [in part].

Description

Basis of description. Description based on the accounts on the holotype published by K.H. Barnard (1930) and Coleman (1994); when illustrations are conflicting, description based on Coleman (1994).

ROSTRUM. In lateral view very narrow.

EYES. Medium-sized, narrowly elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 1–7 totally smooth; pleonite 1 with feeble indication of a keel; pleonite 2 keeled with well developed acute posterodorsal tooth; pleonite 3 keeled with posterodorsal tip forming a distinct blunt process distinctly projecting backwards.

COXAE 1–2 (cf. Coleman 1994). Tip subacute to rather blunt; coxa 3: tip rounded.

COXA 4 (cf. Coleman 1994). Fairly narrow; anterodorsal border nearly straight (inconspicuously convex); anteroventral border weakly convex; anterior corner very broadly rounded but forming a distinct angular discontinuity; the coxa is slightly projecting forward; ventral corner forming a squared angle of which the tip is subacute; posteroventral border distinctly concave; posterodorsal border 0.8 × as long as posteroventral border.

COXA 5. Very broad, posteroventral corner forming a blunt but distinct squared angle.

COXA 6. Posterior border regularly rounded.

COXA 7. Posterior border straight; posteroventral corner forming a distinct obtuse angle.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle with trace of tooth in plate 1, produced into a small tooth in plate 2, produced into a medium-sized tooth in plates 3.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with triangular dorsal process.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.2; lobes with tips rounded; notch V-shaped.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. With carpus and propodus of normal slenderness; propodus not narrowing distally, and palm distinct but weak.

PEREIOPOD 5. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process reduced to low proximal dilatation in continuity with the more distal part of the posterior border, with posterodistal corner forming a fairly narrow, acutely triangular tooth projecting backwards; merus, carpus and propodus stout.

PEREIOPOD 6. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process reduced to very low proximal dilatation nearly in continuity with the more distal part of the posterior border), with posterior border parallel to anterior border, with posterodistal corner forming a triangular process (acute, nearly squared angle) very weakly projecting backwards; merus, carpus and propodus stout.

PEREIOPOD 7. Basis broad; posterior border weakly convex, with inconspicuous trace of concavity in distal 0.9, terminated into a very blunt, obtuse angle.

Body length

Up to 16 mm.

Distribution

Ross Sea, McMurdo Sound, 175 m (K.H. Barnard 1930).

Remarks

Watling & Holman (1981) and Coleman (2007) considered *Epimeria puncticulata* as a single widespread and variable species. Yet, genetic data (COI, 28S) (Verheye et al. 2016a) based on a limited material indicate the existence of four different species referred herein as *E. adeliae* sp. nov., *E. iota* sp. nov., *E. teres* sp. nov. and *E. urvillei* sp. nov. (Fig. 342). Examination of published illustrations suggest the existence of four additional species: *E. geodesiae*, *E. puncticulata* s. str., *E. (Subepimeria)* sp. 1 and *E. (Subepimeria)* sp. 2. Coxa 4 of the holotype of *E. puncticulata* is different in the drawings of K.H. Barnard (1930) and those of Coleman (1994). This might result from different orientations of the specimens.

Epimeria (Subepimeria) teres sp. nov.

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Epimeria aff. *puncticulata* – ? Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 61, pl. 54.

‘Clade B *puncticulata* complex - PUN2’ – Verheye et al. 2016a, supplement: 3 (online).

Epimeria puncticulata K.H. Barnard, 1930: 377, fig. 42.

Etymology

Teres, teres, terete, Latin adjective meaning round and smooth, which seems appropriate for a very smooth *Epimeria* species.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: adult, sex undetermined, cruise PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, CAMBIO, stn 248-2, Larsen B, 65°57.51' S, 60°28.15' W to 65°57.69' S, 60°28.30' W, 196–202 m, Agassiz trawl and Rauschert dredge, 7 Mar. 2011, coll. C. Havermans and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132951) [extraction I2; Genbank nr, COI: KU870845, 28S: KU759622].

Paratype

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 juv., sex undetermined, cruise PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, CAMBIO, stn 248-2, Larsen B, 65°57.51' S, 60°28.15' W to 65°57.69' S, 60°28.30' W, 196–202 m, Agassiz trawl and Rauschert dredge, 7 Mar. 2011, coll. C. Havermans and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122896).

Description

ROSTRUM. In lateral view fairly short and narrow, reaching tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1, weakly and regularly curved on anterior border, posterior border straight, tip very acute; in frontal view triangular: narrow, with straight converging borders, with tip blunt.

EYES. Large, broadly elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 1–7 totally smooth; pleonite 1 keeled along all its length, posteriorly terminated by tiny but distinct bump; pleonite 2 keeled with well developed acute posterodorsal tooth; pleonite 3 keeled with posterodorsal tip forming a distinct blunt process (shape: acute angle) distinctly projecting backwards.

COXAE 1–3. Tip acute.

COXA 4. Narrow; anterodorsal and anteroventral border forming a continuous curve without any trace of discontinuity (there is no distinct anterior corner), not curving significantly more ventrally; the coxa is not projecting forward; ventral corner forming an acute (nearly squared) angle of which the tip is blunt but not broadly rounded; posteroventral border distinctly concave; posterodorsal border $0.9 \times$ as long as posteroventral border.

COXA 5. Very broad, posteroventral corner forming a blunt but distinct obtuse (nearly squared) angle.

COXA 6. Posterior border regularly rounded.

COXA 7. Posterior border straight; posteroventral corner forming a distinct obtuse angle.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle: forming a squared angle in plate 1, produced into a tiny tooth in plate 2, produced into a small tooth in plate 3.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with distinct triangular dorsal process, anteriorly weakly concave, tip straight, posterior border nearly straight (inconspicuously concave); urosomite 3 with dorsolateral borders straight, with tip forming a squared angle.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.20; lobes with tips broad; notch broadly V-shaped.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. Carpus and propodus of normal slenderness; propodus not narrowing distally, and palm distinct but weak.

PEREIOPOD 5. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process reduced to low proximal dilatation in continuity with the more distal part of the posterior border, with posterodistal corner forming a long, narrowly triangular tooth projecting backwards; merus, carpus and propodus stout.

PEREIOPOD 6. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process reduced to low proximal dilatation in continuity with the more distal part of the posterior border, with posterior border distinctly diverging from anterior border, with posterodistal corner forming a triangular process (acute, nearly squared angle) weakly projecting backwards; merus, carpus and propodus stout.

PEREIOPOD 7. Basis broad; posterior border nearly straight, with weak but distinct concavity in distal 0.8, terminated into a tooth forming a squared angle.

Body length

Up to 16 mm.

Distribution

Western Weddell Sea: Larsen B, 196–202 m; probably eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea, 268–277 m (see remarks).

Remarks

Epimeria (*Subepimeria*) *teres* sp. nov. is morphologically very similar to *E. (S.) urvillei* sp. nov., while genetic data (COI, 28S) Verheye et al. (2016a) suggests that they are different species (Fig. 342). In *E. (S.) teres* sp. nov., the rostrum is a bit longer, the eyes slightly more rounded, coxa 4 a bit narrower, and the tip of the basis of pereopod 7 more produced than in *E. (S.) urvillei* sp. nov. It is likely that the '*Epimeria* aff. *puncticulata*' illustrated by Rauschert & Arntz (2015) is *E. (S.) teres* sp. nov., as it has a narrow coxa 4, a very strong posterodorsal protrusion on pleonite 3, a very strong dorsal protrusion on urosomite 1 and a posterodistal tooth on the basis of pereopod 7. Rauschert & Arntz (2015) did not give the collection details of their specimen, but this information was present in an early draft of their book made available to the authors. It is indicated that the specimen was collected during the cruise ANT-XXI (obviously ANT-XXI/2) at station 276 (i.e., 276-1 as there are no other sub-stations). The coordinates of this station are: 71°06.44' S, 11°27.76' W to 71°06.64' S, 11°27.28' W [eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea], 268–277 m.

Epimeria (*Subepimeria*) *urvillei* sp. nov.

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'Clade B *puncticulata* complex - PUN3' – Verheye et al. 2016a, supplement: 3 (online).

Etymology

The species is dedicated to the memory of the French explorer Jules Sébastien César Dumont d'Urville (23 May 1790 – 8 May 1842), who discovered Adélie Coast, where the species was collected. The name is a genitive.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Seatruck* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: ovigerous ♀, cruise REVOLTA III, stn. REVO_084, Collect_ID: REVO_477, Field_ID: CE-000003093, Adélie Coast, 66°39.279' S, 139°55.846' E to 66°39.291' S, 139°56.043' E,

52–54 m, beam trawl, 1 Feb. 2012, Coll. G. Lecointre, A. Dettai, J. Lanshere, C. Gallut and C. Ozouf, (MNHN-IU-2009-2578) [Extraction K33; Genbank nr, COI: KU870867, 28S: KU759646].

Description

ROSTRUM. In lateral view short and narrow, not reaching tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1, very weakly and regularly curved on anterior border, posterior border very weakly concave, tip acute; in frontal view triangular: fairly narrow, with straight converging borders, with tip blunt.

EYES. Large, narrowly elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 1–7 totally smooth; pleonite 1 keeled all along its length, posteriorly terminated by tiny but distinct bump; pleonite 2 keeled with well developed acute posterodorsal tooth; pleonite 3 keeled with posterodorsal tip forming a distinct blunt triangular process distinctly projecting backwards.

COXAE 1–2. Tip subacute.

COXA 4. Fairly narrow; anterodorsal border nearly straight, followed by anterior angle + anteroventral border, which form a very regular curve (without discontinuity) — there is no distinct anterior corner; the coxa is not projecting forward; ventral corner forming an acute (nearly squared) angle of which the tip is subacute; posteroventral border distinctly concave; posterodorsal border 1.2 × as long as posteroventral border.

COXA 5. Very broad, posteroventral corner forming a blunt but distinct obtuse (nearly squared) angle.

COXA 6. Posterior border regularly rounded.

COXA 7. Posterior border straight; posteroventral corner forming a distinct obtuse angle.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle broadly rounded in plate 1, produced into a medium-sized tooth in plates 2–3.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with distinct triangular dorsal process, anteriorly weakly concave, tip subacute, posterior border nearly straight (inconspicuously concave); urosomite 3 with dorsolateral borders straight, with tip forming a squared angle.

TELSON. Cleft on 0.25; lobes with tips bluntly angulate; notch narrowly V-shaped.

GNATHOPODS 1–2. With carpus and propodus of normal slenderness; propodus not narrowing distally, and palm distinct but weak.

PEREIOPOD 5. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process reduced to low proximal dilatation in continuity with the more distal part of the posterior border, with posterodistal corner forming a long, narrowly triangular sharp tooth projecting backwards; merus, carpus and propodus stout.

PEREIOPOD 6. Basis of normal width, with posteroproximal process indistinct (reduced to very low proximal dilatation in continuity with the more distal part of the posterior border), with posterior border slightly but distinctly diverging from anterior border, with posterodistal corner forming a triangular process (acute, nearly squared angle) weakly projecting backwards; merus, carpus and propodus stout.

PEREIOPOD 7. Basis broad; posterior border weakly convex, with inconspicuous trace of concavity in distal 0.9, terminated into a very blunt, obtuse angle.

Colour pattern

Whitish with scattered orange dots. Rostrum, coxae 1–4, anterior 0.2 of coxa 5, pleon suffused with pale orange. Eyes reddish.

Body length

16 mm.

Distribution

Adélie Coast, 52–54 m.

Remarks

Epimeria urvillei sp. nov. is morphologically very similar to *E. teres* sp. nov. and *E. puncticulata*. Further molecular and morphological studies are necessary to sort out completely the taxonomy of this complex.

Epimeria (Subepimeria) sp. 1

Epimeria puncticulata – K.H. Barnard 1932: 175, fig. 104d.

Epimeria sp. n. 1 – Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 60, pl. 53.

non *Epimeria puncticulata* K.H. Barnard, 1930: 377, fig. 42.

Material (not examined)

Discovery Investigations 1926–1927:

R.V. *Discovery* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 ♀, 13 mm, stn 45, South Georgia, 2.7 miles S 85°E of Jason Light, N 4-T (net with mesh of 4 mm attached to the back of the trawl) and NCS-T (tow-net of coarse silk, with 16 meshes to the linear inch, attached to trawl), 238–270 m, grey mud, 6 Mar. 1926 (NHM 1936.11.2. 1581–1590); 3 ♀♀, 11–13 mm, stn 123, South Georgia, off mouth of Cumberland Bay, N 4-T (net with mesh of 4 mm attached to the back of the trawl) and OTL (large otter trawl), 230–250 m, grey mud, 15 Dec. 1926 (NHM 1936.11.2. 1581–1590); 8 ♀♀, 10–13 mm, stn 140, South Georgia, Stromness Harbour to Larsen Point, N 4-T (net with mesh of 4 mm attached to the back of the trawl), 122–136 m, green mud, stn, 23 Dec. 1926, (NHM 1936.11.2. 1581–1590); 1 ♂, 10.5 mm, stn 148, South Georgia, off Cape Saunders, N 4-T (net with mesh of 4 mm attached to the back of the trawl) and OTL (large otter trawl), 200–234 m, grey mud, stn, 10 Jan. 1927 (NHM 1936.11.2. 1581–1590).

R.V. *William Scoresby* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 ♂, 7 mm, stn WS 33, South Georgia, 54°59' S, 35°24' W, N 100 H (1 m tow net), 135 m, grey mud, 21 Dec. 1926 (NHM 1936.11.2. 1581–1590); 1 juv., 5.5 mm, Marine Biological Station, stn MS 71, South Georgia, East Cumberland bay, BTS (small beam trawl) and NCS-T (tow-net of coarse silk, with 16 meshes to the linear inch, attached to trawl), 60–110 m, 9 Mar. 1926 (NHM 1936.11.2. 1581–1590).

Description

Description based on the photograph of Rauschert & Arntz (105) and K.H. Barnard's (1932) account.

ROSTRUM. in lateral view short reaching about tip of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1, distinctly curved on the proximal half of its anterior border.

EYES. Large, broadly elliptic.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereionites 1–6 totally smooth; pereionite 7 keeled with small blunt posterodorsal tooth; pleonites 1–2 keeled with well developed acute posterodorsal tooth; pleonite 3 keeled with posterodorsal tip forming a very strong blunt protrusion.

COXAE 1–3. Tip blunt.

COXA 4. Of medium width; anterodorsal border proximally nearly straight; anteroventral border straight (transition between anterodorsal and anteroventral border gradual, but with rather distinct anterior corner); the coxa is not projecting forward; ventral corner forming a squared angle, of which the tip is blunt but not rounded; posteroventral border nearly straight (very weakly concave); posterodorsal border as long as posteroventral border.

EPIMERAL PLATES 2–3. Produced into a medium-sized tooth.

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with low and blunt triangular dorsal process.

BASIS OF PEREIOPOD 7. Broad; posterior border weakly convex, terminated into a blunt, obtuse (nearly squared) angle.

Colour pattern

“Pale yellow. Each of first 7 segments with a transverse pale brown band dorsally along both anterior and posterior margins. Large side-plate of 4th segment largely red-brown. Posterior segments yellow mottled with brown. Caudal appendages and legs pale yellow. Eyes red” (K.H. Barnard 1932). Whitish with scattered orange dotting and mottling; peduncle of antennae and dorsal process of urosomite 1 red; eyes red (specimen photographed by M. Rauschert).

Body length

13 mm (K.H. Barnard 1932) or 14 mm (specimen photographed by M. Rauschert).

Distribution

South Georgia, 60–270 m (K.H. Barnard 1932 as *Epimeria puncticulata*); “Scotia Arc”, 280 m (Rauschert & Arntz 2015 as *Epimeria* sp. 1).

Remarks

From discussions with C.O. Coleman and W. Arntz, it transpires that large parts of Rauschert’s collections are not yet registered and thus currently inaccessible. Therefore, the “*Epimeria* sp. n. 1” from Rauschert & Arntz (2015) could not be found and its precise collection locality is unknown. An early draft of the book of Rauschert & Arntz (2015) simply indicated that it was collected during the cruise ‘ANT XIX’ in the ‘Scotia Arc’. However, the diagnosis of ‘*Epimeria puncticulata*’ from South Georgia by K.H. Barnard (1932) is in agreement with the photograph of ‘*Epimeria* sp. n. 1’: “the 7th peraeon segment ends in a short medio-dorsal point, the keels on pleon segments 1 and 2 end in slightly more prominent points, and the triangular projection on segment 4 is more sharply pointed than in the Terra Nova specimens.” M. Rauschert took part in cruise ANT-XIX/5, which sampled extensively around South Georgia (Arntz & Brey 2003). Therefore, there is a high probability that Rauschert’s specimens were collected off South Georgia, just as the specimens of K.H. Barnard (1932). Because of time constraints, it was impossible to borrow and to re-examine K.H. Barnard’s (1932) specimens, deposited in the Natural History Museum in London: NHM 1936.11.2. 1581–1590, six tubes together in the same jar, no specific number allocated to each tube (M. Lowe pers. com.). The species is treated herein as *Epimeria* (*Subepimeria*) sp. 1. When examination of specimens will be possible, it will presumably have to be described as a new species.

The dorsal tooth pattern of the *Epimeria* (*Subepimeria*) sp. 1 is very different from that of other West-Antarctic *Subepimeria* examined. It is similar to that of *Epimeria adeliae* sp. nov. from Adélie Coast. However, the shape of the posterodorsal protrusion on pleonite 3 is different: blunt in *Epimeria* (*Subepimeria*) sp. 1 (see Rauschert & Arntz 2015, as *Epimeria* sp. 1), whereas it forms a squared angle in *E. adeliae* sp. nov. The anteroventral border of coxa 4 is also more straight and the protrusion on urosomite 1 lower in *Epimeria* (*Subepimeria*) sp. 1 than in *E. adeliae* sp. nov.

***Epimeria* (*Subepimeria*) sp. 2**

Epimeria puncticulata – Coleman 2007: 48, in part, plate 2 fig. d only, not fig. 25 (= *E. puncticulata*). — Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 62, pl. 55.

non *Epimeria puncticulata* K.H. Barnard, 1930: 377, fig. 42.

Description

EYES. Large and narrowly elliptic.

PEREIONITE 7. Posterodorsally smooth.

PLEONITE 1. Posterodorsally smooth.

PLEONITE 2. With small sharp posterodorsal tooth.

PLEONITE 3. Posterodorsally produced into a blunt acute (nearly squared) angle.

COXA 4. with ventral corner produced into a distinct tooth (Coleman 2007), or apparently blunt (Rauschert & Arntz 2015) [specimen not photographed in a flat orientation?].

UROSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Urosomite 1 with well developed triangular dorsal process.

Colour pattern

Eyes red. Body whitish to yellowish, with some areas more brownish. Distinct brown transverse stripes on body segment 4 and coxa 4.

Body length

17 mm (Rauschert & Arntz 2015).

Distribution

Eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea, 765–840 m (see remarks).

Remarks.

The identity of the *E. puncticulata* illustrated by colour photographs in the books of Coleman (2007: plate 2 figure d) and Rauschert & Arntz (2015: plate 55) is not clear. The photograph examined are not sharp enough to reveal all relevant details. The species is similar to *E. iota* sp. nov., *E. teres* sp. nov., *E. puncticulata* and *E. urvillei* sp. nov. Unlike *E. iota* sp. nov., *E. teres* sp. nov. and *E. urvillei* sp. nov., *E. (Subepimeria) sp. 2* exhibits a distinct brown stripe on each side of pereionite 4 and on coxa 4. The colour pattern of *E. puncticulata* s. str. is unknown. The collection details of the specimen of Rauschert & Arntz (2015) is given in an early draft of their book made available to the authors: ANT-XVII/3 stn 138 [138-1]. The coordinates of this station are: 71°08.90' S, 013°12.80' W to 71°08.80' S, 013°13.20' W [eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea], 765–840 m.

Subgenus *Urepimeria* subgen. nov.

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Etymology

Combination of οὐρά, tail and *Epimeria*. The name, which is feminine, refers to the fact that the only ornamentation of the species is located on the posterior part of the animal.

Type species

Epimeria annabellae Coleman, 1994.

Description

Body fairly opaque with teguments moderately calcified. Rostrum small to medium-sized: 0.5 to 1.1 × as long as article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1. Eyes not conical. Pereionites 1–7 and pleonites 1–2 completely smooth; pleonite 3 posterodorsally produced into a triangular tooth or a blunt lobe directed backwards, without other ornamentation. Coxae 1–3 with tip blunt or sharp, keeled or not. Coxa 4 without groove or carina, with posteroventral border distinctly concave. Coxae 5–6 without tooth or distinct protrusion. Mid of posterior border of epimeral plates 1–3 not produced into a tooth. Posteroventral tooth of epimeral plate 3 small to strong. Dorsal process of urosomite 1 produced into a triangular tooth or a rounded lobe directed upwards. Urosomite 2 without pair of small teeth pointing upwards. Lateral borders of urosomite 3 posteriorly bluntly angular. Peduncle of antenna 1 without teeth or with dentition vestigial. Mandible with molar process triturative. Lower lip with narrow (V-shaped) hypopharyngeal gap. Palp of maxilliped with 4 articles. Gnathopods of normal size, with carpus and propodus fairly stout, with palm obliquely transverse (gnathopods subcheliform); propodus not expanded distally or slightly expanded distally; posterior border of dactylus lined by row of small oblique slender teeth. Basis of pereopods 5–6 broad and quadrato-elliptic, without posteroproximal protrusion, without posterodistal tooth. Posterior border of basis of pereopod 7 either completely rounded or concave on distal 0.25 and terminated into a tooth. Dactylus of pereopods 5–7 short. Benthic.

Body length

The maximum body length recorded in *Urepimeria* species ranges between 11 and 29 mm.

Ecology

Benthic, 0–459 m.

Distribution

South Orkney Islands, South Shetland Islands, Palmer Archipelago, Antarctic Peninsula, eastern Weddell Sea.

Remarks

Epimeria annabellae, *E. extensa*, and *E. monodon* together constitute the subgenus *Urepimeria*, based on their morphological similarity.

Key to the species of *Urepimeria*

1. Posterodorsal projection of pleonite 3 large and triangular2
- Posterodorsal projection of pleonite 3 weak and blunt.....*E. (Urepimeria) extensa* subgen. nov. Andres, 1985 [Southeastern tip of Antarctic Peninsula, 230–260 m]

2. Coxa 4 with sharp ventral triangular protrusion; dorsal process of urosomite 1 sharply triangular; basis of pereopod 7 with posterodistal lobe produced into a tooth, with distal part of posterior border concave
...*E. (Urepimeria) annabellae* subgen. nov. Coleman, 1994 [Eastern Weddell Sea, 159–459 m]
– Coxa 4 with low ventral triangular protrusion; dorsal process of urosomite 1 bluntly rounded; basis of pereopod 7 with posterodistal lobe broadly rounded, with posterior border convex along all its length
.....*E. (Urepimeria) monodon* subgen. nov. Stephensen, 1947 [South Orkney Islands to Palmer Archipelago, infralittoral species: 0–15 m]

Epimeria (Urepimeria) annabellae subgen. nov. Coleman, 1994

Figs 320–321

Epimeria annabellae Coleman, 1994: 555–560, figs 1–4.

Epimeria annabellae – Coleman 1998b: 224; 2007: 35, fig. 14a–b, colour pl. 1 fig. h, map 6 (rhomb). — Wakabara & Serejo 1999: 644 (key). — Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 61, pl. 54, unnumbered photograph.

Material examined

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 2, MG 29, eastern Weddell Sea, 71°18.60' S, 12°25.40' W, 181 m, 22 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132701); 1 spec., cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 2 AGT 2, eastern Weddell Sea, 71°18.70' S, 12°17.10' W, to 71°18.45' S, 12°16.30' W, 170–174 m, Agassiz trawl, 9 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132715); 10 specs, cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 6, AGT 1, eastern Weddell Sea, 71°31.80' S, 13°34.50' W to 71°31.86' S, 13°35.50' W, 254–261 m, Agassiz trawl, 8 Jan. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132679); 2 specs, cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 6, AGT 1, eastern Weddell Sea, 71°31.80' S, 13°34.50' W to 71°31.86' S, 13°35.50' W, 254–261 m, Agassiz trawl, 8 Jan. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (MNHN-IU-2014-7341, removed from RBINS, INV. 132679); 1 spec., cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 8, AGT 2, eastern Weddell Sea, 71°18.70' S, 12°17.10' W to 71°18.45' S, 12°16.30' W, 170–174 m, 9 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132999); 5 specs, cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 8, AGT 2, eastern Weddell Sea, 71°18.70' S, 12°17.10' W to 71°18.45' S, 12°16.30' W, 170–174 m, 9 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132713); 2 large specs, cruise PS39, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, stn 12, GSN 5, eastern Weddell Sea, 73°18.10' S, 21°10.10' W, to 73°17.10' S, 21°08.20' W, 457–459 m, bottom trawl, 14 Feb. 1996, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle (RBINS, INV. 132704); 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 603-5, eastern Weddell Sea, 70°30.99' S, 08°48.08' W to 70°30.40' S, 08°48.13' W, 274–297 m, sponge bottom, Agassiz trawl, 7 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122476) [extraction N2; Genbank nr, COI: KU870890, 28S: KU759678]; 1 spec., cruise PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, CAMBIO, stn 260-6, eastern Weddell Sea, BENDEX area, 70°50.56' S, 10°36.20' W to 70°50.71' S, 10°36.56' W, 251–253 m, Agassiz trawl, 20 Mar. 2011, coll. Ch. Havermans and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132952) [extraction I1; Genbank nr, COI: KU870837, 28S: KU759611] [the station number given by Verheye *et al.* (2016a) is incorrect]; 1 spec., cruise PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, CAMBIO, stn 275-3, eastern Weddell Sea, 70°56.01' S, 10°29.28' W to 70°56.01' S, 10°28.72' W, 219–226 m, coll. Ch. Havermans and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122898).

Colour pattern

Whitish, often speckled with scattered orange dots; peduncle of antenna 1 often orange; eyes reddish.

Body length

Up to 25 mm.

Distribution

Eastern shelf of Weddell Sea, 159–459 m (De Broyer *et al.* 2007).

Epimeria (Urepimeria) extensa subgen. nov. Andres, 1985

Epimeria extensa Andres, 1985: 125–127, figs 7d–f, 8, 9.

Epimeria extensa – De Broyer & Klages 1991: 164 (key). — Coleman 1994: 574 (table). — Wakabara & Serejo 1999: 644 (key). — Coleman 2007: 36, fig. 15a–f, map 6 (circle).

Body length

11 mm. The species is known by a single specimen and it is possible that it can reach a larger size.

Distribution

Southeast of tip of Antarctic Peninsula, 230–260 m.

Epimeria (Urepimeria) monodon Stephensen, 1947

Epimeria monodon Stephensen, 1947: 53, fig. 19.

Epimeria monodon – J.L. Barnard 1961: 103 (key). — McCain 1971: 161. — Thurston 1972: 34. — De Broyer & Klages 1991: 164 (key). — Coleman 1994: 560, 565–569, figs 9–12; 1998b: 224; 2007: 44, fig. 22a–b, colour plate 2c, map 12 (rhomb). — Watling 1981: 206. — Wakabara & Serejo 1999: 644 (key).

Material examined

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 exuvia, King George Island, Admiralty Bay, kept in aquarium, 14 Apr. 1992, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 132831); 1 exuvia, expedition ARCTOWSKI 1992, King George Island, Admiralty Bay, kept in aquarium, 1 Apr. 1992, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 132832); 1 exuvia, expedition ARCTOWSKI 1992, King George Island, Admiralty Bay, kept in aquarium, 16 Apr. 1992, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 132833); 1 exuvia, expedition ARCTOWSKI 1992, King George Island, Admiralty Bay, kept in aquarium, 30 Mar. 1992, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 132834); 2 specs, expedition ARCTOWSKI 1992, King George Island, Admiralty Bay, kept in aquarium, year 1992, coll. C. De Broyer (RBINS, INV. 132835).

Body length

Up to 29 mm.

Distribution

South Orkney Islands; South Shetland Islands; Palmer Archipelago; 0–15 m (De Broyer *et al.* 2007). *Epimeria monodon* was recorded from rocky intertidal communities (Aghmich *et al.* 2016) and was found amidst macro-algae (Richardson 1977). Thurston (1972) stated: “apparently associated with algae growing on rocks, boulder or gravel bottoms, 3–15 m”.

Remarks

The record of *E. monodon* from the eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea at 254 m listed in the data compilation of De Broyer *et al.* (2007) falls outside of the usual geographical and bathymetric range of the species. It is considered as very suspect. It might be based on *E. annabellae*, which is common at such depth in the eastern Weddell Sea. It seems possible that *E. monodon*, which is a very shallow-water species, uses algal rafting as a method of dispersal between islands and archipelagoes. Thurston (1972) recorded a slight sexual dimorphism in the species: “the male has larger eyes and a slightly more prominent projection on pleon segment 3”.

Genus *Uschakoviella* Gurjanova, 1955

Uschakoviella Gurjanova, 1955: 199; type species: *Uschakoviella echinophora* Gurjanova, 1955.

Uschakoviella echinophora Gurjanova, 1955

Uschakoviella – J.L. Barnard 1961: 102; 1969: 397. — Watling & Holman 1981: 217. — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 381, 387, 401. — Coleman 1998b: 215; 2007: 62.

Uschakoviella echinophora Gurjanova, 1955: 200, figs 14, 15.

Uschakoviella echinophora echinophora Gurjanova, 1955: 203.

Uschakoviella echinophora abyssalis Gurjanova, 1955: 203, figs 16–18.

Uschakoviella echinophora – Shoemaker 1964: 417, fig. 12. — J.L. Barnard 1969: 397. — ? Watling & Holman 1981: 217, fig. 23. — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 387, fig. 75B. — Coleman 2007: 62, fig. 37. — Tomikawa & Komatsu 2009: 455, figs 7–10.

Distribution

Boreal North Pacific, Antarctica (?), 54–2550 m, possibly below 3000 m.

Remarks

Uschakoviella echinophora has been recorded only once in the Southern Ocean: north of the South Orkney Islands, 59°48' S, 45°06' W (Watling & Holman 1981). These authors do not give the depth of their record. The Google Earth depth for that position is 3553 m [Google Earth accessed on 27.09.2016], suggesting a depth between 3000 and 4000 m. The specimen, which was a juvenile, is lost (Coleman 2007). The real identity of the Antarctic specimen is questionable (De Broyer *et al.* 2007). Klages (1991: 51) also listed a *Uschakoviella* sp. from the eastern Weddell Sea, without giving precise information on his material. It is usually assumed that *Uschakoviella echinophora echinophora* Gurjanova, 1955 and *U. e. abyssalis* Gurjanova, 1955 are the same species. However, examination of Gurjanova's (1955) drawings reveals slight morphological differences in the basis of pereopod 7 and there might therefore be two taxa involved.

Family **Acanthonotozomellidae** Coleman & J.L. Barnard, 1991

Acanthonotozomellidae Coleman & J.L. Barnard, 1991a: 257 (in part).

Epimerinae – Stebbing 1883: 204 (in part).

Iphimedidae – Stebbing 1888: 882 (in part). — Watling & Thurston 1989: 304, 309, 310 (in part). — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 378 (in part).

Acanthonotozomatidae – Schellenberg 1926: 327 (in part). — K.H. Barnard 1930: 345 (in part). — K.H. Barnard 1932: 115. — Schellenberg 1931: 116 (in part). — J.L. Barnard 1969: 120 (in part).

Paramphithoidae – J.L. Barnard 1969: 389 (in part).

Acanthonotozomellidae – Coleman & J.L. Barnard, 1991b: 279 (in part). — Coleman 2007: 12.

non Iphimedidae Boeck, 1871: 98

non Epimerinae Boeck, 1871: 103..

non Paramphithoidae G.O. Sars, 1883: 25.

non Acanthonotozomatidae Stebbing, 1906: 210.

In earlier literature, only *Acanthonotozomella* Schellenberg, 1926, *Acanthonotozomoides* Schellenberg, 1931 and the extralimital *Amatiguakius* Coleman & J.L. Barnard, 1991 were included in the Acanthonotozomellidae (Coleman 2007). *Actinacanthus* Stebbing, 1888, which is traditionally included in the Epimeriidae (e.g., Coleman & J.L. Barnard 1991a; Coleman 2007; De Broyer *et al.* 2007) is herein transferred to the Acanthonotozomellidae. The entire telson and the large ventrolateral processes on the lower part of the pereionites are characters, which are typical of the Acanthonotozomellidae.

Key to the genera of Acanthonotozomellidae

1. Pereionites 2–7 and pleonites 1–2 with an odd number of teeth2
– Pereionites 2–7 and pleonites 1–2 with an even number of teeth
.....*Acanthonotozomoides* Schellenberg, 1931
2. Pereionite 1 with and one large anteriorly directed and one large posteriorly directed rounded mid-dorsal teeth3
– Pereionite 1 with one mid dorsal carina*Acanthonotozomella* Schellenberg, 1926
3. Projections of pereionites 2–7 and of pleonites huge and styliform; coxae 1–7 each produced into a long sword-like process; pereiopods 3–7 slender*Actinacanthus* Stebbing, 1888
– Projections of pereionites 2–7 and of pleonites medium-sized, forming broad carinae; coxae 1–7 not produced into a sword-like process; pereiopods 3–7 robust
.....*Amatiguakius* Coleman & Barnard, 1991 [Extralimital: Alaska]

Genus *Acanthonotozomella* Schellenberg, 1926

Acanthonotozomella Schellenberg, 1926: 332; type species: *Acanthonotozomella alata* Schellenberg, 1926.

Paracanthonotozoma Bellan-Santini, 1972: 177; type species: *Paracanthonotozoma trispinosum* Bellan-Santini, 1972.

Acanthonotozomella – K.H. Barnard 1930: 346 (in part). — J.L. Barnard 1969: 122. — Bushueva 1978: 450 (in part). — De Broyer 1983: 292. — Watling & Thurston 1989: 304, 305. — Watling & Holman 1980: 609. — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 380, 385. — Coleman & J.L. Barnard 1991a: 257; 1991b: 279. — Coleman 2007: 13.

Key to the species of *Acanthonotozomella*

1. Dorsal surface of body with denticles and large carinate teeth2
– Dorsal surface of body without denticles; body with large carinate teeth only3
2. Coxae smooth; mid-dorsal crest of pereionite 1 broad and medium-sized
.....*Acanthonotozomella barnardi* Watling & Holman, 1980
– Surface of coxae covered with denticles; mid-dorsal crest of pereionite 1 forming a large narrow tooth
.....*Acanthonotozomella rauscherti* Coleman & Jäger, 2001

3. Ventral border of coxae 1 and 3 straight *Acanthonotozomella alata* Schellenberg, 1926
– Ventral border of coxae 1 and 3 with shallow concavity
..... *Acanthonotozomella trispinosa* (Bellan-Santini, 1972)

Acanthonotozomella alata Schellenberg, 1926

Acanthonotozomella alata Schellenberg, 1926: 332, fig. 45.

Acanthonotozomella alata – Bushueva 1978: 452. — Watling & Thurston 1989: 310. — Coleman 2007: 14, fig. 1a–b, map 1 (rhomb).

Distribution

Davis Sea, 385 m (Schellenberg 1926).

Acanthonotozomella barnardi Watling & Holman, 1980

Acanthonotozomella barnardi Watling & Holman, 1980: 612–614, figs 1–3.

Acanthonotozomella barnardi – Watling & Thurston 1989: 303, 310, fig. 2d. — Coleman 2007: 15, fig. 1c–d, map 1 (circle).

Distribution

Off extreme southern Patagonia, 384–494 m (Watling & Holman 1980).

Acanthonotozomella rauscherti Coleman & Jäger, 2001

Acanthonotozomella rauscherti Coleman & Jäger, 2001: 475–483, figs 1–5.

Acanthonotozomella rauscherti – Coleman 2007: 15, fig. 2, map 1 (open square).

Acanthonotozomella cf. *rauscherti* – ? Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 59, pl. 52.

Distribution

Drake Passage, North of King George Island, 61°26.8' S, 58°06.2' W to 61°27.1' S, 58°05.2' W, 1047–1227 m.

Remarks

Coleman & Jäger (2001) indicate that the *locus typicus* of *Acanthonotozomella rauscherti* is: RV *Polarstern*, cruise PS48, ANT-XV/3, station 336, Drake Passage, 62°21.9528' S, 58°41.1854' W, depth 1000 m, 19.03.1998. The coordinates of station 336 are actually 61°26.8' S, 58°06.2' W (gear on ground) to 61°27.1' S, 58°05.2' W (start of heaving), 1047–1227 m, 19.03.1998 (Arntz & Gutt 1999).

Rauschert & Arntz (2015) give a photograph of an *Acanthonotozomella* cf. *rauscherti*, which almost certainly really belongs to the present species. The apparent slight differences might be size-related, as the specimen photographed is a juvenile. Rauschert & Arntz (2015) give very little information on their specimen. However, in the photographic archives of RBINS, an annotated version of the same photograph is present. The specimen is said to be 5 mm long and was collected at station 232 of ANT-XXI/2. The coordinates of this station are: 71°18.61' S, 13°56.12' W to 71°18.73' S, 13°56.57' W (eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea), 900–910 m.

Acanthonotozomella trispinosa (Bellan-Santini, 1972)

Paracanthonotozoma trispinosum Bellan-Santini, 1972: 177, pl. 6.

Acanthonotozomella trispinosa – Watling & Holman 1980: 610. — Watling & Thurston 1989: 310. — Coleman 2007: fig. 3a–j, map 1 (triangle).

Material examined

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERNOCEAN: 1 spec., cruise PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, CAMBIO, stn 248-2, Larsen B, 65°57.51' S, 60°28.15' W to 65°57.69' S, 60°28.30' W, 196–202 m, Agassiz trawl, 7 Mar. 2011, coll. C. Havermans and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132673) [extraction E16 of 23 Aug. 2012; Genbank nr, 28S: KT808684, 18S: KT808770].

Distribution

Adélie Coast: Cape Géodésie; Scotia Sea; eastern shelf of Weddell Sea; 120–130 m (De Broyer *et al.* 2007); Larsen B, 196–202 m (present material).

Remarks

Rauschert & Arntz (2015: 59, pl. 52) give a photograph of an *Acanthonotozomella* cf. *trispinosa*, which might be a species distinct from the true *A. trispinosa*. In the archives of RBINS, there is an annotated copy of this photograph. It indicates that the specimen is 6 mm long and was collected at the station 293 of ANT-XXI/2. The coordinates of stn 293-1 are 72°51.90' S, 19°39.31' W to 72°48.65' S, 19°39.62' W (eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea), 518–542 m.

Genus *Acanthonotozomoides* Schellenberg, 1931

Acanthonotozomoides Schellenberg, 1931: 124; type species: *Acanthonotozomoides sublittoralis* Schellenberg, 1931.

Acanthonotozomella – K.H. Barnard 1930: 346 (in part).

Acanthonotozomoides – J.L. Barnard 1969: 122. — Bushueva 1978: 452. — De Broyer 1983: 292. — Watling & Thurston 1989: 304, 310. — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 380, 385. — Coleman & J.L. Barnard 1991a: 257; 1991b: 279. — Coleman 2007: 18.

non Acanthonotozomella Schellenberg, 1926: 332.

Key to the species of *Acanthonotozomoides*

1. Pereionite 1 with 1 pair of rounded dorsolateral processes *Acanthonotozomoides oatesi* (K.H. Barnard, 1930)
– Pereionite 1 with 2 pairs of styliform processes *Acanthonotozomoides sublittoralis* Schellenberg, 1931

Acanthonotozomoides oatesi (K.H. Barnard, 1930)

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Acanthonotozomella oatesi K.H. Barnard, 1930: 346, figs 20, 21.

Acanthonotozomella oatesi – K.H. Barnard 1932: 117, fig. 65.

Acanthonotozomoides oatesi – Bellan-Santini 1972: 167, pl. 1. — Watling & Holman 1980: 611, table 1. — De Broyer 1983: 289. — Watling & Thurston 1989: 303, 310, fig. 2e. — Coleman 2007: 18, fig. 4a–b, colour pl. 1 fig. a, map 2 (rhomb). — Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 59, pl. 52, unnumbered photograph.

Material examined

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 721-2, south-east of Larsen B, 65°55.41' S, 60°34.01' W to 65°55.79' S, 60°33.96' W, 295–299 m, hard bottom with hydrocorals (Stylasteridae), Agassiz trawl, 20 Jan. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122307); 1 spec., cruise PS77, ANT-XXVII-3, CAMBIO, stn 211-6, Shag Rocks, 53°23.94' S, 42°40.10' W to 53°23.86' S, 42°40.11' W, 285 m, Agassiz Trawl, 14 Feb. 2011, coll. C. Havermans and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132669) [extraction EB12 of 27 Feb. 2012; Genbank nr, 28S: KT808686, 18S: KT808782]; 2 specs, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 197-6, Bransfield Strait, 62°45.05' S, 57°26.68' W to 62°45.09' S, 57°26.47' W, 210–222 m, black gravel mixed with sand and a little bit of mud, Rauschert dredge, 25 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122868).

RV *Aurora Australis* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., cruise CEAMARC, sample CEAMARC 933, stn 40EV152, Adélie Coast, 66°39'38" S, 143°01'15.78" E, 471–637 m, beam trawl, 28 Dec. 2007, coll. IPEV-AAD-MNHN (MNHN-IU-2014-7342, removed from the sample MNHN-IU-2014-4283).

Distribution

Palmer Archipelago, South Georgia, South Shetland Islands, eastern shelf of Weddell Sea, Davis Sea, Adélie Coast, Ross Sea, (De Broyer *et al.* 2007), Shag Rocks, Bransfield Strait, Larsen B (present material), between 68 m (De Broyer *et al.* 2007) and 637 m (present material).

Acanthonotozomoides sublitoralis Schellenberg, 1931

Acanthonotozomoides sublitoralis Schellenberg, 1931: 124, figs 66, 67.

Acanthonotozomoides sublitoralis – Watling & Thurston 1989: 310. — Coleman 2007: 19, fig. 5, map 2 (circle).

Distribution

Falkland Islands, 197 m (Schellenberg 1931).

Genus *Actinacanthus* Stebbing, 1906

Acanthechinus Stebbing, 1888: 883; type species: *Acanthozone tricarinata* Stebbing, 1883.

Actinacanthus Stebbing, 1906: 326 (replacement name for *Acanthechinus* Stebbing, 1888).

Acanthozone – Stebbing 1883: 205 (in part).

Actinacanthus – Gurjanova 1955: 189, 199. — J.L. Barnard 1961: 102; 1969: 390, 393. — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 383, 386, 389–390. — Coleman 1998b: 215; 2007: 30.

non Acanthechinus Duncan & Sladen, 1882: 34; type species: *Acanthechinus nodulosus* Duncan & Sladen, 1882 (Echinodermata).

non Acanthozone Boeck, 1871: 104; type species: *Oniscus cuspidatus* Lepechin, 1780.

Actinacanthus tricarinatus (Stebbing, 1883)

Acanthozone tricarinata Stebbing, 1883: 205.

Acanthozone tricarinata – Tizard *et al.* 1885: 621, fig. 208.

Acanthechinus tricarinatus – Stebbing 1888: 884, pls 69, 70.

Actinacanthus tricarinatus – Stebbing 1906: 326, fig. 74–76. — J.L. Barnard 1969: 390, 393, fig. 140a. —

J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 386, fig. 74a. — Coleman 2007: 30, fig. 13, map 5 (triangle).

Amphipoda spl (Cru74) – Hibbert & Moore 2009: 95, unnumbered photograph.

Distribution

Heard Island, 274 m (Stebbing 1888).

Remarks

Actinacanthus tricarinatus has been recorded only once since its original description, by Hibbert & Moore (2009, as ‘Amphipoda spl (Cru74)’) in the same area as the type material, the archipelago of the Heard and McDonald Islands. The species is currently considered as endemic to the Kerguelen Plateau.

Family **Dikwidae** Coleman & J.L. Barnard, 1991

Dikwidae Coleman & J.L. Barnard, 1991a: 260.

Acanthonotozomatidae – Griffiths 1974: 265 (in part).

Iphimediidae – Watling & Thurston 1989: 304, 310 (in part). — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 378 (in part).

Dikwidae – Coleman 2007: 27.

non Iphimediidae Boeck, 1871: 98.

non Acanthonotozomatidae Stebbing, 1906: 210.

Genus **Dikwa** Griffiths, 1974

Dikwa Griffiths, 1974: 266; type species: *Dikwa acrania* Griffiths, 1974.

Dikwa – Griffiths 1977: 108–109. — Watling & Thurston 1989: 304, 307, 310. — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 381, 392–393. — Coleman 2007: 27.

Dikwa andresi Lörz & Coleman, 2003

Fig. 323

Dikwa andresi Lörz & Coleman, 2003: 785–788, figs 1–5.

Dikwa andresi – Lörz & Coleman *in* Lörz 2003: 99, figs 1–5. — Coleman 2007: 27, fig. 12a–c, map 5 (square). — Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 66, pl. 59, unnumbered photograph.

Material examined

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., cruise PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, CAMBIO, stn 208-2, Burdwood Bank, 54°32.27' S, 56°9.78' W to 54°30.84' S, 56°9.06' W, 282–283 m, bottom trawl, 11 Feb. 2011, coll. C. Havermans and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132666) [extraction EB11; Genbank nr, 28S: KT808704, 18S: KT808771] [the lat./long. coordinates given by Verheye *et al.* (2016b) are incorrect].

Distribution

Burdwood Bank (Lörz & Coleman 2003; present material), 272–290 m (Lörz & Coleman 2003).

Ecology

Dikwa andresi was caught clinging to the stylasterid hydrocoral *Errinopsis reticulum* Broch, 1951 (Lörz & Coleman 2003).

Family **Stilipedidae** Holmes, 1908

Amphilochinae Boeck, 1871: 129–130 (in part).

Tironidae Stebbing, 1906: 273 (in part).

Stilipedidae Holmes, 1908: 535.

Astyridae Pirlot, 1934: 175.

Amphilochinae – Boeck 1876: 430–431 (in part).

Amphilochidae – Stebbing 1888: 743 (in part). — G.O. Sars 1892: 212–213 (in part).

Tironidae – Stephensen 1928: 225 (in part). — K.H. Barnard 1931: 427 (in part); 1932: 148, 153 (in part). — Hurley 1954: 803 (in part).

Acanthonotozomatidae – Schellenberg 1931: 116 (in part).

Paramphithoidae – K.H. Barnard, 1932: 170 (in part). — J.L. Barnard 1969: 389 (in part).

Stegocephalidae – Nicholls 1938: 40 (in part).

Astyridae – Gurjanova 1951: 596. — Birstein & Vinogradov 1955: 253. — Birstein & Vinogradova 1960: 152 (in part). — J.L. Barnard 1969: 159. — Bousfield 1979: 369 (discussion); 1982: 274. — Coleman & J.L. Barnard 1991a: 263. — Andres & Lott 1986: 133.

Stilipedidae – J.L. Barnard 1969: 451. — Bousfield 1979: 369 (discussion). — Bousfield 1982: 275. — Holman & Watling 1983: 27. — Andres & Lott 1986: 131. — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 379, 702. — Coleman & J.L. Barnard 1991a: 80, 263–264. — Lowry & Stoddart 2003: 262.

Astryidae [sic] – Coleman & J.L. Barnard 1991a: 263 (misspelling).

Iphimediidae – J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 378 (in part).

non Stegocephalinae Dana, 1852: 310.

non Iphimediinae Boeck, 1871: 98.

non Paramphithoidae G.O. Sars, 1883: 25.

non Acanthonotozomatidae Stebbing, 1906: 210.

Remarks

Holman & Watling (1983) proposed a classification scheme where the Stilipedidae consisted of an assemblage of three well distinct homogeneous subfamilies: Alexandrellinae Holman & Watling, 1983, Astyrinae Pirlot, 1934 and Stilipedinae Holmes, 1908. The monophyly of this assemblage was questioned by Andres & Lott (1986) and was not supported by a recent phylogenetic analysis including two of these subfamilies: the Alexandrellinae and the Astyrinae (Verheye *et al.* 2016b, 2017). The classification of Holman & Watling (1983) is retained herein for convenience only. In the past, members of the family Stilipedidae have been attributed to a wide range of families. For example Schellenberg (1931) included *Alexandrella schellenbergi* (as *Iphimediopsis australis*) in the Acanthonotozomatidae; K.H. Barnard (1932) put *Echysis similis* in the Paramphithoidae, and Nicholls (1938) put *Alexandrella mixta* (as *Parandaniexis mixtus*) in the Stegocephalidae.

Subfamily **Alexandrellinae** Holman & Watling, 1983

Alexandrellinae Holman & Watling, 1983: 28.

Tironidae – Chevreux 1911: 1167 (in part).

Acanthonotozomatidae – Schellenberg 1931: 116 (in part).

Stegocephalidae – Nicholls 1938: 40 (in part)

Astyridae – Birstein & Vinogradova 1960: 152 (in part).

Stilipedidae – J.L. Barnard 1969: 451 (in part).

Alexandrellinae – Andres & Lott 1986: 134 (discussion).

non Stegocephalinae Dana, 1852: 310.

non Acanthonotozomatidae Stebbing, 1906: 210.

non Tironidae Stebbing, 1906: 273

non Stilipedidae Holmes, 1908: 535.

non Astyridae Pirlot, 1934: 175.

Remarks

According to the phylogenetic analyses of Verheye *et al.* (2016b, 2017), the Alexandrellinae are extremely close to the Epimeriidae, and might even be nested within *Epimeria*.

Genus *Alexandrella* Chevreux, 1911

Alexandrella Chevreux, 1911: 1167 (genus described without referring to any species).

Epimeriopsis K.H. Barnard, 1931: 428; type species: *Acanthonotozoma australis* Chilton, 1912.

Iphimediopsis Schellenberg, 1931: 126, invalid junior homonym of *Iphimediopsis* Della Valle, 1893; type-species, by original designation and monotypy: *Acanthonotozoma australis* Chilton, 1912.

Bathypanoploea Schellenberg, 1939: 137 (footnote), replacement name for *Iphimediopsis* Schellenberg, 1931, *non* Della Valle, 1893; type species: *Bathypanoploea schellenbergi* Holman & Watling, 1983, designated by Berge & Vader (2005b).

Parandaniexis Nicholls, 1938: 42; type-species, by original designation and monotypy: *Parandaniexis mixtus*, an invalid junior homonym of *Parandaniexis* Schellenberg, 1929.

Pseudandaniexis Nicholls, 1938: corrigendum, replacement name for *Parandaniexis* Nicholls, 1938, *non* Schellenberg, 1929.

Pseudiphimediopsis Ruffo, 1949: 18, replacement name for *Iphimediopsis* Schellenberg, 1931, *non* Della Valle, 1893.

Astyroides Birstein & Vinogradova, 1960: 152; type species: *Astyroides carinatus* Birstein & Vinogradova, 1960.

Alexandrella – Chevreux 1912: 213 (*Alexandrella dentata* designated as type species, by monotypy). — Chevreux 1913: 134. — K.H. Barnard 1932: 153. — J.L. Barnard 1969: 161, 263, 453–454. — Holman & Watling 1983: 32. — Andres & Lott 1986: 132. — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 703, 704. — Berge 2003b: 2 (discussion). — Berge & Vader 2005a: 1329 (discussion). — Serejo 2014: 135 (discussion).

Acanthonotozoma – Chilton 1912: 487.

Bathypanoploea – J.L. Barnard 1969: 122. — Holman & Watling 1983: 46–47. — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 380, 391–392, 702, 706. — Berge & Vader 2005b: 81–83. — Berge & Vader 2005c: 3–4.

Astyroides – Holman & Watling 1983: 46.

Bathypanoplea – d'Udekem d'Acoz & Robert 2008: 55. — Serejo 2014: 133, 135 (misspelling for *Bathypanoploea*).

non *Acanthonotozoma* Boeck, 1876: 237; type species: *Acanthonotus cristatus* Ross, 1835.

Etymology

The name *Alexandrella* presumably refers to Alexander Island, where the type species of the genus was collected.

Remarks

We decided to include the description of a new *Alexandrella* species herein because this genus belong to the same large clade as *Epimeria* (Verheye *et al.* 2016b, 2017) and because the new species is large, very characteristic and was already mentioned and illustrated in the cruise report of ANT-XXIX/3 (d'Udekem d'Acoz & Verheye 2013). Moreover, we felt that a quick overview of *Alexandrella* taxonomy would be a good test for checking whether the underestimated biodiversity found in *Epimeria* was unique for large Antarctic amphipods or representative of a general situation. This led us to draw a dire conclusion, that the taxonomy of Antarctic *Alexandrella* is even messier than for *Epimeria* before our present revision, and a significant number of undescribed species obviously occur in the Southern Ocean. The uniform morphology of *Alexandrella* species simply contributed to mask its true taxonomic diversity and to promote the convenient but spurious concept of 'variable widespread species'. The morphological differences between the genera *Alexandrella* and *Bathypanoploea* as proposed by Holman & Watling (1983) are ill-defined (Berge & Vader 2005b, 2005c) and genetic data (Verheye *et al.* 2016b) confirm that *Bathypanoploea pulchra* (as *A. schellenbergi*) and *Alexandrella* cf. *mixta* (as *A. aff. dentata*) are very close relatives. The two genera are therefore considered herein as synonyms. Besides the species from the temperate and polar parts of the southern hemisphere treated herein, *Alexandrella* includes an Atlantic abyssal species: *A. setosa* Serejo, 2014 (see Serejo 2014) and two abyssal species from the North Pacific: *Alexandrella carinata* (Birstein & Vinogradova, 1960) and a second, undescribed species examined by the first author. The species described and illustrated as *Astyroides carinatus* by Birstein & Vinogradova (1960) exhibits almost all the characters of *Alexandrella*. J.L. Barnard (1969) considered *Astyroides* as a junior synonym of *Alexandrella*, and it is only reluctantly that Holman & Watling (1983) accepted *Astyroides* as valid. In the reprint of Birstein & Vinogradova (1960) available to us, there is a handwritten comment by Vinogradova relegating *Astyroides* into the synonymy of *Alexandrella*. This synonymization is formally adopted herein.

Key to the species of Antarctic and sub-Antarctic *Alexandrella*

This key to Antarctic and sub-Antarctic *Alexandrella* is tentative and has not the pretention to be a rigorous identification tool. Characters visible without dissection have been used whenever possible.

1. Pereionite 7 with strong posterodorsal tooth2
 – Pereionite 7 without posterodorsal tooth6
2. Article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1 with short dorsomedial tooth; dactylus of pereiopods 3–4 long; posteroventral border of coxa 4 straight or nearly so3
 – Article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1 with long dorsomedial tooth; dactylus of pereiopods 3–4 short; posteroventral border of coxa 4 strongly concave5
3. First posterodorsal tooth on pereionite 74
 – First posterodorsal tooth on pereionite 6*Alexandrella* sp. 1 [High Antarctic]
 – First posterodorsal tooth on pereionite 5 or more anterior pereionite(s).....
*Alexandrella* sp. 2 [Shag Rocks]

4. Telson cleft on 0.37
Alexandrella schellenbergi (Holman & Watling, 1983) [north-east of Falkland Islands, 2675 m]
 – Telson cleft on 0.2 or less*Alexandrella pulchra* Ren in Ren & Huang, 1991
 [South Shetland Islands, tip of Antarctic Peninsula, eastern Weddell Sea, at about 300–700 m]
5. Anteroventral lobe of head moderately developed, triangular or bluntly triangular; dorsal carina of pleonite 3 with straight profile; posterodistal corner of basis of pereopod 6 broadly rounded6
 – Anteroventral lobe of head very strong, hemi-elliptic; dorsal carina of pleonite 3 with distinctly sigmoid profile; posterodistal corner of basis of pereopod 6 forming a blunt squared angle [pereonite 6 without posterodorsal tooth; posterior tooth of carina of first urosomite $0.23 \times$ as long as whole carina and forming a fairly deep notch with carina]*Alexandrella chione* sp. nov.
6. Pereonite 6 with small posterodorsal tooth; crest of urosomite 1 with long posterior tooth and deep posterior notch*Alexandrella australis* (Chilton, 1912)
 – Pereonite 6 without posterodorsal tooth; crest of urosomite 1 with small posterior tooth and no posterior notch*Alexandrella* sp. 3
7. Telson truncate, notched or cleft but not convex8
 – Telson convex and entire [carina of urosomite 1 compact, not elongate]
*Alexandrella polarsterni* (Berge & Vader, 2005)
8. Pleonites 1–3 strongly toothed; gnathopod 1 with oostegite [deepsea species recorded below 2500 m] 9
 – Pleonites 1–3 weakly toothed (or not toothed); gnathopod 1 without oostegite [shelf species] ...10
9. Right mandible with lacinia mobilis reduced to simple tooth.....
*Alexandrella mandibulata* Berge & Vader, 2005
 – Right mandible with lacinia mobilis smaller than left, but broad, with two teeth, of which one is bicuspid*Alexandrella martae* Berge & Vader, 2005
10. Gnathopods 1–2 simple; body dorsally weakly or not carinate11
 – Gnathopods 1–2 subchelate, body dorsally strongly carinate [telson scarcely emarginate].....
*Alexandrella subchelata* Holman & Watling, 1983 s. lat.
11. Telson emarginate; mandibular incisors not toothed along entire margin; antennae subequal [Antarctic species]12
 – Telson truncate with tiny median notch; mandibular incisors toothed along the entire margin; antenna 1 shorter than antenna 2
*Alexandrella inermis* Bellan-Santini & Ledoyer, 1987 [Prince Edward Island]
12. Pereonites 1–7 with a pair of lateral triangular teeth
*Alexandrella dentata* Chevreux, 1912 [Bellingshausen Sea]
 – pereonites 1–7 smooth
*Alexandrella mixta* Nichols, 1938 s. lat. [circum-Antarctic complex of species]

Alexandrella australis (Chilton, 1912)

Acanthonotozoma australis Chilton, 1912: 205, pl. 2 fig. 19.

Acanthonotozoma australis – Dell 1972: 71, fig. 7 (after Chilton).

Alexandrella australis – Serejo 2014: 139, in part (key).

non Alexandrella australis – Holman & Watling 1983: 33–37, figs 1–3. — Berge & Vader 2005a: 1330–1332, fig. 1.

Distribution

Eastern Weddell Sea: Scottish National Antarctic Expedition 1902–1904, RV *Scotia*, stn 417, 71°22' S, 16°34' W, 2578 m (Chilton 1912).

Remarks

There are significant morphological differences between the *Alexandrella australis* specimens illustrated by Chilton (1912) and Holman & Watling (1983), as follows: ventral margin of coxa 1 concave vs convex; pereonite 6 with vs without small mid-dorsal tooth; crest of urosomite 1 with long vs small posterior tooth. It is probable that they are not conspecific and that the specimen illustrated by Holman & Watling (1983) belongs to an undescribed species. It is referred herein as *Alexandrella* sp. 3. The second (non-illustrated) specimen listed by these authors might be *A. chione* sp. nov. (see account on that species).

Alexandrella chione sp. nov.

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Alexandrella australis – ? Holman & Watling, 1983a: 33, in part [specimen from RV *Eltanin* only], not figs 1–3. — ? Klages 1988: 82, fig. 20c. — ? Berge & Vader 2005a: 1330–1332, fig. 1.

Alexandrella sp. – d'Udekem d'Acoz & Verheye 2013: 62, fig. 3.8.1B (in colour).

non Acanthonotozoma australis Chilton, 1912: 205, pl. 2 fig. 19.

Etymology

From the Greek, χιων, snow. The name, which is a noun in apposition, alludes to the pure white colour of the species.

Type material

Holotype

RV *Polarstern* cruises

SOUTHERN OCEAN: immature ♀, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 227-2, Bransfield Strait, 62°55.83' S, 58°41.09' W to 62°55.76' S, 58°41.46' W, 562–564 m, muddy bottom, Agassiz Trawl, 5 Mar. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122887).

Description

HEAD. Rostrum tiny, extremely narrow in frontal view, reaching 0.3 of article 1 of peduncle of antenna 1 (dorsomedial tooth included); lateral head lobes triangular (forming a sharp squared angle); ventral lobe forming an extremely strong hemi-elliptic protrusion; connection between this protrusion and head forming a deep notch (shape: sharp squared angle).

EYES. Circular, small, pale, non-ommatidian, disappearing in alcohol.

PEREION–PLEOSOME TOOTH PATTERN. Pereonites 1–6 totally smooth; pereonite 7 posteriorly carinate and with medium-sized tooth projecting backwards; pleonites 1–2 carinate, with medium-sized tooth projecting backwards; pleonite 3 carinate, with distinctly sigmoid profile (distinctly convex in anterior 0.8, distinctly concave in posterior 0.2), with medium-sized tooth projecting backwards.

EPIMERAL PLATES 1–3. Posteroventral angle: very obtusely rounded in plate 1, produced into a medium-sized tooth in plates 2–3.

UROSOME ORNAMENTATION. Urosomite 1 with deep notch on proximal third, followed by elevated carina, anteriorly rounded and slightly produced forward, dorsally nearly straight (posteriorly very slightly concave), posteriorly produced into a well-developed, narrowly triangular sharp tooth overreaching urosomite 1 and forming a blunt squared angle with it (tooth $0.23 \times$ as long as carina); urosomite 2 toothless; urosomite 3 lateral borders distally produced into a well-developed lobe, of which the tip forms a squared angle.

TELSON. Broadly rectangular, distally broad and emarginate; with very shallow broad V-shaped notch (cleft on 0.08); lobes very broad, medially forming a rounded very low projection, more laterally with shallow concavity, at their connection with lateral border forming a broad and blunt triangular tooth.

ANTENNA 1. Articles of peduncle very broad; article one with large and broad dorsomedial tooth reaching tip of article two, with strong ventral tooth reaching mid of article two; article two with broadly rounded lateral lobe; article three with broadly rounded lateral lobe; accessory flagellum distinct, uniarticulate.

ANTENNA 2. Article four with posterodistal blunt dentiform process; article five $1.3 \times$ as long as article four.

UPPER LIP. Strongly asymmetrical, right lobe well developed, bluntly triangular and very protruding, left lobe low and very rounded.

MANDIBLES. Incisor very broad, straight and toothless (or with trace of tiny denticles near lateral corner); left lacinia mobilis very large ($0.7 \times$ as broad as incisor process); right lacinia mobilis small ($0.25 \times$ as broad as incisor process); molar absent; palp with article 1 very short, posterodistally produced into a tooth; article 2 and 3 long and narrow, posteriorly ciliate; article 2 slightly longer than article 3.

LOWER LIP. Lower lip without inner lobes, outer lobes broad with small acute projection at outer corners.

MAXILLA 1. Inner plate setose along medial margin and along a row on inner face, notched at the level of this row to allow imbrication of outer plate; palp biarticulate, expanded distally with 1 marginal row of spines + row of short setae.

MAXILLA 2. Inner plate distinctly larger than outer, rounded, posterior setae conspicuously longer than those more anterior but not strongly plumose, also sparse setae on surface of plate; outer plate triangular.

MAXILLIPED. Outer plate exceeding palp, setose medially; inner plate extending beyond distal margin of palp article 1, setae on distal margin of moderate length; palp 4-articulate, article 2 longest, article 4 less than 0.5 length of article 3.

GILLS. From gnathopod 2 to pereopod 7.

OOSTEGITES. From gnathopod 2 to pereopod 5.

GNATHOPOD 1. Coxa very broad, expanding distally, anteroventral corner very broadly rounded, ventral margin straight; leg achelate; carpus very broad, $1.8 \times$ as long as propodus; propodus strongly tapering.

GNATHOPOD 2. Coxa broad, anteriorly rounded, posterodistally angulate; leg achelate; carpus very broad, $1.5 \times$ as long as propodus; propodus weakly tapering.

PEREIOPOD 3. Coxa broad, with anterior border rounded, distally produced into a large blunt tooth, posterior margin very slightly concave; leg robust: propodus $4.8 \times$ as long as wide; dactylus short: $3.6 \times$ as long as broad, $0.4 \times$ as long as propodus, with row of small spines on posterior border.

PEREIOPOD 4. Coxa anteriorly forming a strong regular curve, with ventral corner angulate (forming a distinct acute angle), with posteroventral border strongly concave; leg robust very similar to that of pereopod 3.

PEREIOPOD 5. Coxa posteriorly produced into a triangular tooth (forming a squared angle), posteroventrally also produced into a triangular tooth (forming a blunt acute, nearly squared angle); basis fairly narrow, posterior border very weakly concave, posterodistal corner broadly rounded, posteromedial carina distally produced into a small rounded lobe; carpus, propodus and dactylus missing.

PEREIOPOD 6. Coxa posteriorly forming a rounded obtuse angle, posteroventrally produced into a triangular tooth (forming a blunt acute angle); basis of medium width; posterior border very weakly concave, posterodistal corner forming a blunt squared angle (not rounded); carpus, propodus and dactylus missing.

PEREIOPOD 7. Coxa posteriorly straight, posteroventrally forming an obtuse (nearly squared) angle; basis extremely broad, with posteroproximal strong rounded process, posterodistally produced into a sharp triangular tooth forming an acute angle projecting forward (that tooth is $0.17 \times$ as long as basis, tooth included).

Colour pattern

White, except for mouthparts, gnathopods (red) and carpus, propodus and dactylus of pereopods 3–4 (pale pink); eyes pale yellow.

Body length

30 mm.

Distribution

Bransfield Strait, 562–564 m (present data).

Remarks

Alexandrella chione sp. nov. (Bransfield Strait shelf) is similar to *Alexandrella australis* (eastern Weddell Sea abyss) and *Alexandrella* sp. 3 (South Sandwich Islands abyss). The most visible difference concerns the ventral lobe of head, which is much stronger and proximally narrower in *Alexandrella chione* sp. nov. than in other species. In addition to the characters given in the key, it must be mentioned that the lacinia mobilis of the right mandible is more developed and the posterodistal tooth of the basis of pereopod 7 is longer in *Alexandrella chione* sp. nov. than in *Alexandrella* sp. 3 as illustrated by Holman & Watling (1983). Very little information is given on the adult specimens of '*Alexandrella australis*' recorded at 935 m in the Bransfield Strait by Holman & Watling (1983) and Berge & Vader (2005a), but they may be *A. chione* sp. nov., which is described herein from a specimen collected at similar depths in the same area.

Alexandrella dentata Chevreux, 1912

Alexandrella dentata Chevreux, 1912: 213.

Alexandrella dentata – Chevreux 1913: 134, figs 31–33. — J.L. Barnard 1958: 133; 1969: 452, fig. 163a. — Holman & Watling 1983: 37–39, fig. 4. — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 704, fig. 127C. — Serejo 2014: 139, in part (key).

non Alexandrella dentata – Berge & Vader 2005a: 1332–1335, figs 2, 3 (= *A. mixta* s. lat.). — J.L. Barnard 1961: 77, fig. 46. (= *A. subchelata*).

Distribution

Bellingshausen Sea: Alexander Island, 297 m (Chevreux 1913).

Biology

The holotype of *A. dentata* was found inside a sponge (Chevreux 1913).

Remarks

Chevreux (1913) explicitly described and illustrated a tooth on the side of each segments of the pereion of the holotype of *Alexandrella dentata*, hence the name of the species. They were not reproduced, however, in the figures of J.L. Barnard (1969) and J.L. Barnard & Karaman (1991), which were copied from Chevreux (1913). Neither are they mentioned in the account of the holotype of *A. dentata* by Holman & Watling (1983), who only studied the appendages and not the body. Berge & Vader (2005a) also did not mention these teeth on their specimens and put *Alexandrella mixta*, which is not supposed to have such teeth, in synonymy with *A. dentata*. The specimens of Berge & Vader (2005a) are without lateral teeth, which indicates that the species is not *A. dentata*. The presence or absence of these lateral teeth is here considered as a species level character distinguishing *A. mixta* from *A. dentata*. *A. mixta* has been recorded in widely separate localities and across a wide bathymetric range. Moreover, small differences exist between the various descriptions and illustrations. Therefore, *A. mixta* might be a species complex.

Alexandrella inermis Bellan-Santini & Ledoyer, 1987

Alexandrella inermis Bellan-Santini & Ledoyer, 1987: 430–432, fig. 31.

Alexandrella inermis – Branch *et al.* 1991: 10, unnumbered fig. — Berge & Vader 2005a: 1335. — Serejo 2014: 139 (key).

Distribution

Prince Edward Islands, 46°56.3' S, 37°55.6' E, 120 m (Bellan-Santini & Ledoyer 1987); Prince Edward Islands, 46°40'32" S, 37°51' E, 460–560 m; off Prydz Bay, 67°30' S, 77°14–13' E, 341–333 m (Berge & Vader 2005a).

Alexandrella mandibulata Berge & Vader, 2005

Alexandrella mandibulata Berge & Vader, 2005a: 1335–1339, figs 4–6.

Alexandrella mandibulata – Serejo 2014: 139 (key).

Distribution

East of South Georgia, 55°04' S, 33°57' W to 55°00' S, 33°59' W, 3138–3239 m (Berge & Vader 2005a).

Alexandrella martae Berge & Vader, 2005

Alexandrella martae Berge & Vader, 2005a: 1340–1346, figs 7–9.

Alexandrella martae – Serejo 2014: 139 (key).

Distribution

Middle of Scotia Sea, at the same longitude as South Georgia, 58°53' S, 37°15' W to 58°54' S, 37°19' W, 2901 m; Drake Passage, north of Livingstone Island, 61°43.08' S, 60°41.8' W, 2830–2862 m; Somov Sea: longitude of Cape Adare and latitude of (east of) Balleny Islands, 68°05' S, 173°38' E to 68°06' S, 173°44' E, 2608–3175 m (Berge & Vader 2005a).

Alexandrella mixta Nicholls, 1938 s. lat.

Fig. 336

Parandaniexis mixtus Nicholls, 1938: 42, fig. 22.

Pseudandaniexis mixta – Nicholls 1938: corrigendum. — J.L. Barnard 1958: 127. — Bellan-Santini 1972: 229, pl. 36.

Alexandrella mixta – Holman & Watling 1983: 39–41, fig. 5.

Alexandrella dentata – Berge & Vader 2005a: 1332–1335, figs 2, 3. — Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 79, pl. 72 [ANT-XXI/2, stn 233, 200 m, 13 mm].

Material examined

RV *Polarstern* cruises

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 725-6, Larsen A, 64°54.80' S, 60°37.46' W to 64°54.80' S, 60°38.28' W, 105–207 m, amongst large grey hexactinellid sponges, Agassiz trawl, 22 Jan. 2007, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122305).

Distribution

Adélie Coast, Weddell Sea; 60–1543 m (De Broyer *et al.* 2007 as *A. dentata*, excluding type record).

Biology

One specimen identified as *Alexandrella mixta* was found by the first author amongst large grey hexactinellid sponges and its colour pattern matched perfectly with that of these sponges (fig. 338). Some kind of symbiosis might be involved.

Remarks

See account on *A. dentata* for the taxonomic history of *A. mixta*.

Alexandrella polarsterni (Berge & Vader, 2005)

Bathypanoploea polarsterni Berge & Vader, 2005b: 81–83, fig. 1.

Bathypanoploea polarsterni – Berge & Vader 2005c: 5, figs 7–9.

Alexandrella sp. n. – Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 79, pl. 72.

Distribution

Northwest of Elephant Island, 60°54.60' S, 55°45.90' W, 235 m (holotype); southwestern Atlantic, off Argentina (off the province of Río Negro), 40°14'06" S, 55°24'07" W, 1475 m (paratype) (Berge & Vader 2005b, 2005c).

Remarks

The conspecificity between the holotype of *Alexandrella polarsterni* collected off Elephant Island at 235 m and the paratype collected off Argentina at 1475 m looks *a priori* suspect, based on the differences in location and depth, but cannot be refuted herein. The photograph of “*Alexandrella* sp. nov.” given by Rauschert & Arntz (2015) matches very well with the figures of Berge & Vader (2005b, 2005c), especially for the shape of the mid-dorsal carina of urosomite 1; hence this specimen is identified as such. Rauschert & Arntz (2015) do not indicate the coordinates of their specimen, but in an early draft of their book made available to the authors, the following information was given: ANT-XXI/2, stn 145, 400 m, 7 mm. The coordinates of the station 145-1 (epibenthic sledge) are: 70°56.99' S, 10°48'26" W to 70°56.97' S, 10°47.7' W [eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea], 402–405 m.

Alexandrella pulchra Ren in Ren & Huang, 1991

Fig. 337

Bathyanoploea schellenbergi Holman & Watling, 1983: 47, in part, figs 9a, 9c-f, 11g–h only (not the holotype).

Alexandrella pulchra Ren in Ren & Huang, 1991: 291–292, 321–323, fig. 64.

Bathyanoploea schellenbergi – Coleman 1990b: 197, figs 1–3. — Coleman 1992: 140, fig. 3–4. — Nyssen 2005: 130, unnumbered fig. — Berge & Vader 2005b: 83 (in part). — Berge & Vader 2005b: 83 (in part). — Berge & Vader 2005c: 4 (in part), fig. 5.

Alexandrella sp. – ? Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 79, pl. 72 [Bentart 94, Livingston Island].

Material examined

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., orange form, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 654-6, Elephant Island, 61°22.80' S, 56°03.84' W to 61°23.35' S, 56°04.89' W, 341–342 m, Agassiz trawl, 29 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122440); 1 spec., orange form, cruise PS69, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 662-1, between Elephant Island and King George Island, 61°35.91' S, 57°17.04' W to 61°35.41' S, 57°20.60' W, 425–432 m, bottom trawl, 30 Dec. 2006, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 122304); 1 spec., colour unrecorded, cruise PS71, ANT-XXIV/2, ANDEEP-SYSTCO, stn 48-1, east of Weddell Sea, 70°23.94' S, 8°19.14' W to 70°23.89' S, 8°18.67' W, 595–602 m, bryozoan bottom (exceptional bryozoan diversity), Rauschert dredge, 12 Jan. 2008, coll. H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132623) [extraction EAS of 10 Feb. 2012; Genbank nr, 28S: KT808699, 18S: KT808768]; 1 spec., orange and white form, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 217-6, Bransfield Strait, 62°53.45' S, 58°13.06' W to 62°53.42' S, 58°13.41' W, 421–483 m, rich sponge bottom, Agassiz trawl, 2 Mar. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122865); 1 spec., orange and white form, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 227-2, Bransfield Strait, 62°55.83' S, 58°41.09' W to 62°55.76' S, 58°41.46' W, 562–564 m, muddy bottom, Agassiz Trawl, 5 Mar. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122864).

Colour pattern and eyes description

Head whitish; eyes very large, non-ommatidian and white, forming a large V pointing forwards; body entirely orange (orange form) or orange except for mid-dorsal crests of pleon, which are largely white

(orange and white form); pereopods and antennae orange (orange form) or largely white (orange and white form). The eyes disappear in alcohol.

Distribution

Reliable records are from the South Shetland Islands, Bransfield Strait and the eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea, 341–602 m.

Biology

The analyses of gut contents by Coleman (1990b) revealed the occurrence of ossicles of holothurians in the digestive tract of *Alexandrella pulchra* (as *Bathypanoploea schellenbergi*). Gut content analyses of the latter species by Dauby et al. (2001a) revealed gorgonian remains (cnidocysts and ossicles), plankton and hard remains of crustaceans, bryozoans and holothurioids.

Remarks

The reasons for re-establishing *Alexandrella pulchra* as a distinct species are given in the remarks section on *A. schellenbergi*. In *A. pulchra*, some specimens have orange pereopods and antennae and others nearly entirely white appendages. Two explanations are possible: Either the specimens exhibit individual colour variation or two very similar species are involved. The identity of the *Alexandrella* sp. of Rauschert & Arntz (2015) is not clear but it might be *A. pulchra*. The shape of the eye and the number of body segments with a tooth match with *A. pulchra* but coxa 4 seems to be apically rounded instead of subacute.

Alexandrella schellenbergi (Holman & Watling, 1983)

Bathypanoploea schellenbergi Holman & Watling, 1983: 47 (in part: holotype only) figs 11a–e only (not figs 9, 10, 11f–h: presumably *A. pulchra* and *Alexandrella* sp. 1).

Iphimediopsis australis – Schellenberg 1931: 127, pl. 1 fig. c.

Bathypanoploea australis – Schellenberg 1939: 137 (footnote, by implication).

non Acanthonotozoma australis Chilton, 1912: 205, pl. 2 fig. 19.

Distribution

Sub-Antarctic Region: south of Argentine Basin: north east of Falkland Islands: 50°19' S, 50°50' W, 2675 m (Holman & Watling 1983).

Remarks

It has been reported that *Alexandrella schellenbergi* has a very wide geographical and bathymetric distribution across the Southern Ocean (Holman & Watling 1983, Berge & Vader 2005b, 2005c, De Broyer *et al.* 2007). This widespread distribution is questioned here. The holotype of *A. schellenbergi* was collected north of the Antarctic Polar Front and north of the line joining the Falkland Islands to South Georgia, at 2675 m. Its telson is more deeply cleft than in similar *Alexandrella* specimens from the continental shelf of the South Shetland Islands and the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula. This telson character state is consistent with the specimens illustrated in literature (Holman & Watling 1983, Ren & Huang 1991) and examined by us. On the poor quality photograph given by Schellenberg (1931), the posterior pereopods also appear more slender than in the forms of the Antarctic continental shelf; however, this might be an illusion created by the possibly not flattened orientation of the legs on the picture. The telson difference, the geographical wide separation and the bathymetric differences suggest that two species are involved. The name *Alexandrella pulchra* Ren in Ren & Huang, 1991 is available for the form of the

South Shetland Islands and the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula, and it is herein resurrected for them. All topotypical shelf specimens of *Alexandrella pulchra* examined by us were devoid of posterodorsal tooth on pereionite 6. However, specimens similar to *A. schellenbergi* with a tooth on pereionite 6 are present in the Ross Sea (Holman & Watling 1983: 49, fig. 10a), off Adélie Coast (present material) and in the Atlantic sector of the Southern Ocean (Rauschert & Arntz 2015). They are treated herein as a separate taxon: *Alexandrella* sp. 1.

Alexandrella subchelata Holman & Watling, 1983 s. lat.

Alexandrella subchelata Holman & Watling, 1983: 42.

Alexandrella subchelata – Berge & Vader 2005a: 1327–1346. — Serejo 2014: 139 (key).

Alexandrella dentata – J.L. Barnard 1961: 77, fig. 46.

non *Alexandrella dentata* Chevreux, 1912: 213.

Distribution

For clarity, it seems necessary to give the station details in full for all known specimens identified as *Alexandrella subchelata* in literature: holotype: RV *Galathea*, stn 554, 5 December 1951, 37°28' S, 138°55' E, Great Australian Bight, 1320–1340 m (J.L. Barnard 1961 as *A. dentata*, Holman & Watling 1983). — RV *Eltanin*, cruise 26, stn 4, 41°56' S, 160°07' E [between Tasmania and New Zealand], 4846–4929 m. — RV *Eltanin*, cruise 27, stn 1880, 49°40' S, 178°53' E [Antipodes Island], 103 m. — RV *Polarstern*, ANT-XIX/3-4 (ANDEEP II), stn 133-3, 65°20.15' S, 54°14.35' E to 65°20.06' S, 54°14.51' E [Antarctica: Kong Håkon VII Sea], 1119–1122 m (Berge & Vader 2005a).

Alexandrella sp. 1

Figs 338–339

Bathypanoploea schellenbergi Holman & Watling, 1983: 47, in part (not holotype), fig. 9b, 10, ? 11f.

Bathypanoploea schellenbergi – ? Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 79, pl. 72 [ANT-XXI].

Material examined

RV *Astrolabe* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 very large spec., cruise REVOLTA III, no station (Dumont d'Urville Sea), Collect_ID: REVO_449, Adélie Coast, 66°38' S, 140°42' E to 66°38' S, 140°40' E, 718–729 m, mud, beam trawl, 20 Jan. 2012, CE-000002100 (MNHN-IU-2009-2540).

Remarks

The specimen examined has a mid-dorsal tooth on pereionite 6 in addition to the usual teeth on pereionite 7 and pleonites 1–3. Otherwise, it looks very similar to *Alexandrella pulchra*. Only minor differences in the form of coxae 1 and 4 were observed. The shape of the eye is similar to that of *A. pulchra*, but the body and leg pigmentation is less pronounced. A small tooth is also present in the specimen from the continental shelf of the Ross Sea illustrated by Holman & Watling (1983) and a specimen from the eastern Weddell Sea illustrated by Rauschert & Arntz (2015). The latter specimen has much smaller eyes than *A. pulchra*, and according to an early draft of Rauschert & Arntz's book, it was collected during the cruise ANT-XXI (obviously ANT-XXI/2), which almost exclusively sampled on the continental shelf.

Alexandrella sp. 2

Fig 339

Distribution

RV *Polarstern*, PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 211 (there were several sub-stations for stn 211), Shag Rocks. The species is known from a photograph taken by H. Robert and Ch. Havermans. The specimen was unavailable for study.

Remark

This species looks similar to *A. pulchra* and *A. schellenbergi* but displays some differences. Pereionites 5 and 6 have each a conspicuous posterodorsal tooth, which is absent in *A. pulchra* and *A. schellenbergi*. The pereopods are striped, which is not the case or not so pronounced in *A. pulchra*.

Alexandrella sp. 3

Alexandrella australis – Holman & Watling, 1983: 33–37, in part, figs 1–3. — Berge & Vader 2005a: 1330–1332, fig. 1.

non Acanthonotozoma australis Chilton, 1912: 205, pl. 2 fig. 19.

Distribution

This taxon has been recorded once at the following station: RV *Islas Orcadas*, cruise 575, Stn 54, 57°39' S, 26°00.4' W [South Sandwich Islands], 2380–2609 m (Holman & Watling 1983, Berge & Vader 2005a).

Remarks

The specimen identified as *Alexandrella australis* by Holman & Watling (1983) exhibits striking differences with the illustration of the holotype given by Chilton (1912). The carina of urosomite 1 presents a much stronger posterior tooth and deeper anterior notch on the drawing of Chilton (1912) than in that of Holman & Watling (1983). The specimen of Chilton (1912) has a small posterodorsal tooth on pereionite 6, which is missing in the one illustrated by Holman & Watling (1983). The specimen of Chilton (1912) is illustrated as having a more truncated coxa 1 than the one of Holman & Watling (1983). Finally, the posterodistal tooth of the basis of pereopod 7 looks longer in the specimen of Chilton (1912) than in the one of Holman & Watling (1983). As the conspecificity of the two specimens is questionable, the name *Alexandrella* sp. 3 is used herein for the one studied by Holman & Watling (1983).

Alexandrella sp. 4

Bathypanoploea sp. Berge & Vader, 2005c: 4, fig. 6.

Distribution

Northeast of Elephant Island, 60°39.53' S, 53°56.93' W, 2889 m (Berge & Vader 2005c).

Subfamily **Astyrinae** Pirlot, 1934

Amphilochinae Boeck, 1871: 129–130 (in part).

Tironidae Stebbing, 1906: 273 (in part).

Astyridae Pirlot, 1934: 175.

Amphilochinae – Boeck 1876: 430–431 (in part).

Amphilochidae – G.O. Sars 1892: 212–213 (in part).

Tironidae – Stephensen 1928: 225 (in part).

Paramphithoidae – K.H. Barnard 1932: 170 (in part). — J.L. Barnard 1969: 389 (in part).

Astyridae – Gurjanova 1951: 596. — Birstein & Vinogradov 1955: 253. — Birstein & Vinogradova 1960: 152 (in part). — J.L. Barnard 1969: 159. — Bousfield 1979: 369 (discussion); 1982: 274. — Coleman & J.L. Barnard 1991a: 263. — Andres & Lott 1986: 133.

Astyrinae – Holman & Watling 1983: 28.

Astryidae [sic] – Coleman & J.L. Barnard 1991a: 263 (misspelling).

Stilipedidae – J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 701 (in part).

non Paramphithoidae G.O. Sars, 1883: 25.

non Stilipedidae Holmes, 1908: 535.

Key to the genera of Antarctic Astyrinae

1. All pereionites and pleonites without posterodorsal toothgenus *Astyra* Boeck, 1871
– Pereionite 7 and pleonites 1–3 with posterodorsal toothgenus *Eclysis* K.H. Barnard, 1932

Genus *Astyra* Boeck, 1871

Astyra Boeck, 1871: 53; type species: *Astyra abyssi* Boeck, 1871.

Chagosia Walker, 1909: 332–333; type species: *Chagosia gardineri* Walker, 1909.

Parastyra Pirlot, 1934: 176; type species: *Parastyra longidactyla* Pirlot, 1934.

Astyra – Boeck 1876: 442. — G.O. Sars 1892: 213. — Della Valle 1893: 693–694. — Gerstaecker & Ortmann 1901: 502. — Stebbing 1906: 278. — Stephensen 1928: 228; 1931: 256 (discussion). — Gurjanova 1951: 596, 597. — Birstein & Vinogradov 1955: 253–254. — J.L. Barnard 1969: 115, 161. — Holman & Watling 1983: 31 (discussion). — Andres & Lott 1986: 132. — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 703–704. — Andres 1997: 82. — Berge 2003b: 2 (discussion). — Berge & Vader 2005a: 1345 (discussion).

Parastyra – Gurjanova 1951: 596, 598.

Etymology

“*Astyra*, a town of Mysia, Mela, Pliny: Strabo calls it a hamlet, near which is a grove of Diana, thence named *Astyrena*: this *Astyra* is near *Adramytrium*, and to be distinguished from another near *Abydos*, which had a gold mine, Strabo. This last was a town of *Troas*; in ruins in Strabo’s time” (MacBean 1773). Stebbing (1888: 1668) suggested that the name *Astyra* derives from *Ἀστύρα* or *Astura*, which is the name of a river in *Asturia* (Spain).

Astyra antarctica Andres, 1997

Astyra antarctica Andres, 1997: 81–89, figs 1–28.

Distribution

Elephant Island, 120 m (Andres 1997).

Genus *Eclysis* K.H. Barnard, 1932

Eclysis K.H. Barnard, 1932: 181–183; type species: *Eclysis similis* K.H. Barnard, 1932.

Eclysis – Gurjanova 1955: 189, 206. — J.L. Barnard 1969: 161, 394. — McCain 1971: 160 (discussion). — Bousfield 1979: 363, 369 (discussion). — Andres & Lott 1986: 131–137. — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 393, 702, 703, 706–707. — Berge & Vader 2005a: 1345 (discussion); 2005b: 81; 2005c: 2–3. *Eclyses* – Andres & Lott 1986: 133 (misspelling for *Eclysis*). *Epimeriella* – Karaman & J.L. Barnard 1979: 109–110 (in part).

non Epimeriella Walker, 1906: 17; type species: *Epimeriella macronyx* Walker, 1906.

Eclysis similis K.H. Barnard, 1932

Eclysis similis K.H. Barnard, 1932: 182, fig. 112.

Eclysis similis – Andres & Lott 1986: 131–137, figs 1–2. — Berge & Vader 2005c: 2 figs 1–3. — De Broyer *et al.* 2007: 31 (ubi syn.).

Distribution

South Georgia and Weddell Sea: eastern shelf, 230–250 m (De Broyer *et al.* 2007); Ross Sea, 659–741 m (Berge & Vader 2005b).

Subfamily **Stilipedinae** Holmes, 1908

Stilipedinae Holmes, 1908: 535.

Tironidae – K.H. Barnard 1931: 427 (in part); 1932: 148, 153 (in part).

Stilipedinae – Holman & Watling 1983: 27–28.

non Tironidae Stebbing, 1906: 273.

Genus *Stilipes* Holmes, 1908

Stilipes Holmes, 1908: 536; type species: *Stilipes distinctus* Holmes, 1908.

Cacao K.H. Barnard, 1931: 427–428; type species: *Cacao lacteus* K.H. Barnard, 1931.

Cacao – K.H. Barnard, 1932: 153. — Hurley 1954: 804.

Stilipes – Shoemaker 1964: 414. — J.L. Barnard 1969: 453–454. — Holman & Watling 1983: 29 (discussion). — Andres & Lott 1986: 132. — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 707. — Berge 2003b: 2.

Stilipes macquariensis Berge, 2003

Stilipes macquariensis Berge, 2003a: 305, fig. 1.

Stilipes macquariensis – Berge, 2003b: 2, 4–5, figs 3–5.

Distribution

Macquarie Island, 956–959 m (Berge 2003a,b).

Family *Vicmusiidae* Just, 1990

Vicmusiidae Just, 1990: 925; type genus: *Vicmusia* Just, 1990.

Acanthonotozomellidae Coleman & J.L. Barnard, 1991a: 257 (in part).

Acanthonotozomatidae – Bushueva 1978: 450 (in part).

Iphimediidae – Watling & Thurston 1989: 304 (in part). — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 378 (in part).

Vicmusiidae – Just 1995: 1007. — Coleman 2007: 130.

Acanthonotozomellidae – Coleman & J.L. Barnard 1991b: 279.

non Acanthonotozomatidae Stebbing, 1906: 210.

non Iphimediinae Boeck, 1871: 98.

Genus *Acanthonotozomopsis* Watling & Holman, 1980

Acanthonotozomopsis Watling & Holman, 1980: 614; type species: *Acanthonotozomella pushkini* Bushueva, 1978.

Vicmusia Just, 1990: 930; type species: *Vicmusia duplocoxa* Just, 1990.

Acanthonotozomella – Bushueva, 1978: 450, 452 (in part).

Acanthonotozomopsis – De Broyer 1983: 291. — Watling & Thurston 1989: 304, 310. — J.L. Barnard & Karaman 1991: 380. — Coleman & J.L. Barnard 1991a: 257. — Coleman & J.L. Barnard 1991b: 279. — Just 1995: 1005. — Coleman 2007: 130.

non *Acanthonotozomella* Schellenberg, 1926: 332; type species: *Acanthonotozomella alata* Schellenberg, 1926.

Acanthonotozomopsis pushkini (Bushueva, 1978)

Fig 341

Acanthonotozomella pushkini Bushueva, 1978: 450–453, unnumbered fig.

Acanthonotozomopsis pushkini – Watling & Holman 1980: 614–615. — De Broyer 1983: 293–294, figs 94–95. — Watling & Thurston 1989: 305, 310, fig. 3i. — Just 1995: 1005. — De Broyer *et al.* 2007: 228 (ubi syn.). — Coleman 2007: 130, fig. 86, pl. 4 fig. d, map 41. — Rauschert & Arntz 2015: 59, pl. 52, unnumbered photograph.

Material examined

RV *Polarstern* cruises:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 spec., cruise PS77, ANT-XXVII/3, CAMBIO, stn 211-5, Shag Rocks, 53°24.21' S, 42°41.65' W to 53°24.06' S, 42°42.58' W, 327–345 m, Agassiz trawl, 14 Feb. 2011, coll. C. Havermans and H. Robert (RBINS, INV. 132656) [extraction E30 of 23.08.2012; Genbank nr, 28S: KT808687, 18S: KT808783]; 3 specs, cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 197-6, Bransfield Strait, 62°45.05' S, 57°26.68' W to 62°45.09' S, 57°26.47' W, 210–222 m, black gravel mixed with sand and a little bit of mud, Rauschert dredge, 25 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 122871); 1 spec., cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 164-5, south of Dundee Island, 63°36.84' S, 56°10.28' W to 63°36.72' S, 56°10.46' W, 121–122 m, Rauschert dredge, 11 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, 122886); 1 spec., cruise PS81, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 188-5, south-east of Dundee Island, 63°50.92' S, 55°37.66' W to 63°50.93' S, 55°37.52' W, 402–407 m, Rauschert dredge, 20 Feb. 2013, coll. C. d'Udekem d'Acoz and M. Verheye (RBINS, INV. 132206).

RV *Seatruck*, cruise REVOLTA II:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 2 specs, stn REVO_128, Collect_ID: REVO_128, Adélie Coast, 66°38.7' S, 139°56.8' E, 91–93 m, 10 Jan. 2011, coll. N. Améziane, N. Bax, C. Gallut, A.C. Lautrédou and C. Robineau (MNHN-IU-2016-6586).

RV *Seatruck*, cruise REVOLTA III:

SOUTHERN OCEAN: 1 large spec., stn REVO_032, Collect_ID: REVO_509, Field_ID: CE-000002396, Adélie Coast, 66°39' S, 140°02' W to 66°39' S, 140°02' W, 72–100 m, beam trawl, 8 Feb. 2012, coll. G. Lecointre, A. Dettai, J. Lanshere, C. Gallut and C. Ozouf, (MNHN-IU-2016-6602).

Distribution

Davis Sea, Enderby Land, South Shetland Islands, 24–45 m (De Broyer *et al.* 2007), Shag Rocks, South of Dundee Island, Bransfield Strait, Adélie Coast, down to 402–407 m (present material).

Remarks

The orange dotted colour pattern of *A. pushkini* (Fig. 340) is reminiscent of that of many Antarctic gorgonians but so far there is no direct evidence of symbiosis.

Molecular taxonomy

Combined COI and 28S rDNA Bayesian and Maximum Likelihood analyses of Antarctic *Epimeria* clearly show distinct clades for all the species described herein which were available for the molecular study (Bayesian tree on Fig. 342). The following clades were identified as species-level lineages by a range of species-delimitation methods in a previous study (Verheye *et al.* 2016a): (1) within *Drakepimeria*, *Epimeria acanthochelon* sp. nov., *E. anguloce* sp. nov., *E. colemani* sp. nov., *E. corbariae* sp. nov., *E. cyrano* sp. nov., *E. havermansiana* sp. nov., *E. loerzae* sp. nov., *E. pandora* sp. nov., *E. pyrodrakon* sp. nov., *E. robertiana* sp. nov. and *E. similis*; (2) within *Subepimeria*, *E. adeliae* sp. nov., *E. iota* sp. nov., *E. teres* sp. nov. and *E. urvillei* sp. nov.; (3) within *Urepimeria*, *E. annabellae*; (4) within *Laevepimeria*, *E. walkeri*, *E. sp.*, *E. cinderella* sp. nov. and *E. anodon* sp. nov.; (5) within *Epimeriella*, *E. macronyx*; (6) within *Hoplepimeria*, *E. quasimodo* sp. nov., *E. linseae* sp. nov., *E. cyphorachis* sp. nov., *E. rimicarinata*, *E. rubriques*, *E. larsi*, *E. angelikae*, *E. inermis*, *E. gargantua* sp. nov., *E. robustoides* and *robusta*. Most clades are well-supported by both posterior probabilities (≥ 0.95) and bootstrap values (≥ 70), except for *Epimeria loerzae* (supported by BV only), *Epimeria similis* (supported by PP only) and *Epimeria quasimodo* sp. nov. (not supported). However, the latter is supported by bootstrap values in the COI phylogeny, whereas the 28S rDNA might not be variable enough to separate it from the closely-related species *E. linseae* sp. nov. and *E. cyphorachis* sp. nov. (see Verheye *et al.* 2016a).

General discussion

The *Epimeria Pandora*'s box suggests that Antarctic and sub-Antarctic amphipods are taxonomically poorly known.

More than 600 amphipod species have been recorded south of the Antarctic Polar Front (De Broyer & Jazdzewska 2014; Zeidler & De Broyer 2014). Recent classical morphological generic revisions (e.g., d'Udekem d'Acoz 2008, 2009; Krapp-Schickel & De Broyer 2014) continue to increase this number with revisions of the genera *Liljeborgia* and *Leucothoe*, doubling the number of species. Furthermore, molecular studies suggest that other well documented Antarctic amphipod species consist of cryptic species complexes (see *inter alia* Verheye 2011; Baird *et al.* 2011; Havermans 2014). The present paper confirms this general trend by increasing nearly twofold the number of Antarctic *Epimeria* species, which are among the morphologically most spectacular amphipod species. Since the present sampling is geographically incomplete and largely restricted to the continental shelf, it is likely that more Antarctic

and sub-Antarctic *Epimeria* species remain undetected. A rapid overview of the systematics of the related genus *Alexandrella* also indicates an underestimation of its diversity in the Southern Ocean, comparable to the level of *Epimeria* before the present study. If this reflects the average taxonomic knowledge of Southern Ocean amphipods as a whole, this would mean that for most genera and families, less than half of the Antarctic and sub-Antarctic species would currently be described. A minimal level of taxonomical knowledge is required for accurate ecological and biogeographical studies, and for conservation biology (e.g., Brad *et al.* 2015: 2). However, it seems that the current knowledge of Antarctic amphipods' taxonomy is only the tip of the iceberg.

Why are Antarctic *Epimeria* so diverse?

Excluding the sub-Antarctic/low Antarctic subgenus *Metepimeria*, for which no molecular data was available, Antarctic *Epimeria* do form a clade (Lörz *et al.* 2009; Verheye *et al.* 2016b; Verheye *et al.* 2017), which has been interpreted as a species flock (Lecointre *et al.* 2013). This Antarctic *Epimeria* clade exhibits a higher species richness and morphological diversity than all known *Epimeria* species from all the other oceans combined. However, this statement will have to be revisited in the future, as it appears that the diversity of tropical Indo-Pacific *Epimeria* has been underestimated (Verheye *et al.* 2017). The biology of *Epimeria* species is poorly known, but it seems that most species feed on a fairly large spectrum of (mostly living) biological items, although with species-specific preferences (Dauby *et al.* 2001a). Empirical observations carried out by the present authors during Antarctic cruises indicate that the abundance and the diversity of the genus *Epimeria* in the catches is directly proportional to the abundance of epifauna (gorgonians, erect bryozoans, sponges, etc.). This confirms the statements of De Broyer *et al.* (2001), who considered *Epimeria* species to be associated with epifauna. So, whilst most *Epimeria* species probably have no hyper-specialized trophic niches as it is the case for at least some Iphimediidae (Coleman 1989a, 1989b), they belong to the same benthic communities, characterized by an abundance of sessile fauna. In warm and temperate seas, large and medium-sized crustaceans from all kinds of habitats are predominantly decapods (e.g., Poupin & Juncker 2010), whereas this crustacean order is extremely poor in species and morphotypes in the Southern Ocean (Kirkwood 1984; Griffiths *et al.* 2014; Basher & Costello 2014). It has been suggested that the ecological niches left vacant by decapods when the Southern Ocean cooled down were largely occupied by large amphipods (Chapelle 2002; De Broyer *et al.* 2003). The increased size of many Antarctic amphipod species would be correlated with the abundance of oxygen in the Southern Ocean, since oxygen depletion is a factor limiting the size of amphipods (Chapelle & Peck 1999; Chapelle 2002). In such optimal conditions, amphipod genera like *Epimeria*, which have an inherent propensity for large sizes, could have extensively radiated in the Southern Ocean.

Eurybathy and adaptation to deeper water are considered as important predispositions for diversification in Antarctic seas (Brey *et al.* 1996). During Pleistocene glaciations, the largest part of the continental shelf and upper slope was covered by a thick icesheet and the putative persisting glacial shelf refugia around Antarctica were presumably fairly deep, as the coastline was almost totally occupied by grounded iceshelves (Post *et al.* 2014: 49, Environmental Setting Map 3). In such conditions, the genus *Epimeria*, which includes many fairly eurybathic species extending their distribution down to the deep shelf and upper slope, was presumably better pre-adapted to survive glaciations than shallow-water stenobathic taxa. *Epimeria* could have diversified during interglacial periods, occupying the ecological niches left vacant after the extinction of such poorly pre-adapted crustaceans.

Morphological patterns and morphofunctional aspects

While all known extralimital *Epimeria* species exhibit a highly characteristic silhouette with dorsolaterally flattened dentate crests on several body segments, this is not the case of all Southern Ocean species. Only the subgenus *Drakepimeria* subgen. nov. really shares the classical outline of its extralimital relatives. The subgenus *Pseudepimeria* exhibits an even more processiform morphology,

with a deeply sculptured body and unique robust clasping ambulatory pereopods (presumably an adaptation for climbing on branching epifauna) and very small-sized, slender achelate gnathopods. Both *Drakepimeria* subgen. nov. and *Pseudepimeria* have the peduncle of antenna 1 more strongly dentate than in any other *Epimeria*. Other subgenera of Antarctic *Epimeria* usually exhibit a reduced crested pattern or a non crested silhouette. In *Hoplepimeria* subgen. nov., the dorsolateral teeth are absent and the mid-dorsal carinae are usually reduced in size and sharpness but not so much in number. *Epimeria* (H.) *rubriques* subgen. nov. is an exception: this species exhibits huge (non-dorsolaterally flattened) dentiform mid-dorsal teeth. *Hoplepimeria* subgen. nov. species exhibit other unusual characters, such as a highly calcified body and distally very robust gnathopods, which are interpreted as putative synapomorphies. They are also usually very large and include the two largest known *Epimeria* species, namely *E. gargantua* sp. nov. and *E. rubriques*, respectively reaching 80 and 70 mm. In the subgenera *Laevepimeria* subgen. nov., *Subepimeria* and *Urepimeria* subgen. nov., the dorsal dentition is even less developed (and they are normally calcified). Species from these subgenera are also unusually small relative to *Epimeria* standards. The subgenus *Metepimeria* was not examined. The reasons for crested versus globular morphologies are unknown, and it is unclear which one is apomorphic. Only hypotheses can be raised concerning their function. Dentate morphologies might confer a disruptive appearance to species mostly climbing on epifauna (at depths where light is very reduced) and globular morphologies would be an advantage for predominantly non climbing species, as they would more or less mimic small pebbles or rounded sessile organisms. In *Epimeriella* and *Laevepimeria* subgen. nov., the morphology of the mandibles and lower lip is modified. The functional reason for these apomorphies is unknown. Finally, *Epimeriella* exhibits further unusual features, which might be linked to their pelagic or semi-pelagic life style: slender outline, very weak calcification, extreme reduction of the rostrum.

Distribution patterns in Antarctic and sub-Antarctic *Epimeria*

In the Southern Ocean, the Antarctic and sub-Antarctic regions, separated by the Antarctic Polar Front, are populated by two very different faunal assemblages (at least on the continental shelf) (De Broyer & Koubbi 2014), and different biogeographical subregions are often recognized. For example, the area comprising the Scotia Arc and the Antarctic Peninsula (so-called Scotia Subregion or West Antarctica) has often been considered as distinct from the continental shelf surrounding the rest of the Antarctic continent (often referred as East Antarctica) (Hedgpeth 1969; De Broyer & Koubbi 2014). This east-west biogeographical split has not been observed in all benthic taxa (Griffiths *et al.* 2009; Koubbi *et al.* 2014), but it appears valid for amphipods (De Broyer & Jazdzewska 2014). However, in the past, many Antarctic amphipod species were reported to have a circumpolar distribution (Lörz *et al.* 2009). Gene flow was assumed to be facilitated by the homogenizing effect of the strong circumpolar current system: the Antarctic westward-flowing Coastal Current (formerly East Wind Drift) close to the continent and the more northern eastward-flowing Antarctic Circumpolar Current (De Broyer & Jazdzewska 2014). The relatively similar environmental conditions (such as isothermal waters or the continuous shelf) were also considered as an important homogenizing factor (De Broyer & Jazdzewska 2014). Amphipodologists therefore often assumed that similar forms from distant locations in the Antarctic Region were *a priori* conspecifics. For example, *Epimeria macrodonta* was first collected in the Ross Sea, and later on, recorded almost all around Antarctica; before the present study, the conspecificity of these widely separated populations was usually not questioned. However, several molecular studies have revealed the presence of geographically restricted cryptic species within widespread nominal species, challenging the circumpolarity paradigm for benthic amphipods (Baird *et al.* 2011; Havermans *et al.* 2011; Havermans *et al.* 2014). For the genus *Epimeria*, Lörz *et al.* (2009) demonstrated that *Epimeria robusta* s. lat. consisted of two allopatric species: *Epimeria robusta* s. str. (Ross Sea) and *E. robustoides* (Weddell Sea). Lörz *et al.* (2011) demonstrated that *Epimeria georgiana* was a complex of largely allopatric, pseudocryptic species with a distribution apparently restricted to the Scotia Arc, the Antarctic Peninsula and the eastern Weddell Sea. The present study provides a more extensive assessment of distributional patterns within *Epimeria*. Our sampling shows that these patterns are variable among

species, with a mixture of narrow range endemics, regional endemics and widely distributed species. It also demonstrates that many ‘variable widely distributed species’ are allopatric species complexes. The demonstrative example of the *E. macrodonta* complex is illustrated on Fig. 343. Bathymetric and distributional data for all *Epimeria* species of the Southern Ocean (largely based on specimens examined in this study) are summarised in Table 2.

Table 2 suggests the existence of different trends in bathymetric distributions among *Epimeria* species of the Southern Ocean:

- infralittoral species (0–15 m): *E. monodon*
- shelf species (30–100 m to 600–800 m): the vast majority of species
- lower shelf / upper slope species (350 to 1200 m): *E. angelikae*, *E. colemani* sp. nov., *E. cyphorachis* sp. nov., *E. cyrano* sp. nov., *E. rubrieques* (sometimes also occurring at shallower depths)
- slope species (around 2000 m): *E. larsi*, *E. robertiana* sp. nov.

This dataset is of course incomplete and the different types of distributions are not clear-cut. However, it seems that, with the exception of the infralittoral *E. monodon* and the deep-sea *E. larsi* and *E. robertiana* sp. nov., most Antarctic and sub-Antarctic *Epimeria* probably occupy a wide or relatively wide bathymetric stretch on the Antarctic continental shelf and upper slope. This is in agreement with previous general observations on the eurybathy of Antarctic amphipods (e.g., De Broyer *et al.* 2007). However, it should be noted that the diversity of *Epimeria* on the deep Antarctic continental slope (below 1000 m) is likely to be underestimated because of limited sampling at these depths, and because deep-sea *Epimeria* species presumably have a patchy distribution, limited to local oases rich in epifauna.

The following apparent geographic distributions were established in combining our data with reliable records from the literature (Table 2):

- Magellanic (sub-Antarctic): *E. acanthurus*
- Macquarie Island (sub-Antarctic): *E. ashleyi*
- South Georgia + Shag Rocks: *E. georgiana*, *E. intermedia*, *E. (Subepimeria) sp. 1*
- Bruce Ridge: *E. (Hoplepimeria) sp. subgen. nov.*
- South Orkney Islands: *E. linseae* sp. nov., *E. pulchra*
- Elephant Island: *E. heldi*, *E. vaderi*
- South Orkney Islands to tip and west of Antarctic Peninsula: *E. monodon*
- Elephant Island to west and tip of Antarctic Peninsula: e.g., *E. gargantua* sp. nov., *E. leukhoplites* sp. nov., *E. pandora* sp. nov., *E. similis*
- tip of Antarctic Peninsula and South Shetland Islands + eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea (or even as far east as Prydz Bay) : *E. atalanta* sp. nov., *E. anguloce* sp. nov., *E. pyrodrakon* sp. nov.
- eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea: e.g., *E. annabellae*, *E. kharieis* sp. nov., *E. robustoides*, *E. xesta* sp. nov.
- eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea and Davis Sea: *E. rubrieques*
- eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea to Adélie Coast or western Ross Sea: *Epimeria acanthochelon* sp. nov., *E. angelikae*, *E. havermansiana* sp. nov.
- Davis Sea or Adélie Coast to Ross Sea: *E. larsi*, *E. rimicarinata*, *E. robusta*
- Adélie Coast: e.g., *E. adeliae* sp. nov., *E. amoenitas* sp. nov., *E. anodon* sp. nov., *E. callista* sp. nov., *E. urvillei* sp. nov.
- Western Ross Sea: e.g., *E. macrodonta*, *E. schiaparelli*
- South Orkney Islands or South Shetland Islands to Western Ross Sea: *E. colemani* sp. nov., *E. inermis*, *E. macronyx*.

These observed distributions must be considered as very provisional, as they are based on a non-exhaustive dataset. The apparent regional absence of some species might be due to limited sampling. Distributional data are missing for large stretches of the Southern Ocean, which are listed in the last column of table 2. Moreover, some identifications were not backed up by molecular methods, and are therefore less reliable, especially for complexes of very similar species, which can exhibit individual and allometric variations.

Many species belong to species complexes, often but not always with allopatric distributions. The *macrodonta* complex in its strictest sense (excluding the distinctive *E. loerzae* sp. nov. and *E. pyrodrakon* sp. nov.) includes the extremely similar *E. anguloce* sp. nov. (Antarctic Peninsula to Prydz Bay), *E. corbariae* sp. nov. (Adélie Coast) and *E. macrodonta* (western Ross Sea). The *pandora* complex includes *E. pandora* sp. nov. (South Shetland Islands to tip of the Antarctic Peninsula) and *E. havermansiana* sp. nov. (eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea to Adélie Coast). The *similis* complex comprises *E. similis* (South Shetland Islands and tip of the Antarctic Peninsula) and *E. acanthochelon* sp. nov. (eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea to Adélie Coast). The *robusta* complex includes *E. (Hoplepimeria)* sp. subgen. nov. (Bruce Ridge), *E. gargantua* sp. nov. (tip of the Antarctic Peninsula), *E. robustoides* (eastern Weddell Sea) and *E. robusta* (Adélie Coast to western Ross Sea). The *georgiana* complex includes *E. georgiana* (South Georgia), *E. linseae* (South Orkney Islands), *E. quasimodo* sp. nov. and *E. cyphorachis* sp. nov. (South Shetland Islands and tip of Antarctic Peninsula, each one with a different depth optimum), and *E. xesta* sp. nov. (eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea). The *grandirostris* complex includes *E. grandirostris* (South Shetland Islands and Antarctic Peninsula), *E. kharieis* sp. nov. (eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea) and *E. callista* sp. nov. (Adélie Coast). Finally, the *pulchra* complex includes *E. pulchra* (South Orkney Islands), *E. cf. debroyeri* (South Shetlands / Antarctic Peninsula area), *E. debroyeri* sp. nov. (eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea) and *E. amoenitas* sp. nov. (Adélie Coast).

There are areas of higher and lower *Epimeria* diversity and endemism. Diversity is low north of the Polar Front, with one species only known from the Magellanic Region and one from the Macquarie Ridge. The South Georgia / Shag Rocks area is also poor in species (three or four), and comprises only endemics. The Scotia Arc area (south of South Georgia) is especially rich in *Epimeria* species, except for the area north of Livingstone Island in the Drake Passage, which exhibits a general low diversity in amphipods and other organisms (d'Udekem d'Acoz & Verhey 2013; Gutt *et al.* 2013; Isla *et al.* 2013; Janussen & Kersken 2013; Gutt *et al.* 2016; Kersken *et al.* 2016). The high diversity of the Scotia Arc has also been observed for other taxa, such as octopuses (Allcock *et al.* 2011), bivalves (Linse *et al.* 2007), and sea anemones (Rodríguez *et al.* 2007). The species richness of the Scotia region might be related to its geomorphologic complexity (Post *et al.* 2014), the heterogeneity of its benthic communities (Lockhart & Jones 2008), and the occurrence of potential glacial refugia during the Pleistocene glaciations (Post *et al.* 2014). This region also includes more narrow range endemics than any other studied area (the eastern Weddell Sea and the Adélie Coast), e.g., the insular endemics *E. georgiana*, *E. linseae* sp. nov. and *E. pulchra*. As most *Epimeria*, these species presumably have poor dispersal capabilities and therefore, the deep-sea chasms surrounding their native insular plateau would be an efficient barrier.

Many *Epimeria* species (including very common ones) present around the tip of the Antarctic Peninsula and the South Shetland Islands have not been recorded on the eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea and vice versa. This might be explained by the unfavourable environmental conditions of the intermediate shelf region. On the western side of the Weddell Sea, *Epimeria* diversity dramatically decreases southwards and very few species have been recorded in the Larsen A and B areas, as it is the case for amphipods in general (d'Udekem d'Acoz & Robert 2008). In the Larsen A and B areas, soft mud bottoms largely predominate (Gutt *et al.* 2008) and harbour low benthic diversity (Janussen 2012); hard bottoms rich in epifauna (especially Stylasteridae) are restricted to the margins of the bays (Gutt *et al.* 2008, 2011).

Table 2. Distribution of *Epimeria* species and subgenera in the Southern Ocean.

1 = Magellan; 2 = N.Zealand Sub-Antarctic Is. and Macquarie I.; 3 = South Georgia, Shag Rocks; 4 = Bruce Ridge; 5 = South Orkney Islands; 6 = Elephant and Clarence Is.; 7 = S Shetland Is. (excl. Elephant Is.), tip and west of Antarctic Peninsula; 8 = Larsen Area (western Weddell Sea except northern tip); 9 = eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea; 10 = Princess Ragnhild Coast; 11 = Davis Sea; 12 = Adélie Coast and Oates Land; 13 = western Ross Sea.

Distribution and bathymetry	depth (m)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Taxa														
<i>DRAKEPIMERIA</i> subgen. nov.														
<i>acanthochelon</i> sp. nov.	204–791									+	+		+	
<i>anguloce</i> sp. nov.	189–431							+	+	+	+	+		
<i>colemani</i> sp. nov.	397–914							+		+	+	+	+	+
<i>corbariae</i> sp. nov.	33–827												+	
<i>cyrano</i> sp. nov.	867–955									+				
<i>havermansiana</i> sp. nov.	189–573									+	+	+	+	
<i>leukhoplites</i> sp. nov.	131–298						+	+						
<i>loerzae</i> sp. nov.	102–298					+	+	+		+				
<i>macrodonta</i>	915													+
<i>pandora</i> sp. nov.	90–483						+	+						
<i>pyrodrakon</i> sp. nov.	170–490							+		+	+			
<i>reoproii</i>	48–307						+	+						
<i>robertiana</i> sp. nov.	1724–2190									+				
<i>schiaparelli</i>	130–350													+
<i>similis</i>	90–483						+	+						
<i>vaderi</i>	332						+							
sp. 1	151–300													+
sp. 2	0–145						+							
<i>EPIMERIELLA</i>														
<i>atalanta</i> sp. nov.	189–405								+	+				
<i>macronyx</i>	0–1200					+		+		+		+	+	+
<i>scabrosa</i>	329–366												+	
<i>truncata</i>	100–622							+		+				
<i>HOPLEPIMERIA</i> subgen. nov.														
<i>angelikae</i>	781–1194									+			+	
<i>cyphorachis</i> sp. nov.	413–990						+	+						
<i>gargantua</i> sp. nov.	404–580							+						
<i>georgiana</i>	75–310			+										
<i>heldi</i>	230–235						+							
<i>inermis</i>	33–791						+	+		+		+	+	+

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Distribution and bathymetry	depth (m)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>larsi</i>	1954–2154												+	+
<i>linseae</i>	100–1014					+								
<i>quasimodo</i> sp. nov.	131–407						+	+						
<i>rimicarinata</i>	337–540											+		+
<i>robusta</i>	85–814												+	+
<i>robustoides</i>	274–605									+				
<i>rubrieques</i>	254–1030									+		+		
<i>xesta</i> sp. nov.	457–574									+				
sp.	362–371				+									
<i>LAEVEPIMERIA</i> subgen. nov.														
<i>anodon</i> sp. nov.	525–791												+	
<i>cinderella</i> sp. nov.	106–270						+	+					+	
<i>walkeri</i>	170–889						+	+		+			+	+
sp.	258–273							+						
<i>METEPIMERIA</i>														
<i>acanthurus</i>	27–494	+												
<i>ashleyi</i>	676–750		+											
<i>intermedia</i> f. A	75			+										
<i>intermedia</i> f. B	88–273			+										
<i>PSEUDEPIMERIA</i>														
<i>amoenitas</i> sp. nov.	461–573												+	
<i>callista</i> sp. nov.	97–573												+	
<i>debroyeri</i> sp. nov.	499–515									+				
cf. <i>debroyeri</i>	248–298						+	+						
<i>grandirostris</i>	146–342						+	+						
<i>kharieis</i> sp. nov.	330–450									+				
<i>oxicarinata</i>	127–267						+	+						
<i>pulchra</i>	50–190					+								
<i>SUBEPIMERIA</i>														
<i>adeliae</i> sp. nov.	750–788												+	
<i>geodesiae</i>	115–135												+	
<i>iota</i> sp. nov.	121–265						+	+						
<i>puncticulata</i>	175													+
<i>teres</i> sp. nov.	196–202									+				
<i>urvillei</i> sp. nov.	52–54												+	
sp. 1	60–270			+										
sp. 2	765–840									+				

Distribution and bathymetry	depth (m)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
<i>UREPIMERIA</i> subgen. nov.						■		■							
<i>annabellae</i>	159–459									+					
<i>extensa</i>	230–260							+							
<i>monodon</i>	0–15					+		+							
Number of taxa		1	1	4	1	5	17	23	3	19		6	17	11	total: 64

Almost no data exist for the benthos of the Larsen C area, which is extremely difficult to reach and to sample due to its extreme ice coverage. Further south, no data is available for the waters situated east of Palmer Land, where the ice coverage is even more severe in summer (Post *et al.* 2014). In the southern Weddell Sea, off the Ronne shelf, high biomasses of epifaunal organisms such as bryozoans have been recorded and a high biomass of unidentified amphipods has been observed, although with low diversity (Voß 1988). Further east, off the deep Filchner Trough, the benthic communities appear to be even more impoverished (Voß 1988; Gerdes *et al.* 1992). This faunal impoverishment in the south and especially the southeast of the Weddell Sea might be a consequence of its heavy ice coverage during summer (Cavalieri & Parkinson 2008; Post *et al.* 2014). This drastically reduces the primary production (Post *et al.* 2014), which impacts the higher trophic levels of the food web, including epifaunal organisms forming the habitat of most *Epimeria* species. As the vast majority of *Epimeria* species are strictly benthic, heavy and slow-moving organisms without larval stage (hence poorly dispersive), this wide unfavourable stretch easily acts as an efficient geographical barrier for the most stenoecious species. On the other hand, off the coastline spreading between the eastern shelf of the Weddell Sea and the distant Adélie Coast, stretches clogged with drifting ice during the Antarctic summer are much narrower (Post *et al.* 2014); hence obstacles to faunal exchanges are presumably less severe.

Potential persistence of Antarctic *Epimeria* in shelf and upper slope refugia during glacial periods of the Pleistocene.

The fauna of the Southern Ocean has been strongly influenced by the glacial cycles of the Pleistocene. The expansion of the ice sheets on the shelf during glacial periods largely eradicated the shelf fauna (Post *et al.* 2014). It was suggested that the eurybathic species could “escape” the inhospitable conditions by migrating onto the continental slope or into the “deep-sea” (e.g., Brandt 1991; Thatje *et al.* 2005), i.e., depths below 1000 m, with the Antarctic continental shelf extending down to 400 and locally 1000 m (Post *et al.* 2014). For very eurybathic species extending their ranges well below 1000 m, the populations occupying greater depths, devoid of grounded ice or iceshelves, could survive *in situ* during glacial periods and re-colonize the shelf after deglaciation. On the other hand, the moderately eurybathic and stenobathic species (restricted to the continental shelf and/or upper slope), which constitute the majority of species, would go extinct under that hypothesis. Therefore, the “deep-sea” refugia hypothesis fails to explain how the Antarctic benthic shelf and upper slope species survived the glacial periods. In a second scenario, species would have persisted in northern refugia like South Georgia, from where they could have recolonized the Antarctic shelf after the melting of the icesheet (Allcock & Strugnell 2012; González-Wevar *et al.* 2013). A third scenario is the survival of some populations in ice-free continental shelf or upper slope refugia around Antarctica during glacial periods, and subsequent re-extension of their distributional range (Allcock & Strugnell 2012). A fourth scenario would be survival under floating iceshelves (Post *et al.* 2014). A distinction between the third and fourth scenarios is difficult to establish, and in practice it is usually not recognized. During glaciations, ice-sheets extended diachronously, so that not all shelf areas were fully covered with grounded ice at the same time (Anderson *et al.* 2002). During the last glacial period, open-ocean polynyas with high primary production might also have been

survival “hot spots” for shelf-inhabiting communities on the continental slope (Smith *et al.* 2010; Thatje *et al.* 2008). Geological data suggest the possible existence of shelf refugia during the last glacial period in the Bransfield Strait, Prydz Bay, a small part of George V Land (i.e., not far away from Adélie Coast), the western Ross Sea near Cape Adare, and possibly, the Ronne and Filchner Troughs [Weddell Sea] (Thatje *et al.* 2005; Post *et al.* 2014). Recent molecular data on Antarctic isopods, cephalopods, gastropods and pycnogonids (e.g., Held & Wägele 2005; Linse *et al.* 2007; Allcock & Strugnell 2012; Strugnell *et al.* 2012; Dömel *et al.* 2015) support the idea of multiple glacial shelf refugia for these taxa on the margins of the Antarctic continental shelf (i.e., fairly deep shelf refugia). Such populations, which putatively survived in the lower part of their bathymetric range may have endured a selective pressure improving their adaptation to a deeper environment. In other words, glacial cycles would have favoured originally eurybathic lineages, and in some cases, they might even have increased their capacity to colonize greater depths. This would explain the observed higher occurrence of eurybathic species in the Southern Ocean than elsewhere (Brey *et al.* 1996).

In Antarctic Seas, the maximal abundance and diversity of the genus *Epimeria* has been observed between 100 and 700 m, whereas one species is found intertidally and two species descend below 2000 m. Moderate eurybathy is not uncommon in Antarctic *Epimeria*; e.g., *E. corbariae* sp. nov. was recorded between 33 and 827 m. However, this is not an absolute rule and no extreme eurybathy was observed, as for some Lysianassoidea; e.g., Havermans *et al.* (2011) recorded *Abyssochomene* sp. 1 between 310 and 4409 m. During glaciation, an escape to the very deep sea would therefore not be possible for the majority of *Epimeria* species. Survival under floating iceshelves seems also rather unlikely. Indeed, no *Epimeria* species (and very few amphipod species) were found within muddy bays of the Larsen A and B, formerly covered by iceshelves, soon after their collapse (d'Udekem d'Acoz & Robert 2008). These authors only record *Epimeria* species at the margins of the Larsen A and B, that were not recently glaciated. Survival during glaciations in a northern refugium, such as the Magellanic Region or South Georgia, followed by a recolonisation during a subsequent interglacial period, has been proposed for some highly dispersive organisms. The genetic signature of such survival in one northern refugium would be a genetic diversity gradually decreasing away from the refugium (González-Wevar *et al.* 2013). The genetic and distributional patterns observed in *Epimeria* species does not match with such a scenario.

Low *Epimeria* diversity is observed in these northern locations. Furthermore, *Epimeria* species found in these regions do not appear to extend their distribution onto the Antarctic shelf. The Magellanic Region (Patagonia to Falkland Islands) harbours only one *Epimeria* species, which is endemic. Beyond the Antarctic Polar Front, in the South Georgia / Shag Rocks area only endemic *Epimeria* species are observed and these are low in number (three or four species). This would suggest that many *Epimeria* species have a low capacity to cross deep-sea stretches and stretches with unfavourable ecological conditions (preventing a potential escape to and expansion from a northern insular refugium). More southern areas are inhabited by distinct, generally geographically-restricted, but morphologically very similar species, e.g., the *georgiana*, *grandirostris*, *macrodonta* and *pulchra* complexes. This pattern would point towards a long-term local persistence of regional endemic *Epimeria* species around Antarctica and their survival in multiple local refugia during glaciations.

Additional data (increased geographical and intraspecies sampling) are necessary to understand the role of the extensions and retreats of the icesheet during the Pleistocene glacial cycles in the phylogeography of Antarctic *Epimeria*. However, their restricted dispersal abilities would make them good models to infer the location of glacial shelf or upper slope refugia.

Vulnerability to anthropogenic changes, biogeographicalisation and Marine Protected Areas

Epimeria includes several endemic species with a narrow distributional range, especially in the Scotia Arc, where some species are even restricted to a single archipelago or ridge. Such species are considered as vulnerable. Furthermore, most *Epimeria* species are associated with large sessile organisms such as sponges, gorgonians and erect bryozoans (De Broyer *et al.* 2001). This slow growing erect epifaunal community is vulnerable to trawling by fishery vessels, currently operating in the Scotia Arc.

With a greatest diversity in Antarctic seas and a trend for local endemism, *Epimeria* should be considered as a key benthic taxon for refining the subdivision of the Southern Ocean into bioregions (see e.g., Douglass *et al.* 2014), monitoring the Antarctic environment in a context of global change (see e.g., Constable *et al.* 2014) and for taking relevant decisions in the delimitation of Antarctic Marine Protected Areas or MPAs (see e.g., Grant *et al.* 2014; Trathan *et al.* 2014; Hogg *et al.* 2016). Such policy decisions largely depend on ongoing mapping and analytic biogeographical studies on benthic Antarctic organisms (De Broyer & Koubbi 2014). However, such studies are biased when they are based on ‘composite species’ consisting of several true species with different geographical and bathymetric distributions, and distinct ecological niches. In the current context of low funding for taxonomy (e.g., Coleman 2015), there are no good medium-term perspectives for a global improvement of the biodiversity knowledge of Antarctic amphipods. Therefore, in-depth integrative biodiversity studies focusing on fewer but wisely selected model taxa would improve the knowledge of the biogeography, ecology and phylogeography of the Antarctic fauna, in order to take informed policy decisions based on solid information. Among amphipods, *Epimeria* would be one of the best models for conducting such studies, as they have a marked trend for endemism (probably higher than in more dispersive amphipod taxa) and usually exhibit clear-cut and easily observable morphological differences between species (unlike, for example, many Lysianassoidea).

Further perspectives

The present paper is an important step towards a good understanding of Antarctic *Epimeria* biodiversity, but remains far from exhaustive. There are no records of *Epimeria* species from large undersampled stretches of the Southern Ocean, such as the Kerguelen Plateau, the Amundsen Sea, the Bellingshausen Sea and the eastern side of the Ross Sea. Sampling in these “*maria incognita*” might reveal additional, possibly endemic species. In more extensively sampled regions such as the Weddell Sea and the South Shetland Islands, more new species probably remain undetected, especially in deeper, less sampled areas, e.g., between 700 and 2500 m. The understanding of *Subepimeria*’s taxonomy, for instance, remains limited, due to scarce intraspecific sampling. Several species’ delimitations remain unclear, e.g., *E. inermis* from the Antarctic Peninsula, the eastern Weddell Sea and the Adélie Coast. As most *Epimeria* species appear relatively poorly dispersive, they are prone to accumulate genetic differences among areas, therefore retaining historical patterns of genetic divergence. Such species are good model taxa to study the role of continental-shelf glacial refugia in shaping Southern Ocean’s biodiversity.

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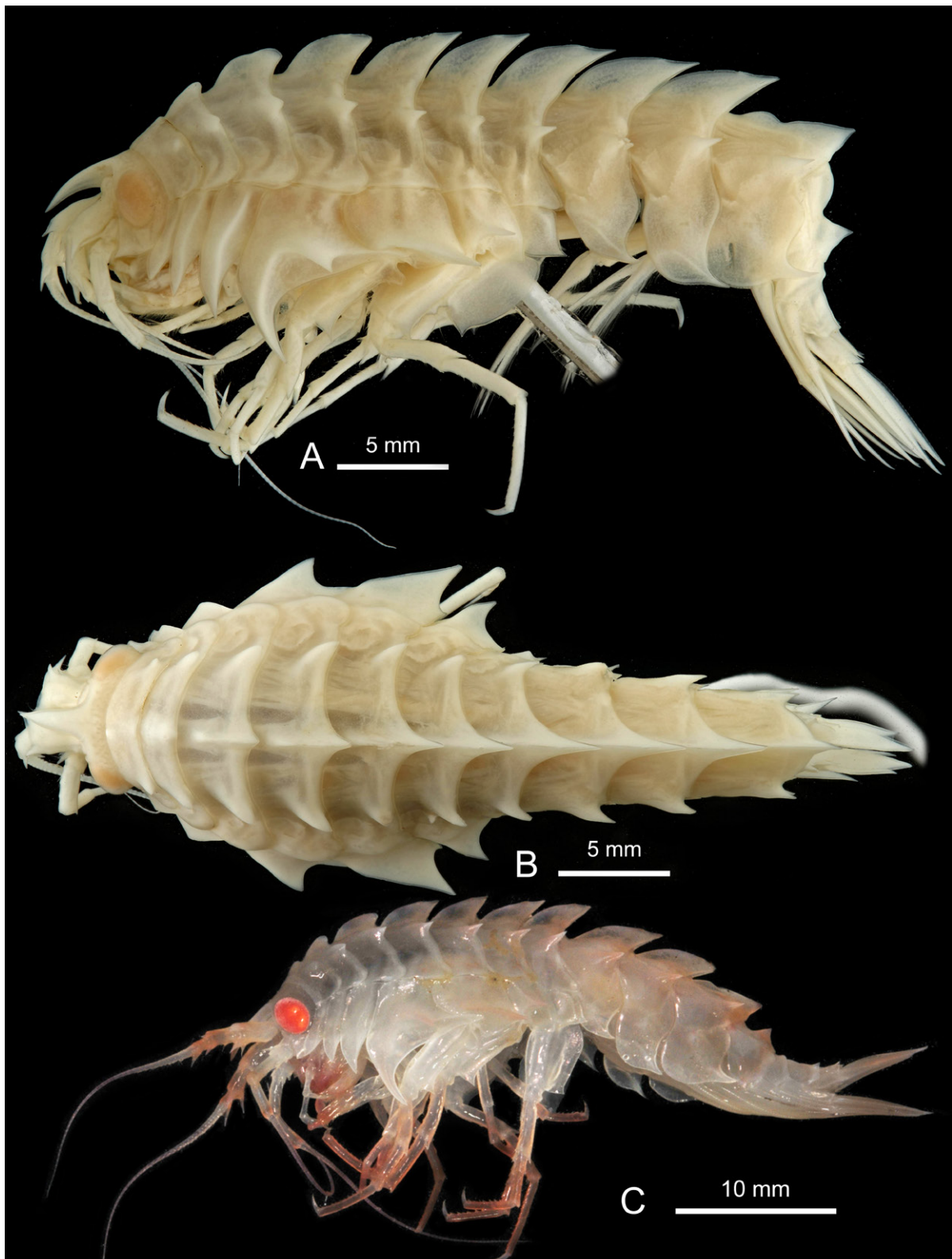


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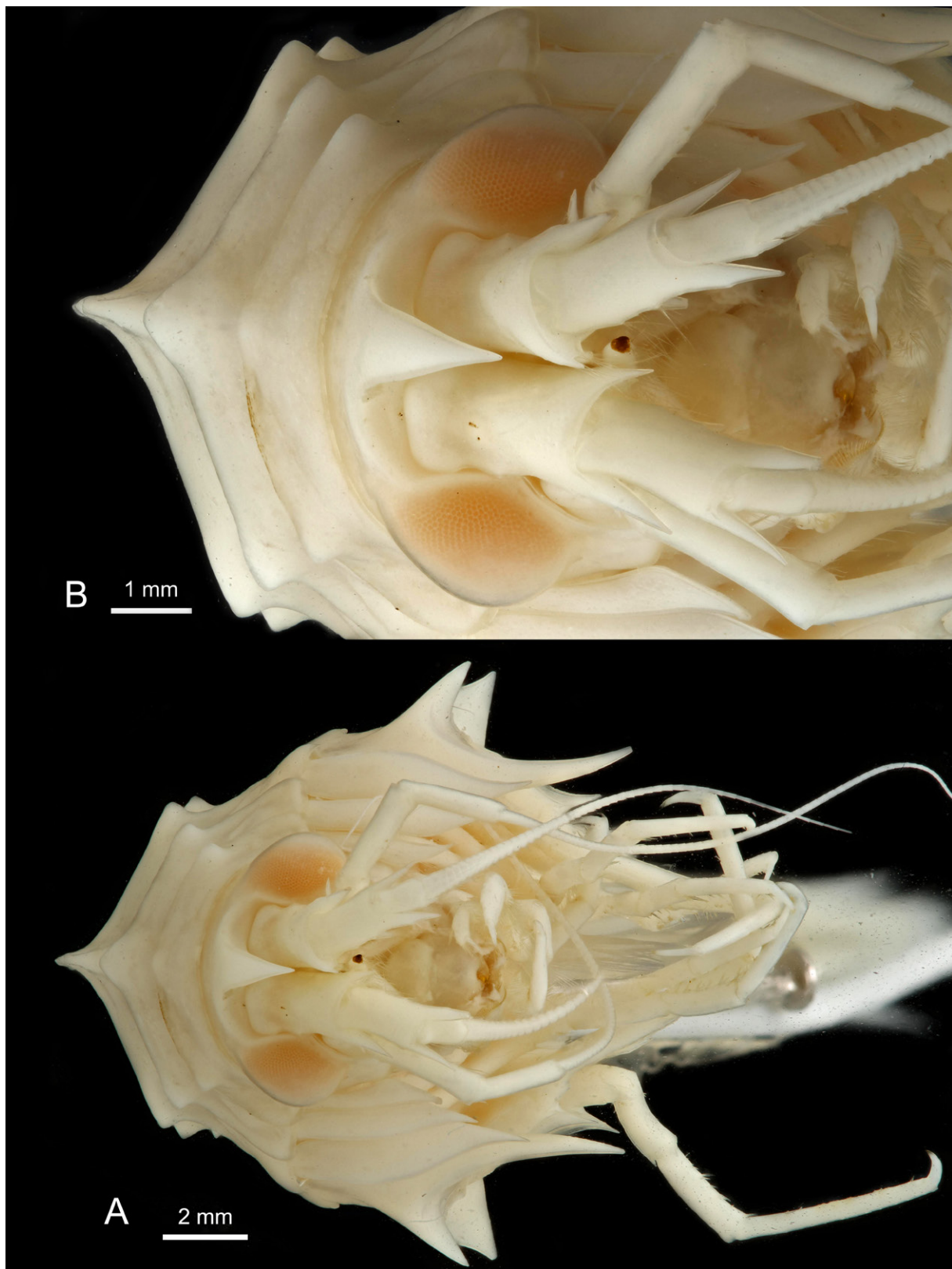


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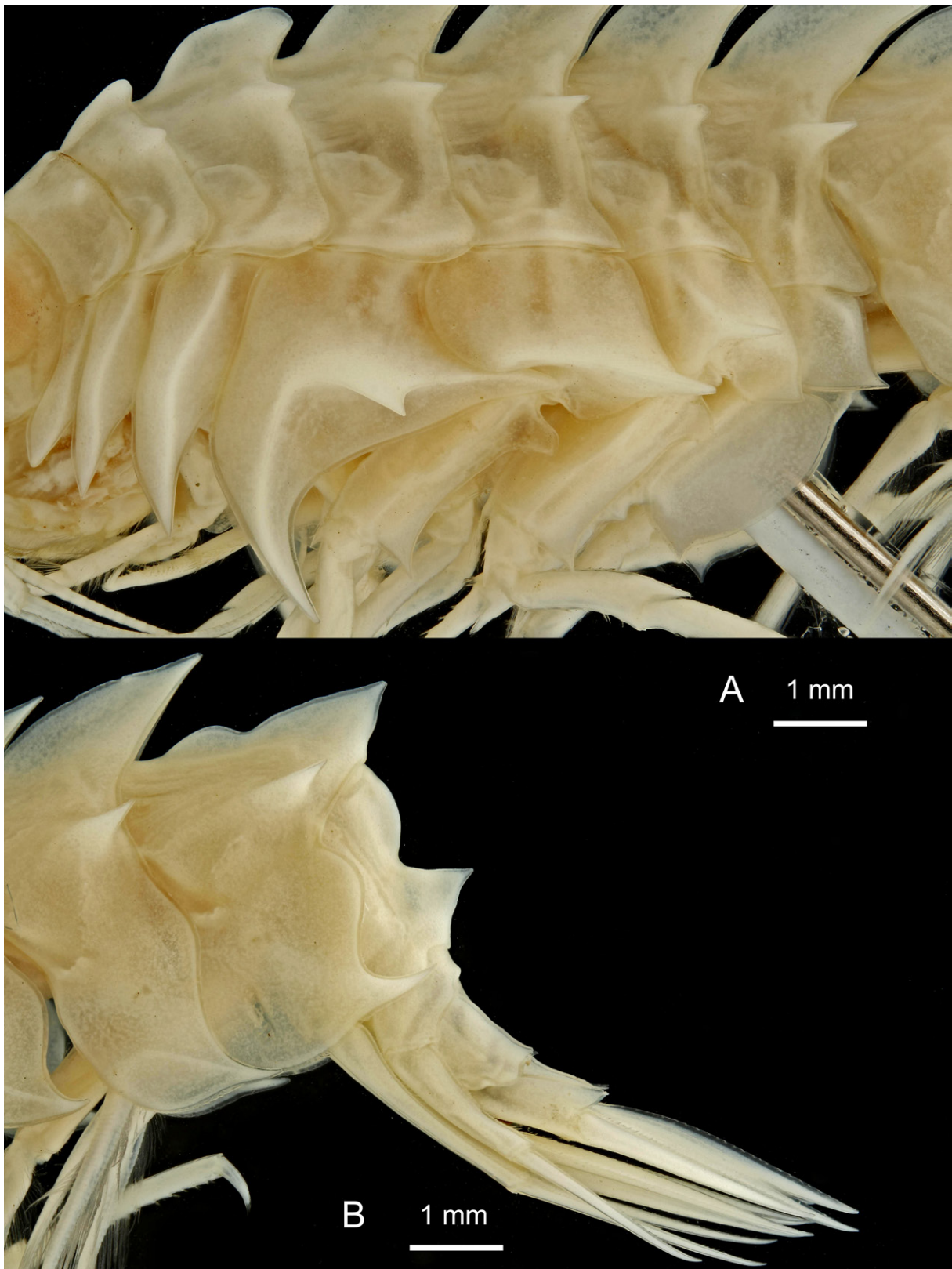


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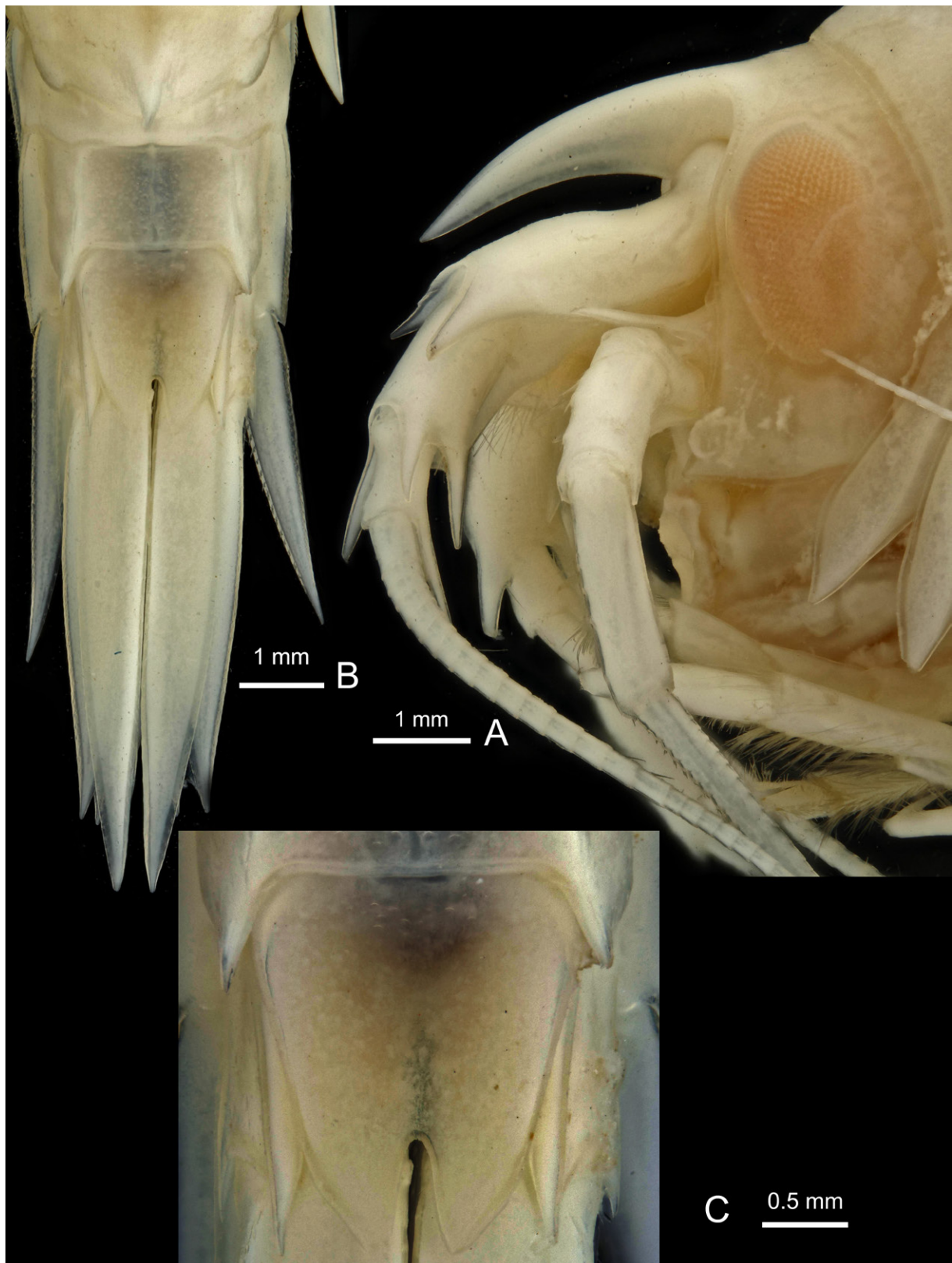


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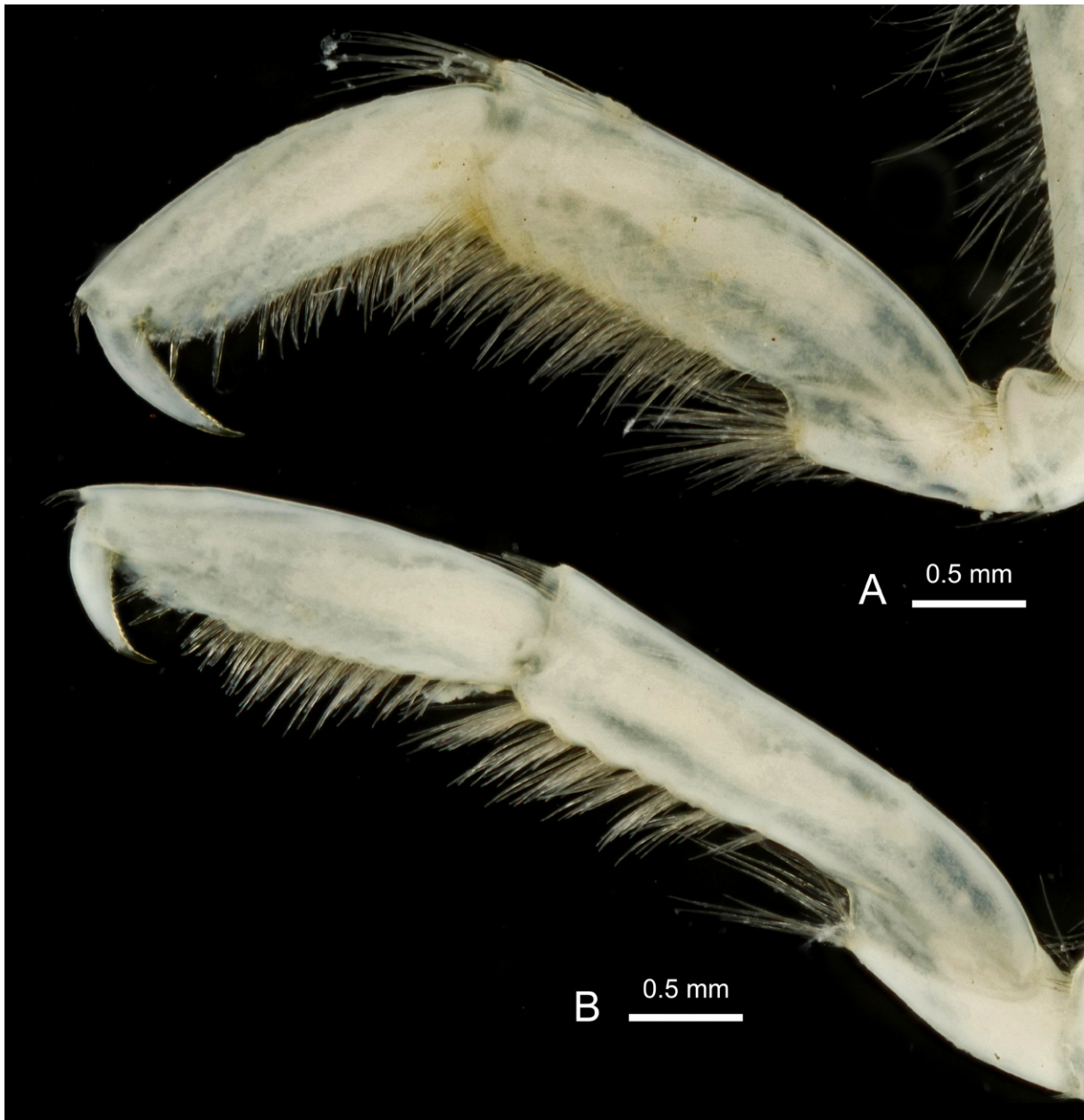


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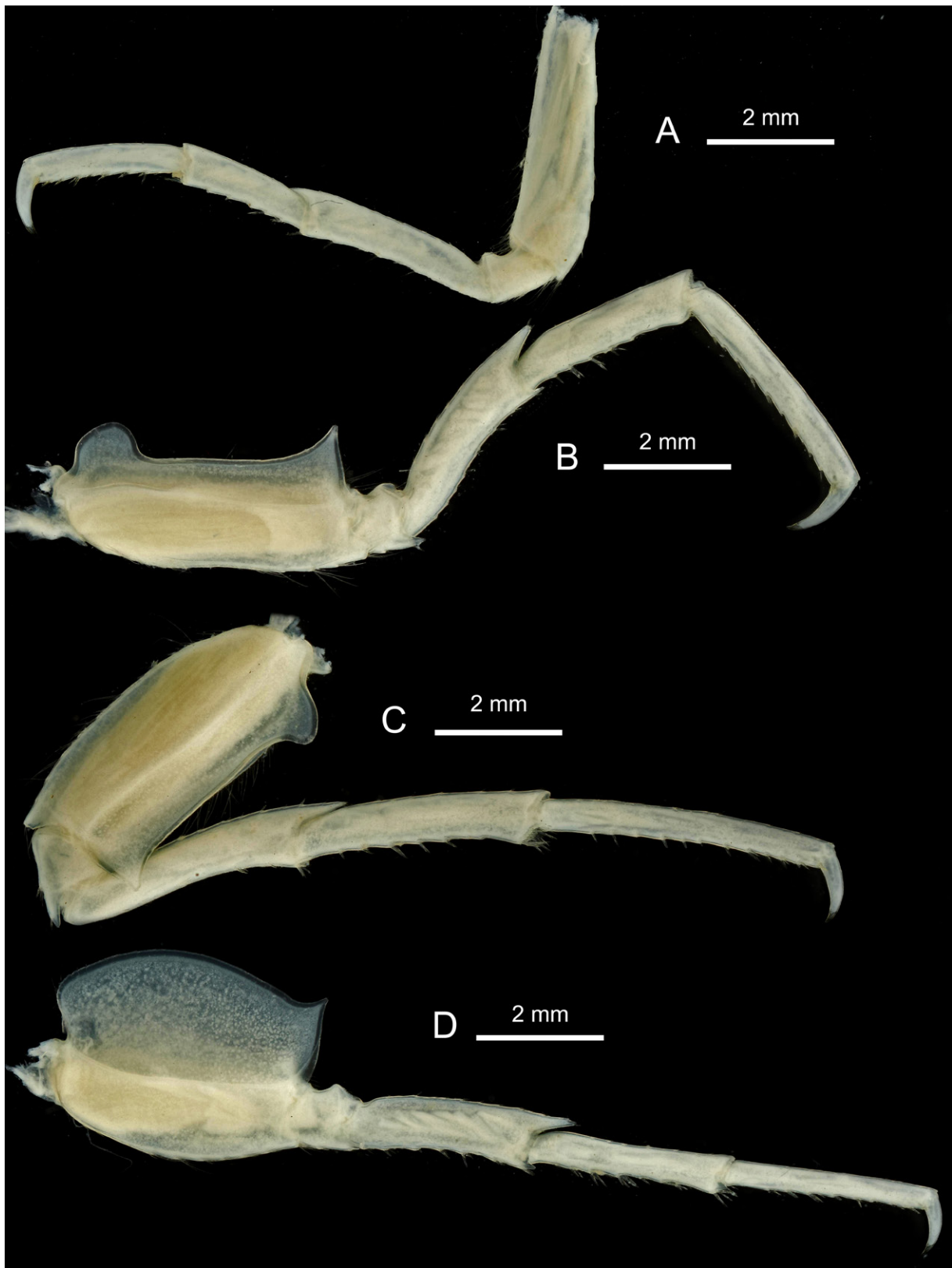


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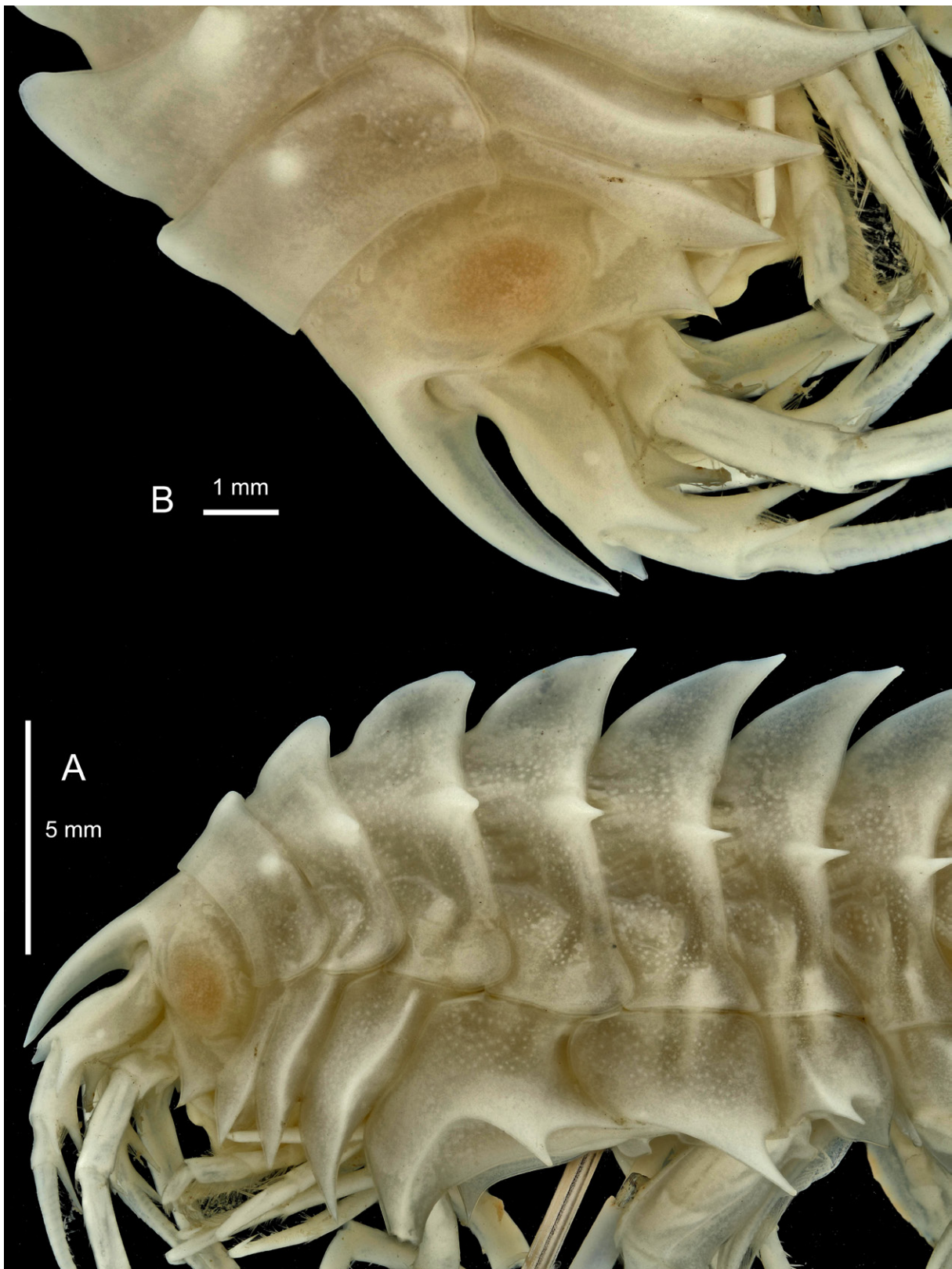


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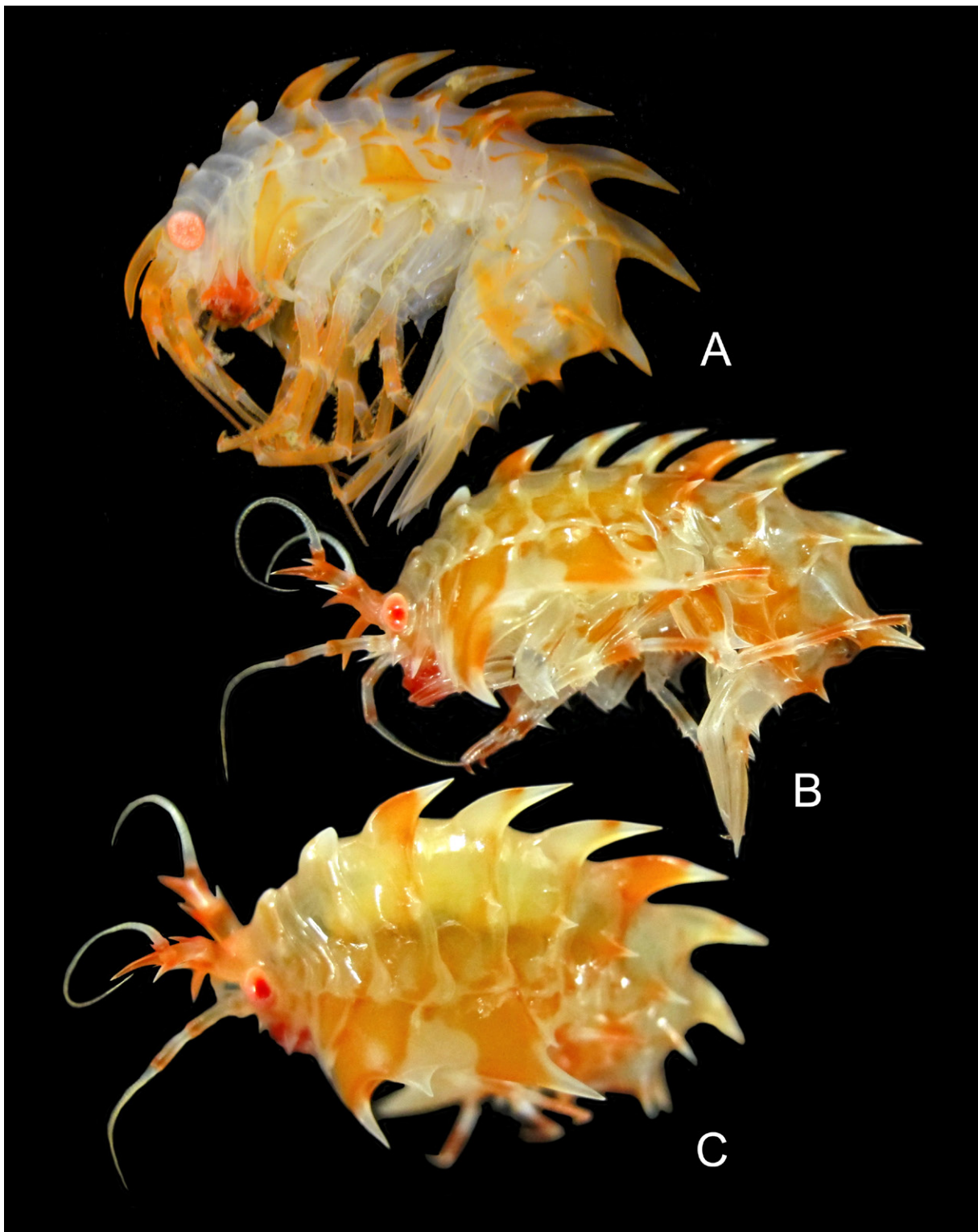


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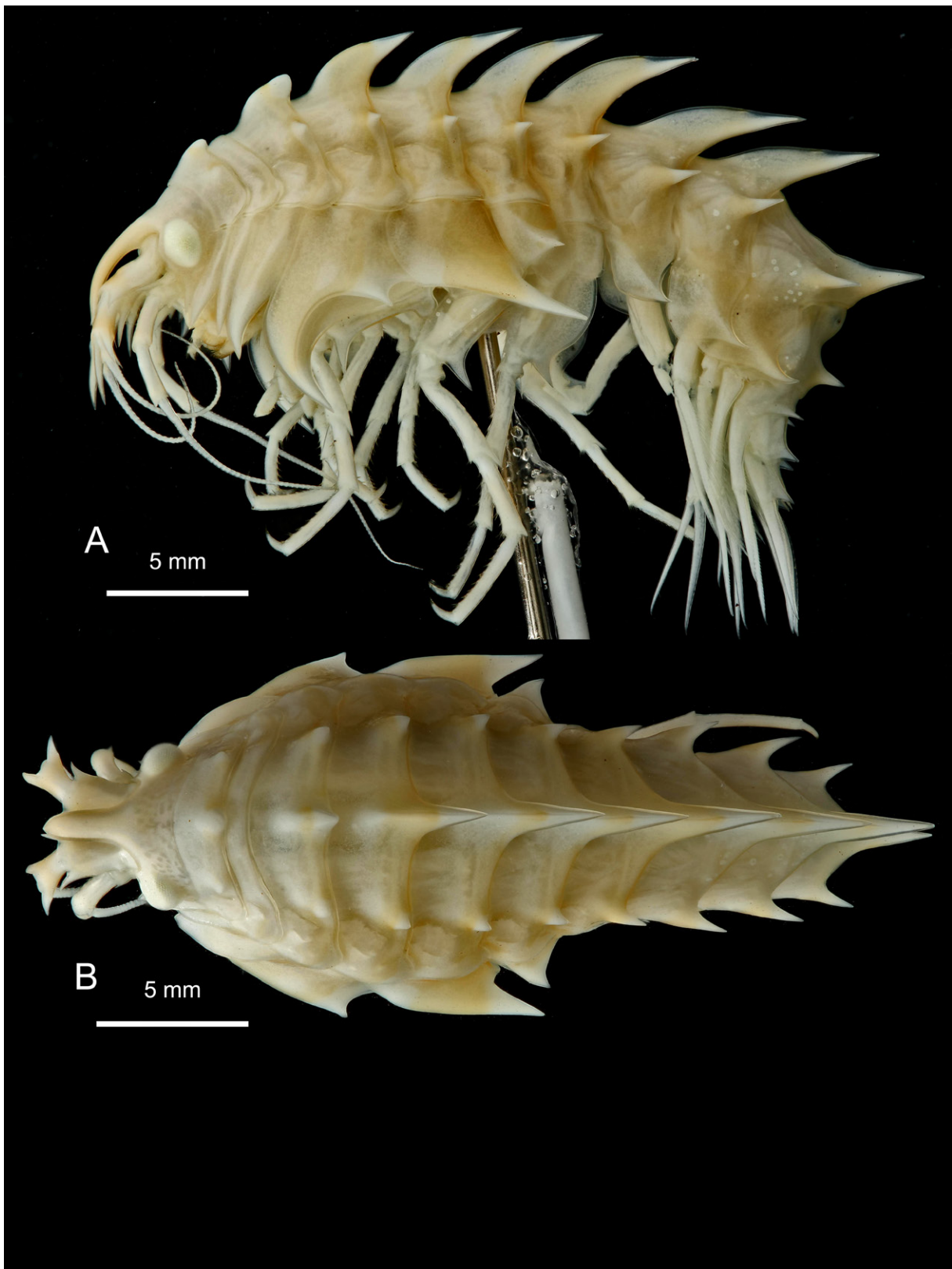


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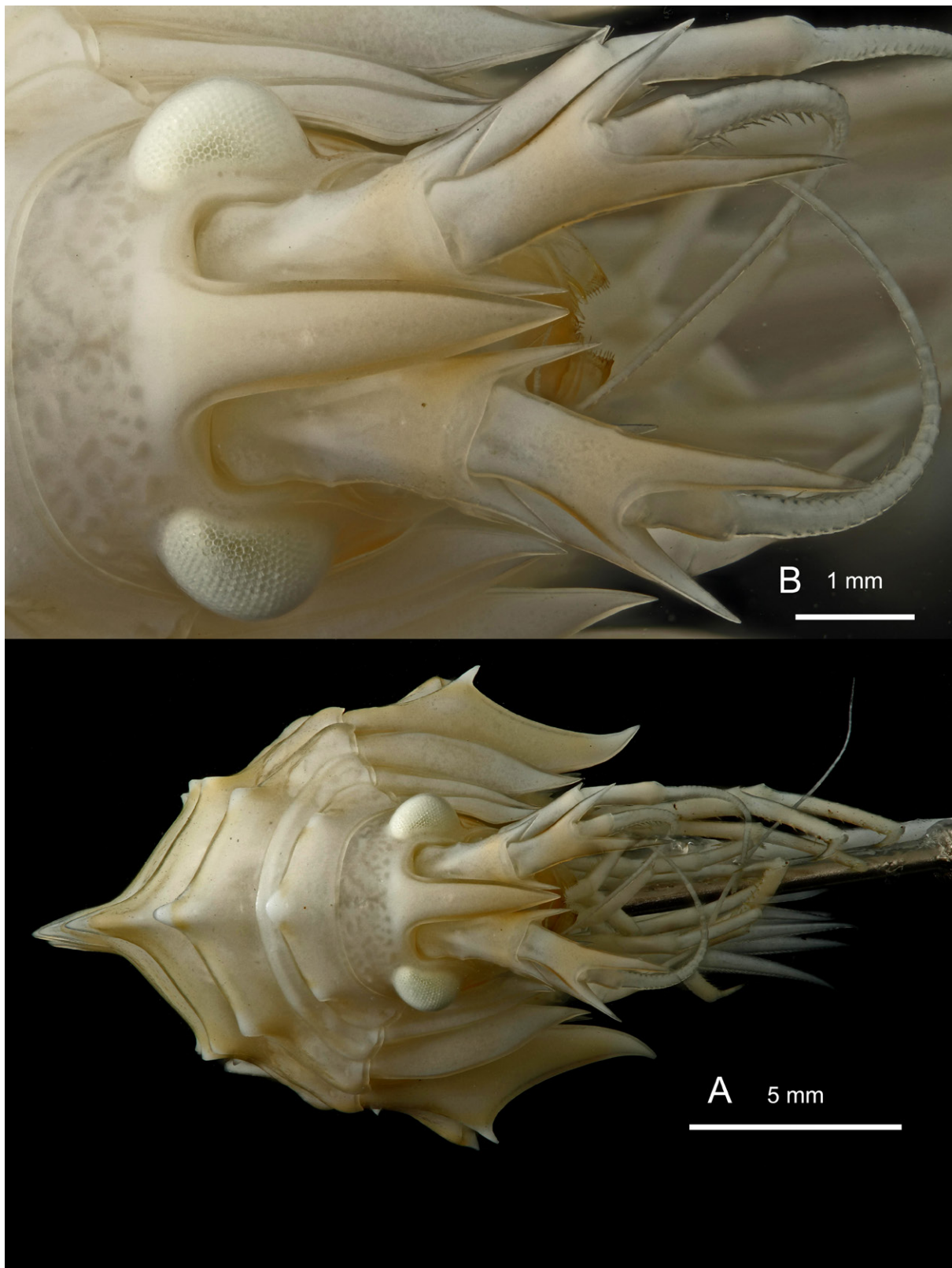


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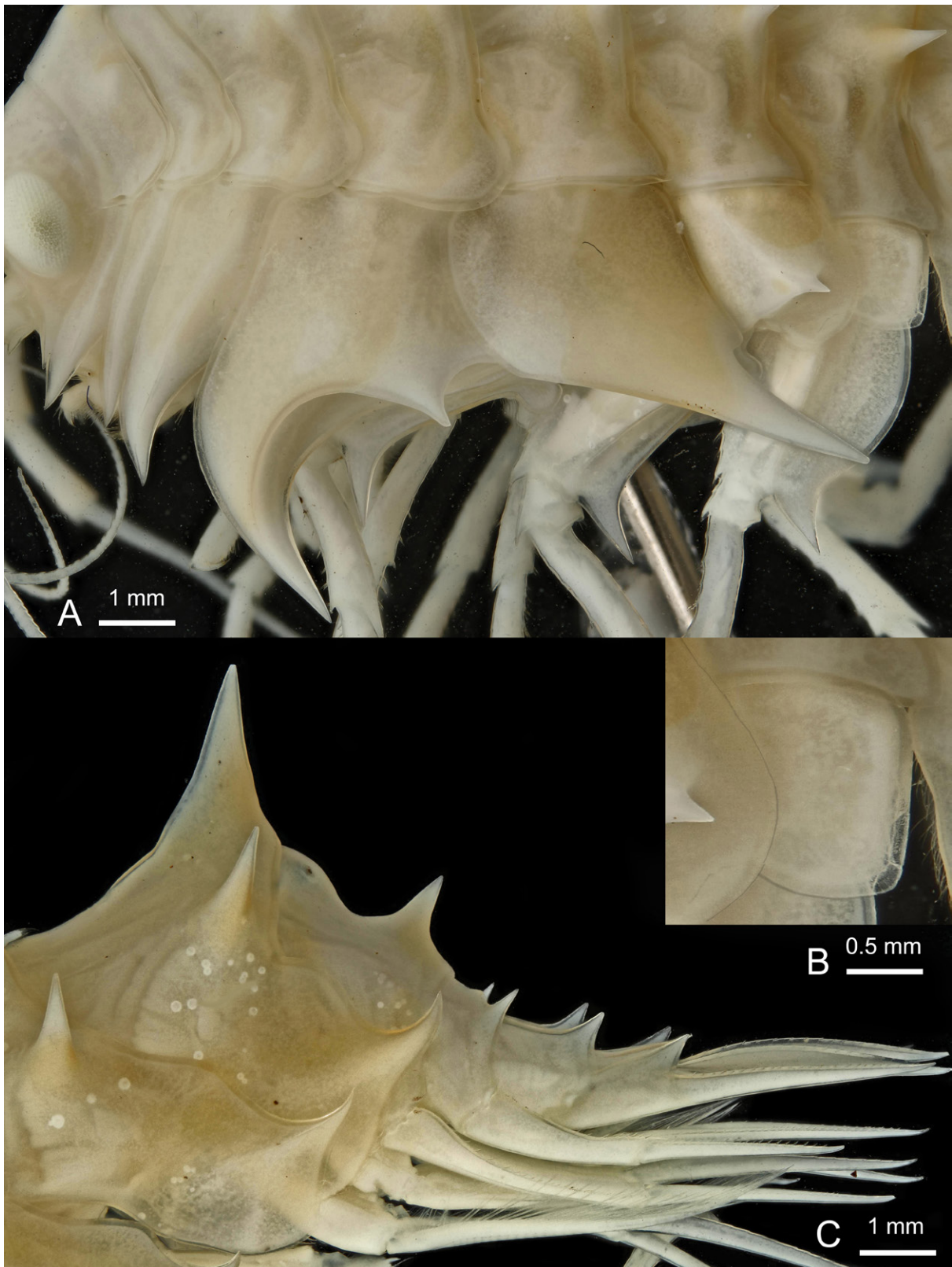


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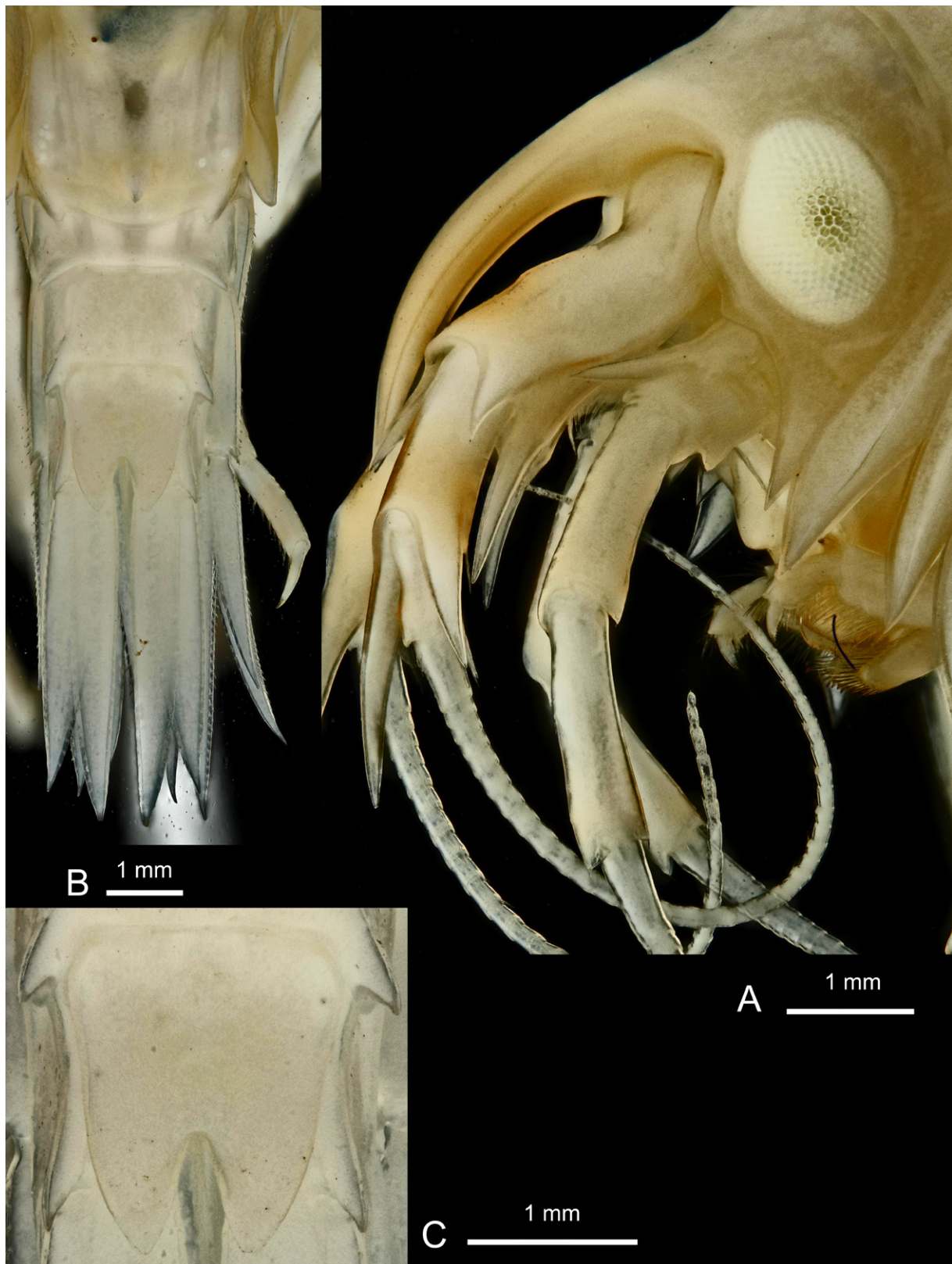


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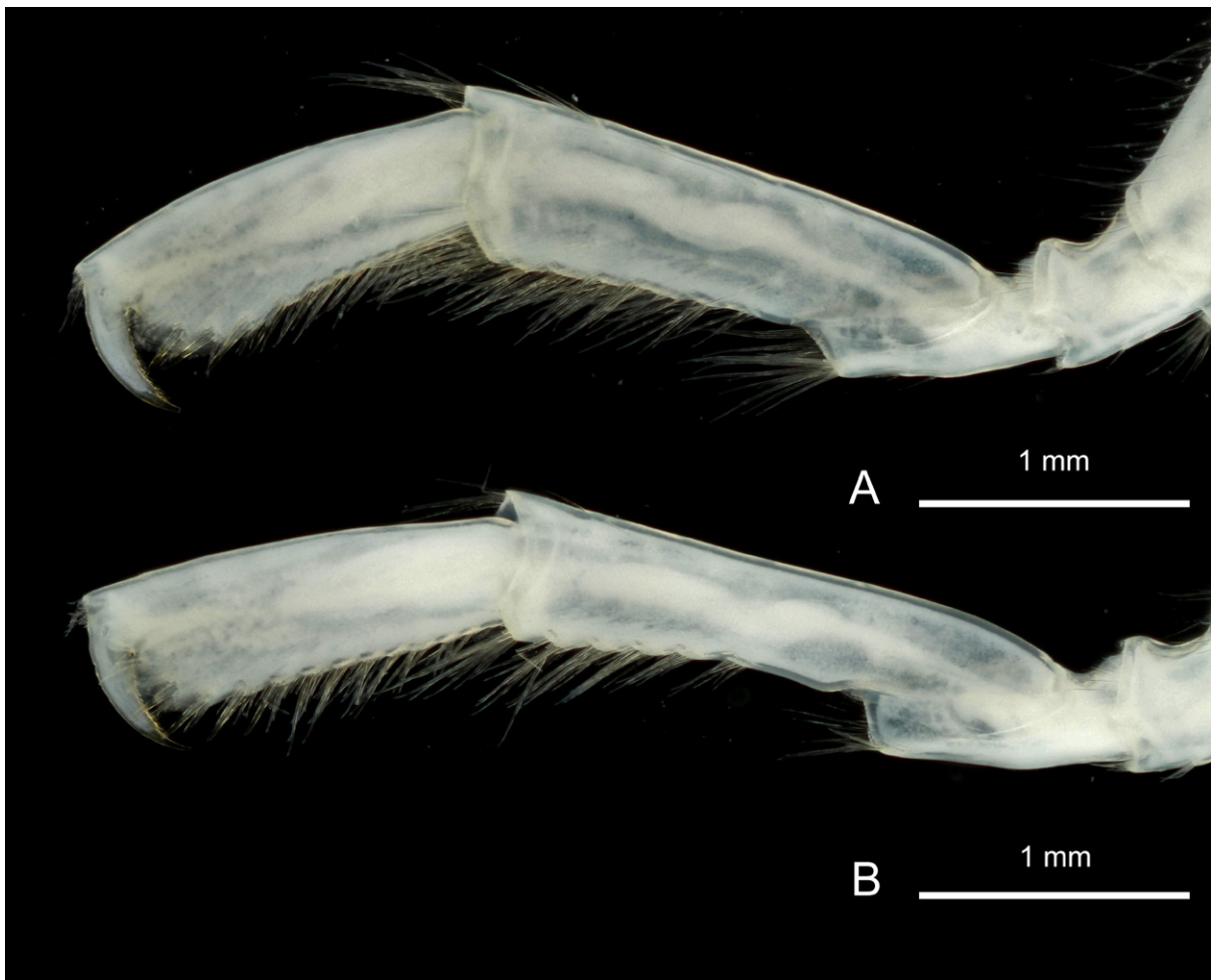


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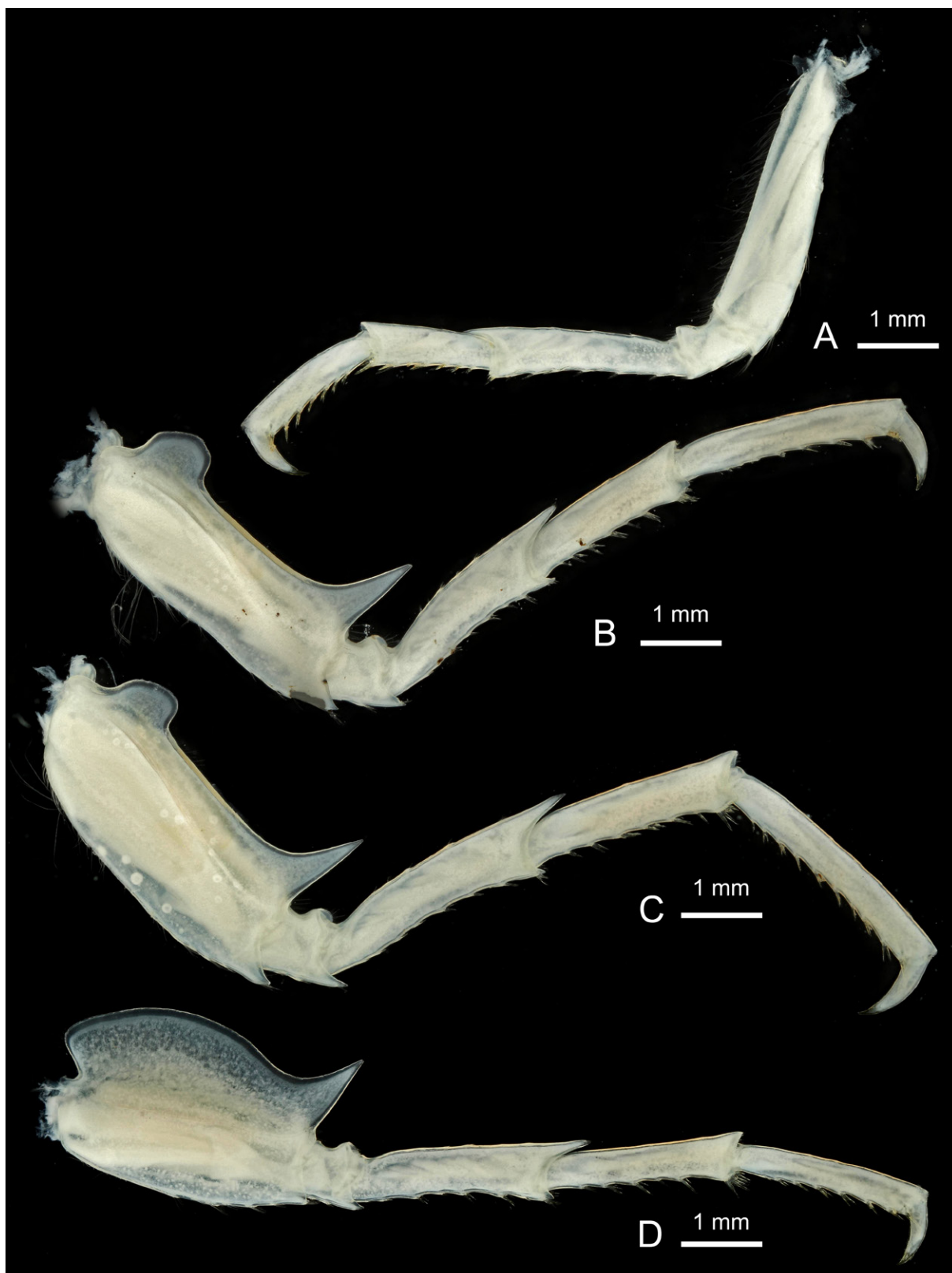


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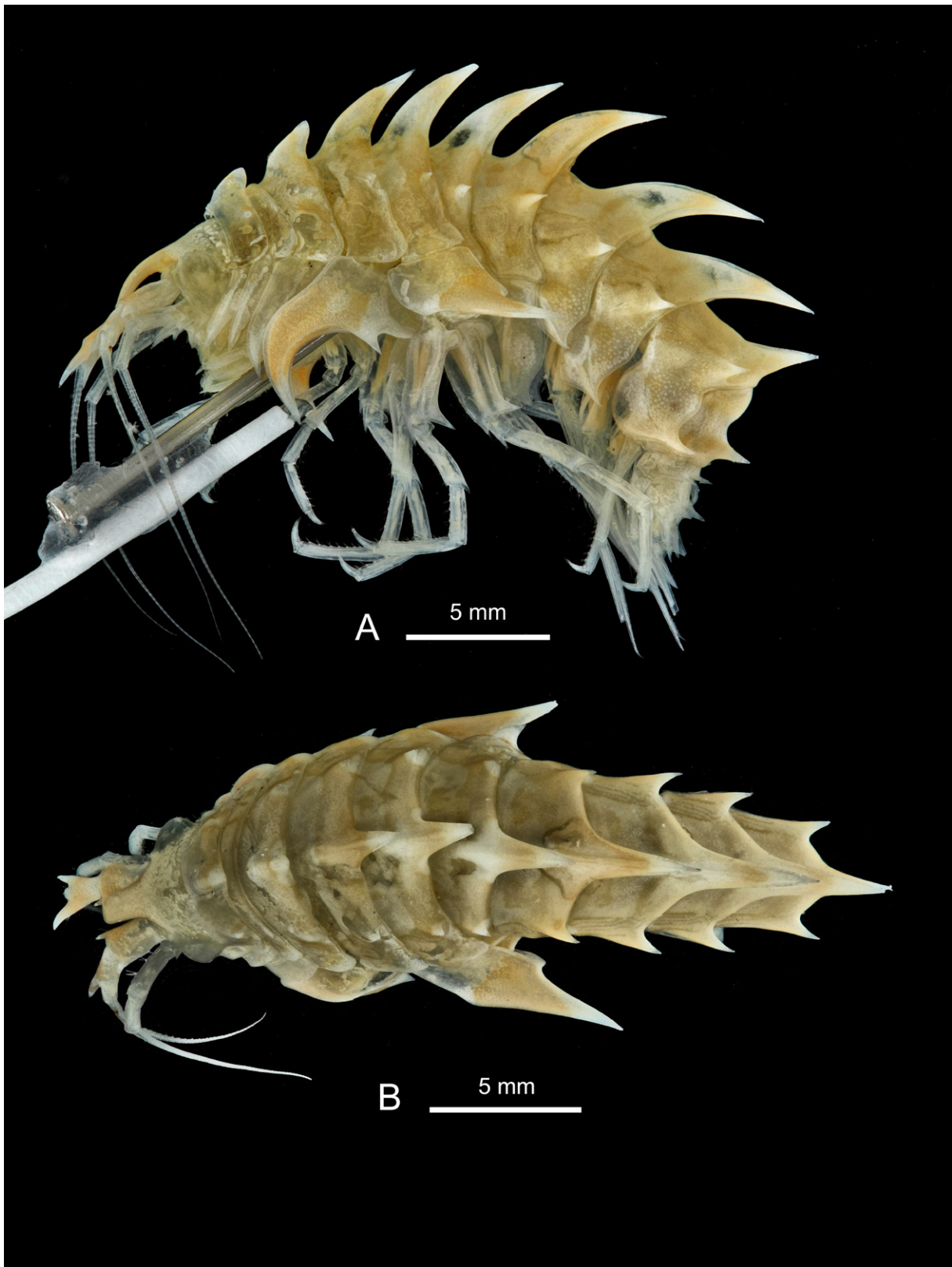


Fig. 15. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *anguloce* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, non type, adult, eastern Weddell Sea, no station, ANT-XXIII/3, EASIZ I, specimen kept in aquarium, 18 Feb. 1996: 1 paratype, coll. C. De Broyer and G. Chapelle, RBINS, INV. 132995. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.



Fig. 16. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) anguloce* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, non type, adult, Prydz Bay, RV Marion Dufresne, cruise MD42 (SIBEX), stn 22-CP66, MNHN-IU-2014-4264. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

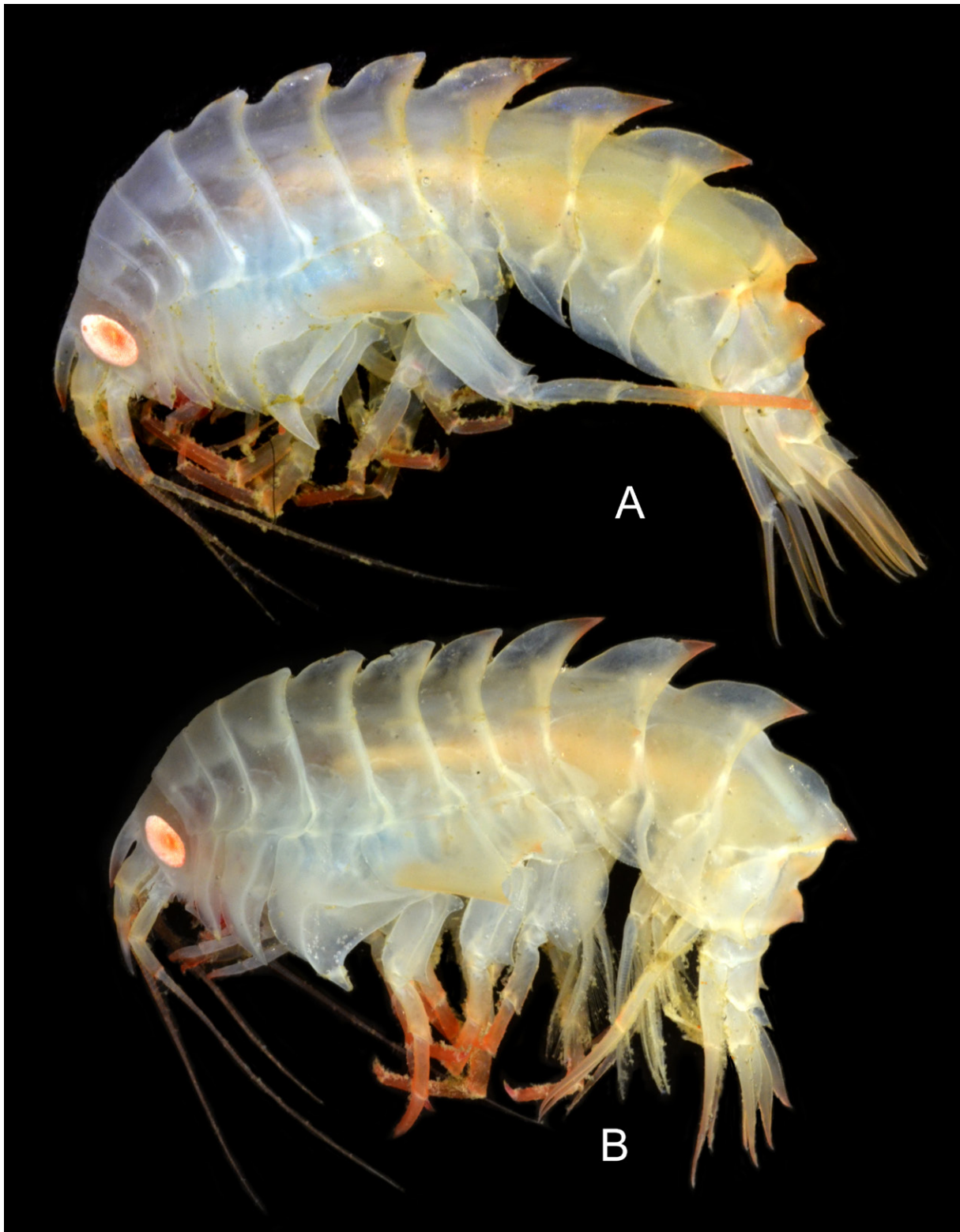


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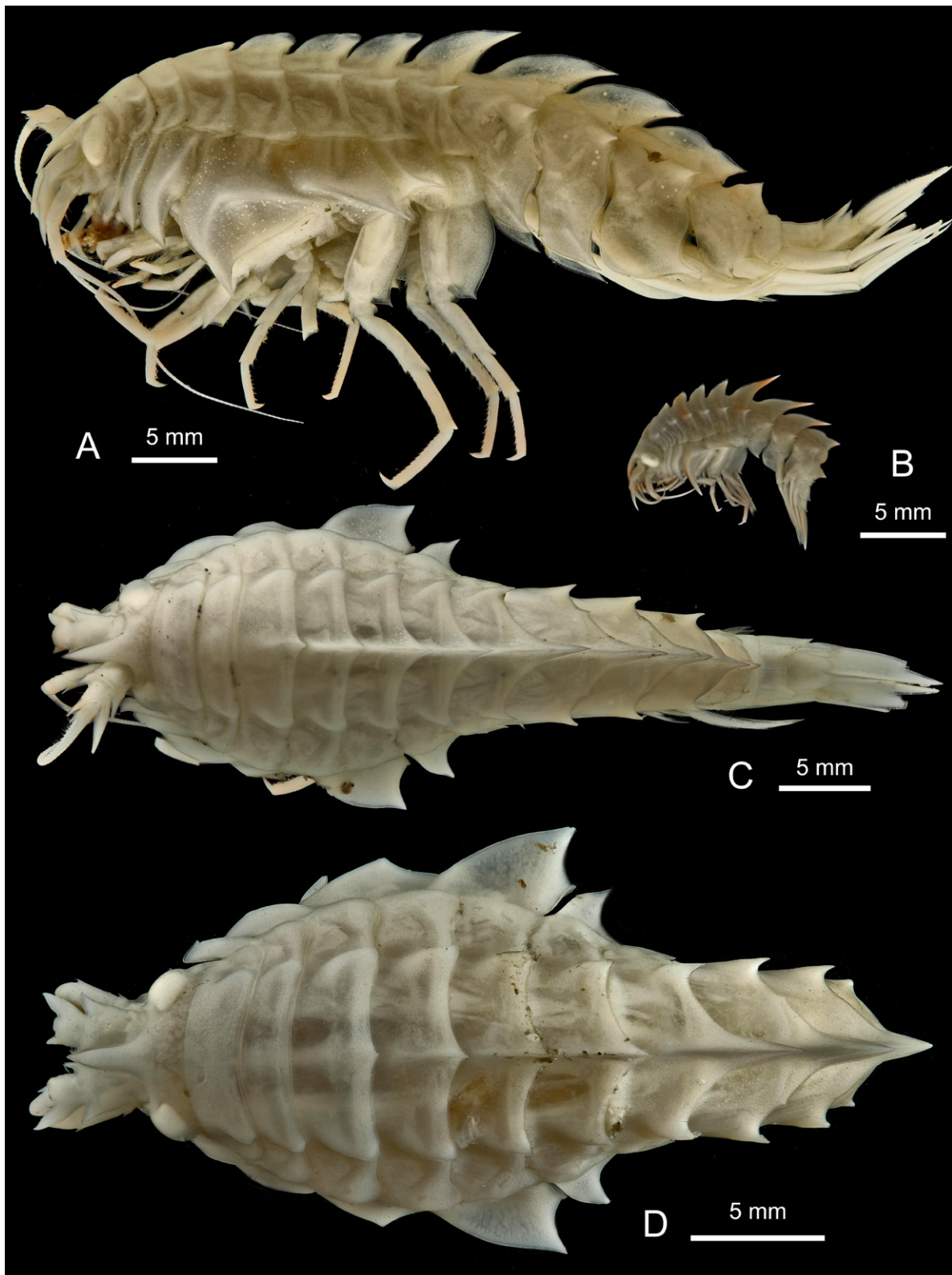


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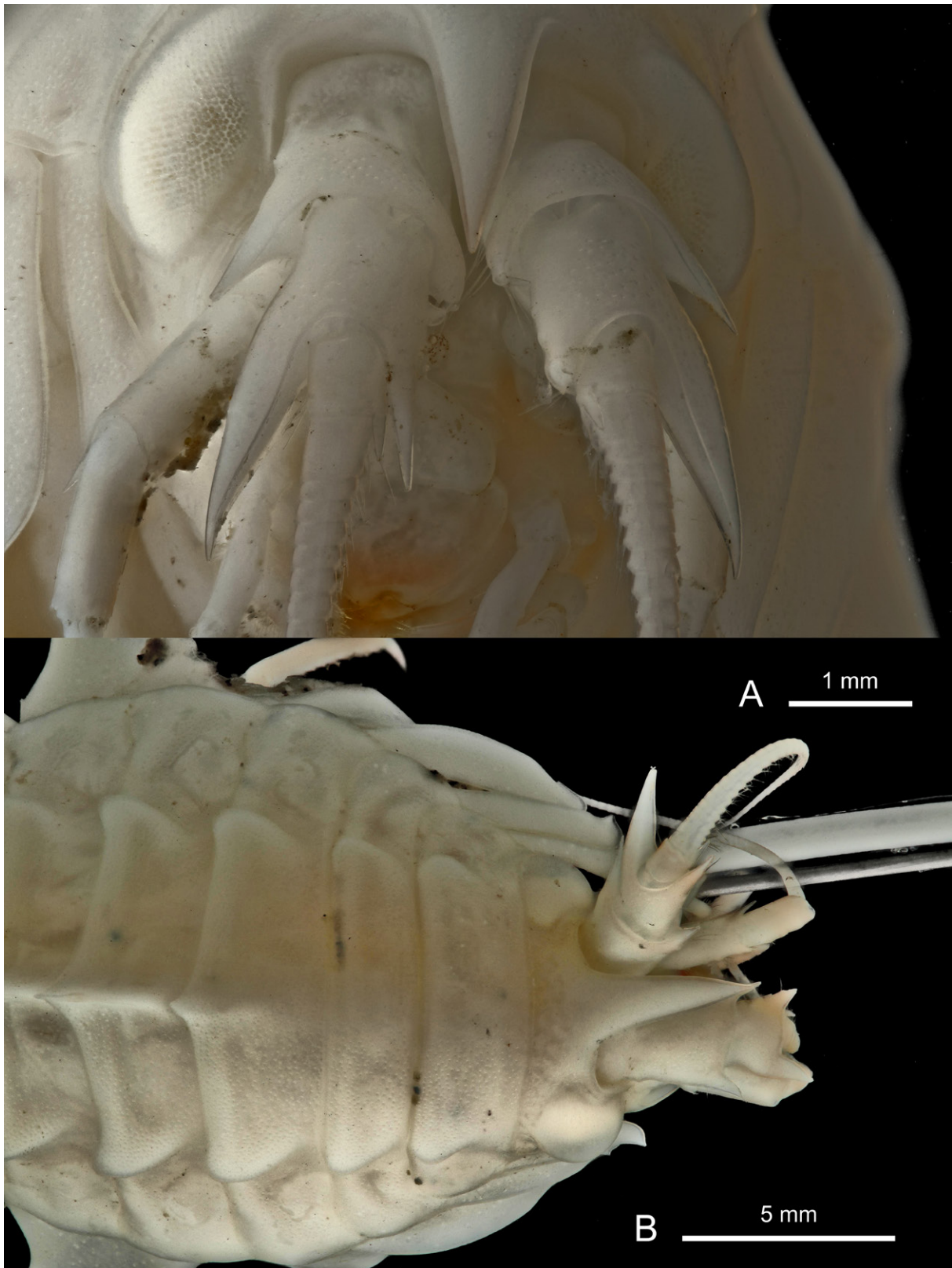


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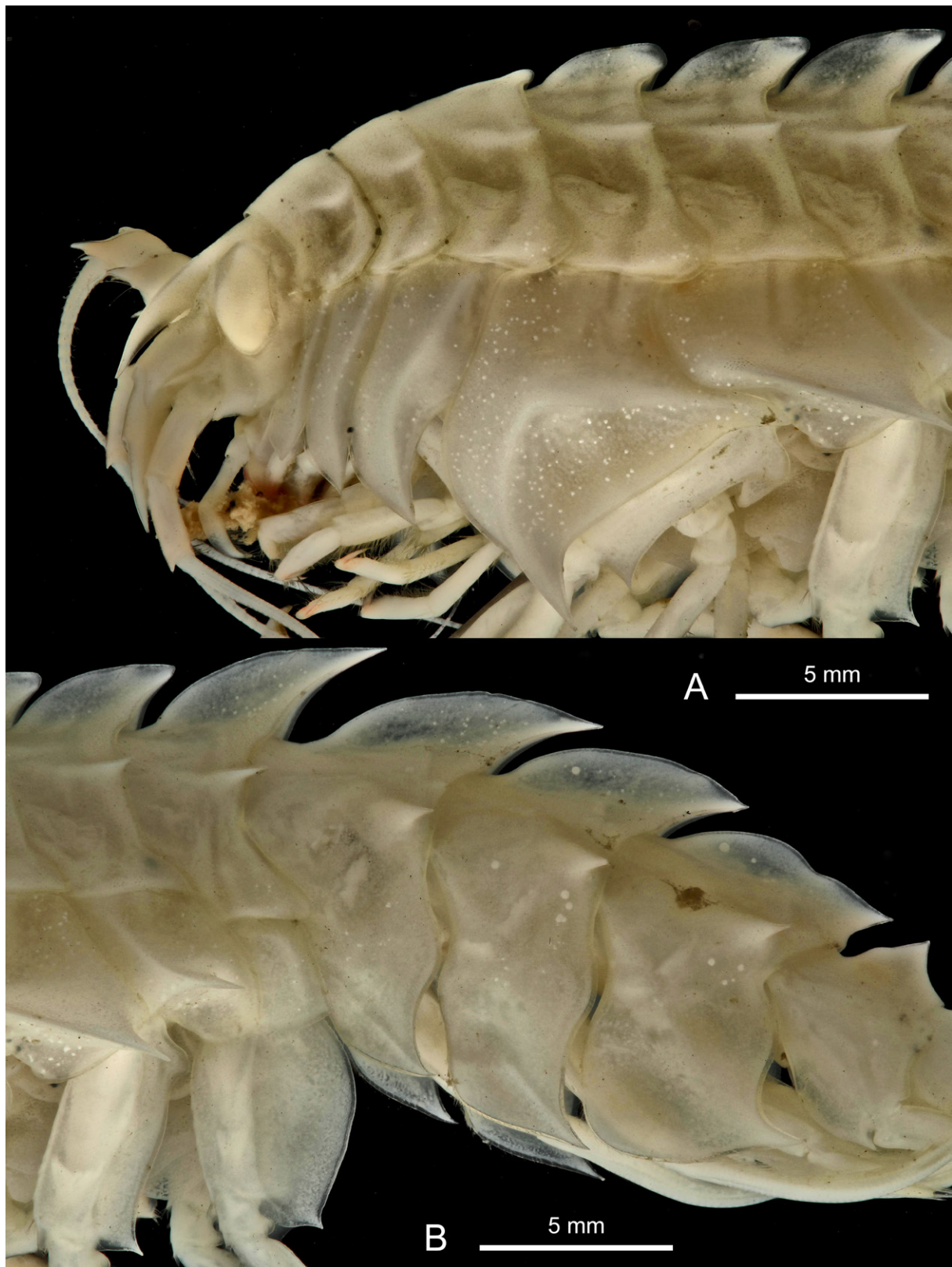


Fig. 20. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *colemani* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 196-8, RBINS, INV. 122942, anterior half in dorsal view. **A.** Anterior half. **B.** Posterior half.

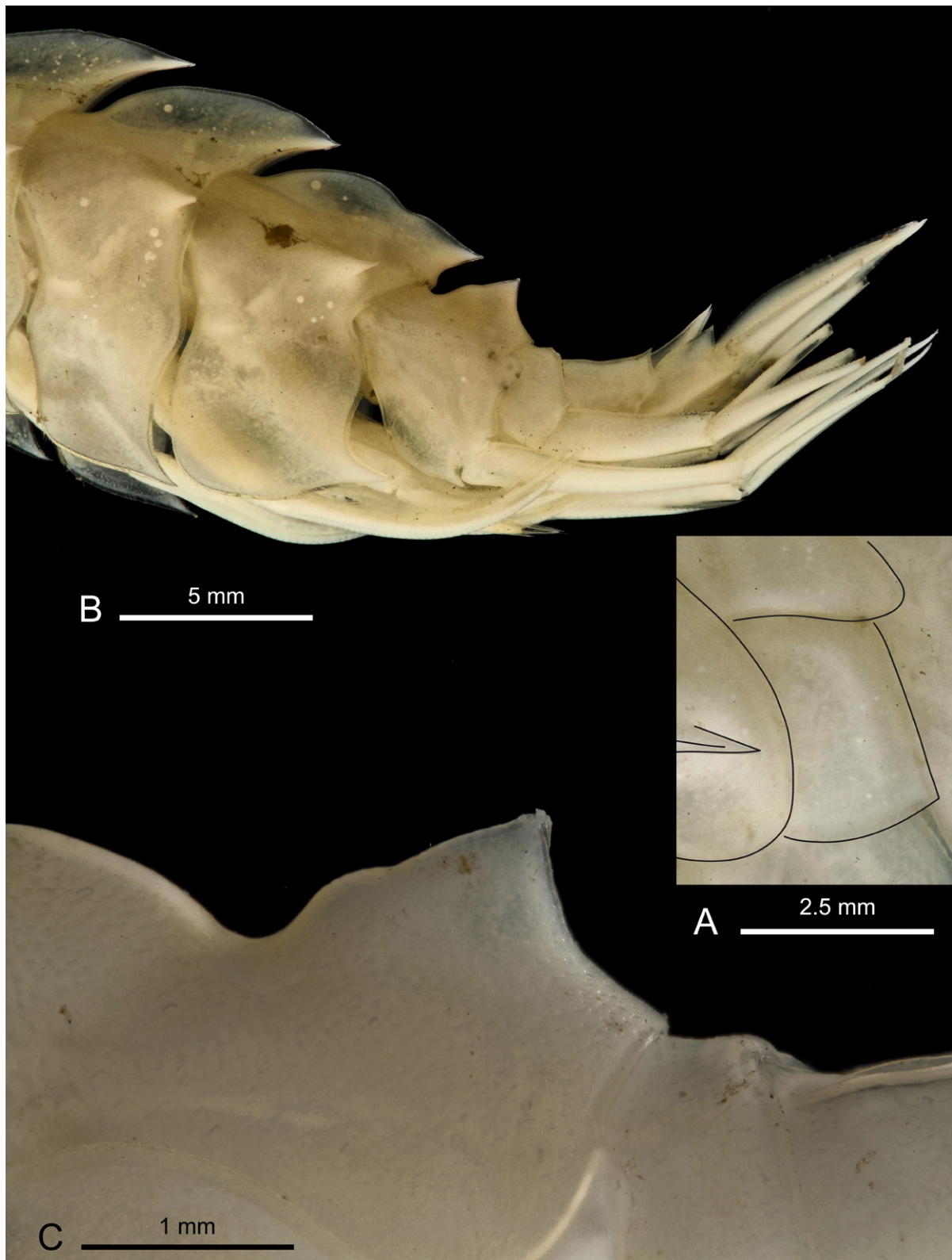


Fig. 21. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) colemani* subgen. et sp. nov., **A, B.** ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 196-8, RBINS, INV. 122942. **C.** ♀, paratype, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXVII/8, stn 265-2, RBINS, INV. 132965. **A.** Coxa 7 and posterior half of coxa 6. **B.** Pleon. **C.** Dorsal process of urosomite 1 and lateral profile of urosomite 2.

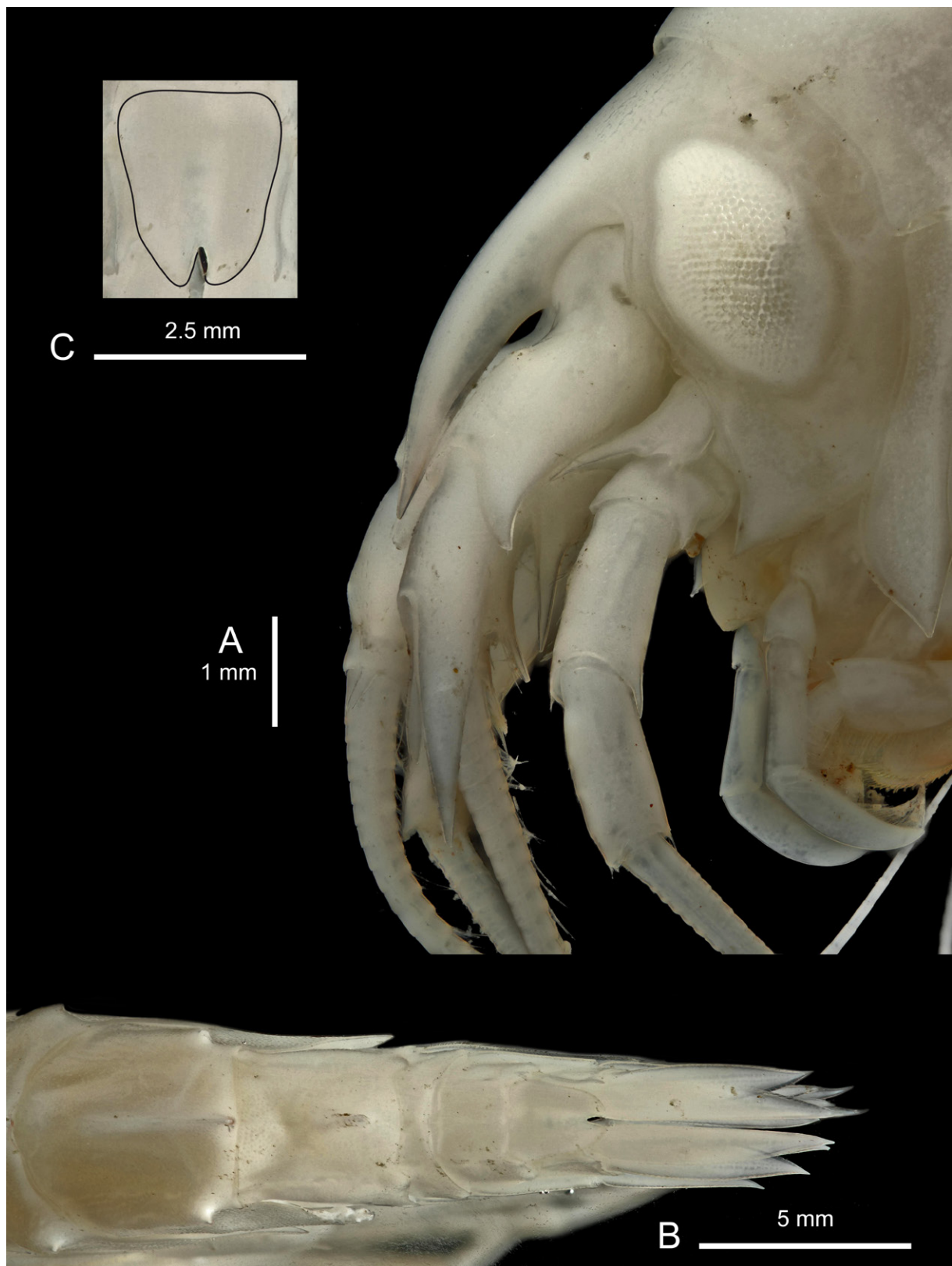


Fig. 22. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) colemani* subgen. et sp. nov. **A.** ♀, paratype, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXVII/8, stn 265-2, RBINS, INV. 132965. **B, C.** ♀ holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 196-8, RBINS, INV. 122942. **A.** Head in lateral view. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view. **C.** Telson.

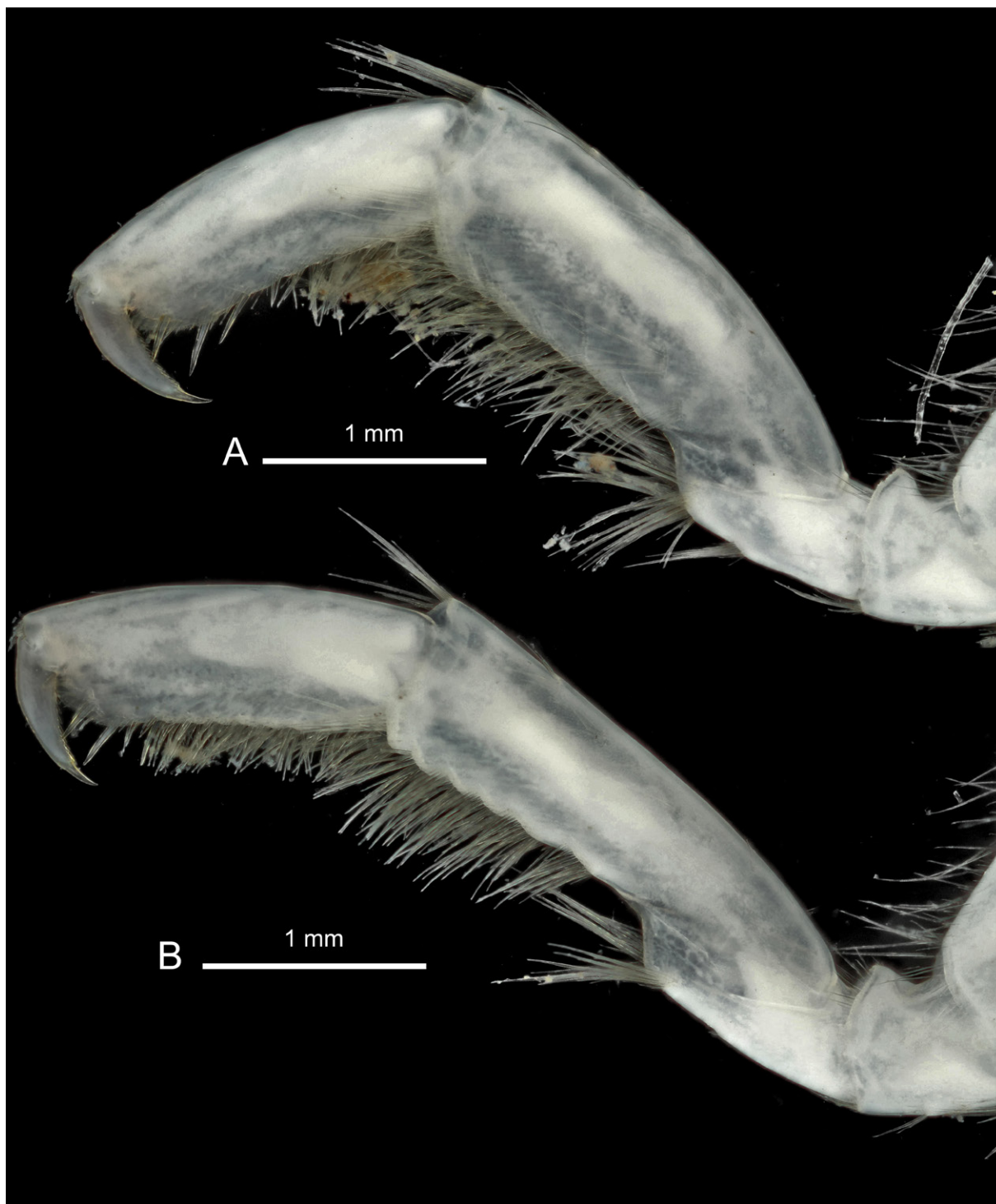


Fig. 23. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *colemani* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, paratype, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXVII/8, stn 265-2, RBINS, INV. 132965. **A.** Gnathopod 1. **B.** Gnathopod 2.

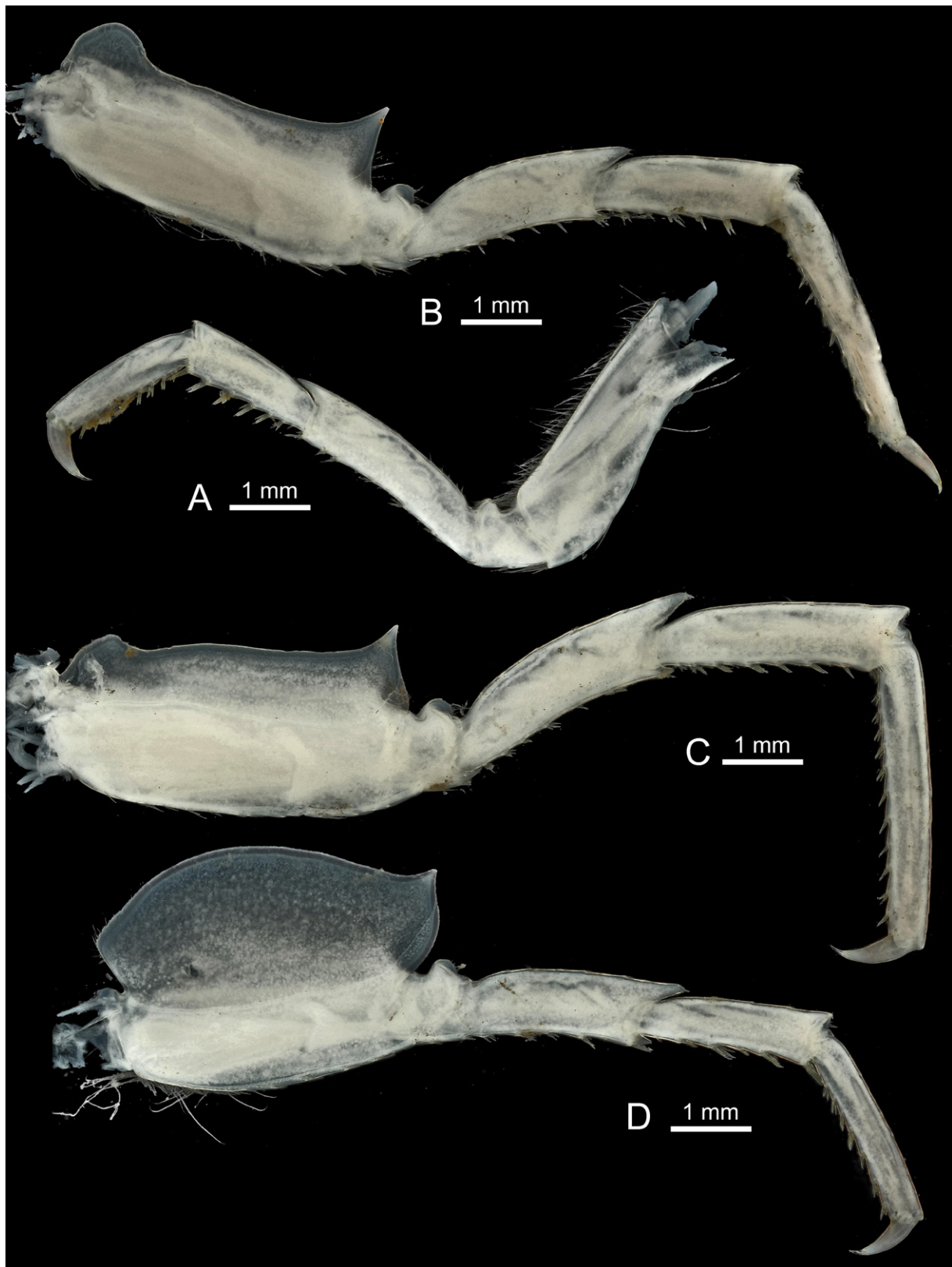


Fig. 24. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) colemani* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, paratype, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXVII/8, stn 265-2, RBINS, INV. 132965. A. Pereiopod 4. B. Pereiopod 5. C. Pereiopod 6. D. Pereiopod 7.

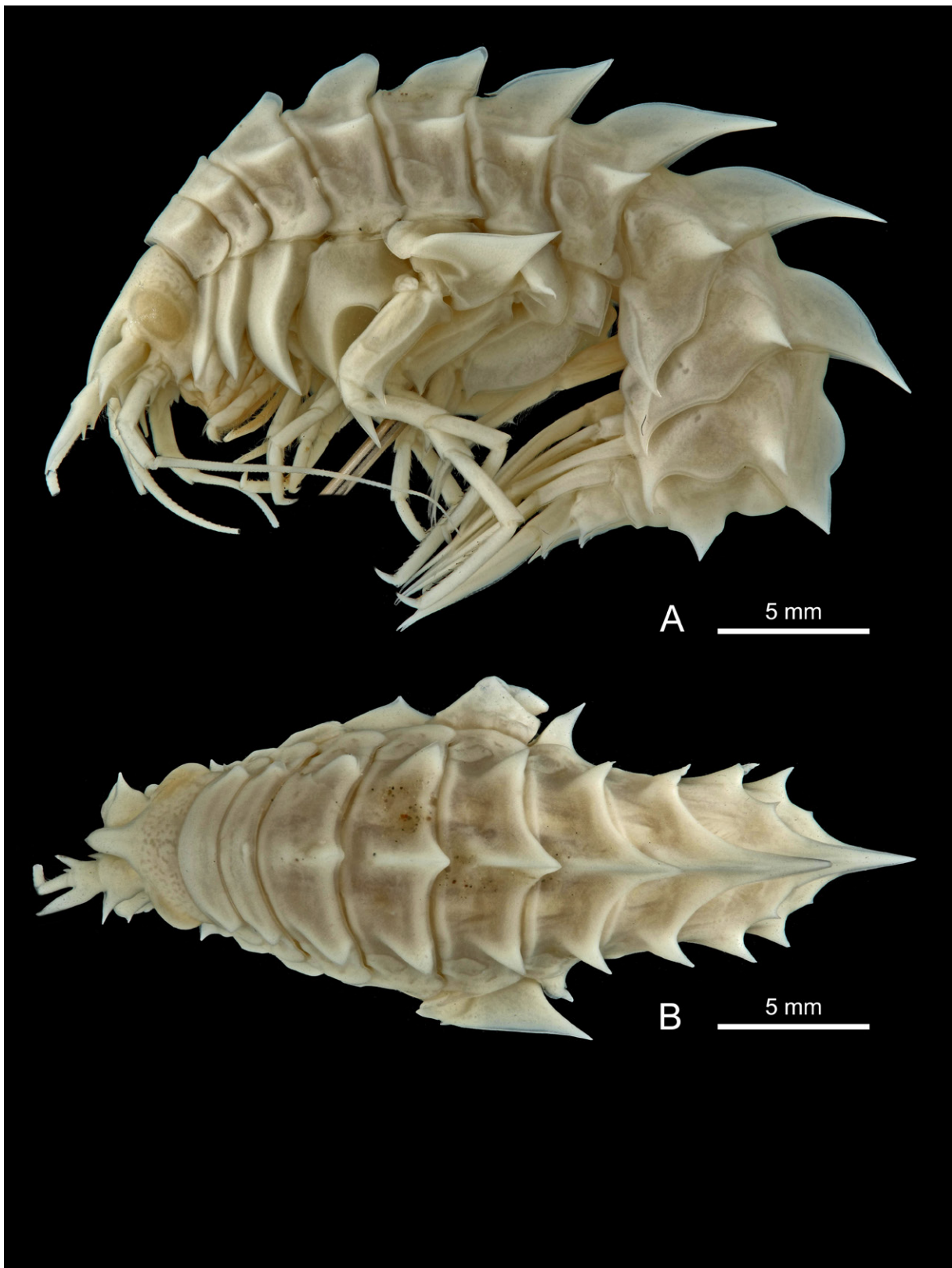


Fig. 25. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *colemani* subgen. et sp. nov., adult ♀, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 2724, MNHN-IU-2014-4337. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

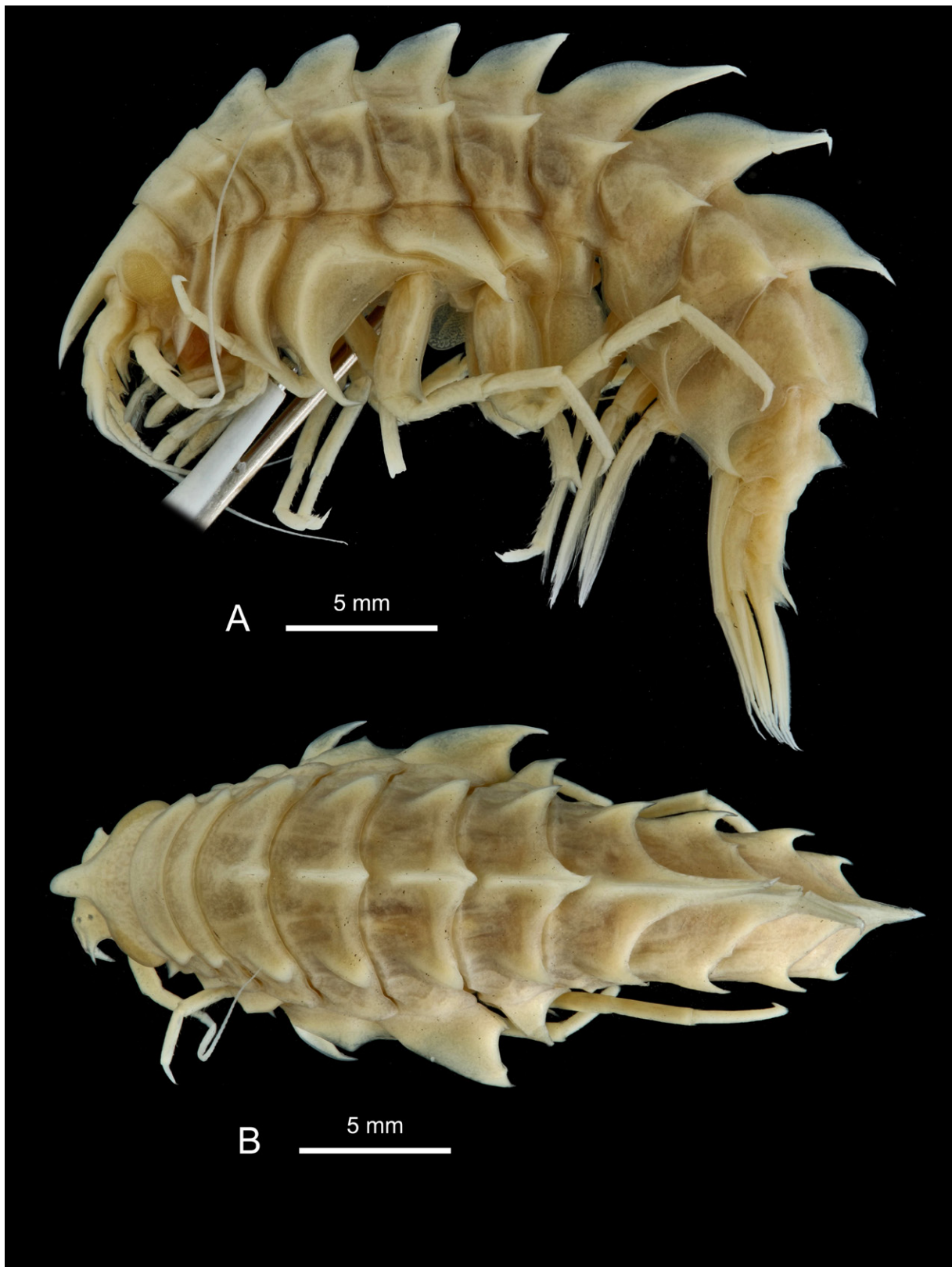


Fig. 26. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) colemani* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, adult, Discovery Expedition 1902–1904, Ross Sea, W.Q. [Winter Quarters — hole 12], paralectotype of *Epimeria macrodonta*, BMNH 1907.6.6.259-262 (in part). **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

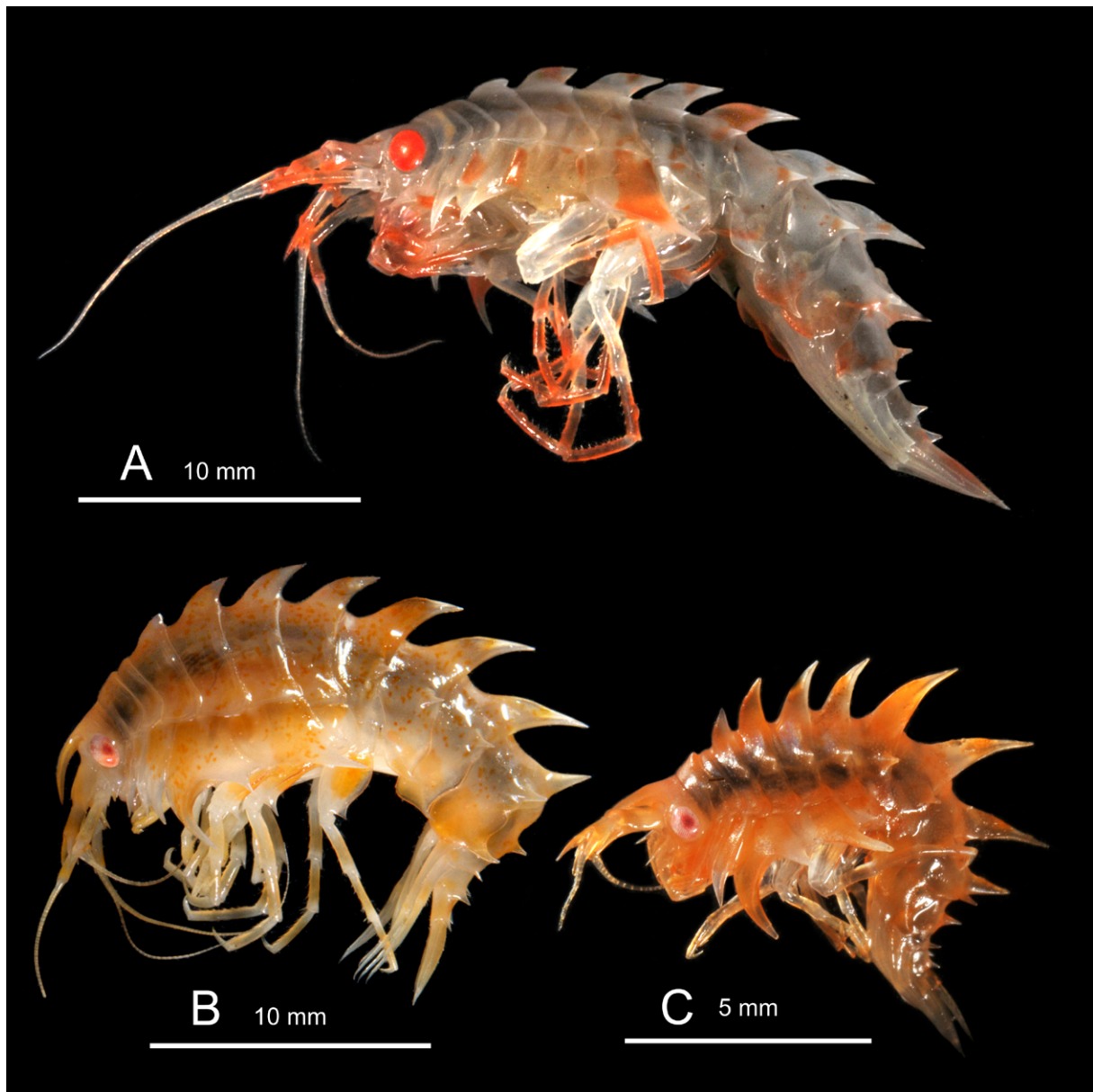


Fig. 27. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *corbariae* subgen. et sp. nov., paratypes, Adélie Coast. Colour in life. **A.** CE- REVOLTA III, Collect_ID: REVO_449, CE-000002109, MNHN-IU-2009-2543. **B.** REVOLTA III, stn REVO_068, Collect_ID: REVO_493, CE-000002621, MNHN-IU-2009-2581. **C.** REVOLTA II, stn REVO_085, Collect_ID: REVO_191, CE-000001559, MNHN-IU-2014-4296. Photographs: Cyril Gallut (Université Pierre et Marie Curie).

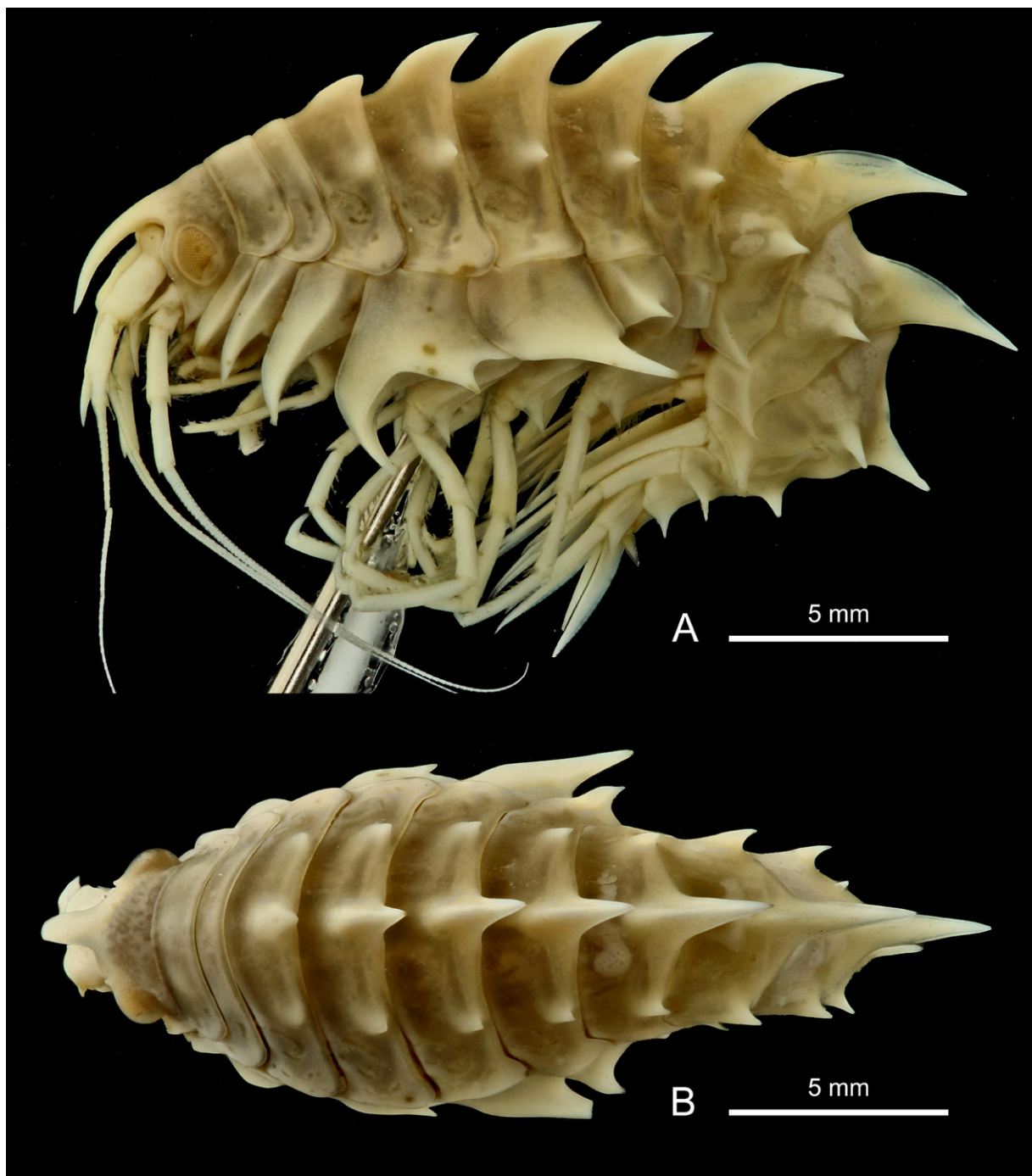


Fig. 28. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *corbariae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Adélie Coast, REVOLTA I, REVO-007b, sample 249, MNHN-IU-2009-2570. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus. Note the absence of mid-dorsal tooth on the first body segment.



Fig. 29. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) corbariae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Adélie Coast, REVOLTA I, REVO-007b, sample 249, MNHN-IU-2009-2570. **A.** Head in facial view. **B.** Facial habitus.

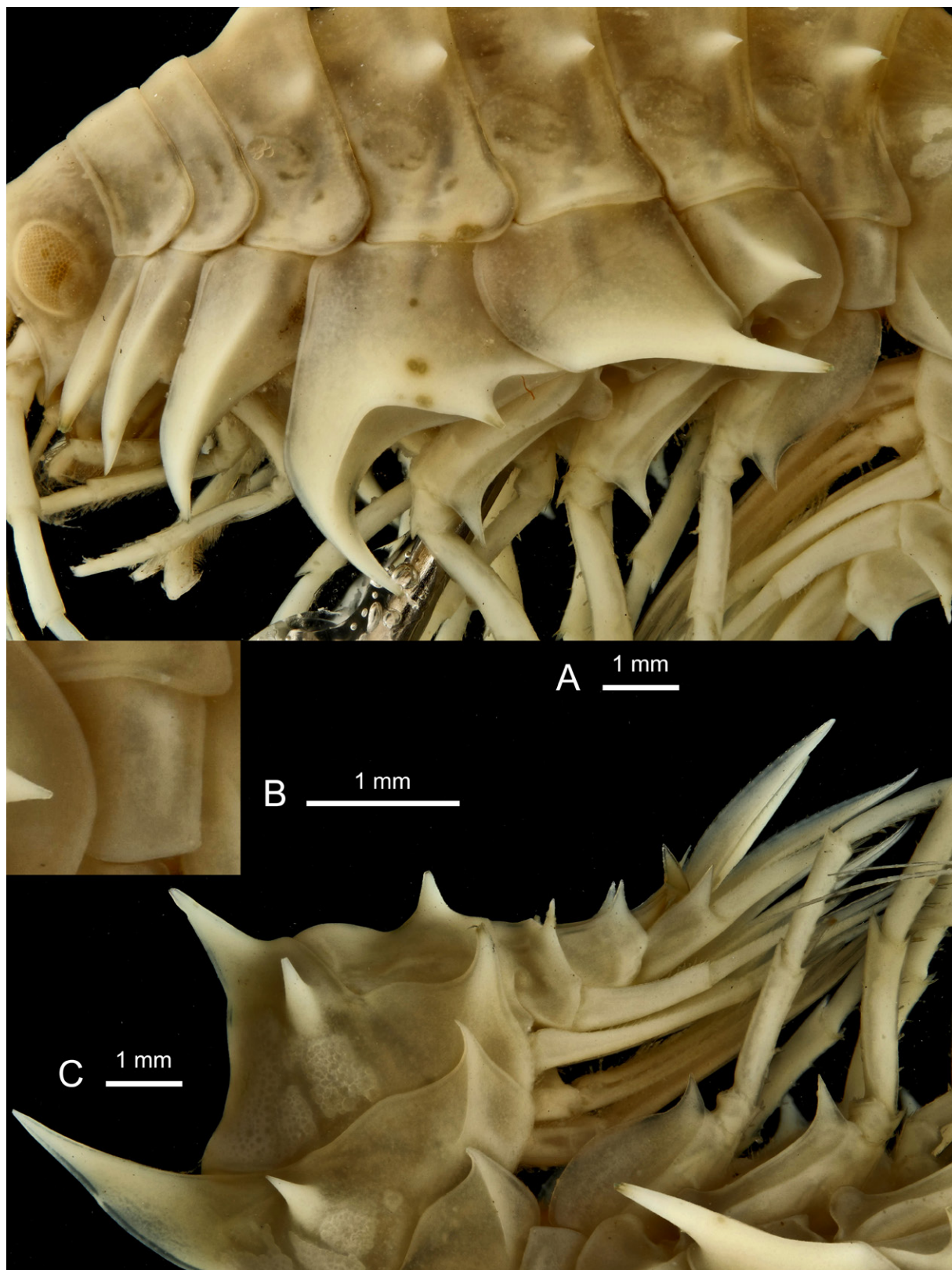


Fig. 30. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) corbariae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Adélie Coast, REVOLTA I, REVO-07b, sample 249, MNHN-IU-2009-2570. A. Coxae. B. Coxa 7 and posterior half of coxa 6. C. Urosome and pleonite 1.

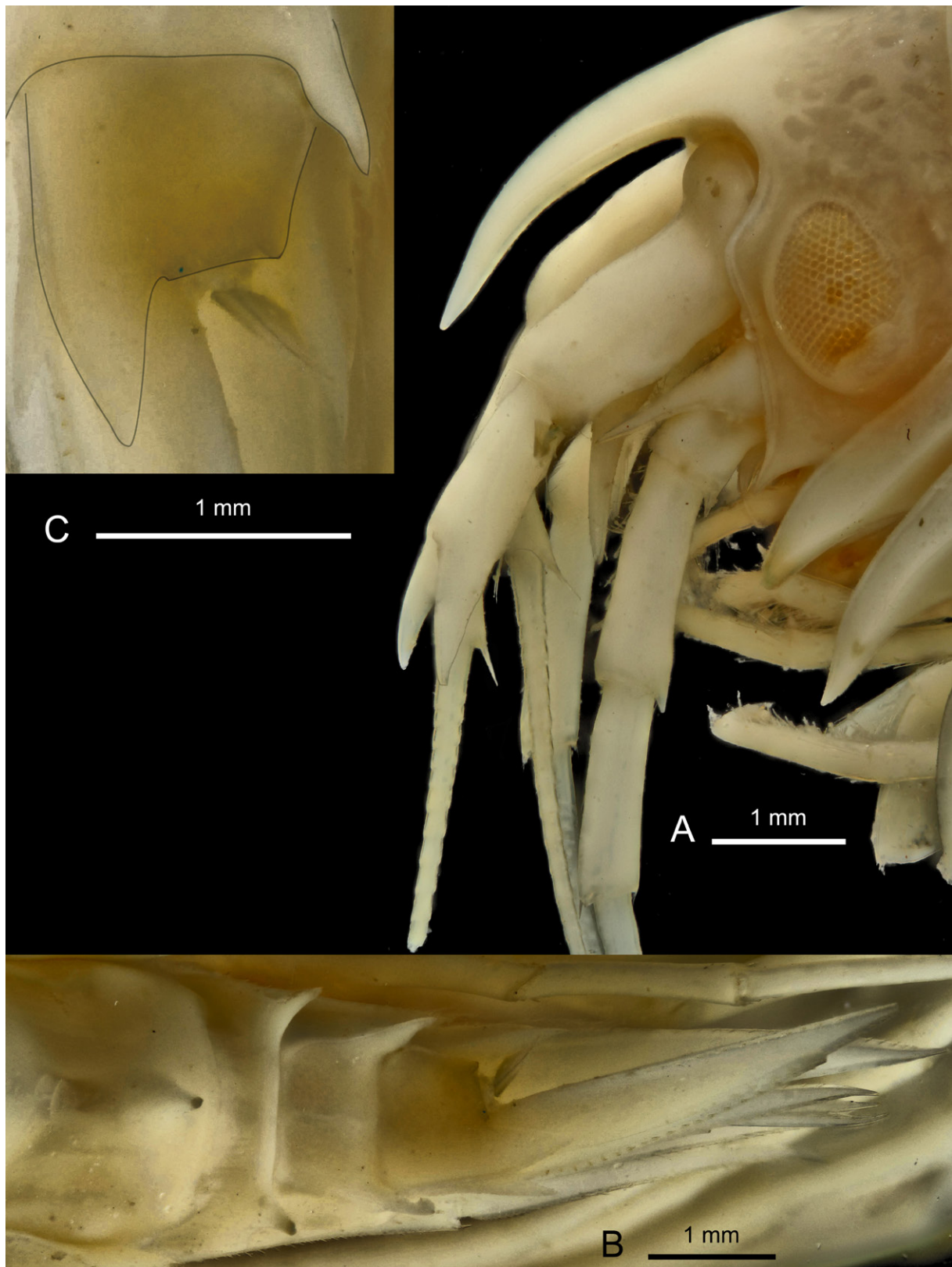


Fig. 31. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *corbariae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Adélie Coast, REVOLTA I, REVO-07b, sample 249, MNHN-IU-2009-2570. A. Head in lateral view. B. Urosome in dorsal view. C. Telson.

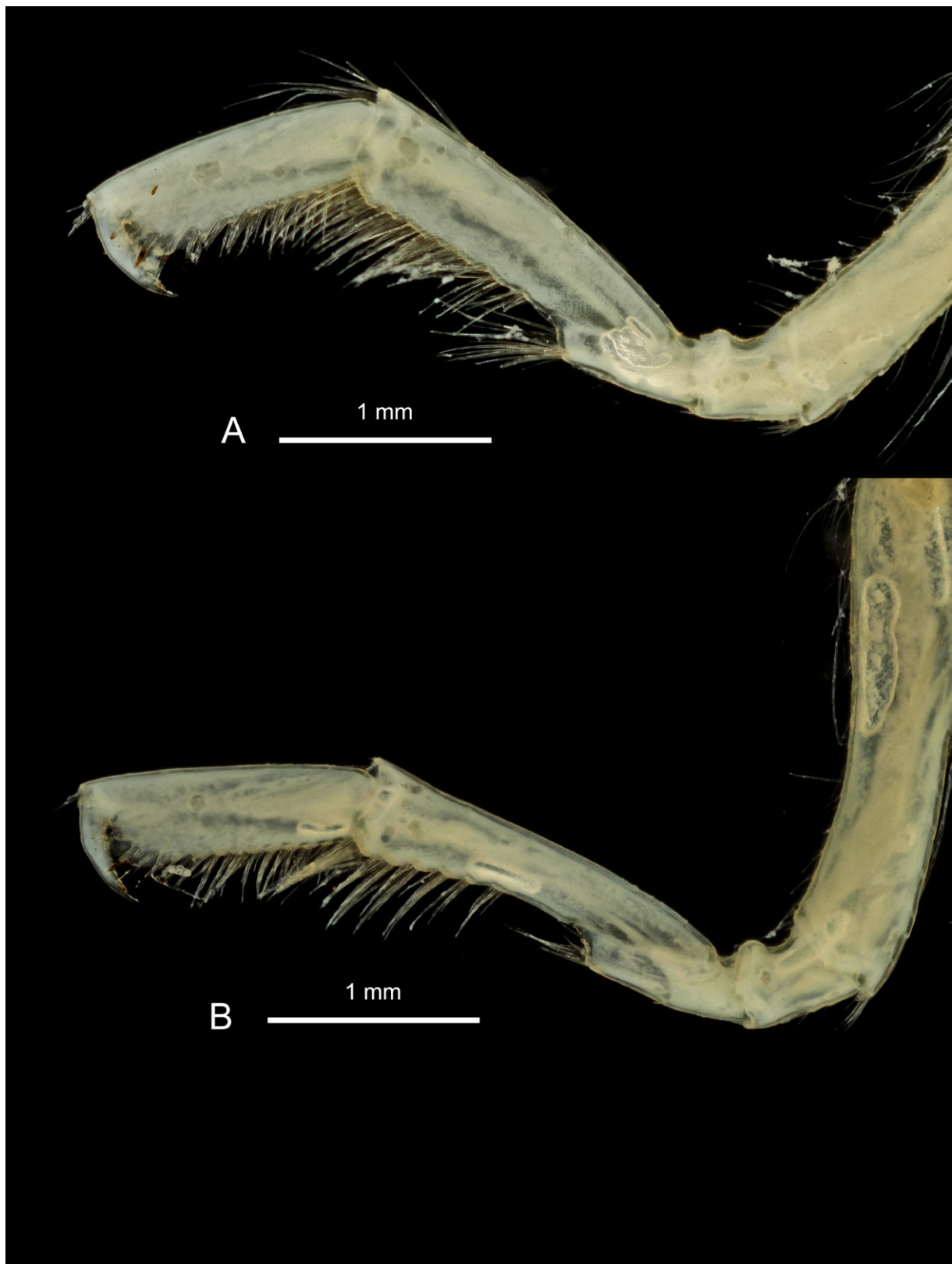


Fig. 32. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) corbariae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Adélie Coast, REVOLTA I, REVO-07b, sample 249, MNHN-IU-2009-2570. **A.** Gnathopod 1. **B.** Gnathopod 2.

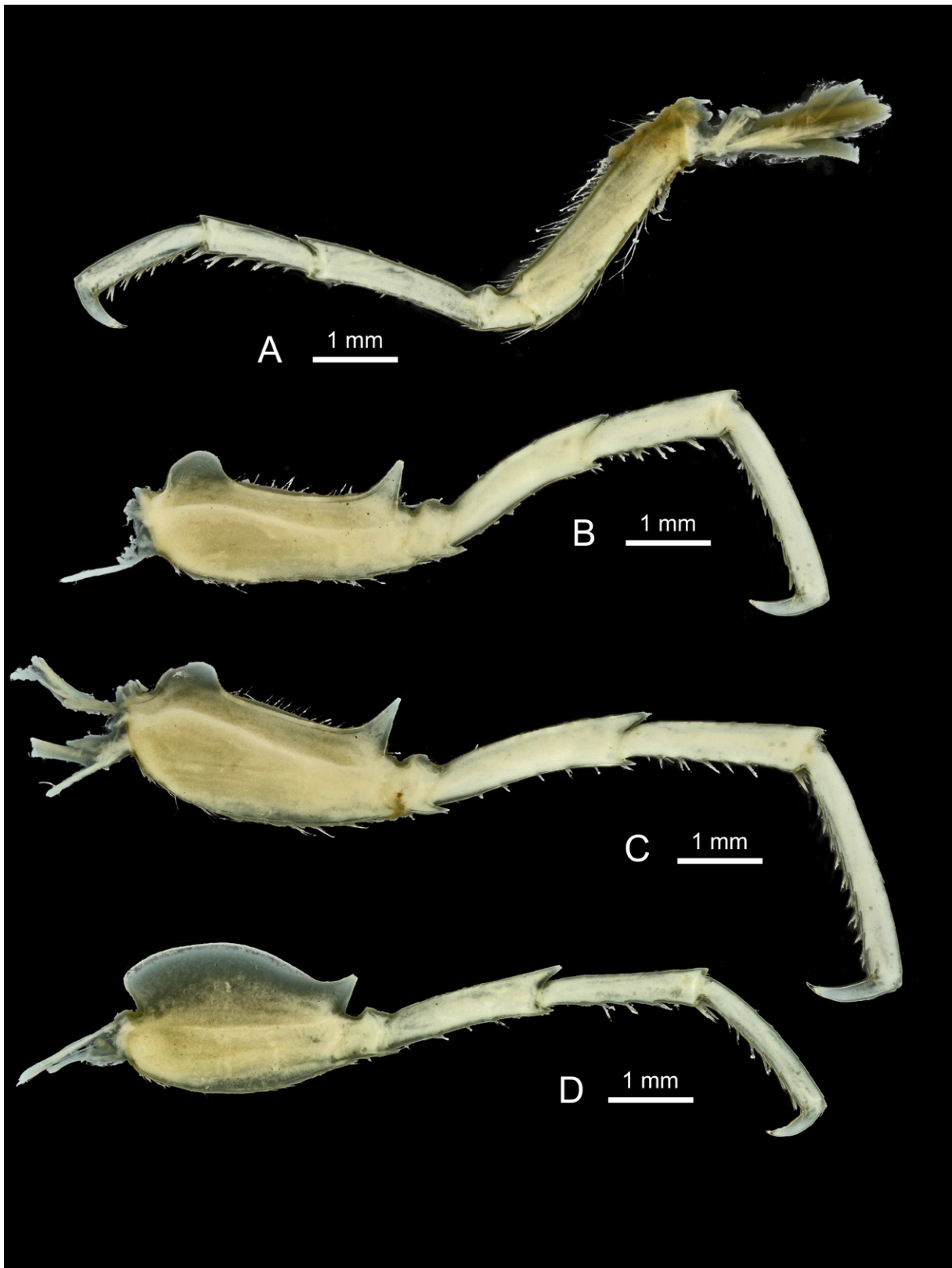


Fig. 33. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *corbariae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Adélie Coast, REVOLTA I, REVO-07b, sample 249, MNHN-IU-2009-2570. A. Pereiopod 4. B. Pereiopod 5. C. Pereiopod 6. D. Pereiopod 7.

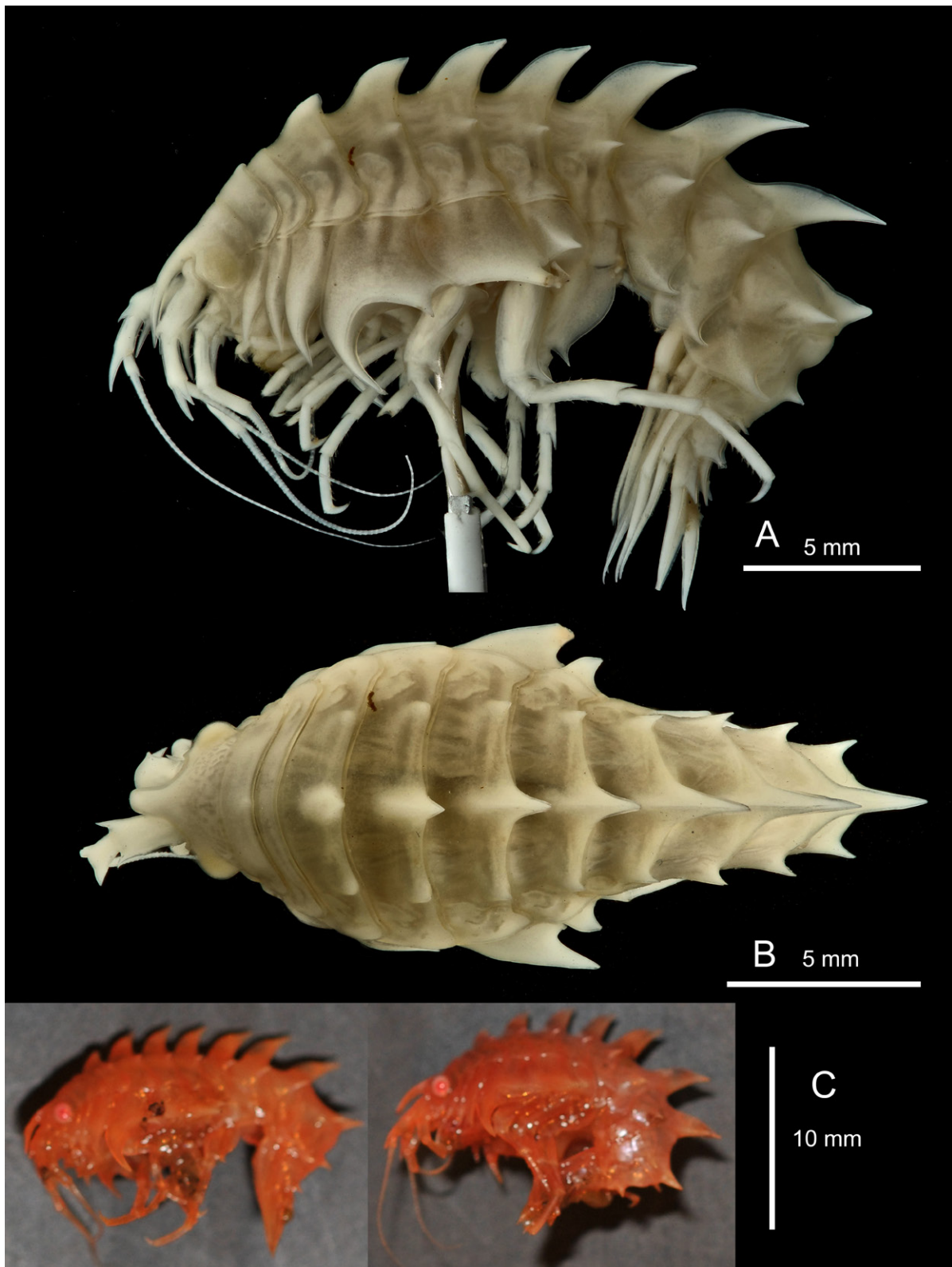


Fig. 34. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) corbariae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, paratype, Adélie Coast, REVO 481, MNHN-IU-2009-2563. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus. Note the presence of a trace of mid-dorsal tooth on the first body segment. **C.** ♀♀, paratypes, Adélie Coast, REVOLTA II, stn REVO 162, MNHN-IU-2014-7325, colour in life, photograph Cyril Gallut (Université Pierre et Marie Curie).

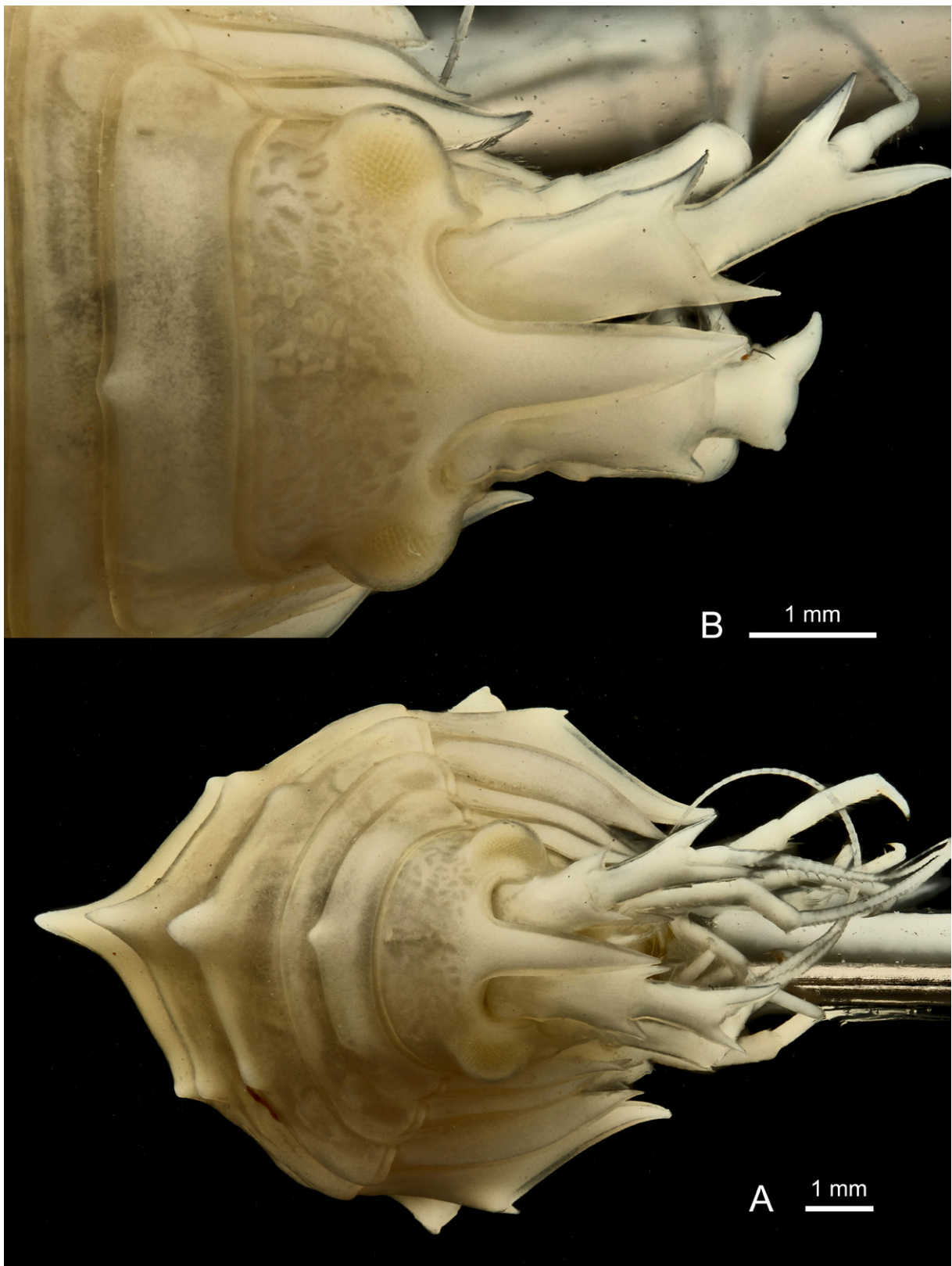


Fig. 35. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *corbariae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, paratype, Adélie Coast, collect nr REVO_481, MNHN-IU-2009-2563. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in facial view.

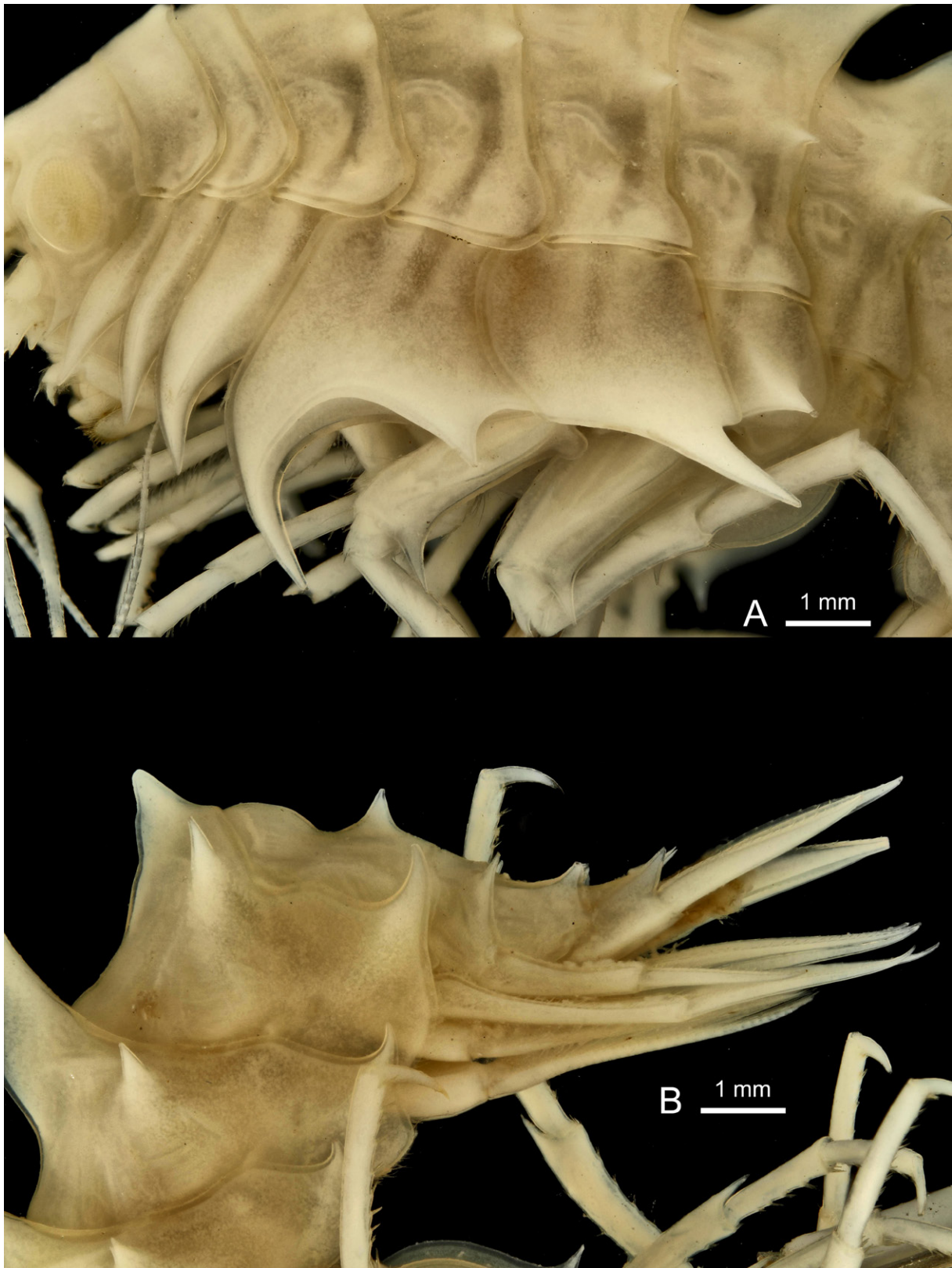


Fig. 36. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) corbariae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, paratype, Adélie Coast, collect nr REVO_481, MNHN-IU-2009-2563. **A.** Coxae. **B.** Urosome.



Fig. 37. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) corbariae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, paratype, Adélie Coast, collect nr REVO_481, MNHN-IU-2009-2563. **A.** Head in lateral view. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view.

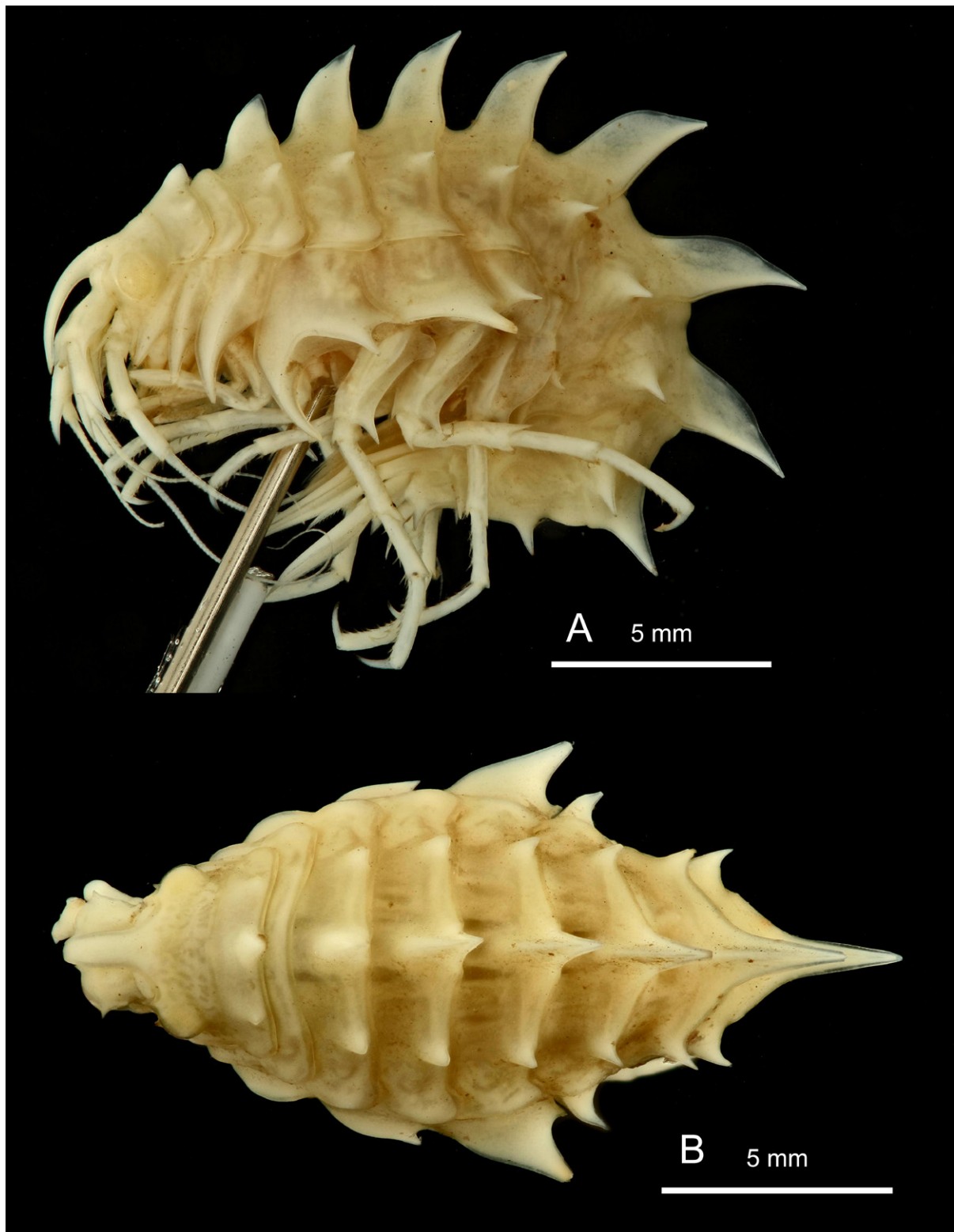


Fig. 38. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) corbariae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, paratype, Adélie Coast, REVO 162, MNHN-IU-2014-7325. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus. Note the presence of a well-developed mid-dorsal tooth (and of a pair of weak dorsolateral teeth) on the first body segment; the wider projections broader and the body broader in lateral view than for the two other illustrated specimen. This morphological variant is unfrequent.

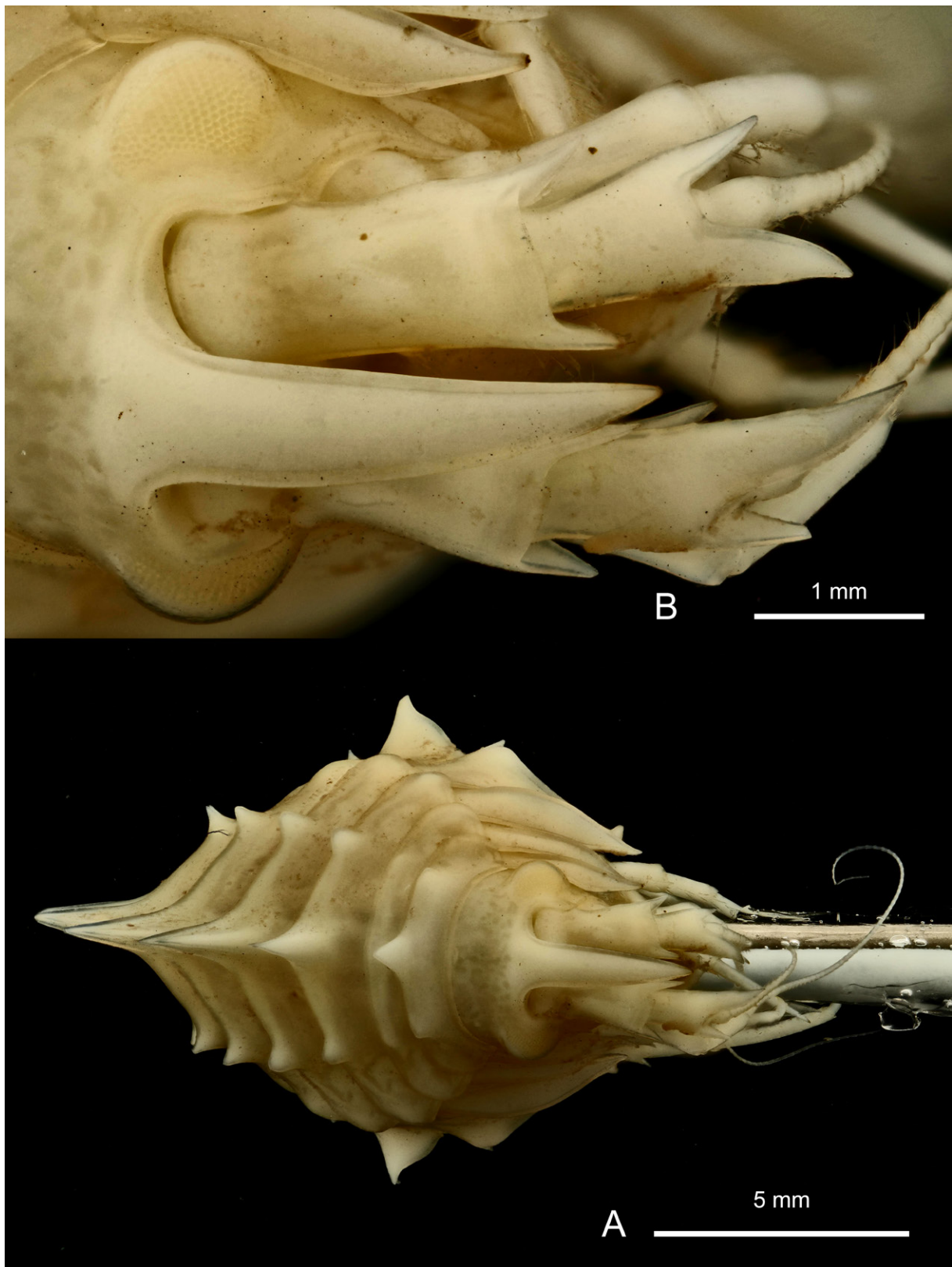


Fig. 39. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *corbariae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, paratype, Adélie Coast, REVO 162, MNHN-IU-2014-7325. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in facial view

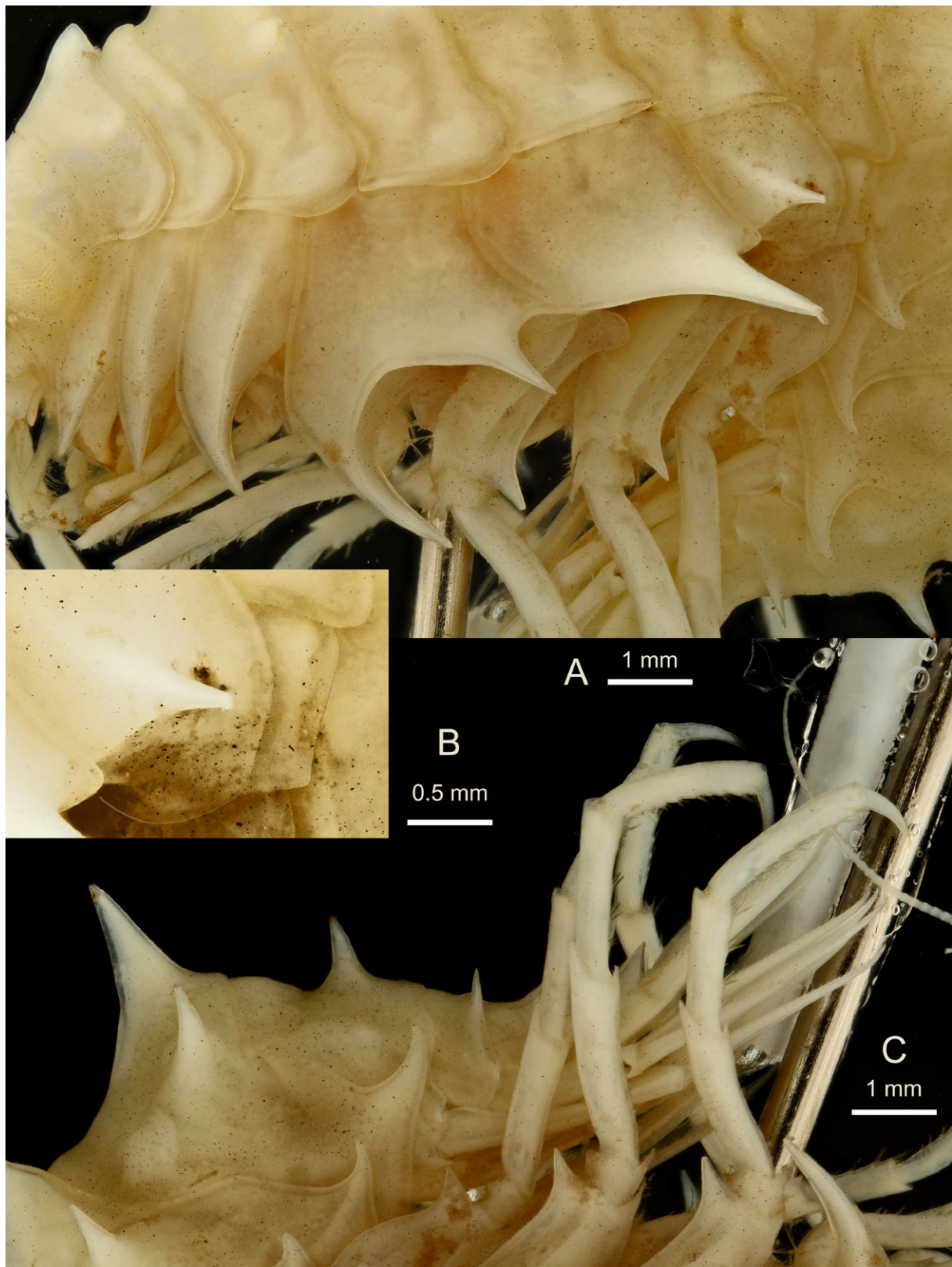


Fig. 40. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) corbariae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, paratype, Adélie Coast, REVO 162, MNHN-IU-2014-7325. **A.** Coxae. **B.** Coxae 6–7. **C.** Urosome.

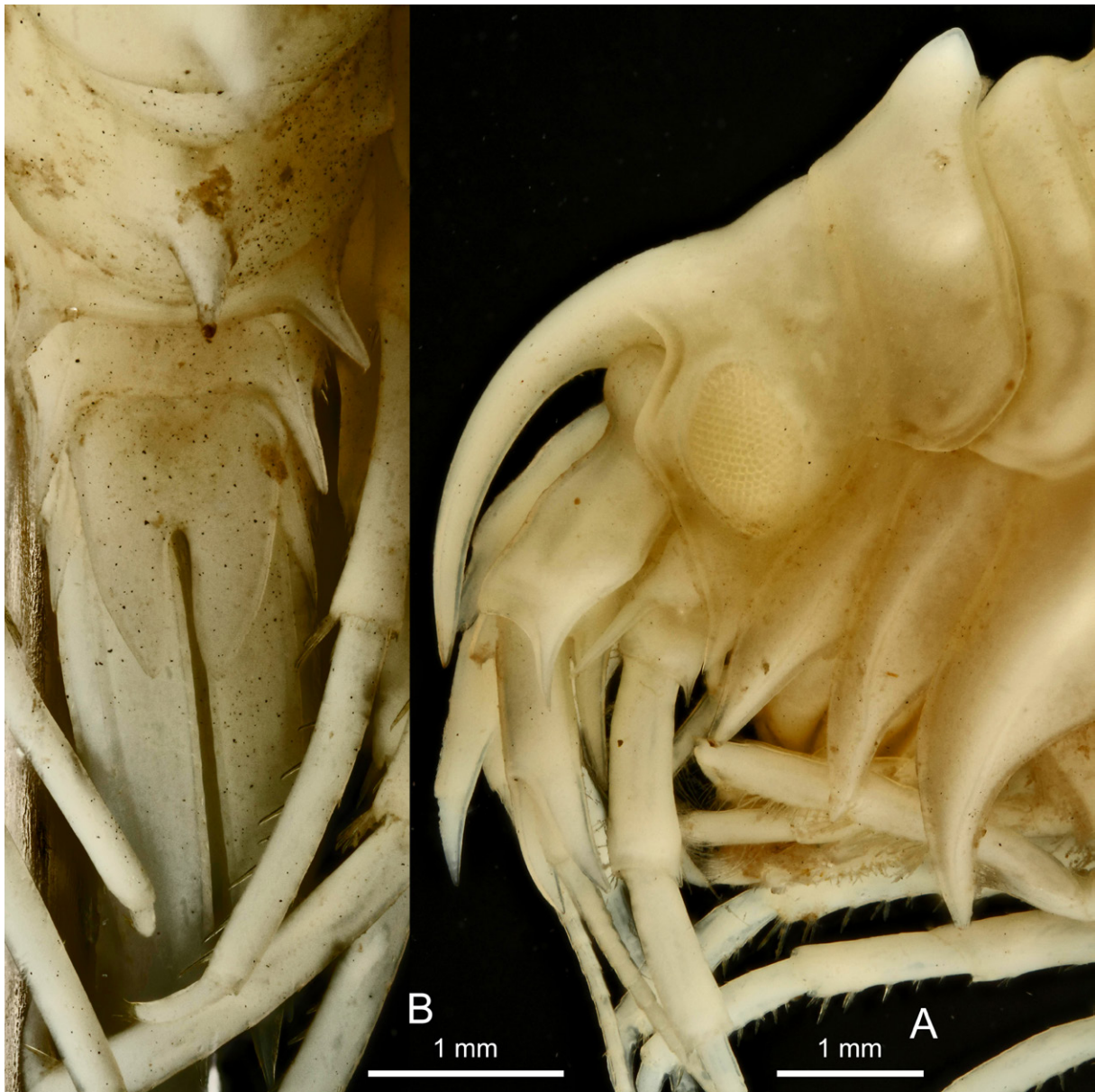


Fig. 41. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) corbariae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, paratype, Adélie Coast, REVO 162, MNHN-IU-2014-7325. **A.** Head in lateral view. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view.



Fig. 42. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) corbariae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, paratype, Adélie Coast, REVO 162, MNHN-IU-2014-7325. **A.** Gnathopod 1. **B.** Gnathopod 2.



Fig. 43. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *corbariae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, paratype, Adélie Coast, REVO 162, MNHN-IU-2014-7325. **A.** Pereiopod 4. **B.** Pereiopod 5. **C.** Pereiopod 6. **D.** Pereiopod 7.



Fig. 44. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) cyrano* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT XXVII/3, stn 263-6, RBINS, INV. 132967, colour in life (photographs: Ch. Havermans and H. Robert).

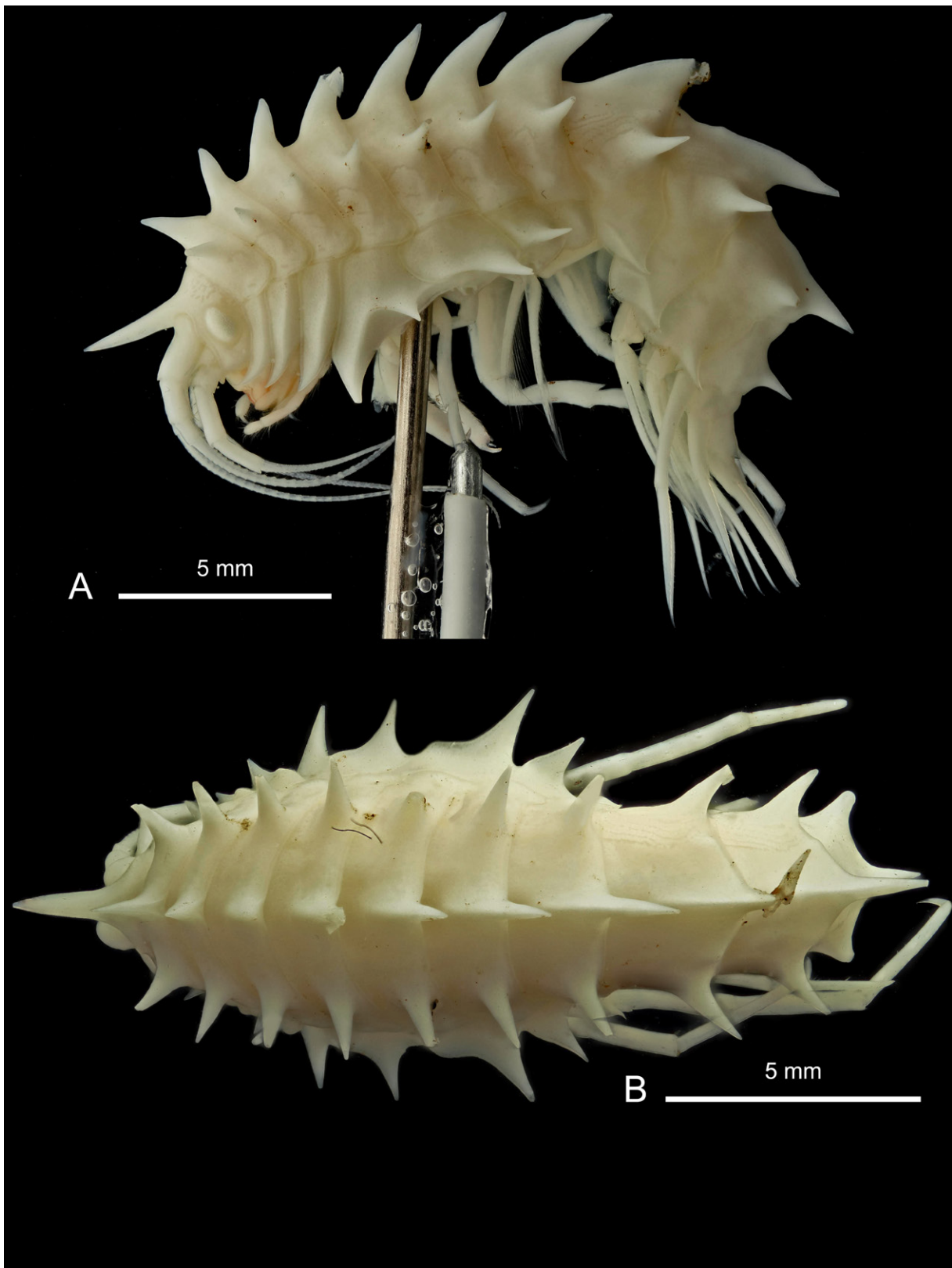


Fig. 45. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *cyrano* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT XXVII/3, stn 263-6, RBINS, INV. 132967. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.



Fig. 46. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) cyrano* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT XXVII/3, stn 263-6, RBINS, INV. 132967. **A.** Head in frontal view. **B.** Head in dorsolateral view.

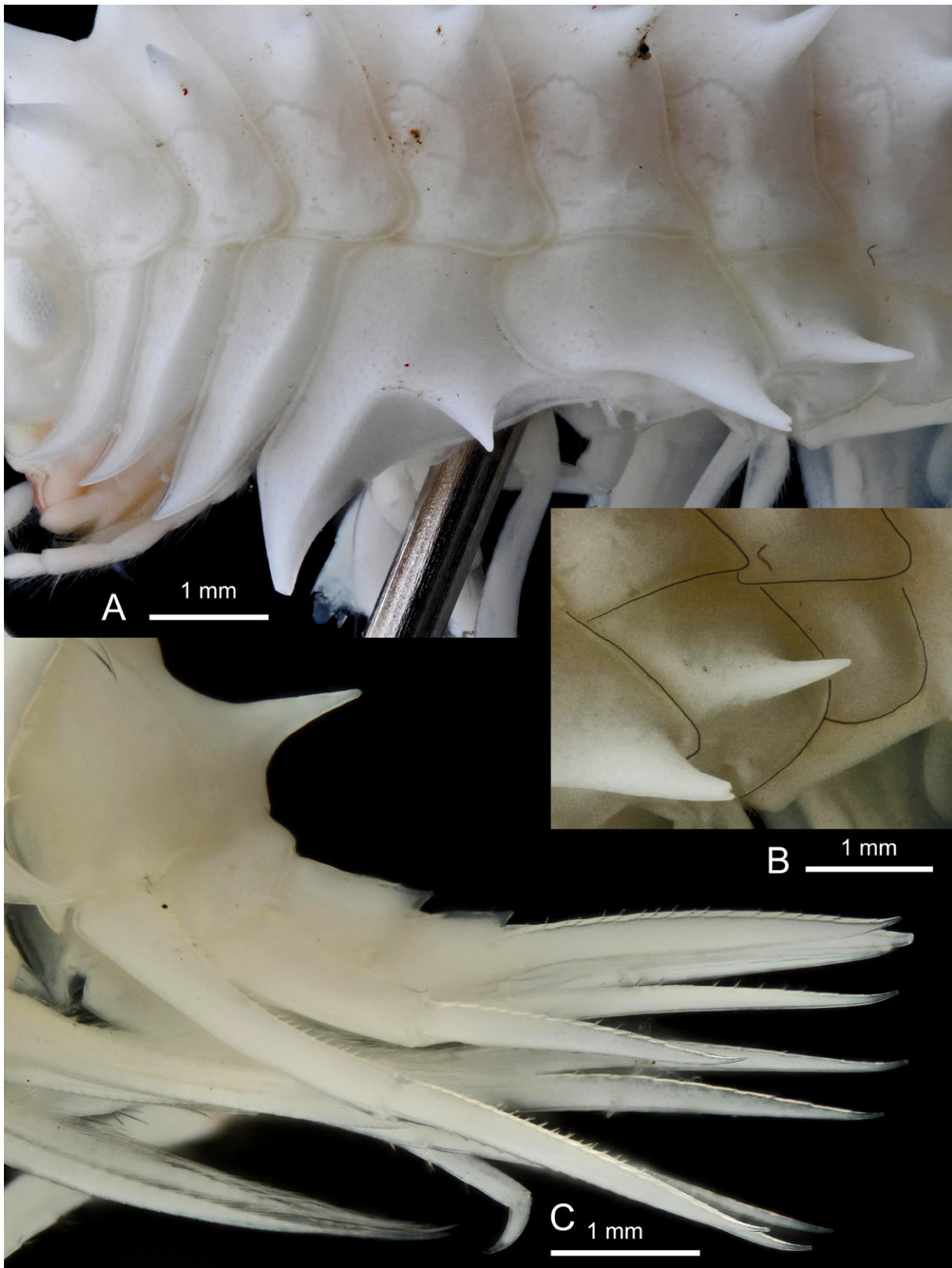


Fig. 47. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) cyrano* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT XXVII/3, stn 263-6, RBINS, INV. 132967. A. Coxae 1-6. B. Coxae 6-7. C. Urosome in lateral view.

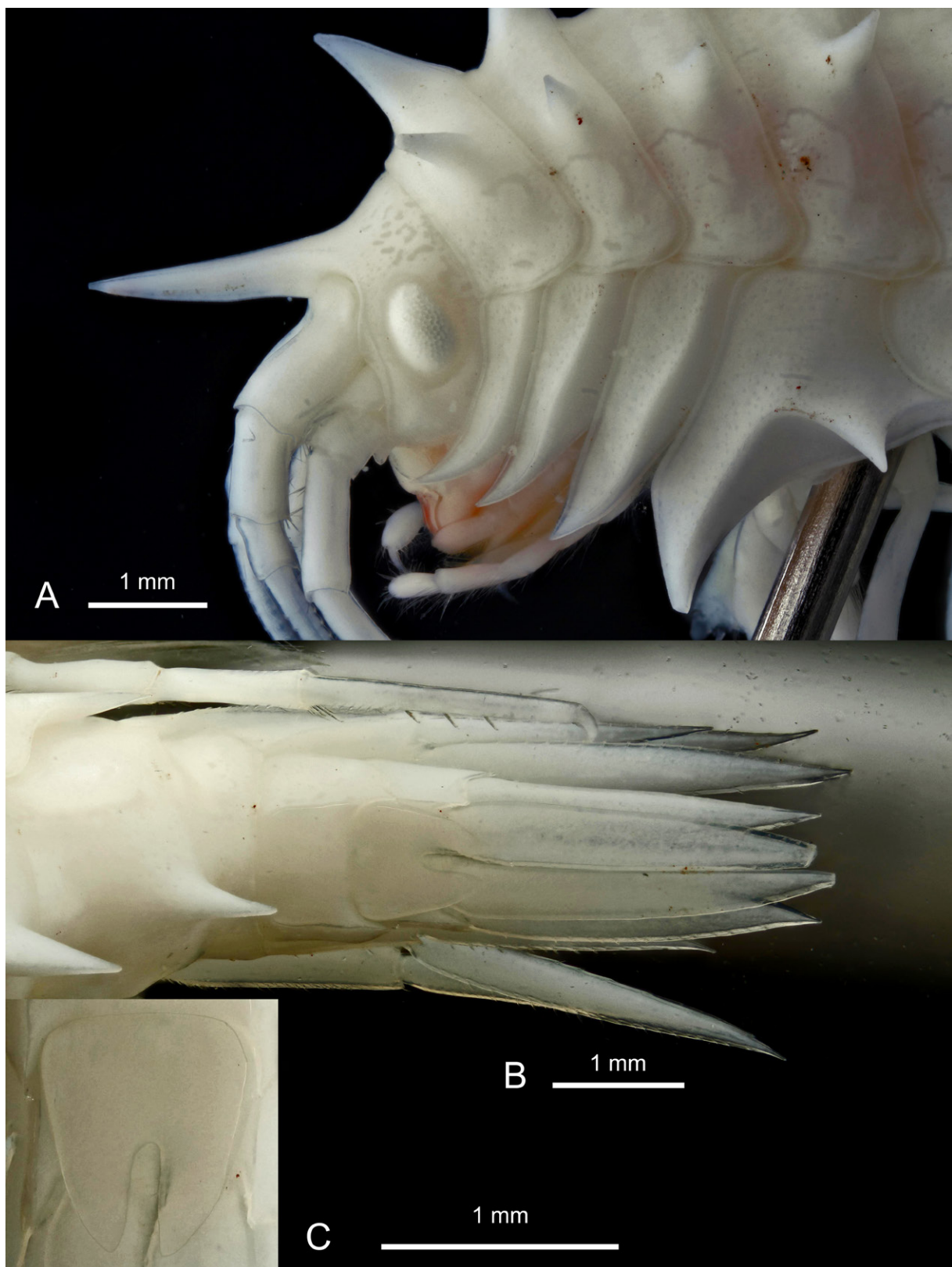


Fig. 48. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) cyrano* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT XXVII/3, stn 263-6, RBINS, INV. 132967. **A.** Head in lateral view. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view. **C.** telson.



Fig. 49. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) cyrano* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT XXVII/3, stn 263-6, RBINS, INV. 132967. A. Gnathopod 1. B. Gnathopod 2.

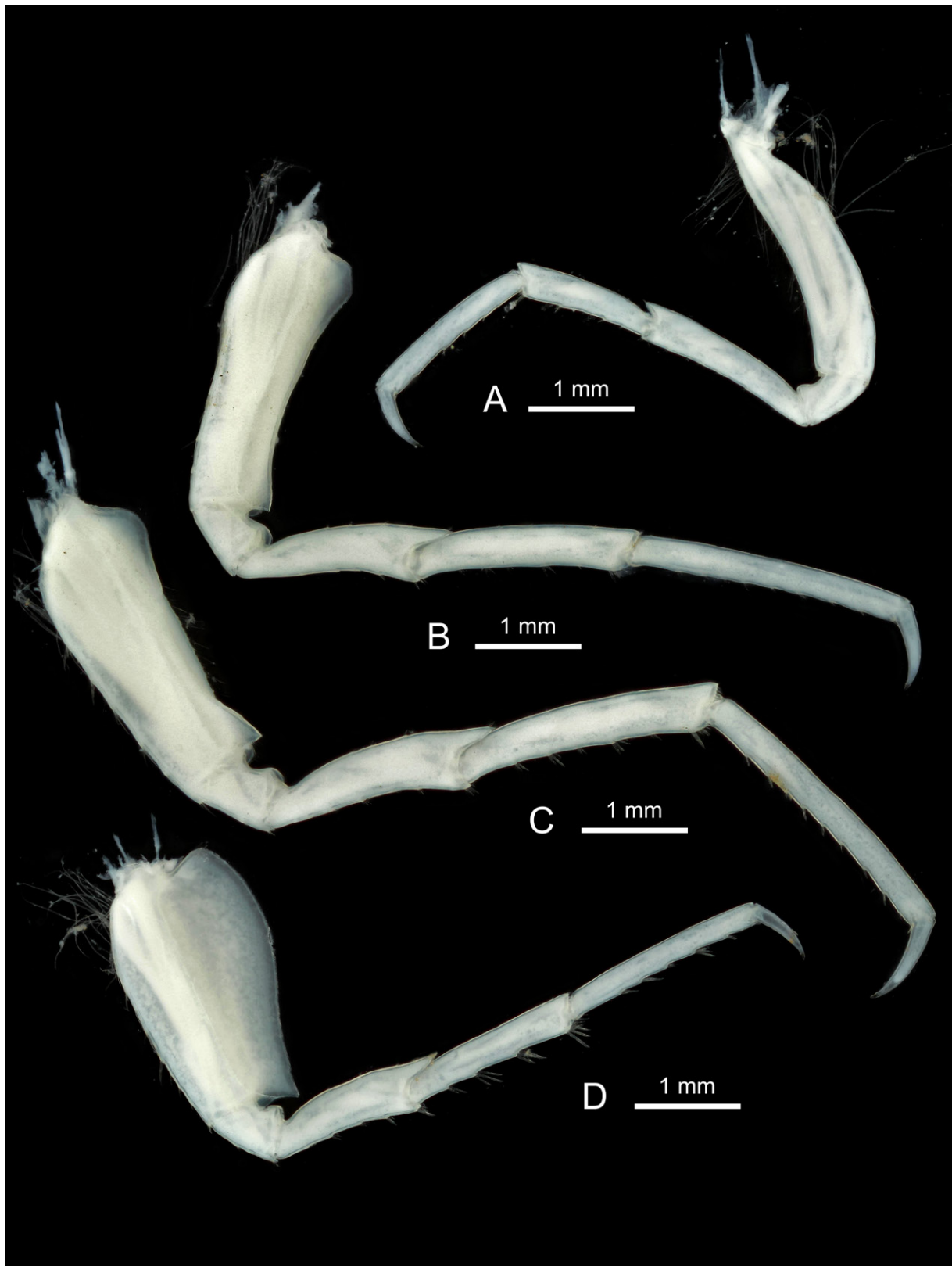


Fig. 50. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *cyrano* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT XXVII/3, stn 263-6, RBINS, INV. 132967. A. Pereiopod 4. B. Pereiopod 5. C. Pereiopod 6. D. Pereiopod 7.

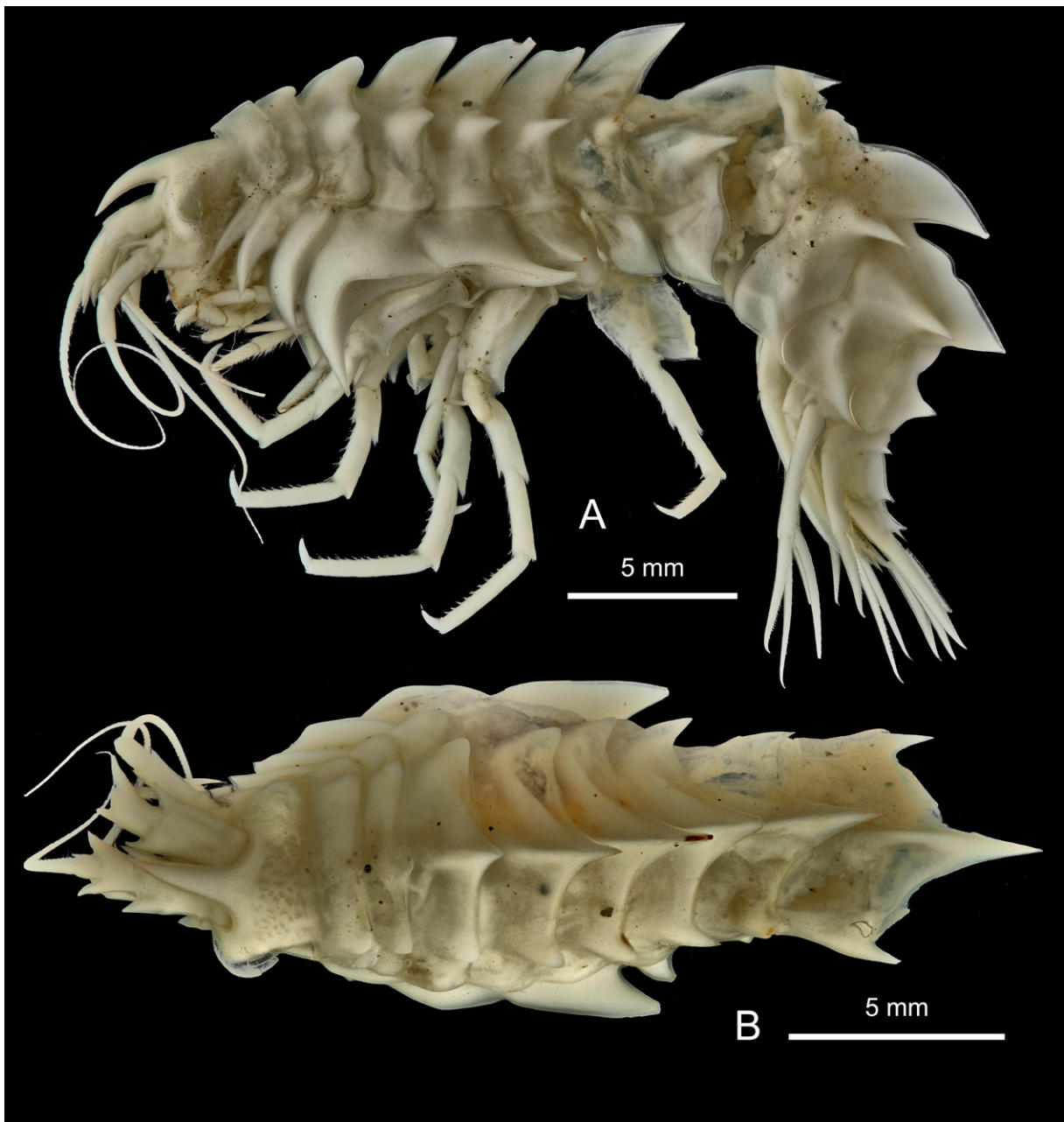


Fig. 51. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *havermansiana* subgen. et sp. nov., sex undetermined, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 300-1, RBINS, INV. 132964. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

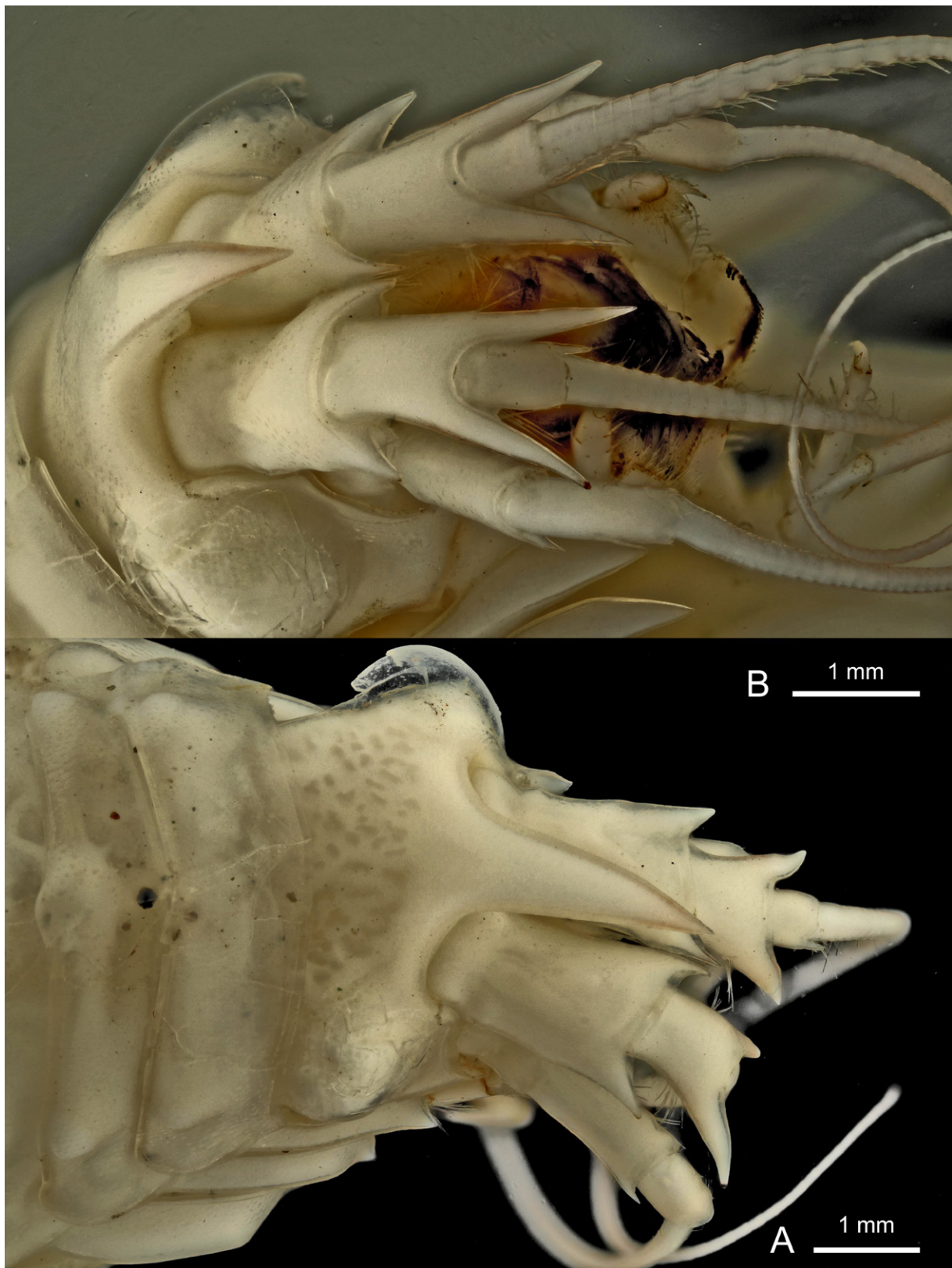


Fig. 52. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) havermansiana* subgen. et sp. nov., holotype, sex undetermined, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 300-1, RBINS, INV. 132964. A. Head in dorsal view. B. Head in facial view, peduncle of antennae.



Fig. 53. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *havermansiana* subgen. et sp. nov., holotype, sex undetermined, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 300-1, RBINS, INV. 132964. **A.** Coxae 1–7. **B.** Pleonites 2–3, urosome.

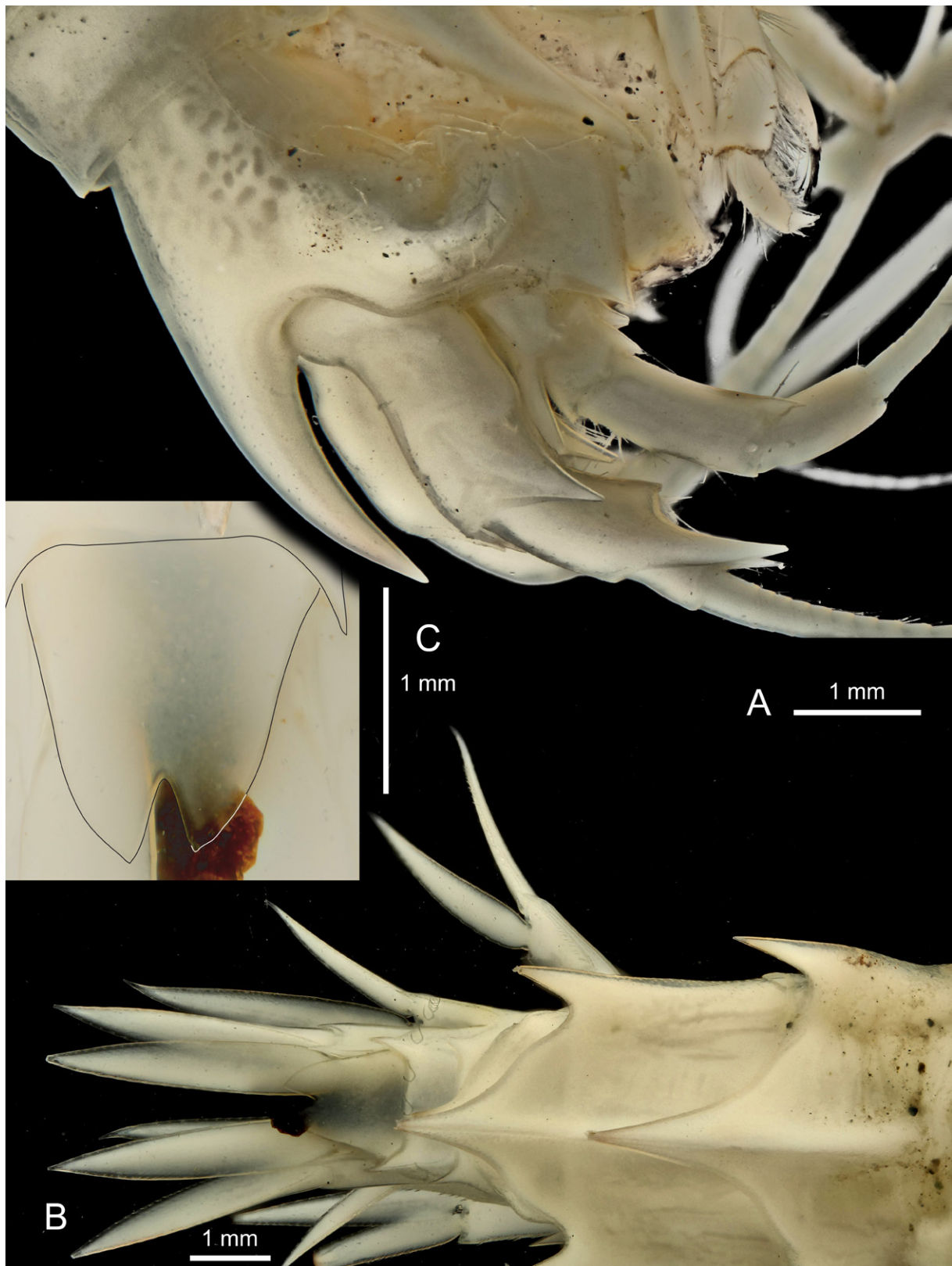


Fig. 54. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) havermansiana* subgen. et sp. nov., holotype, sex undetermined, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 300-1, RBINS, INV. 132964. **A.** Head in lateral view. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view. **C.** Telson.

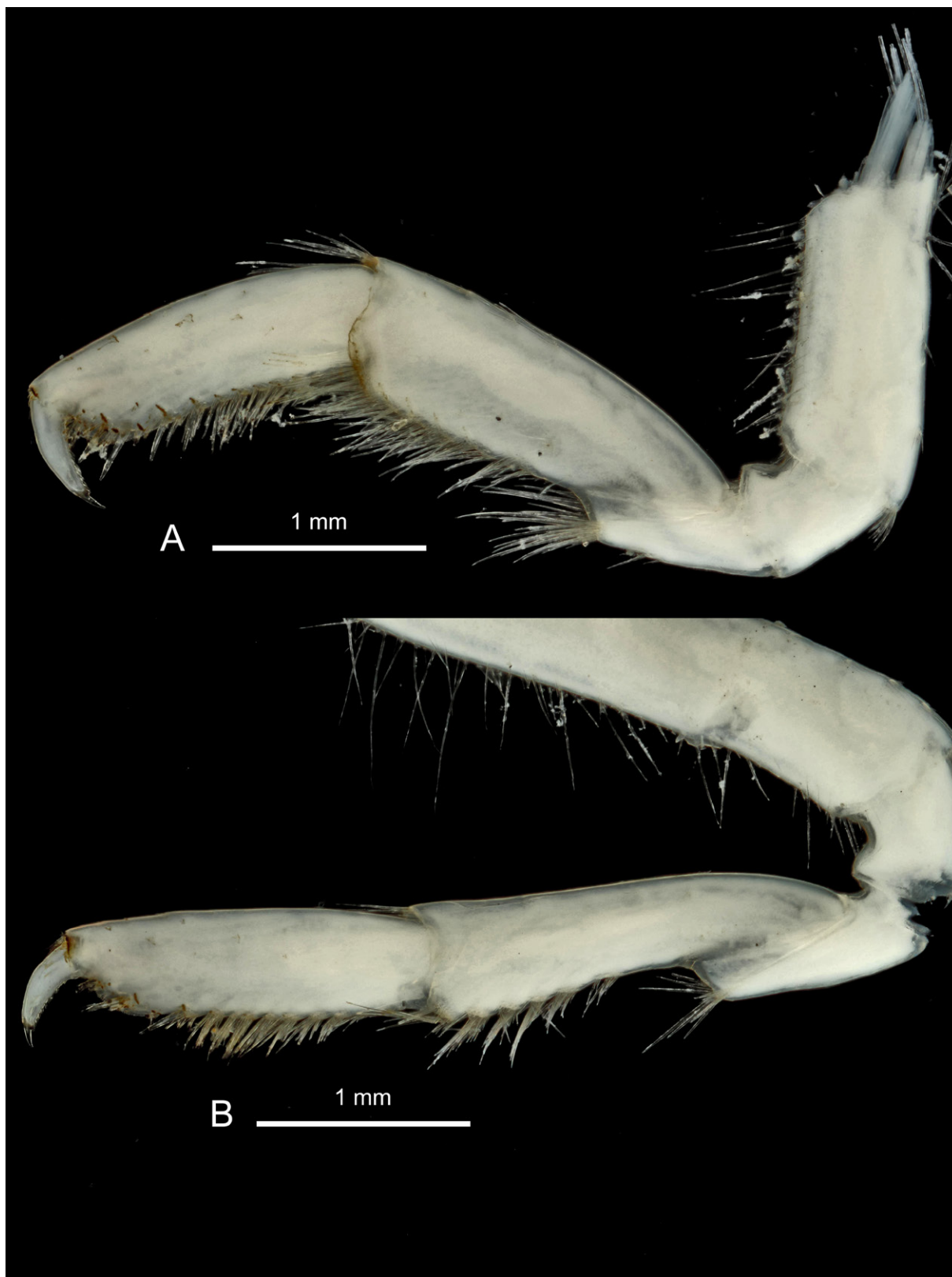


Fig. 55. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *havermansiana* subgen. et sp. nov., holotype, sex undetermined, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 300-1, RBINS, INV. 132964. **A.** Gnathopod 1. **B.** Gnathopod 2.

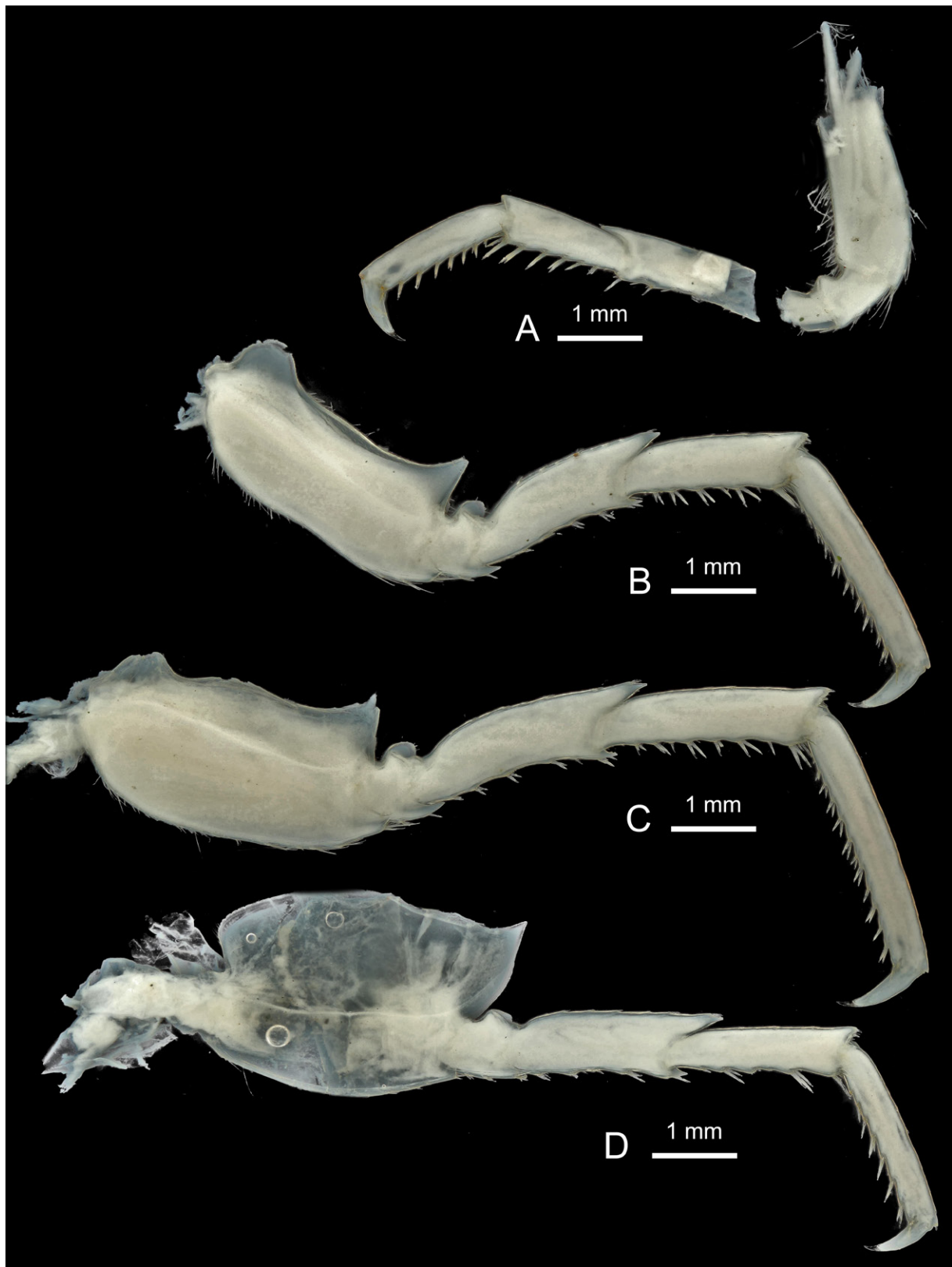


Fig. 56. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) havermansiana* subgen. et sp. nov., holotype, sex undetermined, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 300-1, RBINS, INV. 132964. A. Pereiopod 4. B. Pereiopod 5. C. Pereiopod 6. D. Pereiopod 7.

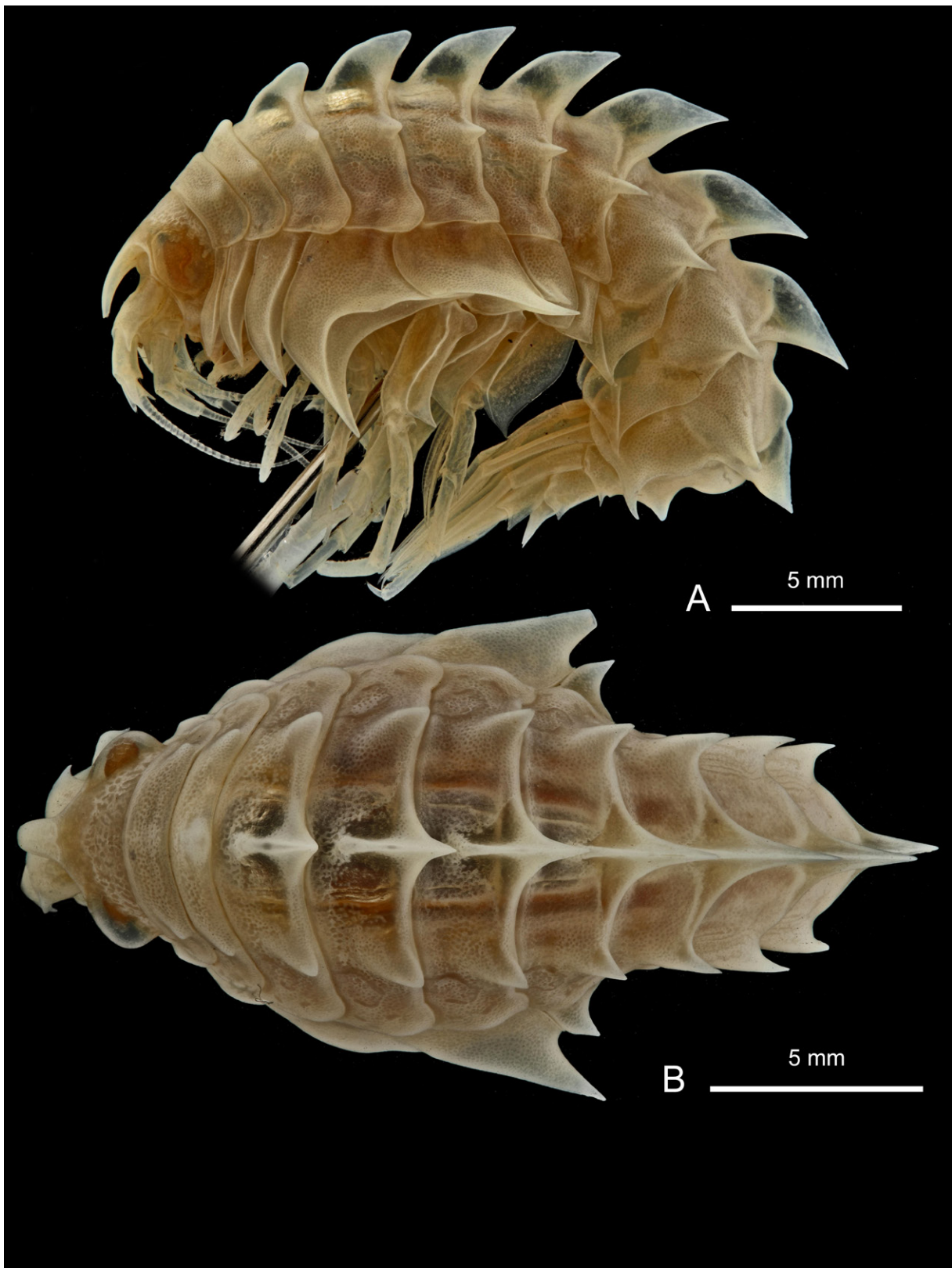


Fig. 57. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) havermansiana* subgen. et sp. nov., adult ♀, Prydz Bay, MD42, stn 22, CP71, MNHN-IU-2014-4268. A. Lateral habitus. B. Dorsal habitus.

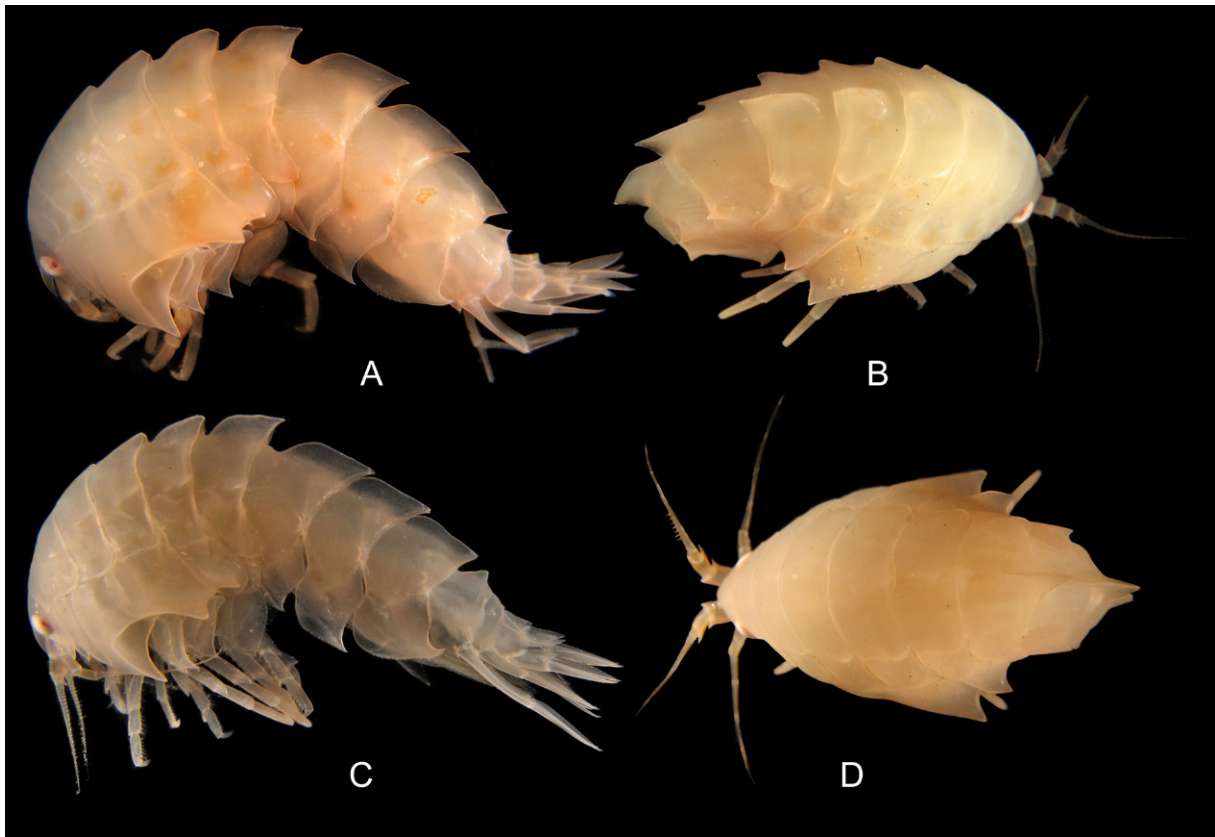


Fig. 58. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *leukhoplites* subgen. et sp. nov., colour in life. **A, B.** Ovigerous ♀, holotype, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-5, RBINS, INV. 122470. **C, D.** Ovigerous ♀, paratype, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3, RBINS, INV. 122473.

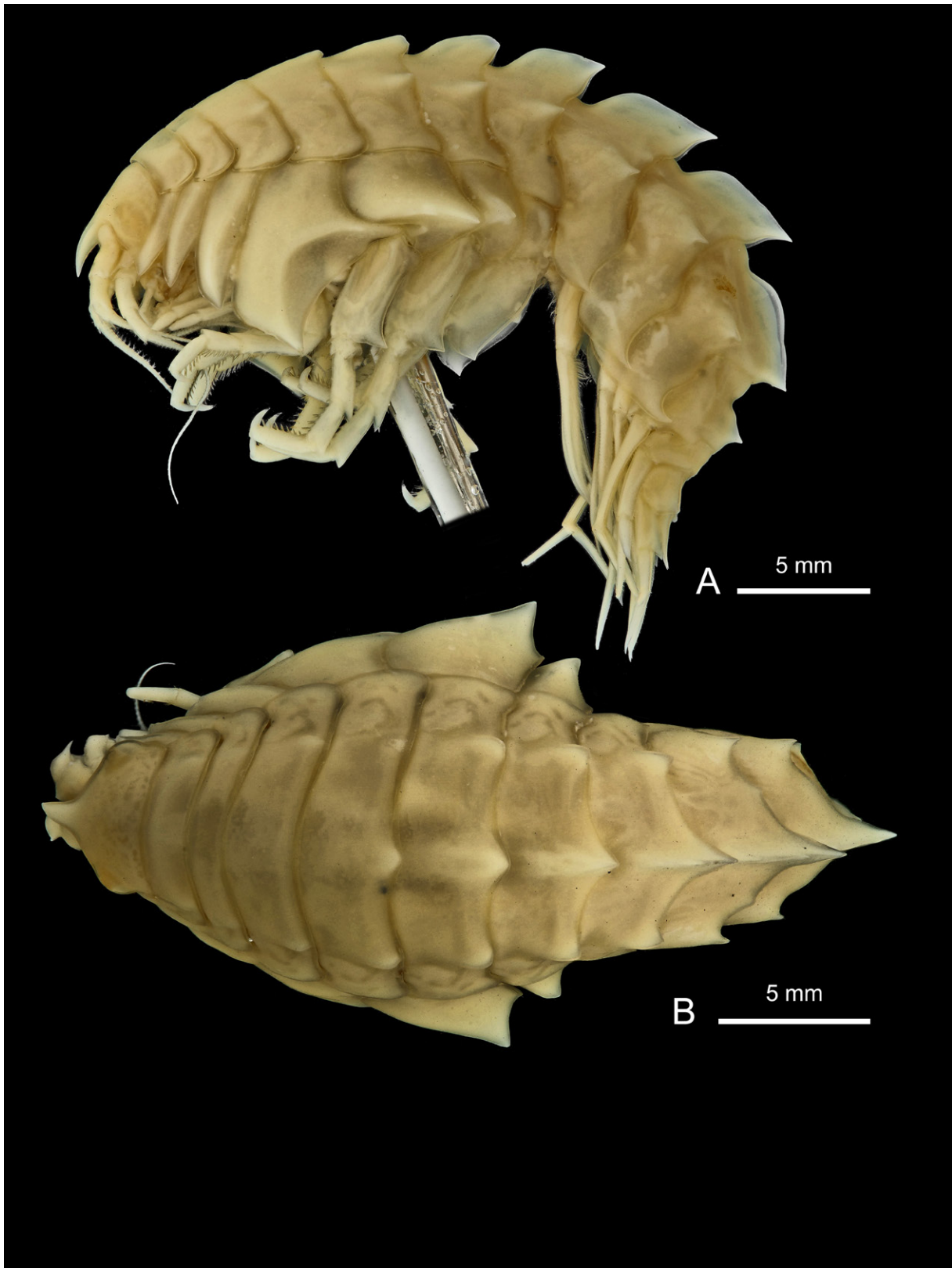


Fig. 59. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *leukhoplites* subgen. et sp. nov., ovigerous ♀, holotype, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-5, RBINS, INV. 122470. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

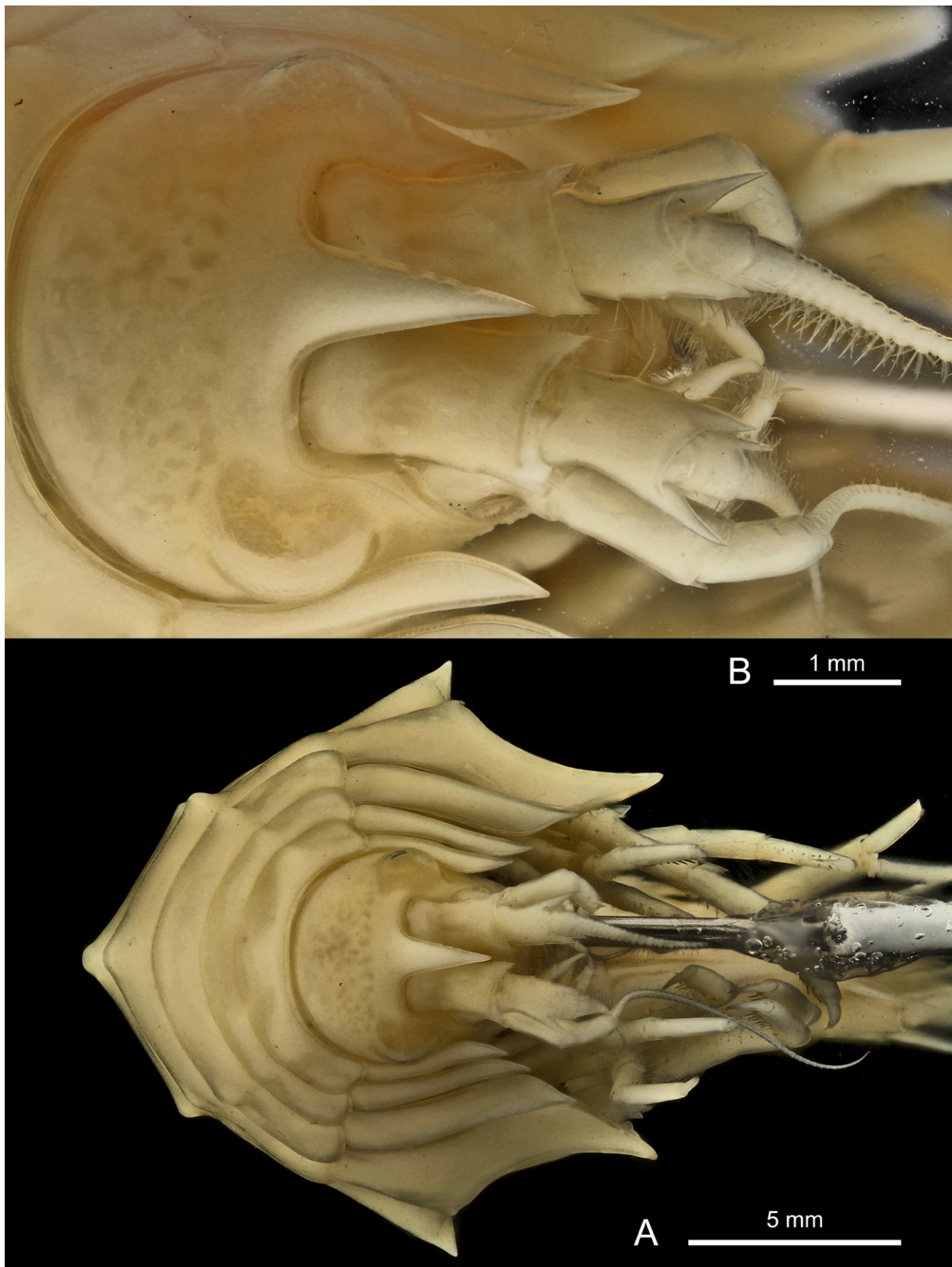


Fig. 60. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) leukhoplites* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-5, RBINS, INV. 122470. A. Facial habitus. B. Head in facial view.

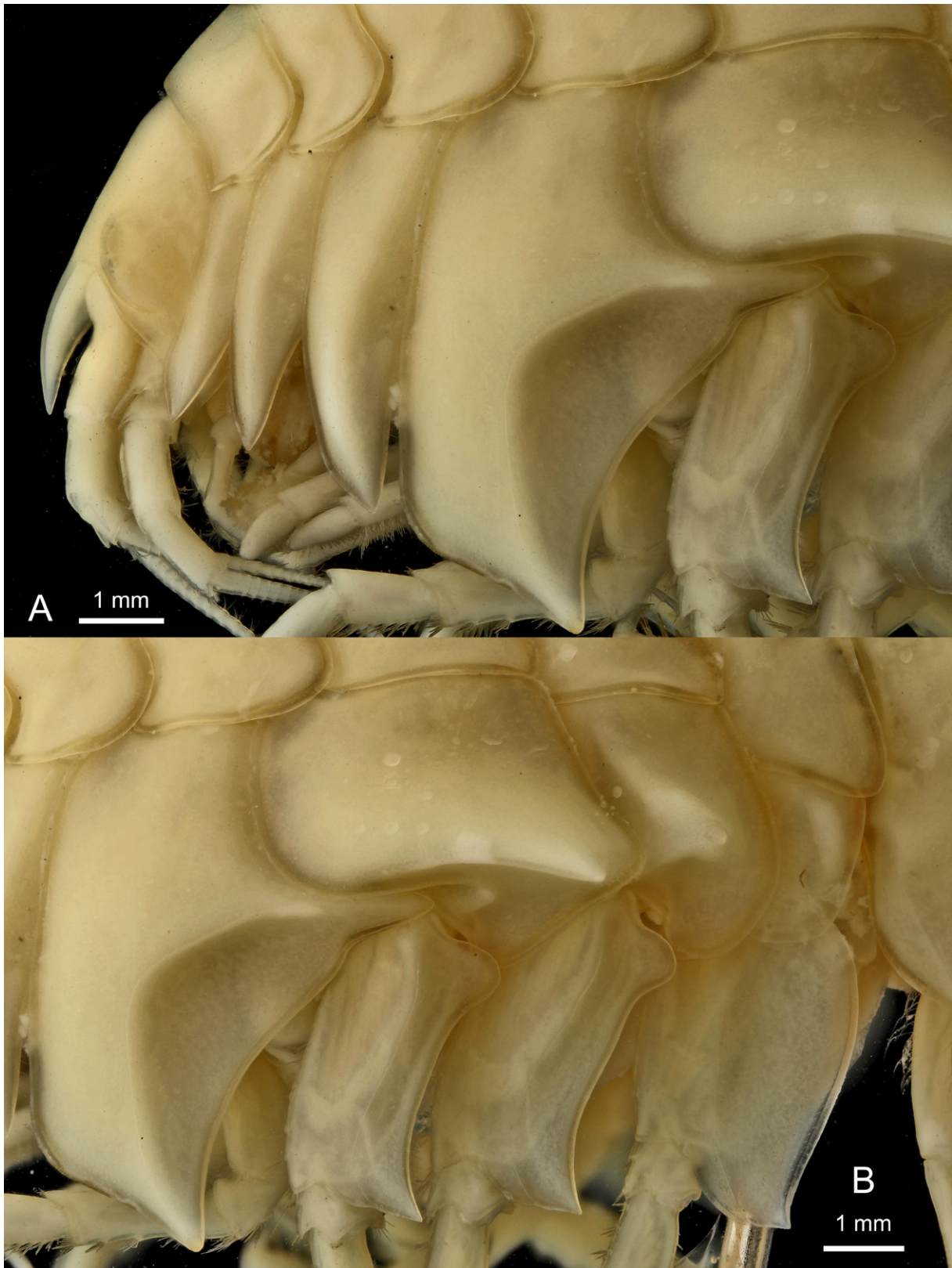


Fig. 61. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *leukhoplites* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-5, RBINS, INV. 122470. **A.** Anterior half. **B.** Coxae 4-7 and basis of pereopods 5-7.

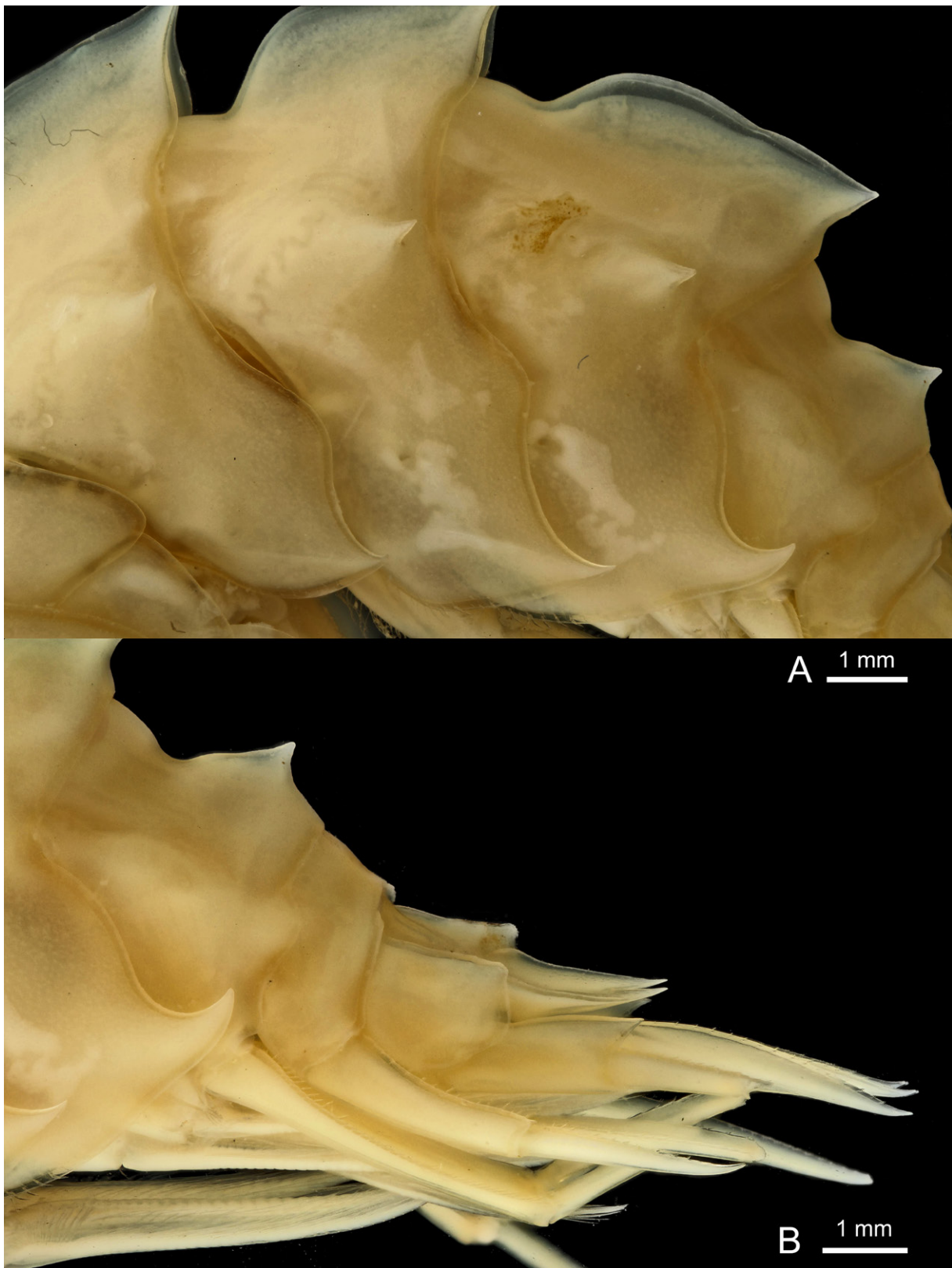


Fig. 62. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) leukhoplites* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-5, RBINS, INV. 122470. **A.** Pleosome. **B.** Urosome.

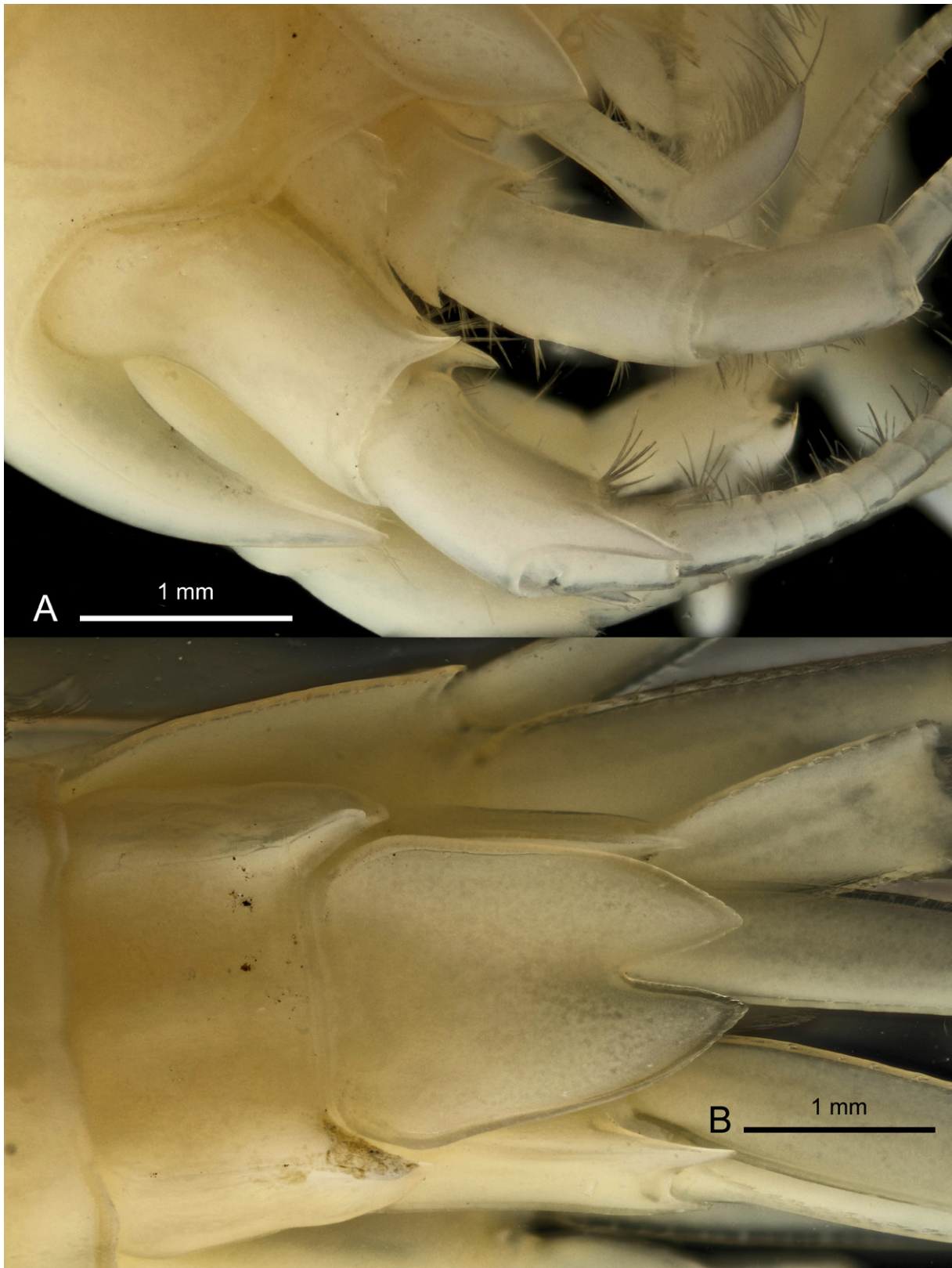


Fig. 63. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) leukhoplites* subgen. et sp. nov. **A.** ♀, paratype, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3, RBINS, INV. 122473, rostrum and peduncle of antennae in lateral view. **B.** ♀ holotype, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-5, RBINS, INV. 122470, telson.

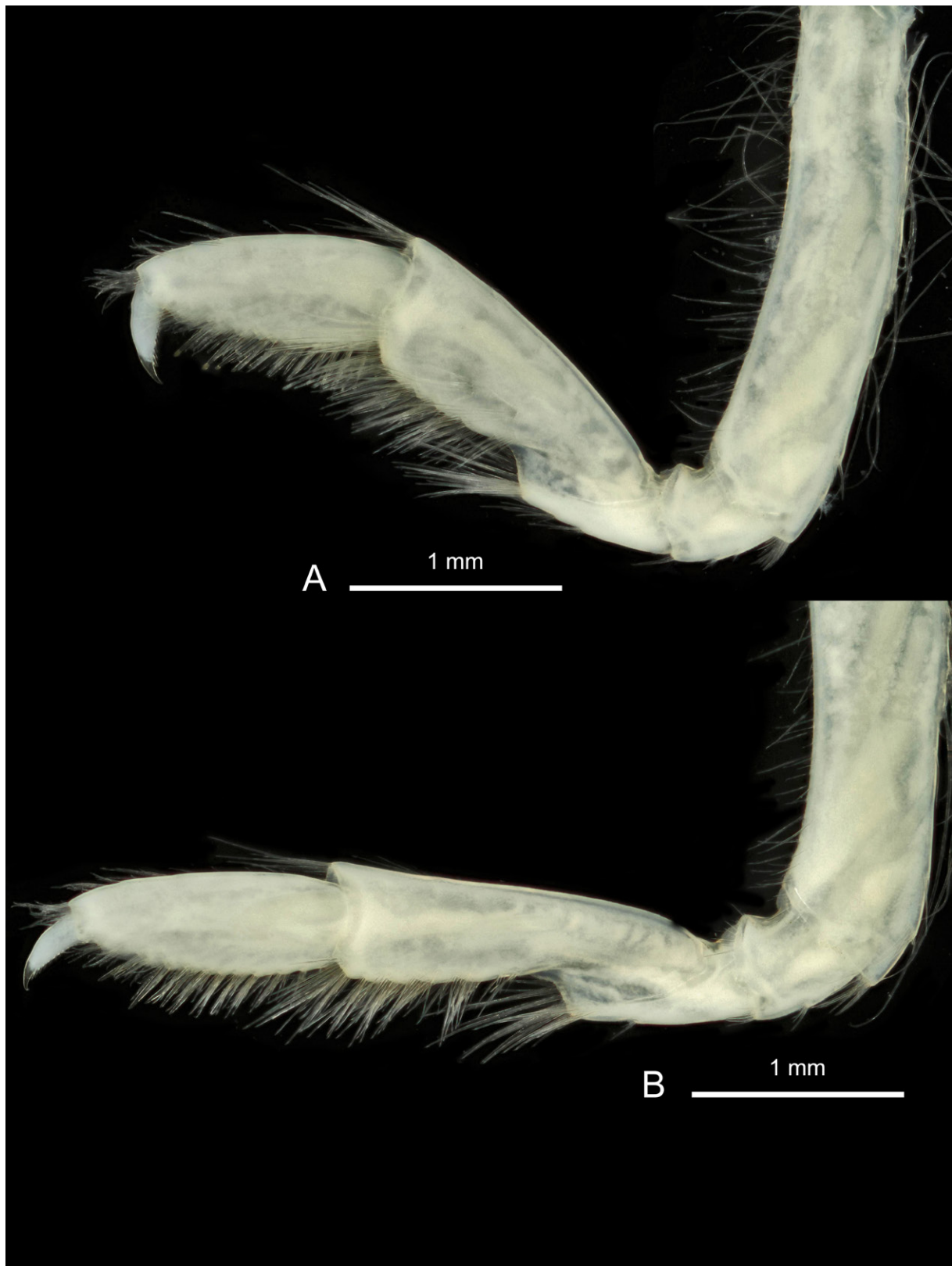


Fig. 64. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) leukhoplites* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, paratype, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3, RBINS, INV. 122473. **A.** Gnathopod 1. **B.** Gnathopod 2.

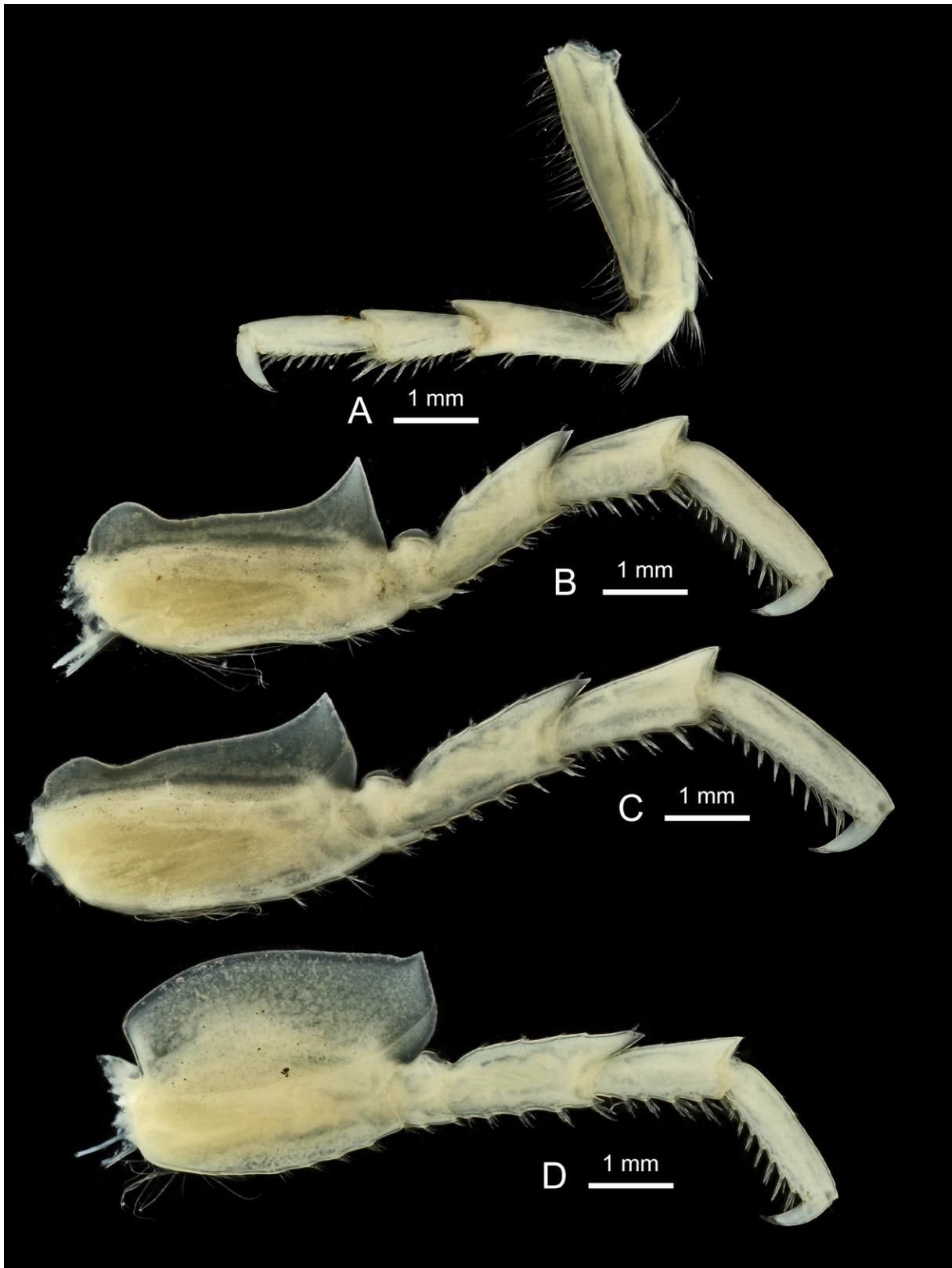


Fig. 65. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) leukhoplites* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, paratype, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3, RBINS, INV. 122473. **A.** Pereiopod 4. **B.** Pereiopod 5. **C.** Pereiopod 6. **D.** Pereiopod 7.

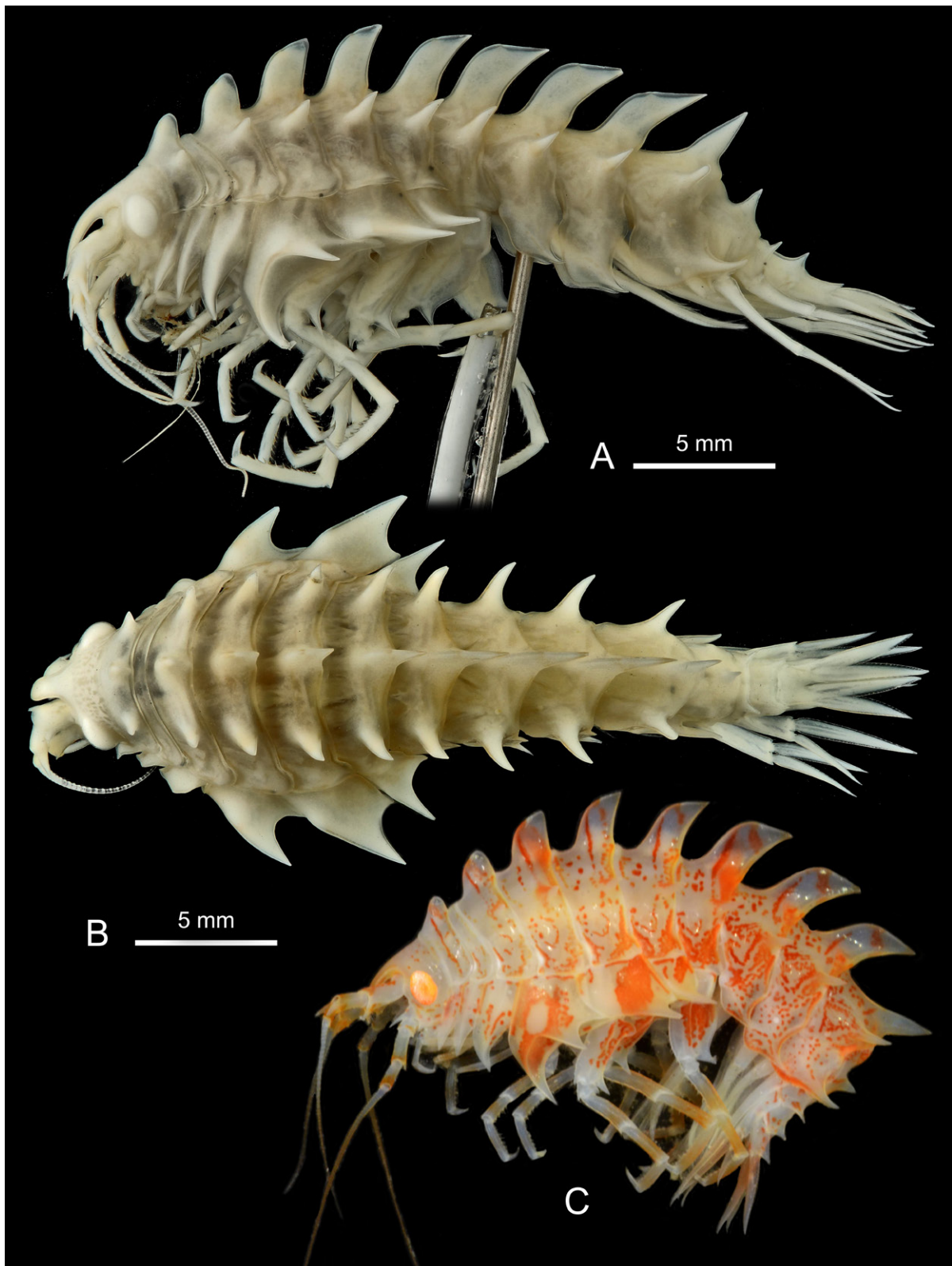


Fig. 66. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) loerzae* subgen. et sp. nov. **A–B**, ♀, holotype, north of Joinville Island, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 116-9, RBINS, INV. 122929A. **C**, ♀, northwestern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 162-7, RBINS, INV. 122940 or 122955 or 122958. **A**. Lateral habitus. **B**. Dorsal habitus. **C**. Colour in life.

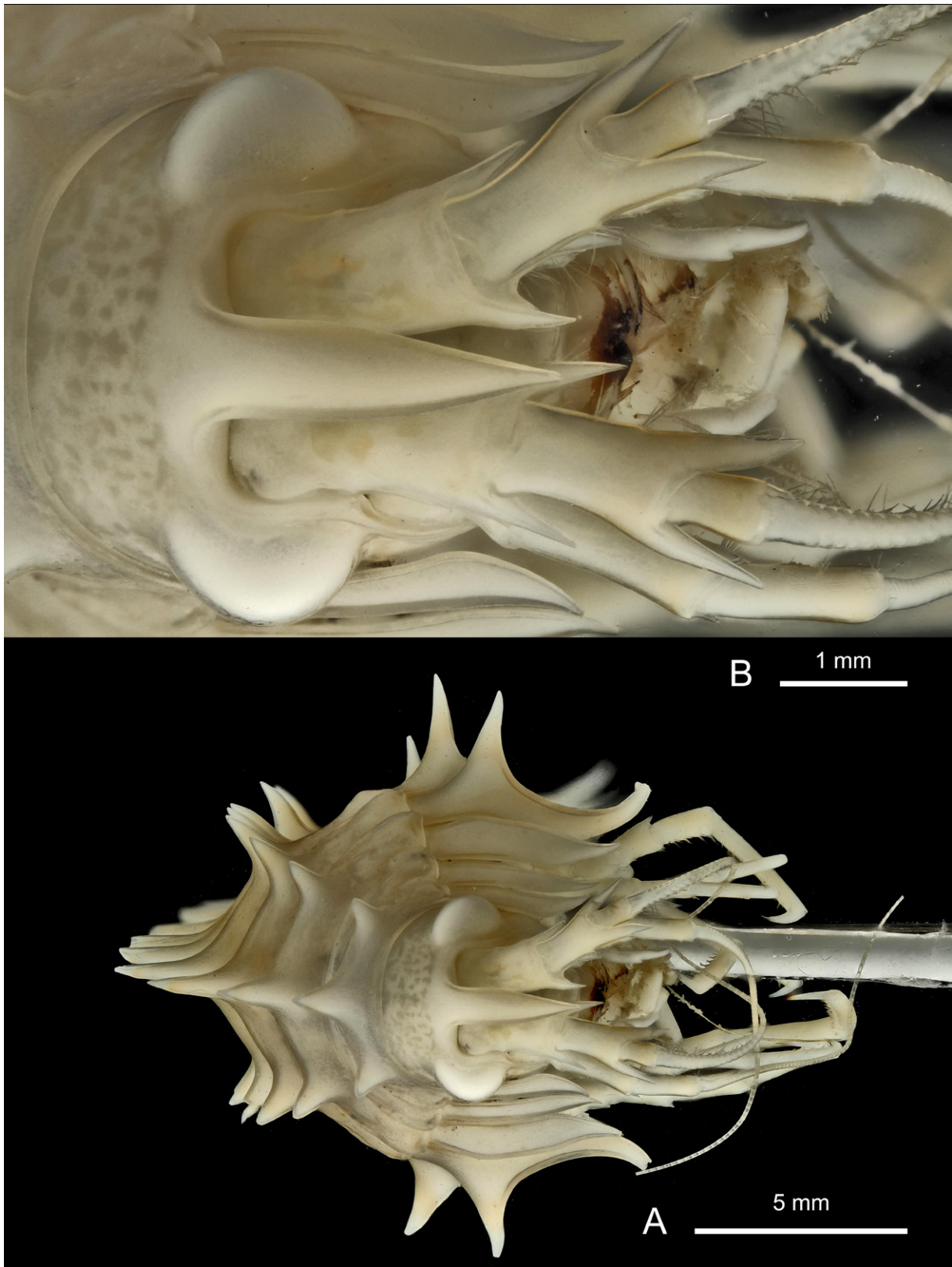


Fig. 67. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) loerzae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, north of Joinville Island, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 116-9, RBINS, INV. 122929A. A. Facial habitus. B. Head in frontal view.

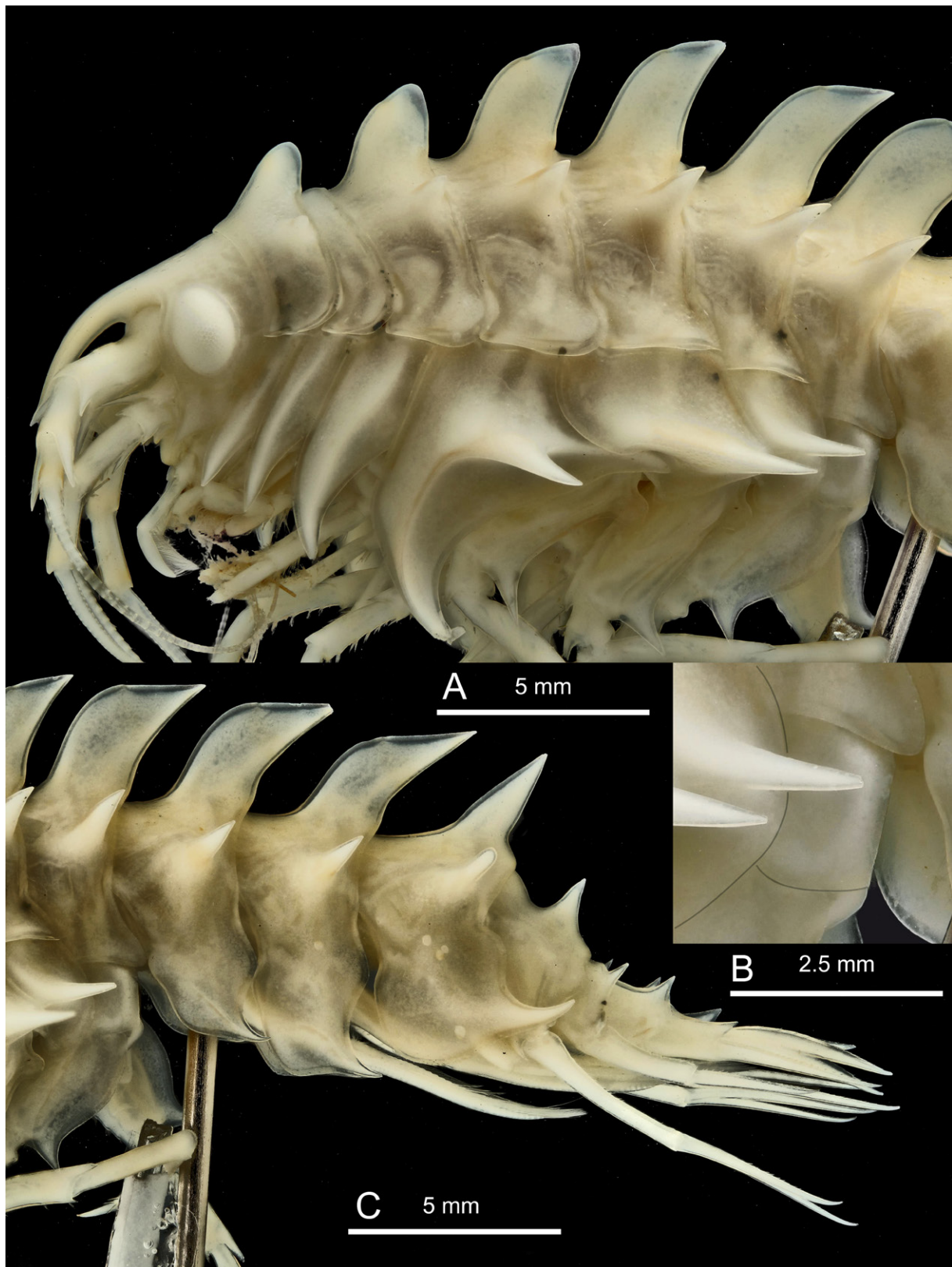


Fig. 68. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) loerzae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, north of Joinville Island, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 116-9, RBINS, INV. 122929A. **A.** Anterior half of body. **B.** Coxa 7 and posterior part of coxa 6. **C.** Posterior half of body.

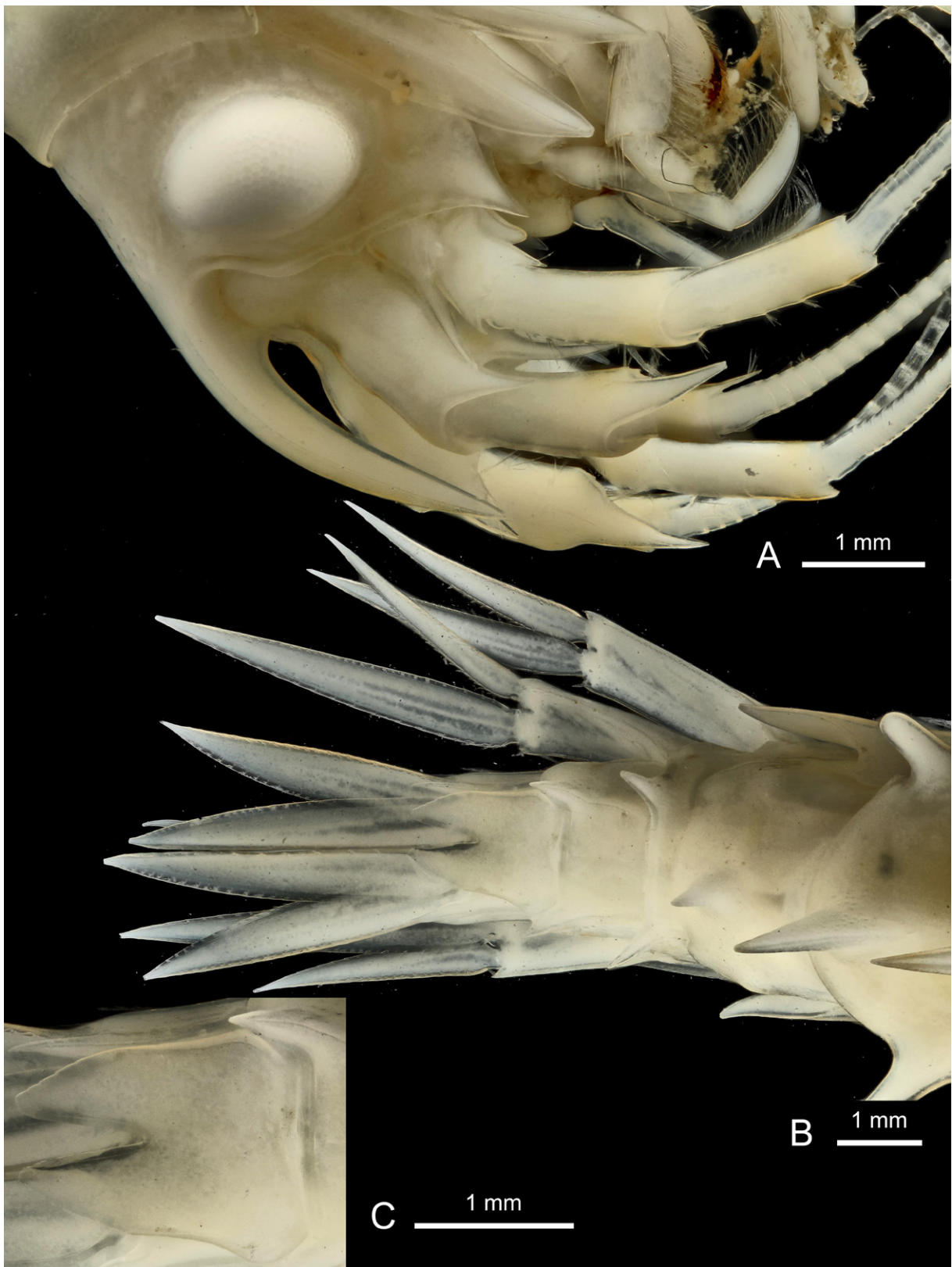


Fig. 69. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) loerzae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, north of Joinville Island, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 116-9, RBINS, INV. 122929A. A. Head in lateral view. B. Urosome in dorsal view. C. Telson.

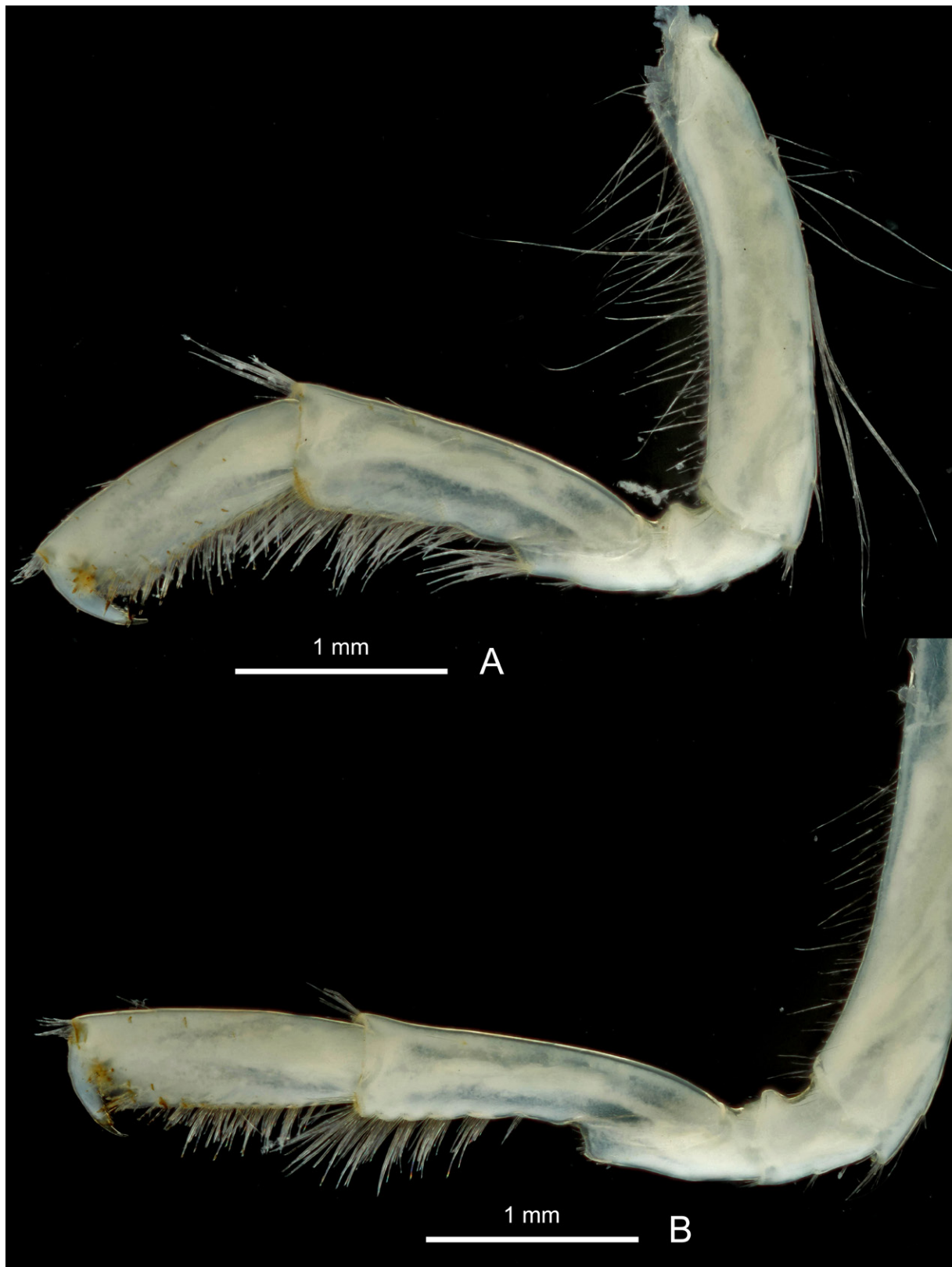


Fig. 70. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) loerzae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, paratype, north of Joinville Island, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 116-9, RBINS, INV. 122929B. A. Gnathopod 1. B. Gnathopod 2.

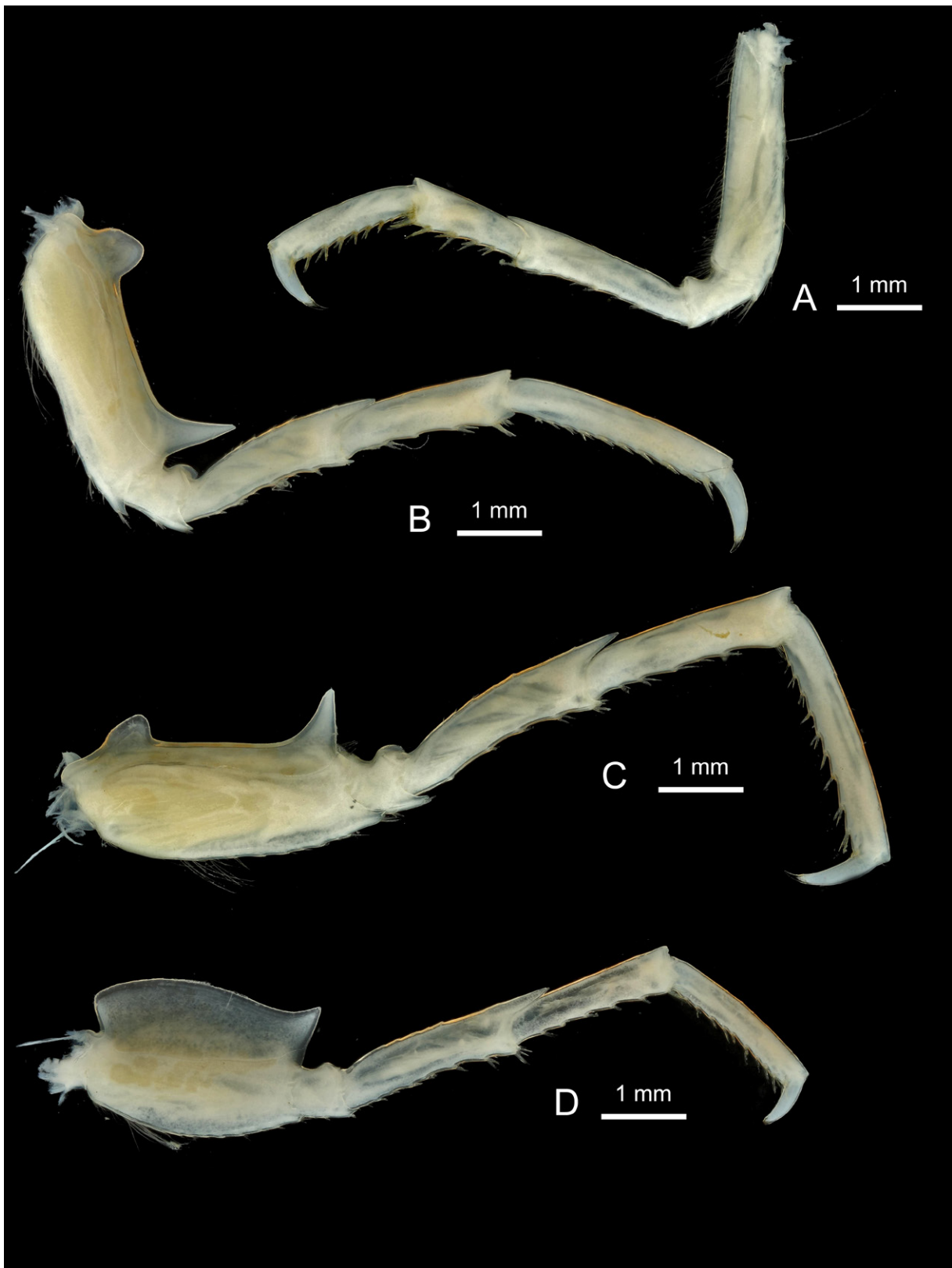


Fig. 71. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) loerzae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, paratype, north of Joinville Island, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 116-9, RBINS, INV. 122929B. A. Pereiopod 4. B. Pereiopod 5. C. Pereiopod 6. D. Pereiopod 7.

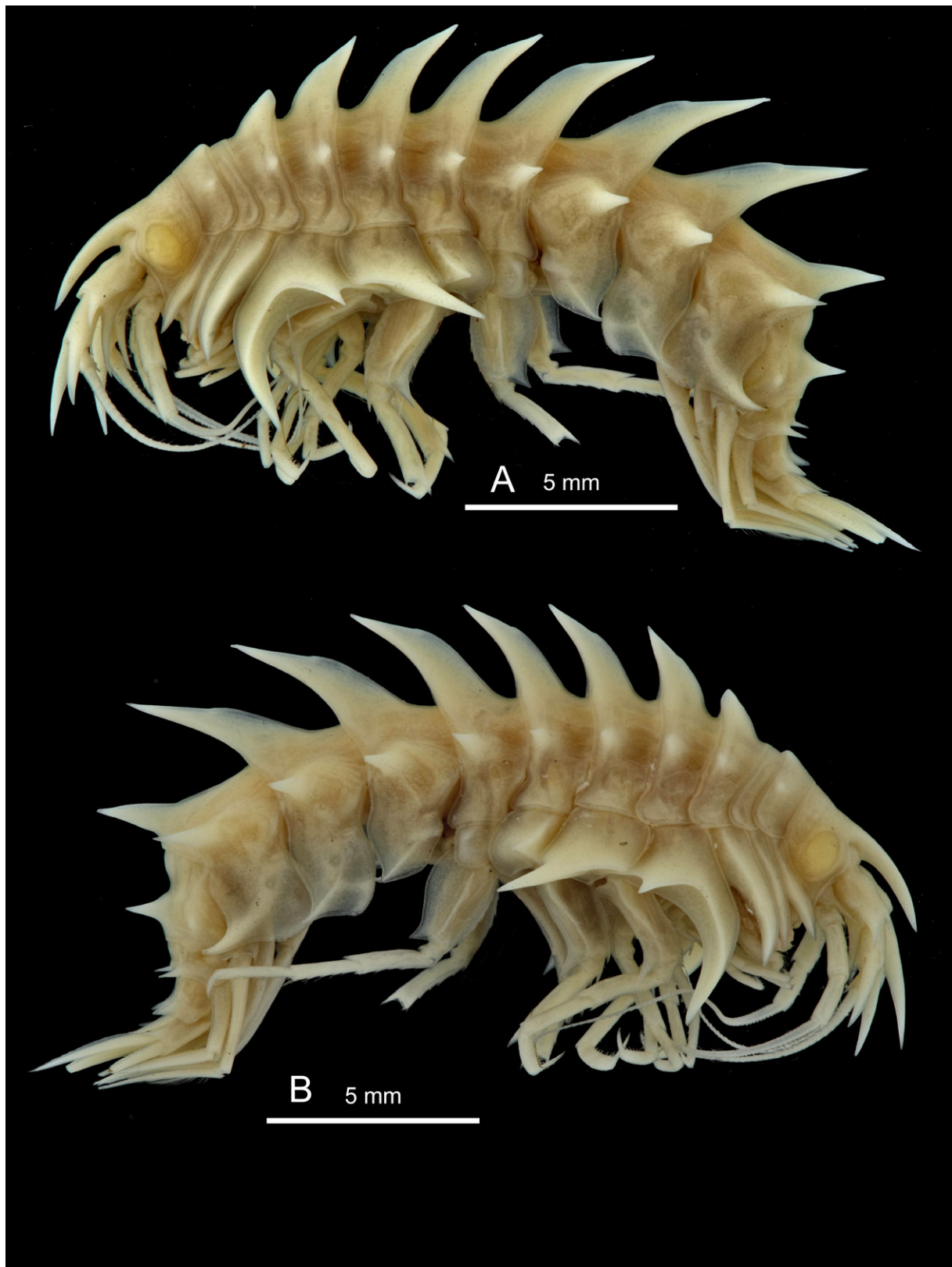


Fig. 72. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) macrodonta* subgen. nov. Walker, 1906, sex undetermined, lectotype, RV Discovery, National Antarctic Expedition 1902–1904, Ross Sea, Winter Quarters — hole 12, 2 to 4.9.1903, J.107, BMNH 1907.6.6.259-262 (in part). **A.** Left habitus. **B.** Right habitus.

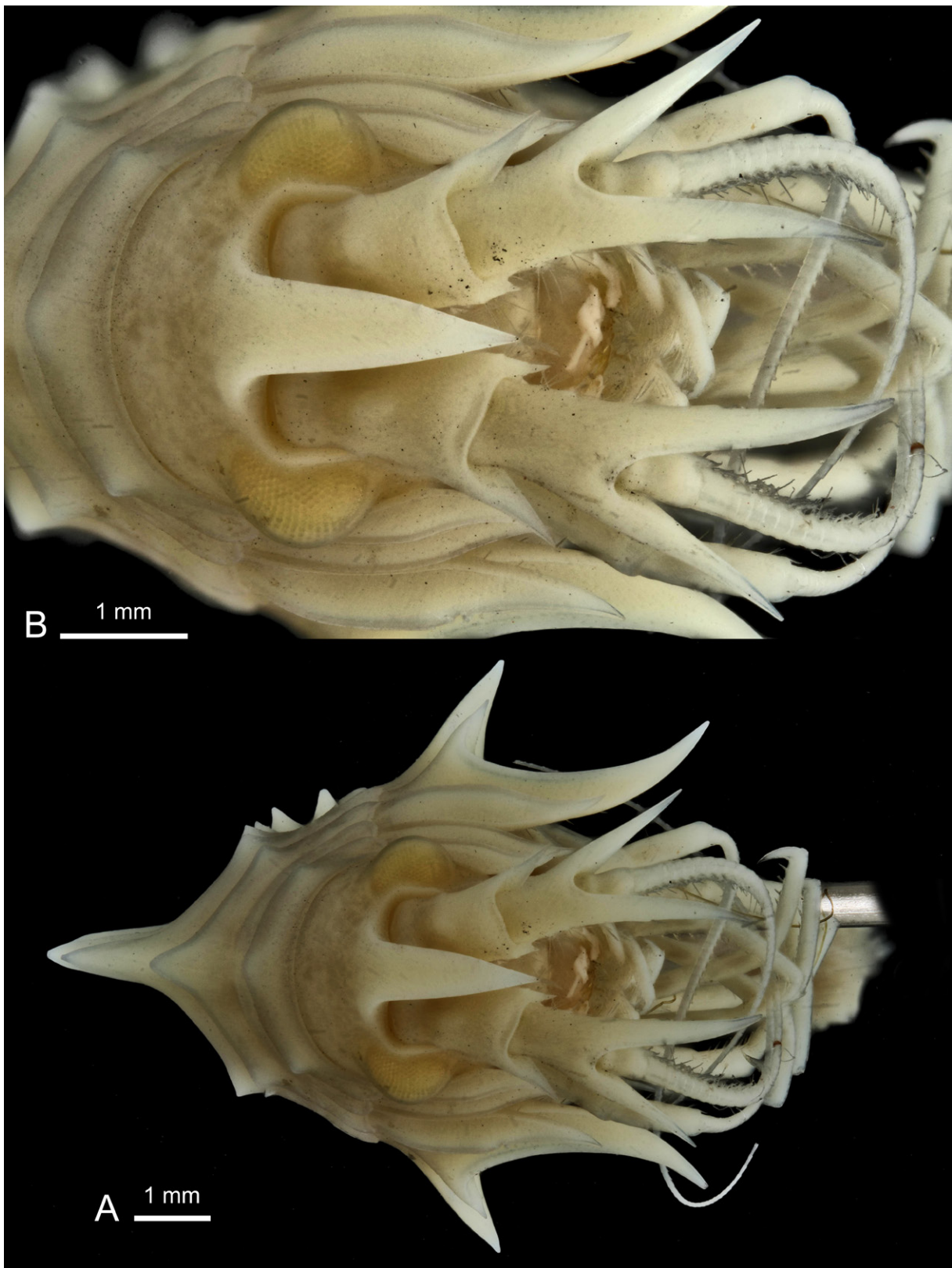


Fig. 73. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *macrodonta* subgen. nov. Walker, 1906, sex undetermined, lectotype, RV Discovery, National Antarctic Expedition 1902–1904, Ross Sea, Winter Quarters — hole 12, 2 to 4.9.1903, J.107, BMNH 1907.6.6.259-262 (in part). **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in frontal view.



Fig. 74. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) macrodonta* subgen. nov. Walker, 1906, sex undetermined, lectotype, RV Discovery, National Antarctic Expedition 1902–1904, Ross Sea, Winter Quarters — hole 12, 2 to 4.9.1903, J.107, BMNH 1907.6.6.259-262 (in part). **A.** Coxae 1–7, basis of pereopods 5–7. **B.** Pereiopod 7 and epimeral plates 1–3.

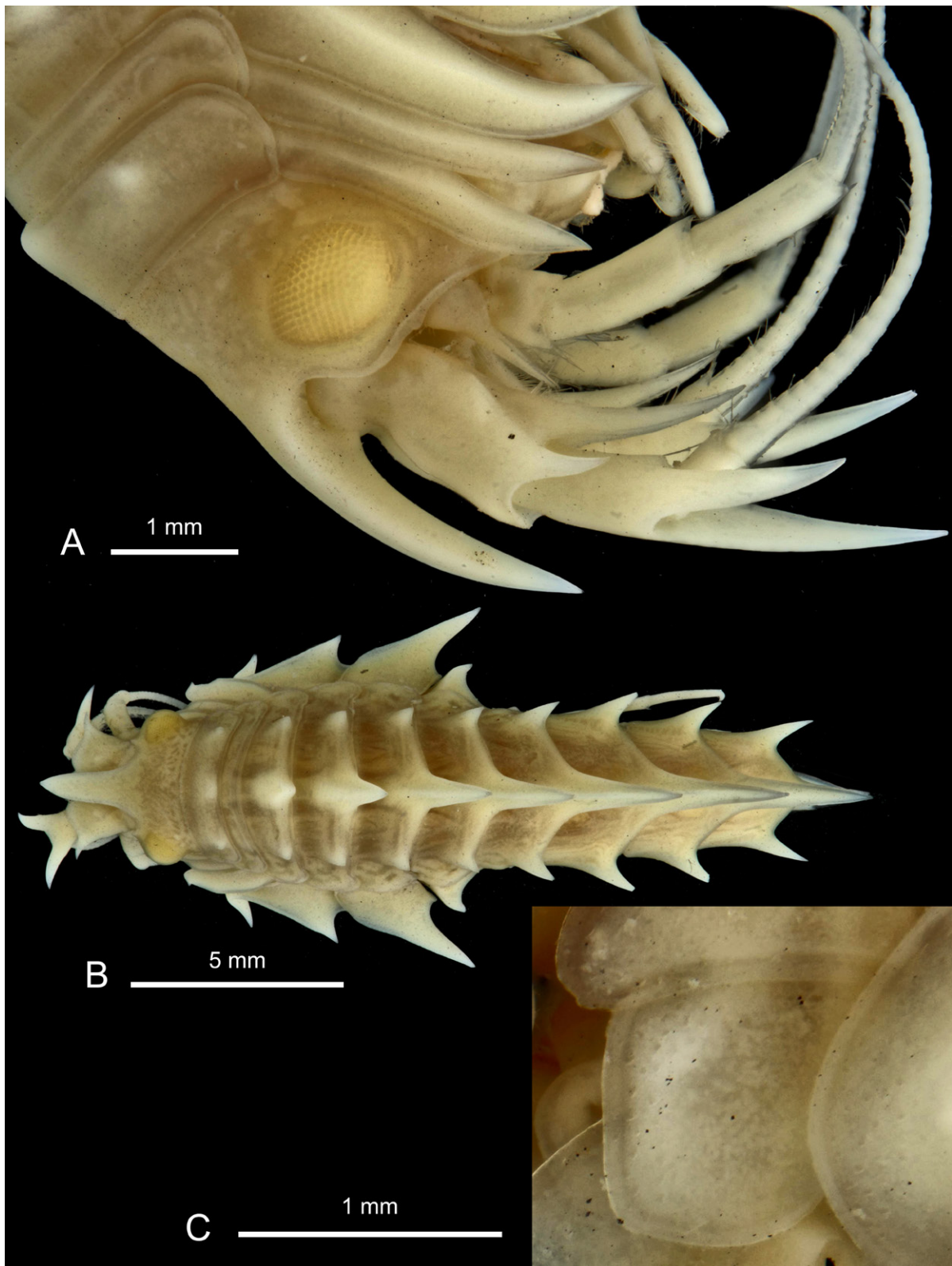


Fig. 75. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *macrodonta* subgen. nov. Walker, 1906, sex undetermined, lectotype, RV Discovery, National Antarctic Expedition 1902–1904, Ross Sea, Winter Quarters — hole 12, 2 to 4.9.1903, J.107, BMNH 1907.6.6.259-262 (in part). **A.** Head in lateral view and coxae 1–3. **B.** Dorsal habitus. **C.** Coxa 7.

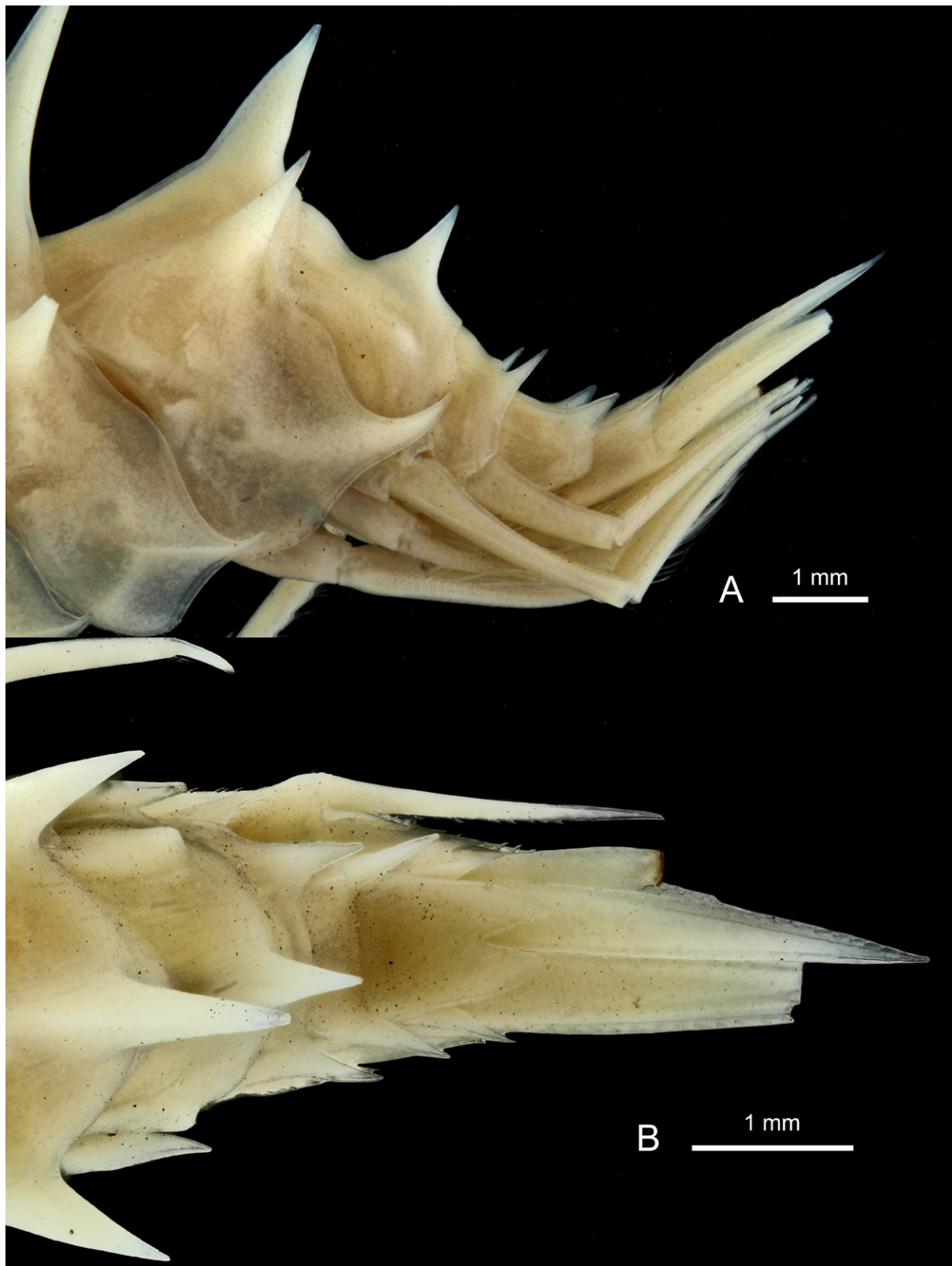


Fig. 76. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) macrodonta* subgen. nov. Walker, 1906, sex undetermined, lectotype, RV Discovery, National Antarctic Expedition 1902–1904, Ross Sea, Winter Quarters — hole 12, 2 to 4.9.1903, J.107, BMNH 1907.6.6.259-262 (in part). **A.** Pleon in lateral view. **B.** Pleon in dorsal view.

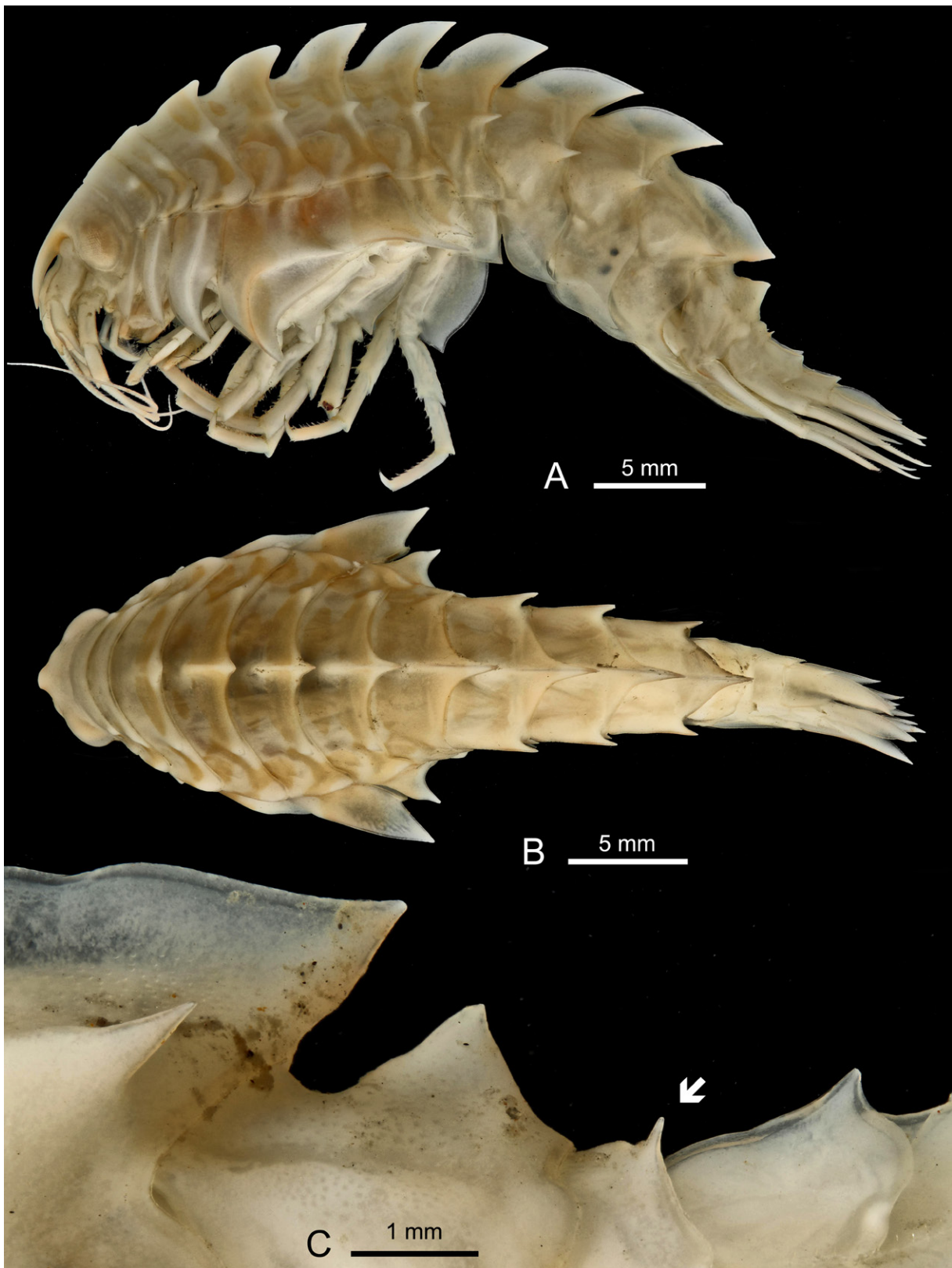


Fig. 77. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) pandora* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 217-6, RBINS, INV. 122931A. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus. **C.** Dorsal profile of pleonite 3 and urosomites 1-3.

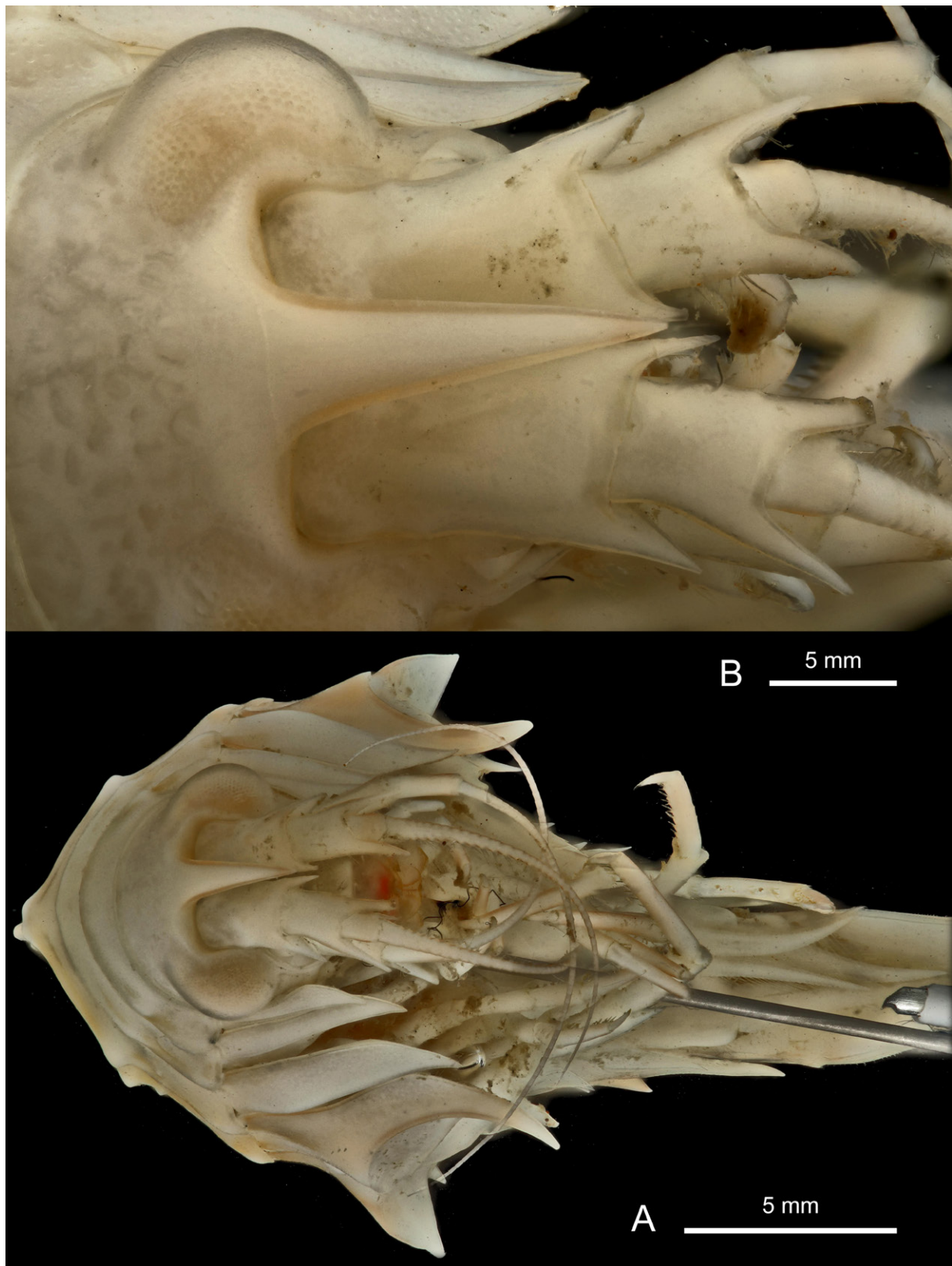


Fig. 78. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) pandora* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 217-6, RBINS, INV. 122931A. **A.** Frontal habitus. **B.** Head and peduncles of antenna 1 in dorsal view.

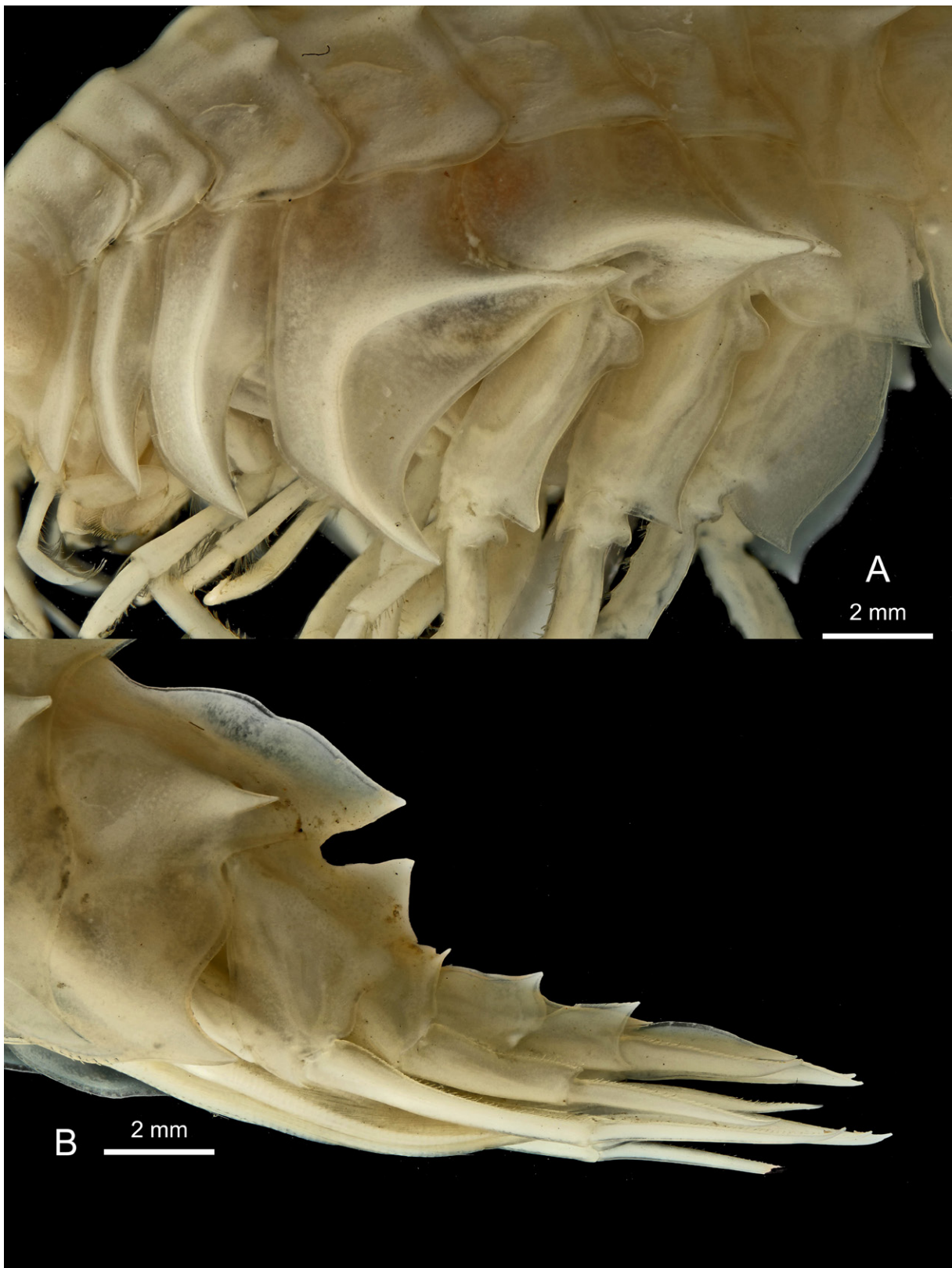


Fig. 79. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) pandora* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 217-6, RBINS, INV. 122931A. **A.** Coxae 1–7. **B.** Pleonite 3 and urosome.

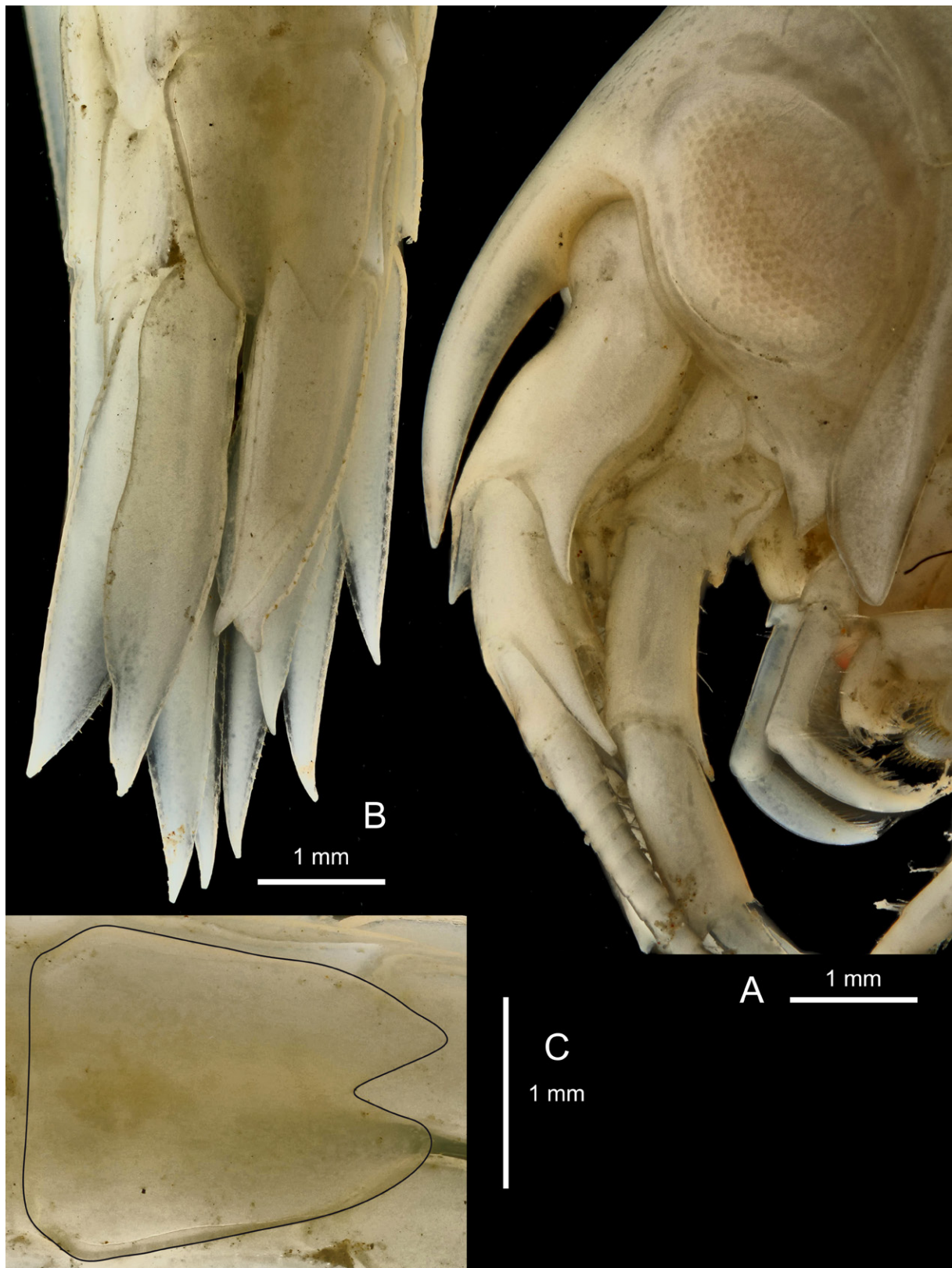


Fig. 80. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) pandora* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 217-6, RBINS, INV. 122931A. A. Head. B. Urosome in dorsal view. C. Telson.

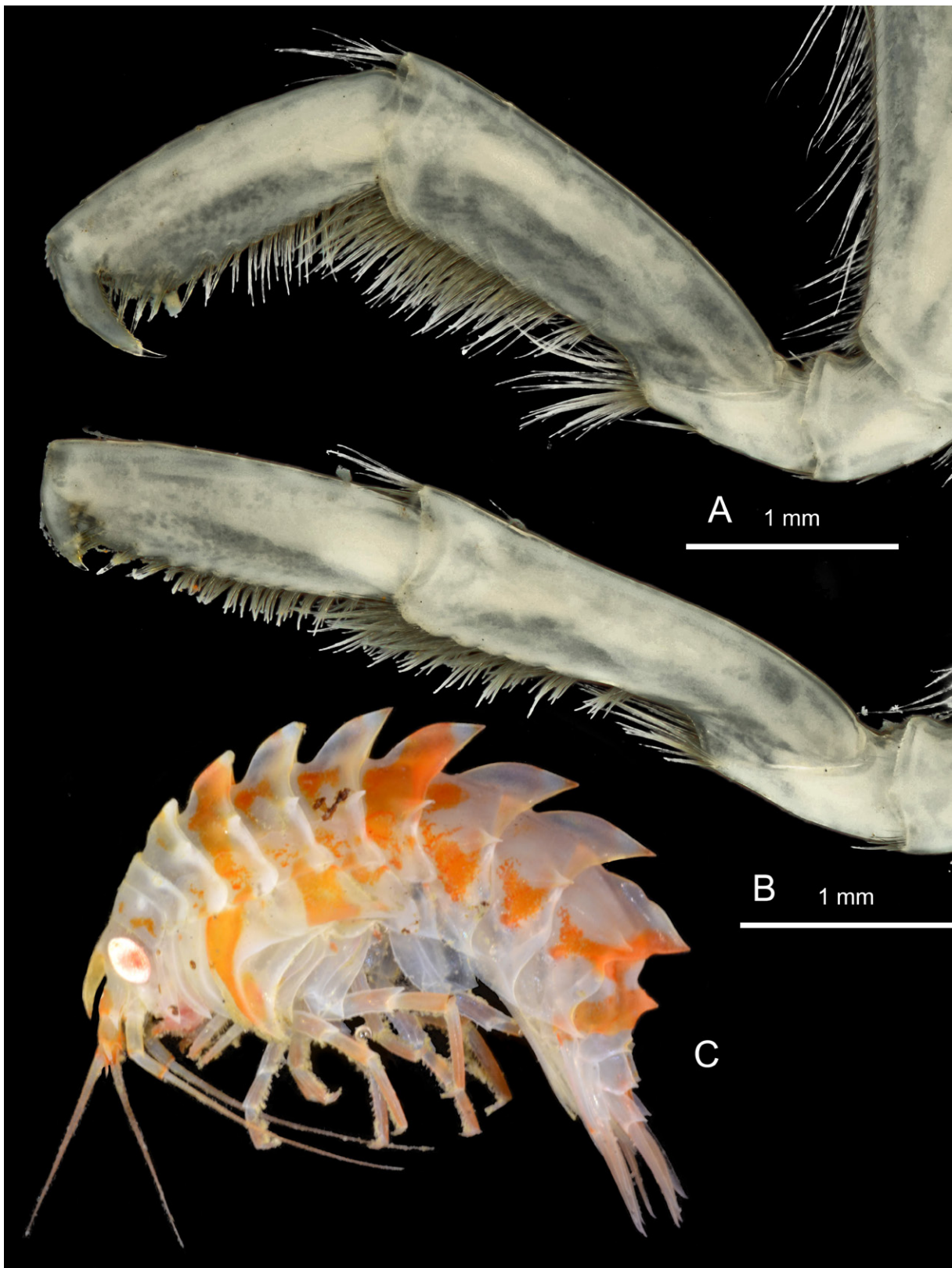


Fig. 81. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) pandora* subgen. et sp. nov. **A–B**, ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 217-6, RBINS, INV. 122931A. **C**, ♀, paratype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 217-6, RBINS, INV. 122935. **A.** Gnathopod 1. **B.** Gnathopod 2. **C.** Colour in life.

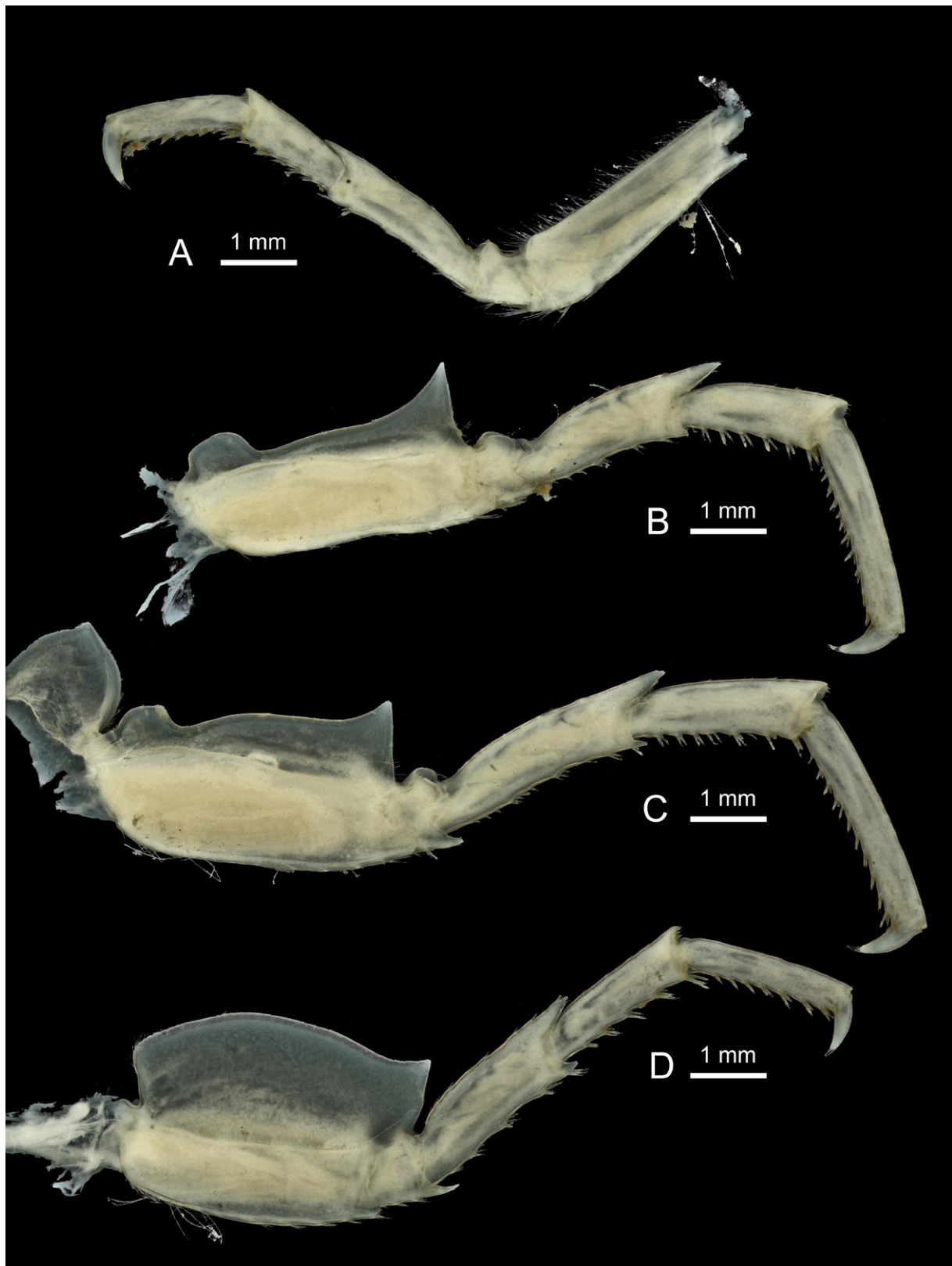


Fig. 82. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) pandora* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 217-6, RBINS, INV. 122931A. **A.** Pereiopod 4. **B.** Pereiopod 5. **C.** Pereiopod 6. **D.** Pereiopod 7.



Fig. 83. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) pyrodrakon* subgen. et sp. nov., paratype (presumably ♀), eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 603-5, RBINS, INV. 122560 or 122475, colour in life.

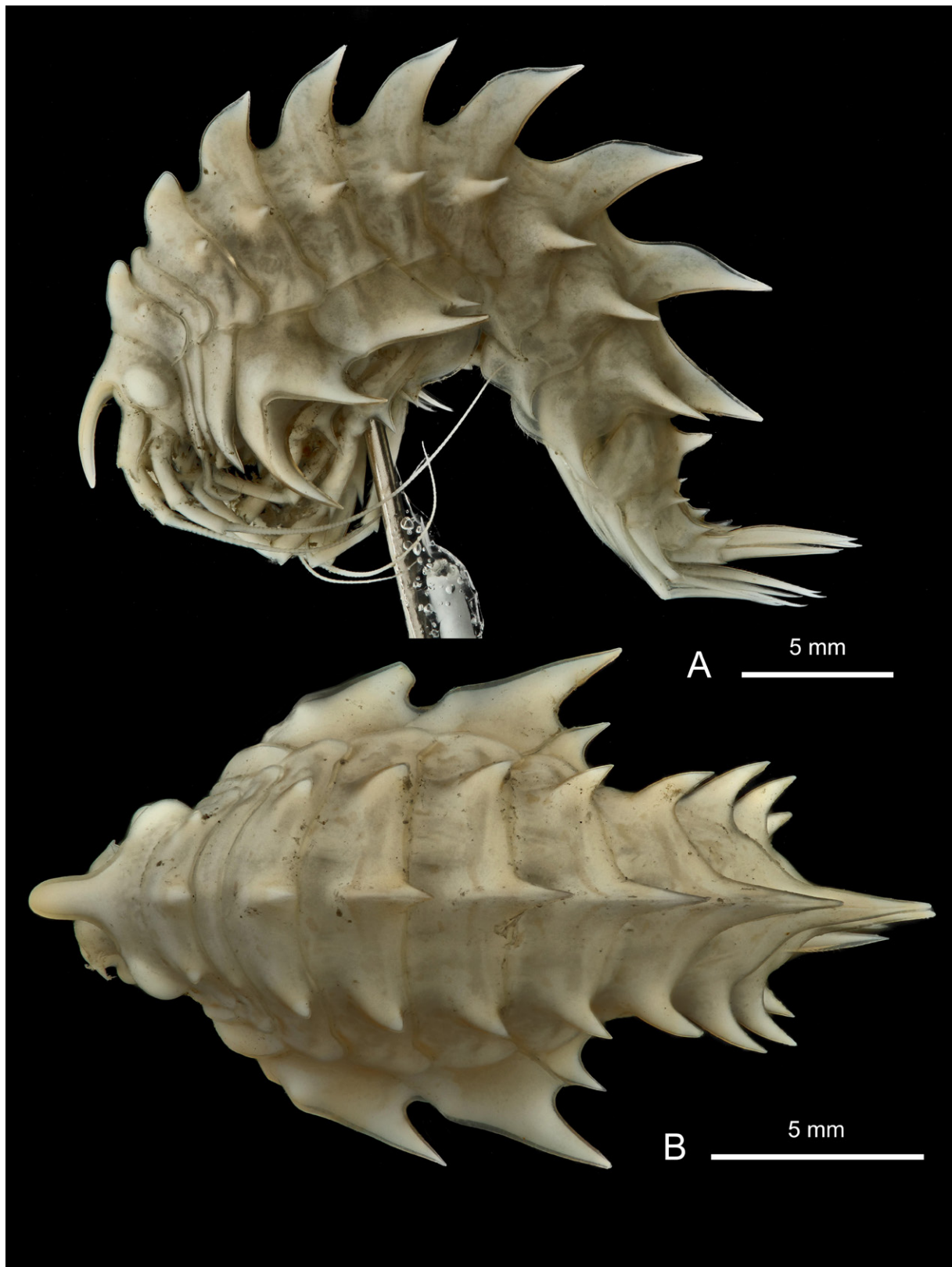


Fig. 84. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *pyrodrakon* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 193-8, RBINS, INV. 132973. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.



Fig. 85. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) pyrodrakon* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 193-8, RBINS, INV. 132973. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in facial view.

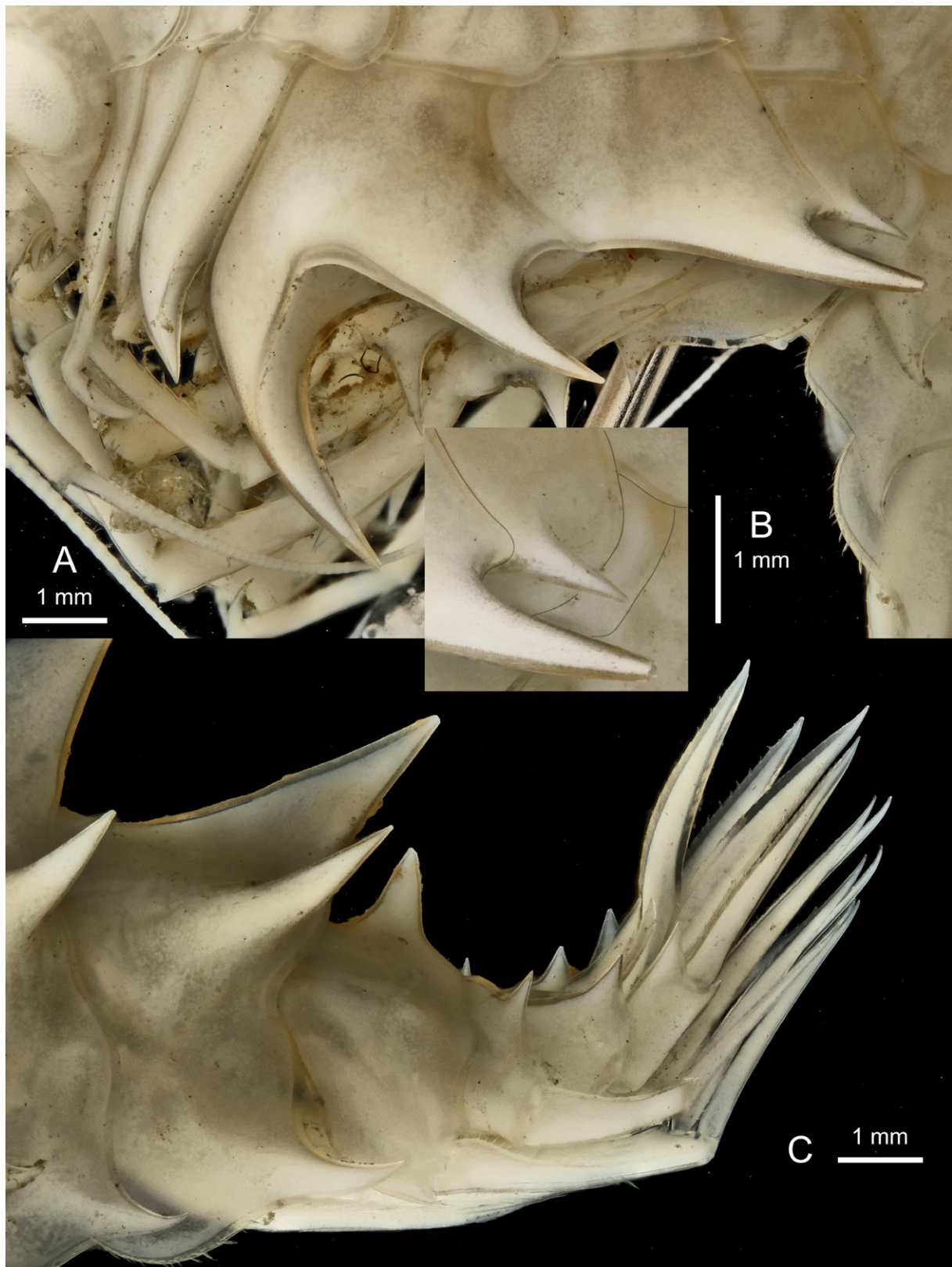


Fig. 86. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) pyrodrakon* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 193-8, RBINS, INV. 132973. A. Coxae 1–7. B. Coxae 5–7. C. Pleonite 3 and urosome in lateral view.

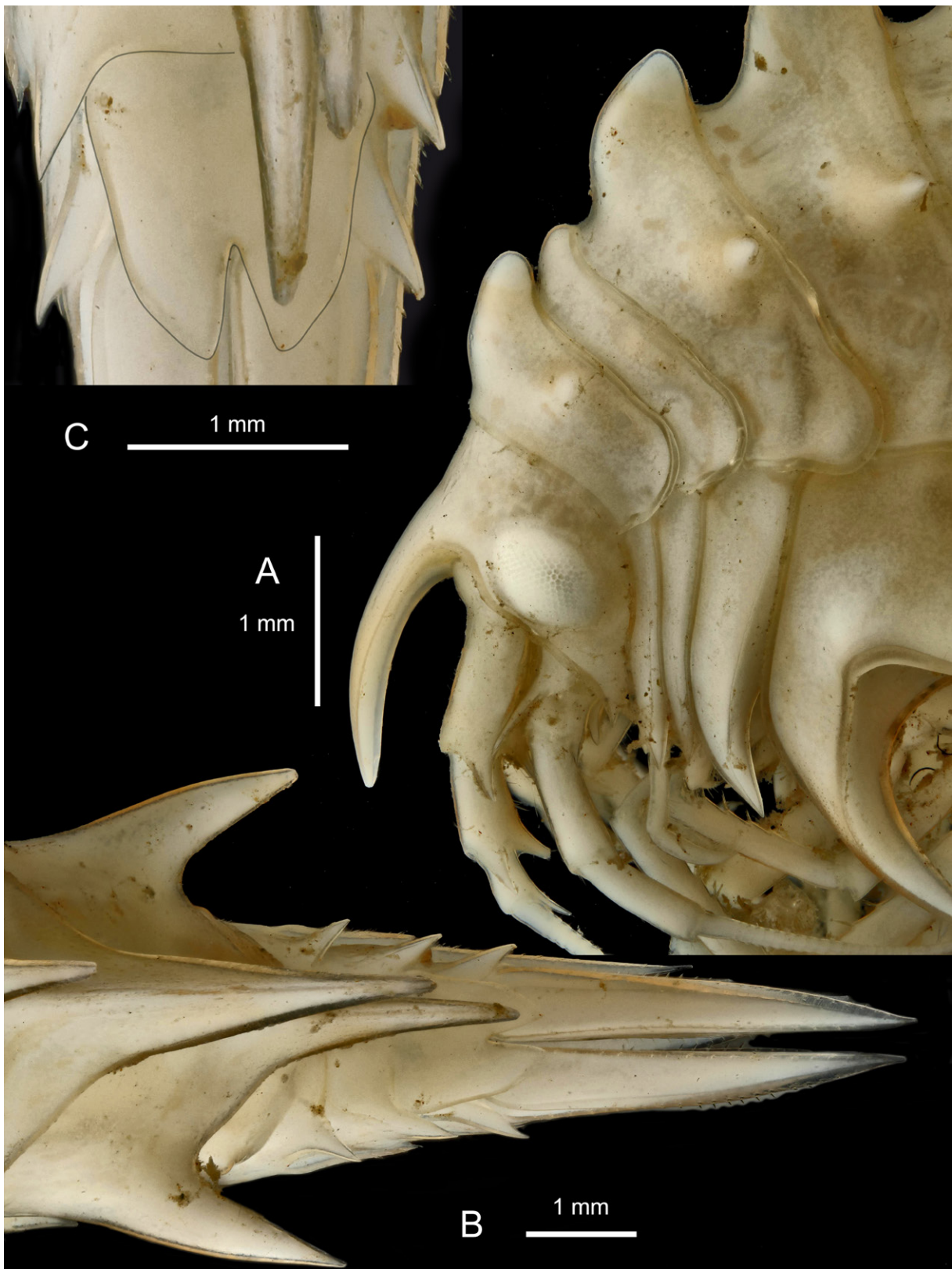


Fig. 87. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) pyrodrakon* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 193-8, RBINS, INV. 132973. **A.** Head and body segments 1–3 in lateral view. **B.** Pleonite 3 and urosome in dorsal view. **C.** Telson.

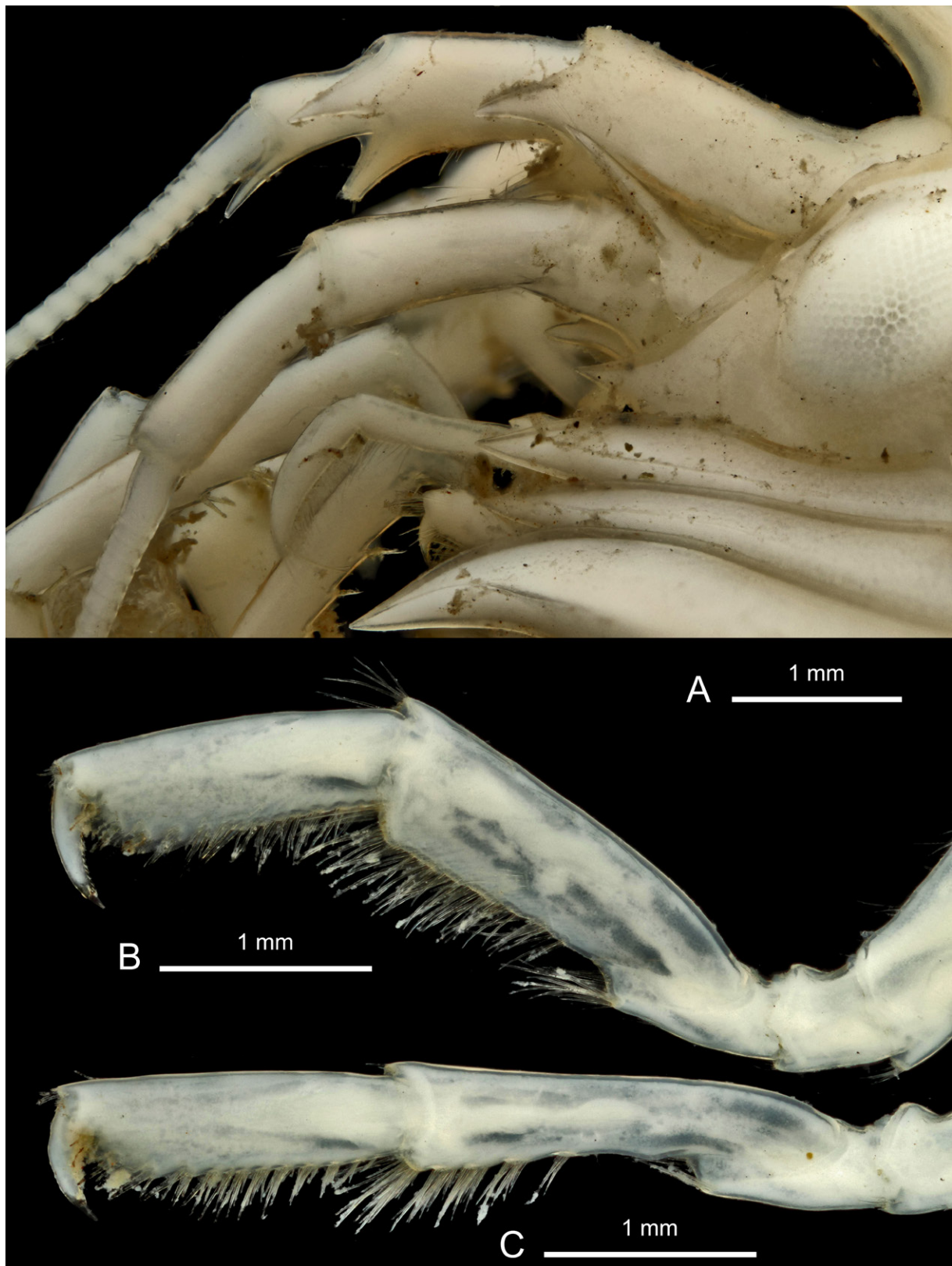


Fig. 88. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) pyrodrakon* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 193-8, RBINS, INV. 132973. **A.** Peduncle of antennae in lateral view. **B.** Gnathopod 1. **C.** Gnathopod 2.



Fig. 89. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *pyrodrakon* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 193-8, RBINS, INV. 132973. A. Pereiopod 4. B. Pereiopod 5. C. Pereiopod 6. D. Pereiopod 7.

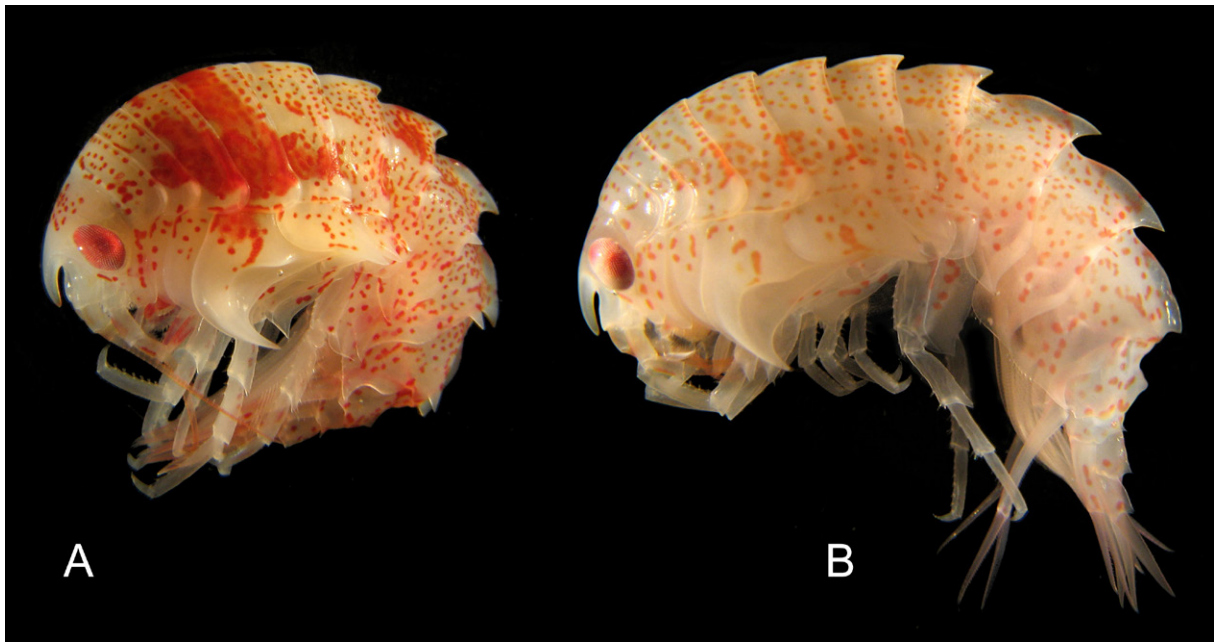


Fig. 90. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) reoproii* subgen. nov. Lörz & Coleman, 2001, ♀♀, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, colour in life. **A.** Colour morph with red patch, RBINS, INV. 122481A. **B.** Colour morph without red patch, RBINS, INV. 122477.

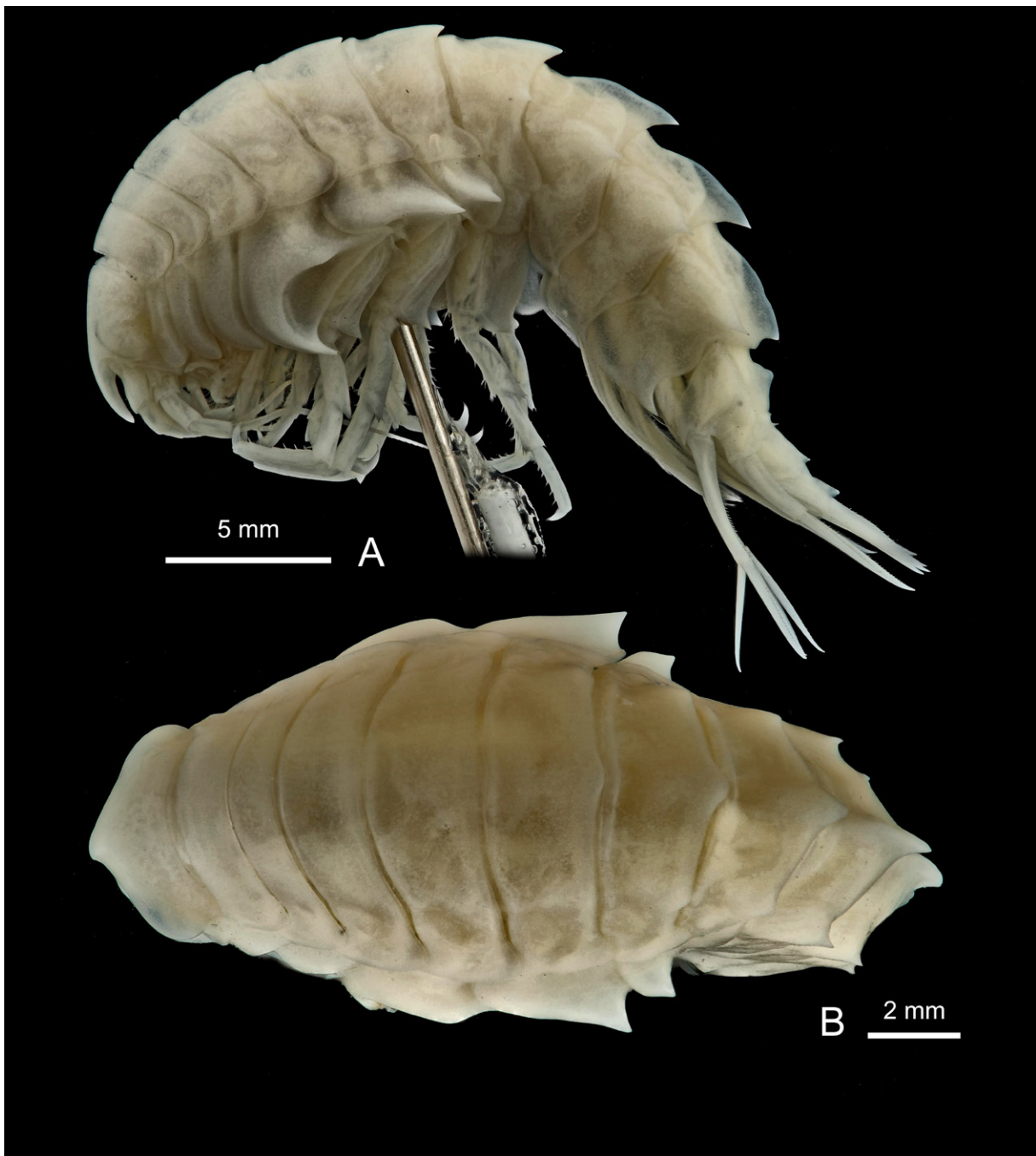


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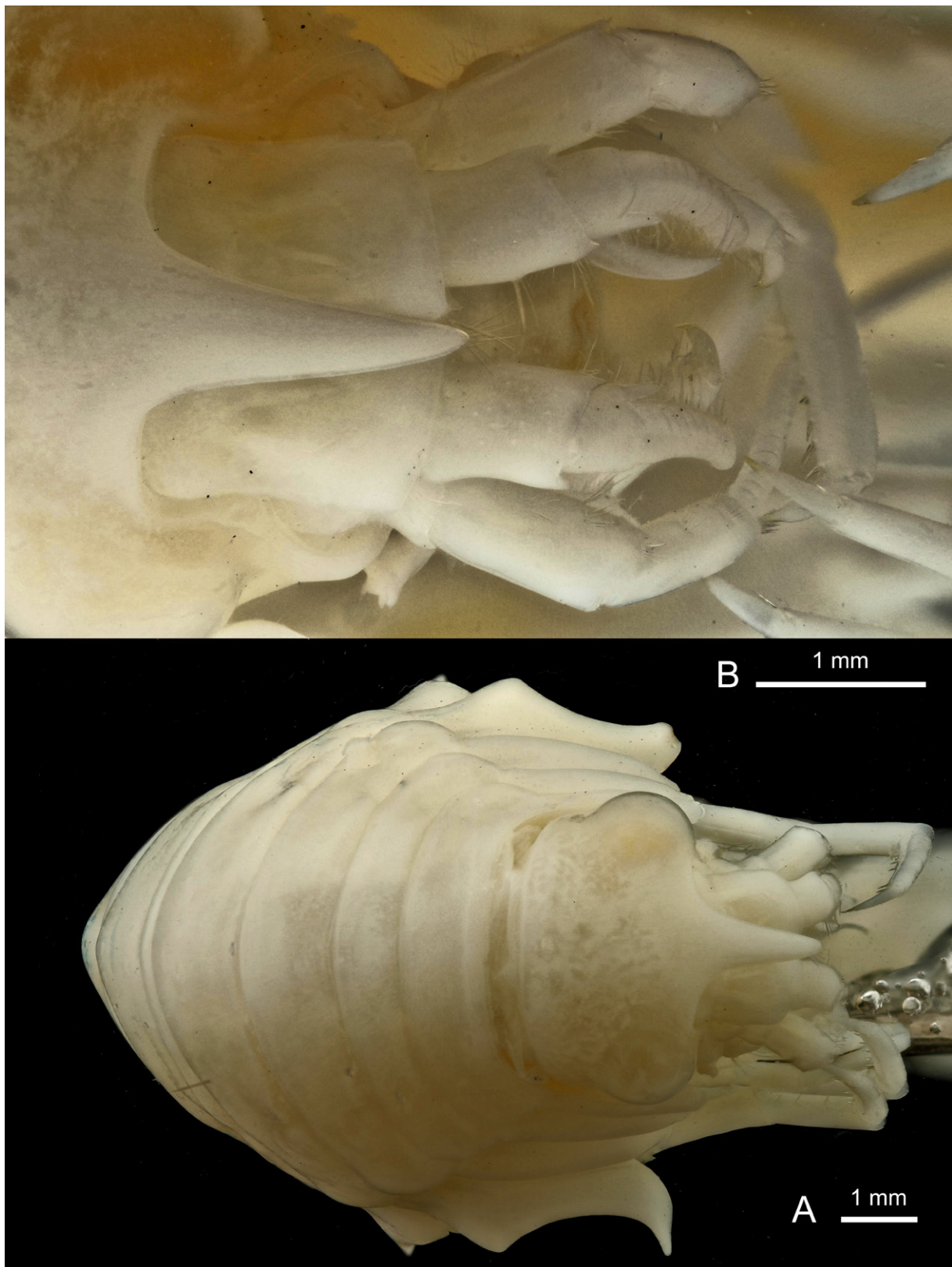


Fig. 92. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) reoproii* subgen. nov. Lörz & Coleman, 2001, ♀, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, RBINS, INV. 122477. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in facial view.

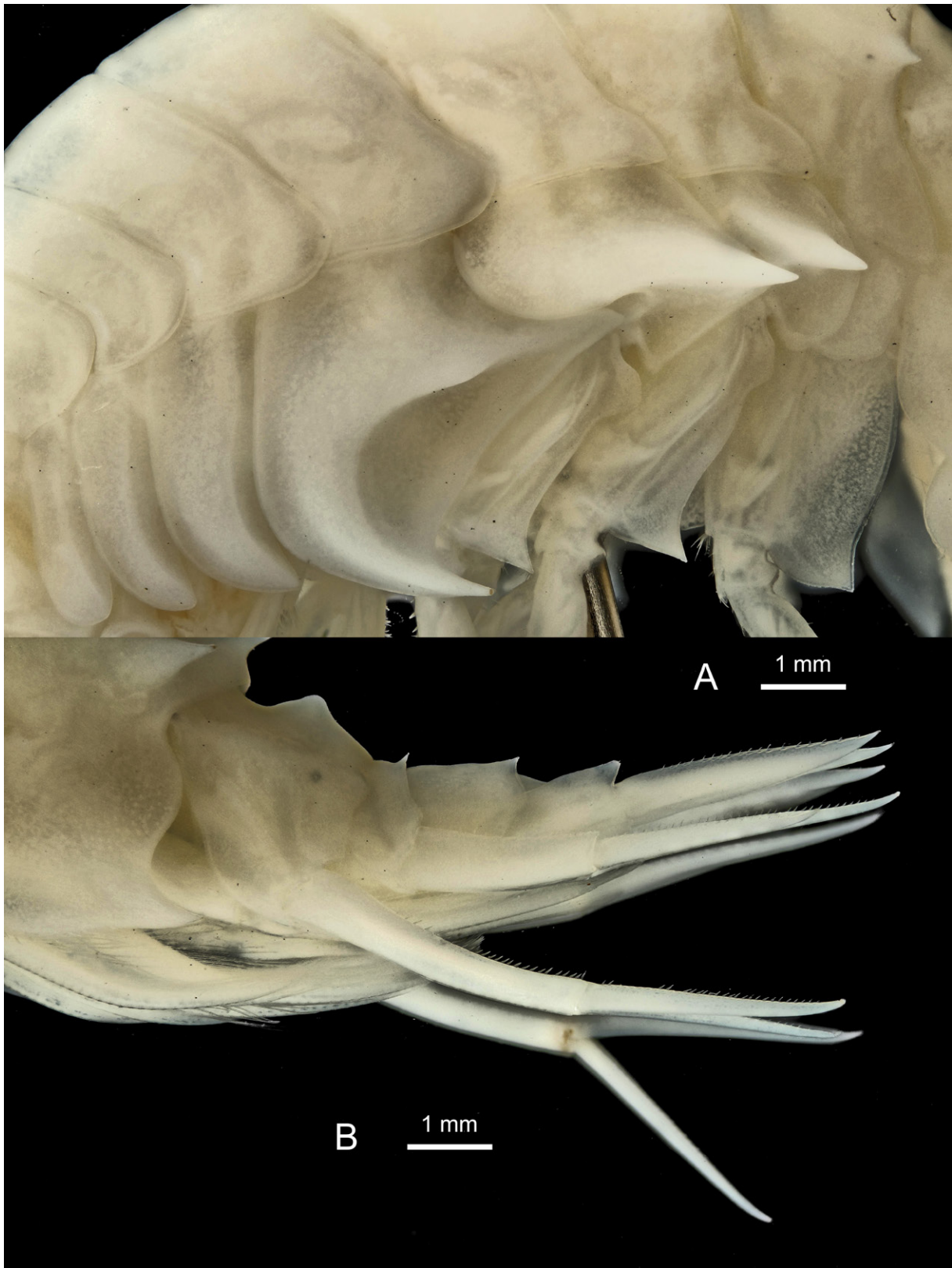


Fig. 93. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *reoproi* subgen. nov. Lörz & Coleman, 2001, ♀, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, RBINS, INV. 122477. A. Coxae 1–7. B. Urosome.

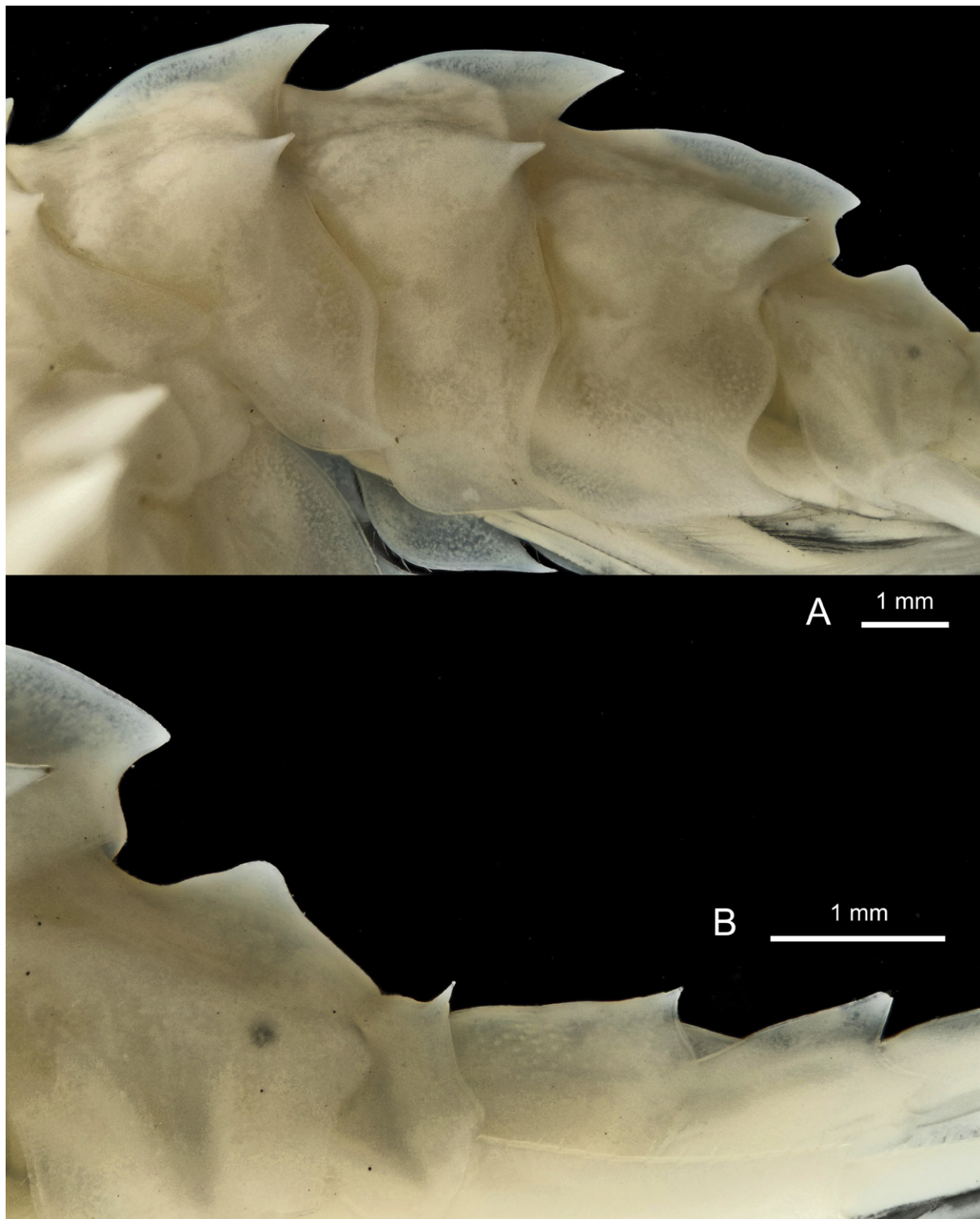


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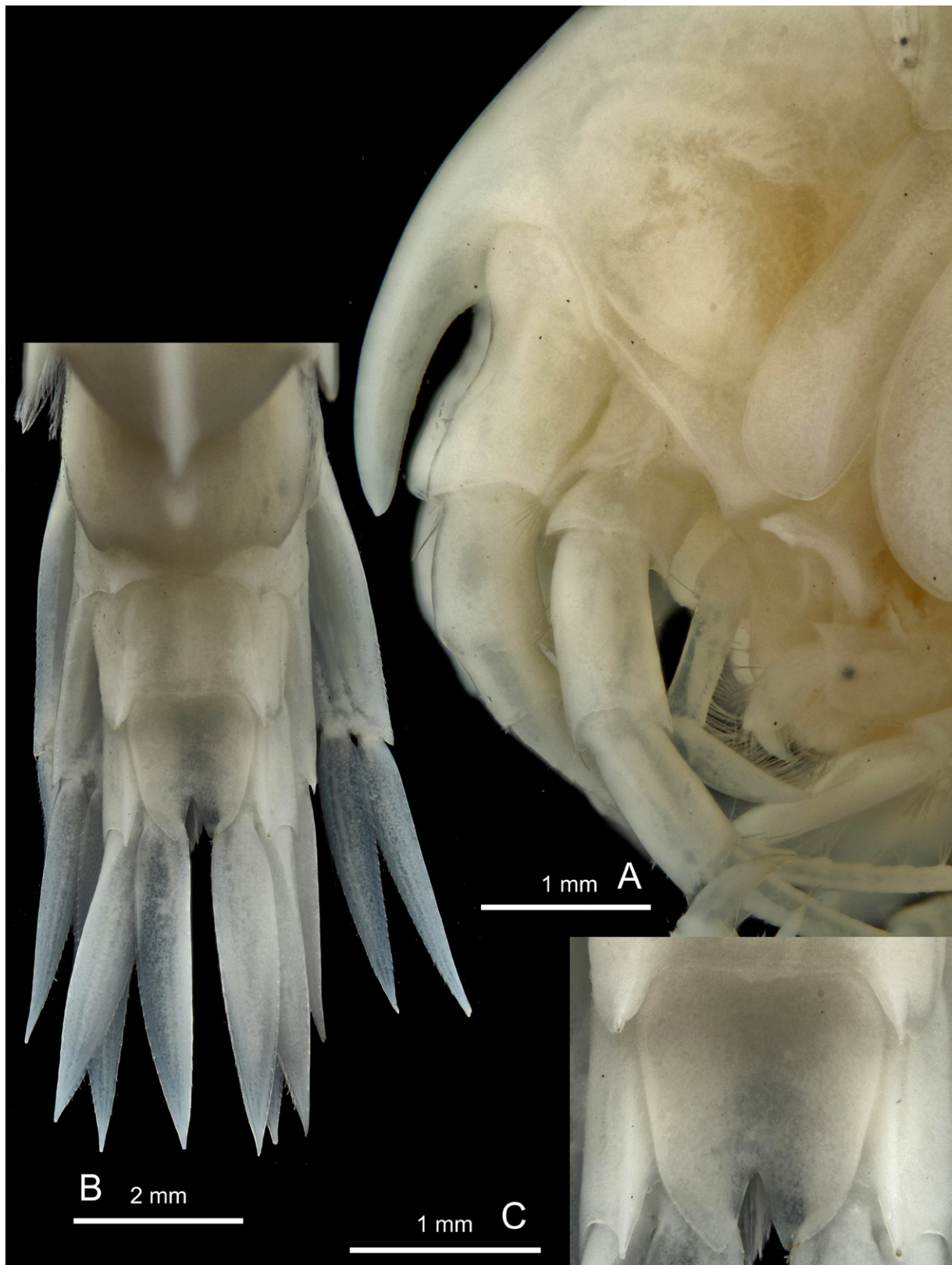


Fig. 95. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) reoproi* subgen. nov. Lörz & Coleman, 2001, ♀, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, RBINS, INV. 122477. A. Head in lateral view. B. Urosome in dorsal view. C. Telson.

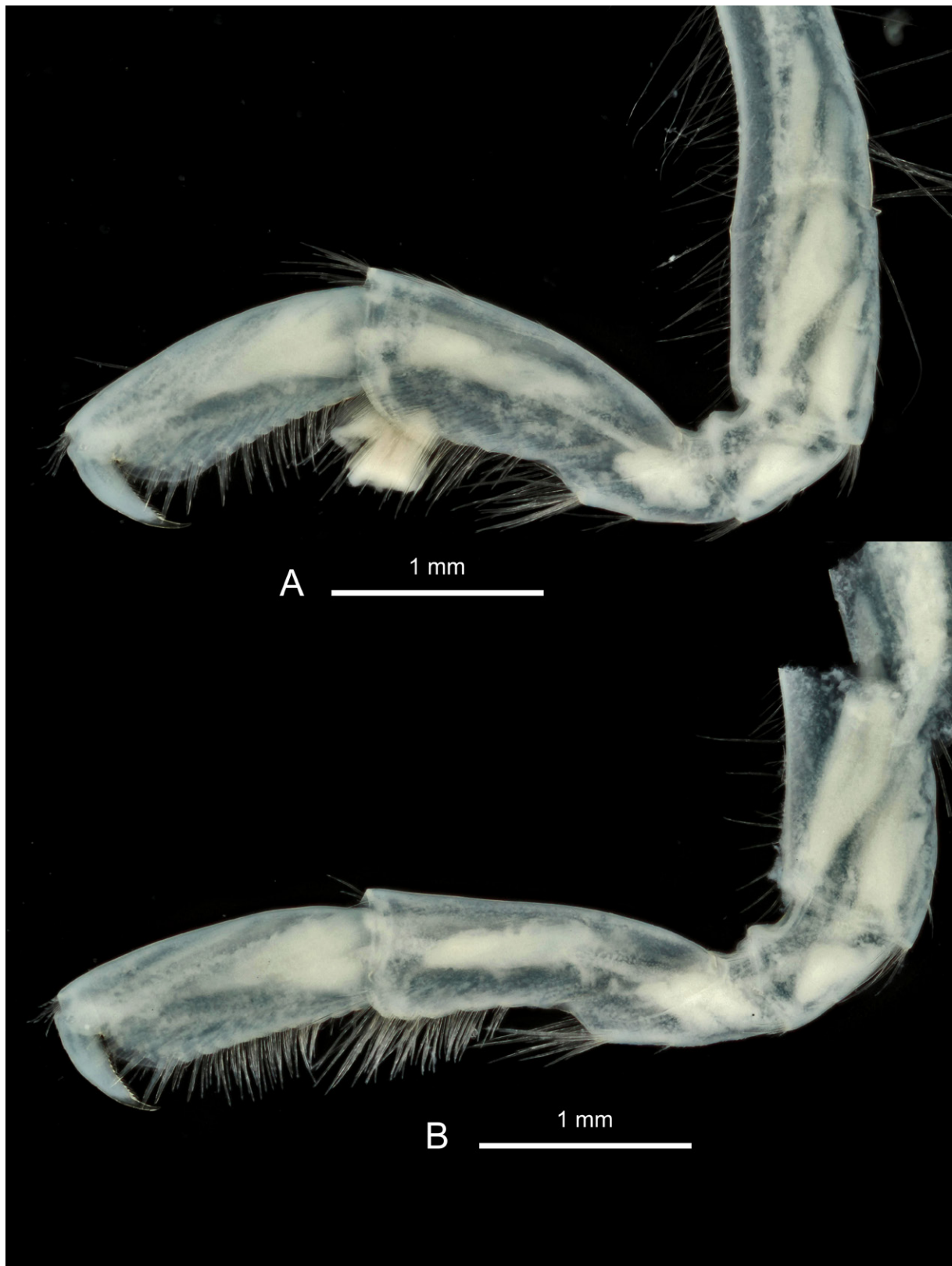


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Fig. 97. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) reoproii* subgen. nov. Lörz & Coleman, 2001, ♀, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, RBINS, INV. 122477. **A.** Propodus and dactylus of gnathopod 1. **B.** Propodus and dactylus of gnathopod 2.



Fig. 98. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) reoproii* subgen. nov. Lörz & Coleman, 2001, ♀, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, RBINS, INV.122477. **A.** Pereiopod 4. **B.** Pereiopod 5. **C.** Pereiopod 6. **D.** Pereiopod 7.

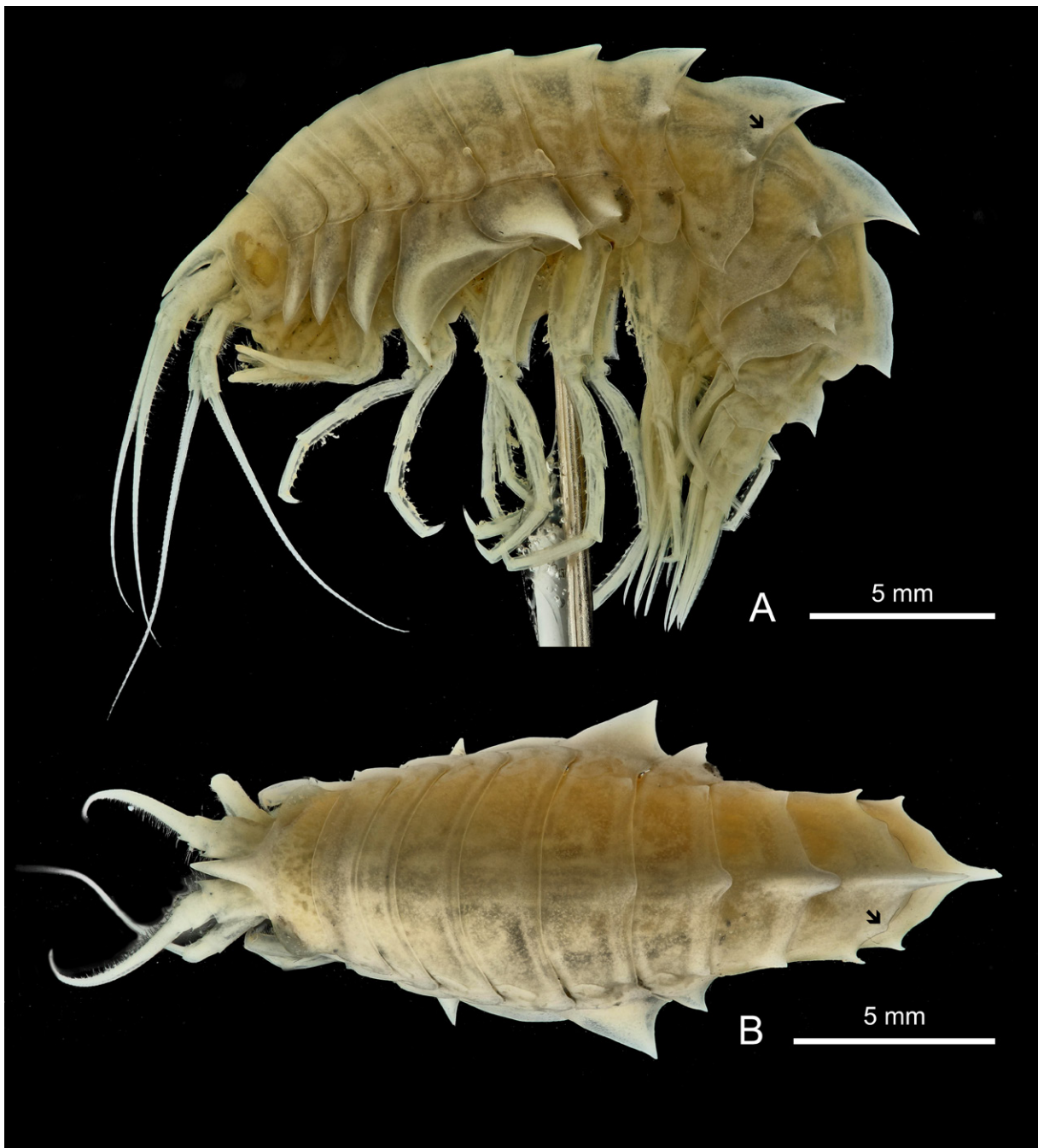


Fig. 99. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *robertiana* subgen. et sp. nov., holotype, ♂, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIV/2, presumably stn 17-10, RBINS, INV. 132413. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

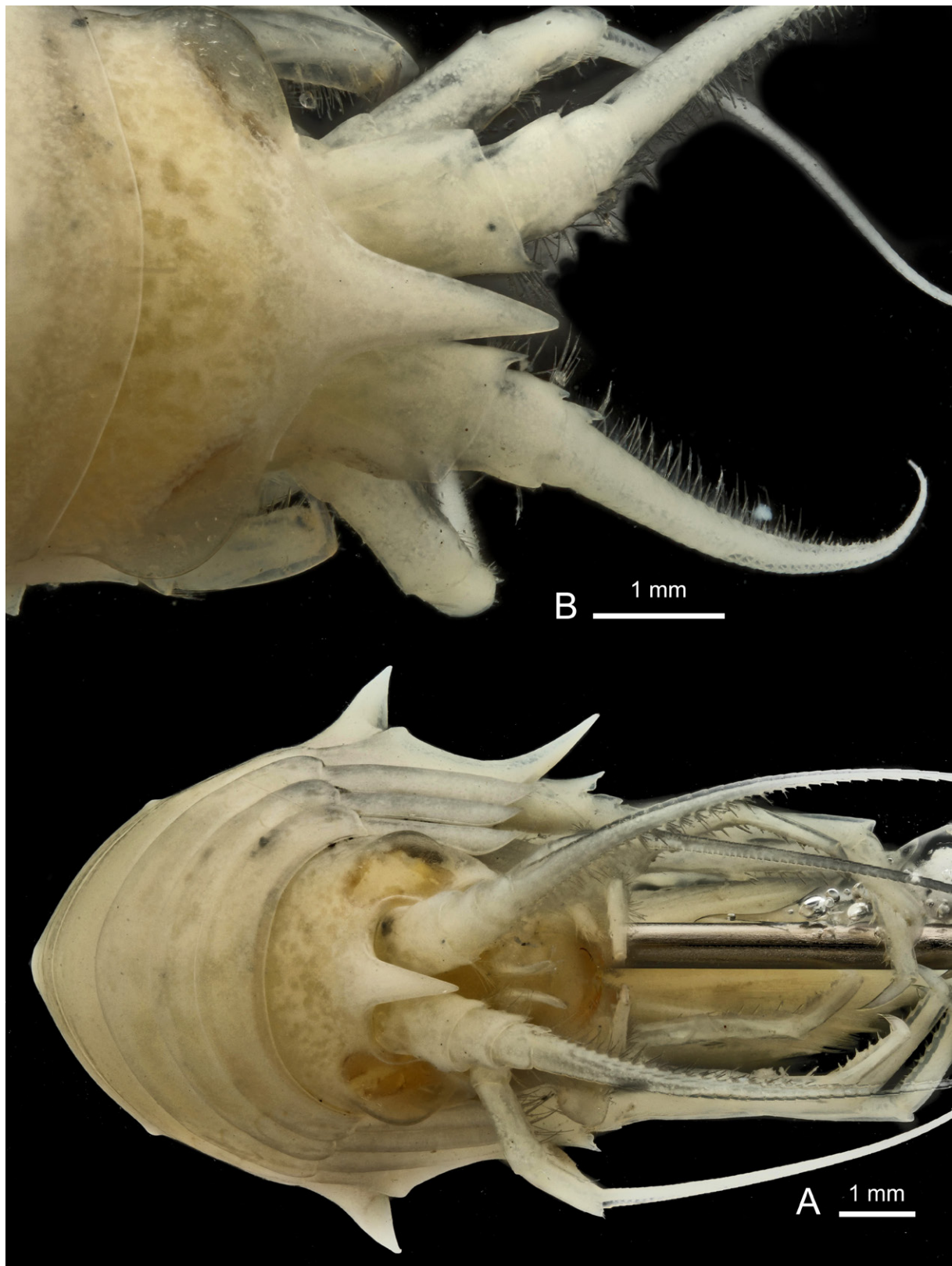


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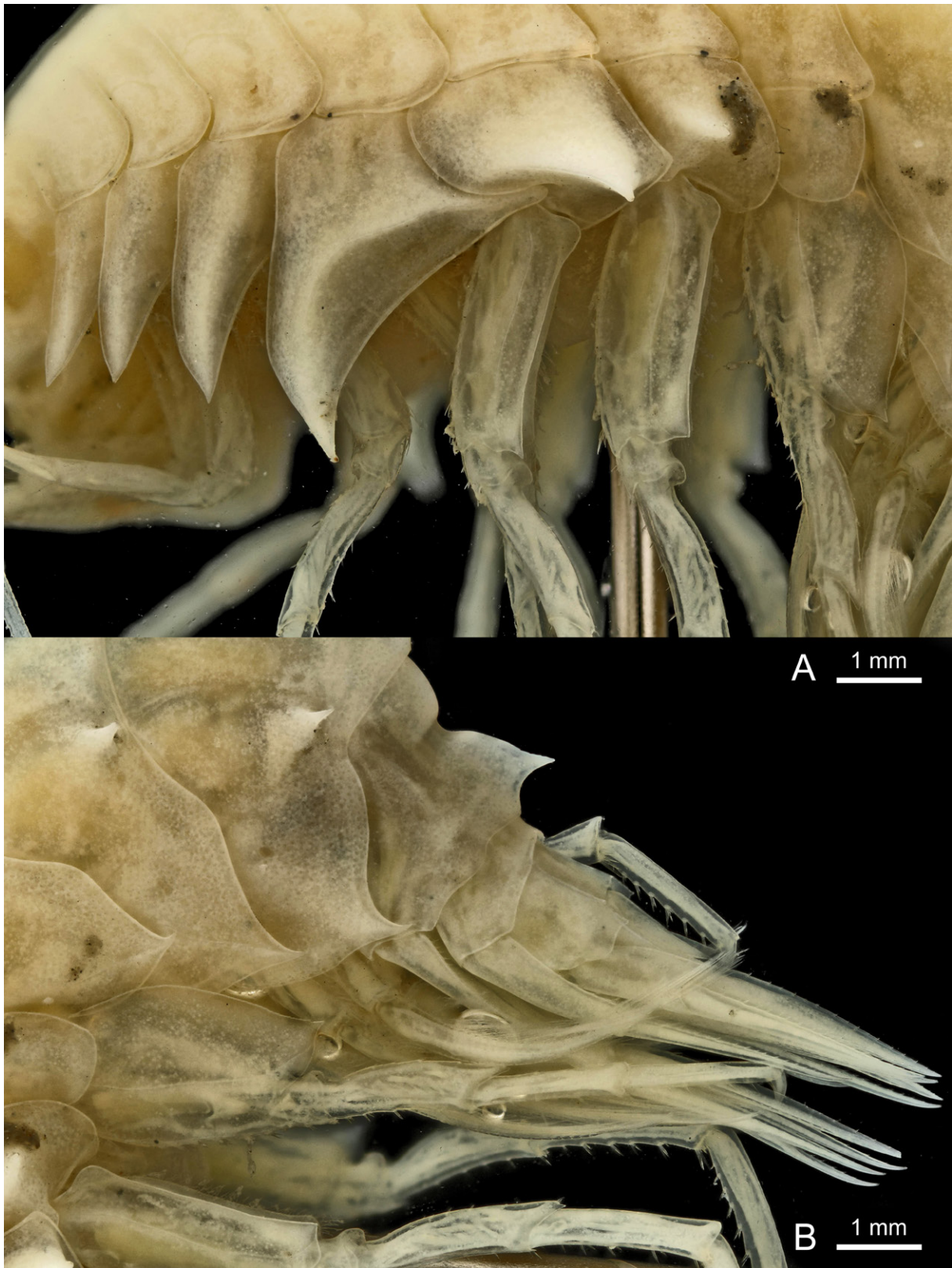


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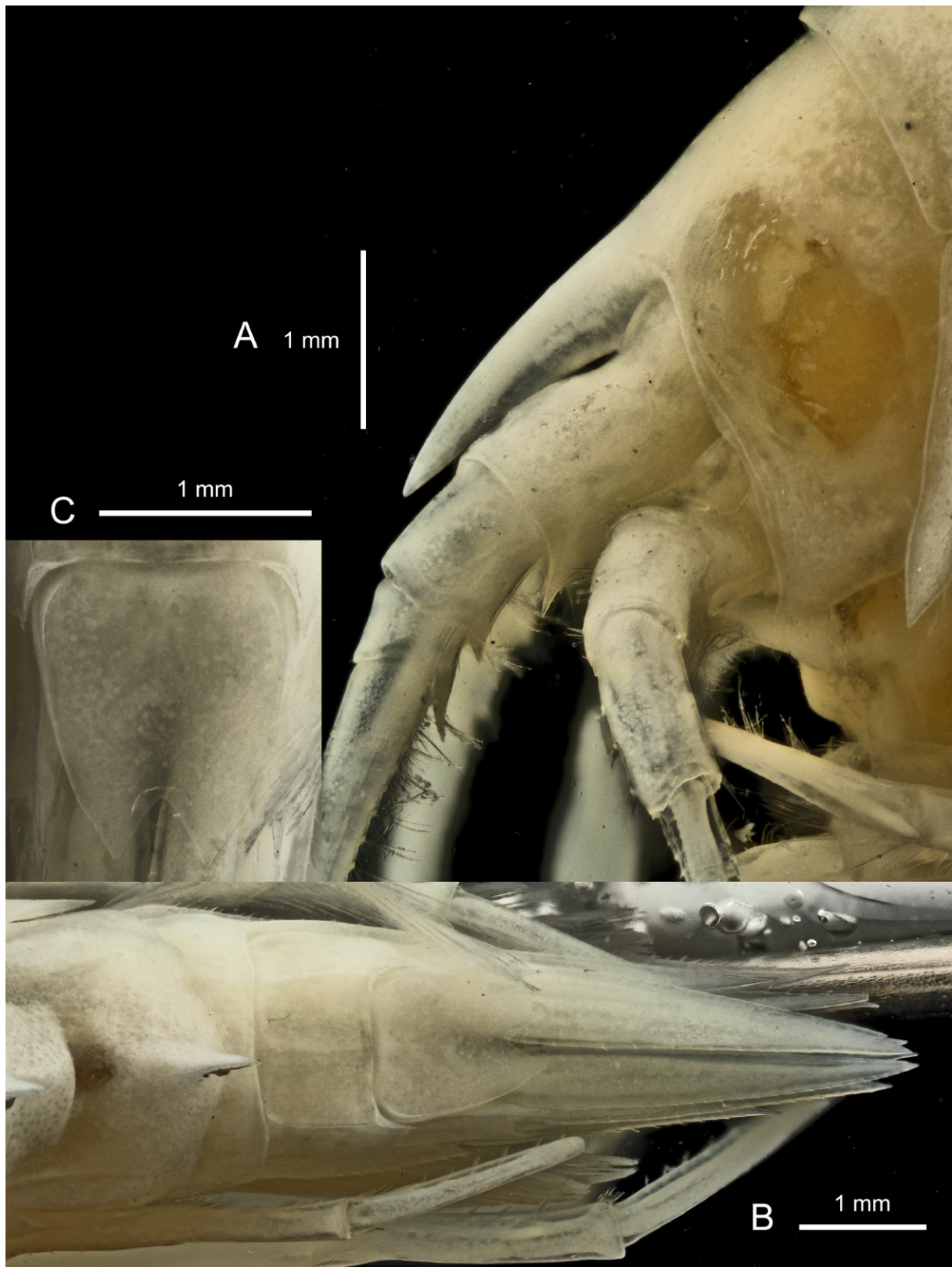


Fig. 102. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) robertiana* subgen. et sp. nov., holotype, ♂, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIV/2, presumably stn 17-10, RBINS, INV. 132413. **A.** Head in lateral view. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view. **C.** Telson.

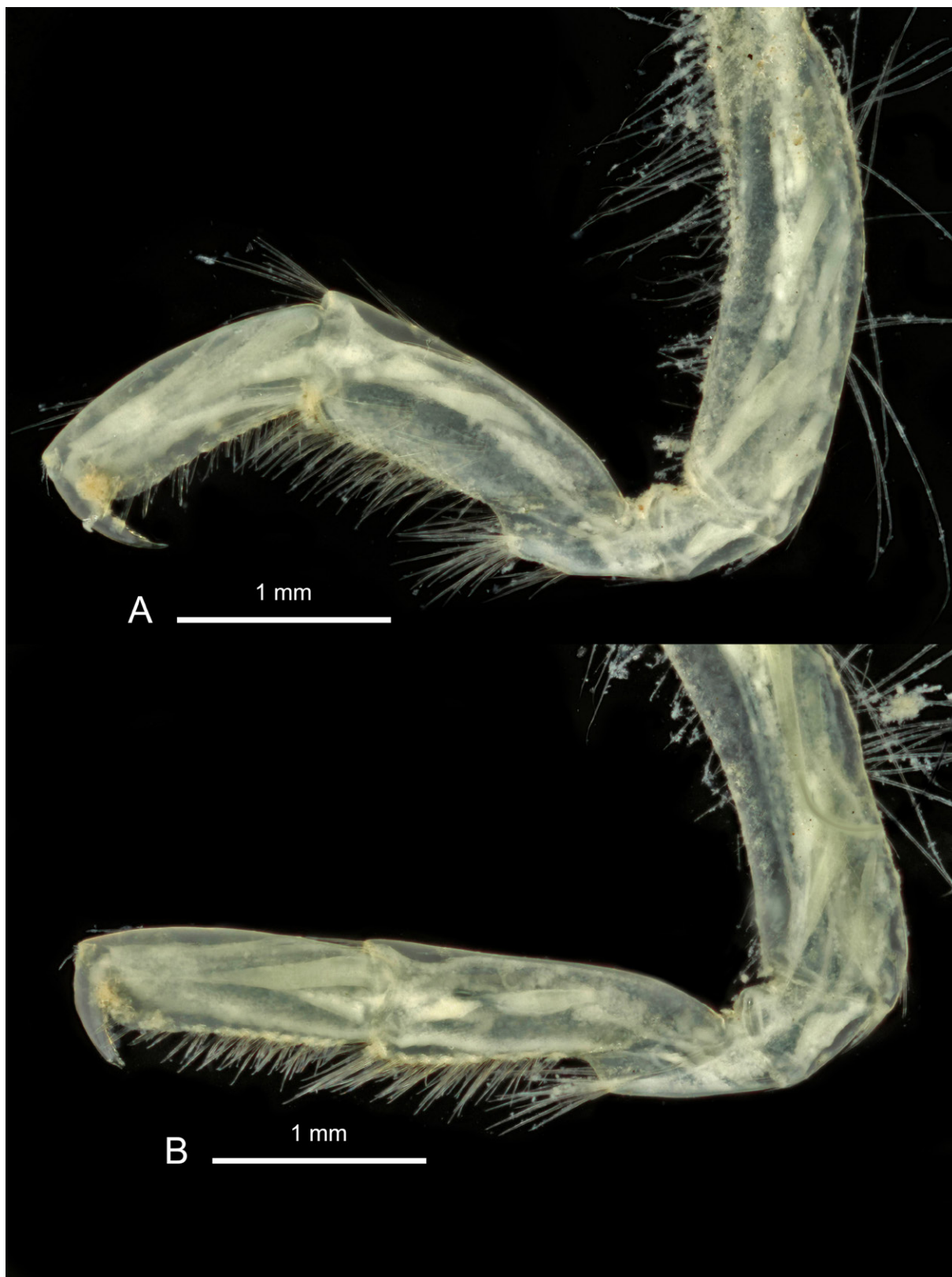


Fig. 103. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *robertiana* subgen. et sp. nov., holotype, ♂, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIV/2, presumably stn 17-10, RBINS, INV. 132413. A. Gnathopod 1. B. Gnathopod 2.



Fig. 104. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) robertiana* subgen. et sp. nov., holotype, ♂, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIV/2, presumably stn 17-10, RBINS, INV. 132413. **A.** Pereiopod 4. **B.** Pereiopod 5. **C.** Pereiopod 6. **D.** Pereiopod 7.

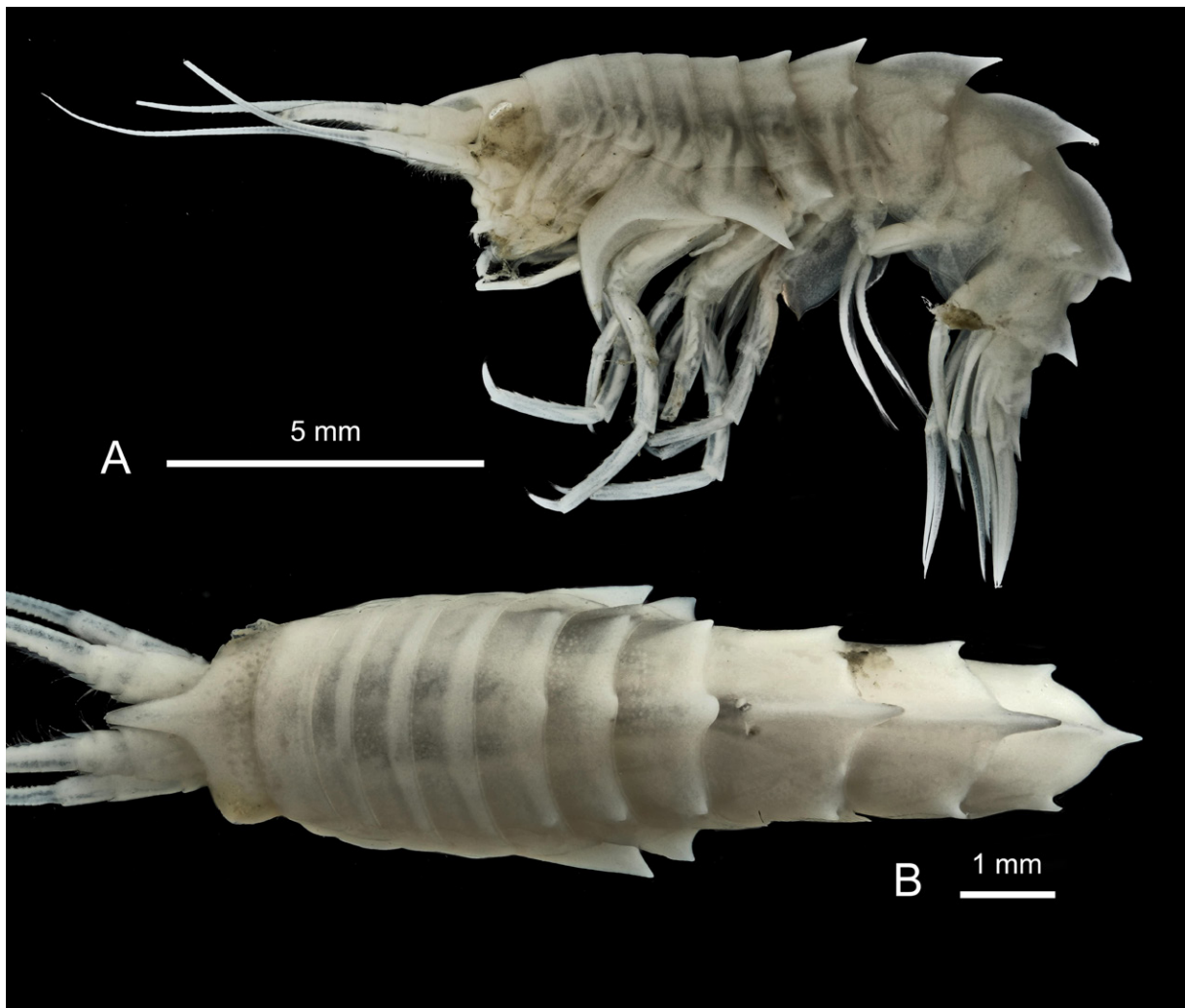


Fig. 105. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *robertiana* subgen. et sp. nov., immature paratype (sex undetermined), eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIV/2, stn 17-11, RBINS, INV. 132963. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.



Fig. 106. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) similis* subgen. nov. Chevreux, 1912, presumably ♀, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 193-8, RBINS, INV. 122956A or 122956B, colour in life.

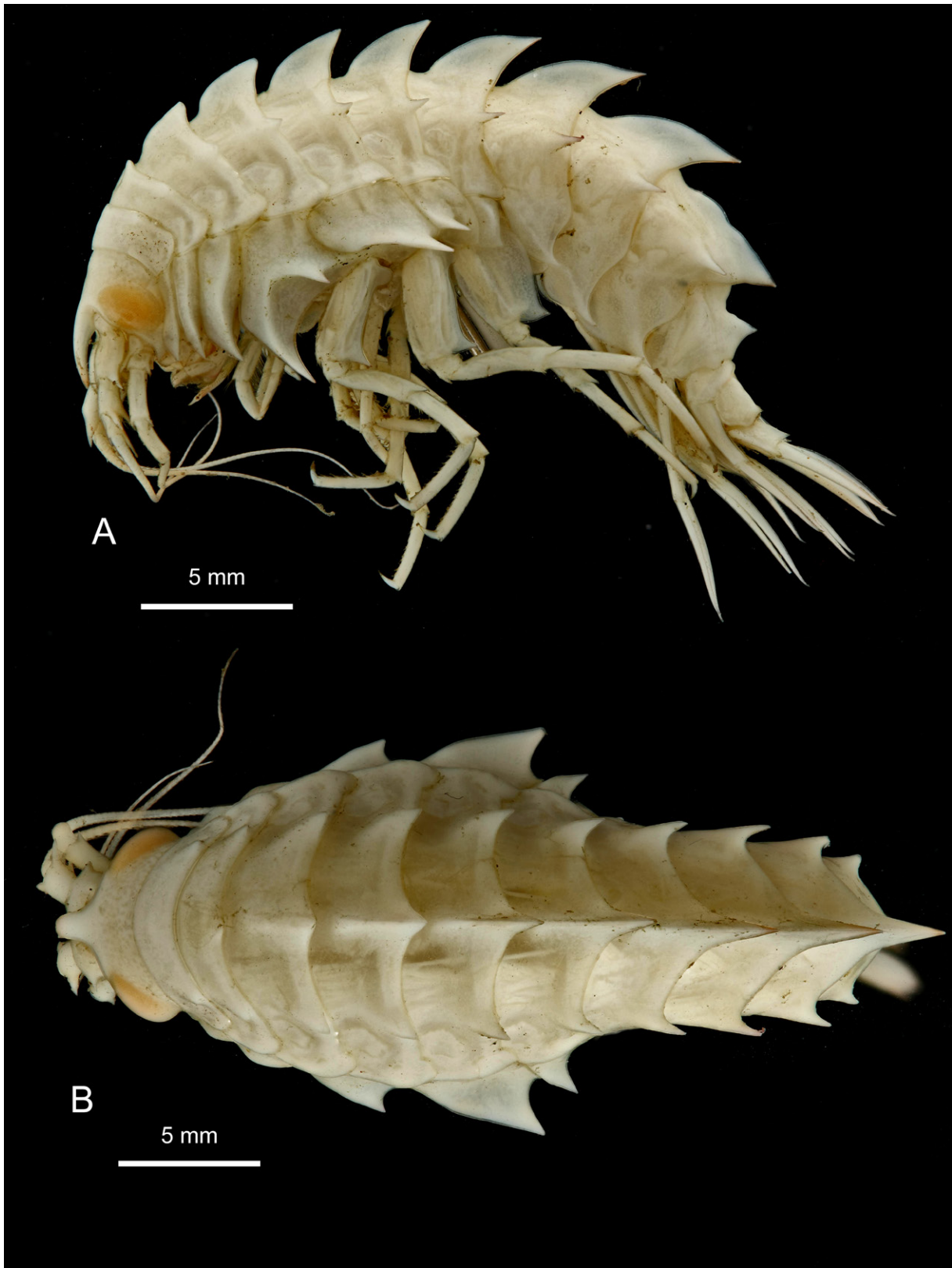


Fig. 107. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) similis* subgen. nov. Chevreux, 1912, ♀, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 193-8, RBINS, INV. 122956A. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

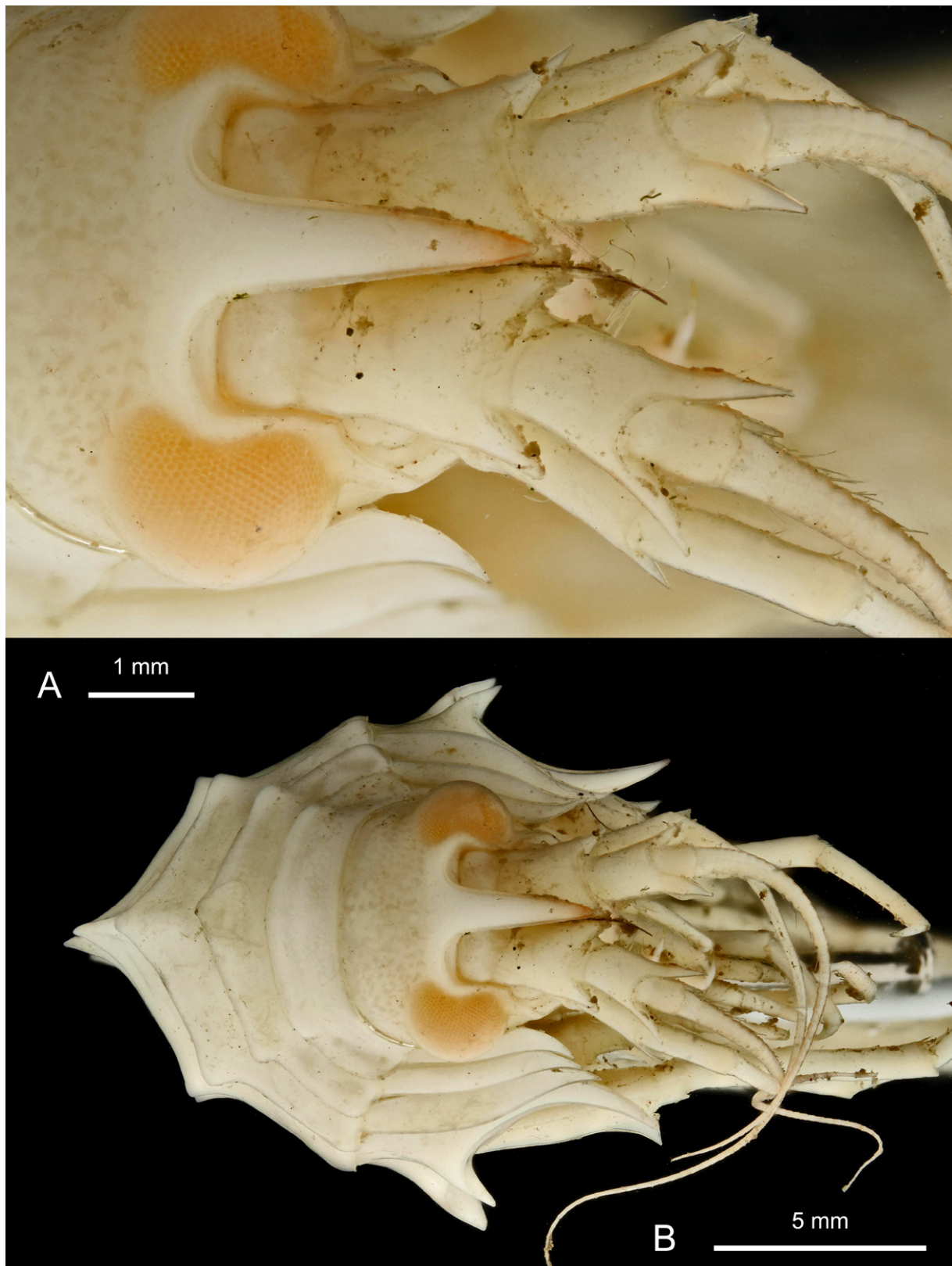


Fig. 108. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) similis* subgen. nov. Chevreux, 1912, ♀, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 193-8, RBINS, INV. 122956A. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in facial view.



Fig. 109. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) similis* subgen. nov. Chevreux, 1912, ♀, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 193-8, RBINS, INV. 122956A. **A.** Coxae 1-7. **B.** Urosome.



Fig. 110. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) similis* subgen. nov. Chevreux, 1912, ♀, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 193-8, RBINS, INV. 122956A. **A.** Head in lateral view. **B.** Dorsal profile of pleonite 3 and urosomites 1–2. **C.** Urosome in dorsal view. **D.** Telson.

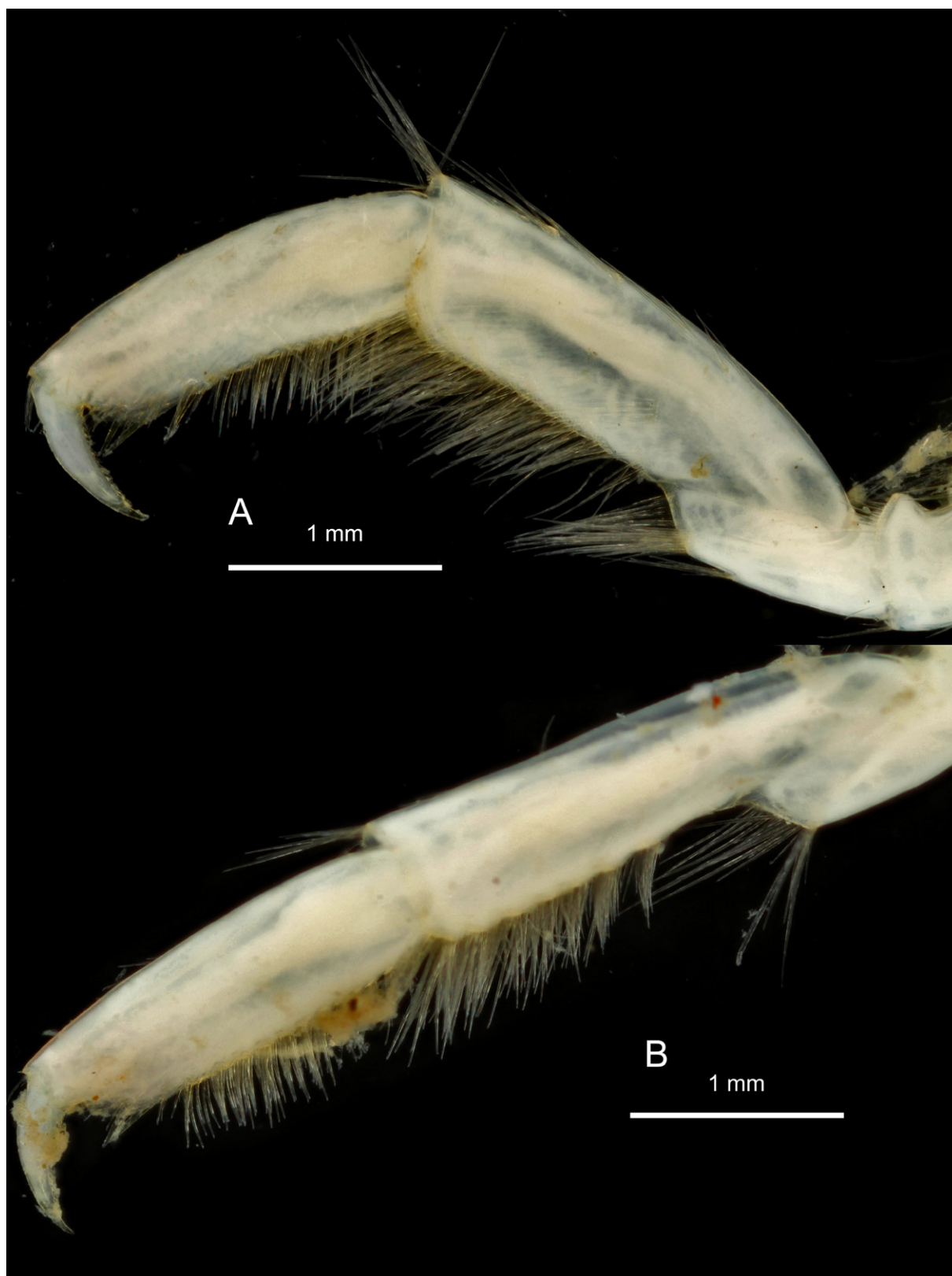


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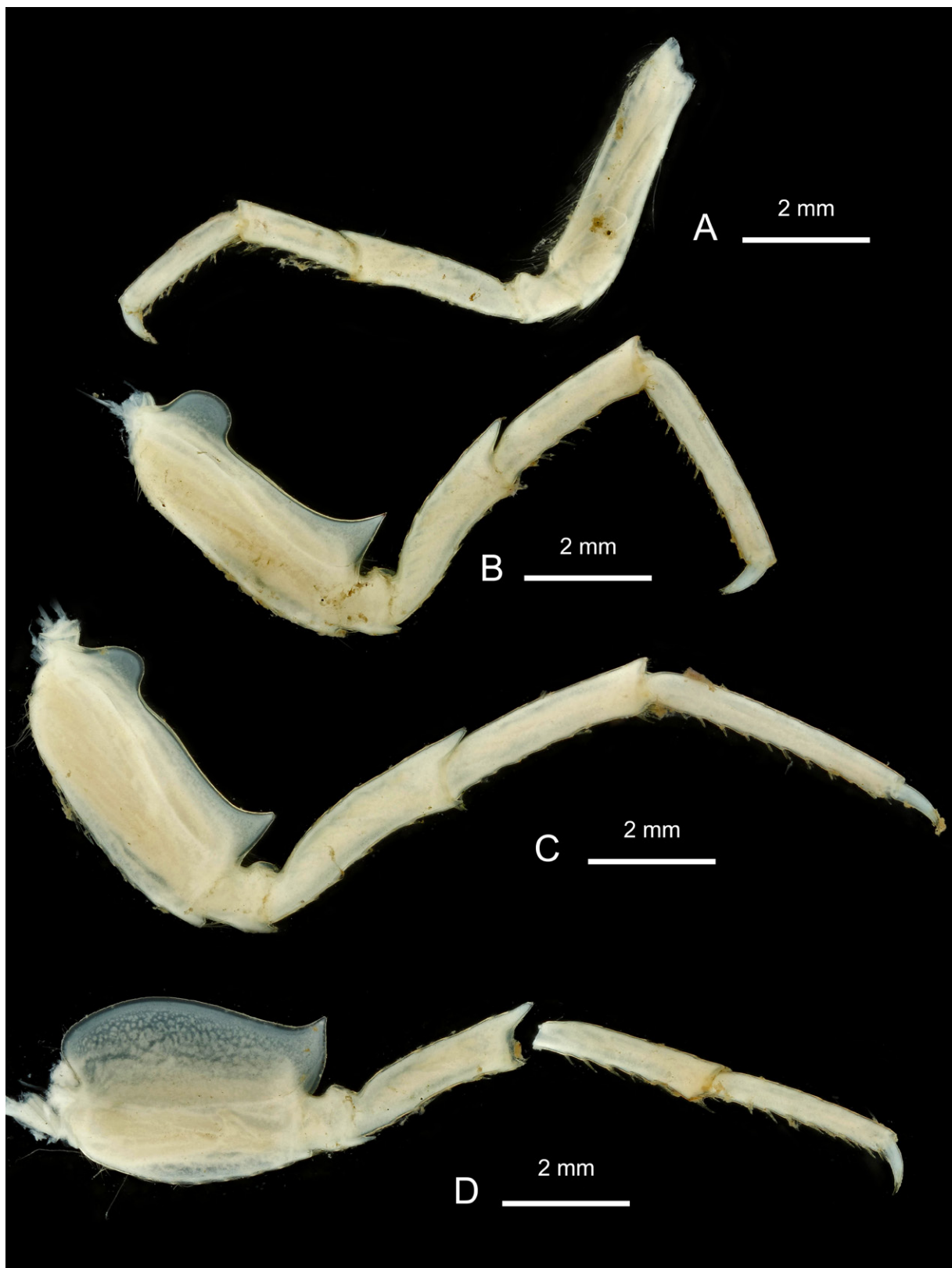


Fig. 112. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) similis* subgen. nov. Chevreux, 1912, ♀, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 193-8, RBINS, INV. 122956A. A. Pereiopod 4. B. Pereiopod 5. C. Pereiopod 6. D. Pereiopod 7.

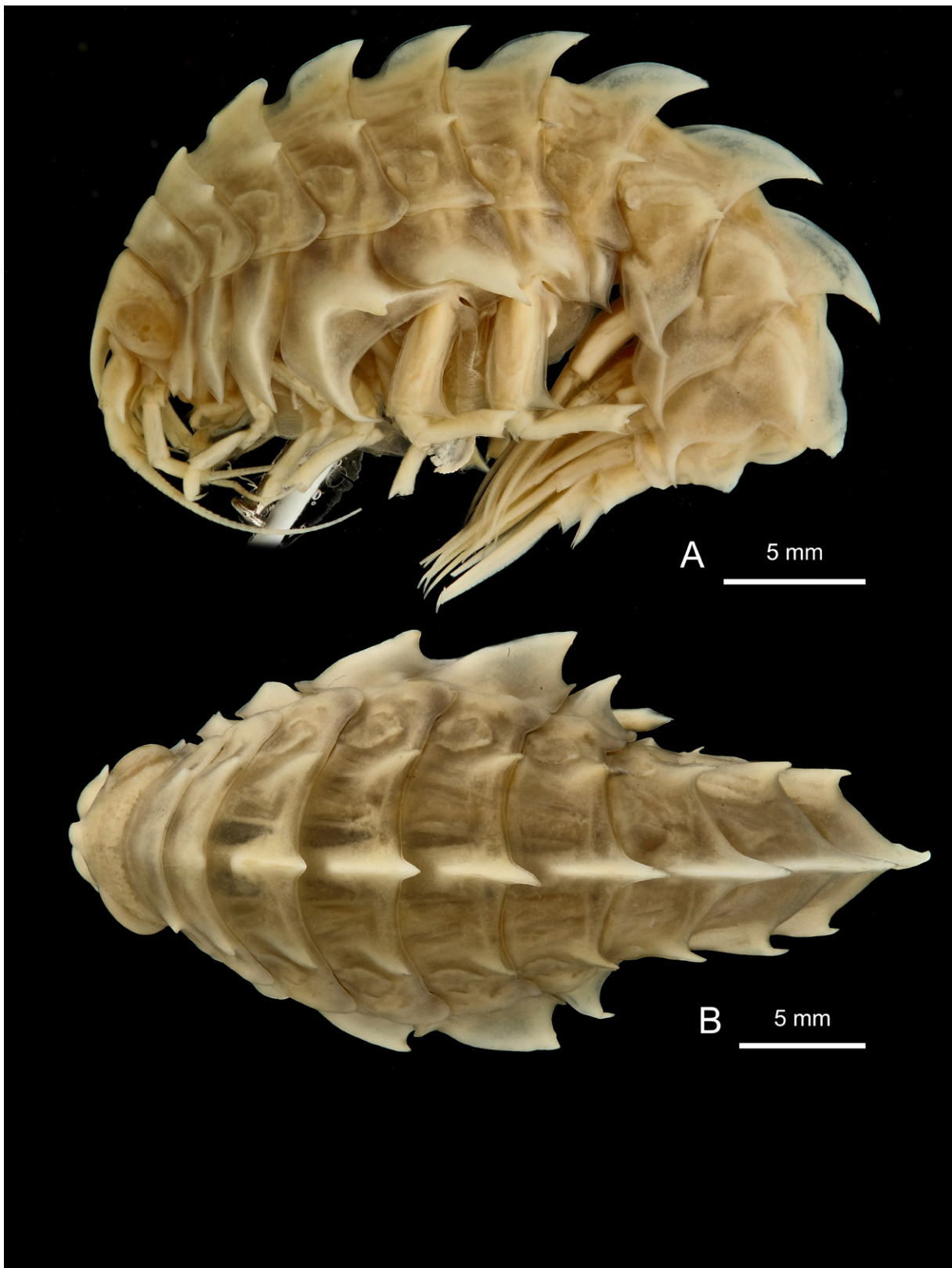


Fig. 113. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *similis* subgen. nov. Chevreux, 1912, ♀, lectotype, undissected, Admiralty Bay, second French Antarctic expedition 1908-1910, dredging stn 17, MNHN-IU-2013-17865. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

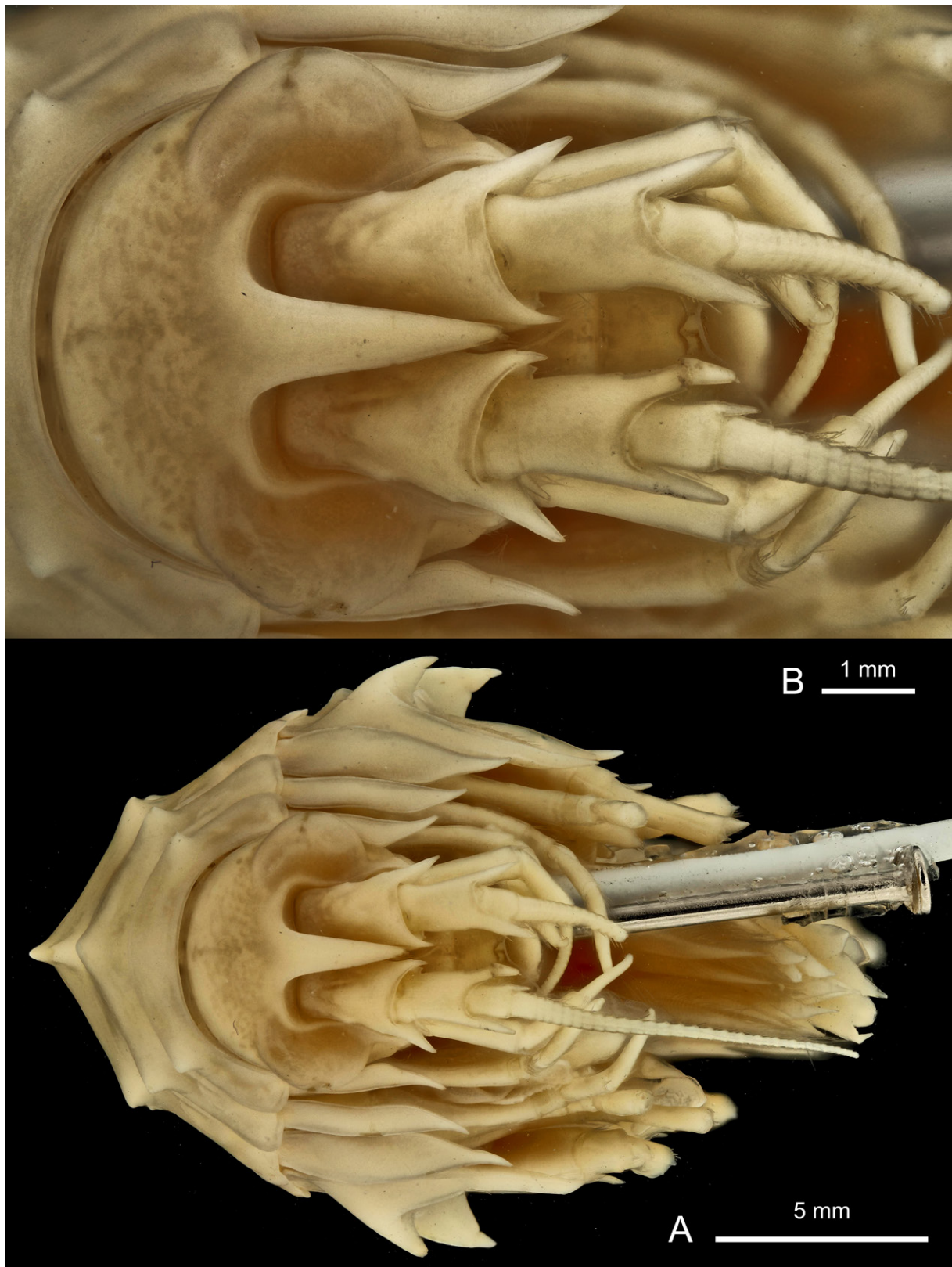


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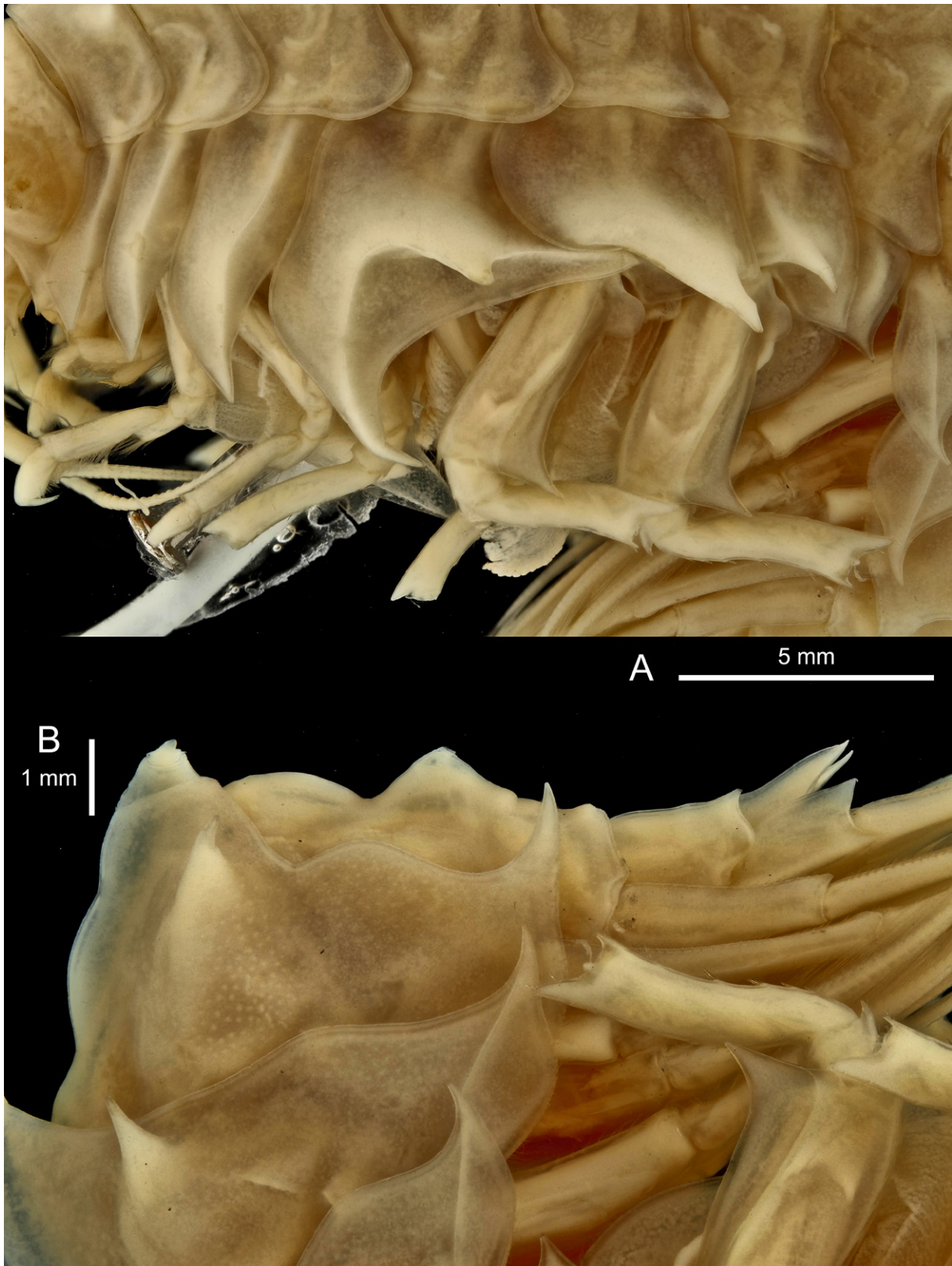


Fig. 115. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *similis* subgen. nov. Chevreux, 1912, ♀, lectotype, undissected, Admiralty Bay, second French Antarctic expedition 1908-1910, dredging stn 17, MNHN-IU-2013-17865. A. Coxae 1–7. B. Pleonite 3 and urosome.

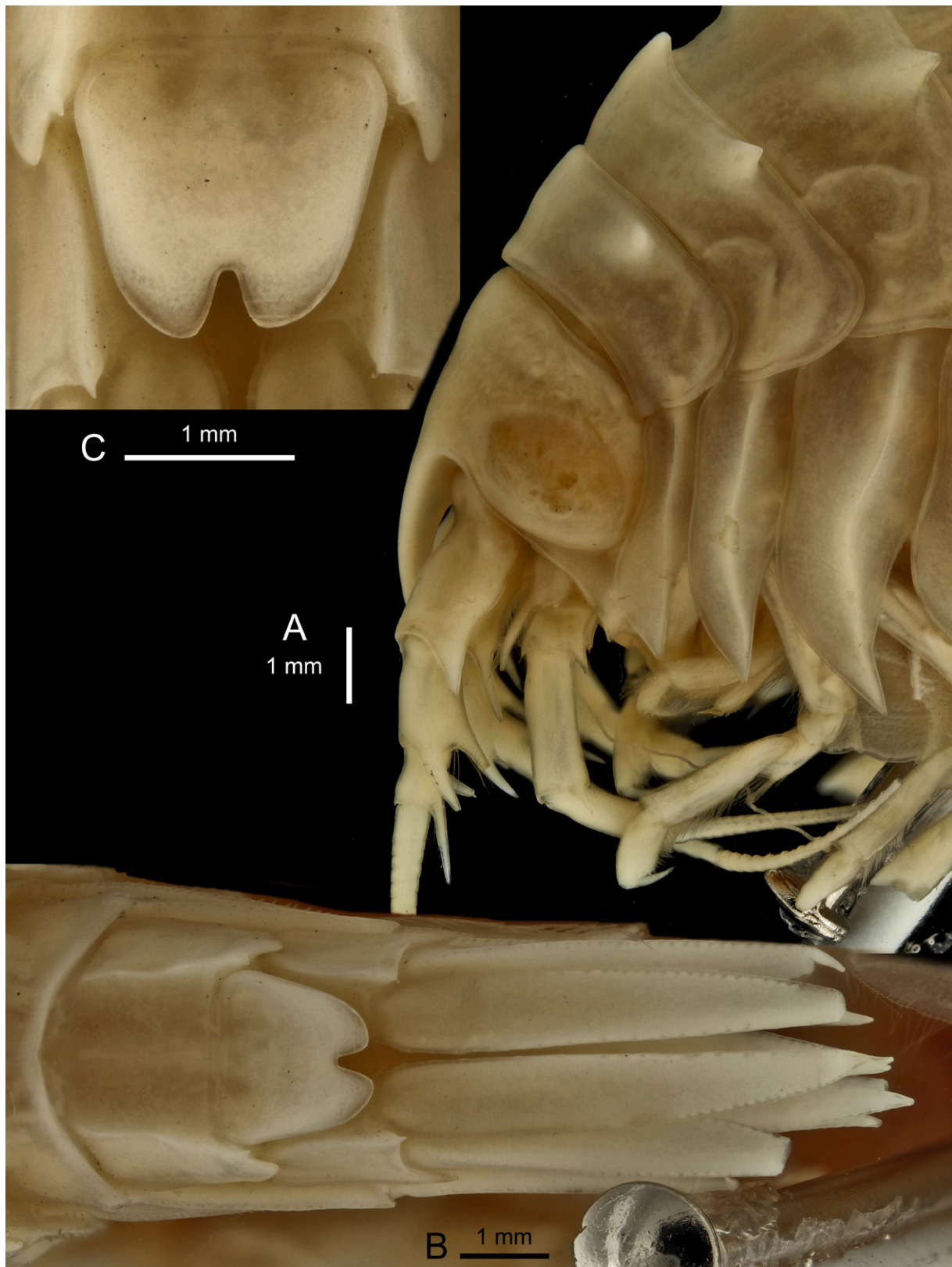


Fig. 116. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) similis* subgen. nov. Chevreux, 1912, ♀, lectotype, undissected, Admiralty Bay, second French Antarctic expedition 1908-1910, dredging stn 17, MNHN-IU-2013-17865. **A.** Head and body segments 1–2 in lateral view. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view. **C.** Telson.



Fig. 117. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) similis* subgen. nov. Chevreux, 1912, ♀, lectotype, undissected, Admiralty Bay, second French Antarctic expedition 1908-1910, dredging stn 17, MNHN-IU-2013-17865. **A.** Basis of pereopods 1-7. **B.** Coxae 6-7.

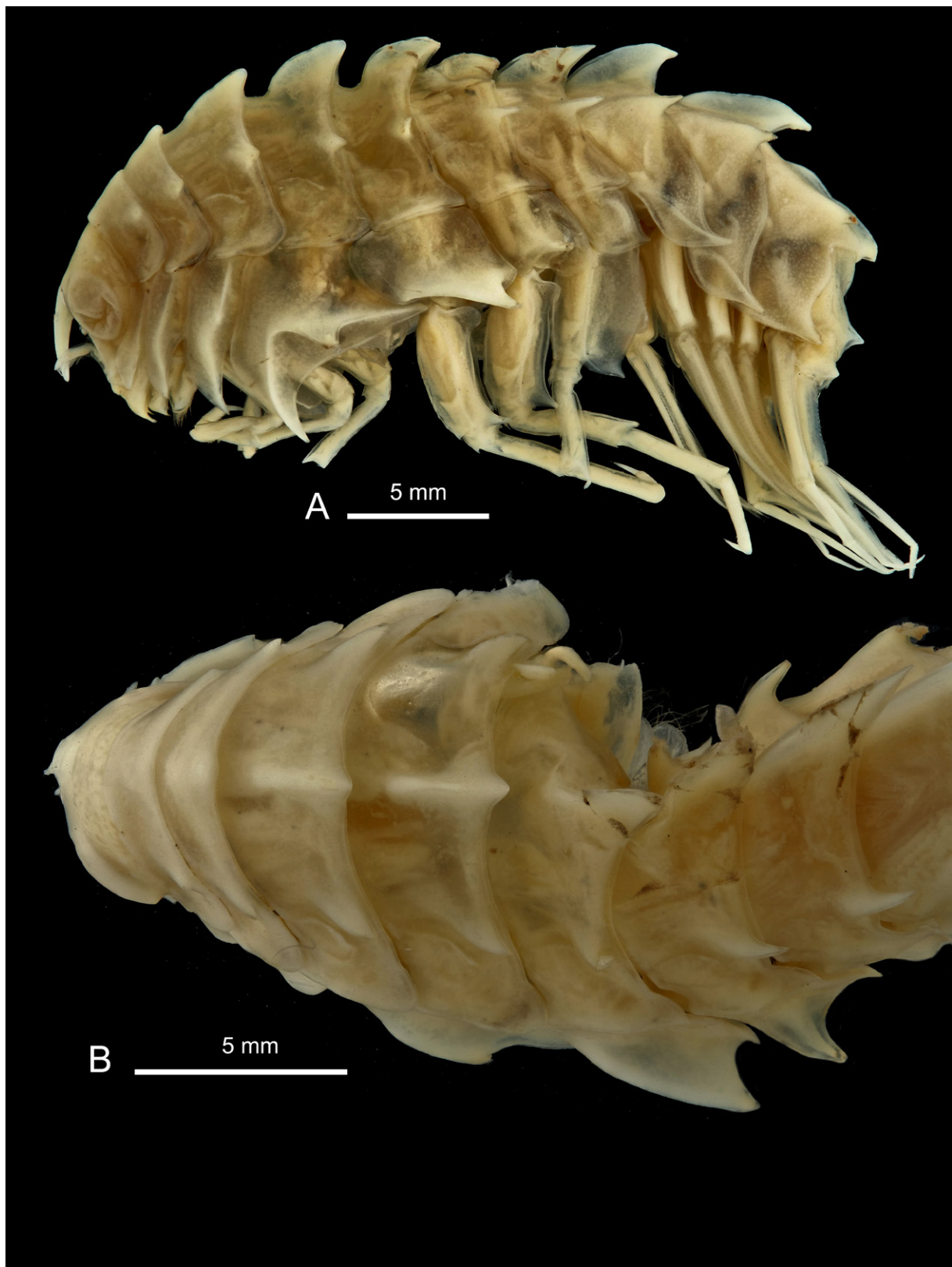


Fig. 118. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) similis* subgen. nov. Chevreux, 1912, ♀, paralectotype, dissected, Admiralty Bay, second French Antarctic expedition 1908-1910, dredging stn 17, MNHN-IU-2013-17864. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

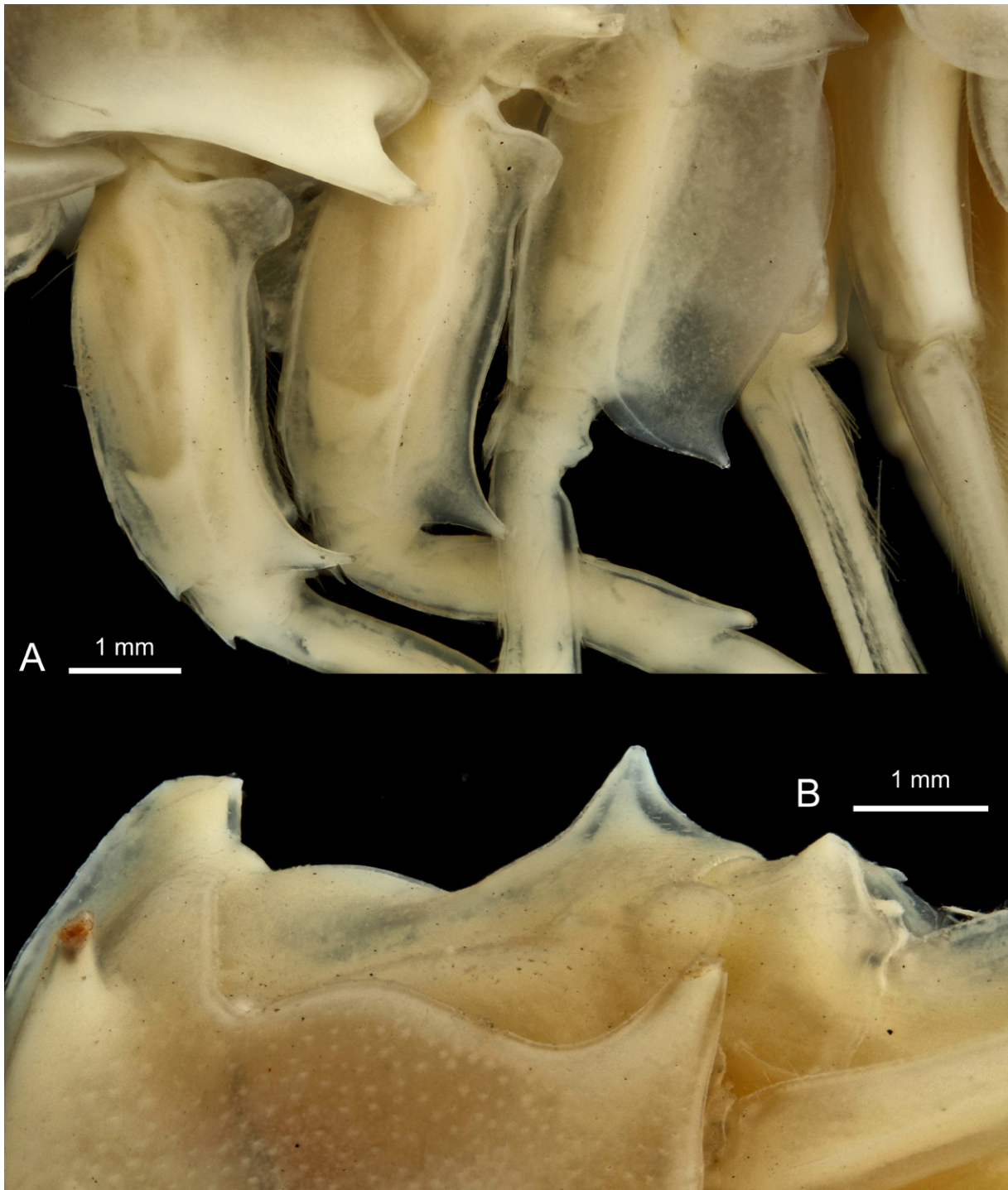


Fig. 119. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *similis* subgen. nov. Chevreux, 1912, ♀, paralectotype, dissected, Admiralty Bay, second French Antarctic expedition 1908-1910, dredging stn 17, MNHN-IU-2013-17864. **A.** Basis of Pereiopods 5–7. **B.** Urosomites 1–2.

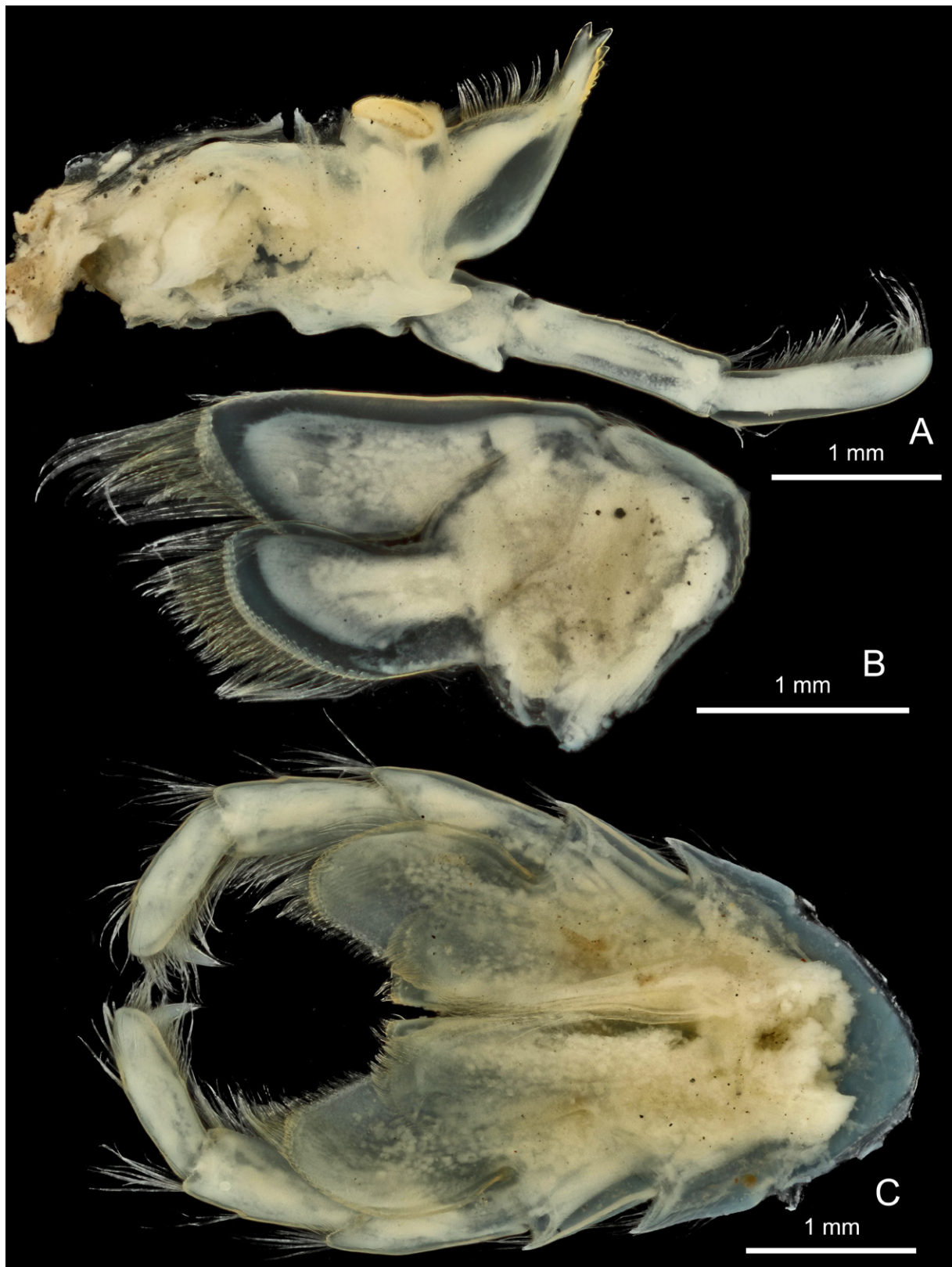


Fig. 120. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) similis* subgen. nov. Chevreux, 1912, ♀, paralectotype, dissected, Admiralty Bay, second French Antarctic expedition 1908-1910, dredging stn 17. A. Mandible. B. Maxilla 2. C. Maxilliped.

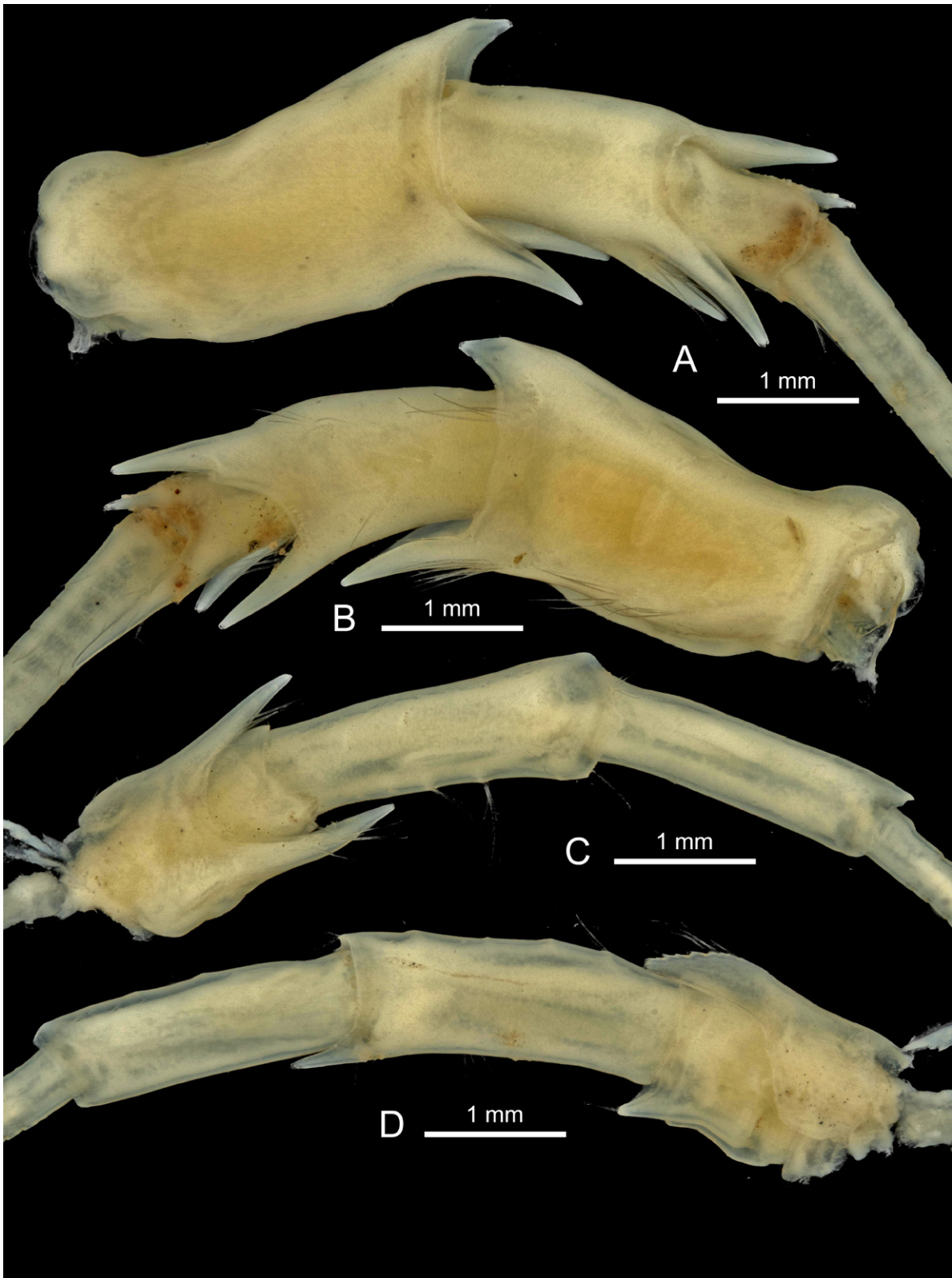


Fig. 121. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *similis* subgen. nov. Chevreux, 1912, ♀, paralectotype, dissected, Admiralty Bay, second French Antarctic expedition 1908-1910, dredging stn 17, MNHN-IU-2013-17864. **A.** Right antenna 1 in dorsal view. **B.** Right antenna 1 in ventral view. **C.** Right antenna 2 in lateral view. **D.** Right antenna 2 in medial view.

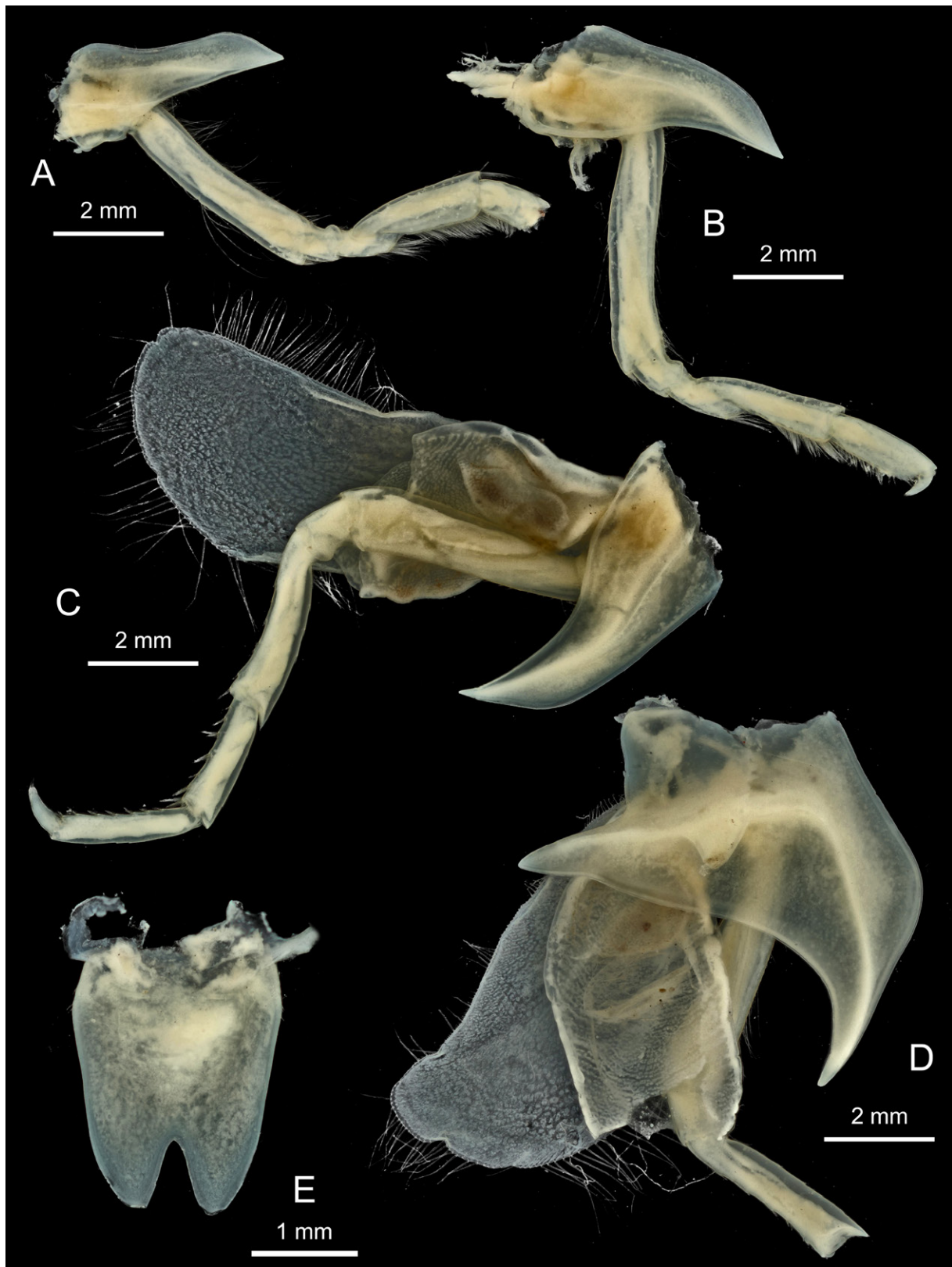


Fig. 122. *Epimeria (Drakepimeria) similis* subgen. nov. Chevreux, 1912, ♀, paralectotype, dissected, Admiralty Bay, second French Antarctic expedition 1908-1910, dredging stn 17, MNHN-IU-2013-17864. A. Gnathopod 1. B. Gnathopod 2. C. Pereiopod 3. D. Pereiopod 4. E. Telson.

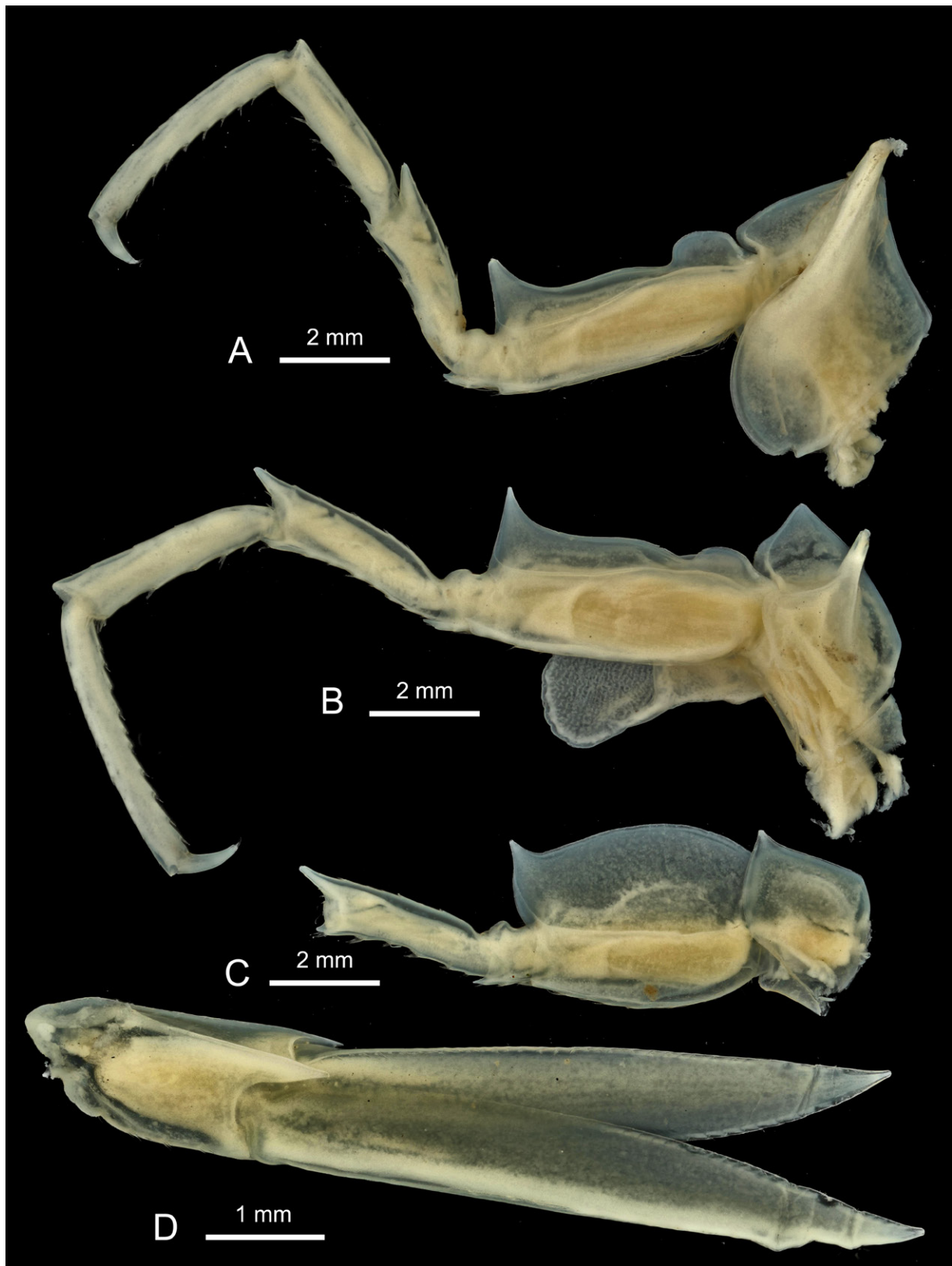


Fig. 123. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *similis* subgen. nov. Chevreux, 1912, ♀, paralectotype, dissected, Admiralty Bay, second French Antarctic expedition 1908-1910, dredging stn 17, MNHN-IU-2013-17864. A. Pereiopod 5. B. Pereiopod 6. C. Pereiopod 7. D. Uropod 3.



Fig. 124. *Epimeria* (*Drakepimeria*) *similis* subgen. nov. Chevreux, 1912, ♀♀, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 654-6, INV. 132983. A–B. Anterior part of body.

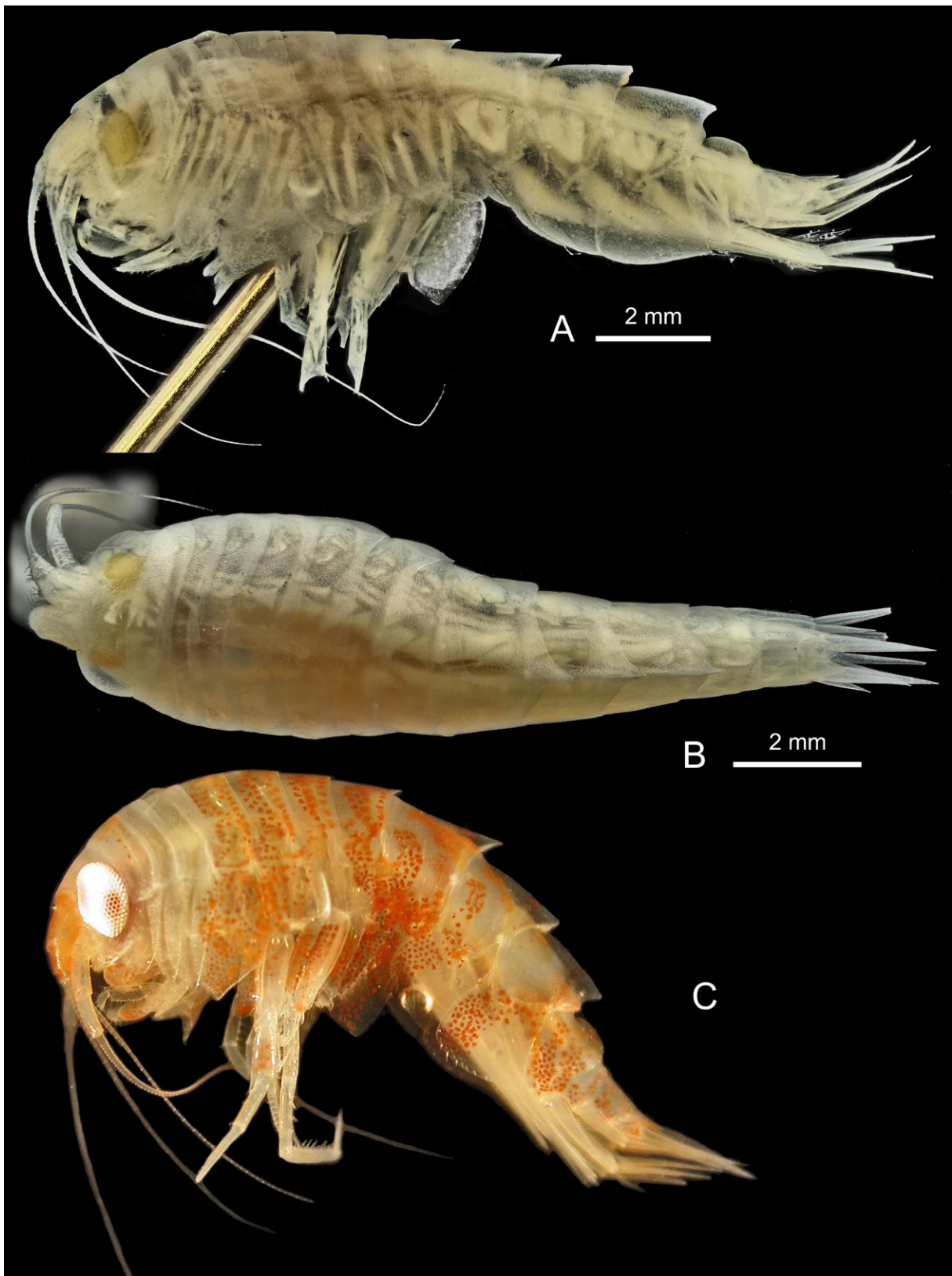


Fig. 125. *Epimeria (Epimeriella) atalanta* sp. nov., sex undetermined, holotype, western Weddell Sea, Larsen A, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 725-10, RBINS, INV. 122527. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus. **C.** Colour in life.

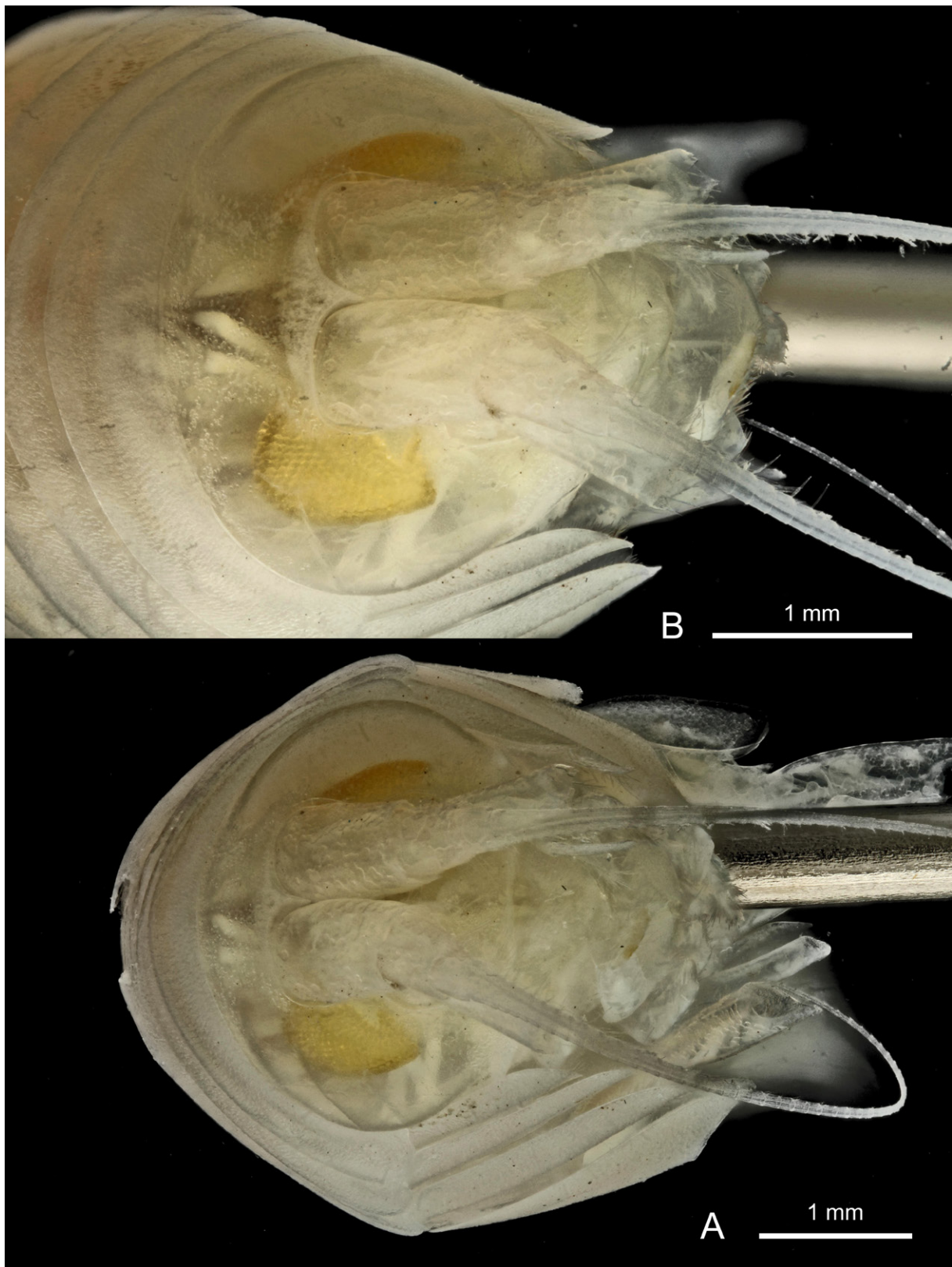


Fig. 126. *Epimeria (Epimeriella) atalanta* sp. nov., sex undetermined, holotype, western Weddell Sea, Larsen A, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 725-10, RBINS, INV. 122527. A. Facial habitus. B. Head in facial view.

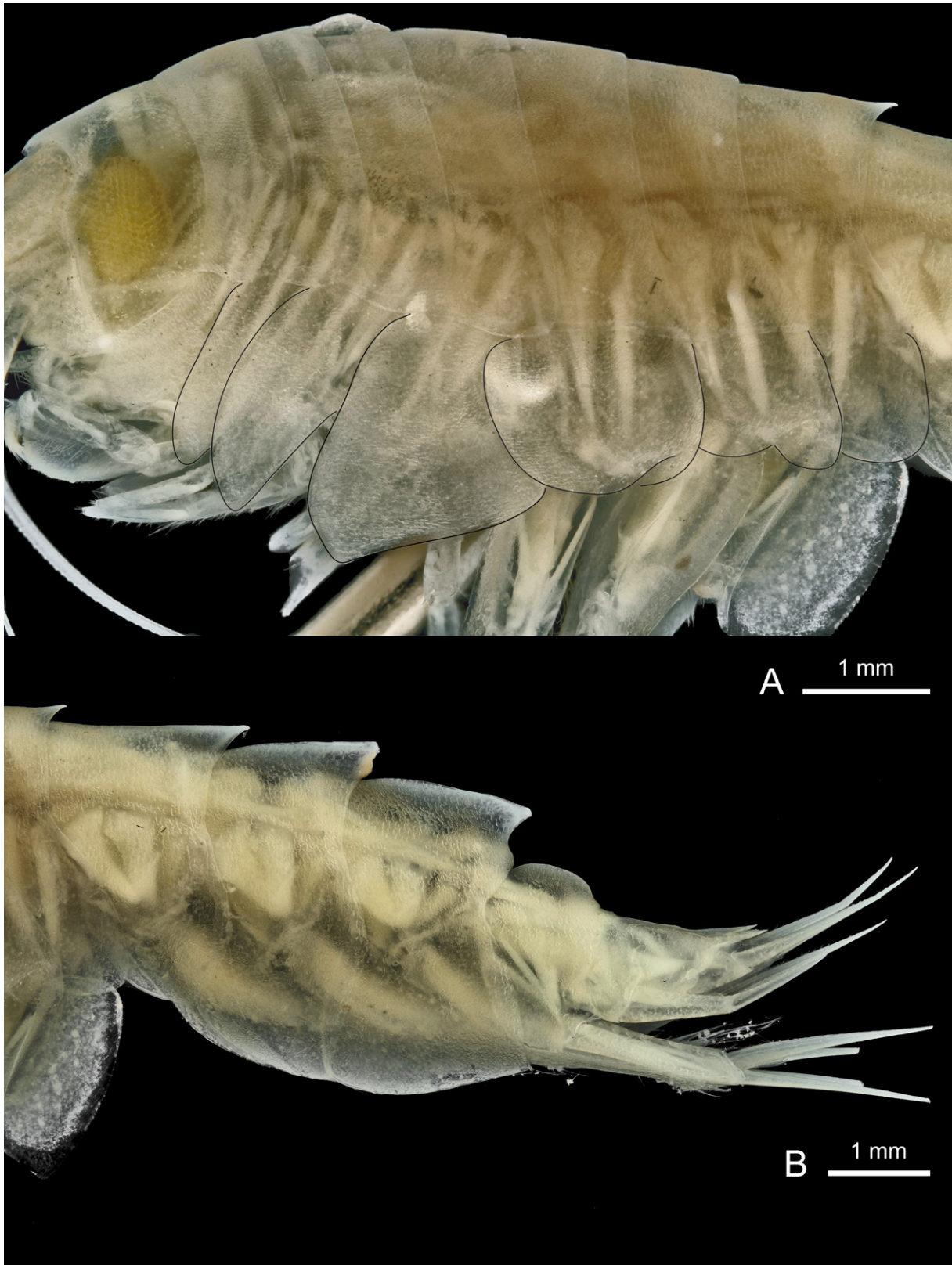


Fig. 127. *Epimeria* (*Epimeriella*) *atalanta* sp. nov., sex undetermined, holotype, western Weddell Sea, Larsen A, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 725-10, RBINS, INV. 122527. **A.** Anterior half. **B.** Posterior half.

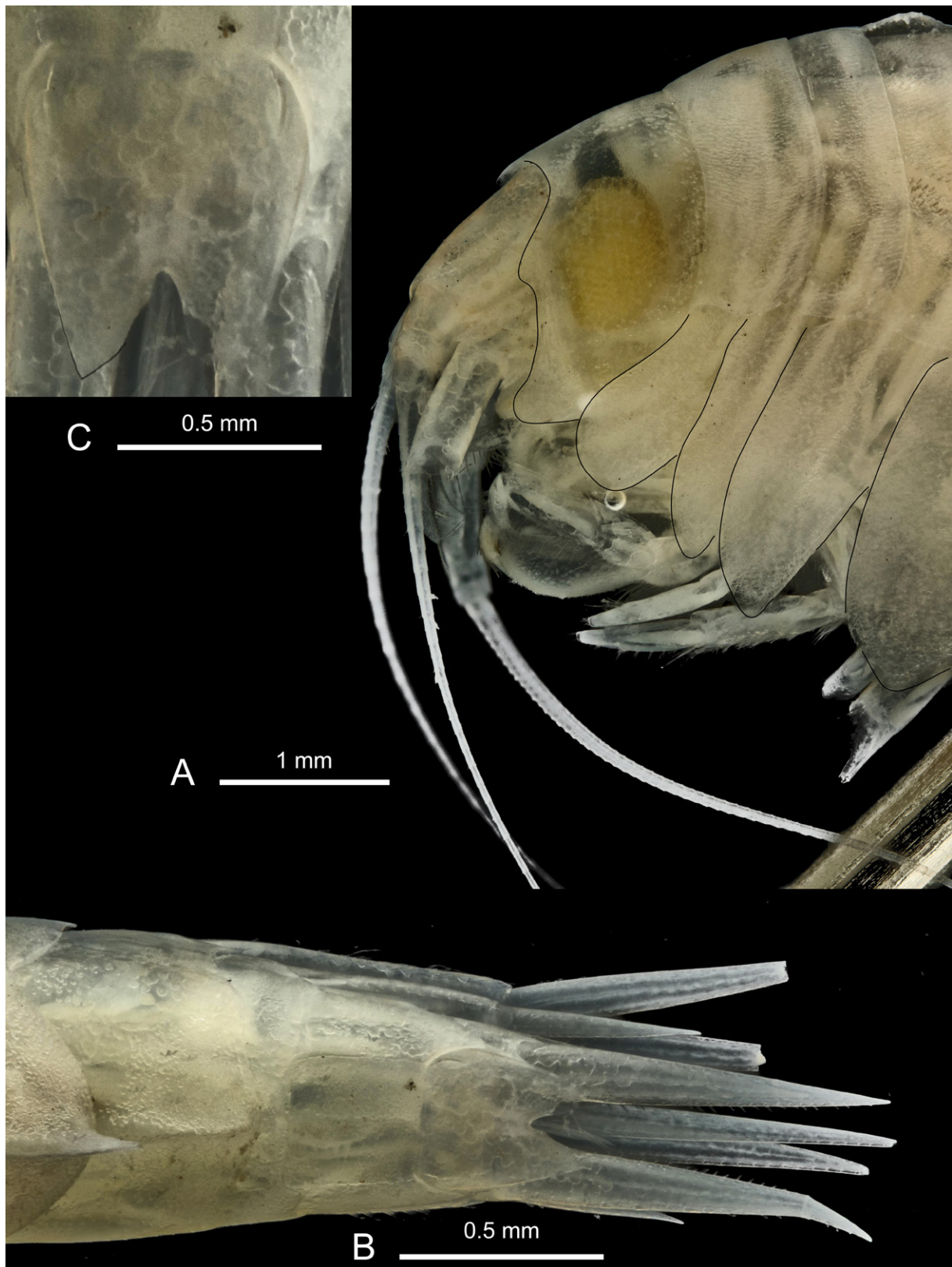


Fig. 128. *Epimeria (Epimeriella) atalanta* sp. nov., sex undetermined, holotype, western Weddell Sea, Larsen A, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 725-10, RBINS, INV. 122527. **A.** Head in lateral view. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view. **C.** Telson.

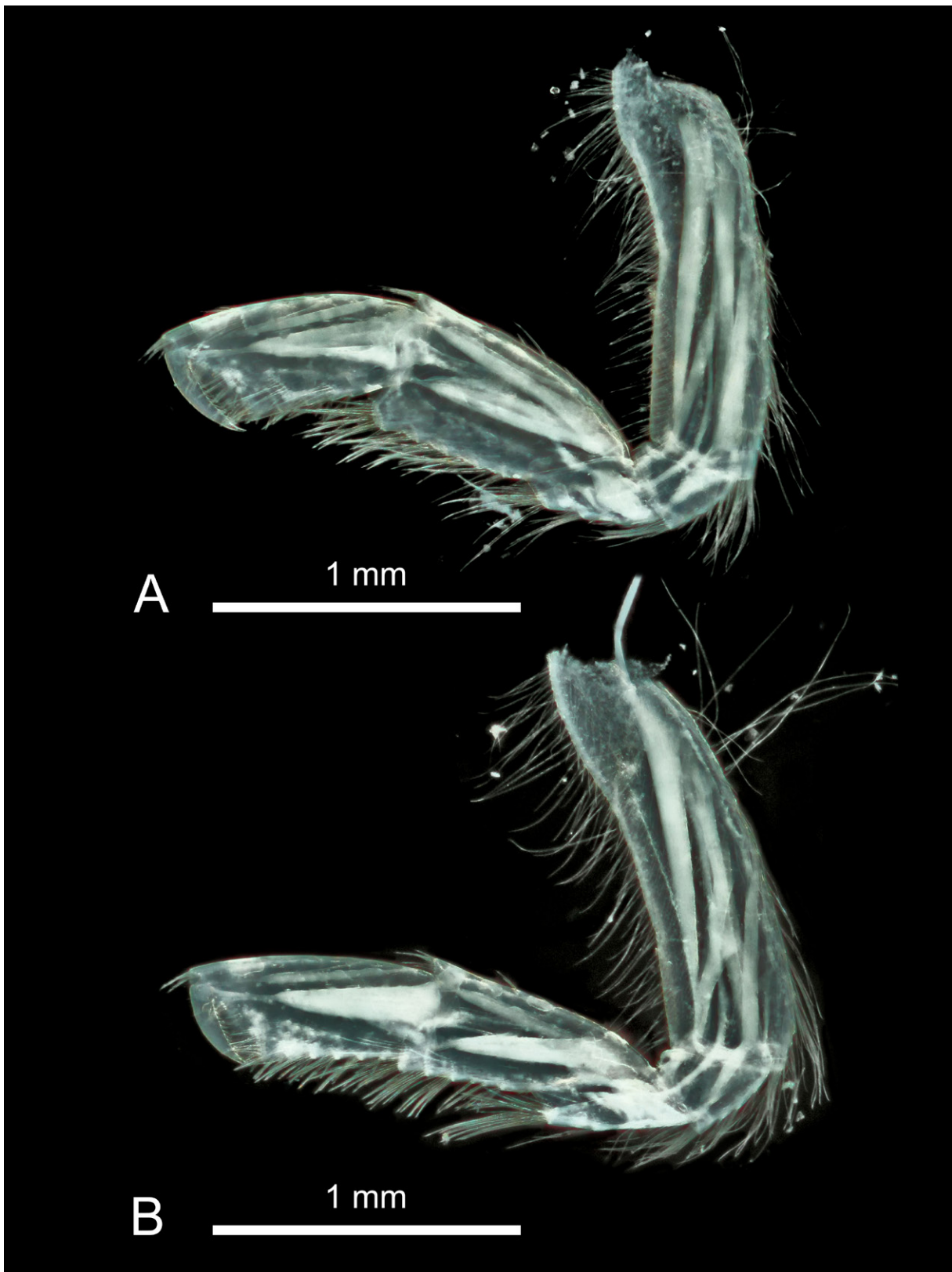


Fig. 129. *Epimeria* (*Epimeriella*) *atalanta* sp. nov., sex undetermined, holotype, western Weddell Sea, Larsen A, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 725-10, RBINS, INV. 122527. **A.** Gnathopod 1. **B.** Gnathopod 2.

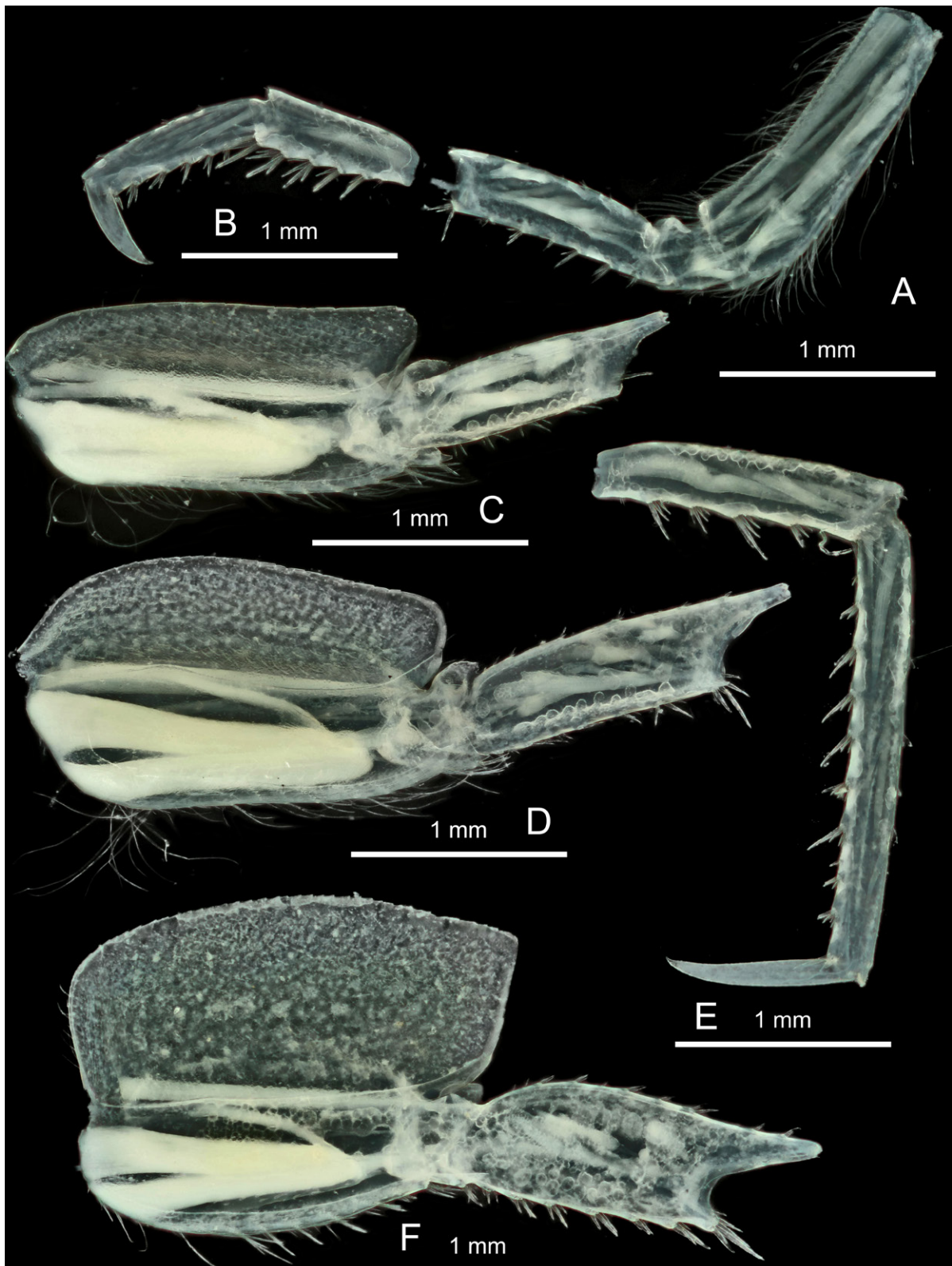


Fig. 130. *Epimeria (Epimeriella) atalanta* sp. nov., sex undetermined, holotype, western Weddell Sea, Larsen A, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 725-10, RBINS, INV. 122527. **A.** Pereiopod 4 (proximal part). **B.** Pereiopod 3 or 4 (tip). **C.** Pereiopod 5 (proximal part). **D.** Pereiopod 6 (proximal part). **E.** Presumably pereiopod 6 (distal part). **F.** Pereiopod 7 (proximal part).



Fig. 131. *Epimeria* (*Epimeriella*) *macronyx* (Walker, 1906), sex undetermined, north of Livingstone Island, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 238-1, RBINS, INV. 122943, colour in life.

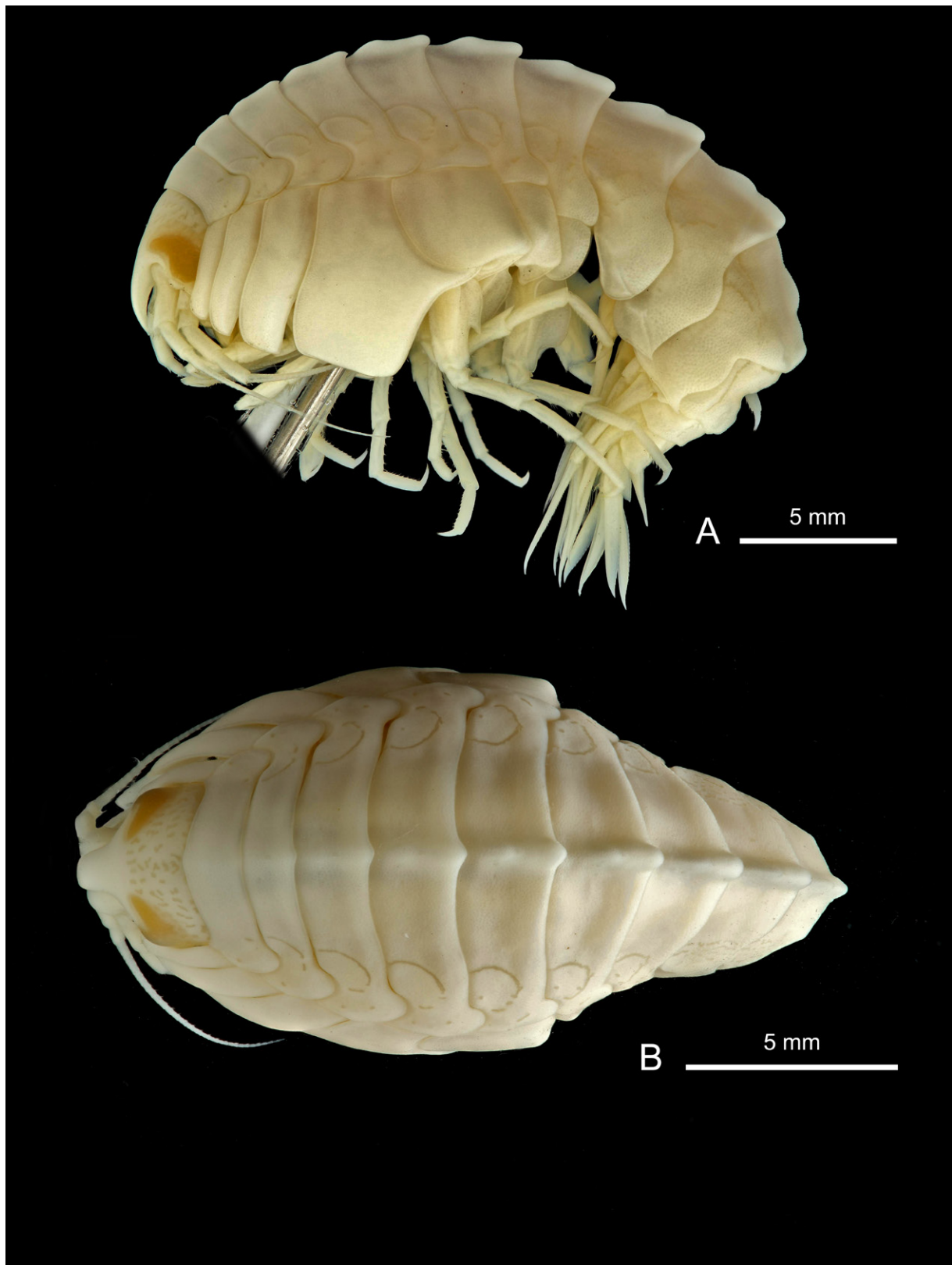


Fig. 132. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) angelikae* subgen. nov. Lörz & Linse in Lörz *et al.*, 2011, ♀, adult, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 3410, MNHN-IU-2014-7343. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

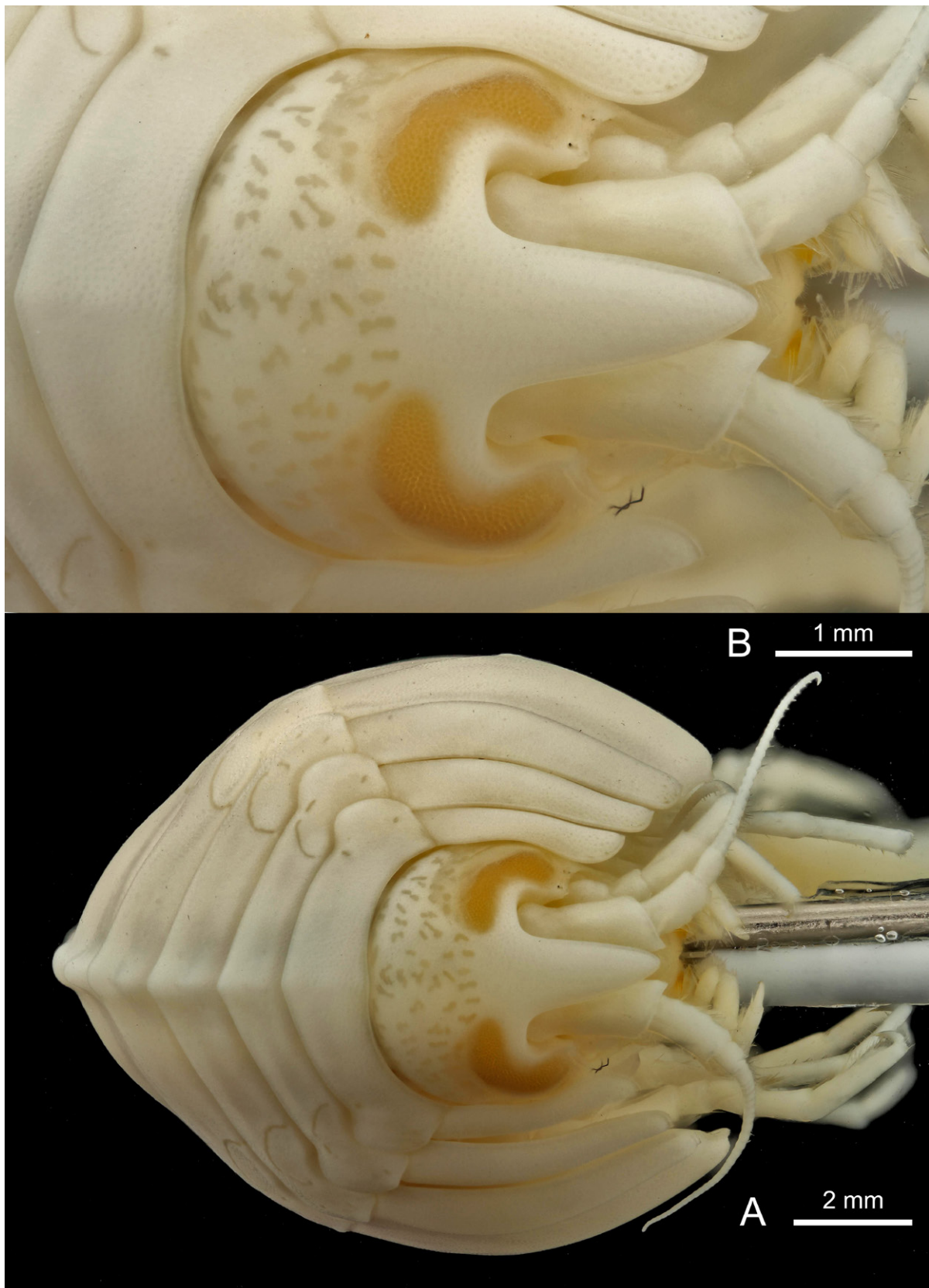


Fig. 133. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) angelikae* subgen. nov. Lörz & Linse in Lörz *et al.*, 2011, ♀, adult, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 3410, MNHN-IU-2014-7343. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in facial view.



Fig. 134. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) angelikae* subgen. nov. Lörz & Linse in Lörz *et al.*, 2011, ♀, adult, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 3410, MNHN-IU-2014-7343. A. Coxae 1–7. B. Pleon.

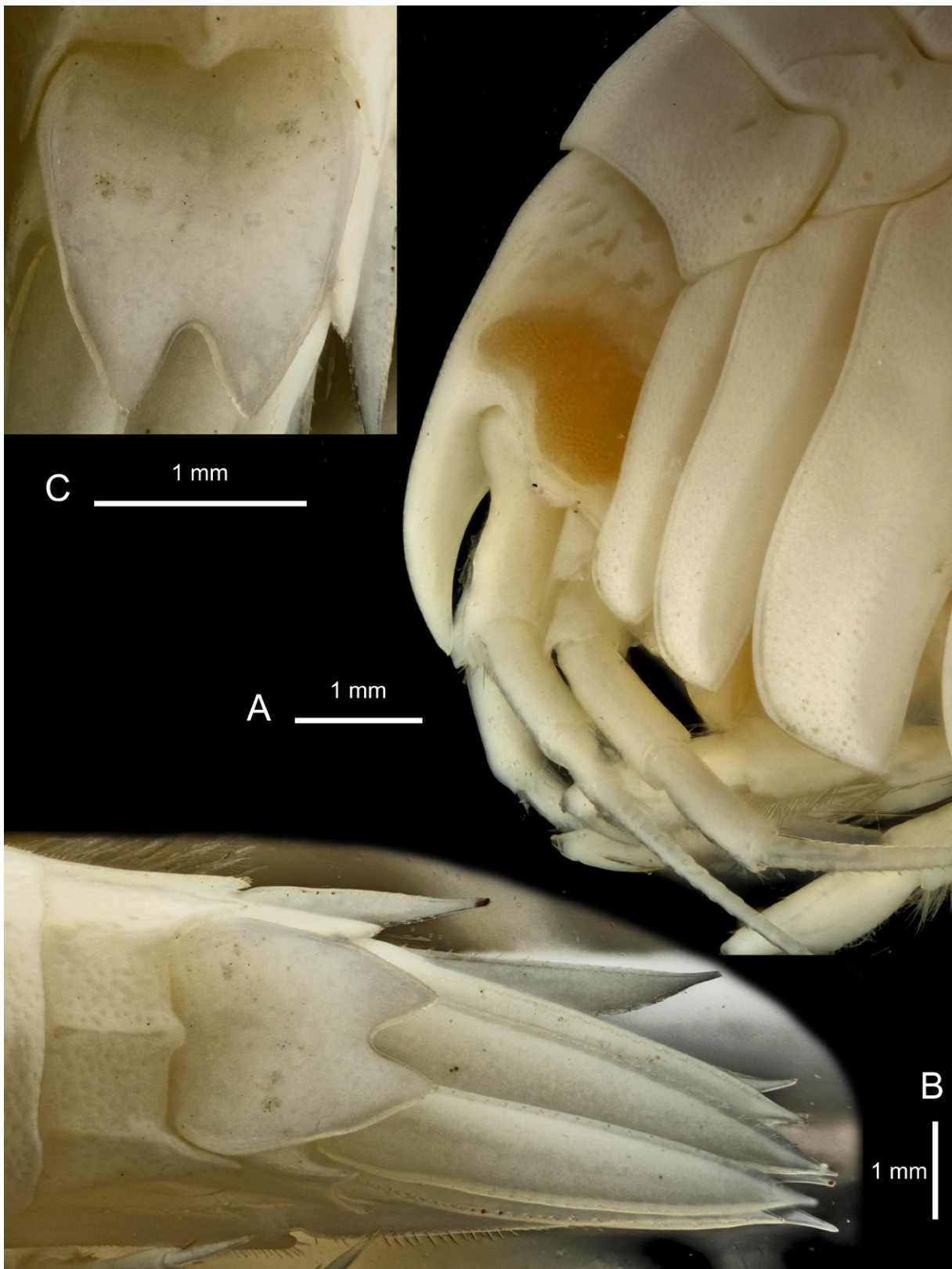


Fig. 135. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) angelikae* subgen. nov. Lörz & Linse in Lörz *et al.*, 2011, ♀, adult, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 3410, MNHN-IU-2014-7343. **A.** Head in lateral view. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view. **C.** Telson.

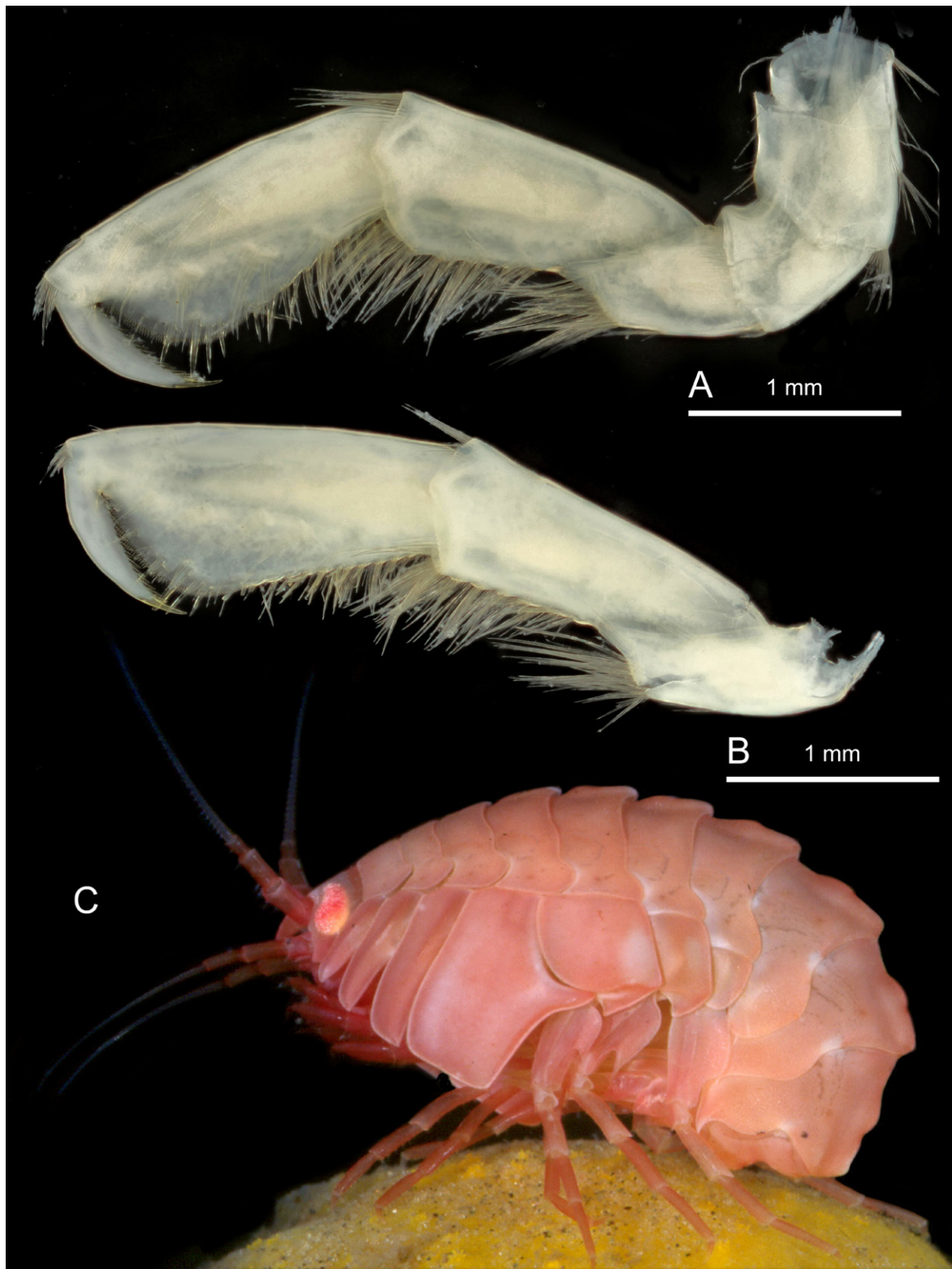


Fig. 136. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) angelikae* subgen. nov. Lörz & Linse in Lörz *et al.*, 2011. A–B, ♀, adult, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 3410, MNHN-IU-2014-7343. C, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-VII/4, no station. A. Gnathopod 1. B. Gnathopod 2. C. Habitus in colour. There is no evidence of symbiosis with sponges: there was simply a sponge in the aquarium used for photography. Colour photograph by Gauthier Chapelle (formerly RBINS).

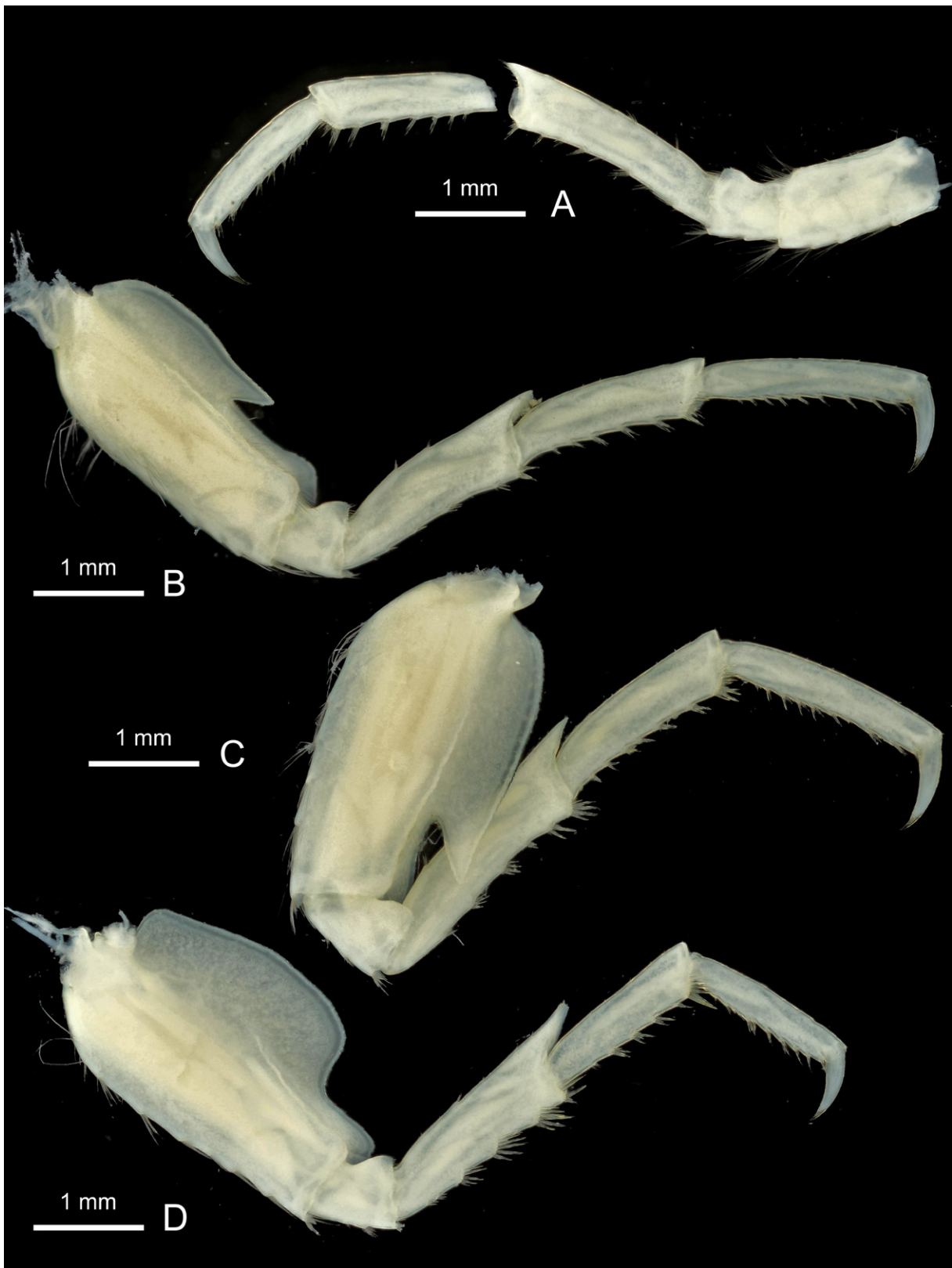


Fig. 137. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) angelikae* subgen. nov. Lörz & Linse in Lörz *et al.*, 2011, ♀, adult, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 3410, MNHN-IU-2014-7343. **A.** Pereiopod 4. **B.** Pereiopod 5. **C.** Pereiopod 6. **D.** Pereiopod 7.



Fig. 138. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) cyphorachis* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Drake Passage, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 249-2, RBINS, INV. 122936, colour in life.

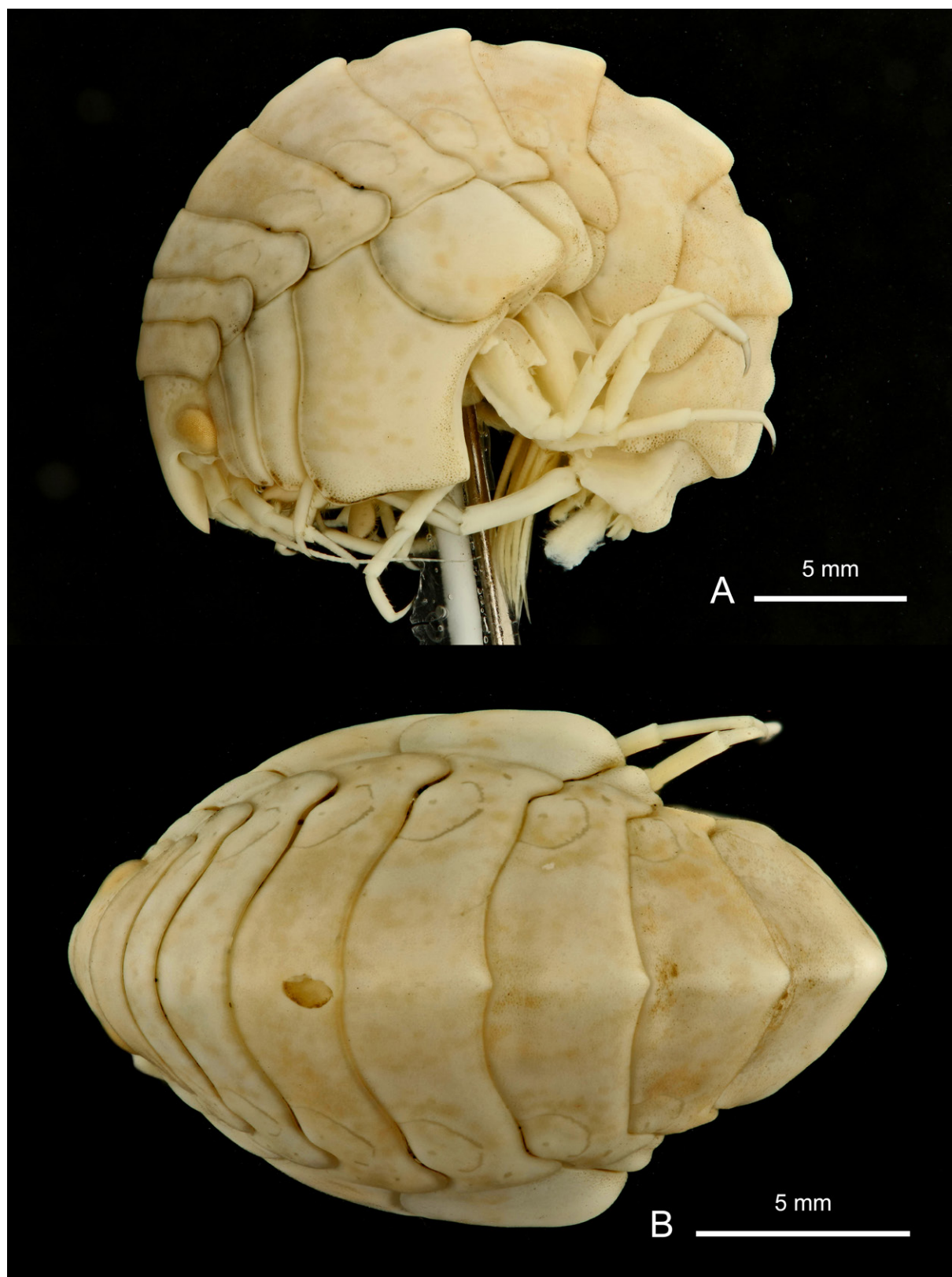


Fig. 139. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) cyphorachis* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Drake Passage, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 249-2, RBINS, INV. 122936. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

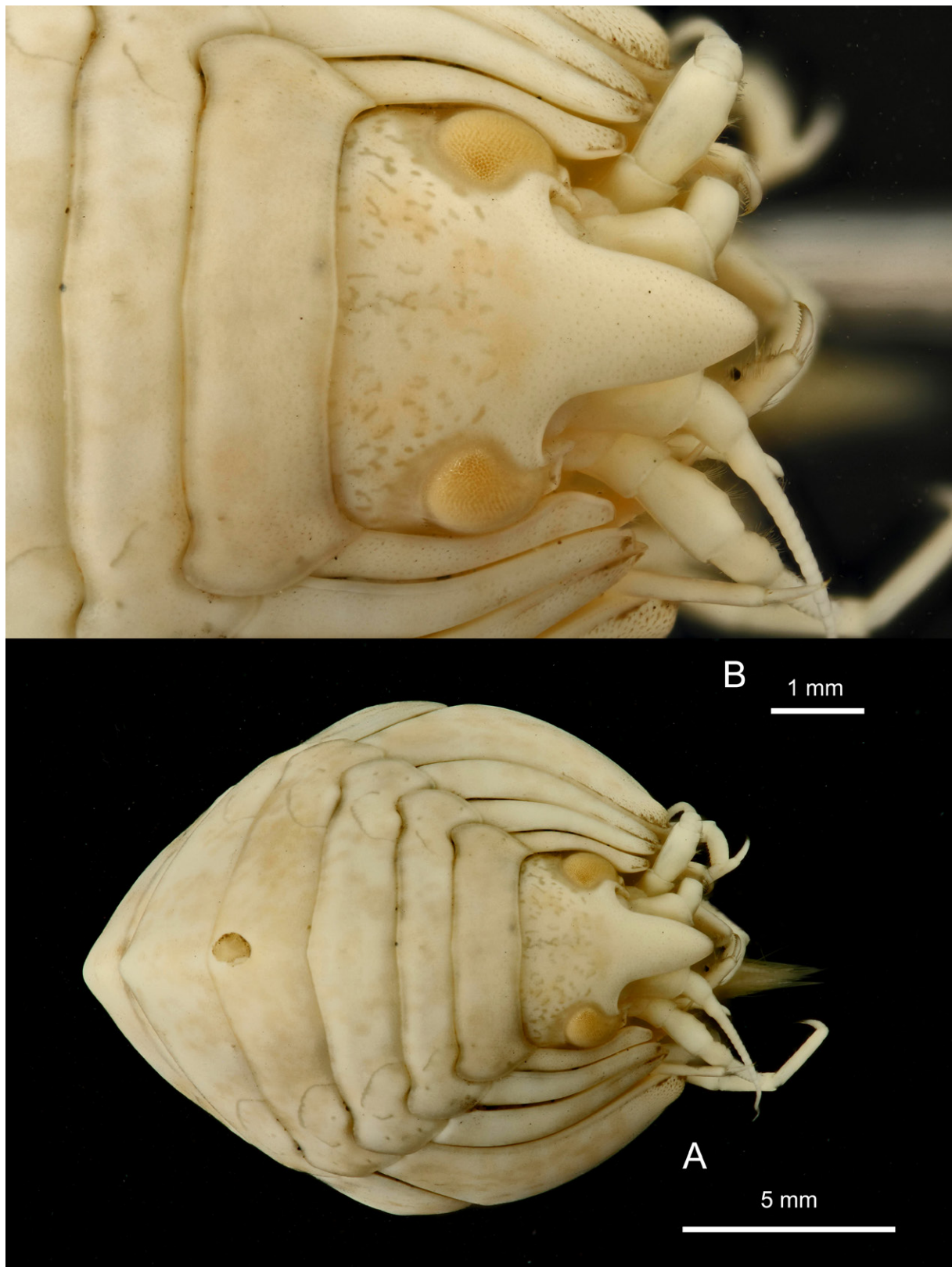


Fig. 140. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) cyphorachis* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Drake Passage, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 249-2, RBINS, INV. 122936. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in facial view.

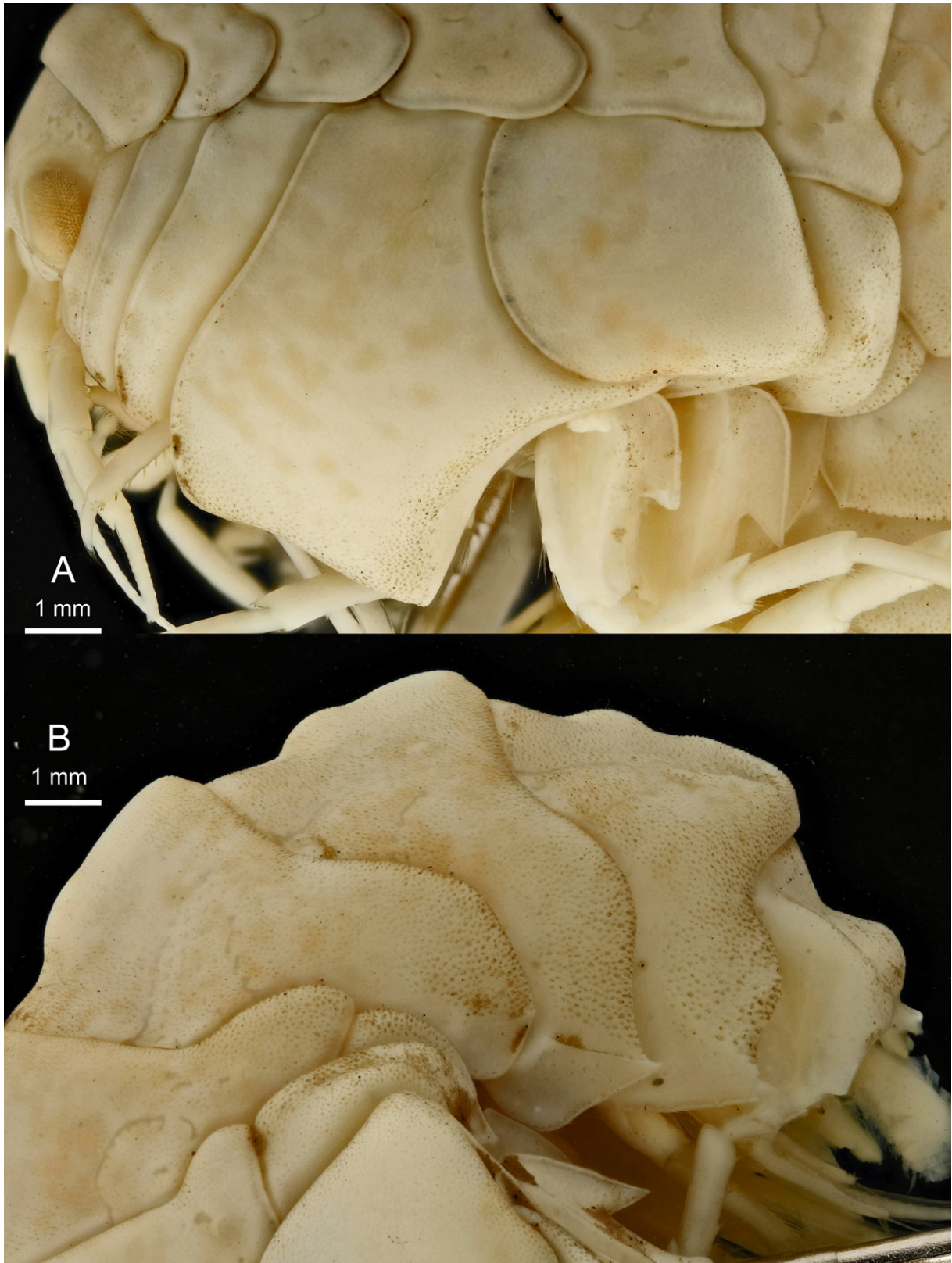


Fig. 141. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) cyphorachis* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Drake Passage, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 249-2, RBINS, INV. 122936. A. Coxae 1–7. B. Pleosome and urosomite 1.

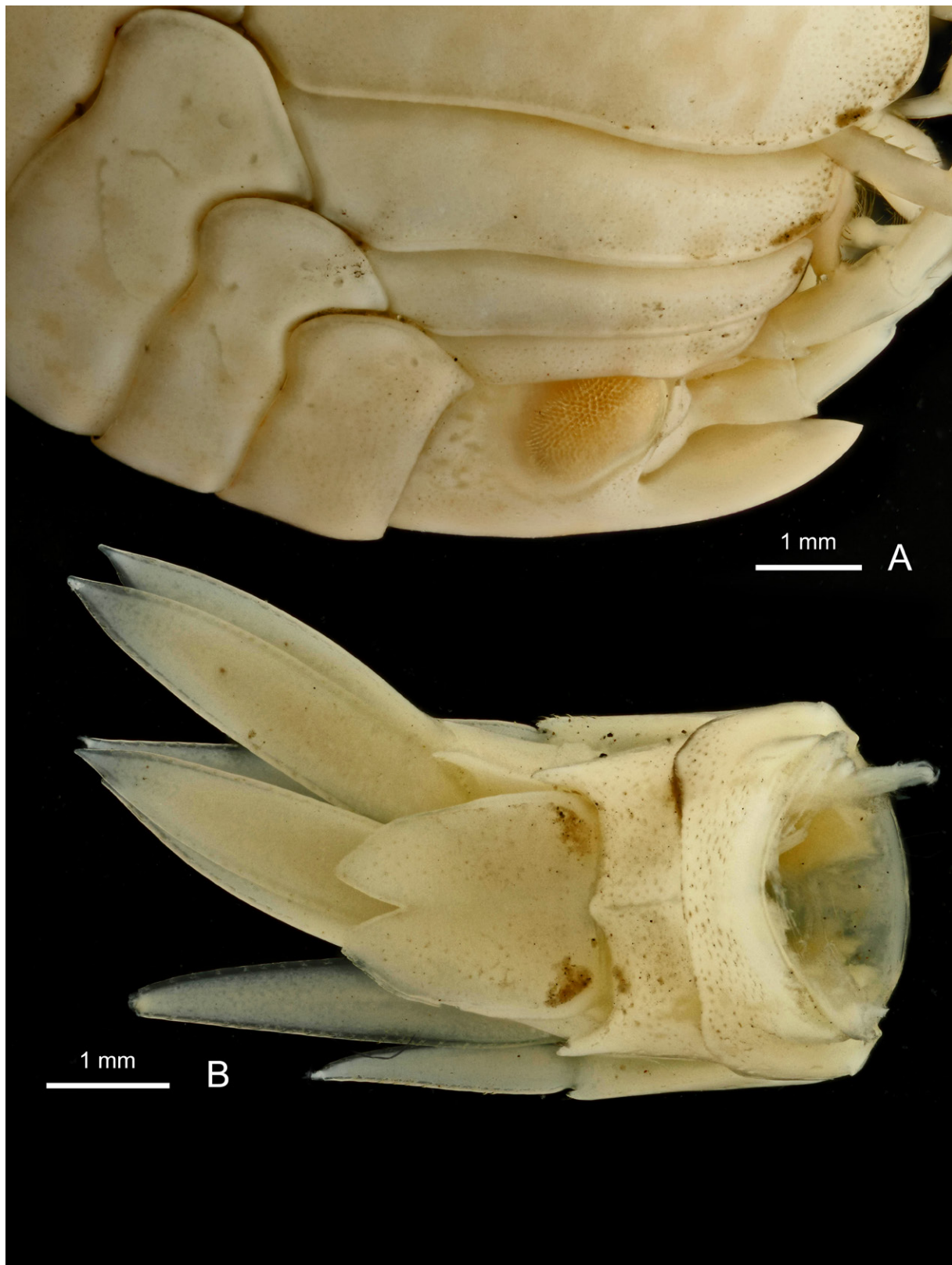


Fig. 142. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) cyphorachis* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Drake Passage, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 249-2, RBINS, INV. 122936. **A.** Head in lateral view. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view.

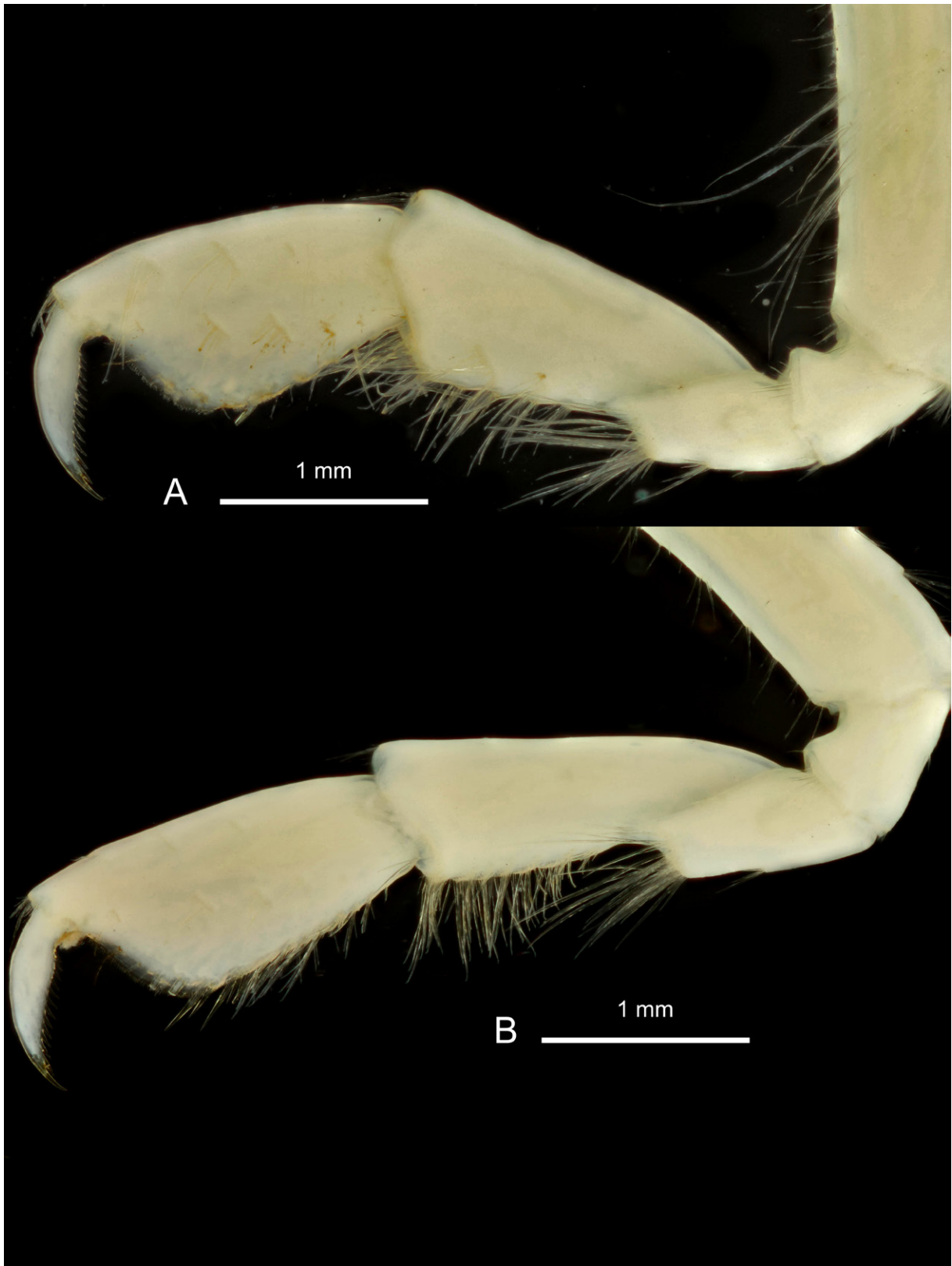


Fig. 143. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) cyphorachis* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Drake Passage, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 249-2, RBINS, INV. 122936. **A.** Gnathopod 1. **B.** Gnathopod 2.



Fig. 144. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) cyphorachis* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Drake Passage, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 249-2, RBINS, INV. 122936. A. Pereiopod 4. B. Pereiopod 5. C. Pereiopod 6. D. Pereiopod 7.



Fig. 145. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *gargantua* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, type series and probably holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 196-8, RBINS, INV. 122937, colour in life.

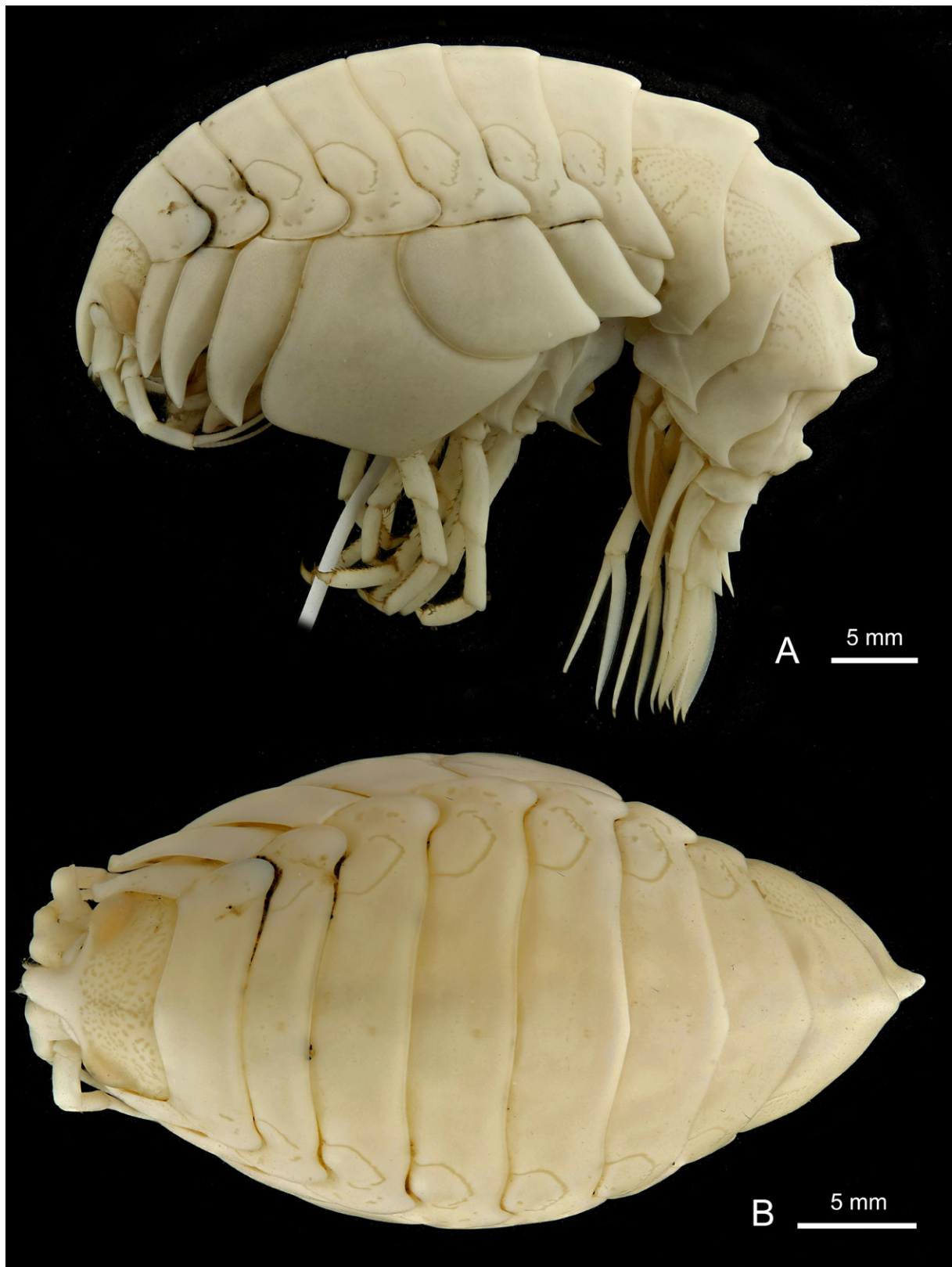


Fig. 146. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) gargantua* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 196-8, RBINS, INV. 122937A. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

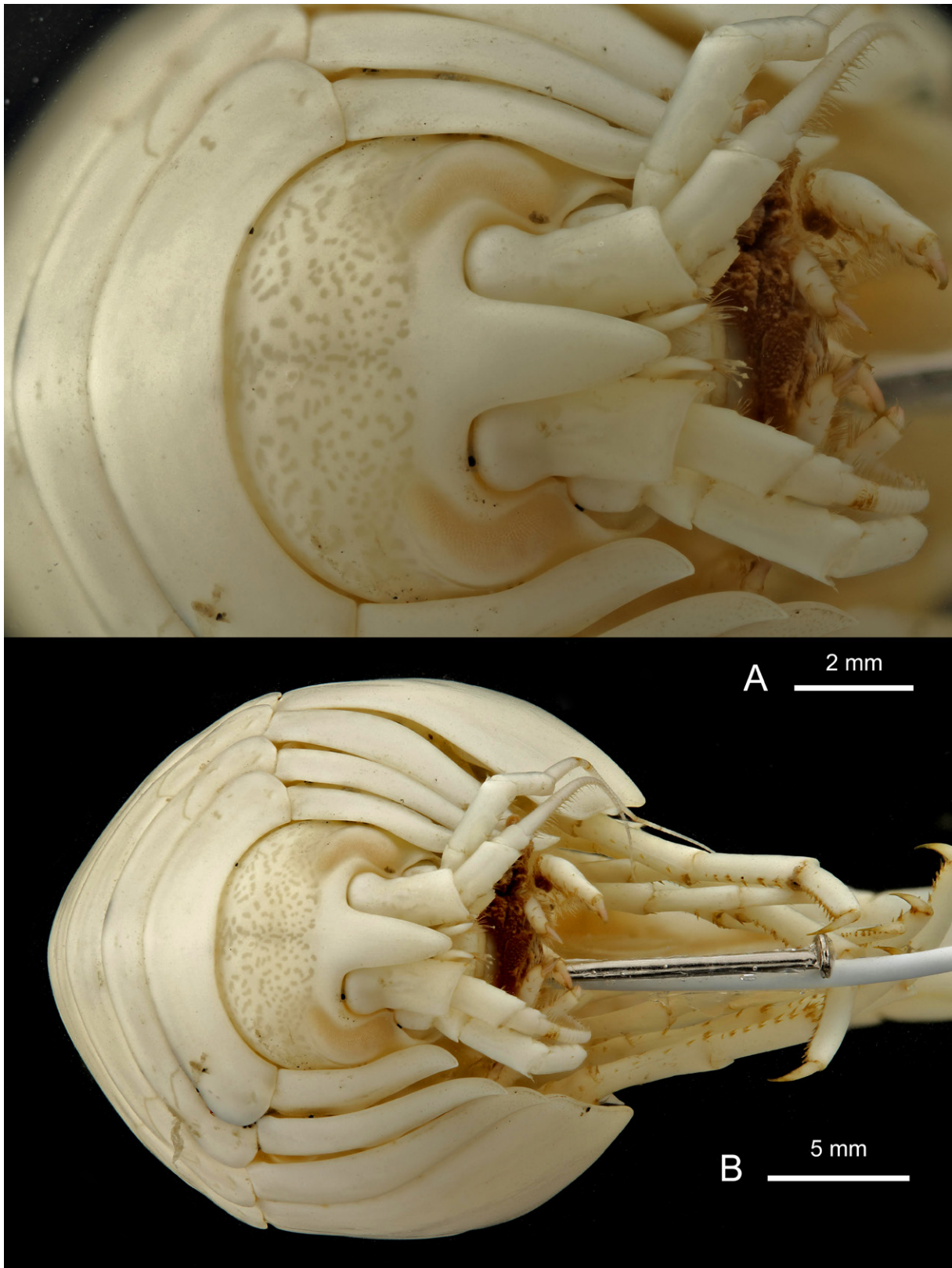


Fig. 147. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) gargantua* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 196-8, RBINS, INV. 122937A. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in dorsal view.

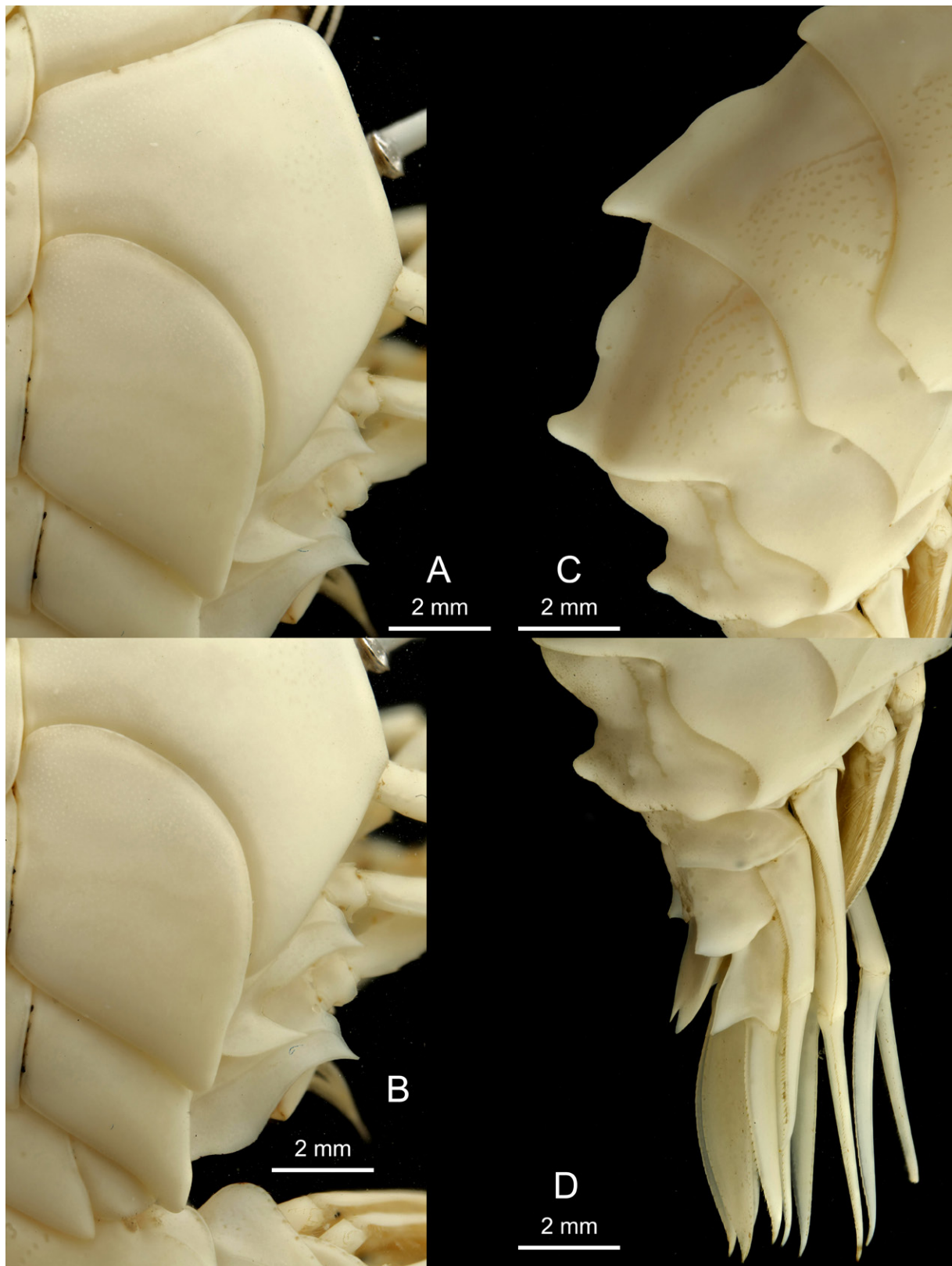


Fig. 148. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) gargantua* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 196-8, RBINS, INV. 122937A. A. Coxae 4–5. B. Coxae 5–7. C. Pleosome and urosomite 1. D. Urosome in lateral view.

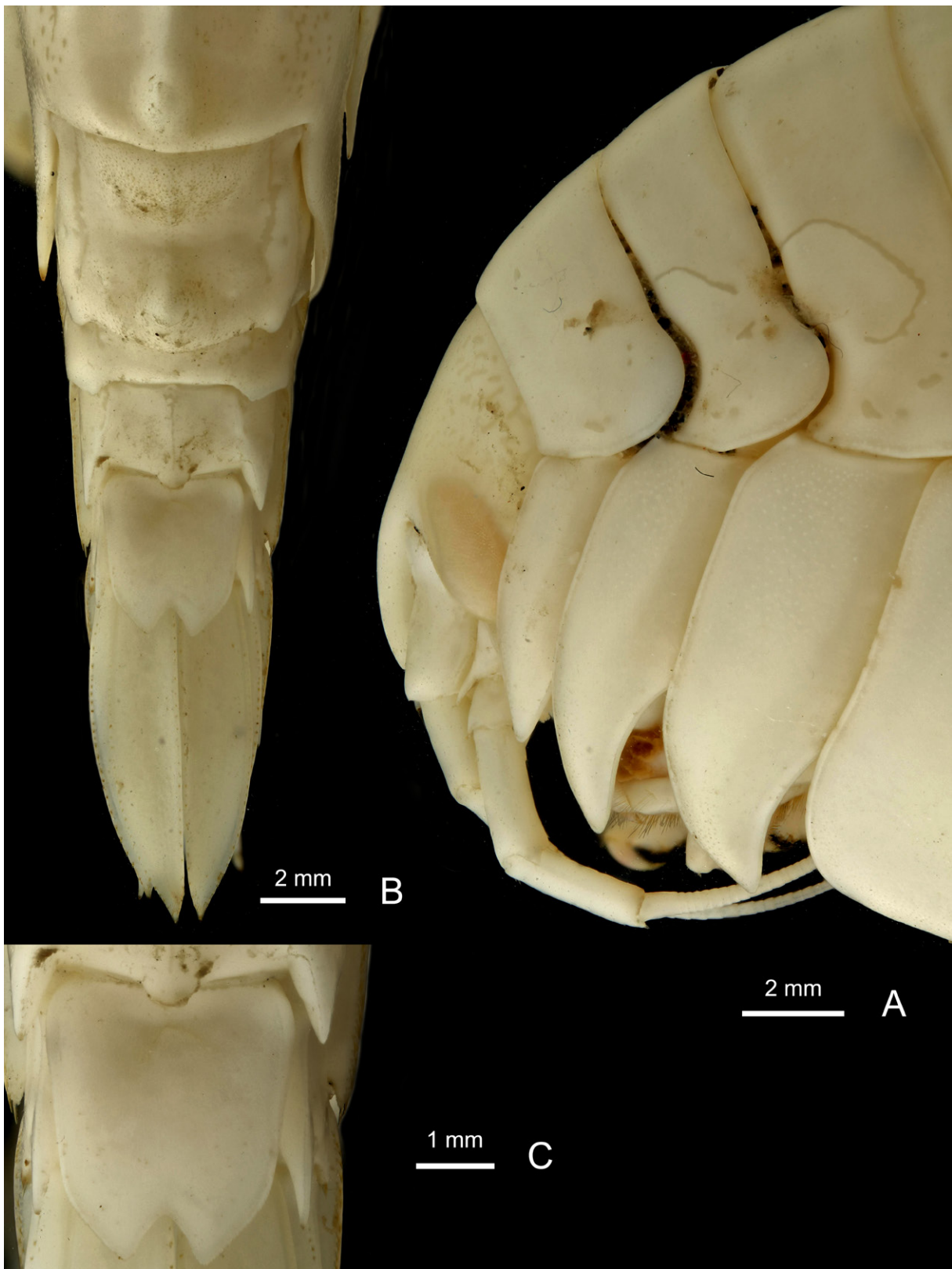


Fig. 149. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *gargantua* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 196-8, RBINS, INV. 122937A. A. Head in lateral view. B. Urosome in dorsal view. C. Telson.

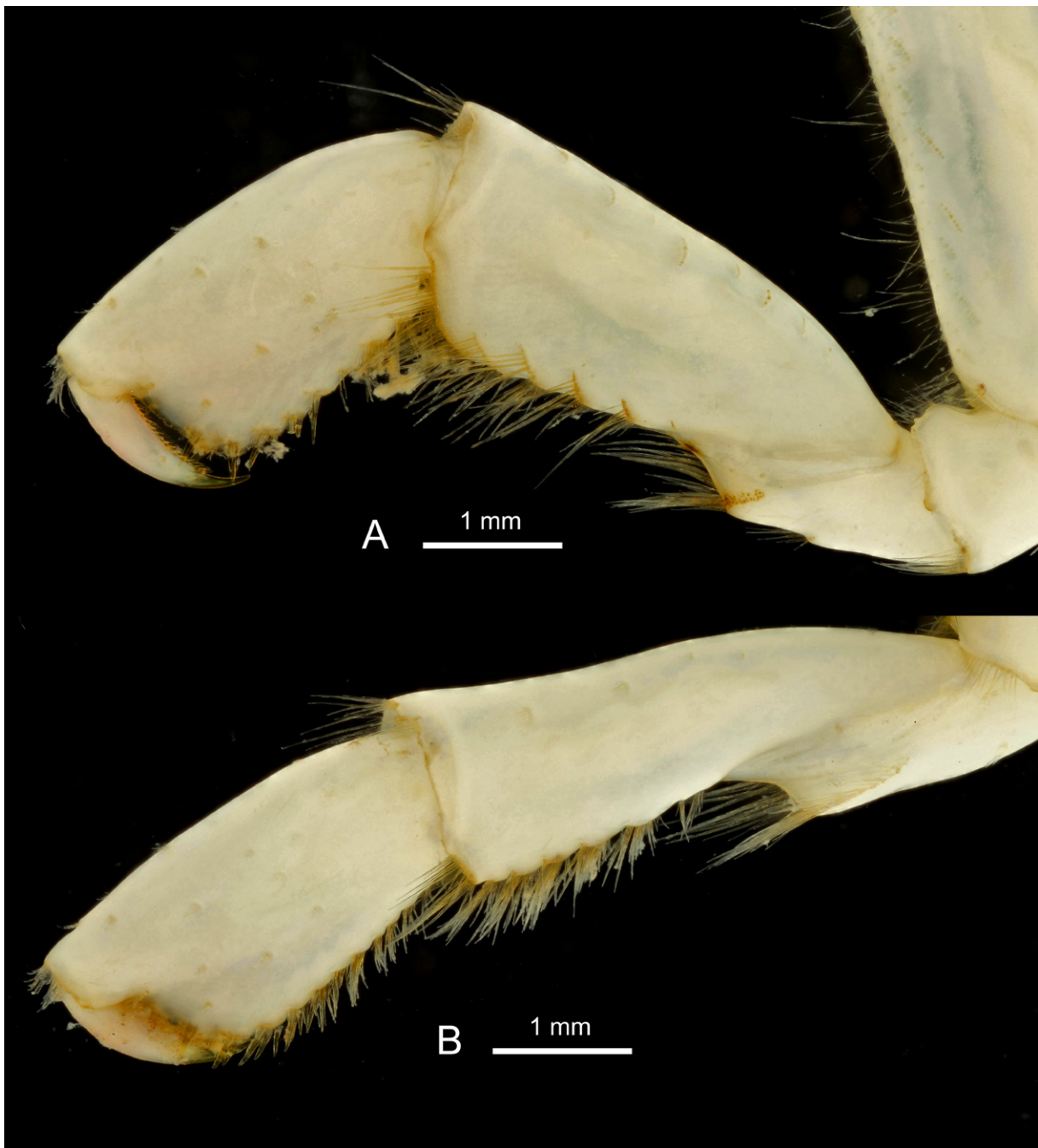


Fig. 150. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *gargantua* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 196-8, RBINS, INV. 122937A. **A.** Gnathopod 1. **B.** Gnathopod 2.



Fig. 151. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *gargantua* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 196-8, RBINS, INV. 122937A. **A.** Pereiopod 4. **B.** Pereiopod 5. **C.** Pereiopod 6. **D.** Pereiopod 7.

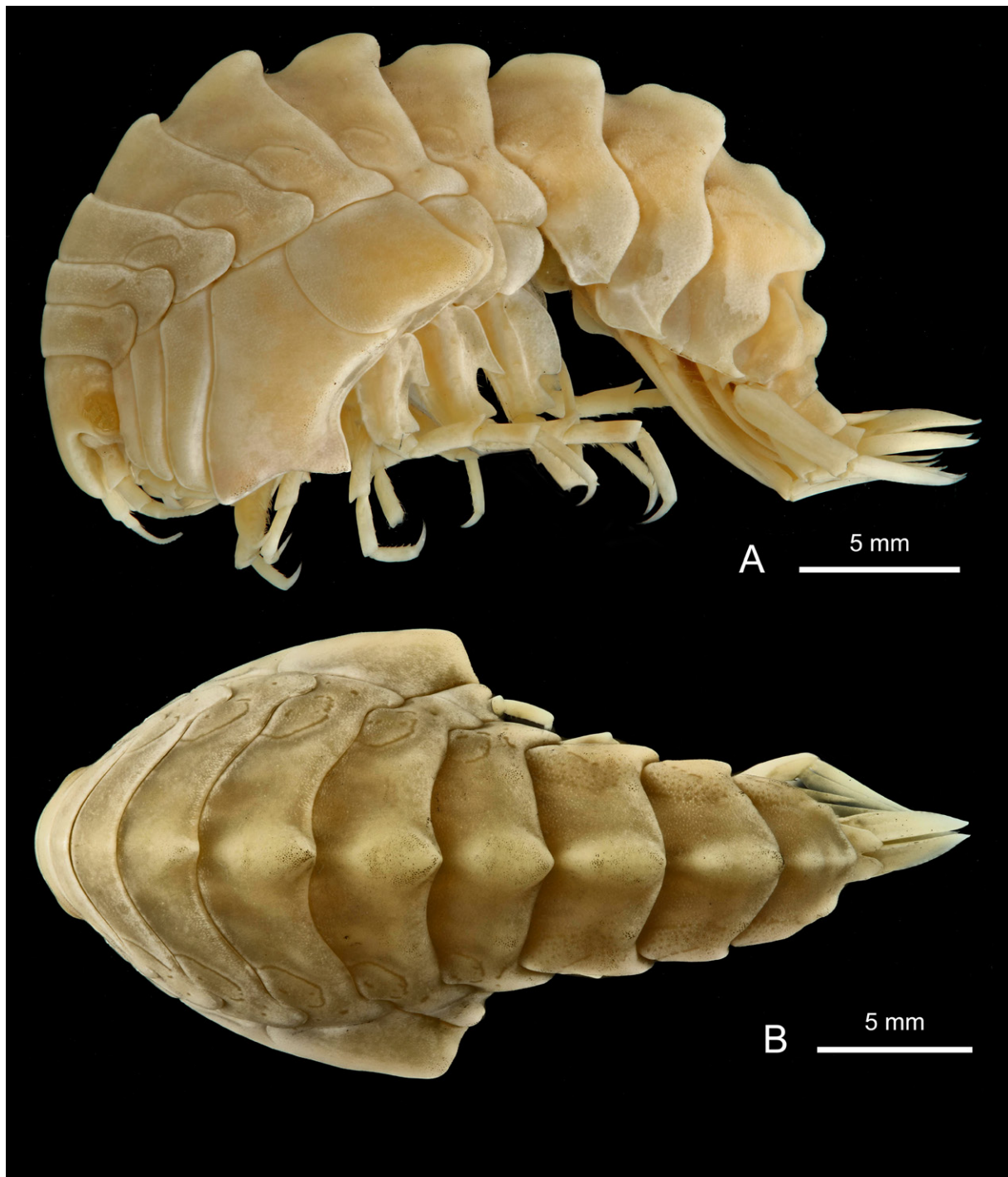


Fig. 152. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) georgiana* subgen. nov. (Schellenberg, 1931), ♀, lectotype, South Georgia, Swedish South Polar Expedition 1901–1903, stn 34, SMNH - type 673. A. Lateral habitus. B. Dorsal habitus.

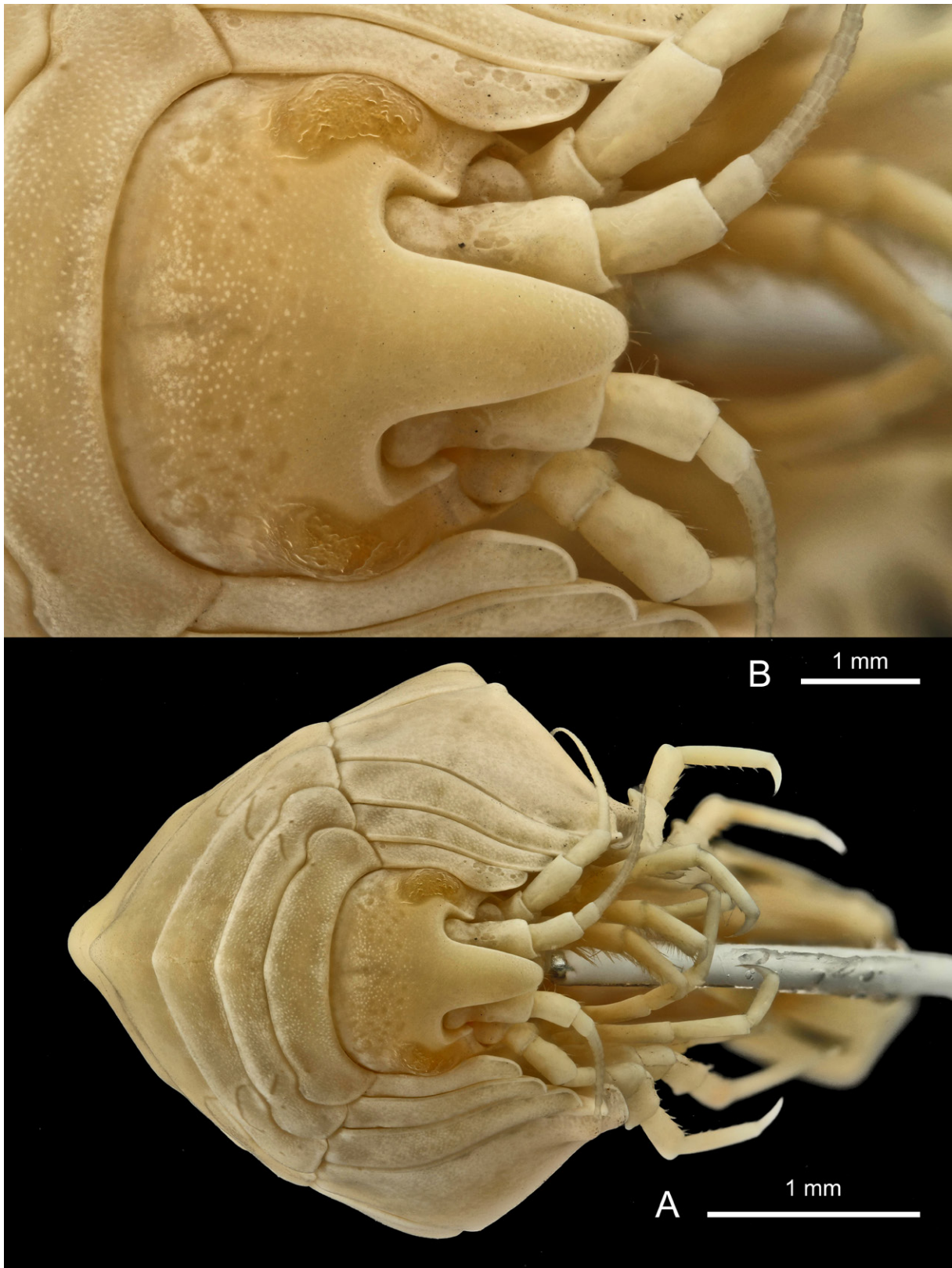


Fig. 153. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *georgiana* subgen. nov. (Schellenberg, 1931), ♀, lectotype, South Georgia, Swedish South Polar Expedition 1901–1903, stn 34, SMNH - type 673. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in dorsal view.

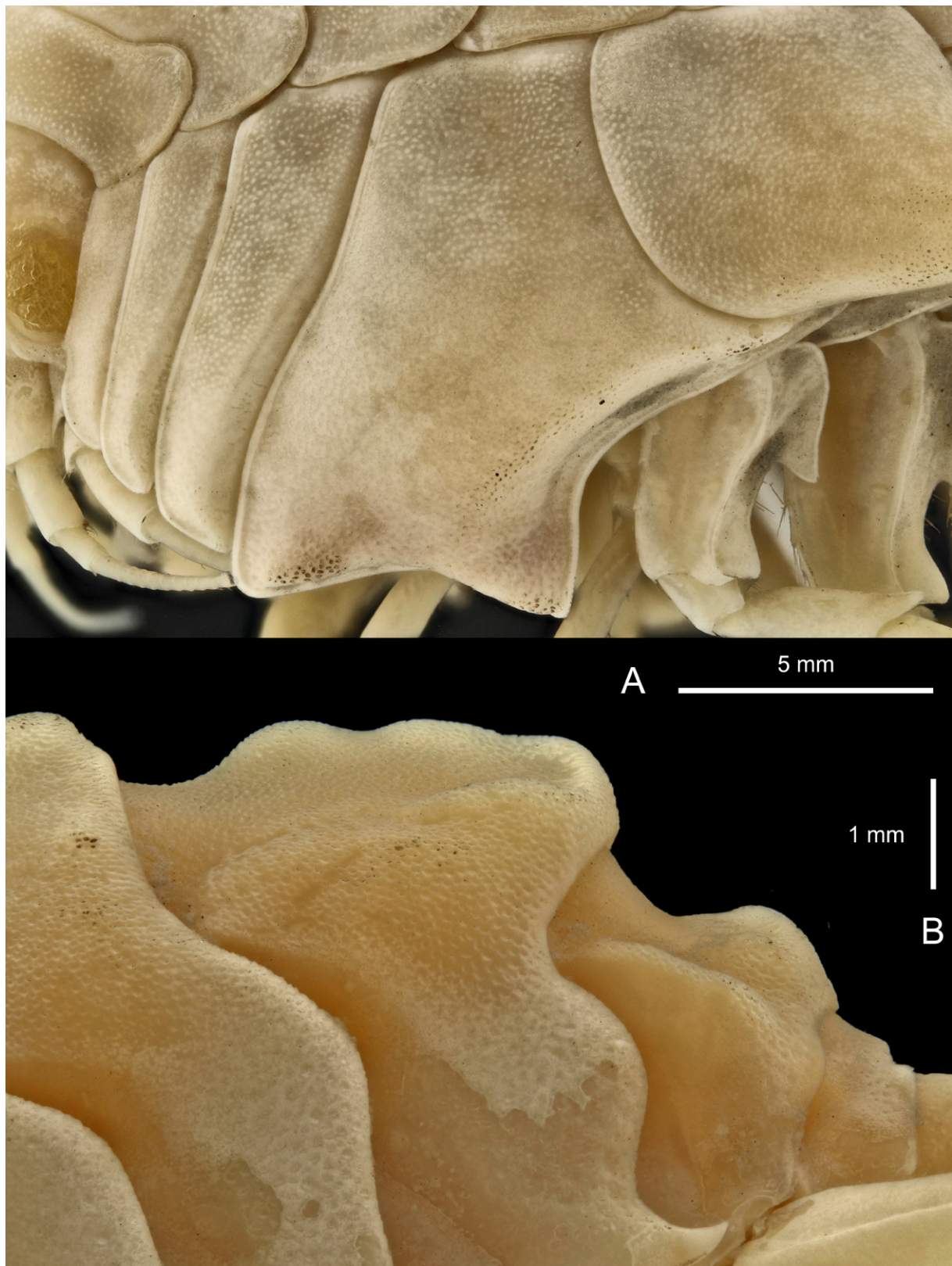


Fig. 154. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) georgiana* subgen. nov. (Schellenberg, 1931), ♀, lectotype, South Georgia, Swedish South Polar Expedition 1901–1903, stn 34, SMNH - type 673. A. Coxae 1–4. B. Dorsal profile of pleonite 3 and urosomites 1–2.

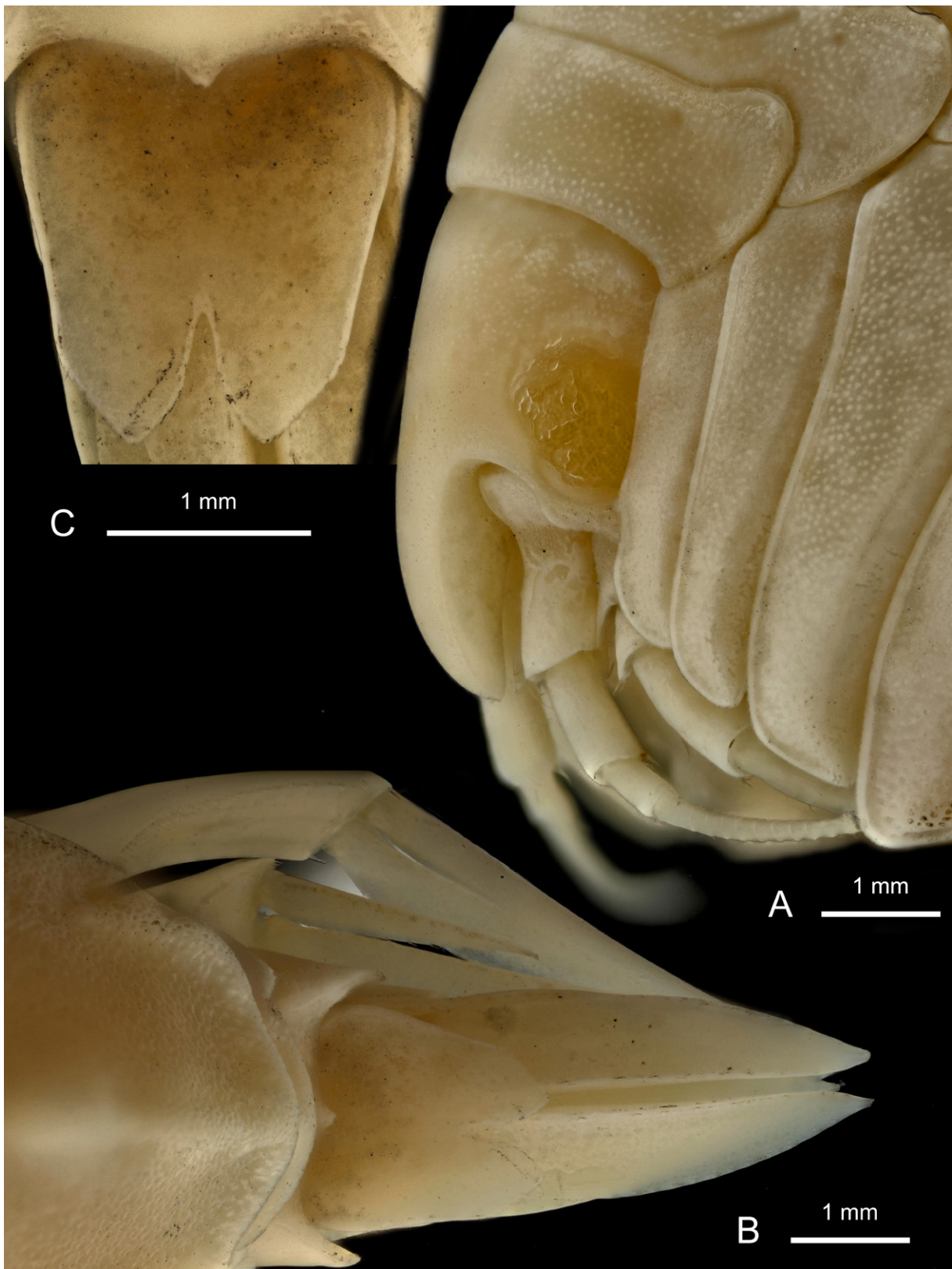


Fig. 155. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) georgiana* subgen. nov. (Schellenberg, 1931), ♀, lectotype, South Georgia, Swedish South Polar Expedition 1901–1903, stn 34, SMNH - type 673. **A.** Head in lateral view. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view. **C.** Telson.

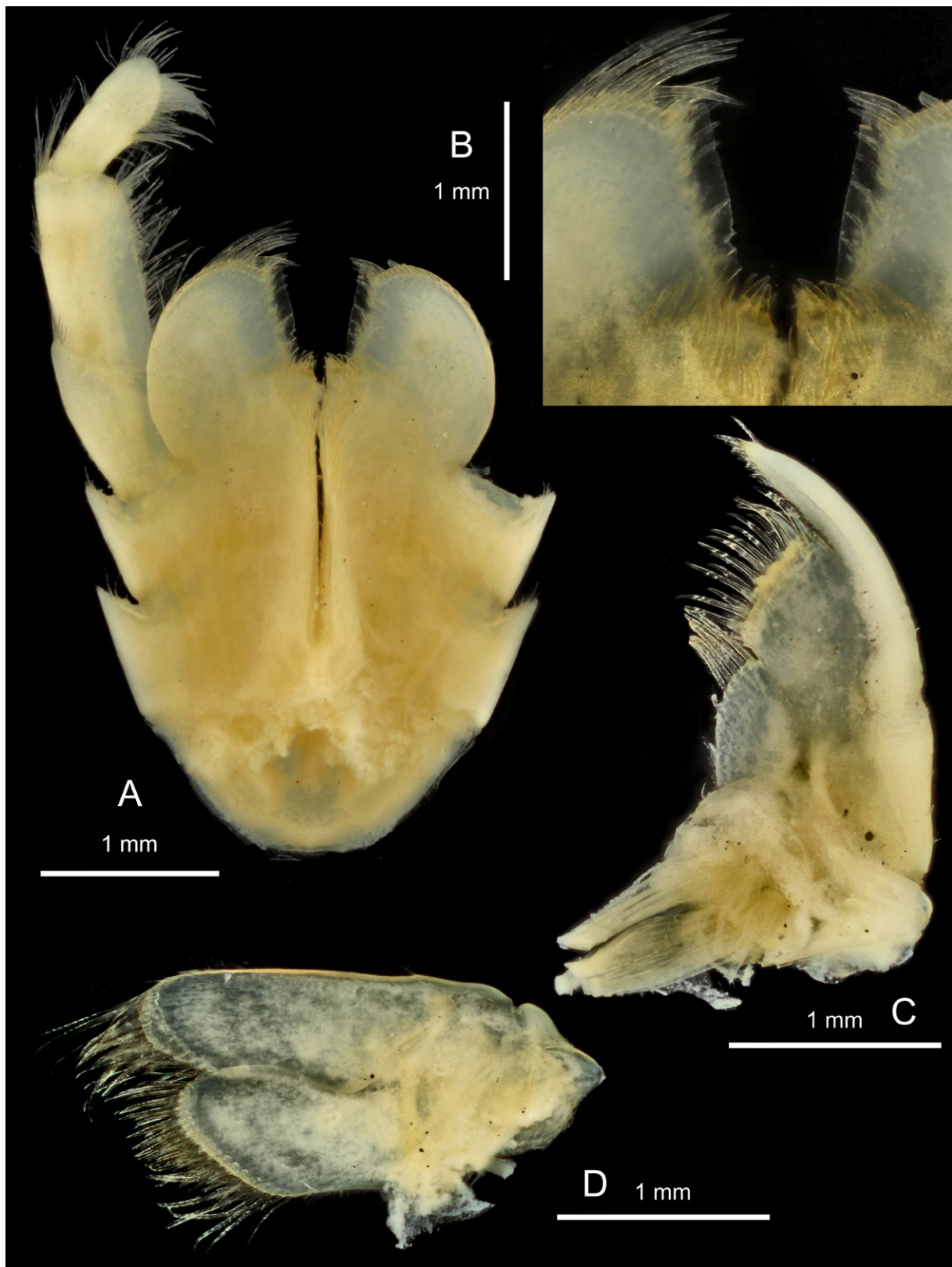


Fig. 156. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) georgiana* subgen. nov. (Schellenberg, 1931), ♀, lectotype, South Georgia, Swedish South Polar Expedition 1901–1903, stn 34, SMNH - type 673. **A.** Maxilliped. **B.** Plates of maxilliped (detail). **C.** Maxilla 1. **D.** Maxilla 2.

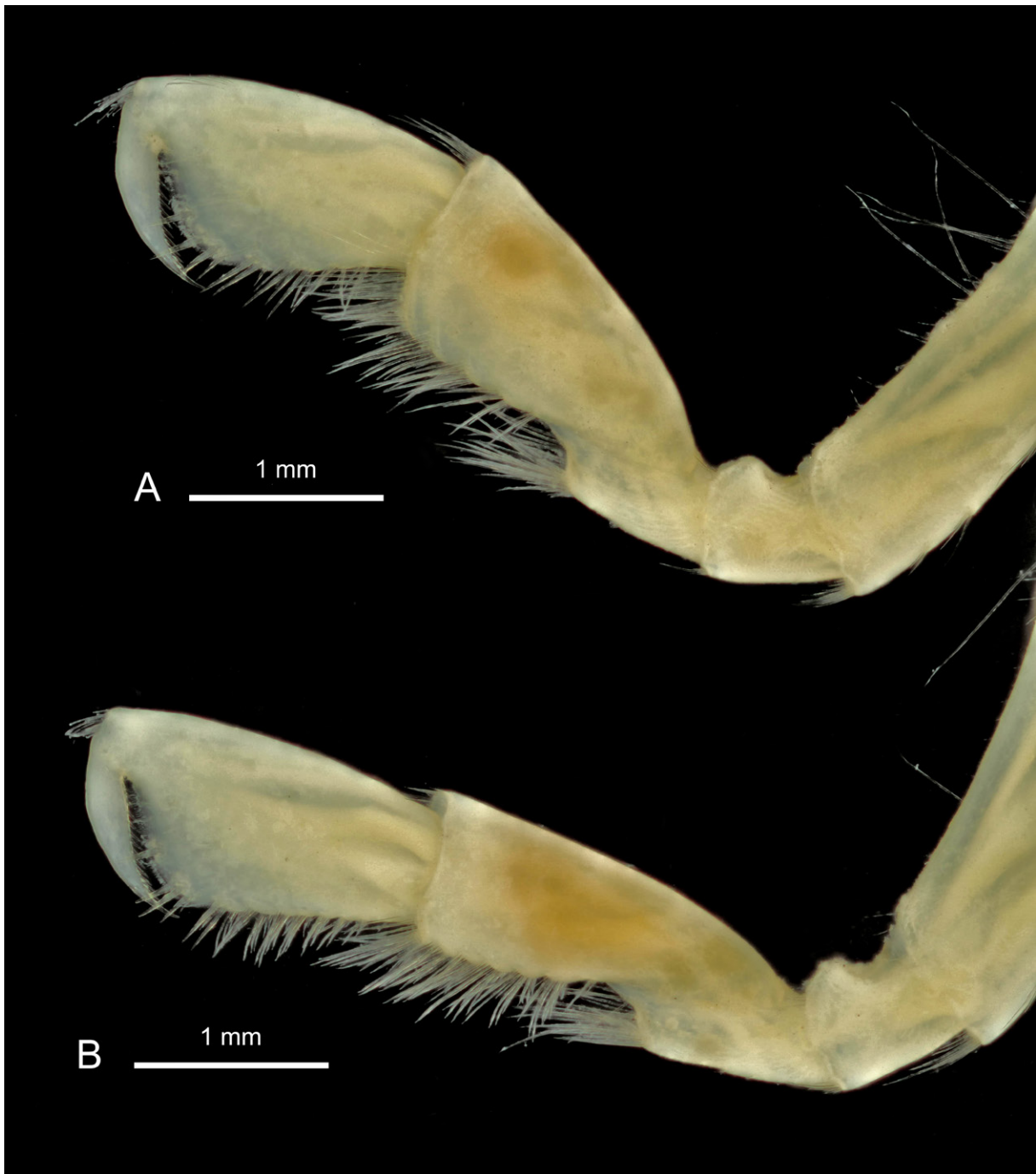


Fig. 157. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *georgiana* subgen. nov. (Schellenberg, 1931), ♀, lectotype, South Georgia, Swedish South Polar Expedition 1901–1903, stn 34, SMNH - type 673. **A.** Gnathopod 1. **B.** Gnathopod 2.



Fig. 158. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) georgiana* subgen. nov. (Schellenberg, 1931), ♀, lectotype, South Georgia, Swedish South Polar Expedition 1901–1903, stn 34, SMNH - type 673. **A.** Basis of left pereopods 1–7 (a white arrow was added on the photograph to draw the attention on the shape of the posterodistal corner of pereopod 7). **B.** Basis of right pereopods 1–7.



Fig. 159. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, ♀, holotype, Ross Sea, Cape Adare, BMNH 1903.10.5.19. **A.** Left lateral habitus. **B.** Right lateral habitus.

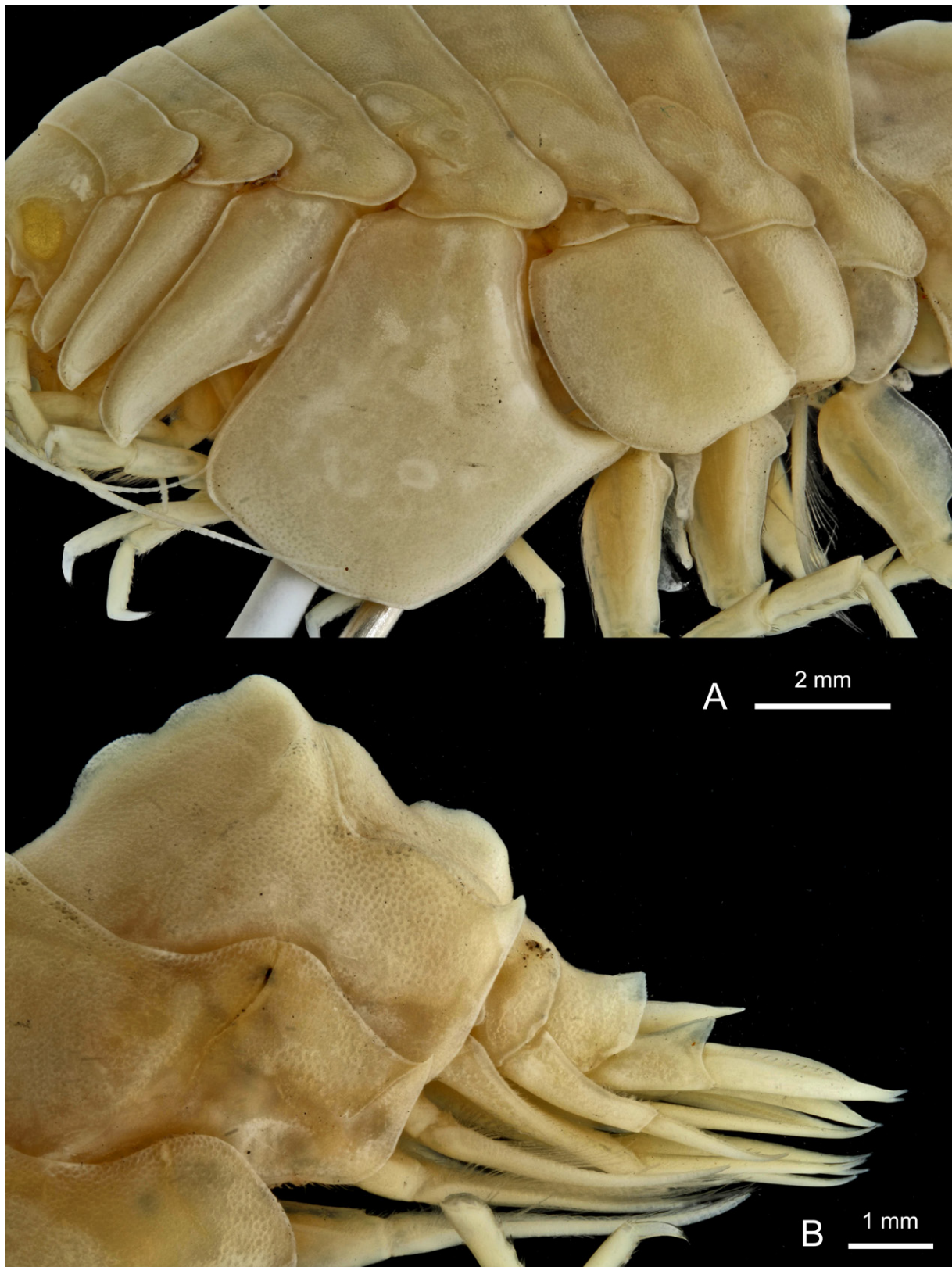


Fig. 160. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, ♀, holotype, Ross Sea, Cape Adare, BMNH 1903.10.5.19. A. Coxae 1–7. B. Pleon in lateral view.

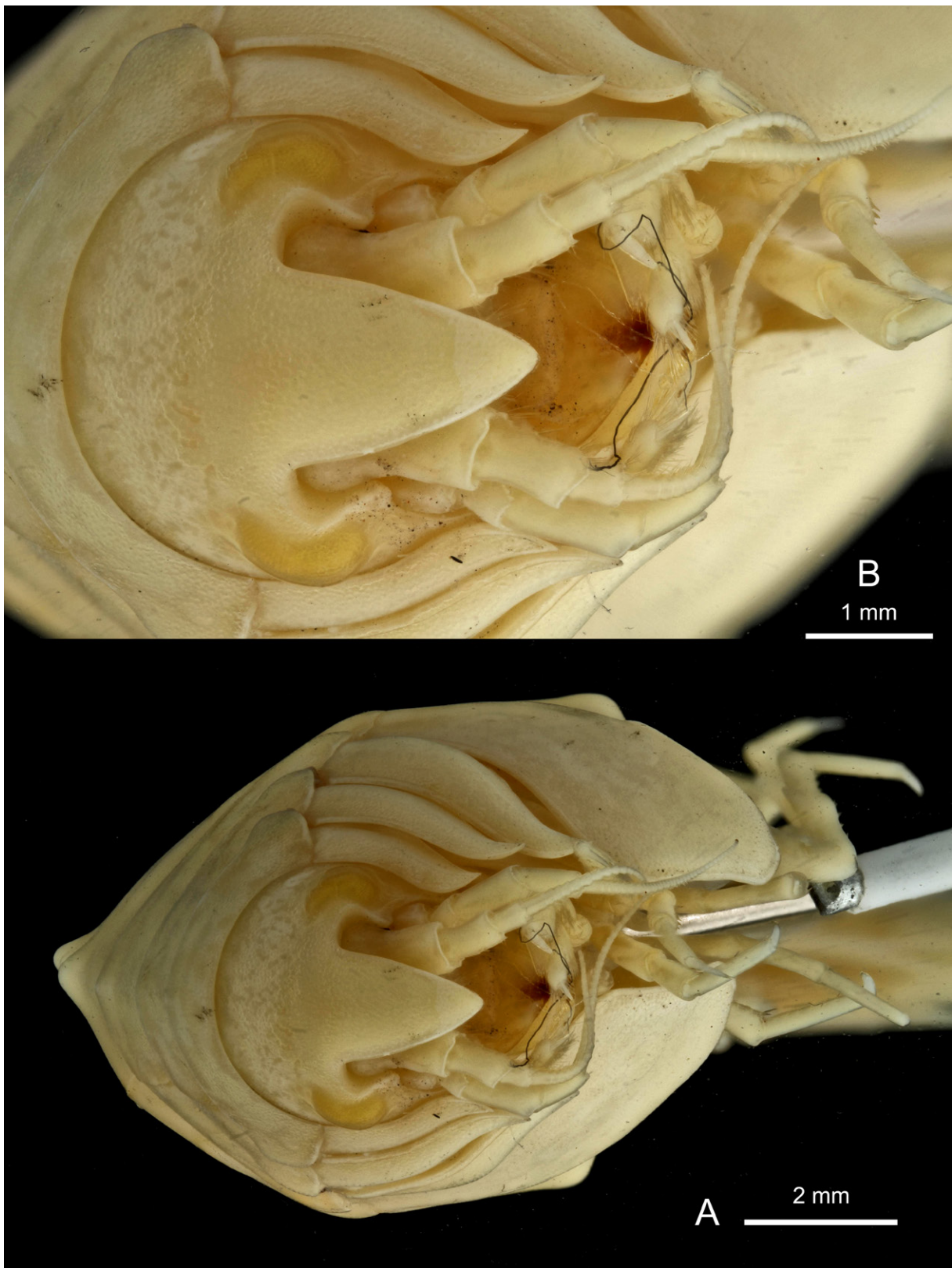


Fig. 161. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, ♀, holotype, Ross Sea, Cape Adare, BMNH 1903.10.5.19. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in facial view.

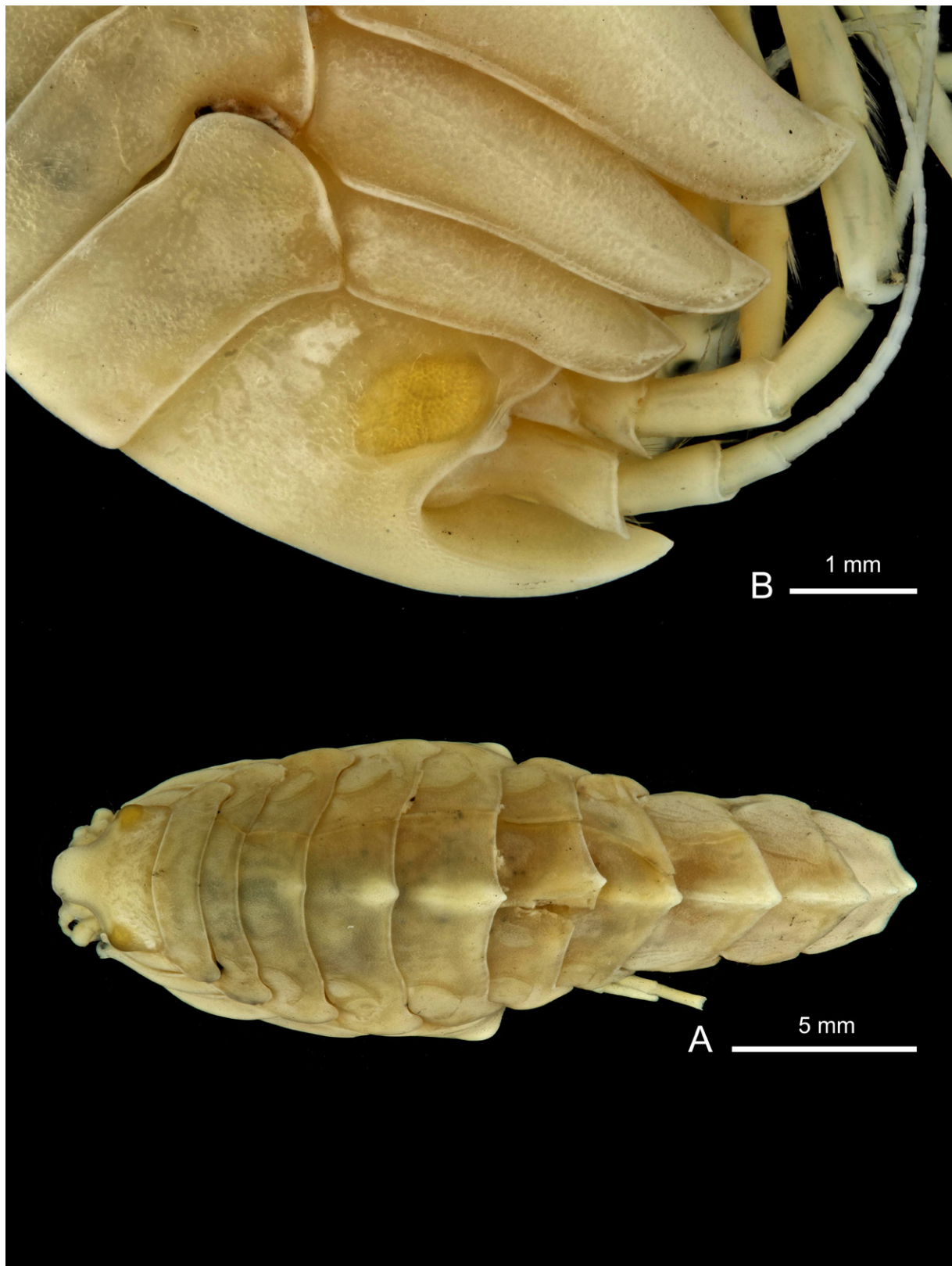


Fig. 162. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, ♀, holotype, Ross Sea, Cape Adare, BMNH 1903.10.5.19. **A.** Head and coxae 1–3 in lateral view. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

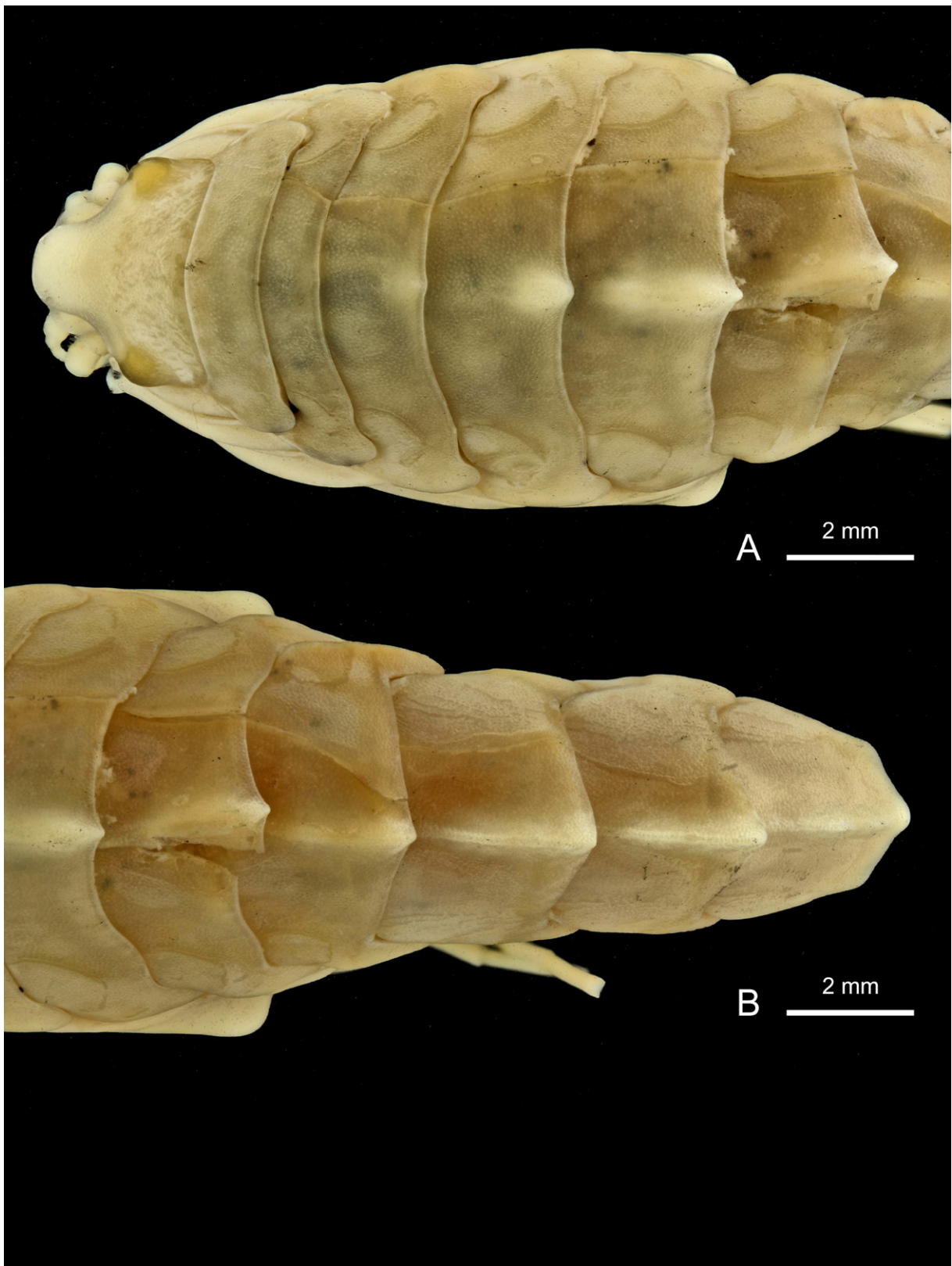


Fig. 163. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, ♀, holotype, Ross Sea, Cape Adare, BMNH 1903.10.5.19. **A.** Anterior part of body in dorsal view. **B.** Posterior part of body in dorsal view.

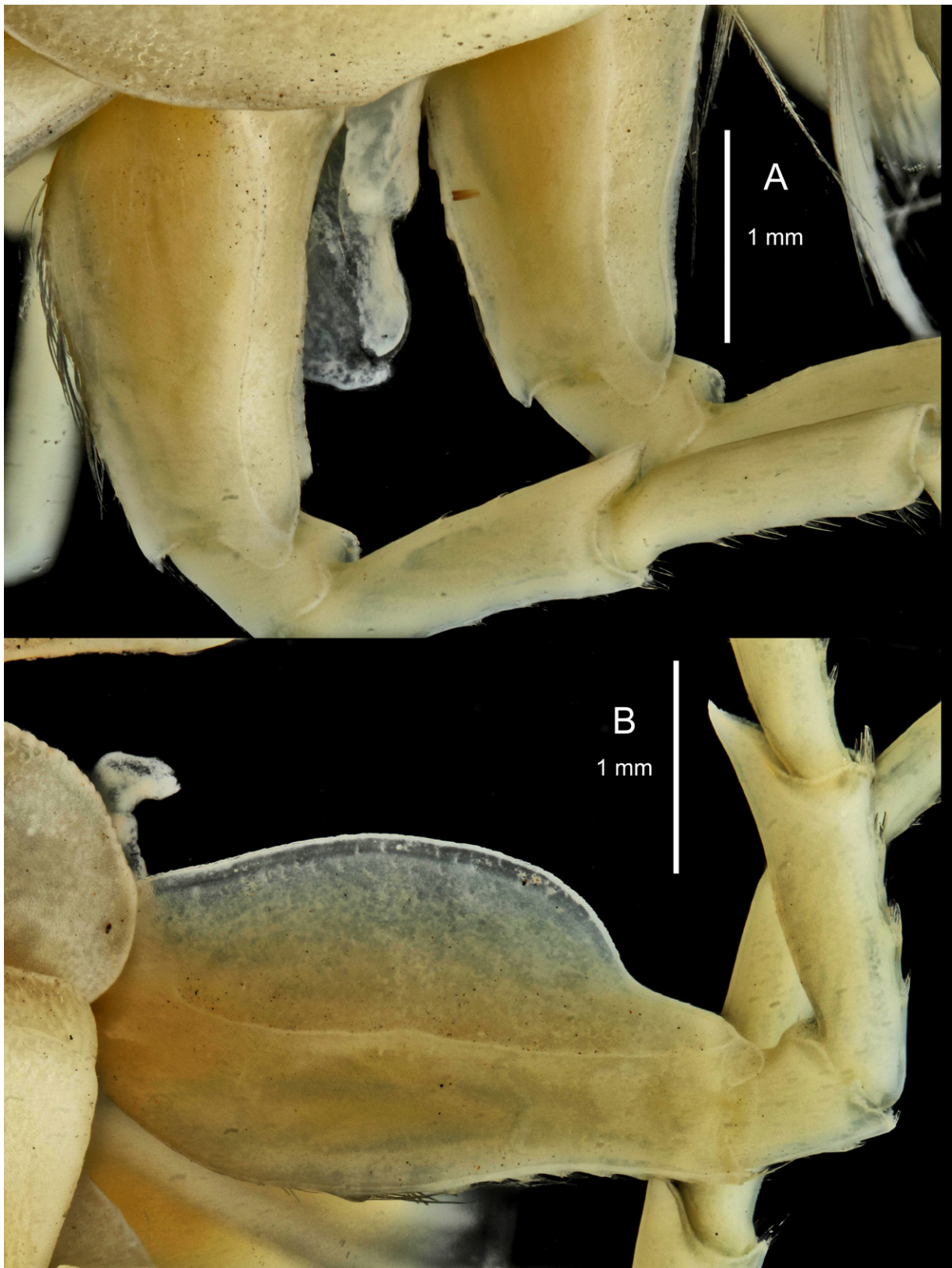


Fig. 164. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, ♀, holotype, Ross Sea, Cape Adare, BMNH 1903.10.5.19. A. Basis of pereopods 5–6. B. Basis of pereopod 7.



Fig. 165. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, ♀, holotype, Ross Sea, Cape Adare, BMNH 1903.10.5.19. **A.** Urosome in dorsal view. **B.** Urosomites 2–3 and telson in dorsal view.

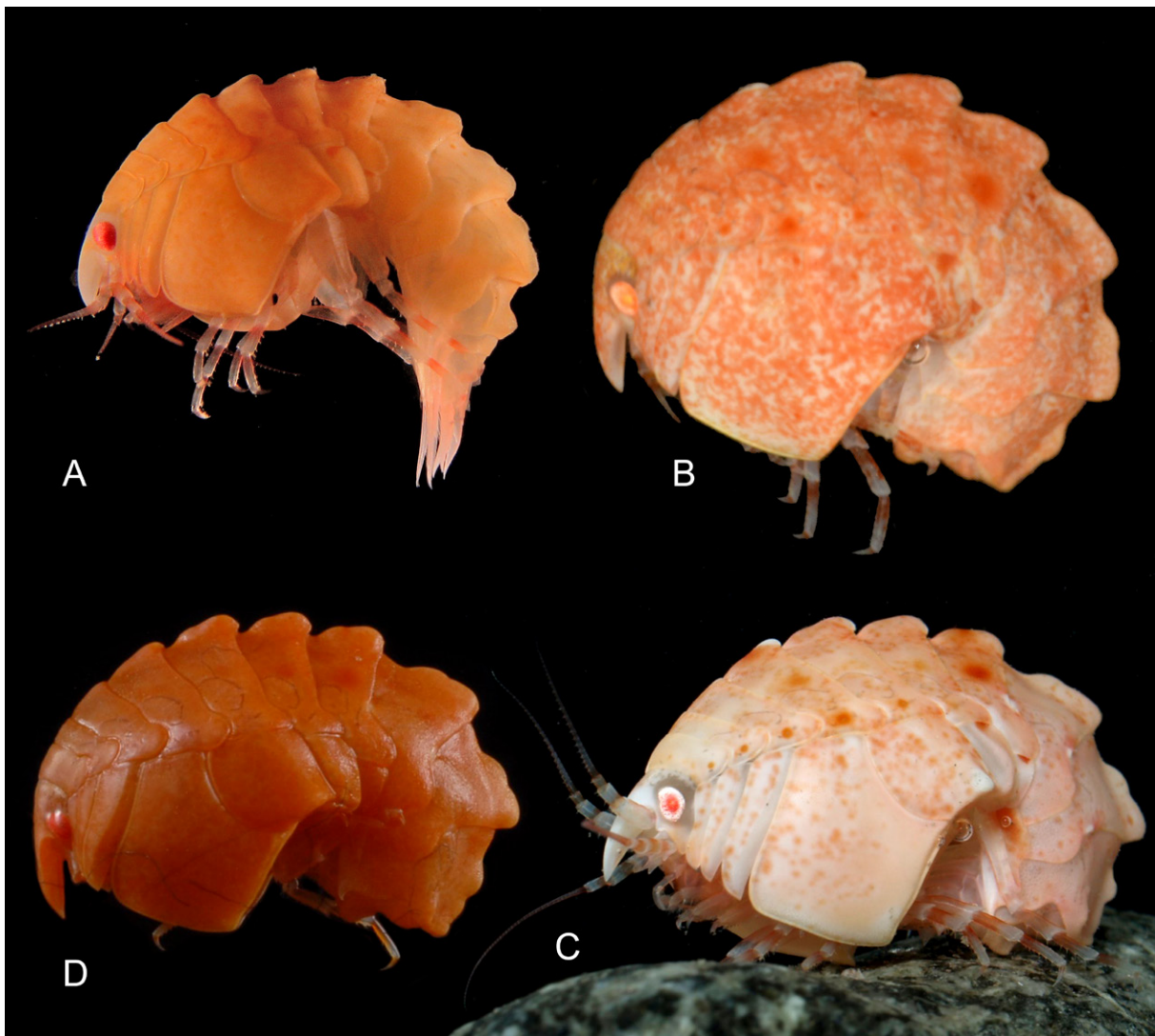


Fig. 166. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, colour in life. **A.** ♀, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 654-7, RBINS, INV. 122514 (photograph: C. d’Udekem d’Acoz). **B.** ♀, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 224-3, INV. 122945A (photograph: C. d’Udekem d’Acoz). **C.** Presumably ♀, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIV/2, stn 48-1, RBINS, INV. 132954 or 122897 or 122905 or 132459 (photograph: T. Riehl, University of Hamburg). **D.** Sex unrecorded, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC V3 1034, (specimen not examined). photograph: Frédéric Busson (MNHN).

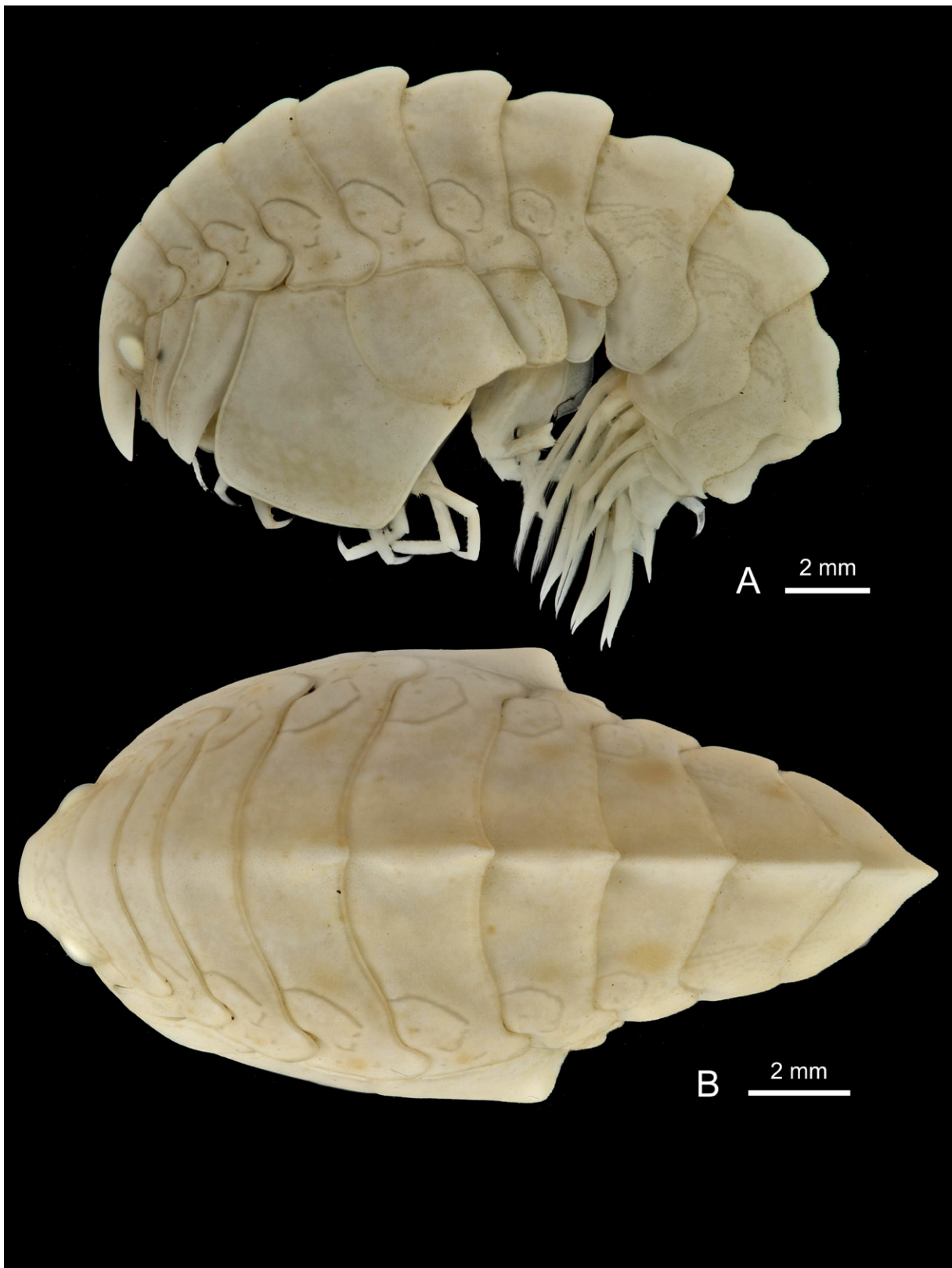


Fig. 167. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, ♀, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 199-4, RBINS, INV. 132953. A. Lateral habitus. B. Dorsal habitus.

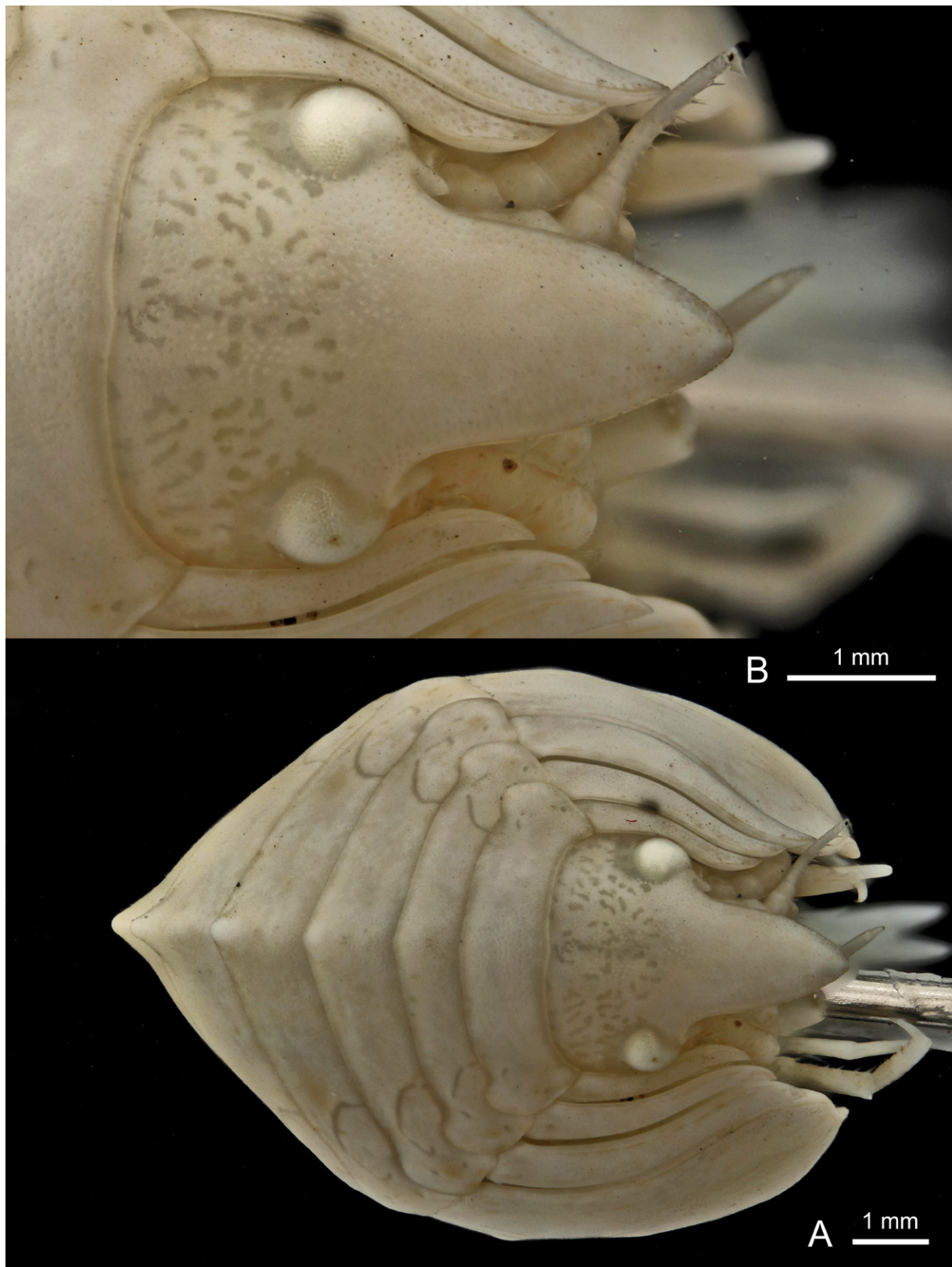


Fig. 168. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, ♀, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 199-4, RBINS, INV. 132953. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in facial view.



Fig. 169. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, ♀, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 199-4, RBINS, INV. 132953. **A.** Anterior half of body. **B.** Posterior half of body.

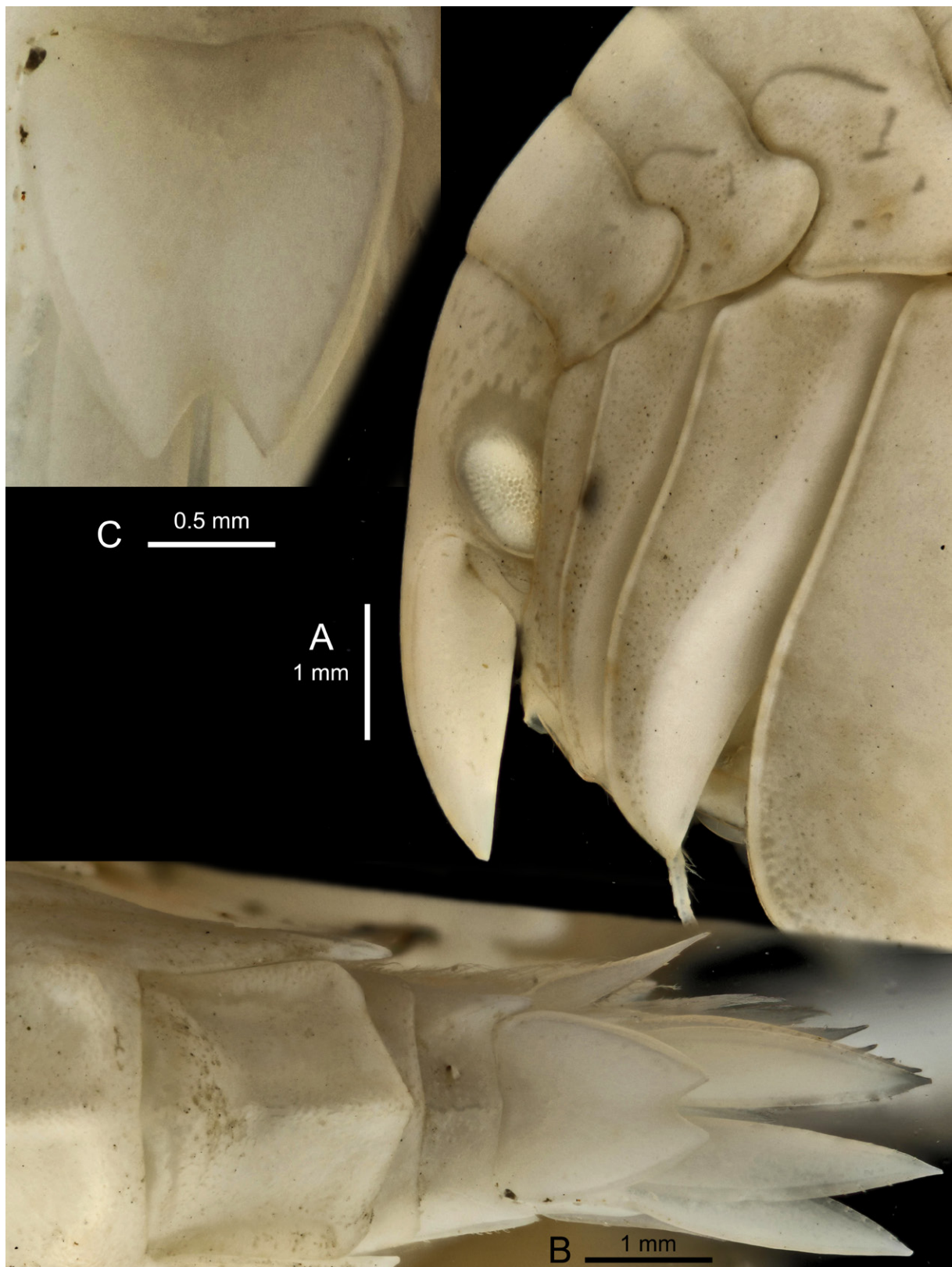


Fig. 170. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, ♀, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 199-4, RBINS, INV. 132953. **A.** Head in lateral view. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view. **C.** Telson.



Fig. 171. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, ♀, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 199-4, RBINS, INV. 132953. **A.** Gnathopod 1. **B.** Gnathopod 2.

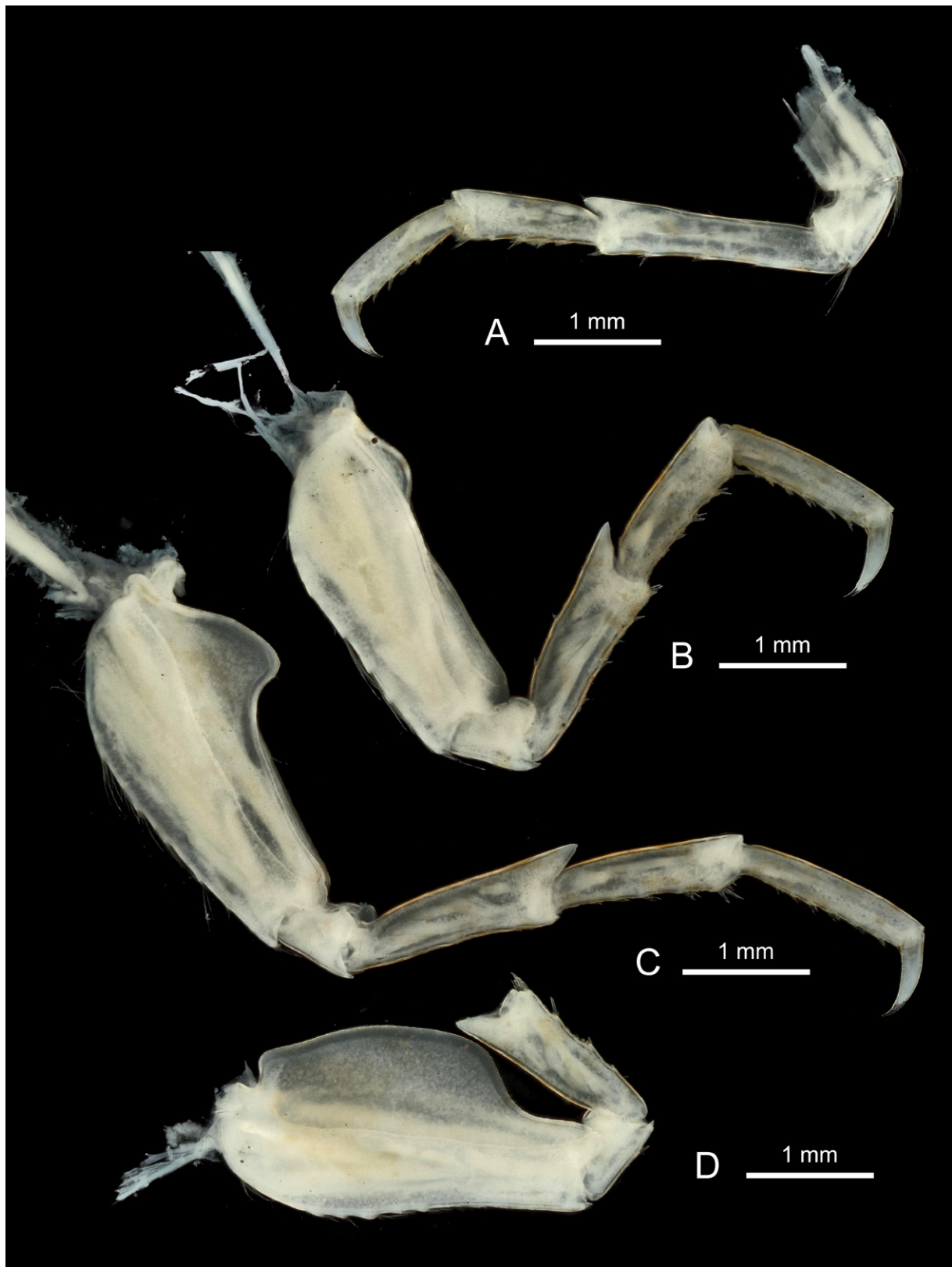


Fig. 172. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, ♀, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 199-4, RBINS, INV. 132953. A. Pereiopod 4. B. Pereiopod 5. C. Pereiopod 6. D. Pereiopod 7.

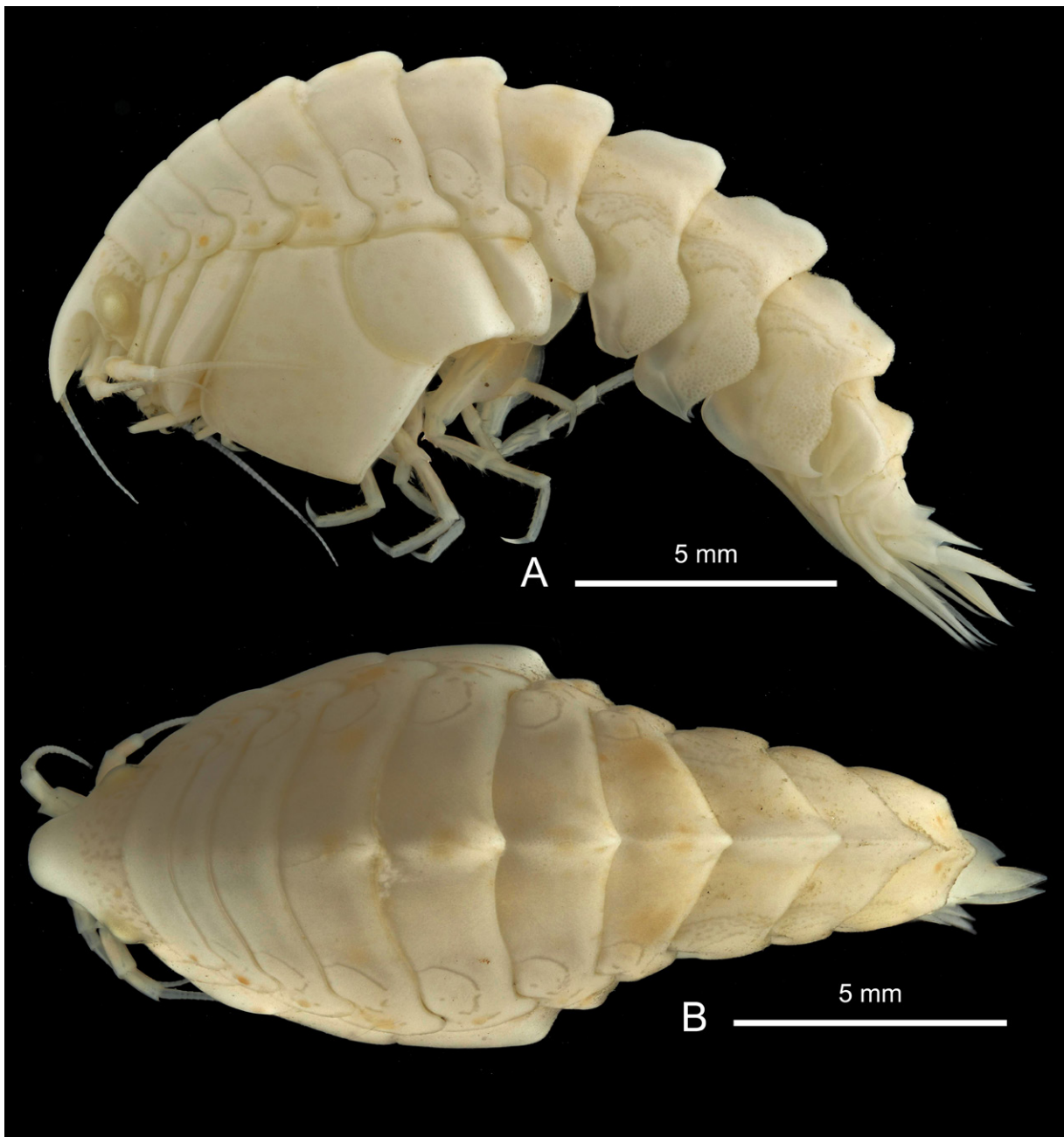


Fig. 173. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, sex undetermined, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIV/2, stn 48-1, RBINS, INV. 132954. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

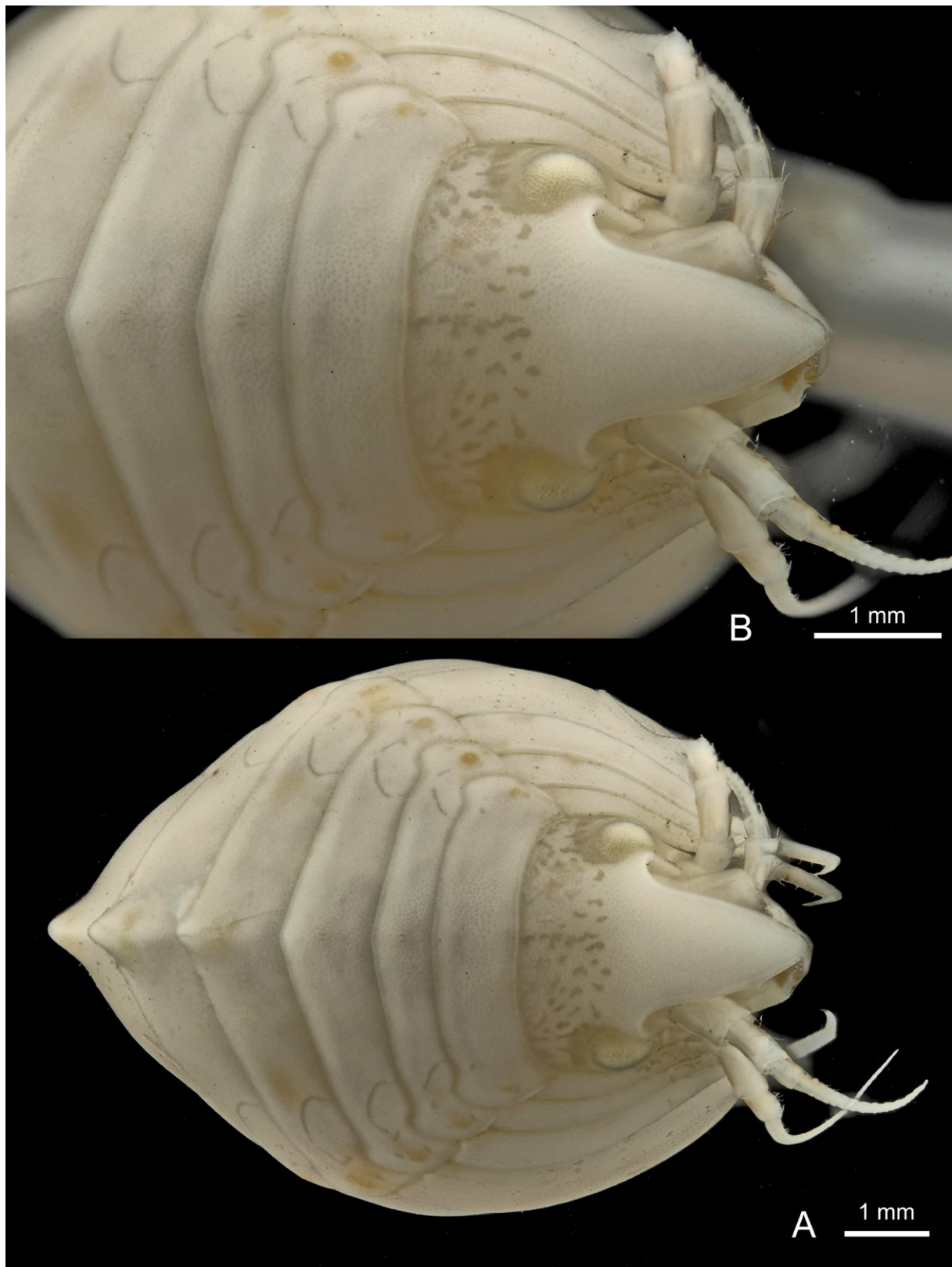


Fig. 174. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, sex undetermined, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIV/2, stn 48-1, RBINS, INV. 132954. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in facial view.

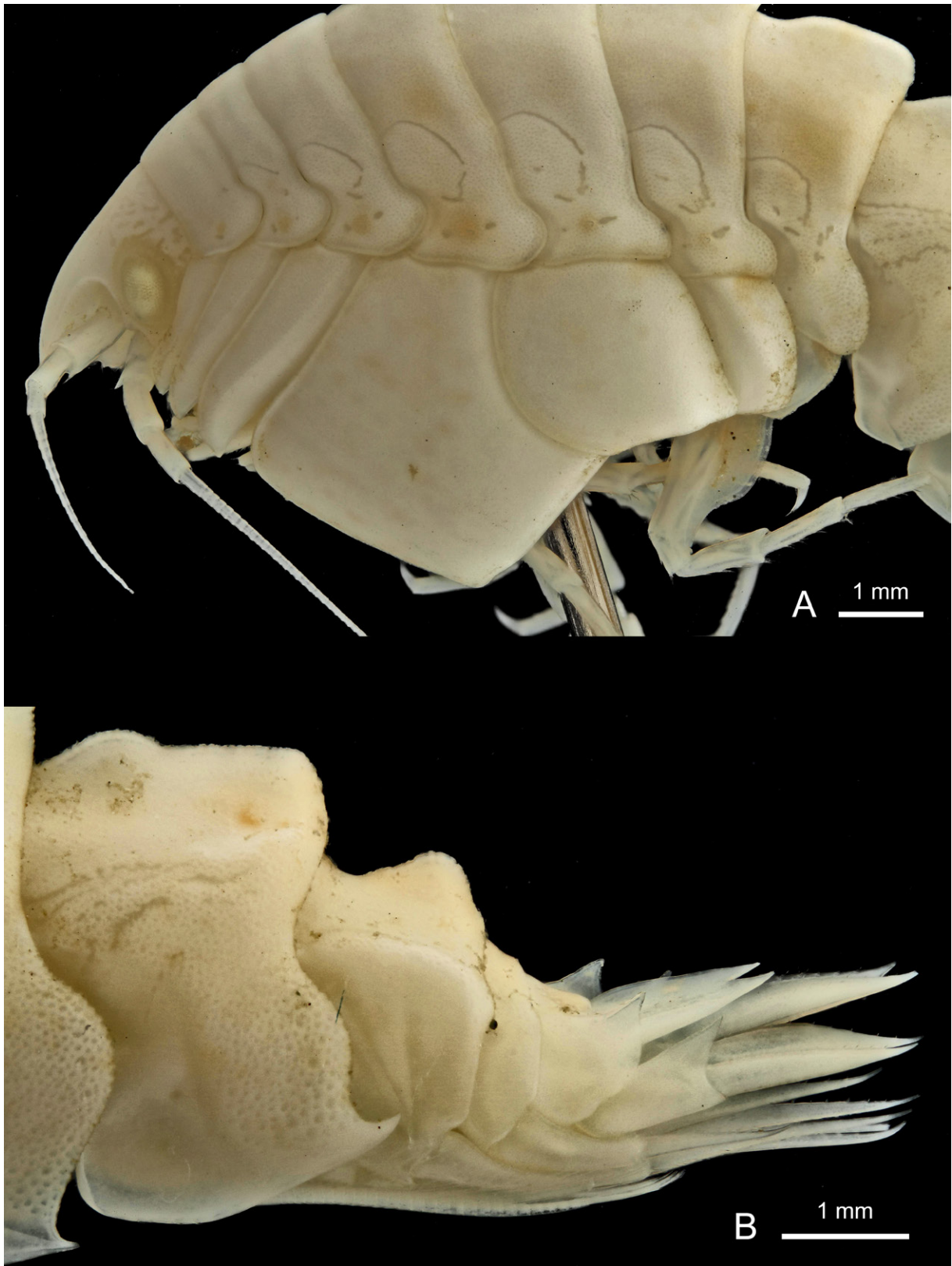


Fig. 175. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, sex undetermined, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIV/2, stn 48-1, RBINS, INV. 132954. **A.** Anterior half. **B.** Pleonite 3 and urosome.



Fig. 176. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, sex undetermined, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIV/2, stn 48-1, RBINS, INV. 132954. **A.** Head in lateral view. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view.

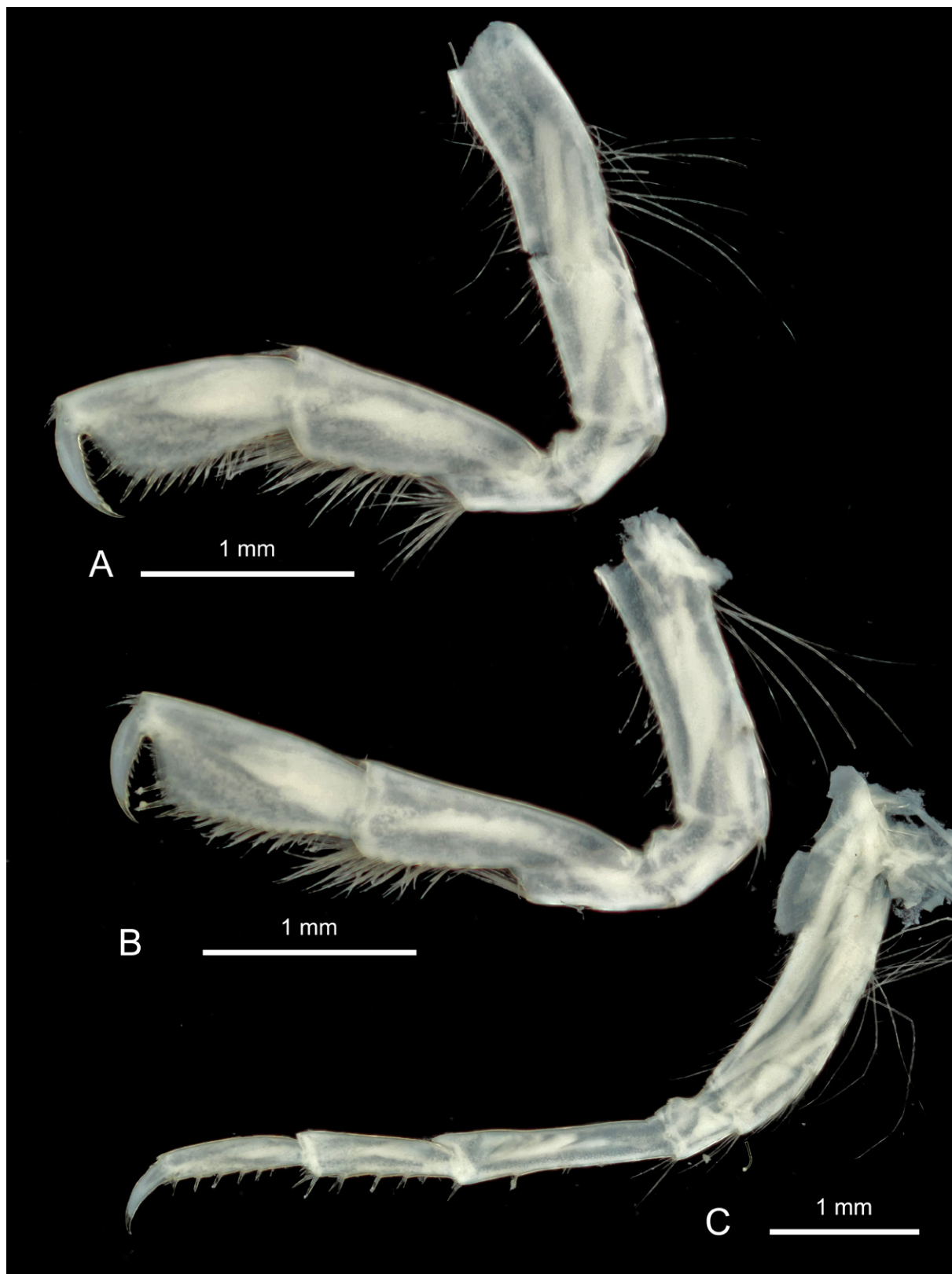


Fig. 177. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, sex undetermined, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIV/2, stn 48-1, RBINS, INV. 132954. A. Gnathopod 1. B. Gnathopod 2. C. Pereiopod 4.

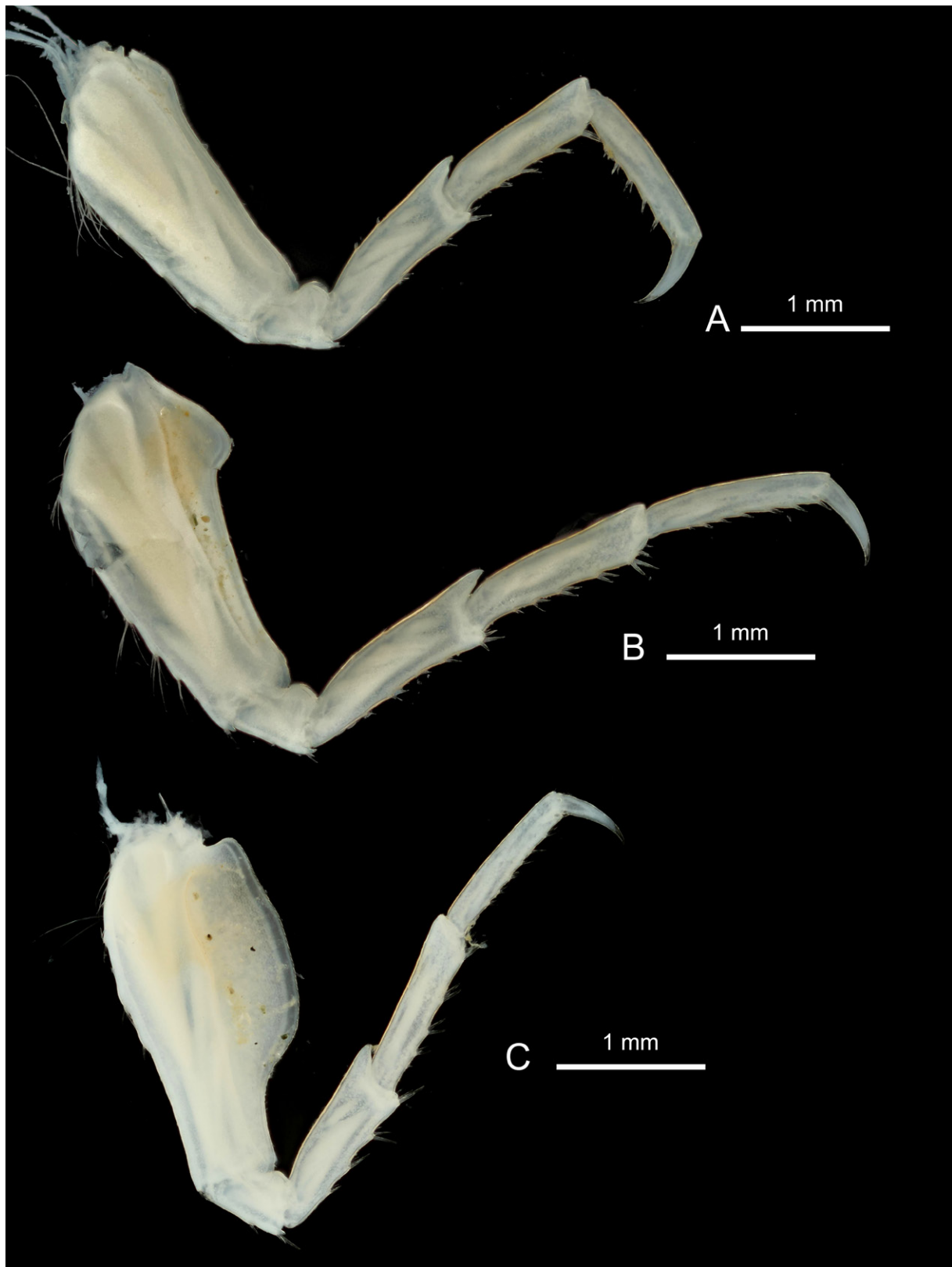


Fig. 178. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, sex undetermined, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIV/2, stn 48-1, RBINS, INV. 132954. **A.** Pereiopod 5. **B.** Pereiopod 6. **C.** Pereiopod 7.

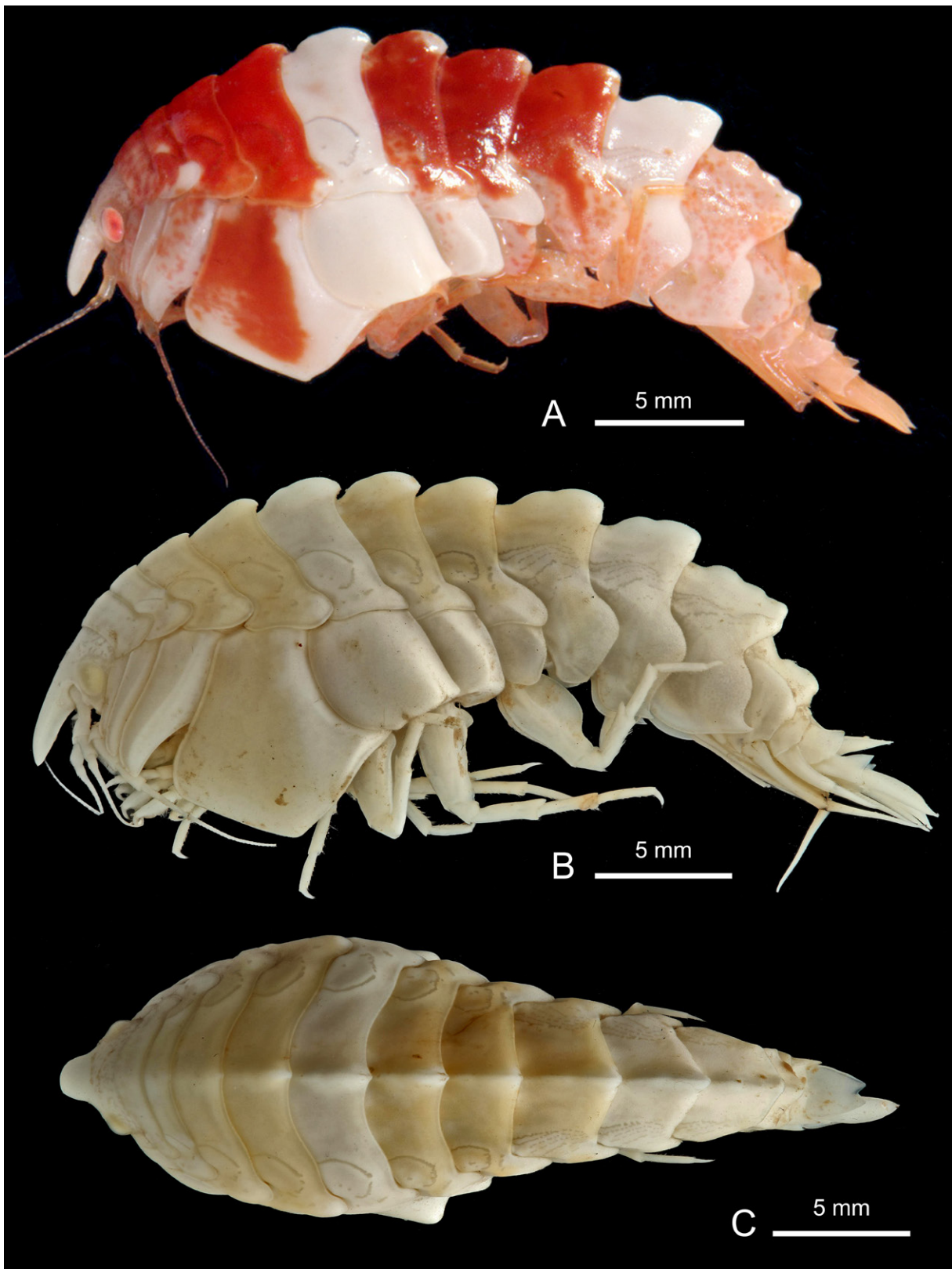


Fig. 179. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, ♀, Adélie Coast, REVO 509, MNHN-IU-2009-2531. **A.** Lateral habitus, colour in life. **B.** Lateral habitus. **C.** Dorsal habitus. Colour photograph by Cyril Gallut ((Université Pierre et Marie Curie).

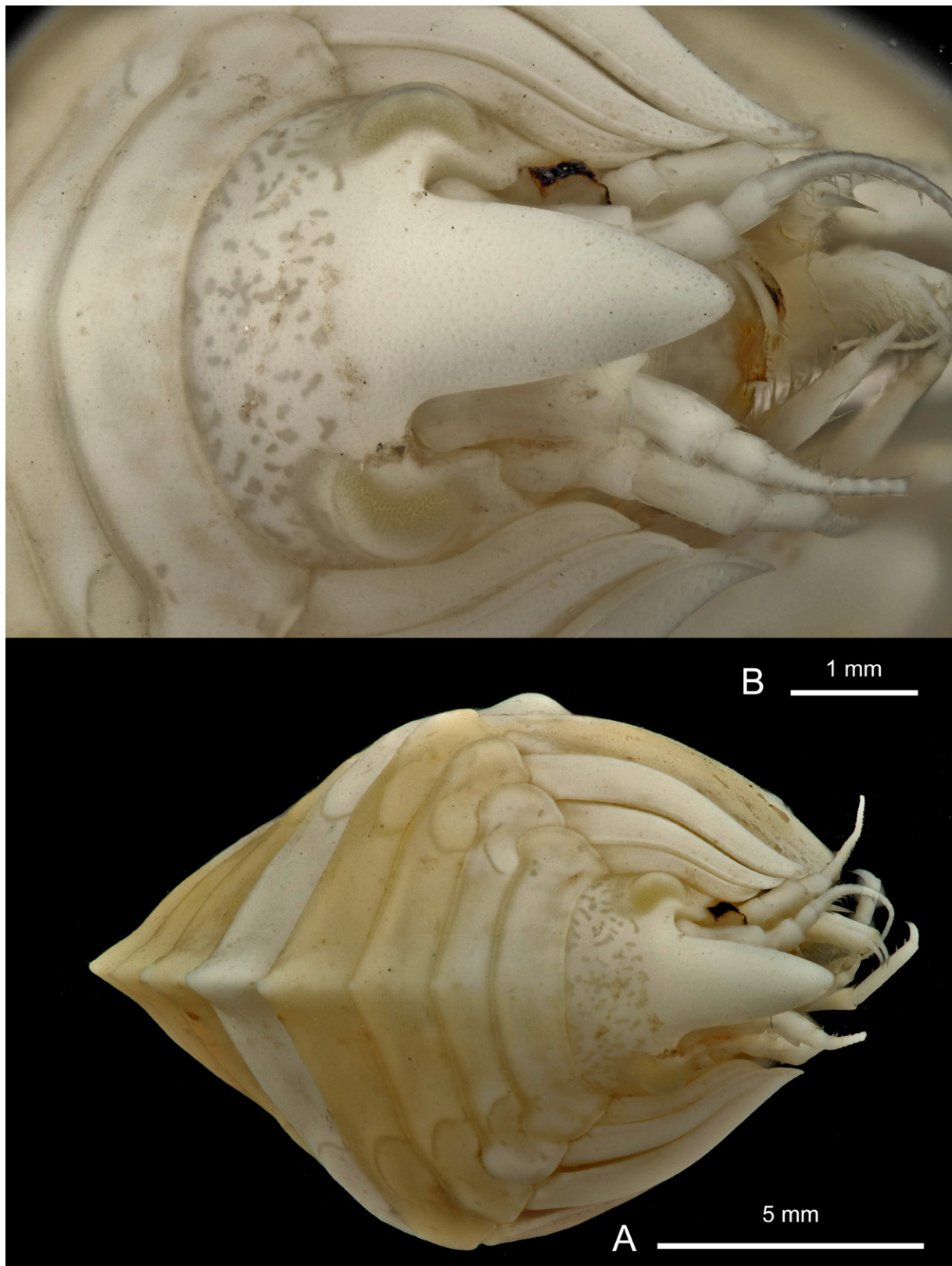


Fig. 180. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, ♀, Adélie Coast, REVO 509, MNHN-IU-2009-2531. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in facial view.

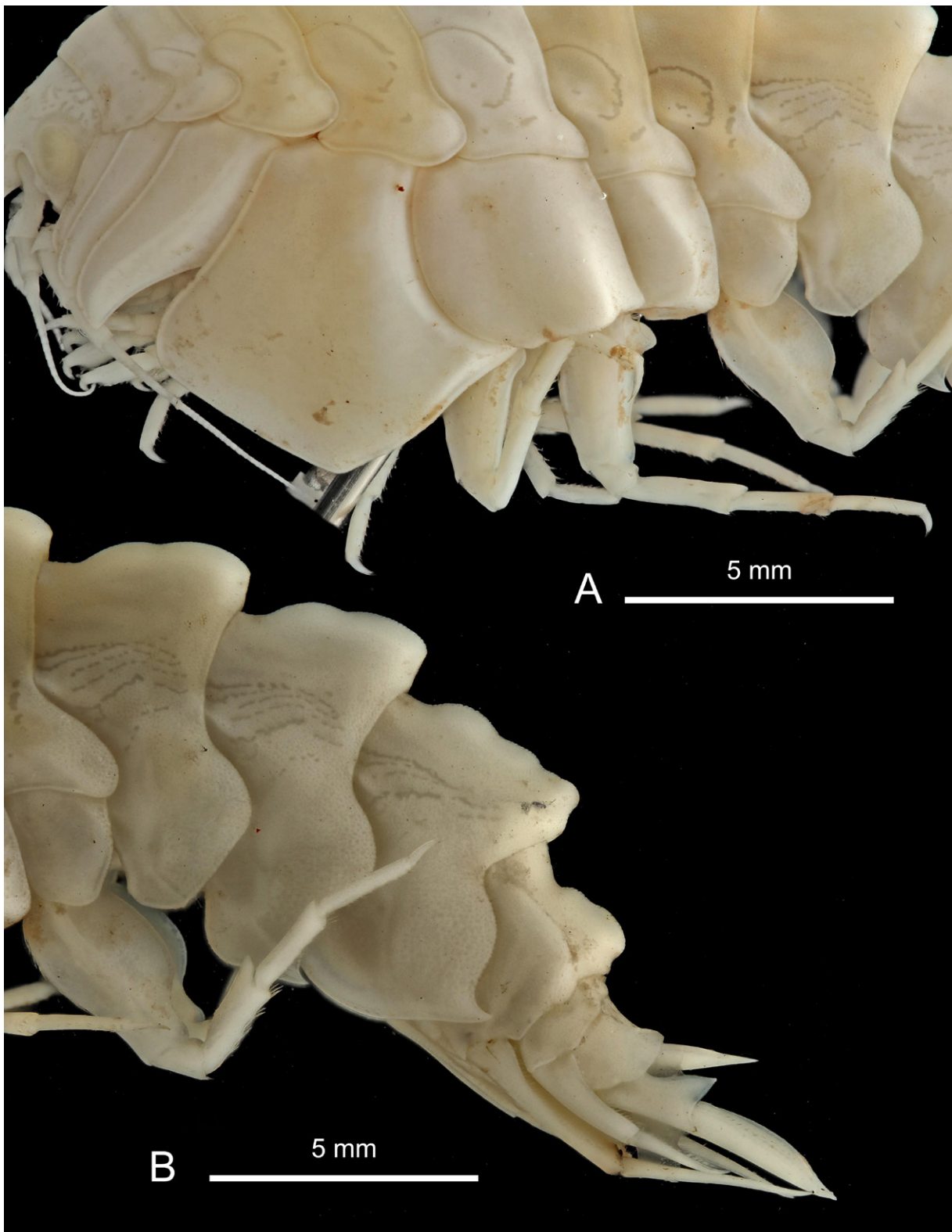


Fig. 181. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, ♀, Adélie Coast, REVO 509, MNHN-IU-2009-2531. **A.** Coxae 1–7. **B.** Pleon.



Fig. 182. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, ♀, Adélie Coast, REVO 509, MNHN-IU-2009-2531. **A.** Head in lateral view. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view.



Fig. 183. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, ♀, Adélie Coast, REVO 509, MNHN-IU-2009-2531. A. Gnathopod 1. B. Gnathopod 2. C. Pereiopod 4.

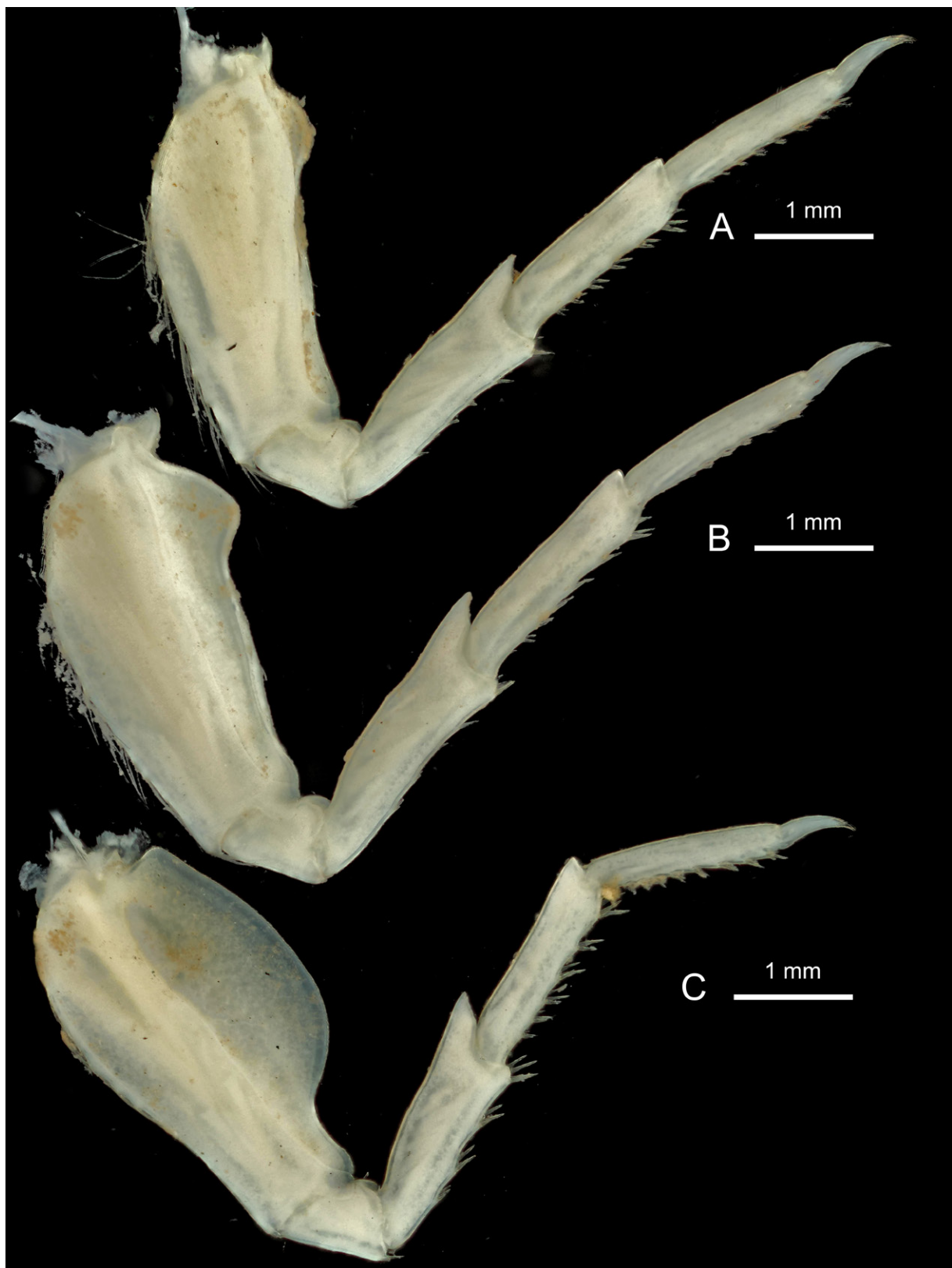


Fig. 184. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) inermis* subgen. nov. Walker, 1903, ♀, Adélie Coast, REVO 509, MNHN-IU-2009-2531. A. Pereiopod 5. B. Pereiopod 6. C. Pereiopod 7.



Fig. 185. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *larsi* subgen. nov. Lörz, 2009, sex undetermined (presumably ♀), Adélie Coast, CEAMARC V3 2143, station ID CEAMARC-67A, Event ID 326, 65.743922° S, 142.858913° E to 65.718697° S, 143.06026° E, 1957–2154 m, colour in life (specimen not examined). Photograph: Frédéric Busson (MNHN).

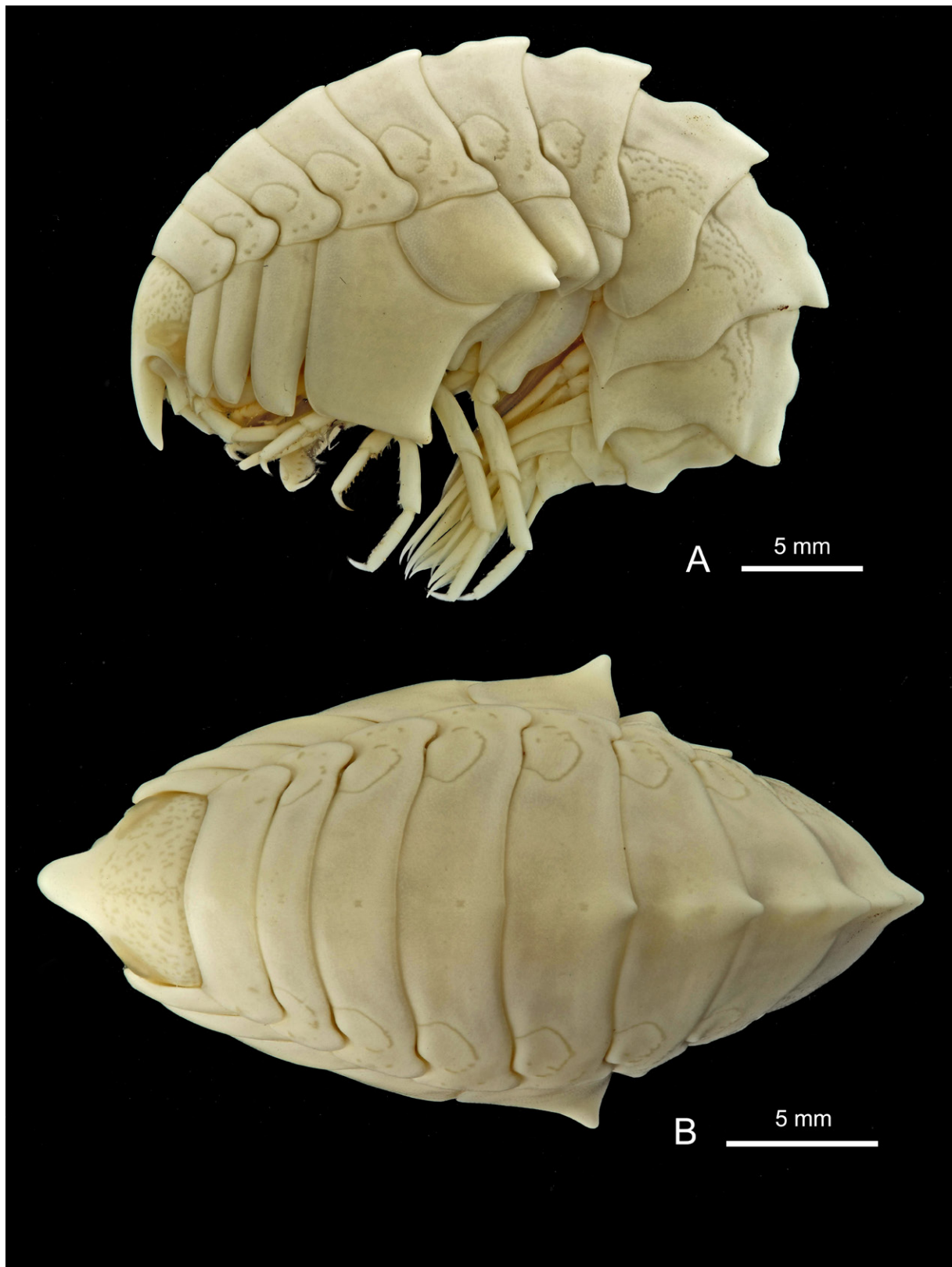


Fig. 186. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) larsi* subgen. nov. Lörz, 2009, ♀, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 2173, RBINS, INV. 132718. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

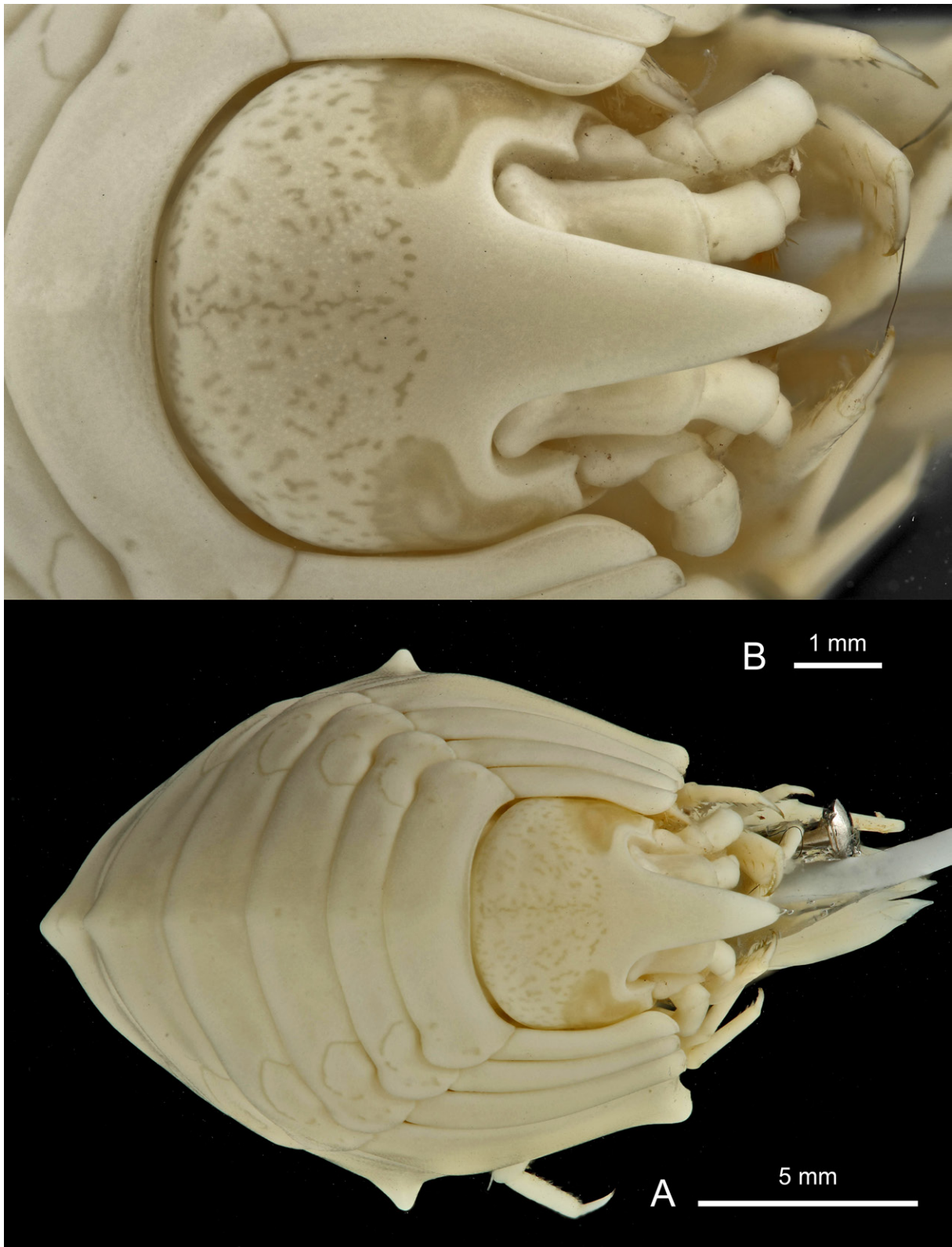


Fig. 187. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *larsi* subgen. nov. Lörz, 2009, ♀, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 2173, RBINS, INV. 132718. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in dorsal view.

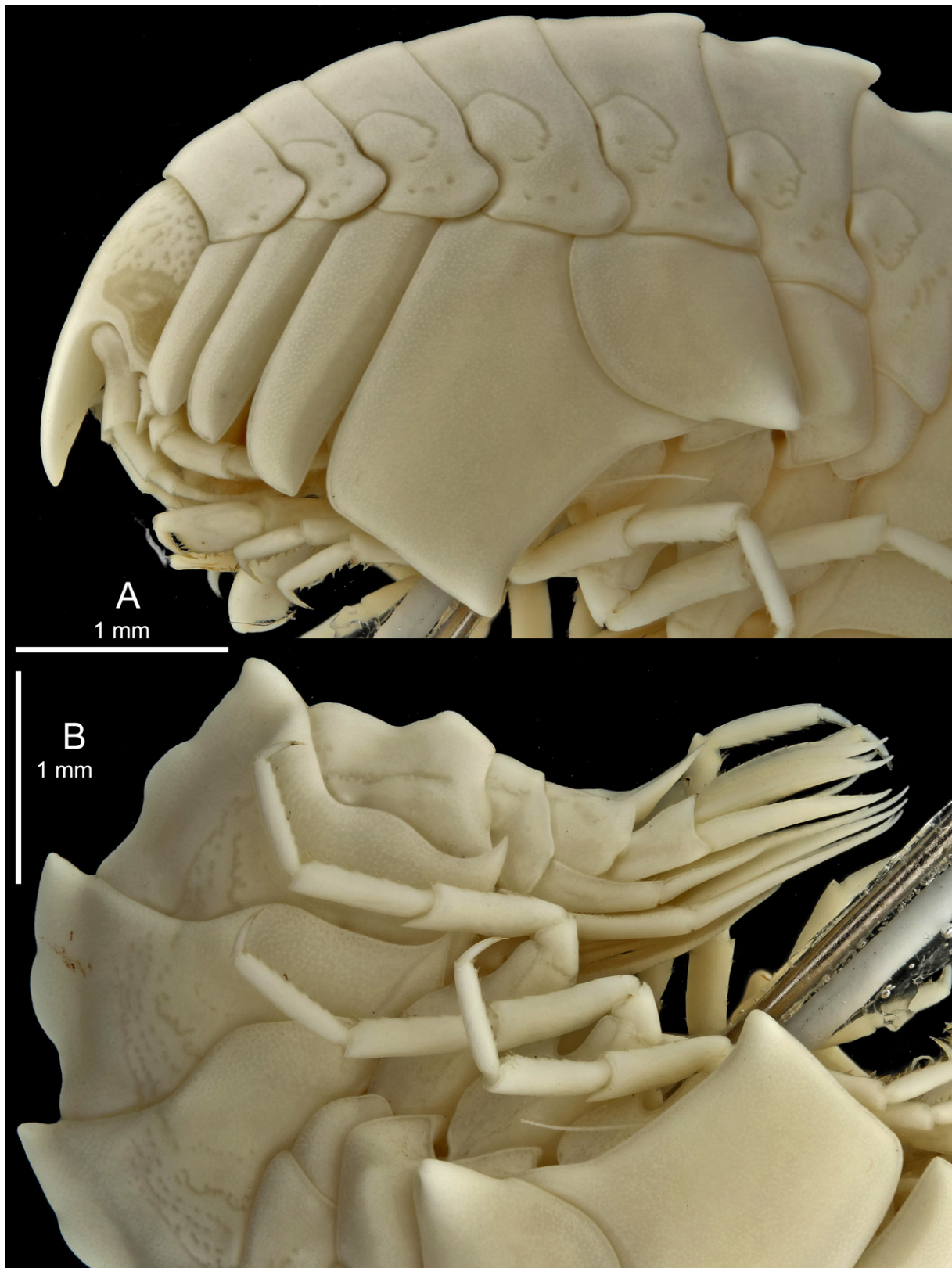


Fig. 188. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) larsi* subgen. nov. Lörz, 2009, ♀, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 2173, RBINS, INV. 132718. **A.** Anterior half. **B.** Posterior half.

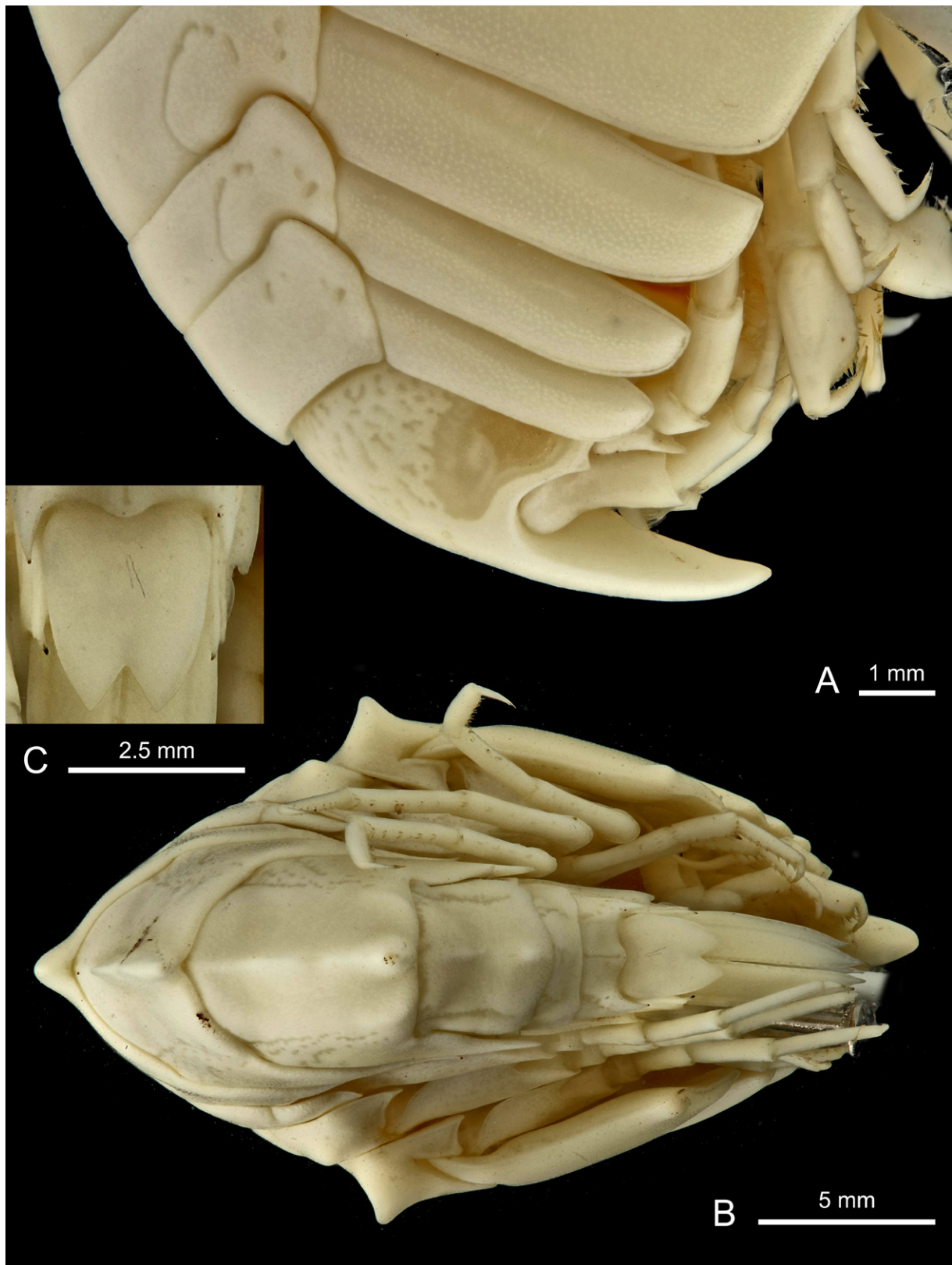


Fig. 189. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) larsi* subgen. nov. Lörz, 2009, ♀, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 2173, RBINS, INV. 132718. **A.** Head and coxae 1–3 in lateral view. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view. **C.** Telson.



Fig. 190. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) larsi* subgen. nov. Lörz, 2009, ♀, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 2173, RBINS, INV. 132718. **A.** Gnathopod 1. **B.** Gnathopod 2.



Fig. 191. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) larsi* subgen. nov. Lörz, 2009, ♀, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 2173, RBINS, INV. 132718. **A.** Pereiopod 4. **B.** Pereiopod 5. **C.** Pereiopod 6. **D.** Pereiopod 7.

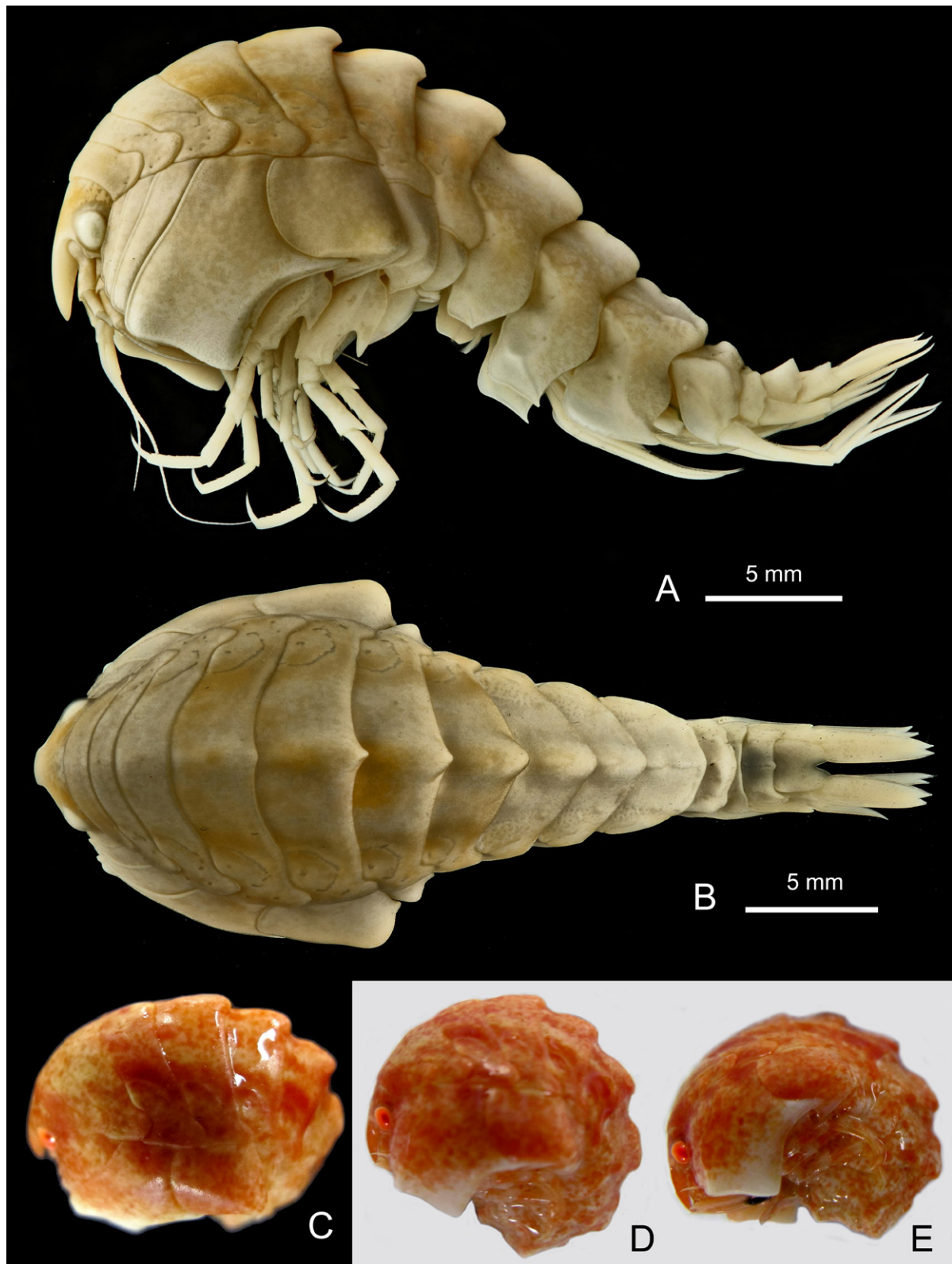


Fig. 192. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) linseae* subgen. et sp. nov. **A–B**, ♀, holotype, South Orkney Islands, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 217-6, RBINS, INV. 132958. **C–E**, South Orkney Islands, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 217-5, specimen not available. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus. **C–E.** Colour in life (photograph: H. Robert and C. Havermans, RBINS).



Fig. 193. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) linseae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, South Orkney Islands, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 217-6, RBINS, INV. 132958. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in facial view.

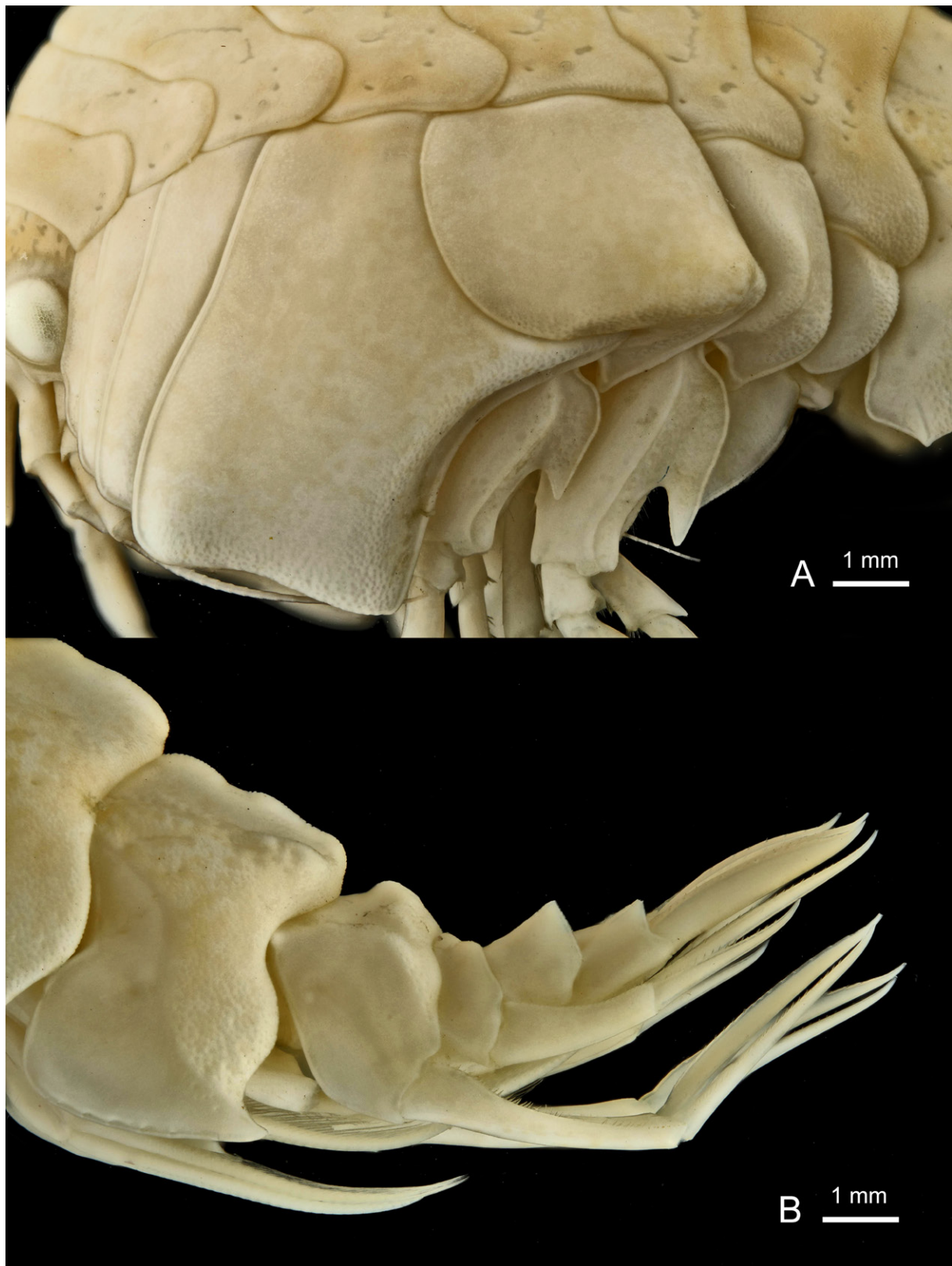


Fig. 194. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) linseae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, South Orkney Islands, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 217-6, RBINS, INV. 132958. **A.** Coxae 1–7. **B.** Pleonite 3 and urosome.

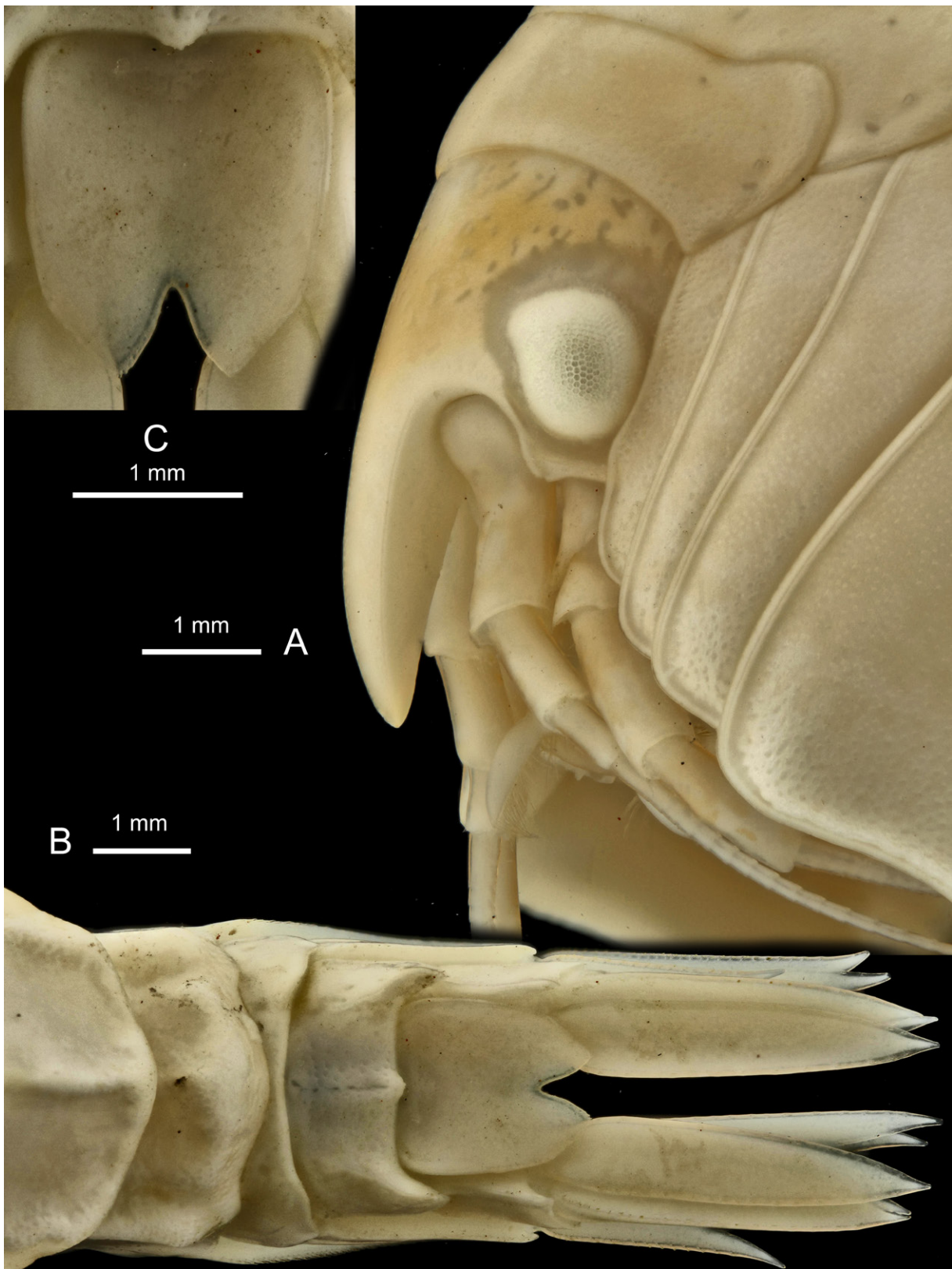


Fig. 195. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) linseae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, South Orkney Islands, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 217-6, RBINS, INV. 132958. **A.** Head in lateral view. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view. **C.** Telson.



Fig. 196. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) linseae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, South Orkney Islands, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 217-6, RBINS, INV. 132958. **A.** Gnathopod 1. **B.** Gnathopod 2.

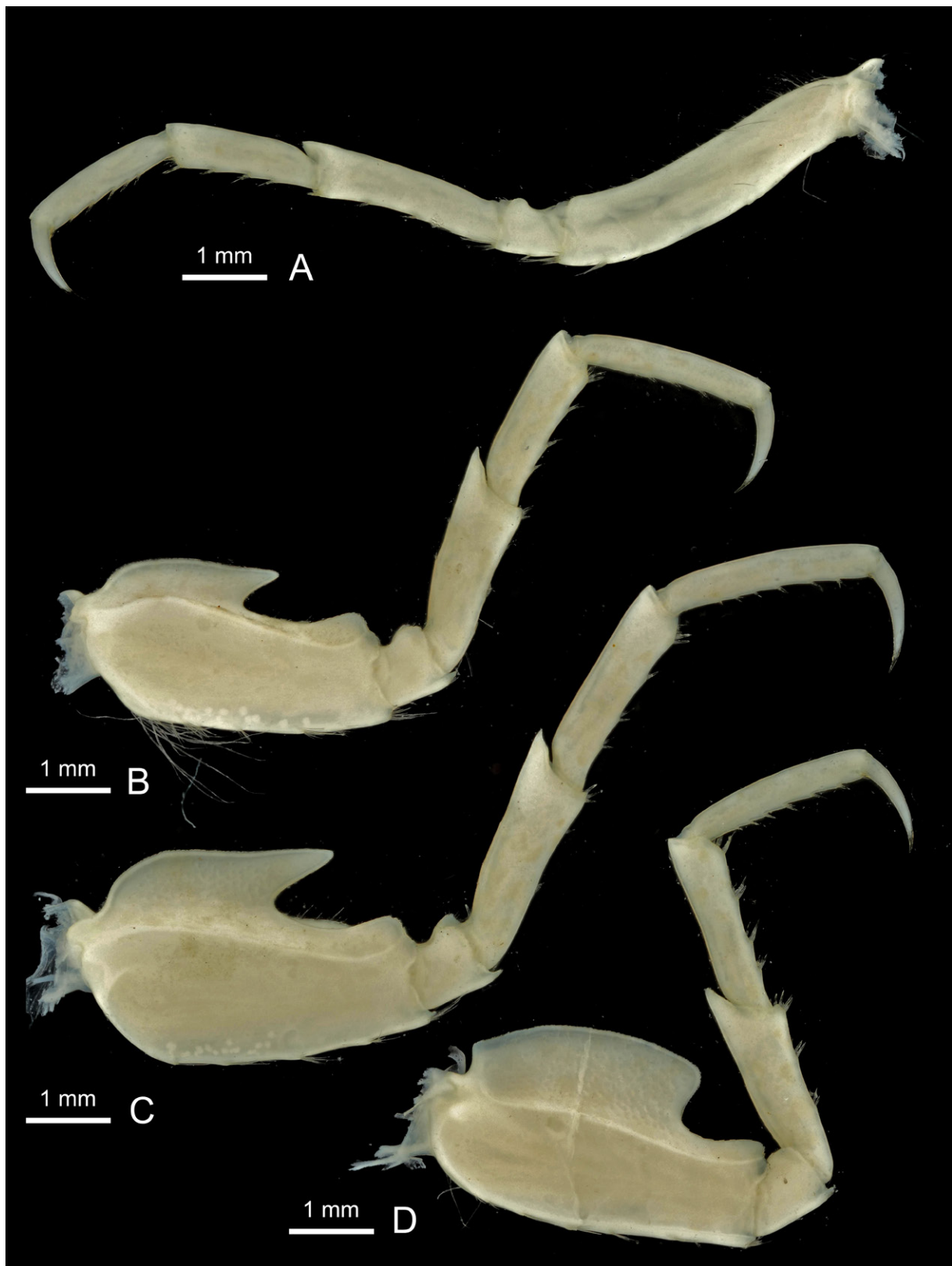


Fig. 197. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *linseae* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, South Orkney Islands, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 217-6, RBINS, INV. 132958. A. Pereiopod 4. B. Pereiopod 5. C. Pereiopod 6. D. Pereiopod 7.

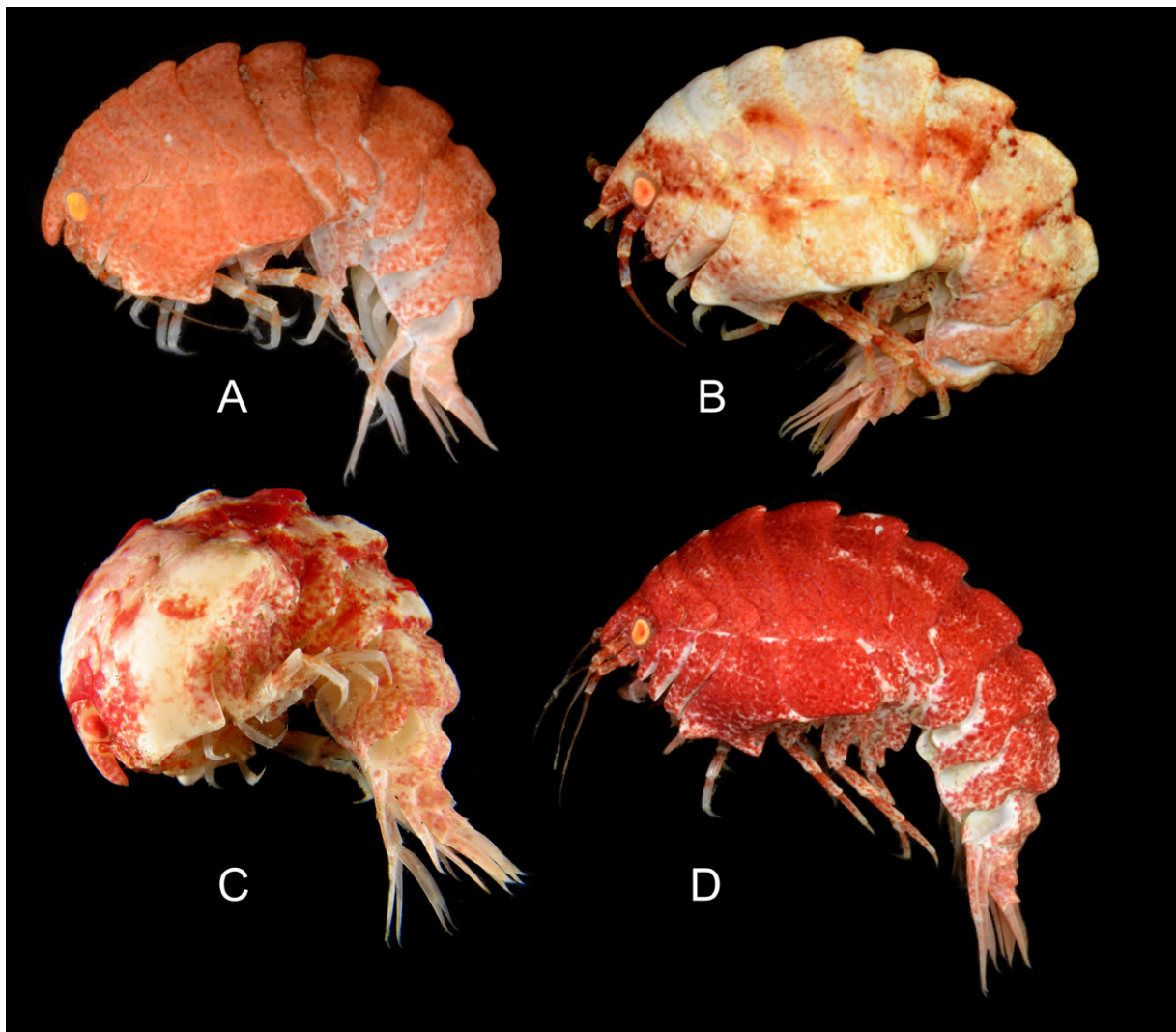


Fig. 198. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) quasimodo* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀♀, paratypes, adult, colour in life. **A.** East of Joinville Island, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 160-3 (type locality), RBINS, INV. 122933. **B.** South of Dundee Island, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 164-4, RBINS, INV. 122923 or 122925. **C.** Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 611-1 RBINS, INV. 122558. **D.** South of Dundee Island, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 164-4, RBINS, INV. 122923 or 122925.

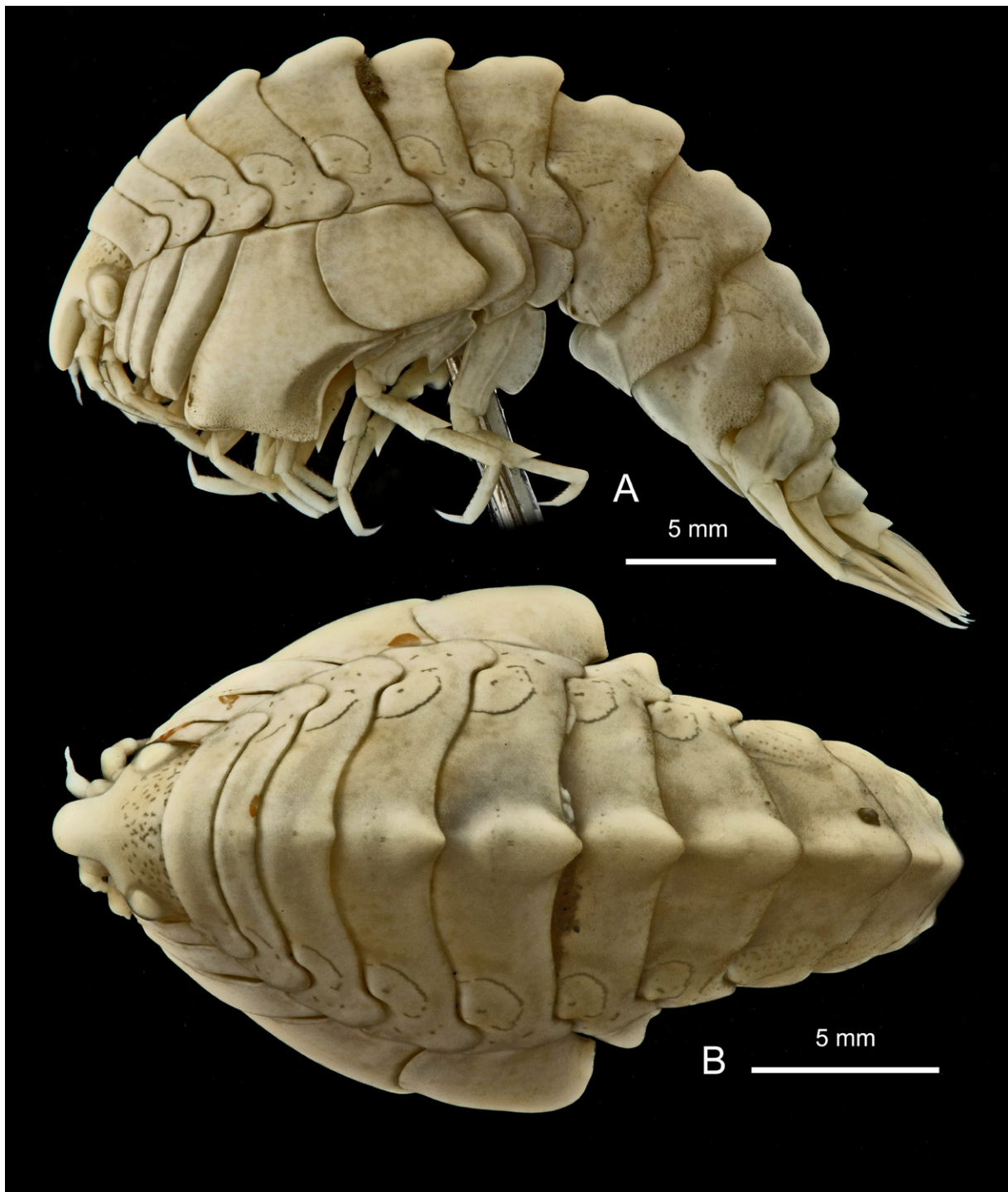


Fig. 199. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) quasimodo* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, East of Joinville Island, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 160-3, RBINS, INV. 122930A. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.



Fig. 200. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *quasimodo* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, East of Joinville Island, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 160-3, RBINS, INV. 122930A. A. Facial habitus. C. Head in facial view.

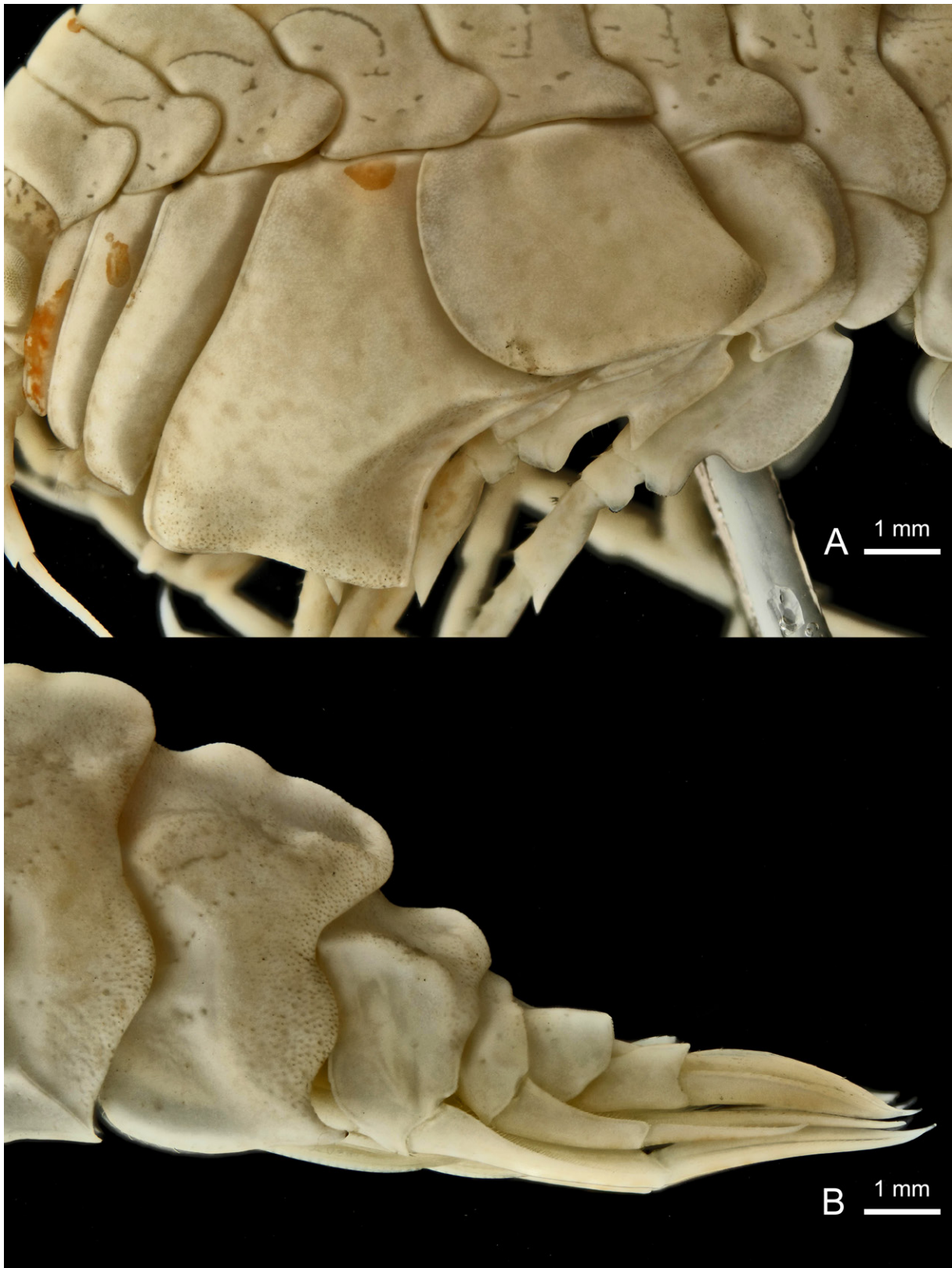


Fig. 201. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) quasimodo* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, East of Joinville Island, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 160-3, RBINS, INV. 122930A. **A.** Coxae 1-4. **B.** Pleonite 3 and urosome.

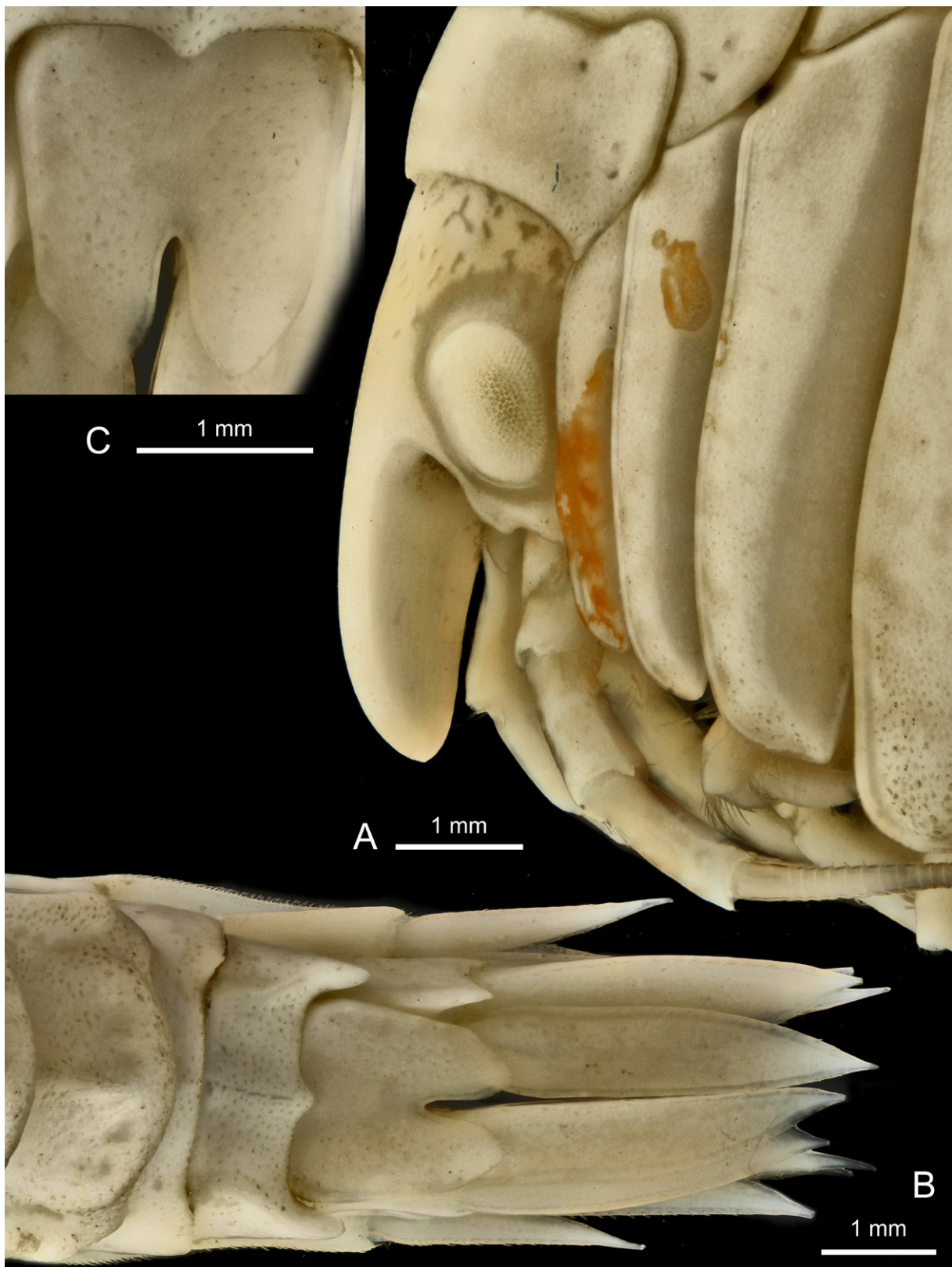


Fig. 202. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) quasimodo* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, East of Joinville Island, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 160-3, RBINS, INV. 122930A. A. Head in lateral view. B. Urosome in dorsal view. C. Telson.

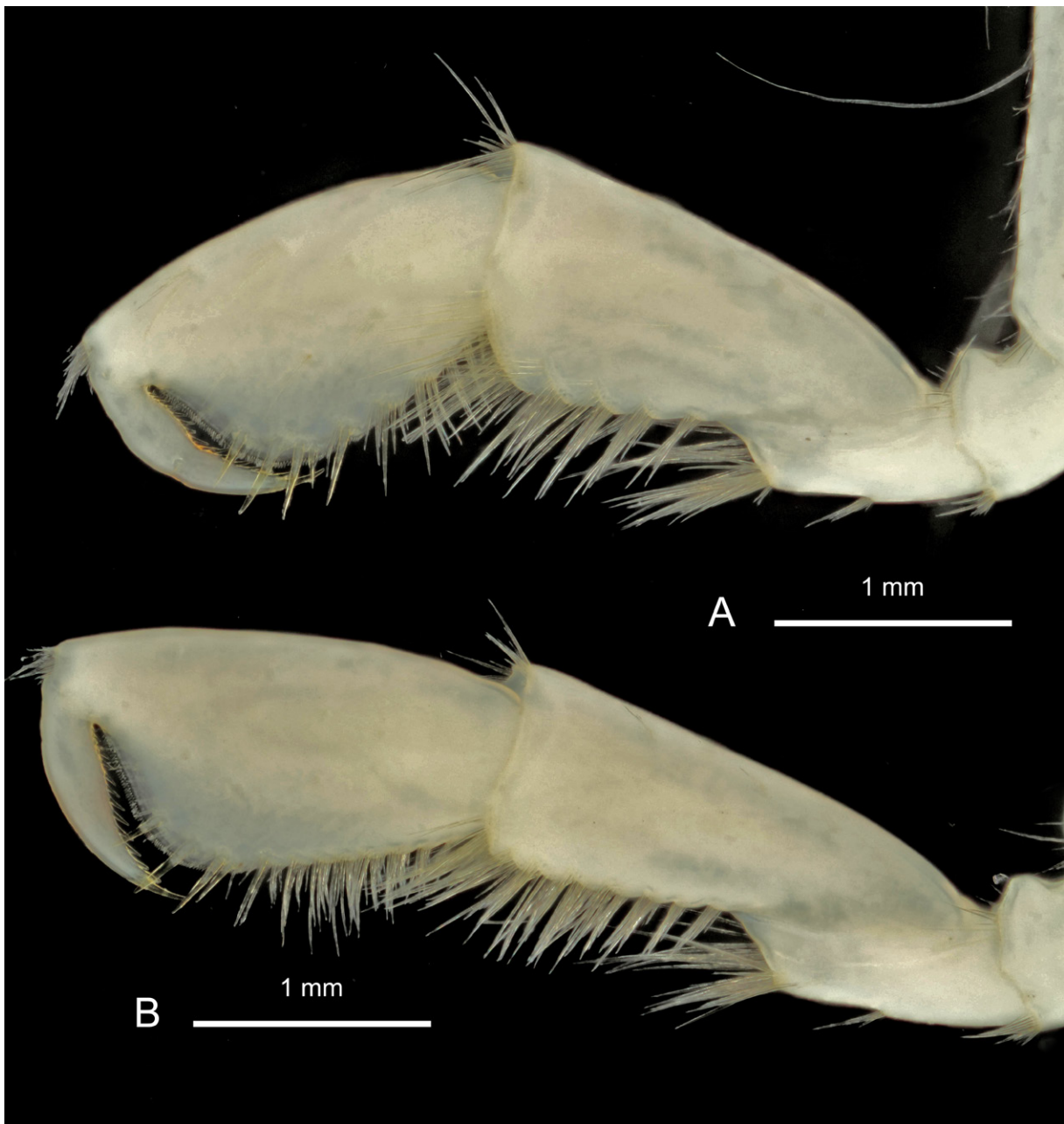


Fig. 203. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) quasimodo* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, East of Joinville Island, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 160-3, RBINS, INV. 122930A. **A.** Gnathopod 1. **B.** Gnathopod 2.



Fig. 204. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) quasimodo* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, holotype, East of Joinville Island, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 160-3, RBINS, INV. 122930A. **A.** Pereiopod 4. **B.** Pereiopod 5. **C.** Pereiopod 6. **D.** Pereiopod 7.

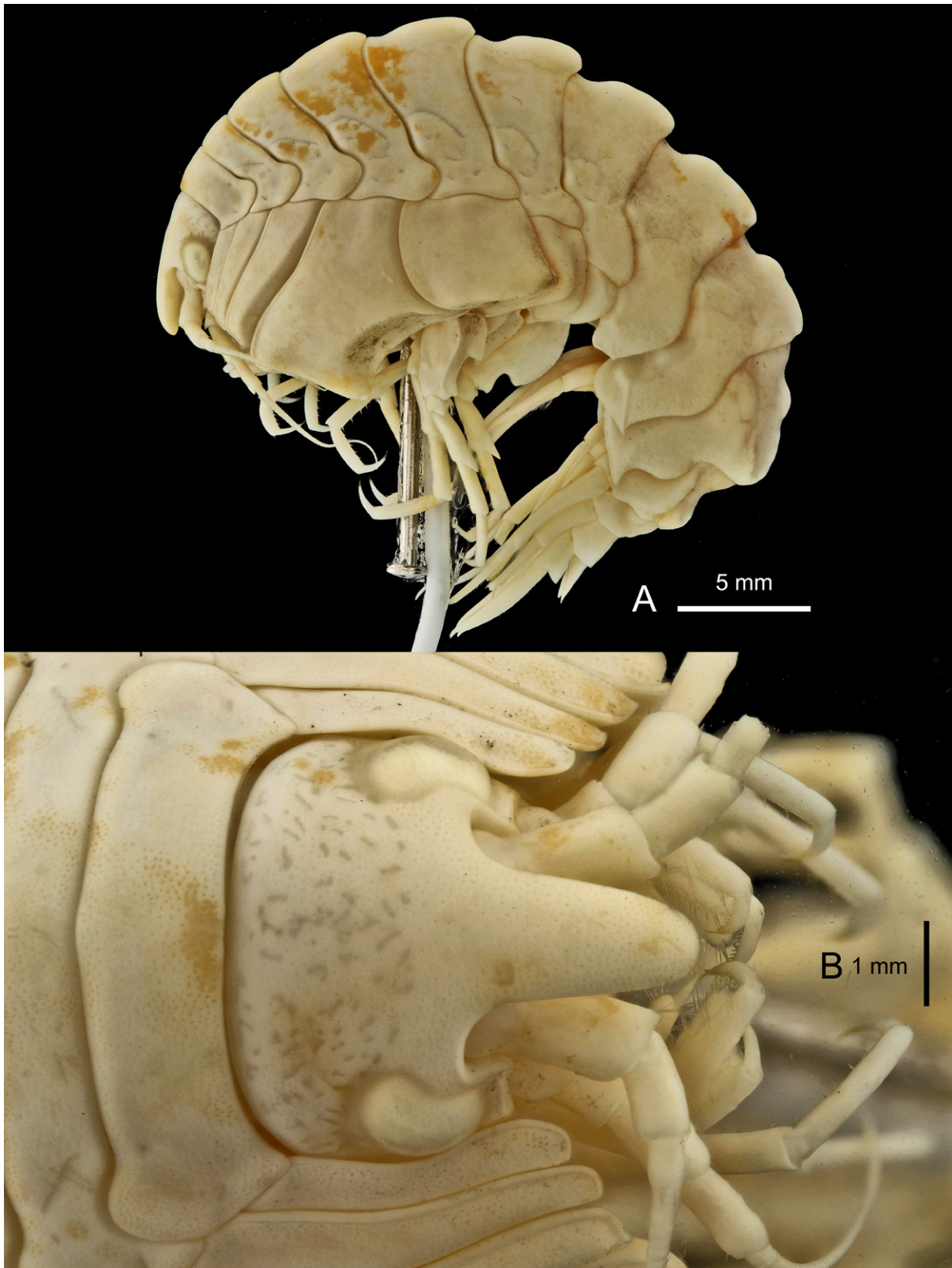


Fig. 205. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) quasimodo* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, large paratype, northwestern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 185-3, RBINS, INV. 122921B. A. Habitus. B. Head in facial view.

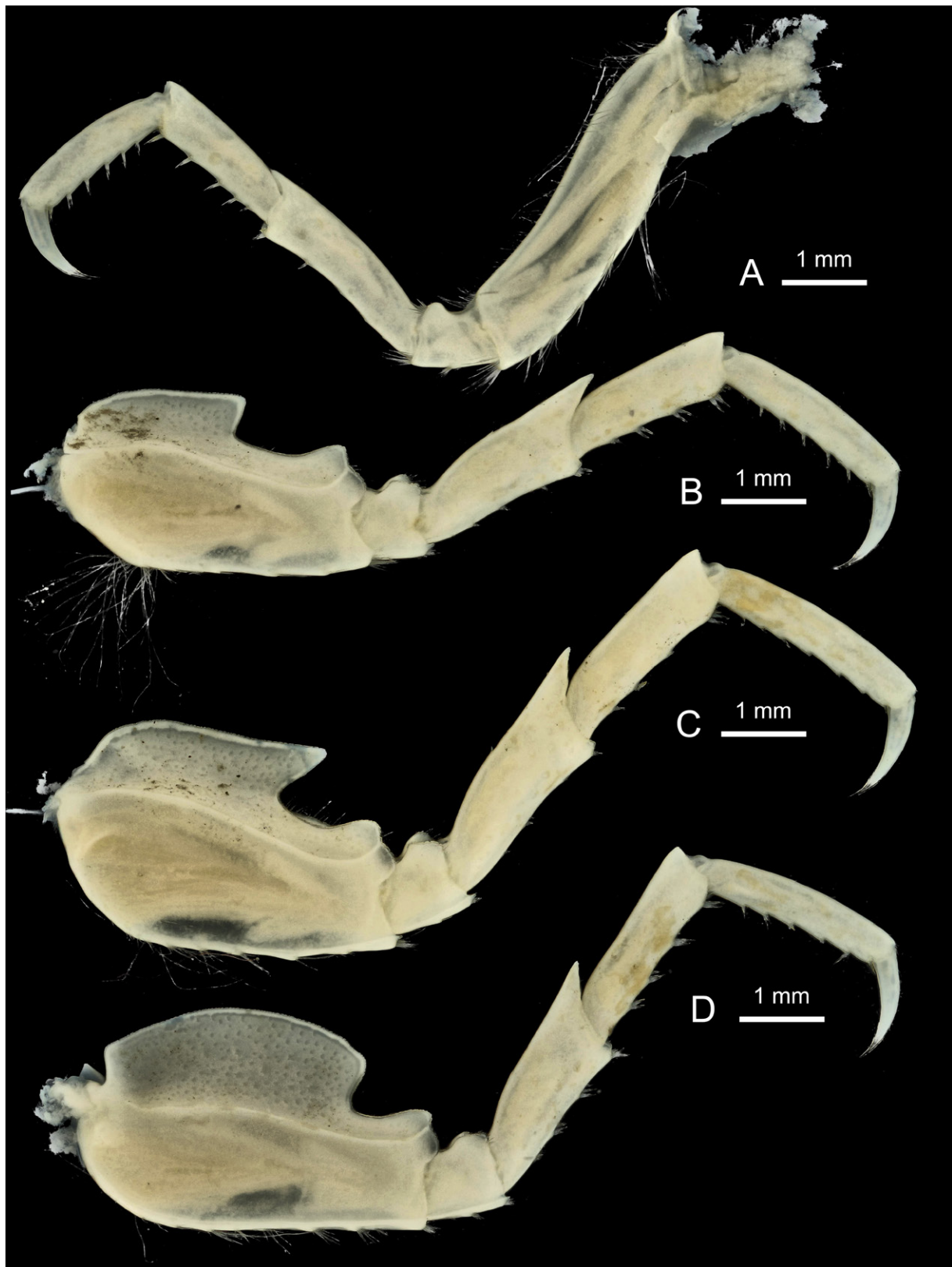


Fig. 206. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) quasimodo* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, large paratype, northwestern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 185-3, RBINS, INV. 122921B. A. Pereiopod 4. B. Pereiopod 5. C. Pereiopod 6. D. Pereiopod 7.

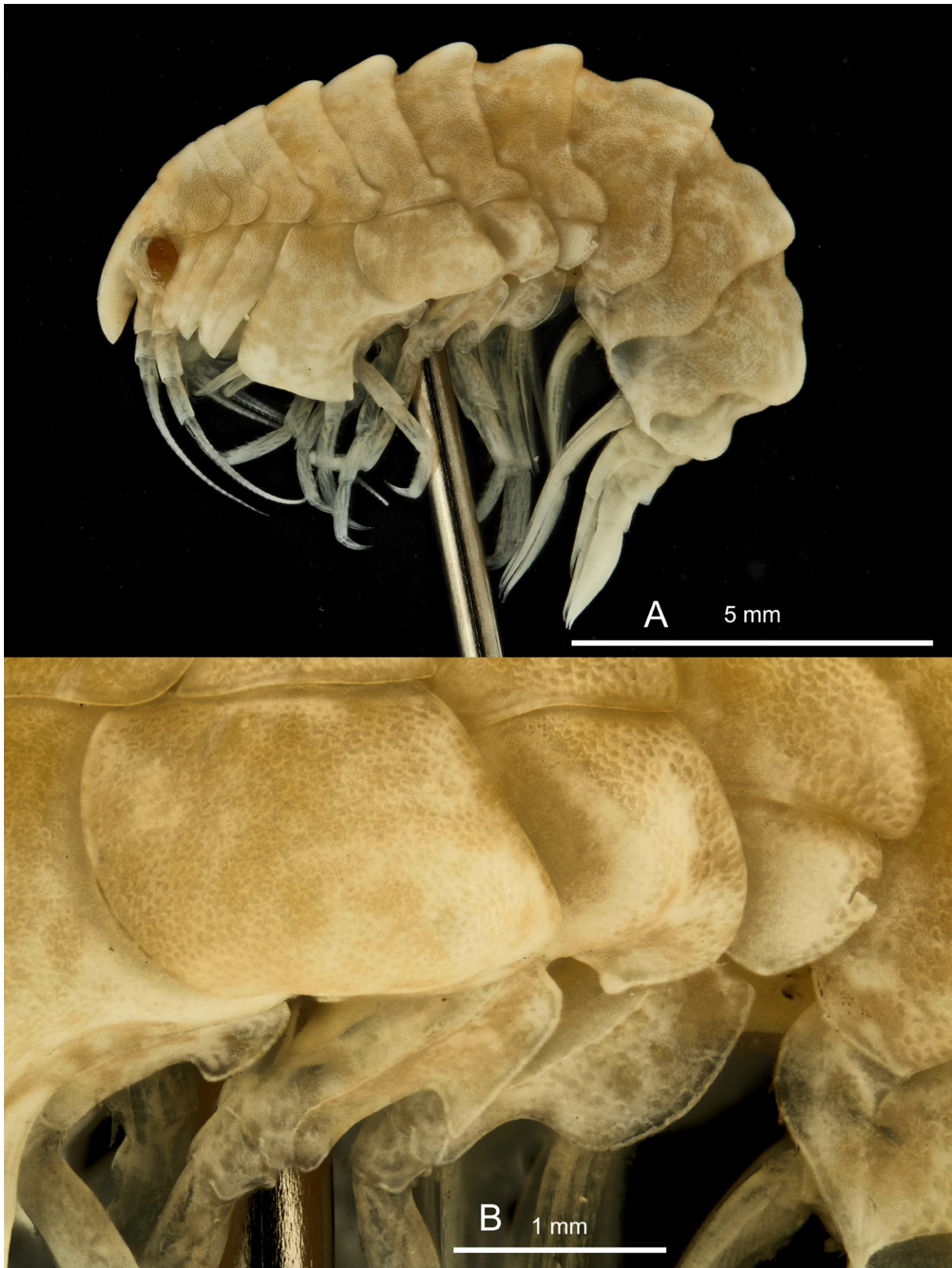


Fig. 207. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) quasimodo* subgen. et sp. nov., juvenile, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-1, RBINS, INV. 122506. A. Lateral habitus. B. Coxae and bases of pereopods 5–7.

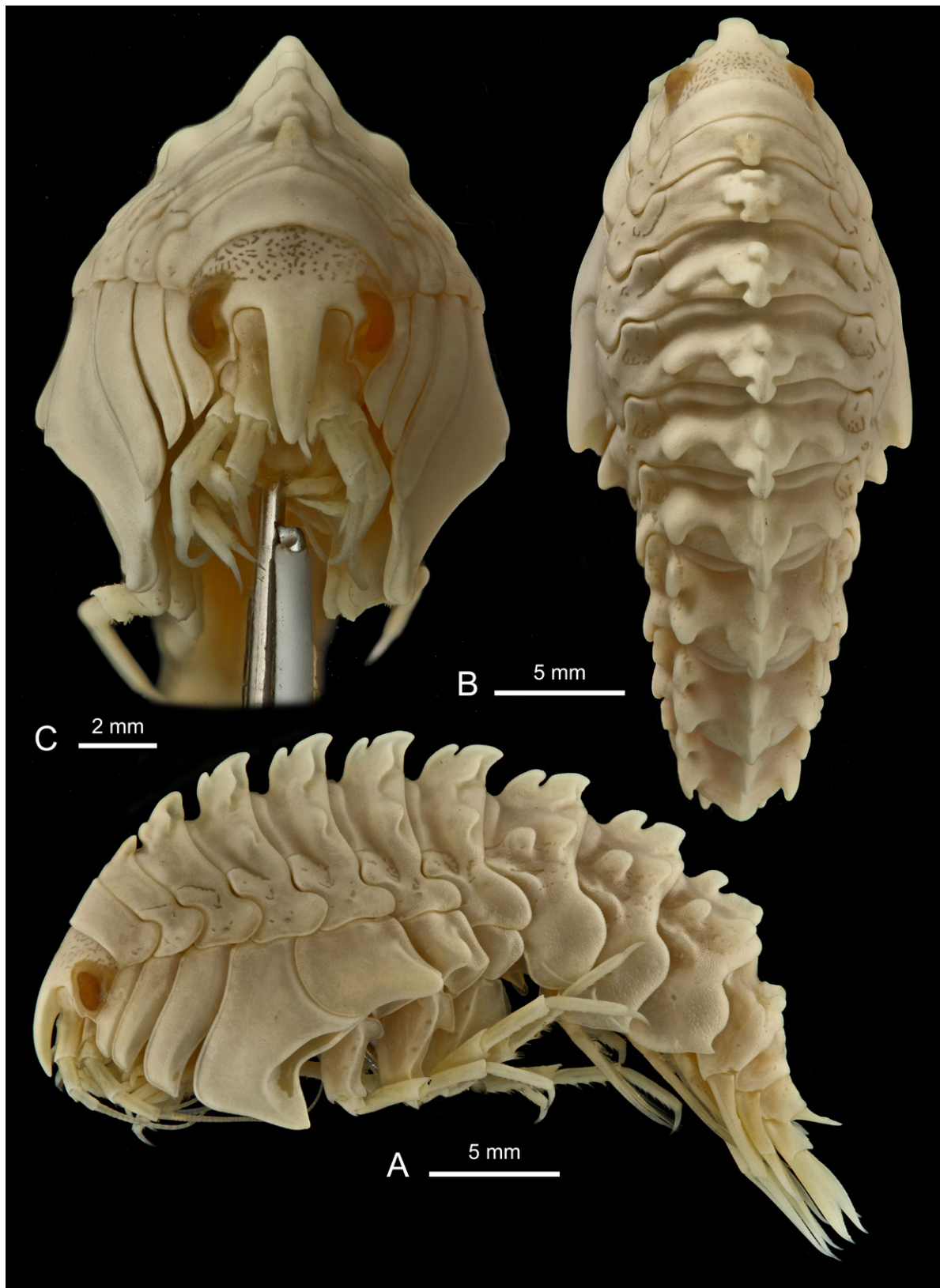


Fig. 208. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) rimicarinata* subgen. nov. Watling & Holman, 1980, adult ♀, Prydz Bay, MD2 stn 22–CP66, 26.185, MNHN-IU-2014-4265. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus. **C.** Facial habitus.



Fig. 209. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *robusta* subgen. nov. K.H. Barnard, 1930, sex undetermined, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC V3 1168, colour in life (photograph: Frédéric Busson, MNHN). Specimen not examined.



Fig. 210. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) robusta* subgen. nov. K.H. Barnard, 1930, adult ♀, Adélie Coast, Revolta I, REVO-043, MNHN-IU-2009-2571. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

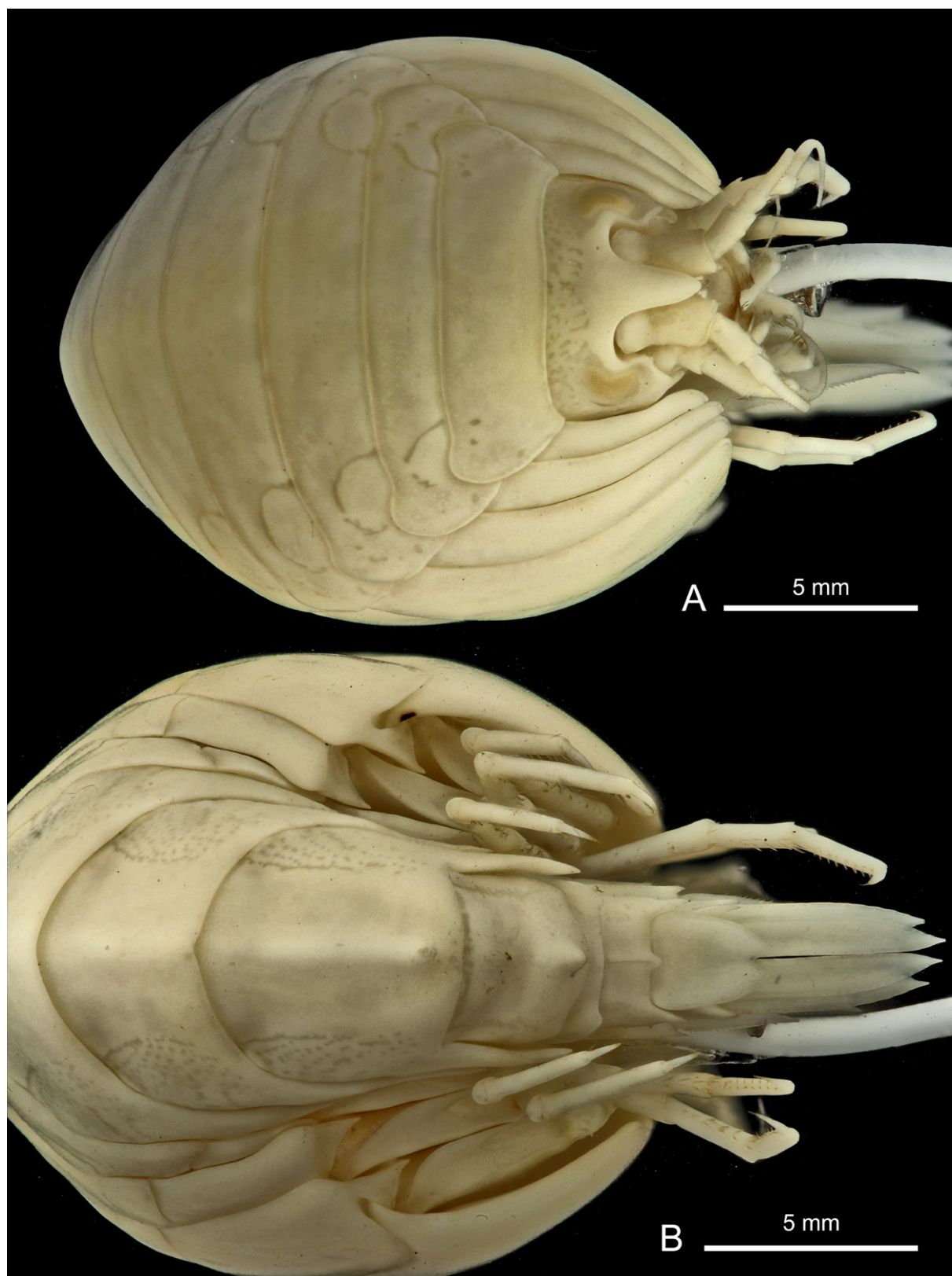


Fig. 211. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *robusta* subgen. nov. K.H. Barnard, 1930, adult ♀, Adélie Coast, Revolta I, REVO-043, MNHN-IU-2009-2571. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Urosome and pleon in dorsal view.

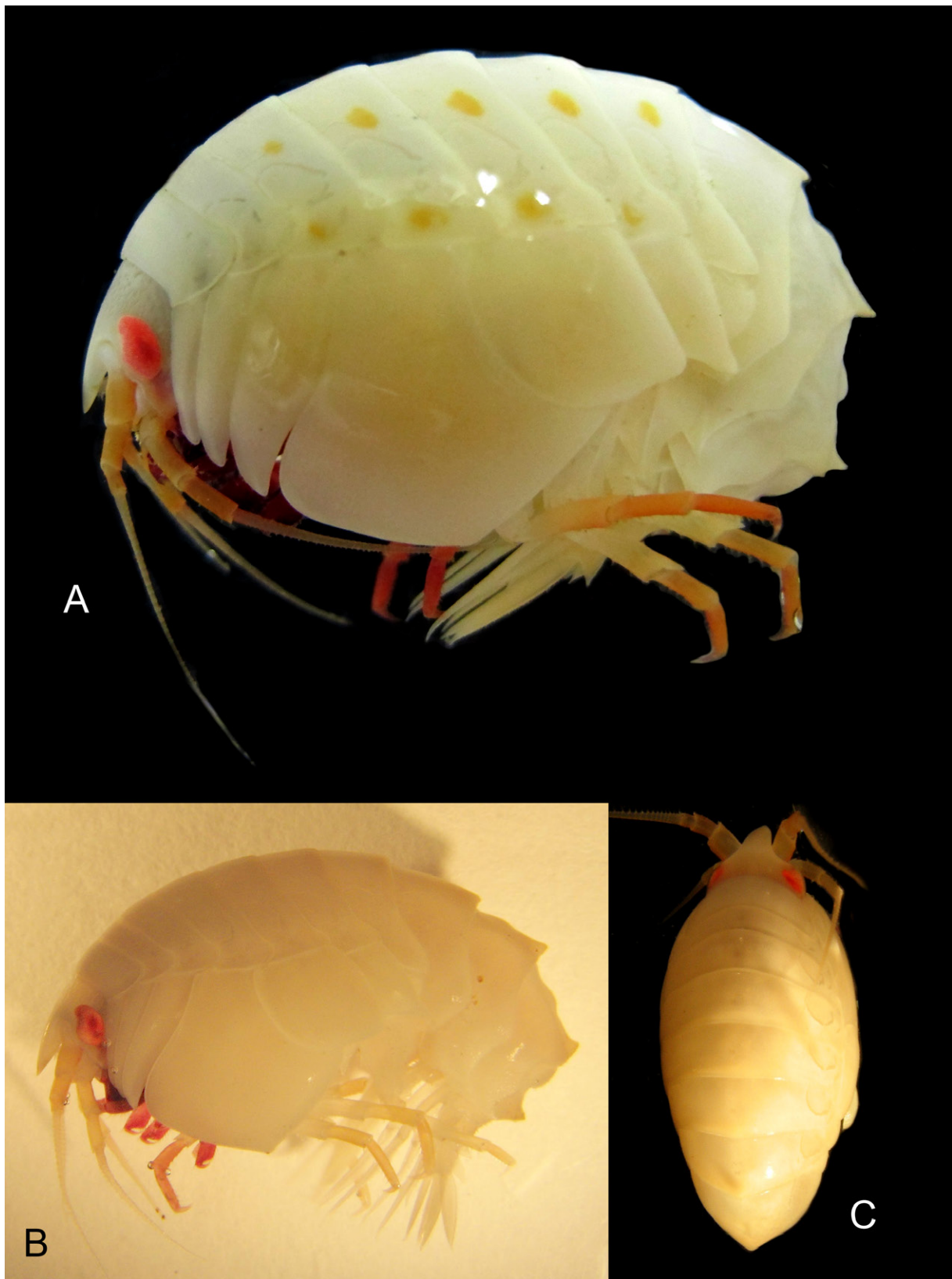


Fig. 212. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *robustoides* subgen. nov. Lörz & Coleman in Lörz *et al.*, 2009, colour in life. **A.** ♀, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 265-2, RBINS, INV. 122894. **B–C.** ♀, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 603-5, RBINS, INV. 132985.



Fig. 213. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *robustoides* subgen. nov. Lörz & Coleman in Lörz *et al.*, 2009, ♀, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 265-2, RBINS, INV. 122894. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Facial habitus.



Fig. 214. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *robustoides* subgen. nov. Lörz & Coleman in Lörz *et al.*, 2009, ♀, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 265-2, RBINS, INV. 122894. **A.** Pereiopod 5. **B.** Pereiopod 6. **C.** Pereiopod 7.

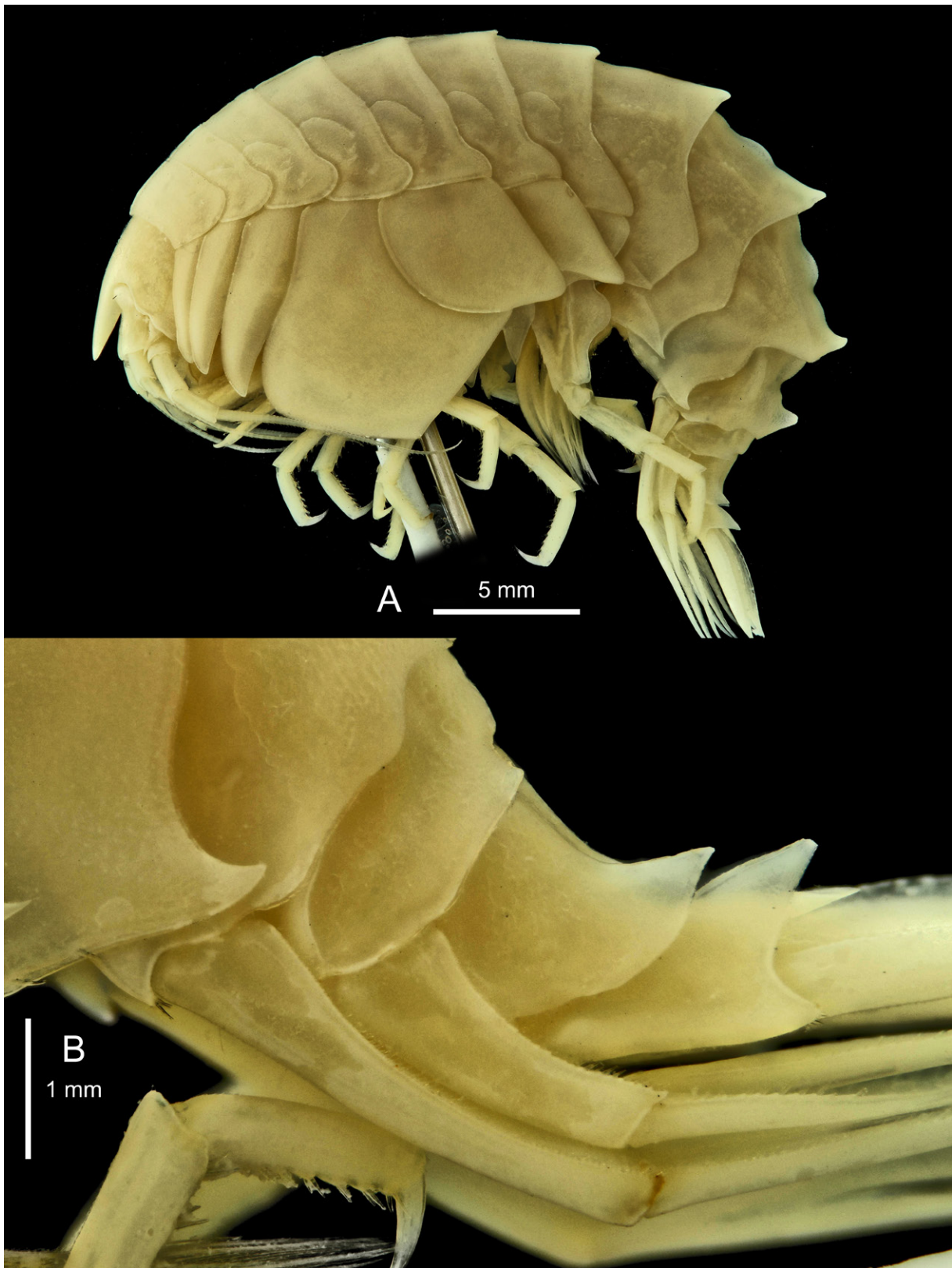


Fig. 215. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *robustoides* subgen. nov. Lörz & Coleman in Lörz *et al.*, 2009, ♀, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-VII/4, stn 290, RBINS, INV. 132944. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Segments 2 and 3 of urosome.

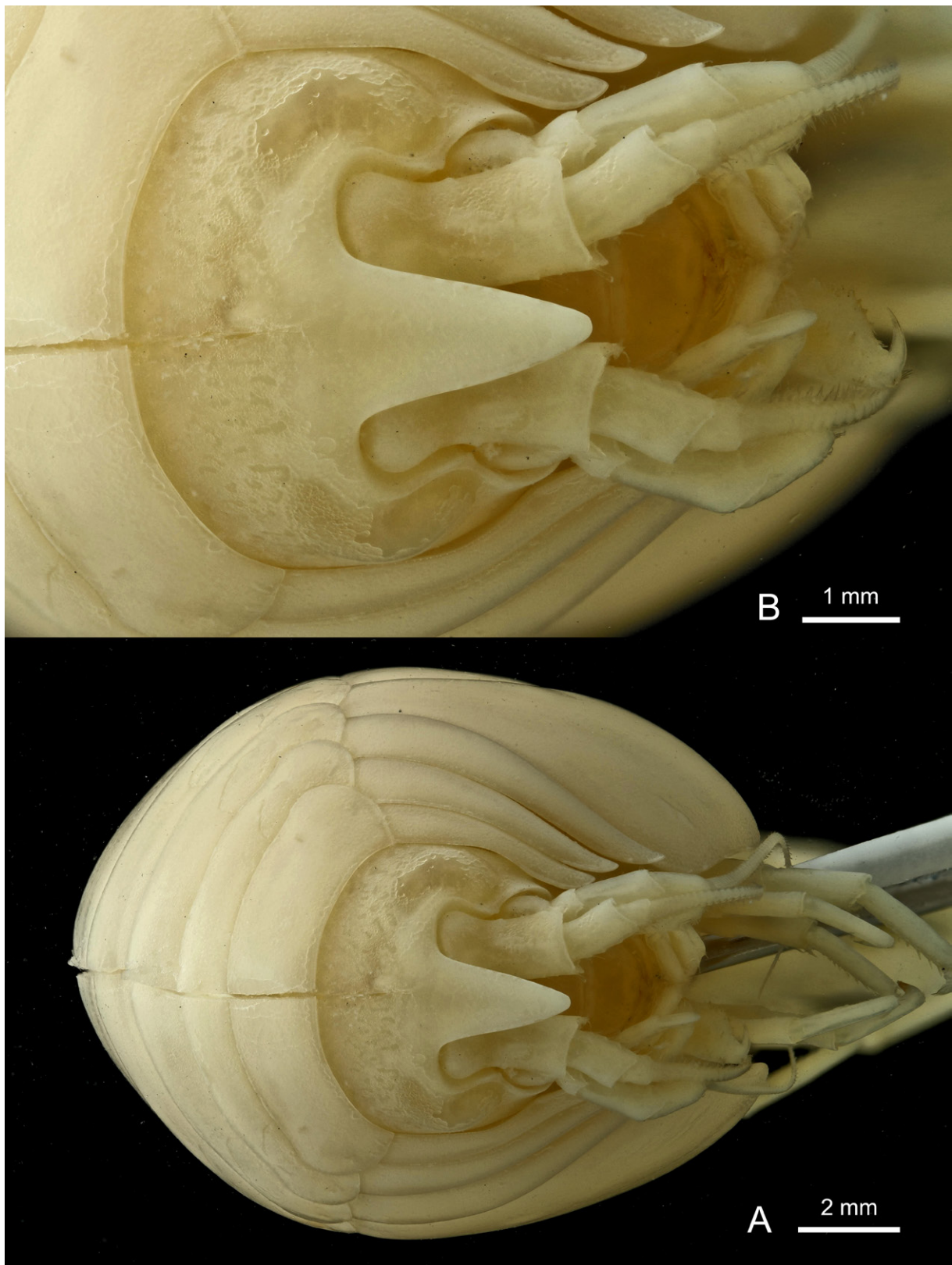


Fig. 216. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) robustoides* subgen. nov. Lörz & Coleman in Lörz *et al.*, 2009, ♀, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-VII/4, stn 290. RBINS, INV. 132944. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in facial view.

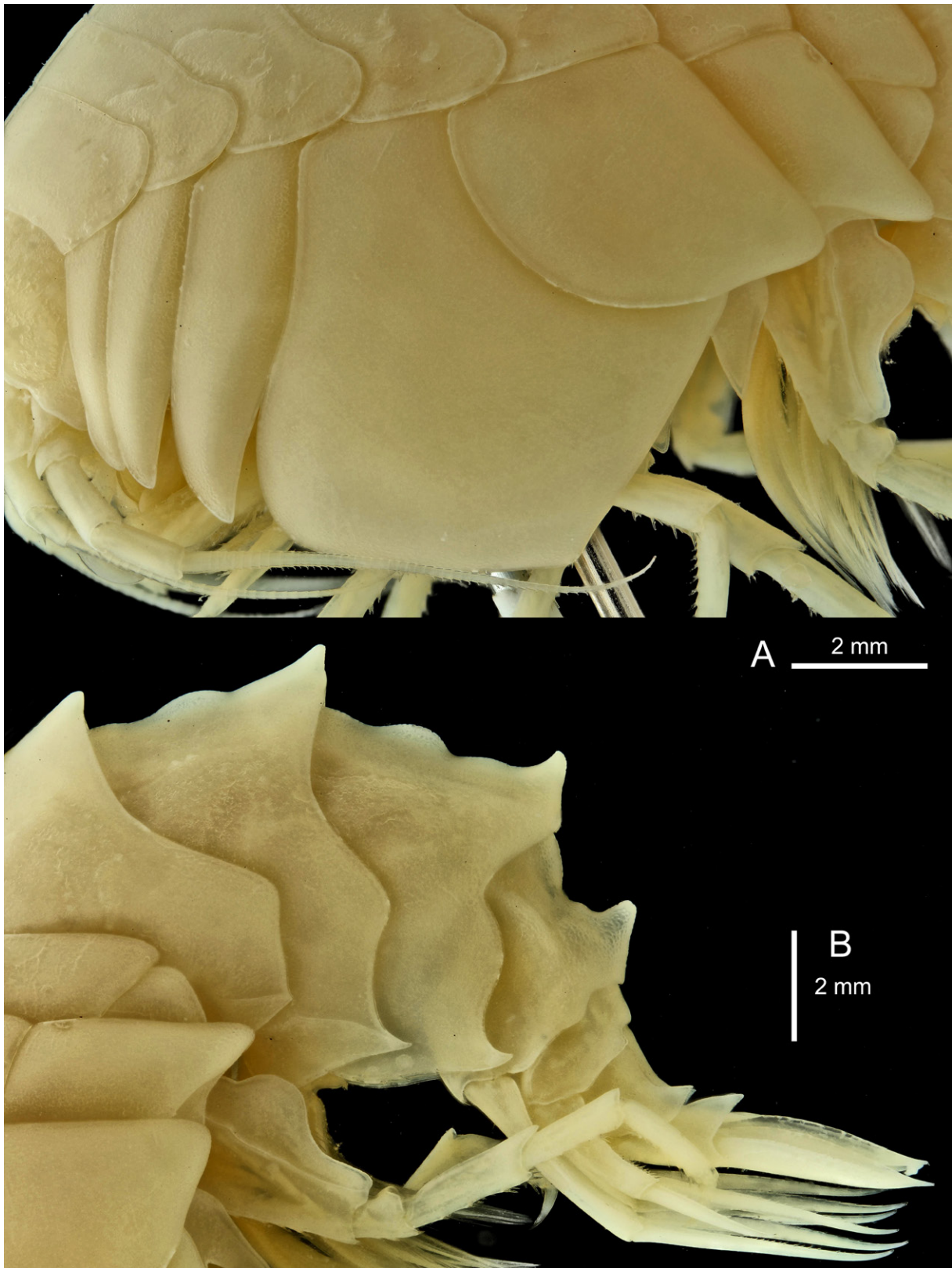


Fig. 217. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *robustoides* subgen. nov. Lörz & Coleman in Lörz *et al.*, 2009, ♀, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-VII/4, stn 290. RBINS, INV. 132944. A. Coxae 1–7. B. Pleon.



Fig. 218. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria)* subgen. nov. *robustoides* Lörz & Coleman in Lörz *et al.*, 2009, ♀, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-VII/4, stn 290. RBINS, INV. 132944. Head in lateral view and coxae 1–3.

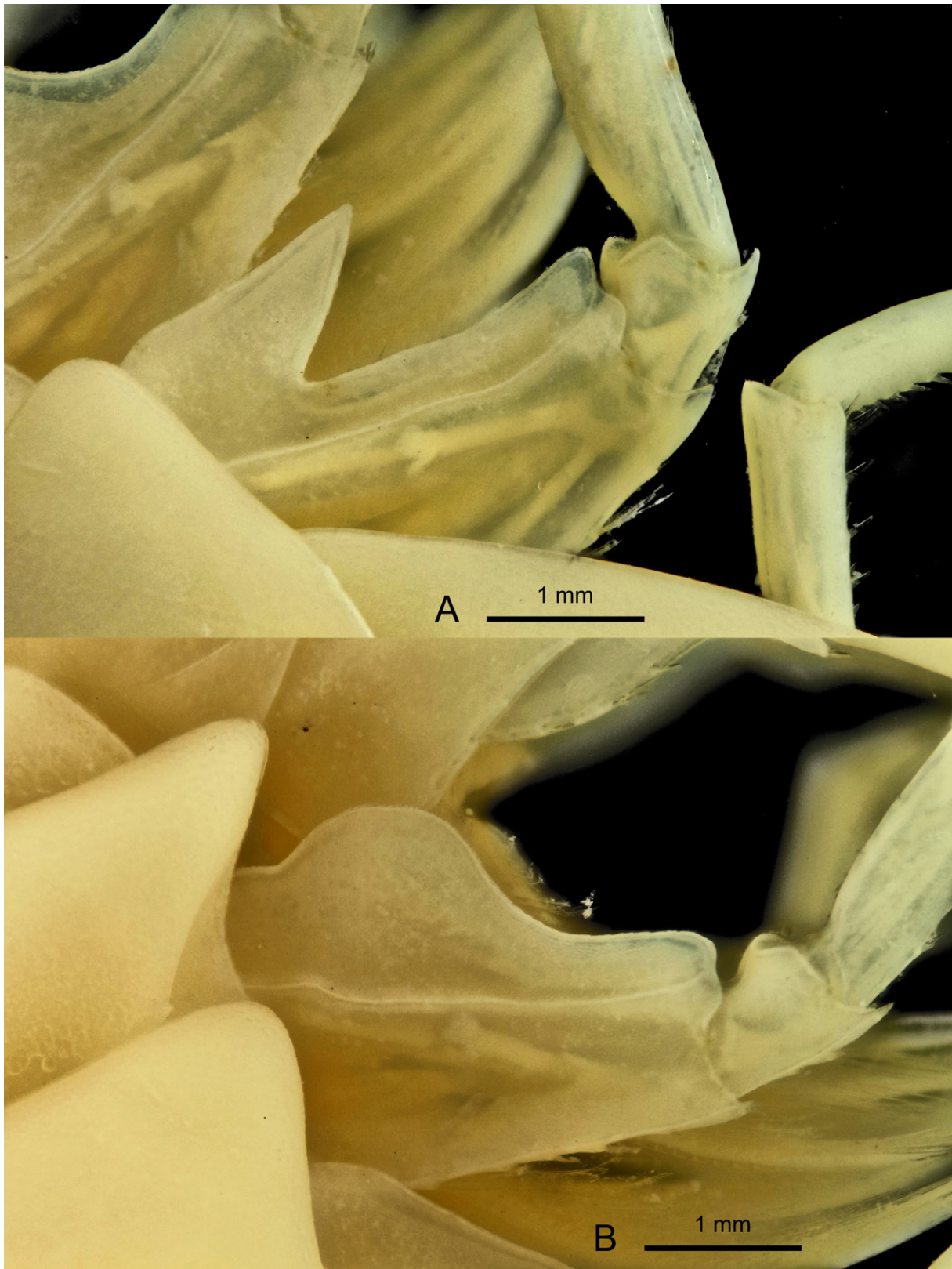


Fig. 219. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *robustoides* subgen. nov. Lörz & Coleman in Lörz *et al.*, 2009, ♀, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-VII/4, stn 290. RBINS, INV. 132944. **A.** Basis of pereiopod 6. **B.** Basis of Pereiopod 7.



Fig. 220. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) rubrieques* subgen. nov. De Broyer & Klages, 1991, presumably ♀, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIV/2, stn 48-1, RBINS, INV. 132943 or INV. 132410, colour in life (photograph: Armin Rose).

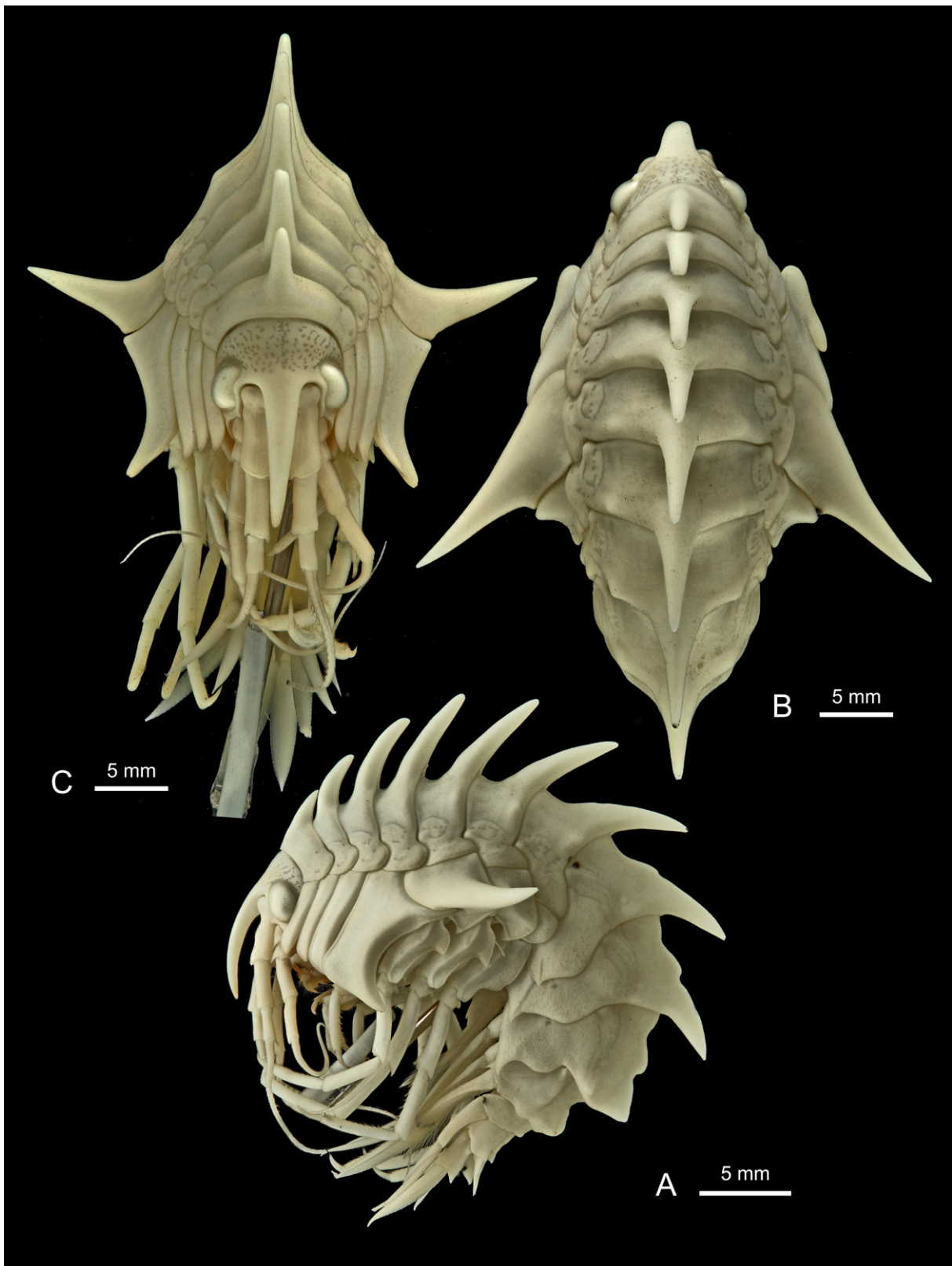


Fig. 221. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) rubrieques* subgen. nov. De Broyer & Klages, 1991, presumably ♀, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIV/2, stn 48-1, RBINS, INV. 132943. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus. **C.** Facial habitus.



Fig. 222. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) xesta* subgen. et sp. nov., ♀, ANT-XIII/3, EASIZ I, no station, photography made in aquarium by G. Chapelle, 3 Mar. 1996: presumably one of the adult paratypes registered as RBINS, INV. 132994.

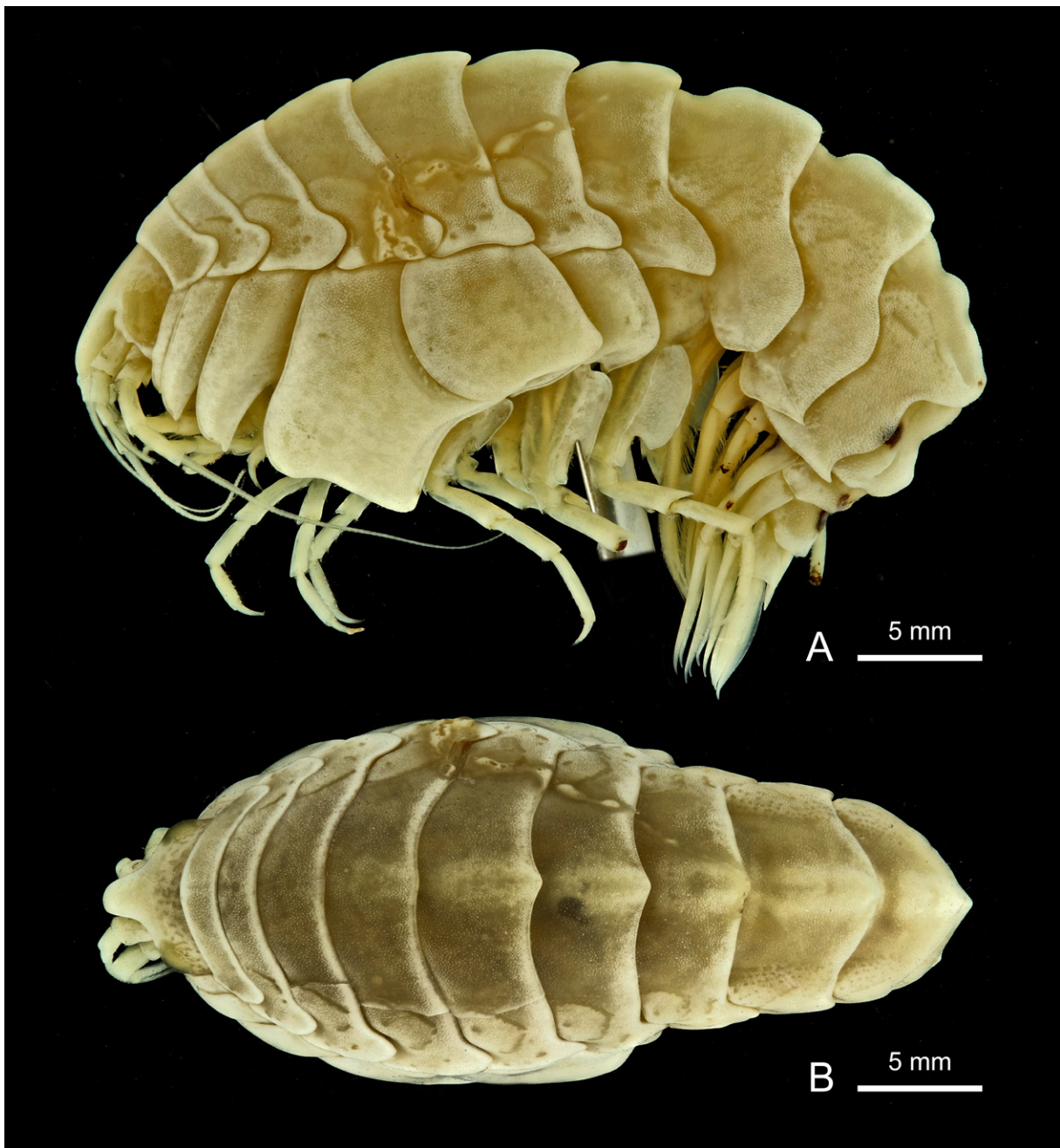


Fig. 223. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *xesta* subgen. et sp. nov., adult ♀, holotype, eastern shelf of Weddell Sea, ANT-VII/4, stn 226, RBINS, INV. 132946. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.



Fig. 224. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) xesta* subgen. et sp. nov., adult ♀, holotype, eastern shelf of Weddell Sea, ANT-VII/4, stn 226, RBINS, INV. 132946. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in facial view.

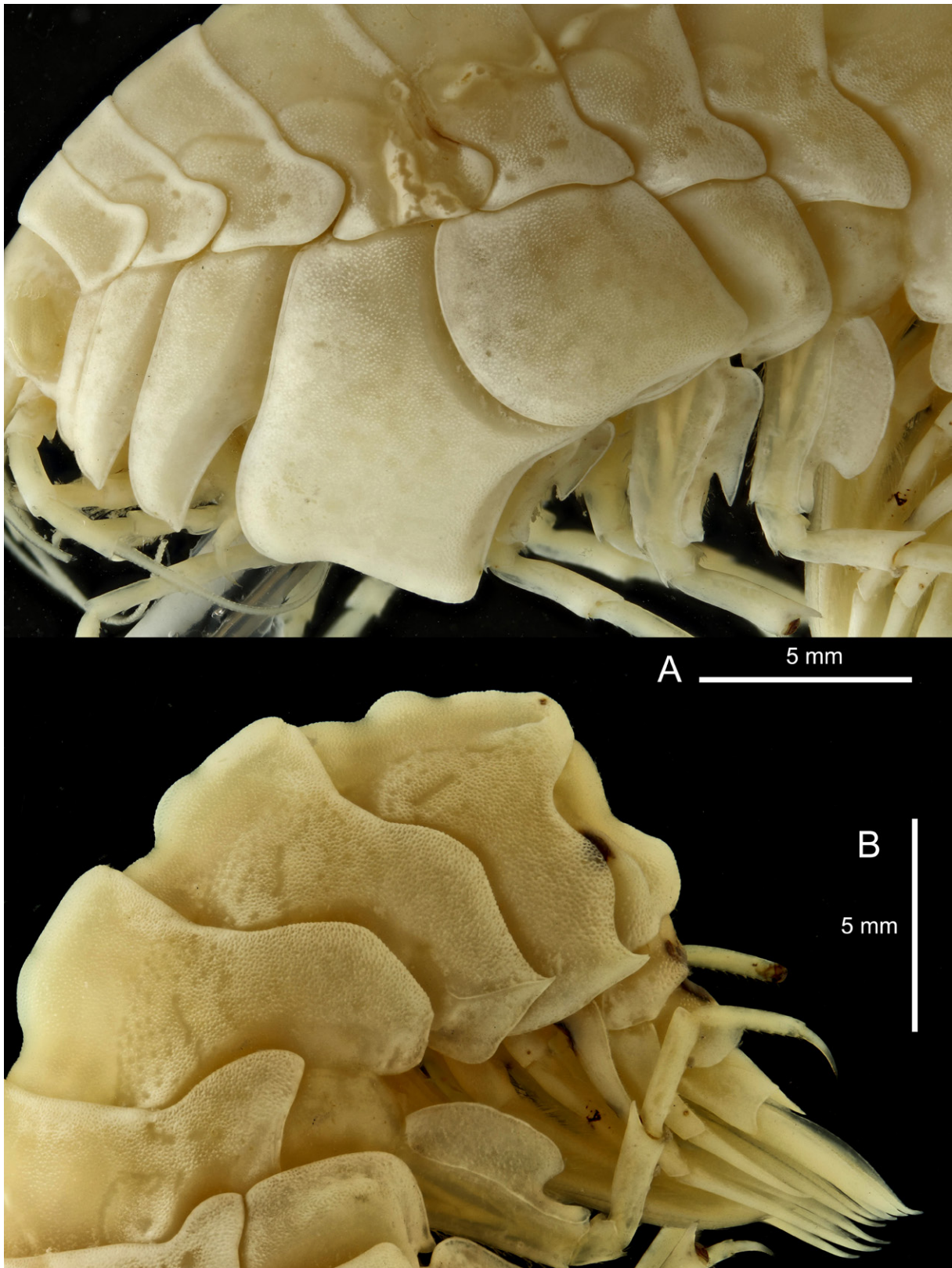


Fig. 225. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) xesta* subgen. et sp. nov., adult ♀, holotype, eastern shelf of Weddell Sea, ANT-VII/4, stn 226, RBINS, INV. 132946. A. Coxae. B. Pleon.

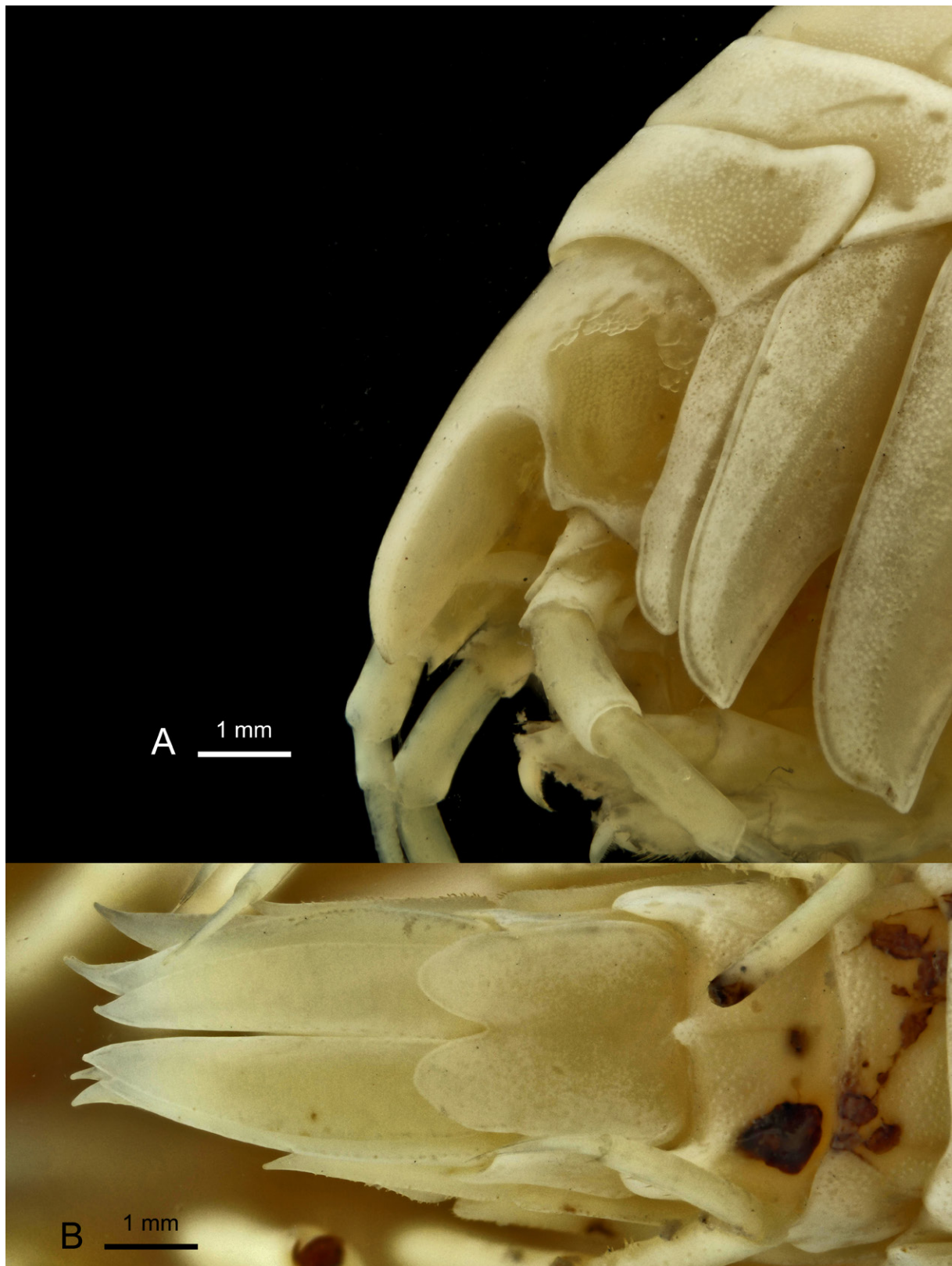


Fig. 226. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) xesta* subgen. et sp. nov., adult ♀, holotype, eastern shelf of Weddell Sea, ANT-VII/4, stn 226, RBINS, INV. 132946. **A.** Head in lateral view. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view.



Fig. 227. *Epimeria* (*Hoplepimeria*) *xesta* subgen. et sp. nov., adult ♀, holotype, eastern shelf of Weddell Sea, ANT-VII/4, stn 226, RBINS, INV. 132946. **A.** Gnathopod 1. **B.** Gnathopod 2.



Fig. 228. *Epimeria (Hoplepimeria) xesta* subgen. et sp. nov., adult ♀, holotype, eastern shelf of Weddell Sea, ANT-VII/4, stn 226, RBINS, INV. 132946. A. Pereiopod 4. B. Pereiopod 5. C. Pereiopod 6. D. Pereiopod 7.

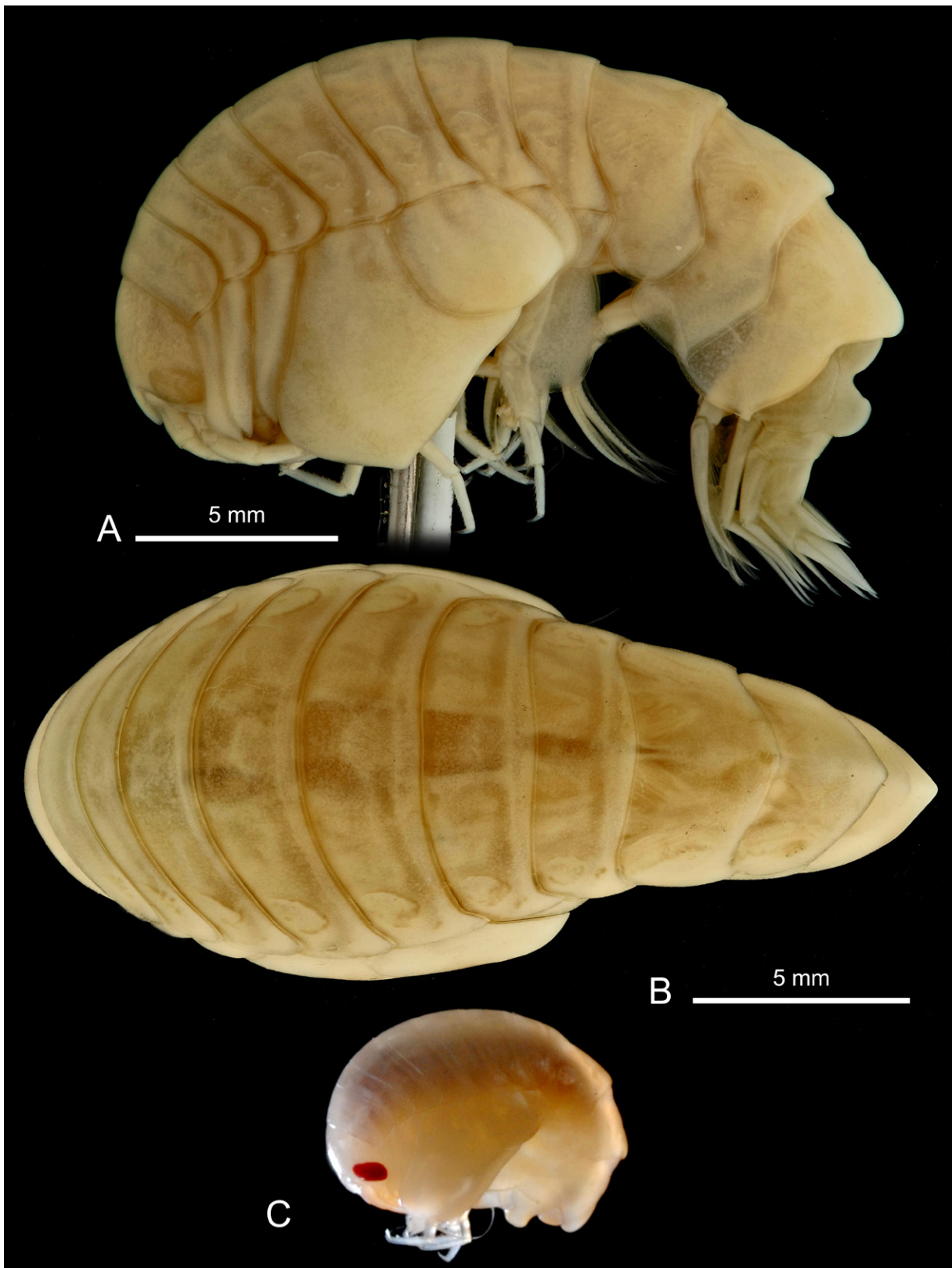


Fig. 229. *Epimeria* (*Laevepimeria*) *anodon* subgen. et sp. nov., sex undetermined, Adélie Coast. A–B, CEAMARC 2724, MNHN-IU-2014-4336. C, CEAMARC V3 1106 (photograph: Frédéric Busson, MNHN); specimen not examined. A. Lateral habitus. B. Dorsal habitus. C. Colour in life.



Fig. 230. *Epimeria (Laevepimeria) anodon* subgen. et sp. nov., sex undetermined, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 2724, MNHN-IU-2014-4336. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in facial view.



Fig. 231. *Epimeria* (*Laevipimeria*) *anodon* subgen. et sp. nov., sex undetermined, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 2724, MNHN-IU-2014-4336. **A.** Anterior half. **B.** Posterior half.

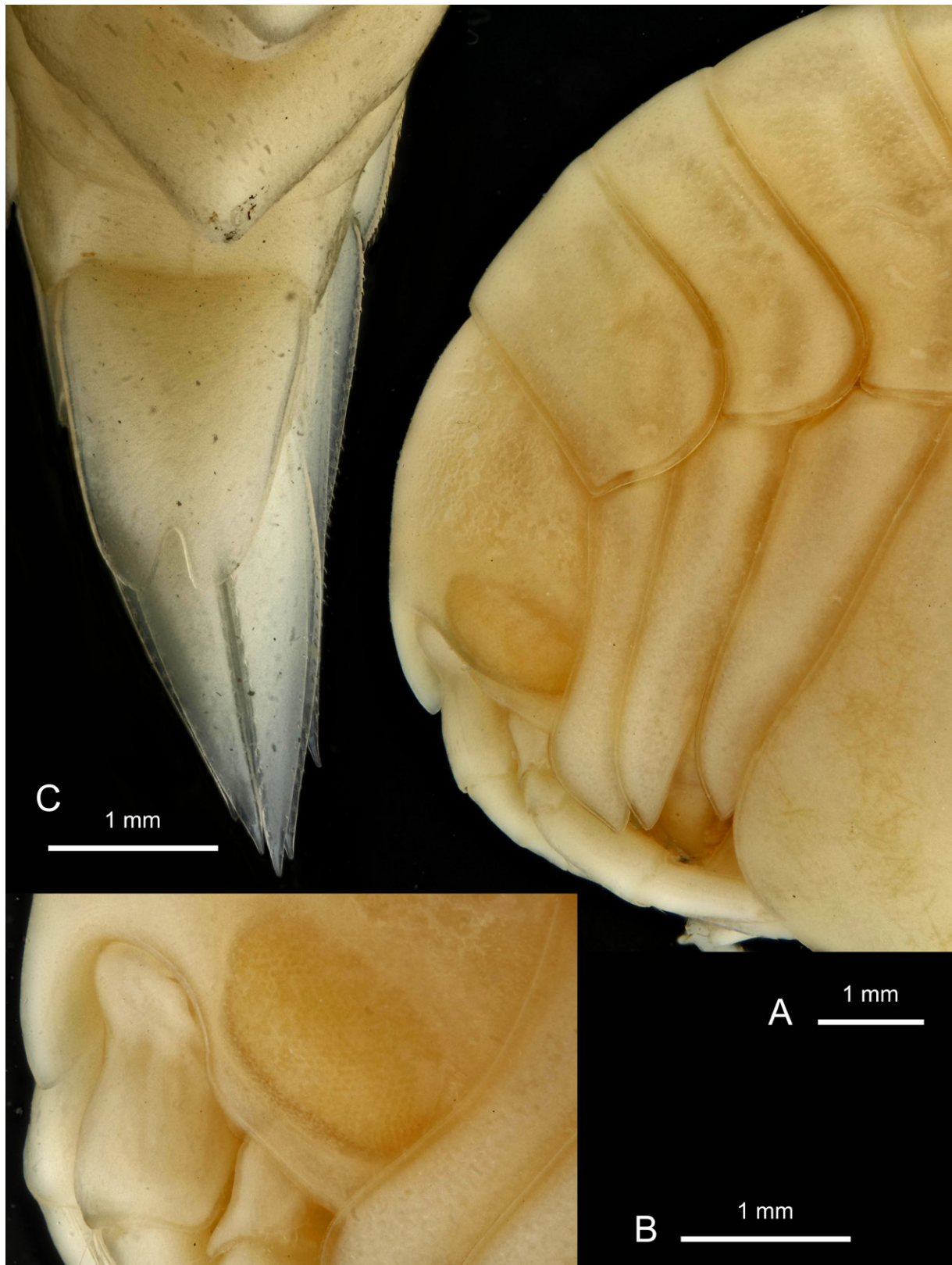


Fig. 232. *Epimeria (Laevepimeria) anodon* subgen. et sp. nov., sex undetermined, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 2724, MNHN-IU-2014-4336. A. Head in lateral view. B. Urosome in dorsal view. C. Telson.

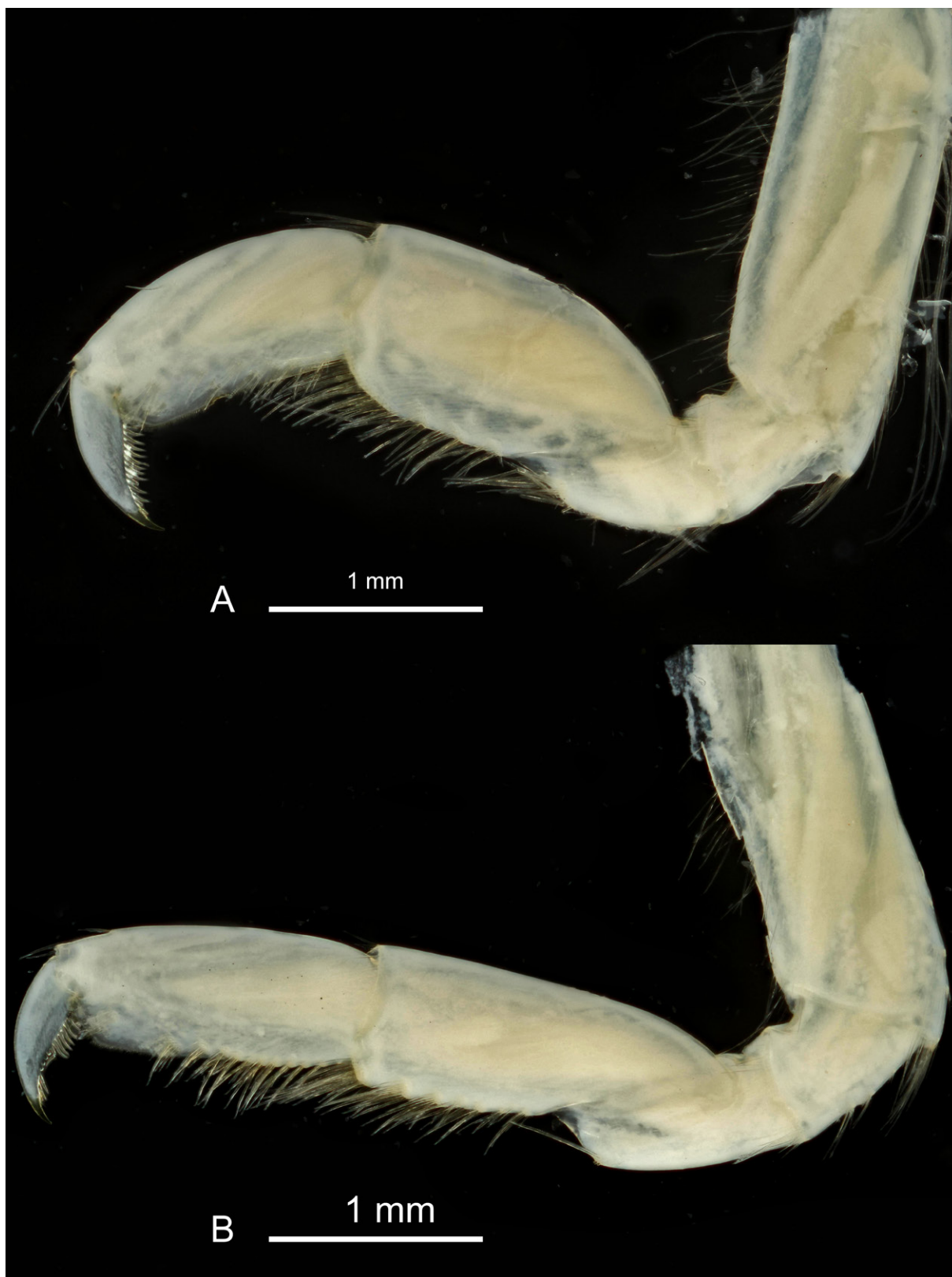


Fig. 233. *Epimeria* (*Laevepimeria*) *anodon* subgen. et sp. nov., sex undetermined, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 2724, MNHN-IU-2014-4336. A. Gnathopod 1. B. Gnathopod 2.

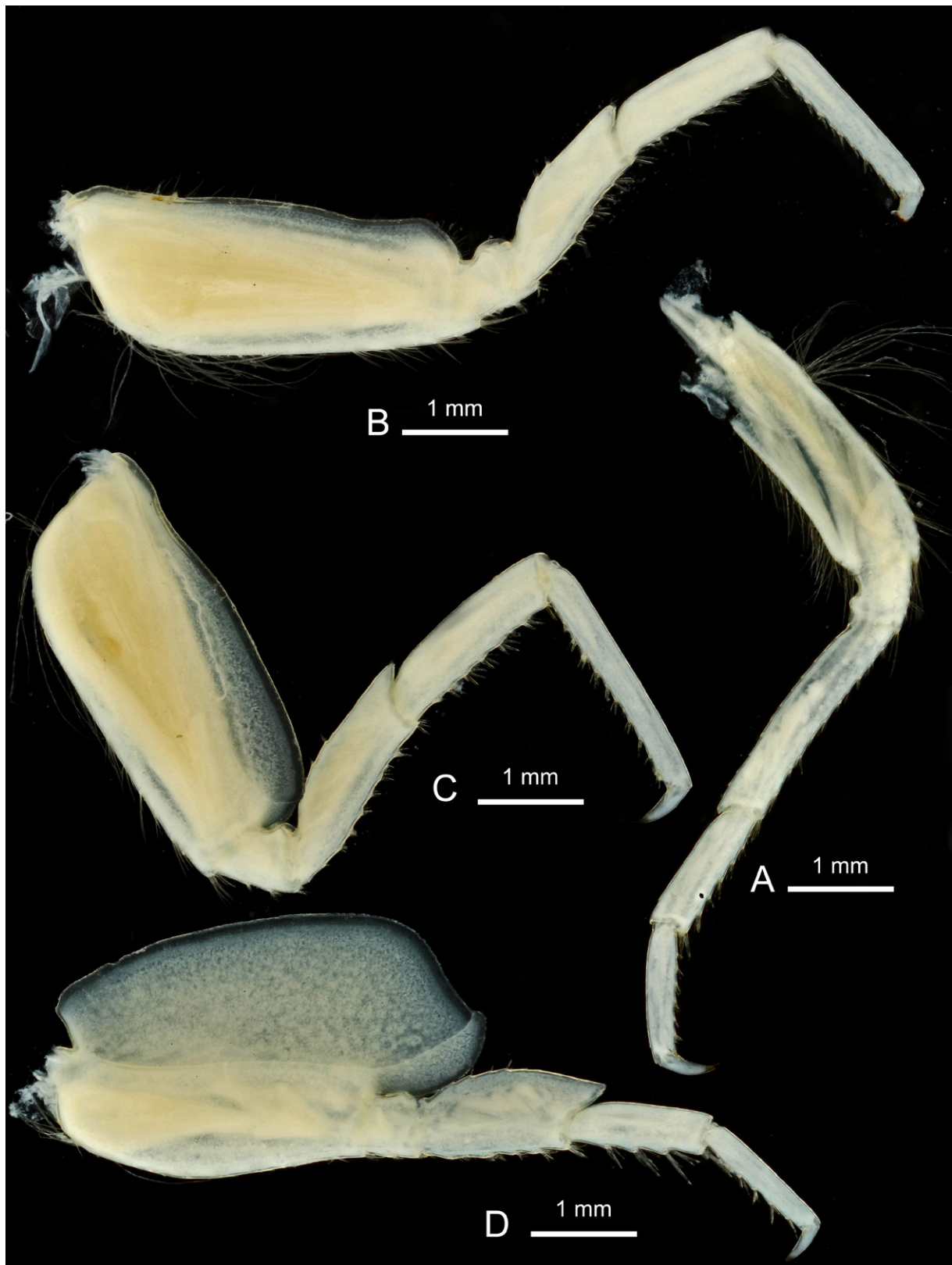


Fig. 234. *Epimeria (Laevepimeria) anodon* subgen. et sp. nov., sex undetermined, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 2724, MNHN-IU-2014-4336. A. Pereiopod 4. B. Pereiopod 5. C. Pereiopod 6. D. Pereiopod 7.

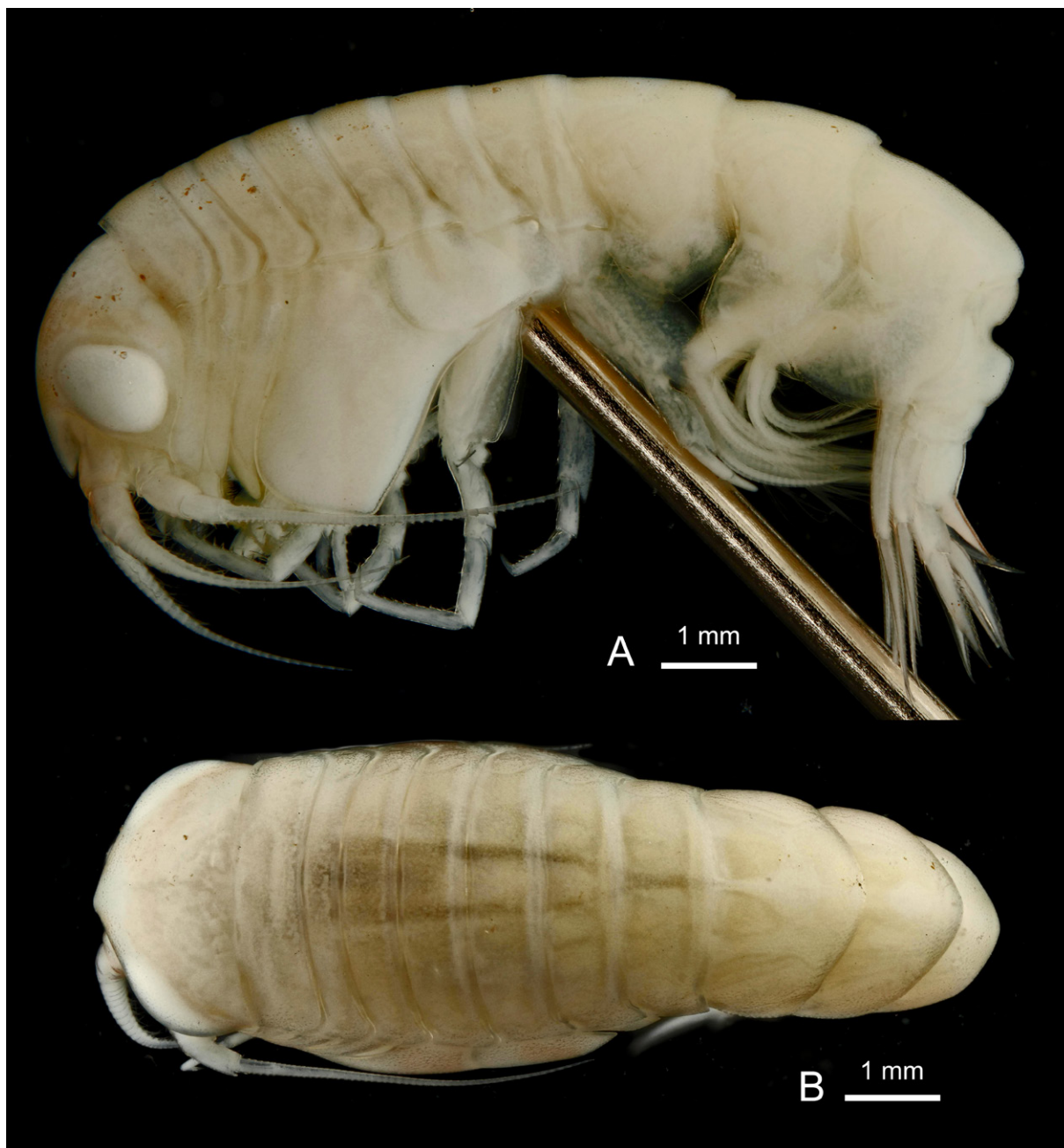


Fig. 235. *Epimeria* (*Laevepimeria*) *cinderella* subgen. et sp. nov., ♂, holotype, northwestern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 188-5, RBINS, INV. 132956. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.



Fig. 236. *Epimeria* (*Laevepimeria*) *cinderella* subgen. et sp. nov., ♂, holotype, northwestern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 188-5, RBINS, INV. 132956. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in facial view.

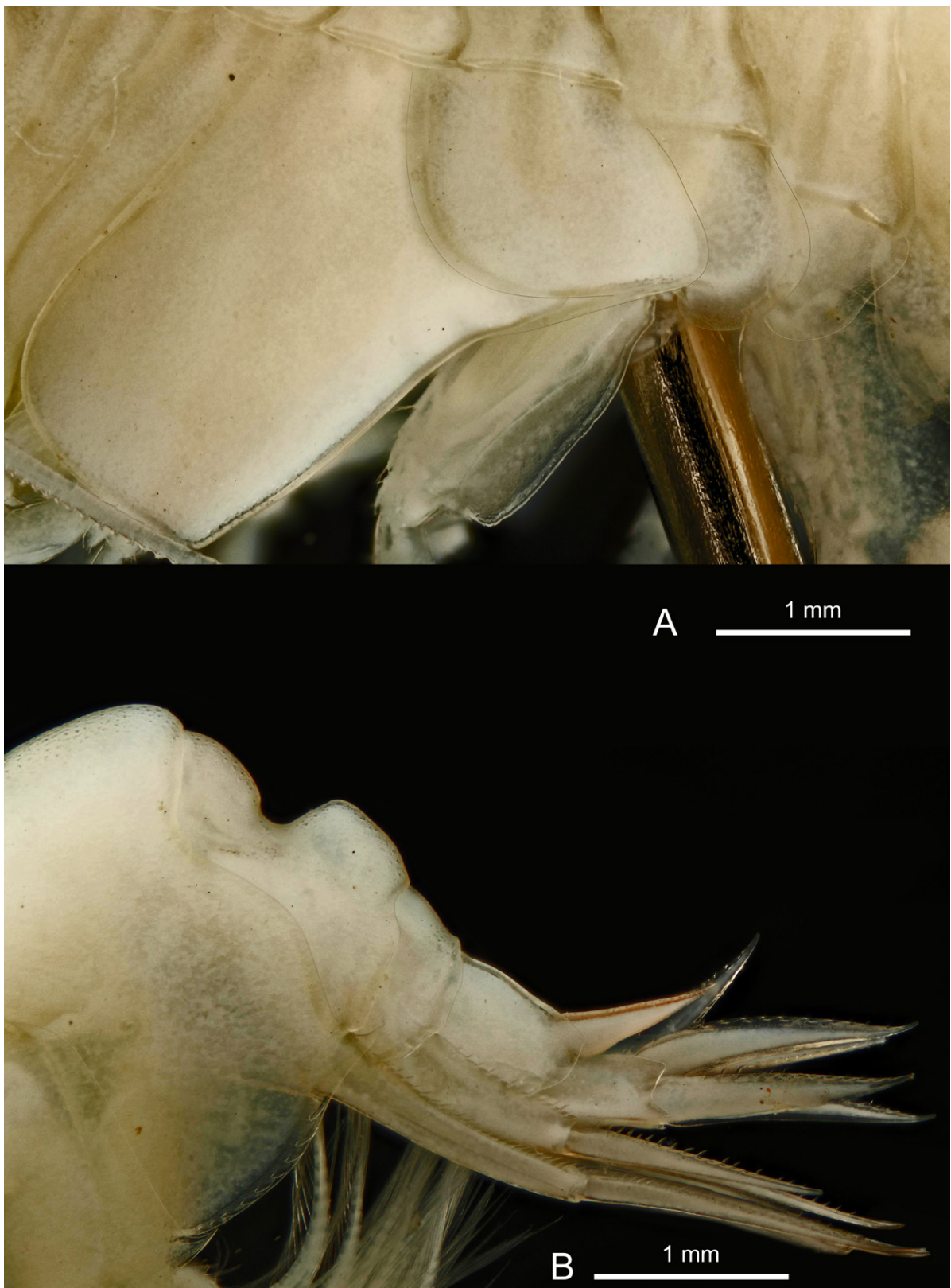


Fig. 237. *Epimeria* (*Laevepimeria*) *cinderella* subgen. et sp. nov., ♂, holotype, northwestern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 188-5, RBINS, INV. 132956. **A.** Coxae 4–7. **B.** Pleonite 3 and urosome.

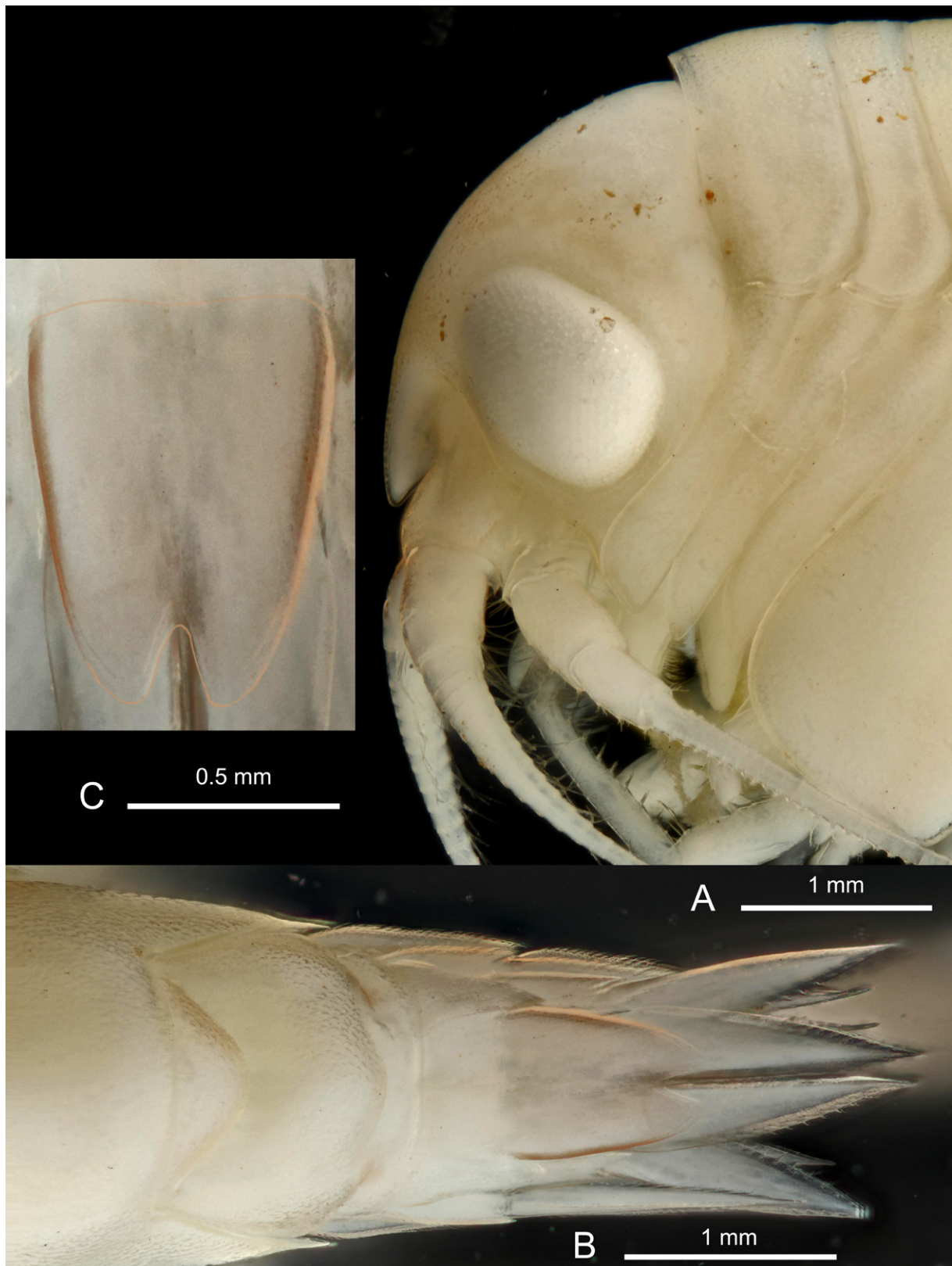


Fig. 238. *Epimeria (Laevepimeria) cinderella* subgen. et sp. nov., ♂, holotype, northwestern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 188-5, RBINS, INV. 132956. **A.** Head in lateral view. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view. **C.** Telson.

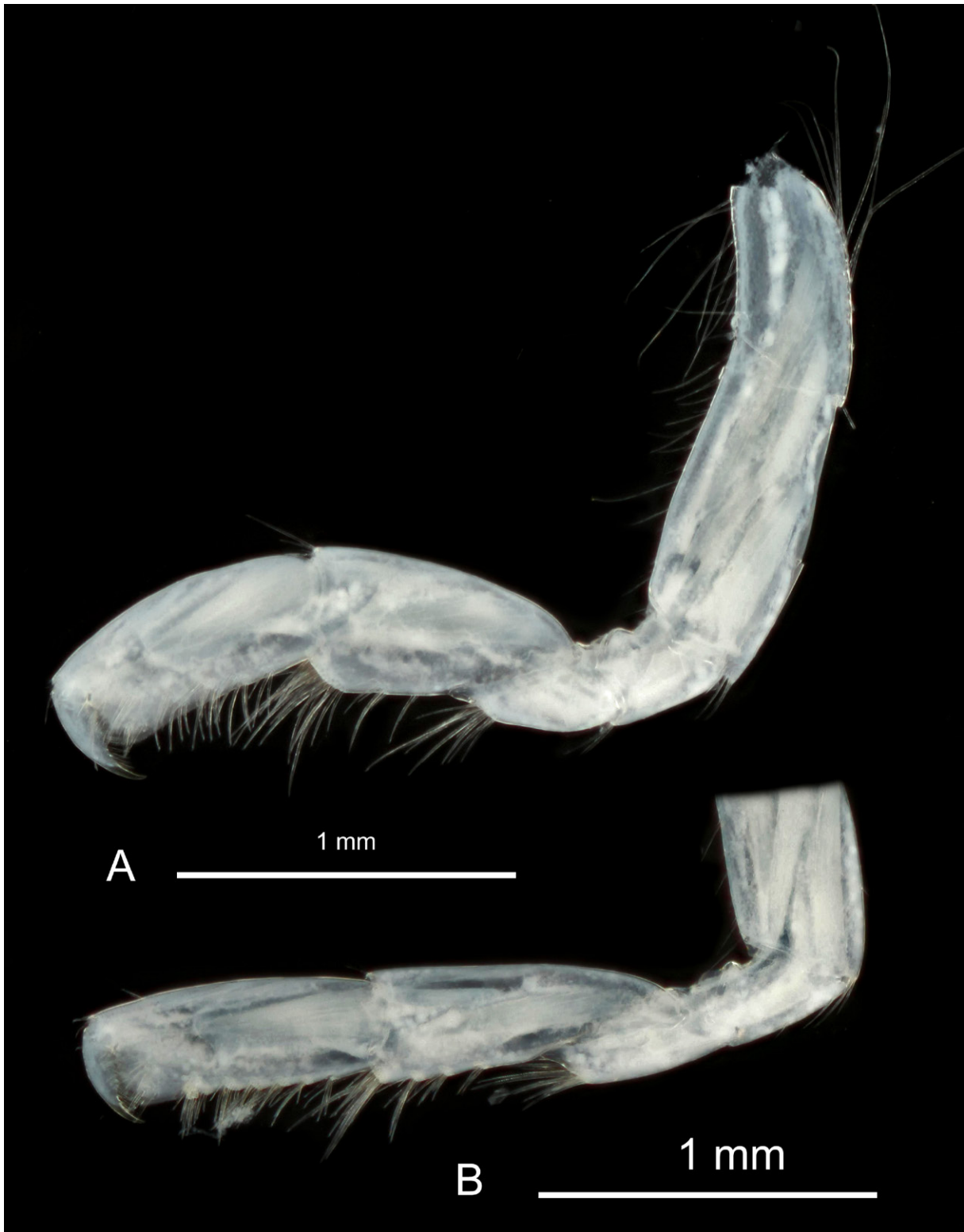


Fig. 239. *Epimeria* (*Laevepimeria*) *cinderella* subgen. et sp. nov., ♂, holotype, northwestern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 188-5, RBINS, INV. 132956. A. Gnathopod 1. B. Gnathopod 2.

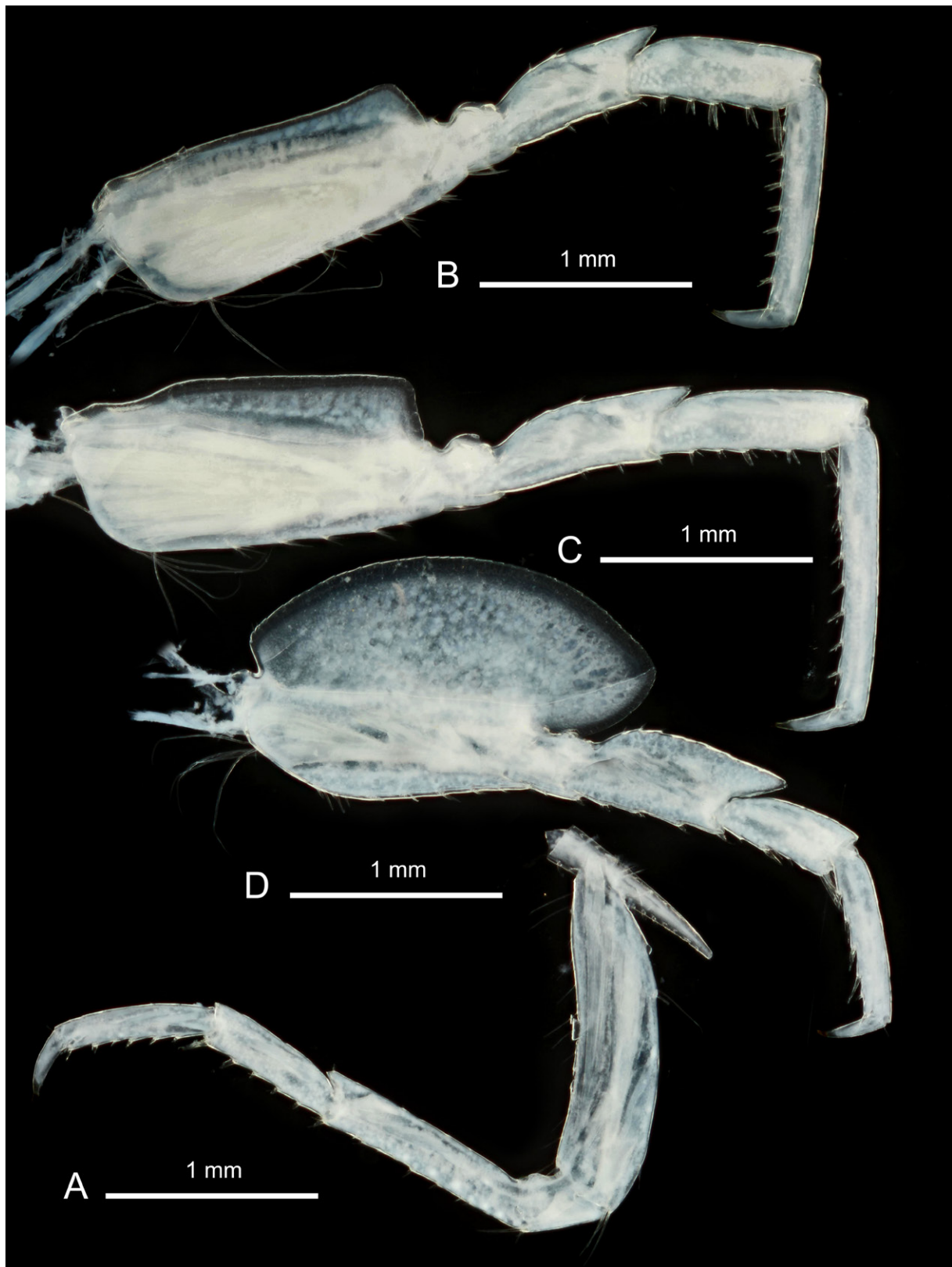


Fig. 240. *Epimeria (Laevepimeria) cinderella* subgen. et sp. nov., ♂, holotype, northwestern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 188-5, RBINS, INV. 132956. **A.** Pereiopod 4. **B.** Pereiopod 5. **C.** Pereiopod 6. **D.** Pereiopod 7.

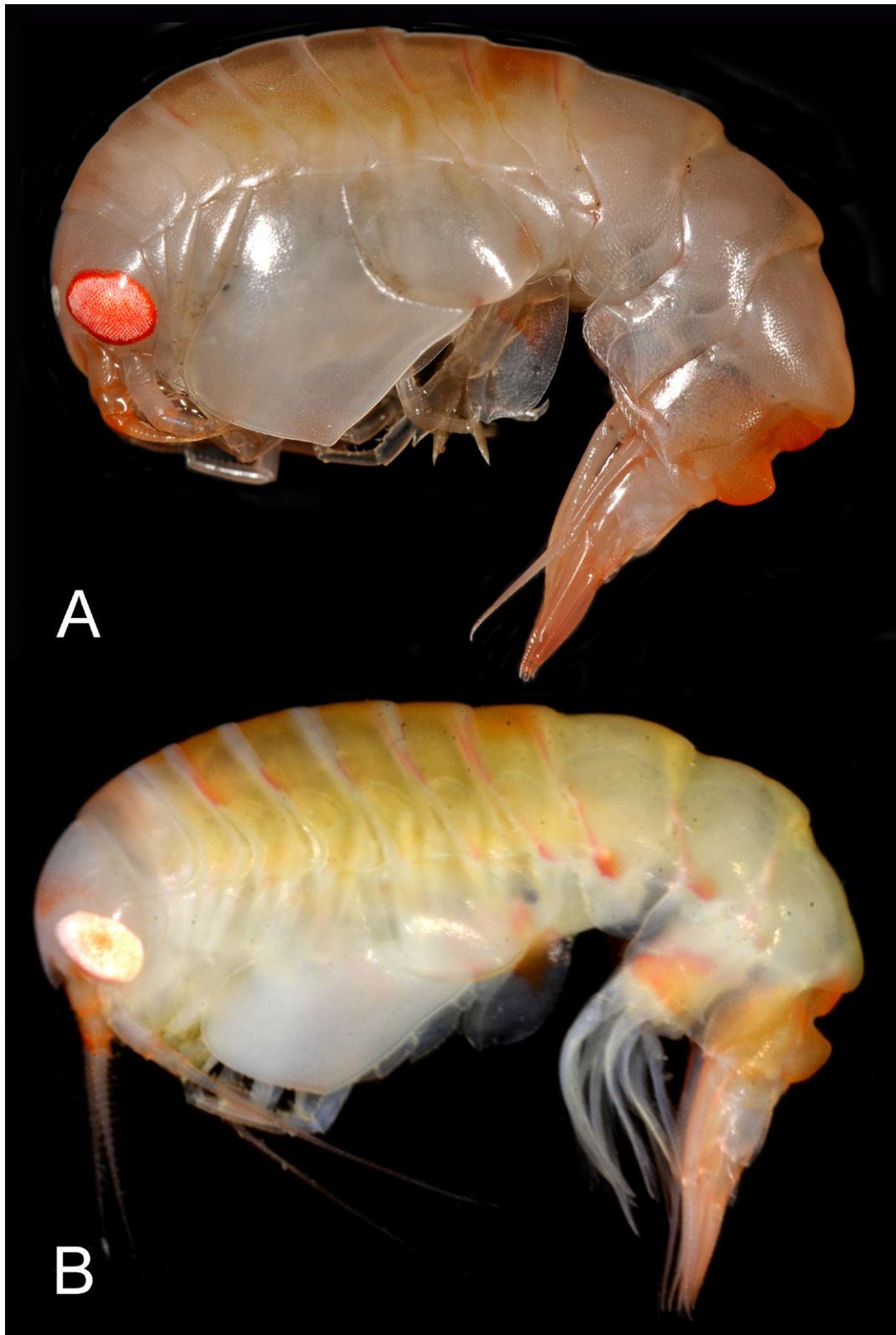


Fig. 241. *Epimeria (Laevipimeria) walkeri* subgen. nov. (K.H. Barnard, 1930), sex undetermined, colour in life. **A.** Paratype, southwest of King George Island, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 222-5, RBINS, INV. 132667 (photograph: Armin Rose). **B.** Holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 217-7, RBINS, INV 122944.

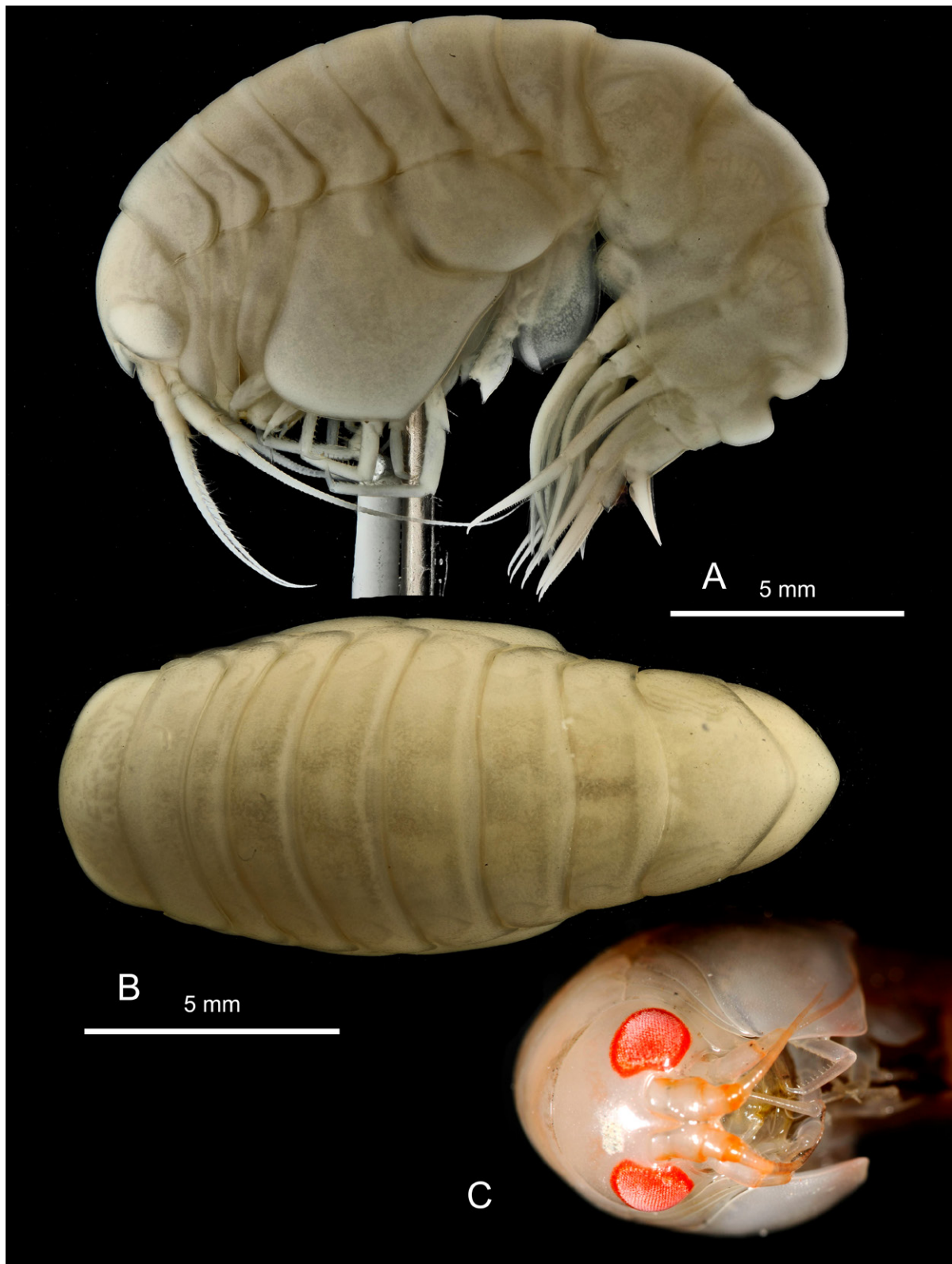


Fig. 242. *Epimeria* (*Laevepimeria*) *walkeri* subgen. nov. (K.H. Barnard, 1930). A–B, sex undetermined, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 217-7, RBINS, INV. 122944. C. Paratype, southwest of King George Island, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 222-5, RBINS, INV. 132667. A. Lateral habitus. B. Dorsal habitus. C. Frontal view, colour in life (photograph: Armin Rose).

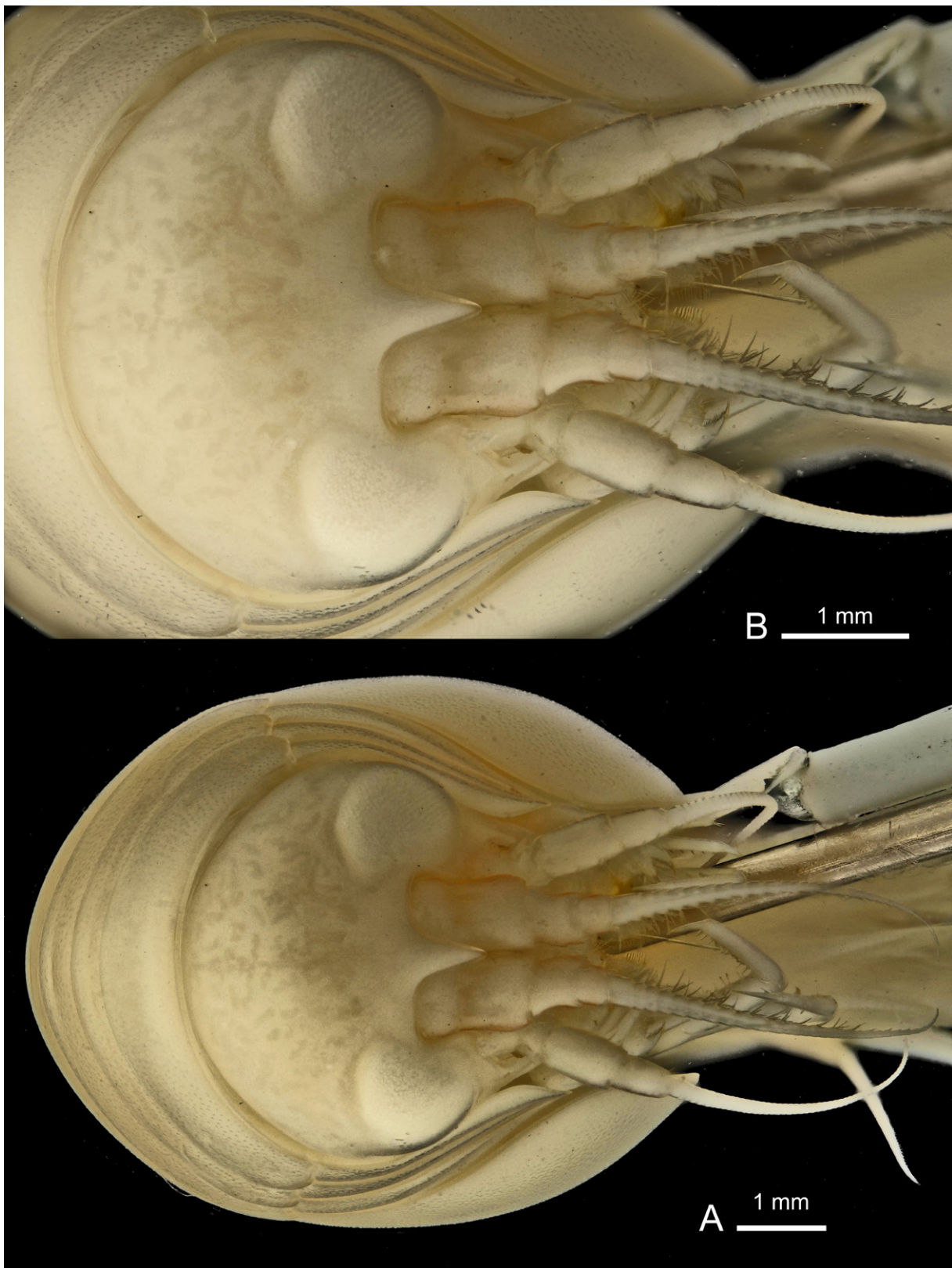


Fig. 243. *Epimeria* (*Laevepimeria*) *walkeri* subgen. nov. (K.H. Barnard, 1930), sex undetermined, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 217-7, RBINS, INV. 122944. A. Facial habitus. B. Head in dorsal view.

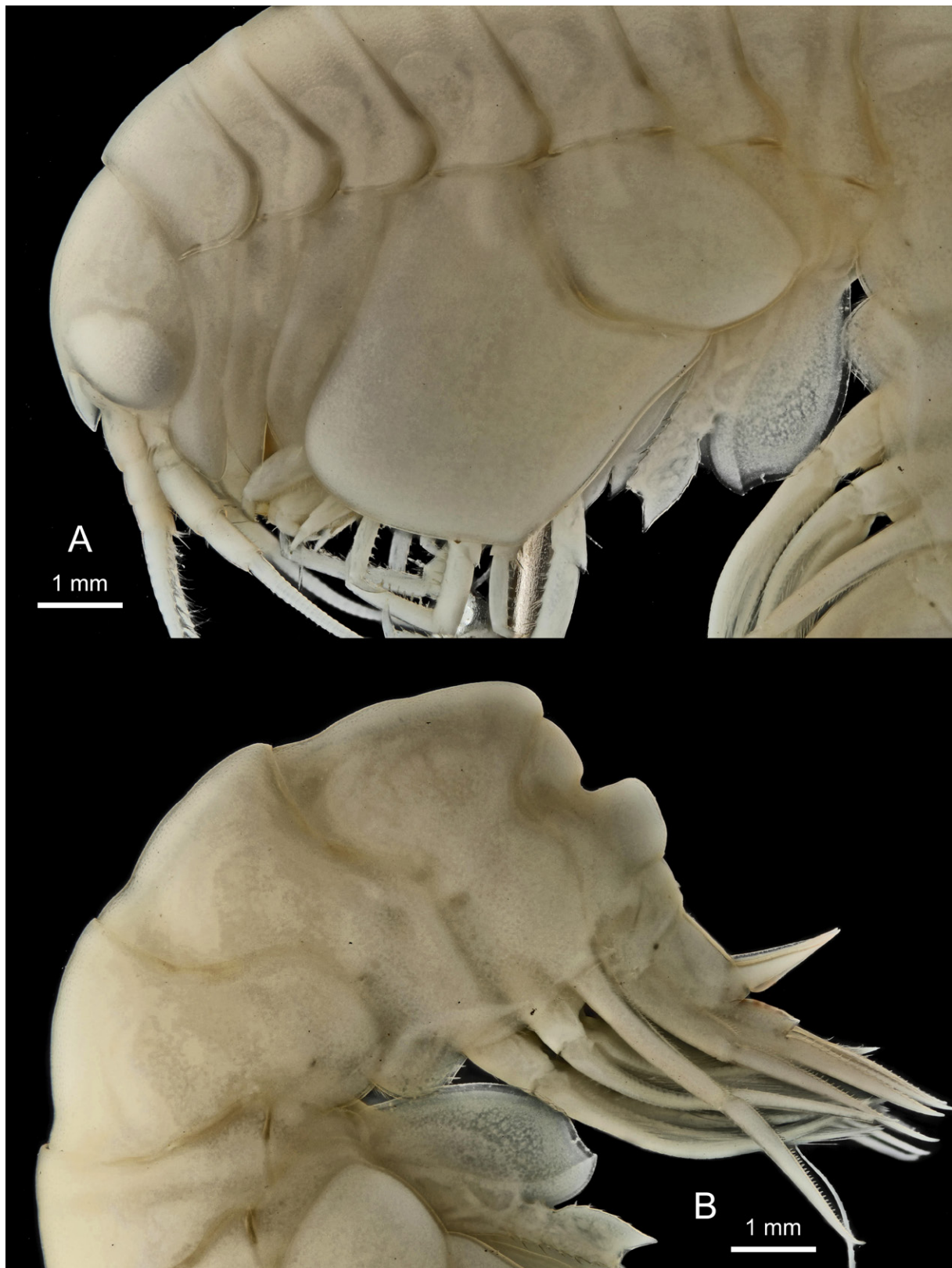


Fig. 244. *Epimeria (Laevepimeria) walkeri* subgen. nov. (K.H. Barnard, 1930), sex undetermined, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 217-7, RBINS, INV. 122944. **A.** Anterior half. **B.** Posterior half.

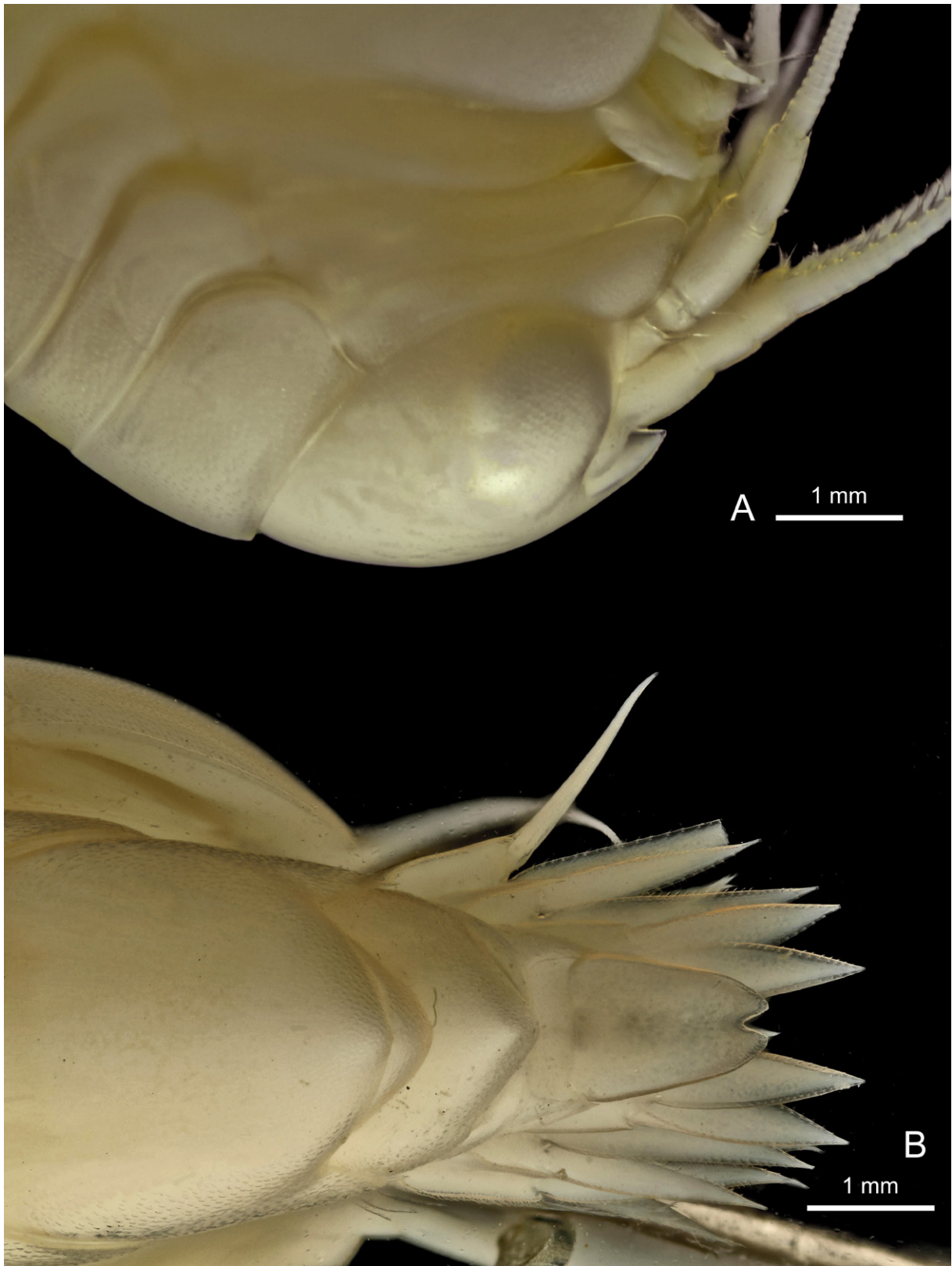


Fig. 245. *Epimeria (Laevepimeria) walkeri* subgen. nov. (K.H. Barnard, 1930), sex undetermined, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 217-7, RBINS, INV. 122944. **A.** Head in lateral view and coxae 1–3. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view.

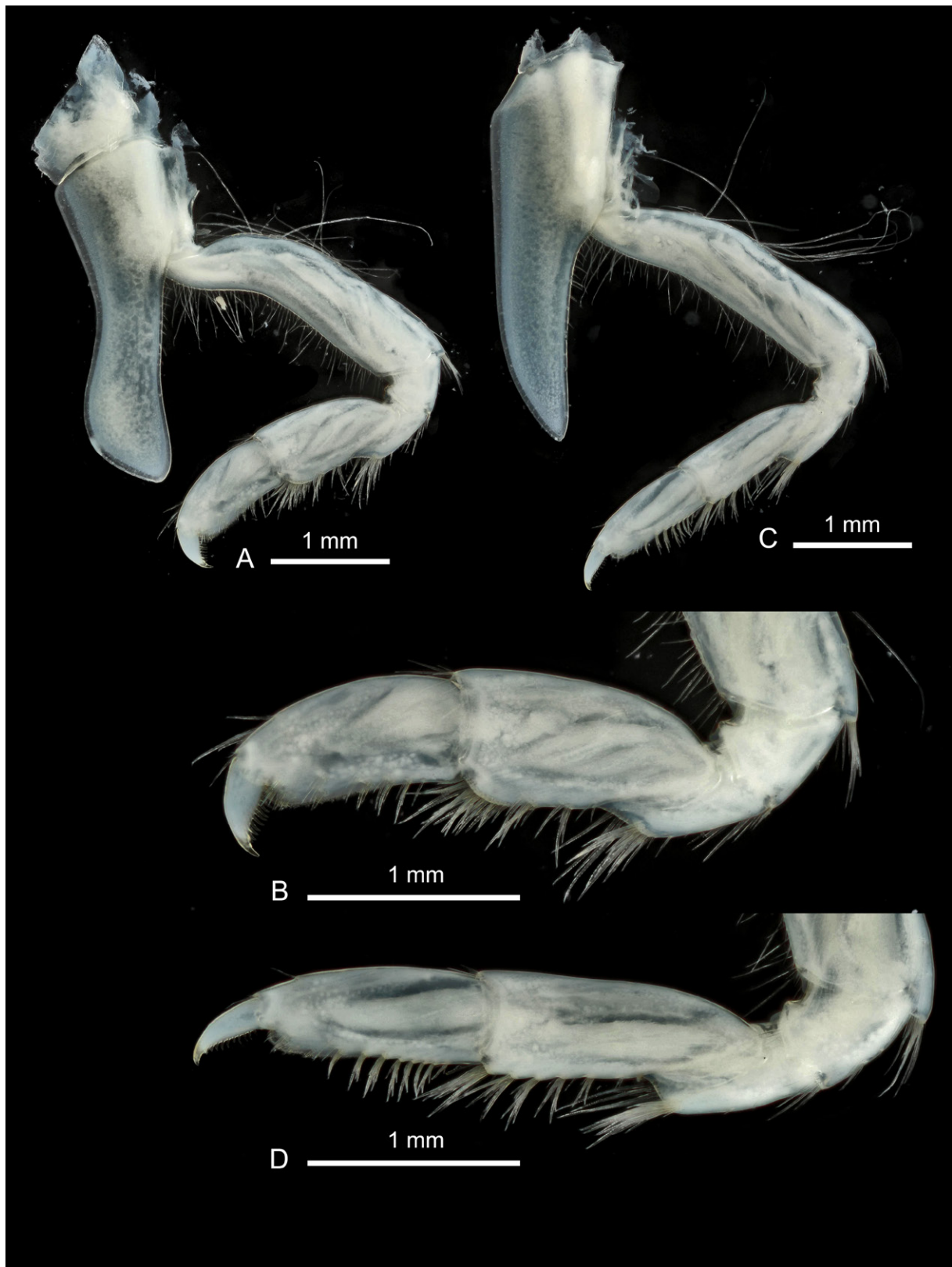


Fig. 246. *Epimeria (Laevepimeria) walkeri* subgen. nov. (K.H. Barnard, 1930), sex undetermined, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 217-7, RBINS, INV. 122944. A. Gnathopod 1. B. Tip of gnathopod 1. C. Gnathopod 2. D. Tip of gnathopod 2.

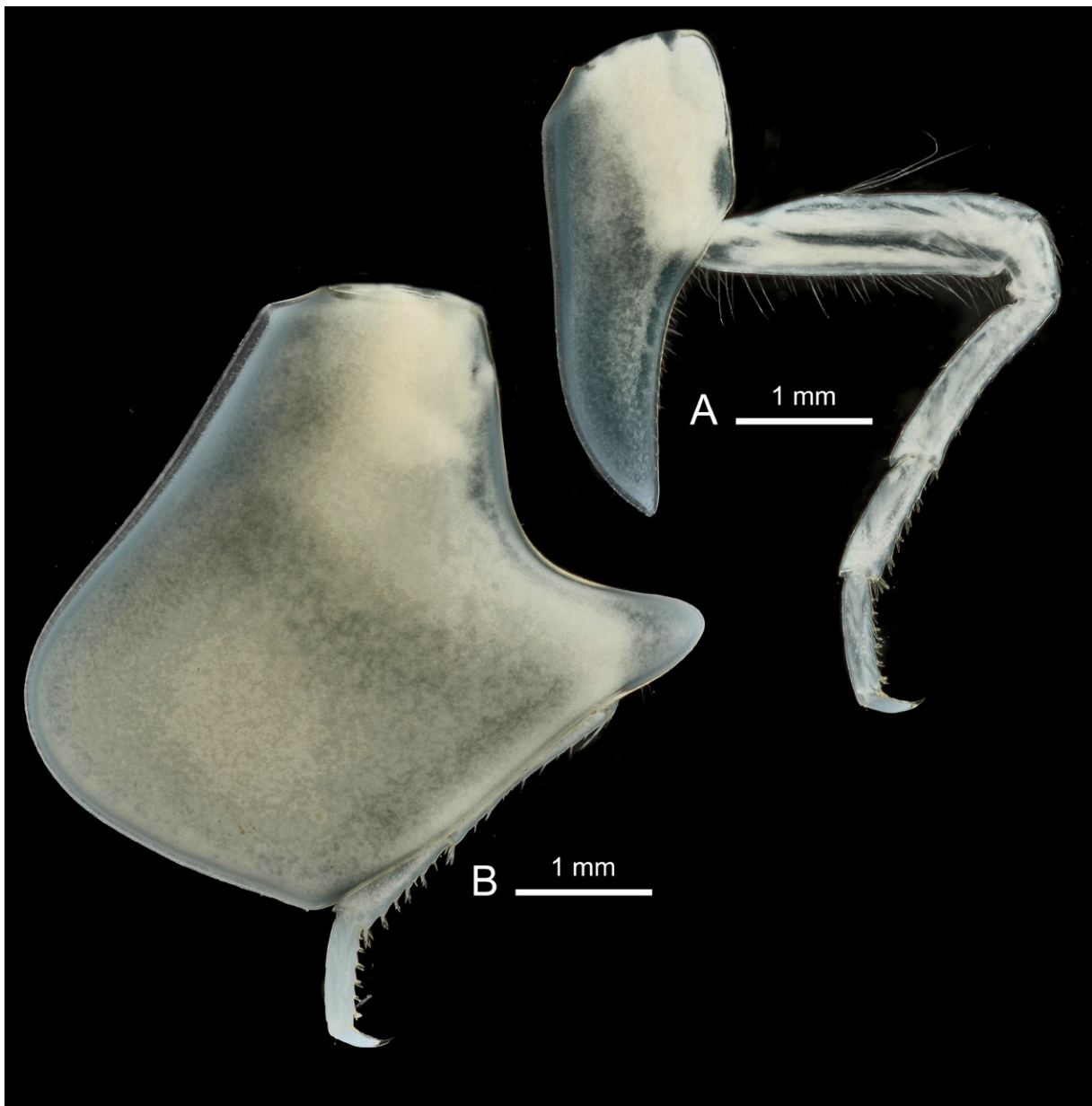


Fig. 247. *Epimeria* (*Laevepimeria*) *walkeri* subgen. nov. (K.H. Barnard, 1930), sex undetermined, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 217-7, RBINS, INV. 122944. **A.** Pereiopod 3. **B.** Pereiopod 4.

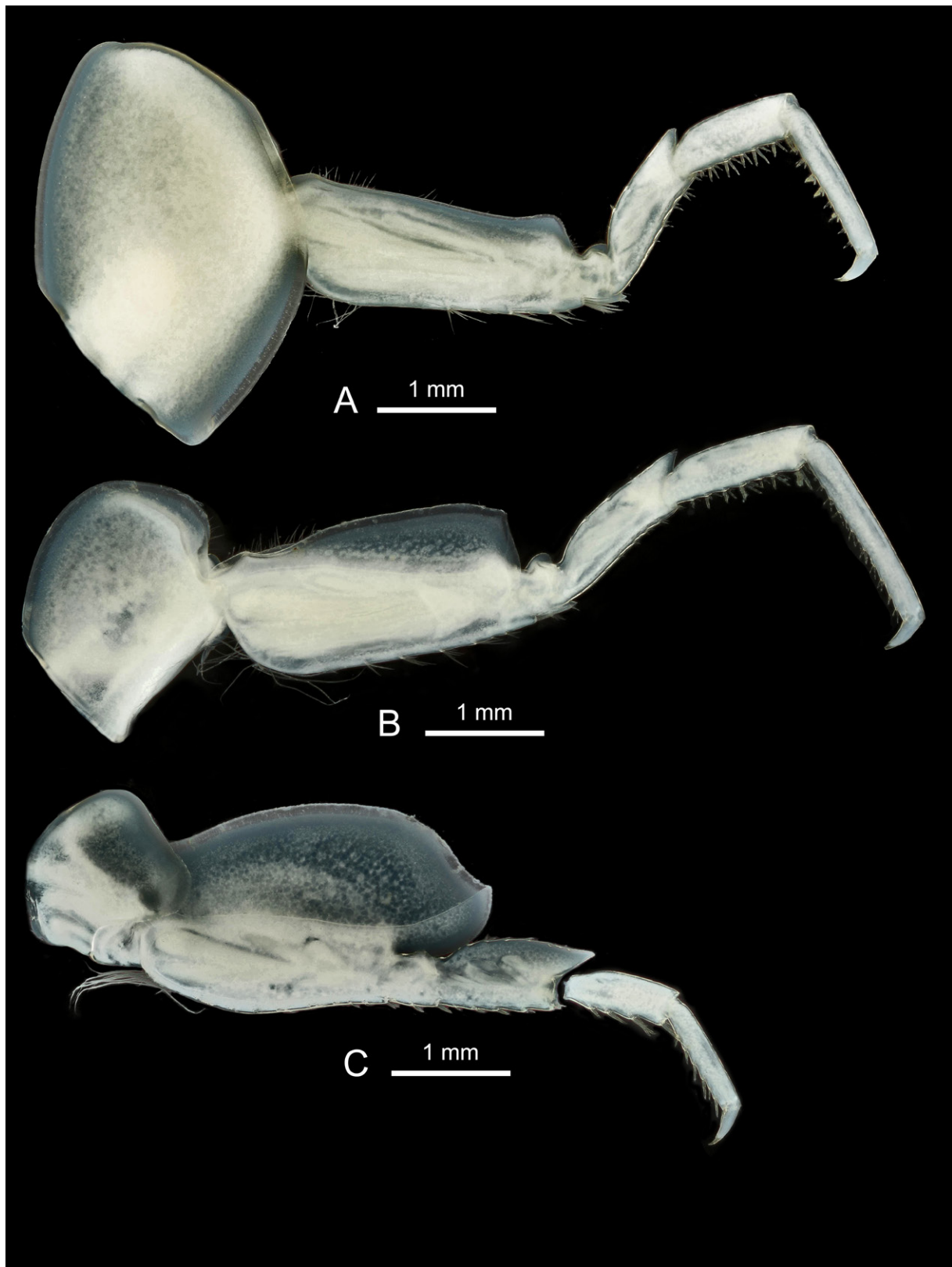


Fig. 248. *Epimeria (Laevepimeria) walkeri* subgen. nov. (K.H. Barnard, 1930), sex undetermined, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 217-7, RBINS, INV. 122944. A. Pereiopod 5. B. Pereiopod 6. C. Pereiopod 7.

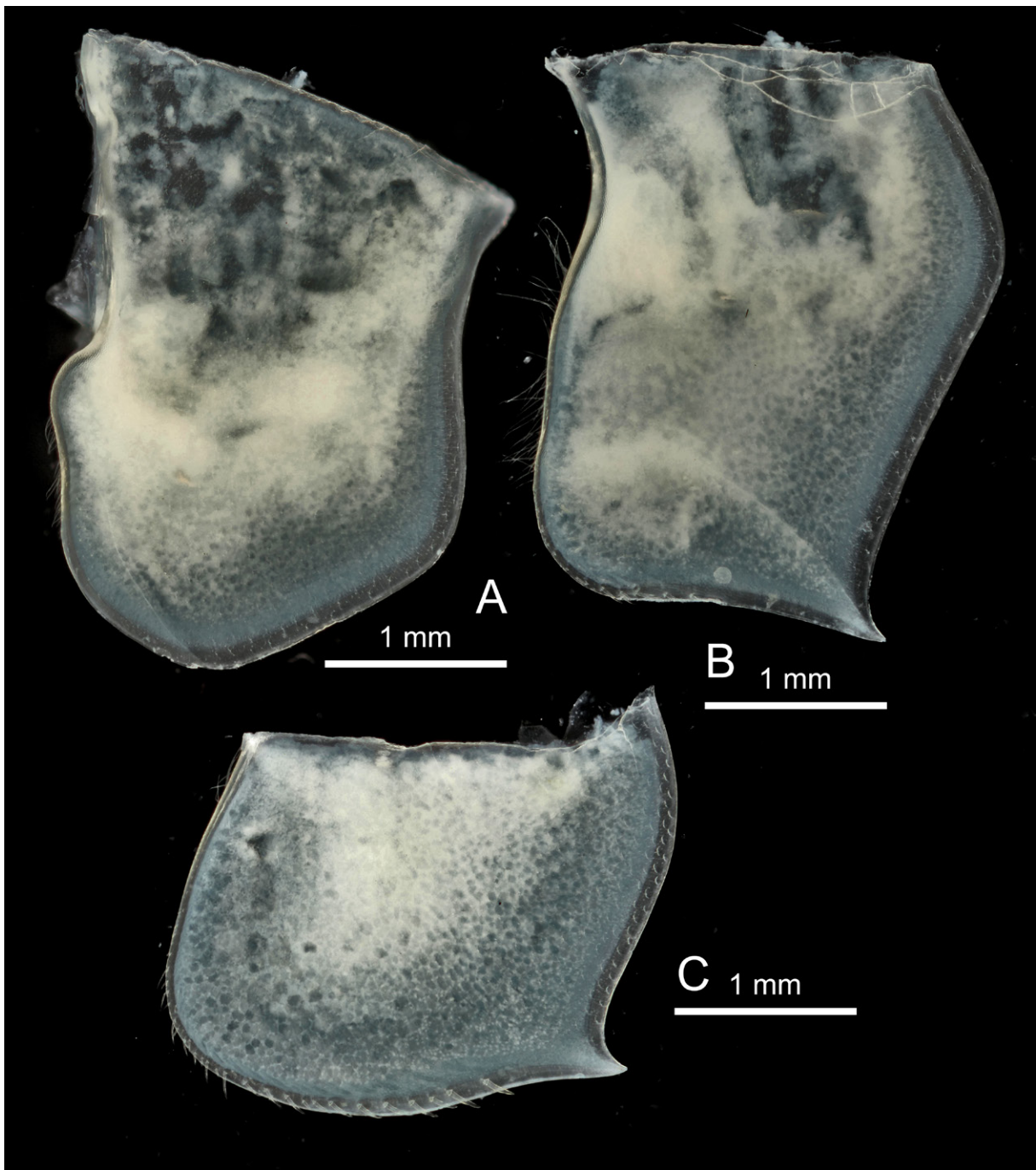


Fig. 249. *Epimeria (Laevipimeria) walkeri* subgen. nov. (K.H. Barnard, 1930), sex undetermined, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 217-7, RBINS, INV. 122944. **A.** Epimera 1. **B.** Epimera 2. **C.** Epimera 3.



Fig. 250. *Epimeria* (*Laevepimeria*) sp. subgen. nov., sex undetermined, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 197-5, RBINS, INV. 122932, lateral habitus (urosome missing: used for DNA analysis).

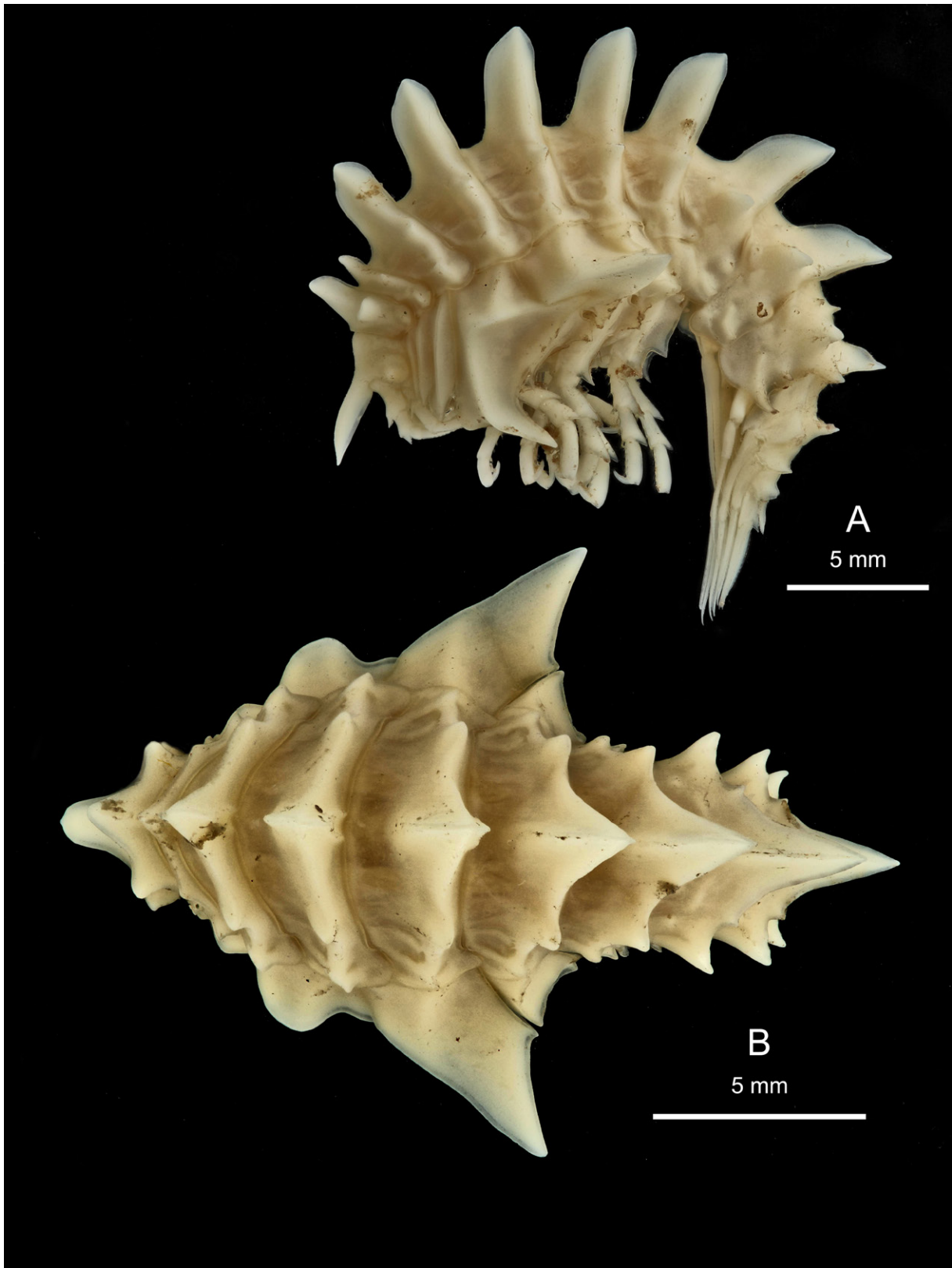


Fig. 251. *Epimeria* (*Pseudepimeria*) *amoenitas* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 3978, MNHN-IU-2014-4327. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

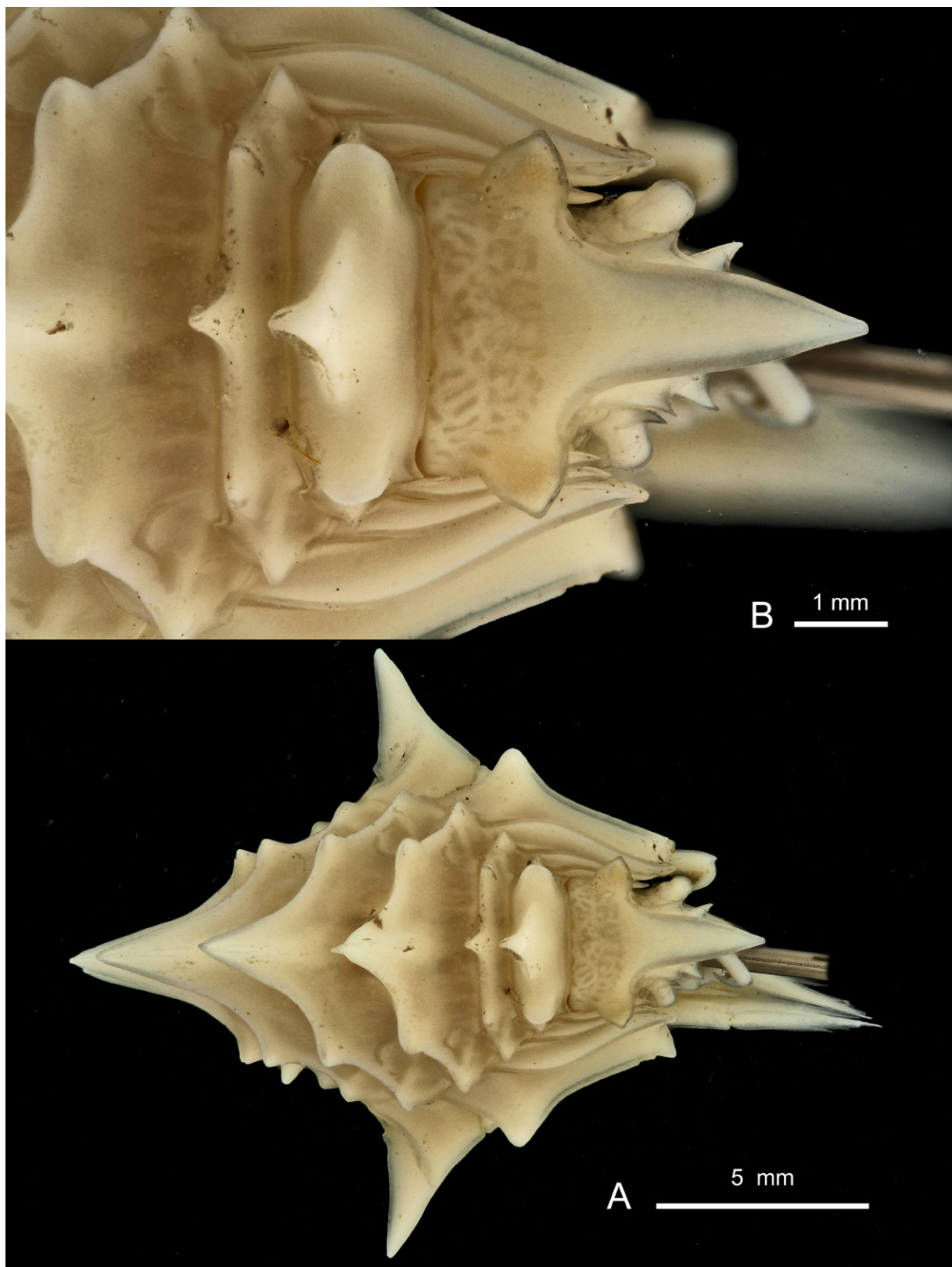


Fig. 252. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) amoenitas* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 3978, MNHN-IU-2014-4327. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in facial view.

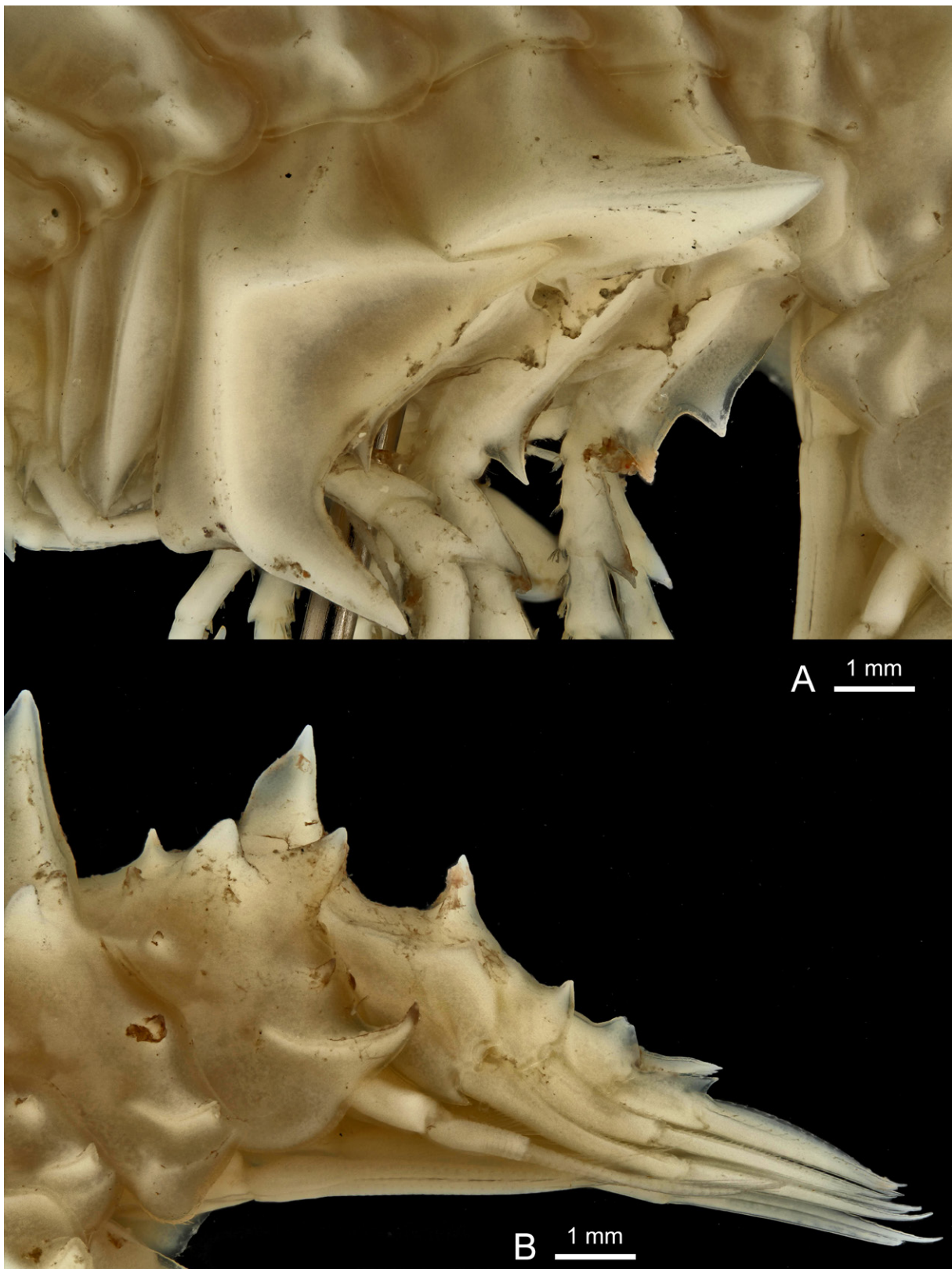


Fig. 253. *Epimeria* (*Pseudepimeria*) *amoenitas* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 3978, MNHN-IU-2014-4327. **A.** Coxae. **B.** Urosome and posterior part of pleosome.

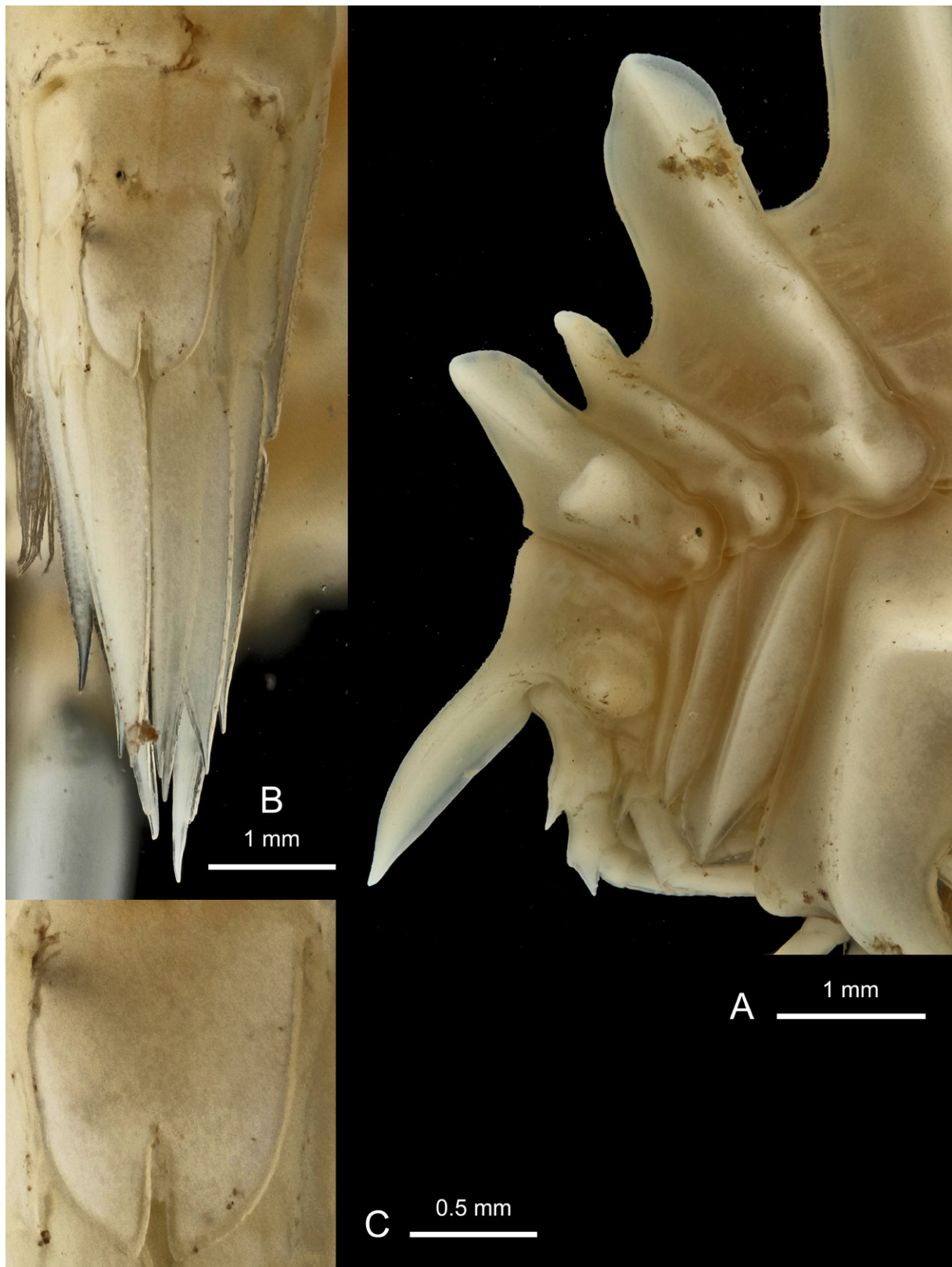


Fig. 254. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) amoenitas* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 3978, MNHN-IU-2014-4327. A. Head in lateral view. B. Urosome in dorsal view. C. Telson.

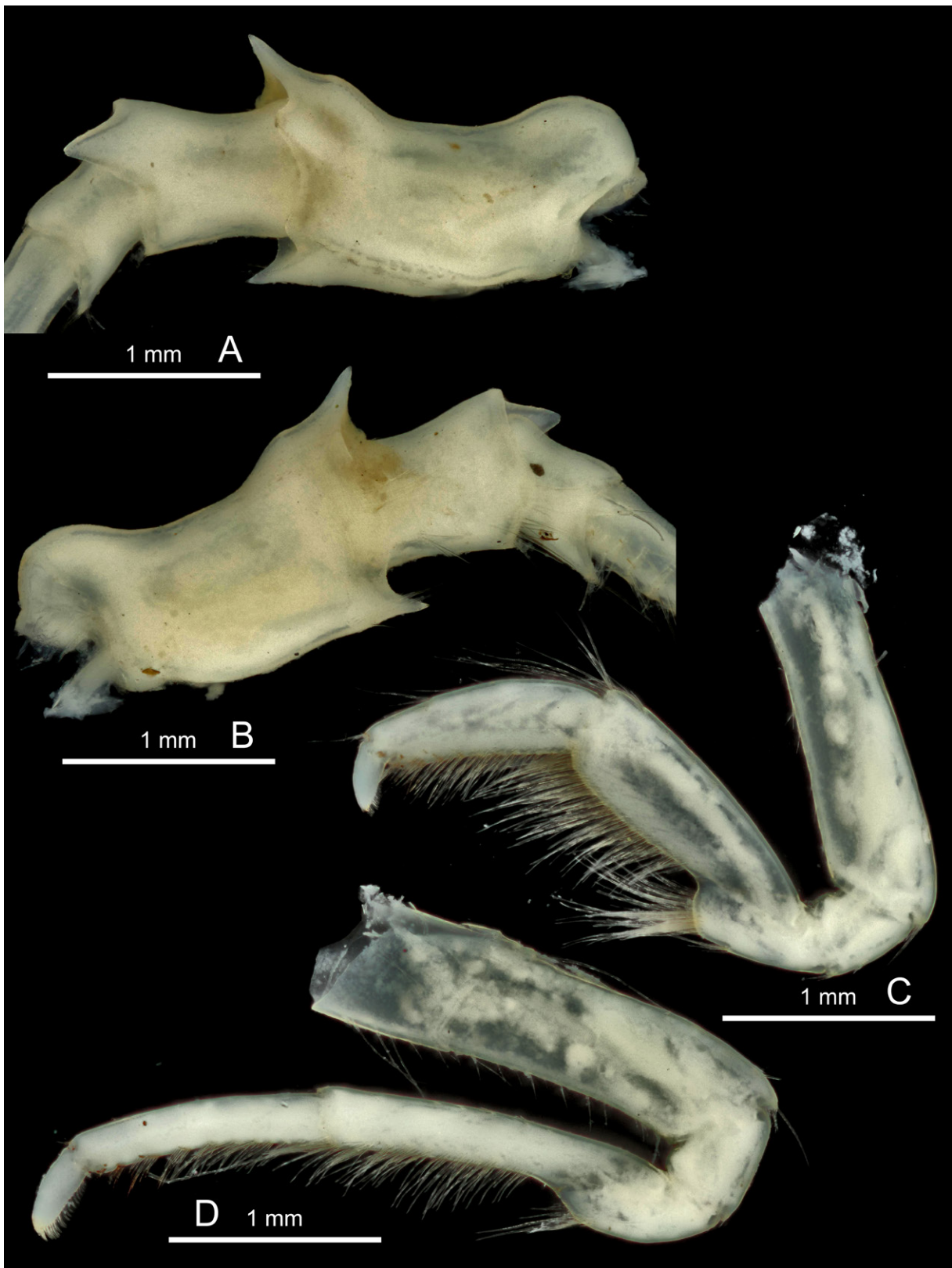


Fig. 255. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) amoenitas* sp. nov., ♀, paratype, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC V3, stn 158, MNHN-IU-2014-4284. **A.** Peduncle of antenna 1 in lateral view. **B.** Peduncle of antenna 2 in medial view. **C.** Gnathopod 1. **D.** Gnathopod 2.

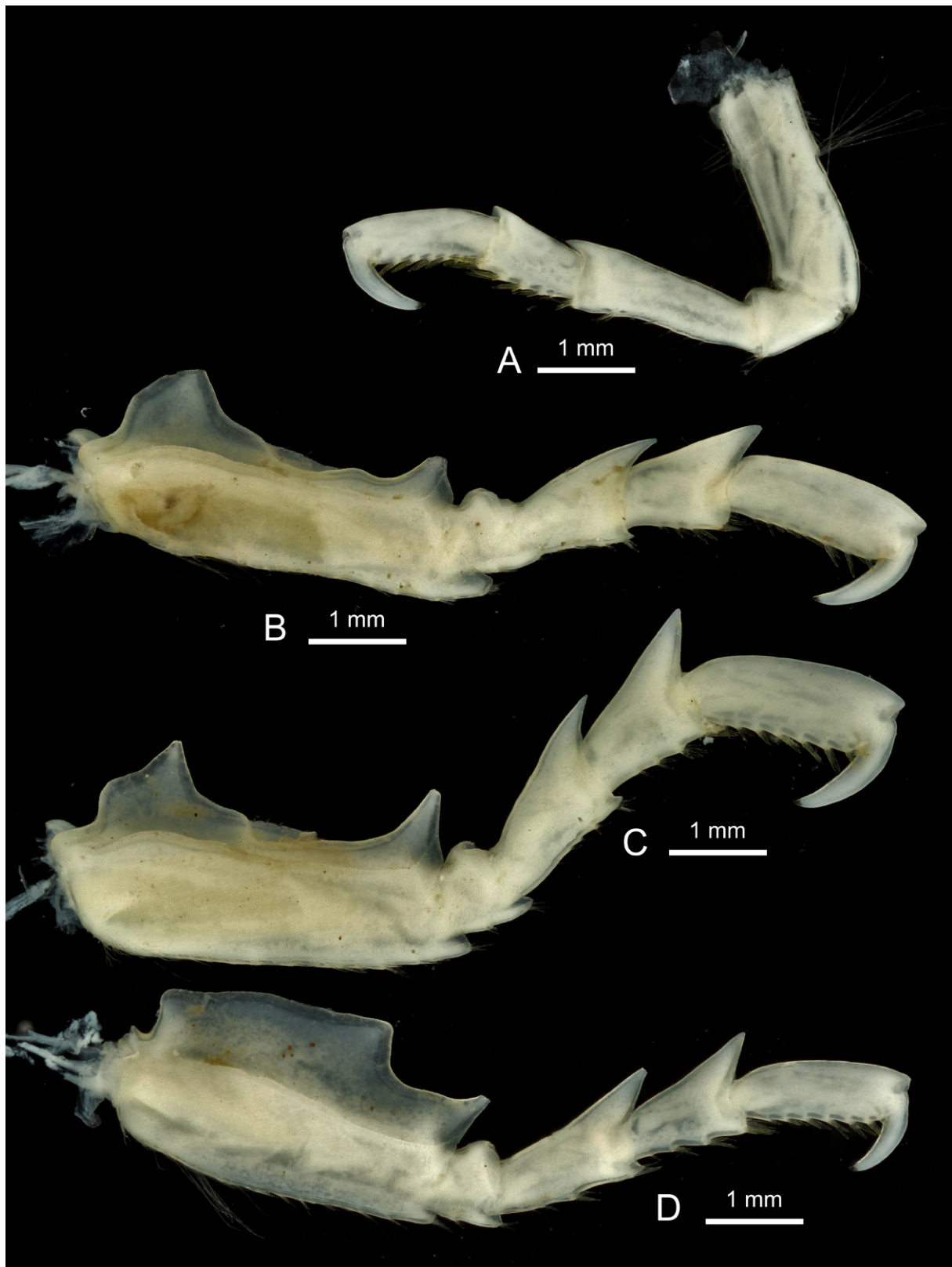


Fig. 256. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) amoenitas* sp. nov., ♀, paratype, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC V3, stn 158, MNHN-IU-2014-4284. **A.** Pereiopod 4. **B.** Pereiopod 5. **C.** Pereiopod 6. **D.** Pereiopod 7.

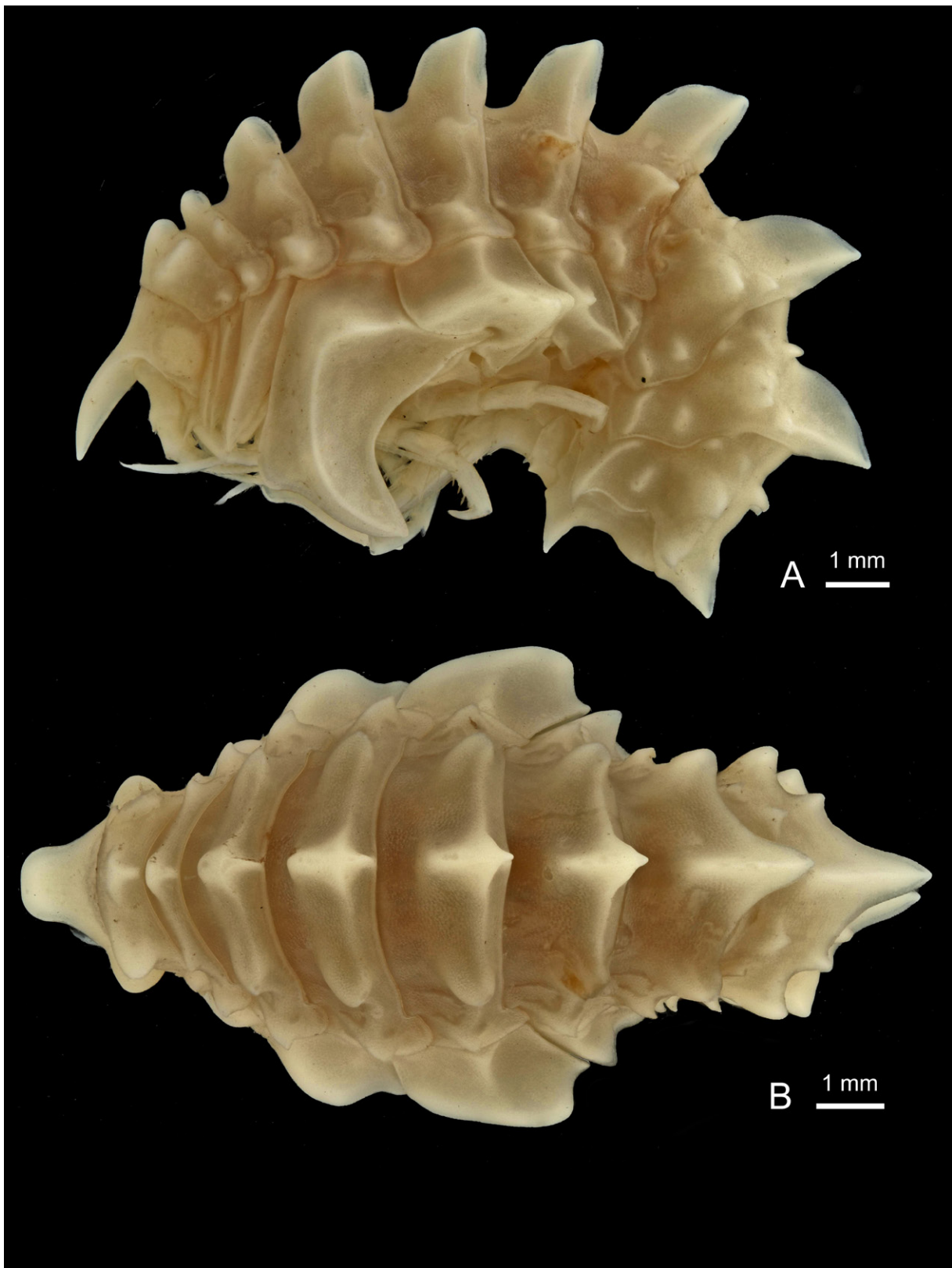


Fig. 257. *Epimeria* (*Pseudepimeria*) *callista* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 3978, MNHN-IU-2014-7336. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

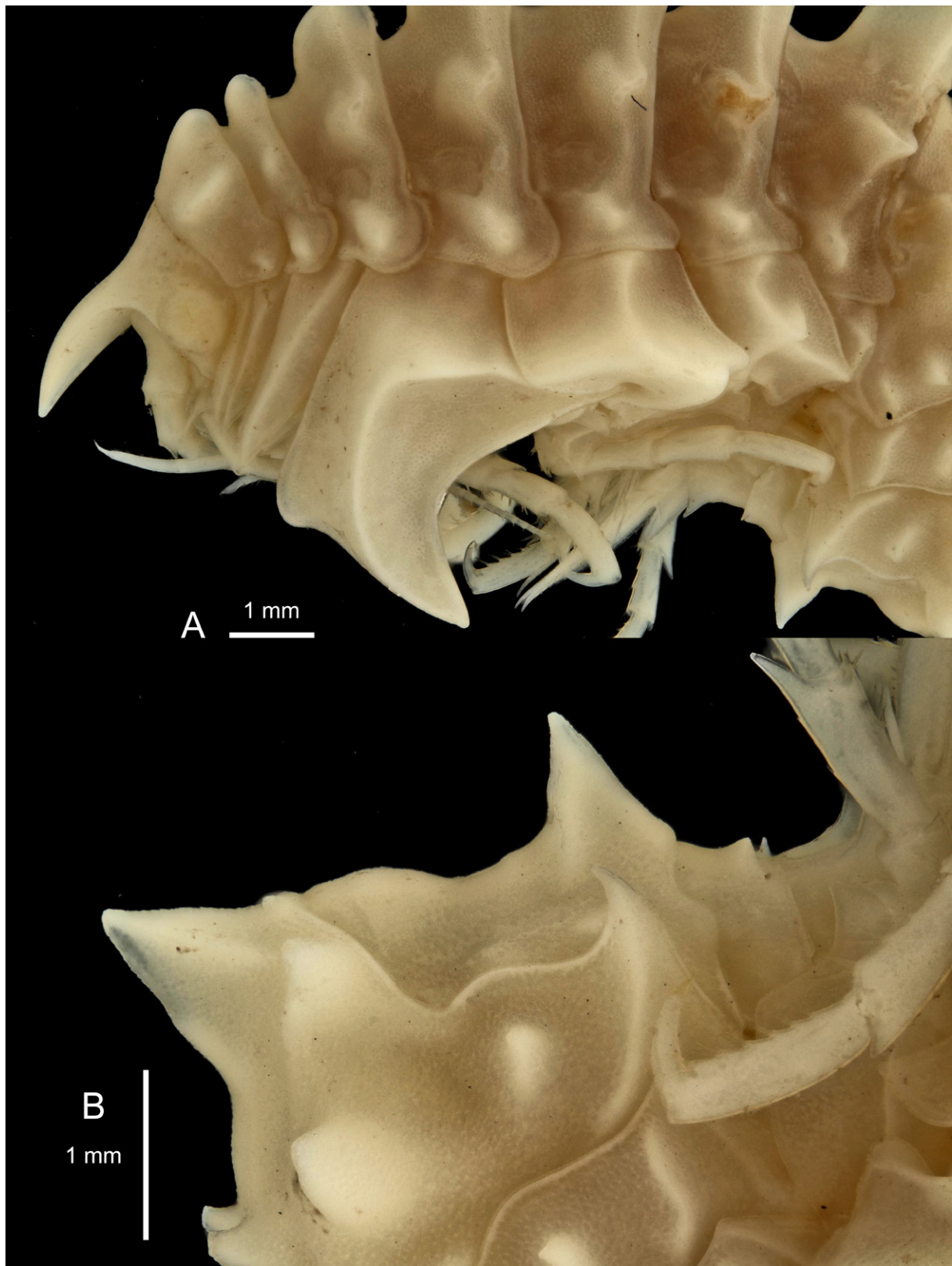


Fig. 258. *Epimeria* (*Pseudepimeria*) *callista* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 3978, MNHN-IU-2014-7336. **A.** Anterior half. **B.** Pleonite 3, urosomites 1–3.

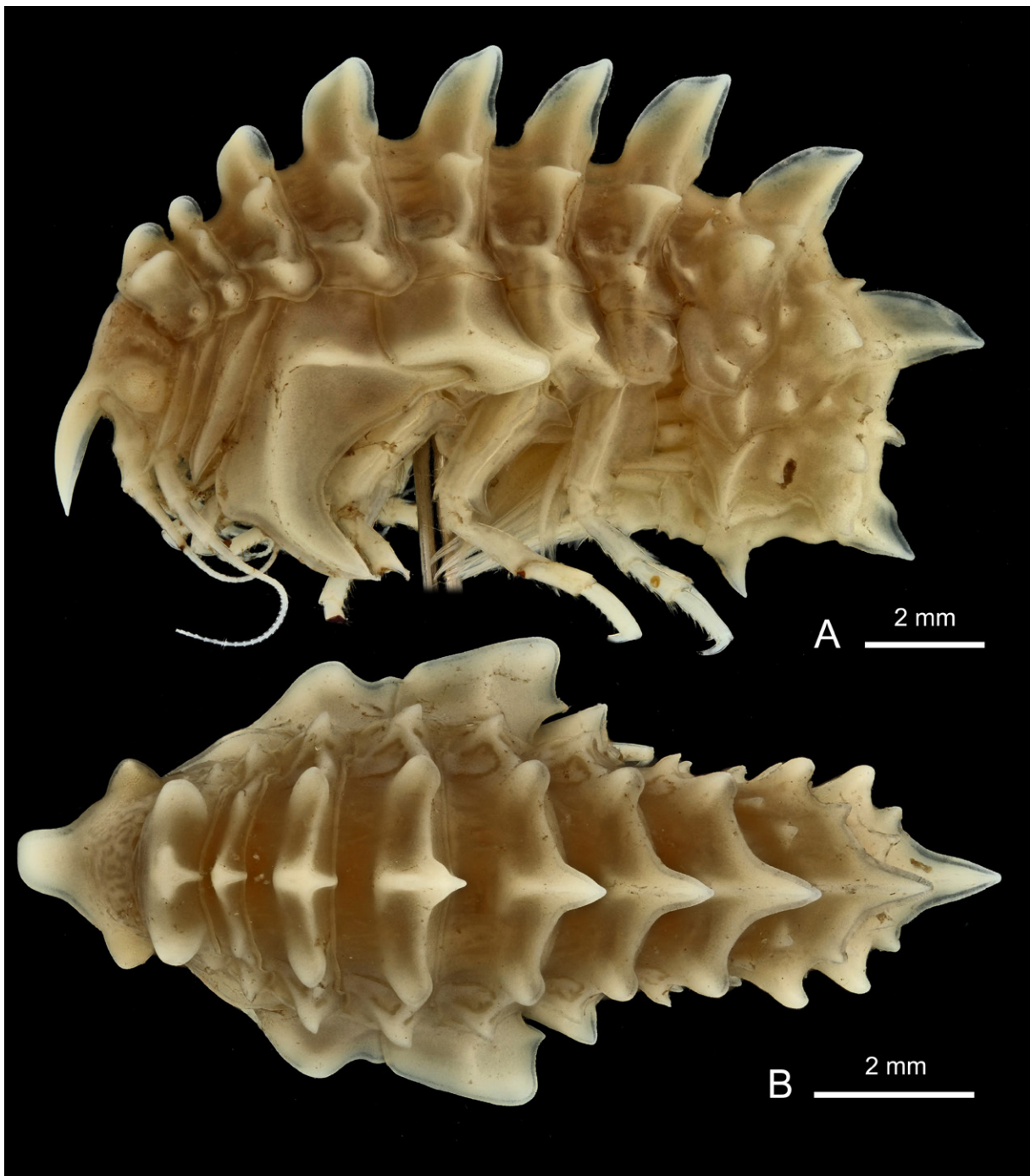


Fig. 259. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) callista* sp. nov., ♀, paratype, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 3978, MNHN-IU-2014-7337. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

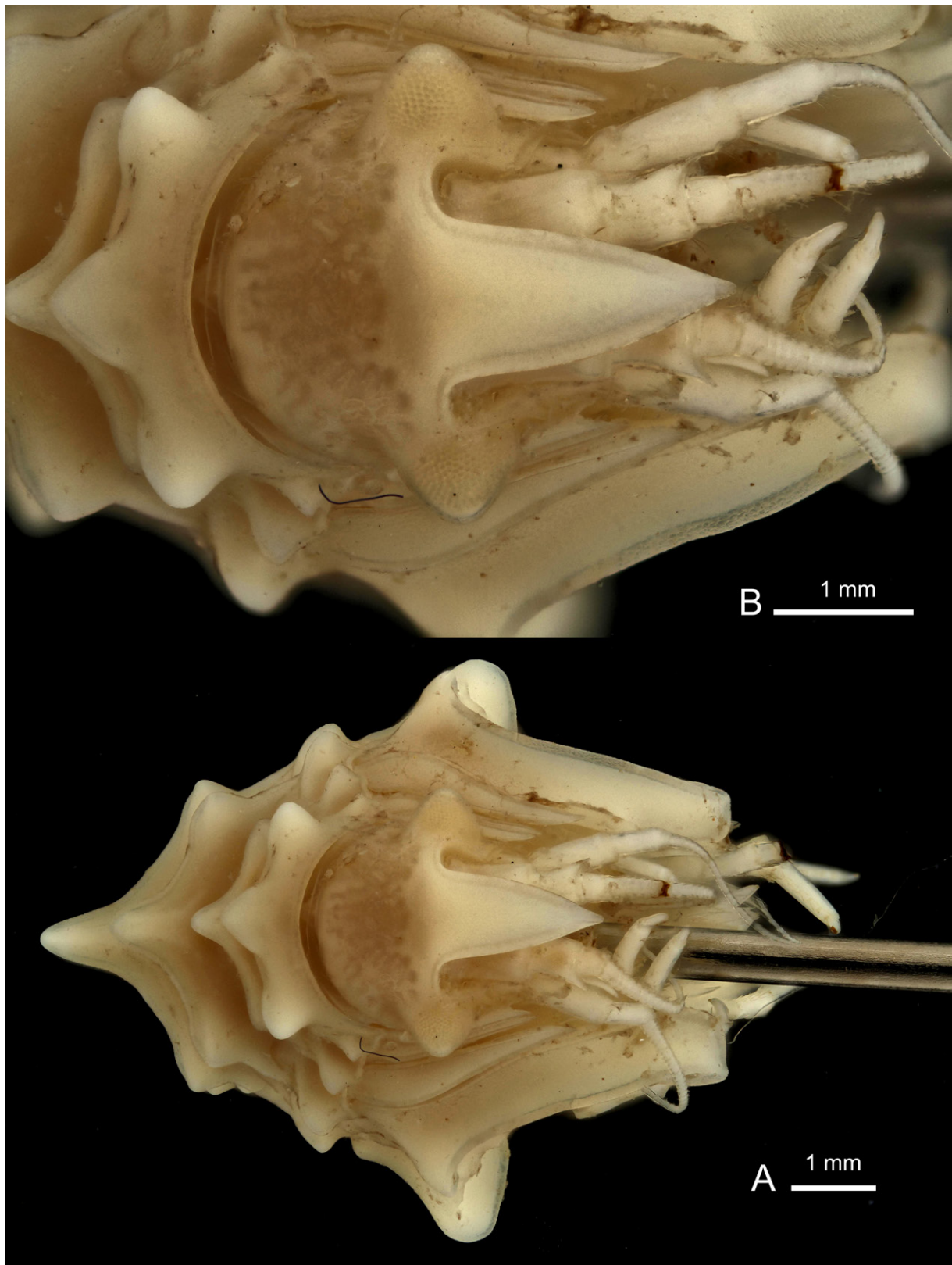


Fig. 260. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) callista* sp. nov., ♀, paratype, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 3978, MNHN-IU-2014-7337. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in facial view.

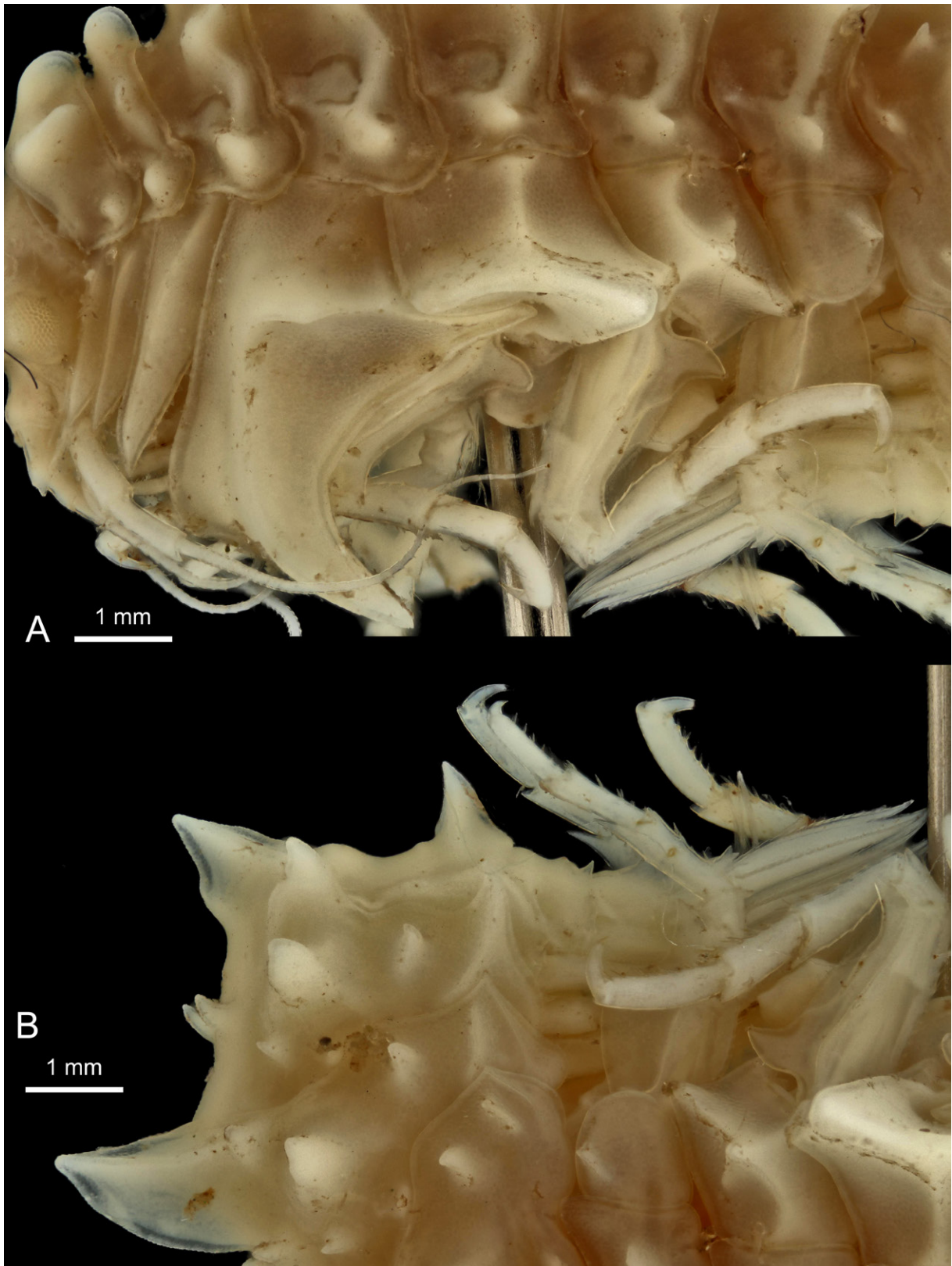


Fig. 261. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) callista* sp. nov., ♀, paratype, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 3978, MNHN-IU-2014-7337. **A.** Coxae. **B.** Pleon.

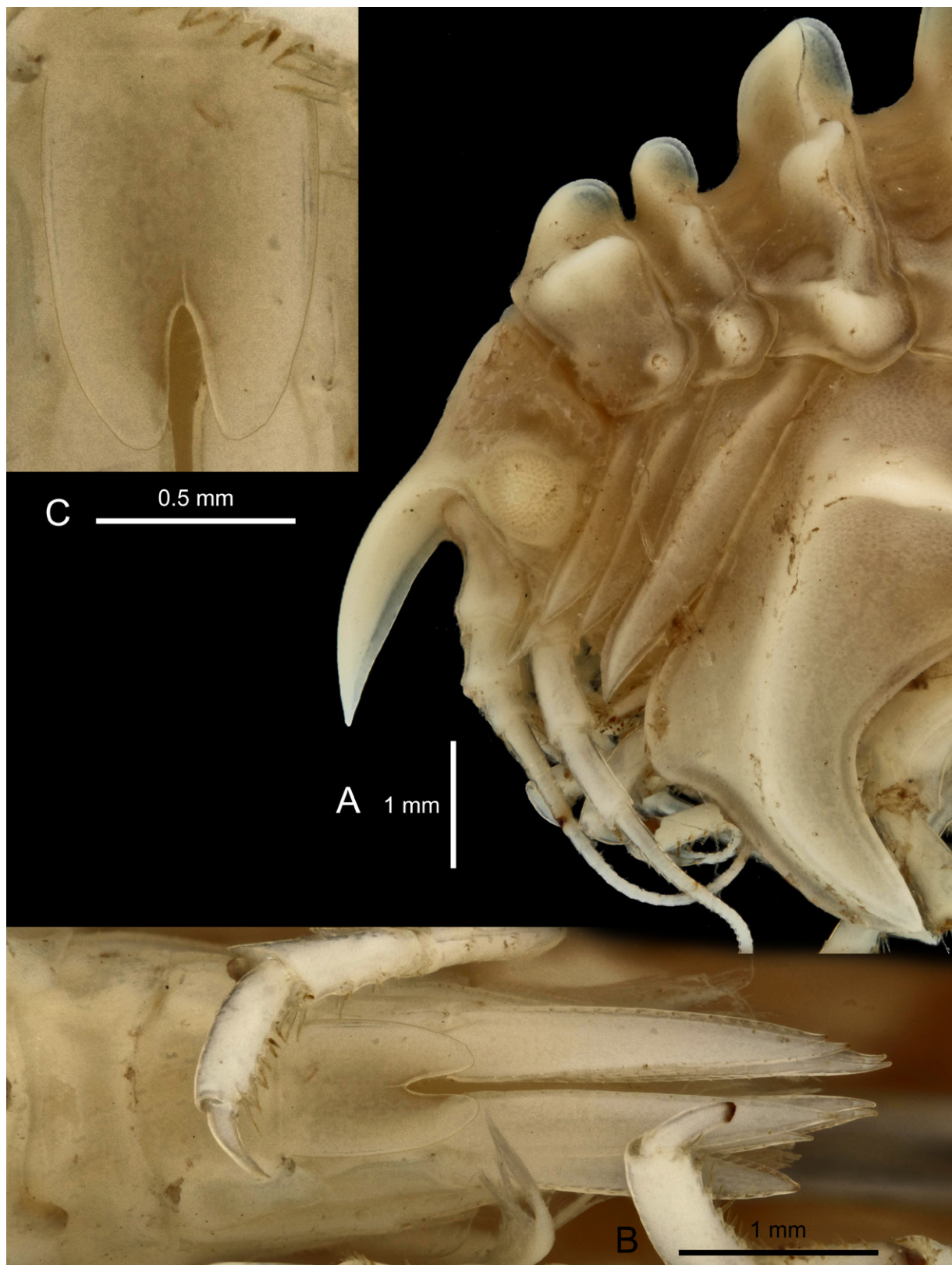


Fig. 262. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) callista* sp. nov., ♀, paratype, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 3978, MNHN-IU-2014-7337. **A.** Head in lateral view. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view. **C.** Telson.



Fig. 263. *Epimeria* (*Pseudepimeria*) *callista* sp. nov., ♀, paratype, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 3978, MNHN-IU-2014-7337. **A.** Gnathopod 1. **B.** Gnathopod 2.



Fig. 264. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) callista* sp. nov., ♀, paratype, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 3978, MNHN-IU-2014-7337. A. Pereiopod 4. B. Pereiopod 5. C. Pereiopod 6. D. Pereiopod 7.



Fig. 265. *Epimeria* (*Pseudepimeria*) *debroyeri* sp. nov., presumably ♀, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-VII/4, station not indicated, but possibly holotype. Habitus in colour. There is no evidence of symbiosis with sponges: there was simply a sponge in the aquarium used for photography. Photograph Gauthier Chapelle.

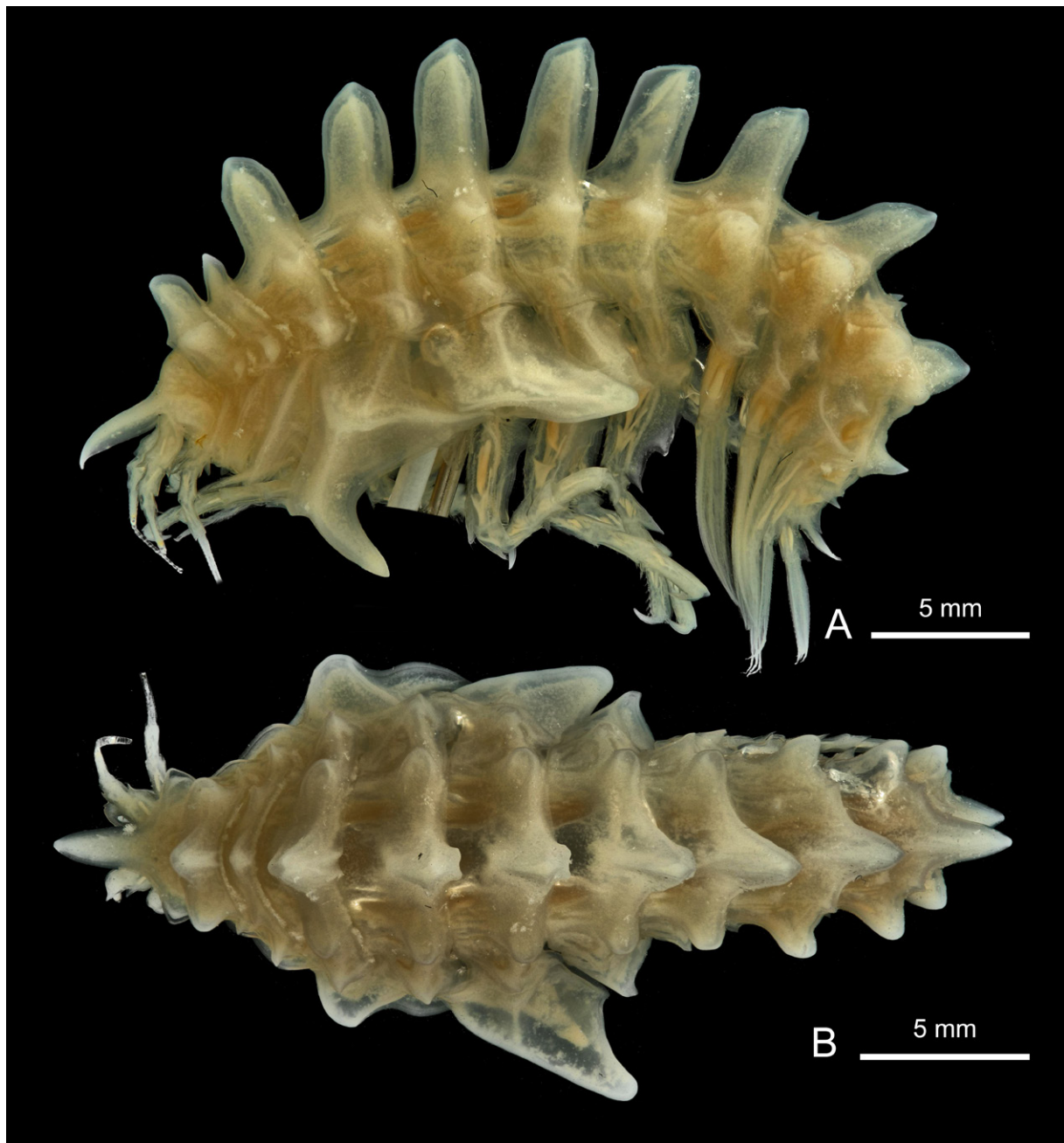


Fig. 266. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) debroyeri* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-VII/4, stn 291, RBINS, INV. 132940. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

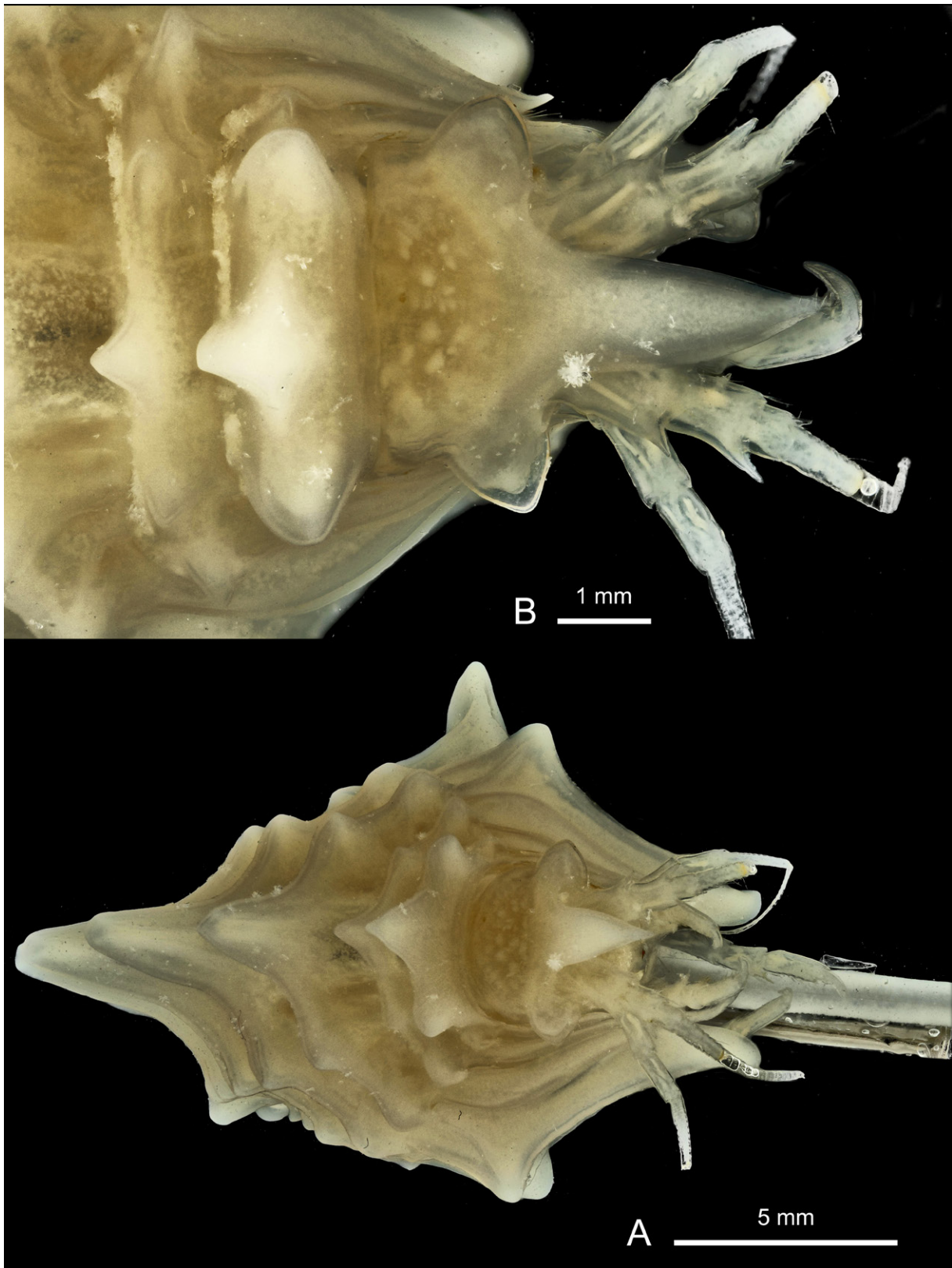


Fig. 267. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) debroyeri* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-VII/4, stn 291, RBINS, INV. 132940. A. Facial habitus. B. Head in dorsal view.



Fig. 268. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) debroyeri* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-VII/4, stn 291, RBINS, INV. 132940. **A.** Coxae. **B.** Pleon.

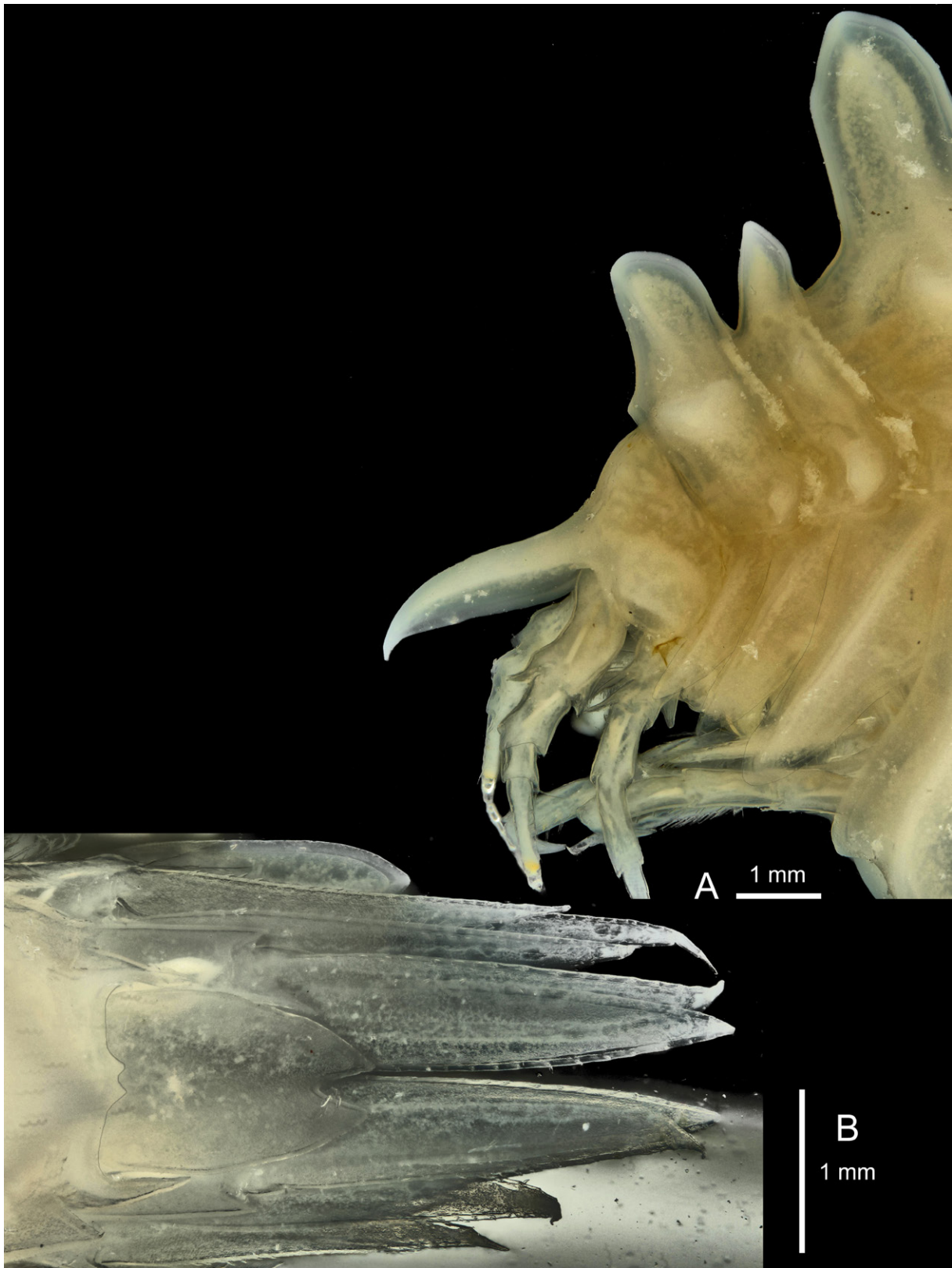


Fig. 269. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) debroyeri* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-VII/4, stn 291, RBINS, INV. 132940. **A.** Head in lateral view. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view.



Fig. 270. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) debroyeri* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-VII/4, stn 291, RBINS, INV. 132940. **A.** Gnathopod 1. **B.** Gnathopod 2.

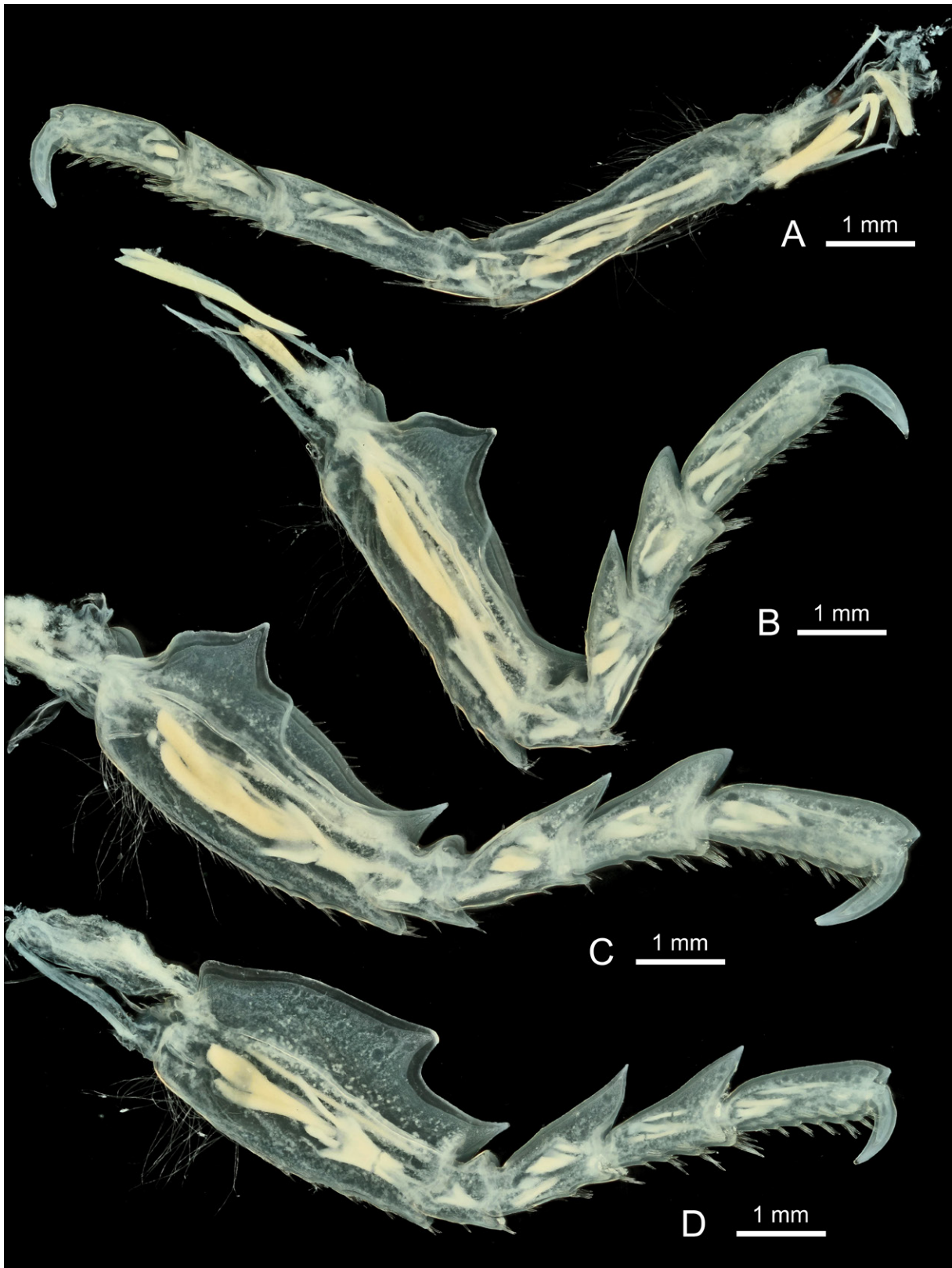


Fig. 271. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) debroyeri* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-VII/4, stn 291, RBINS, INV. 132940. A. Pereiopod 4. B. Pereiopod 5. C. Pereiopod 6. D. Pereiopod 7.

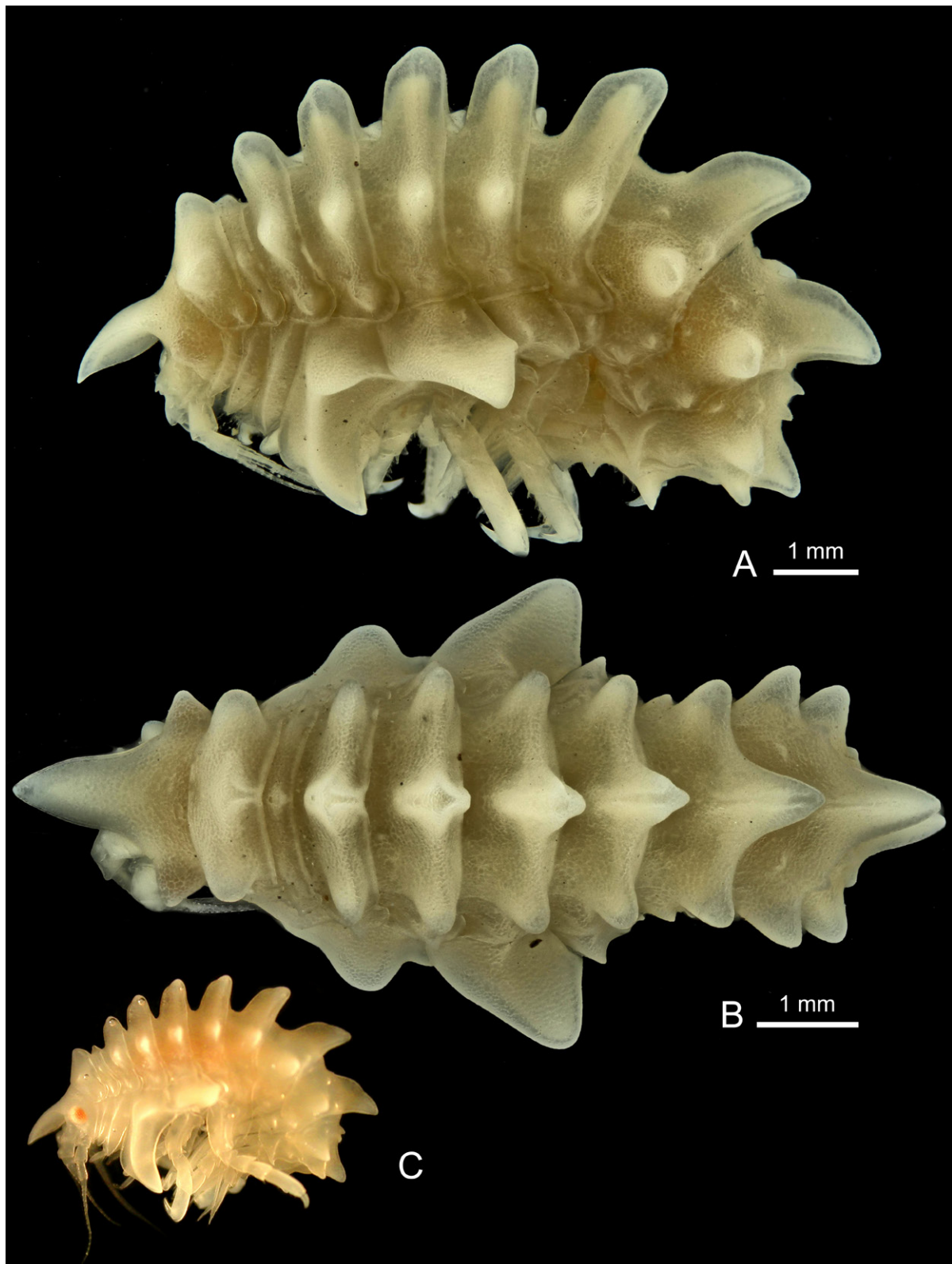


Fig. 272. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) cf. debroyeri*, juveniles. A–B, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, RBINS, INV. 132941. C, northwestern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 728-2, RBINS, INV. 122524. colour in life (photograph: C. d’Udekem d’Acoz). A. Lateral habitus. B. Dorsal habitus. C. Colour in life.

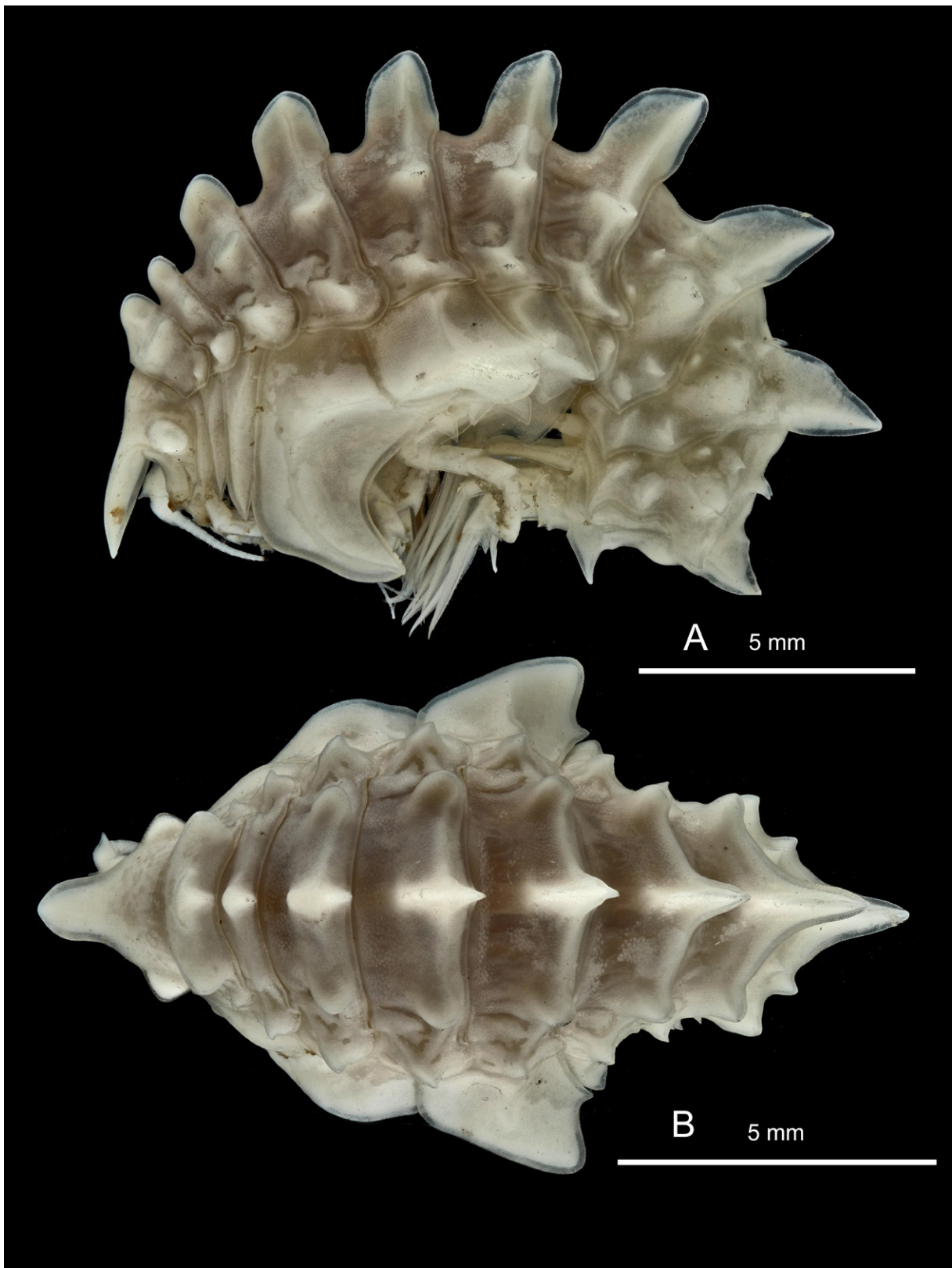


Fig. 273. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) grandirostris* (Chevreux, 1912), ♀, northwestern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 185-3, RBINS, INV. 122946. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

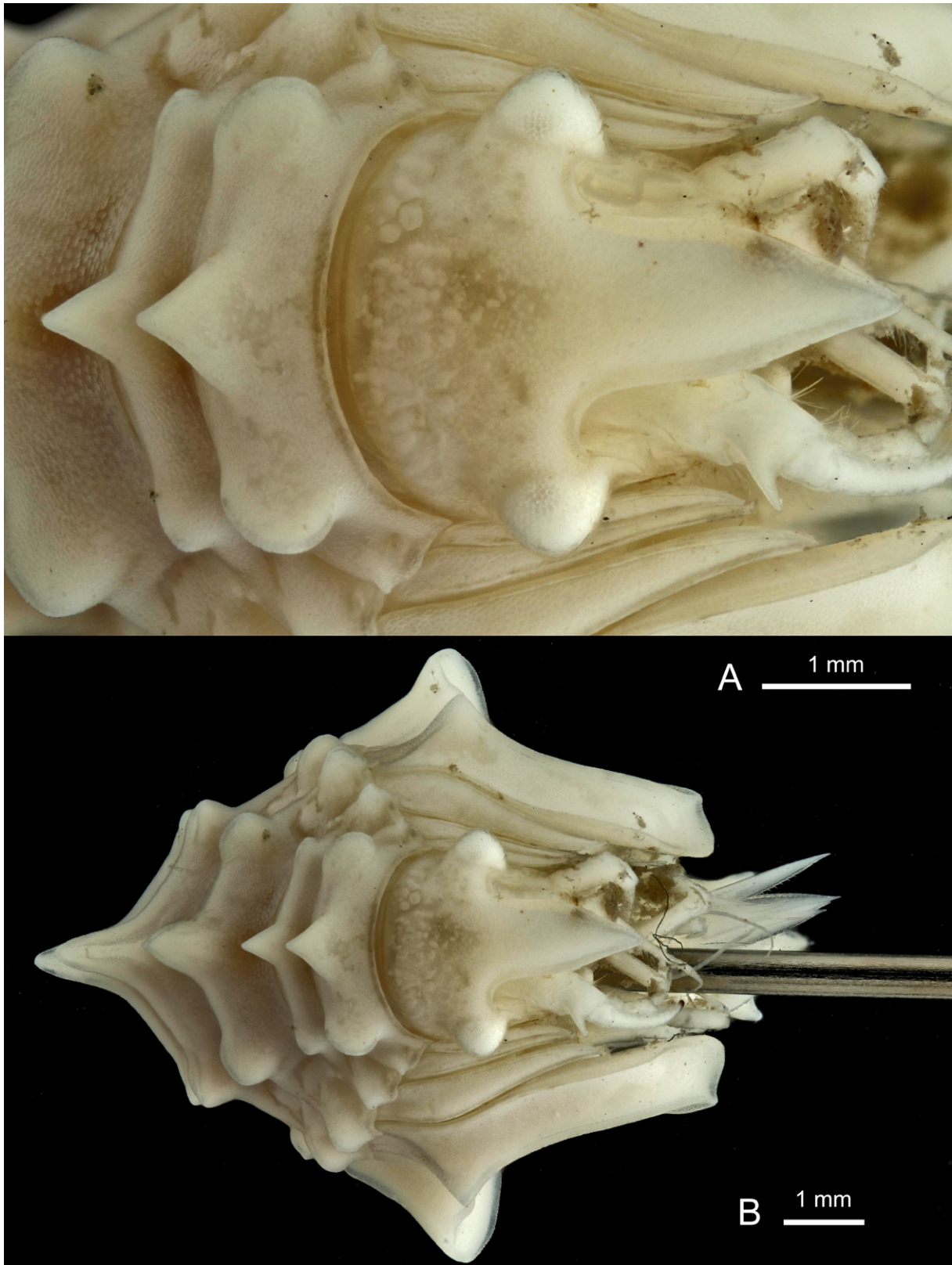


Fig. 274. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) grandirostris* (Chevreux, 1912), ♀, northwestern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 185-3, RBINS, INV. 122946. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in facial view.

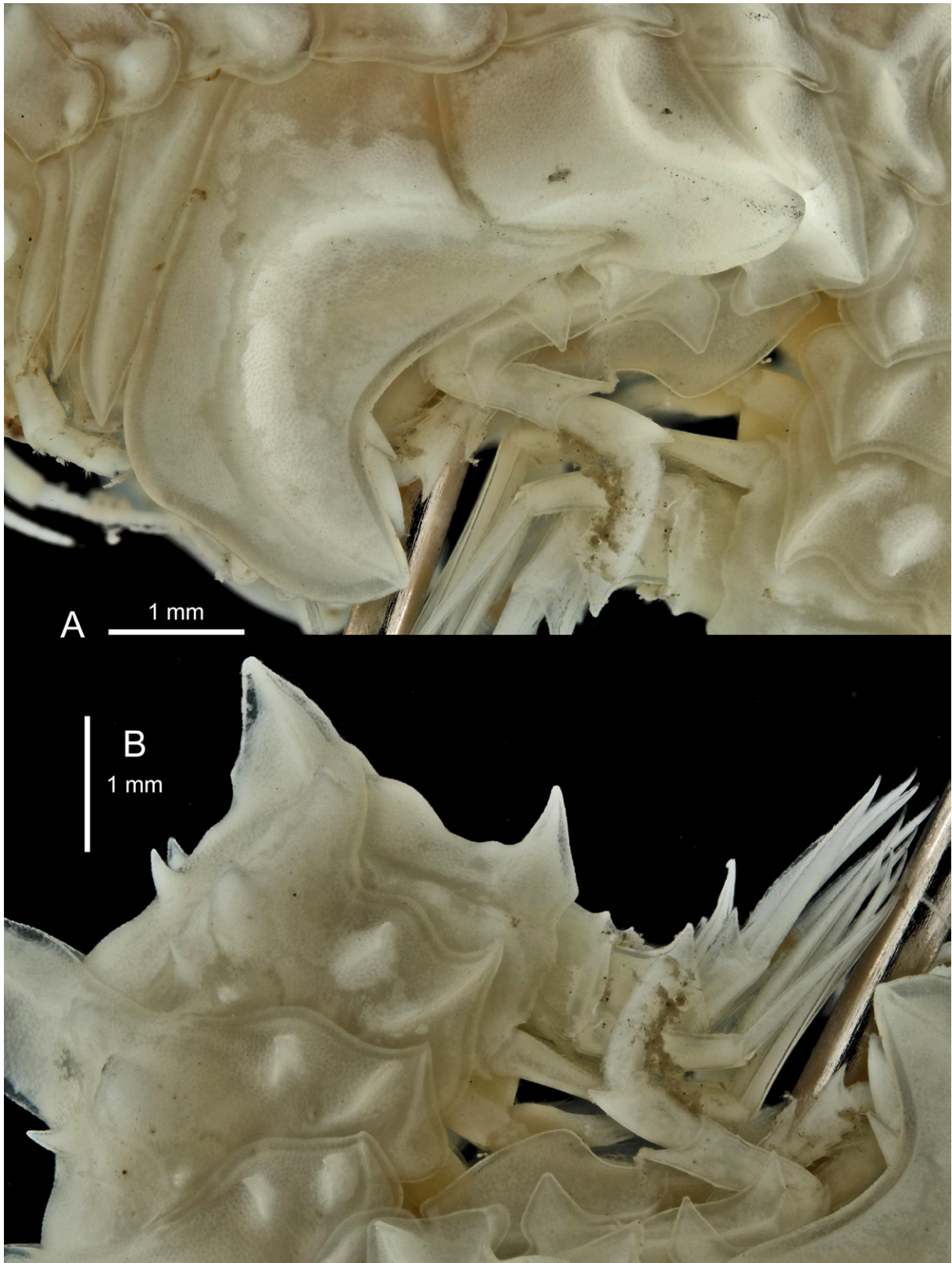


Fig. 275. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) grandirostris* (Chevreux, 1912), ♀, northwestern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 185-3, RBINS, INV. 122946. A. Coxae. B. Pleon.

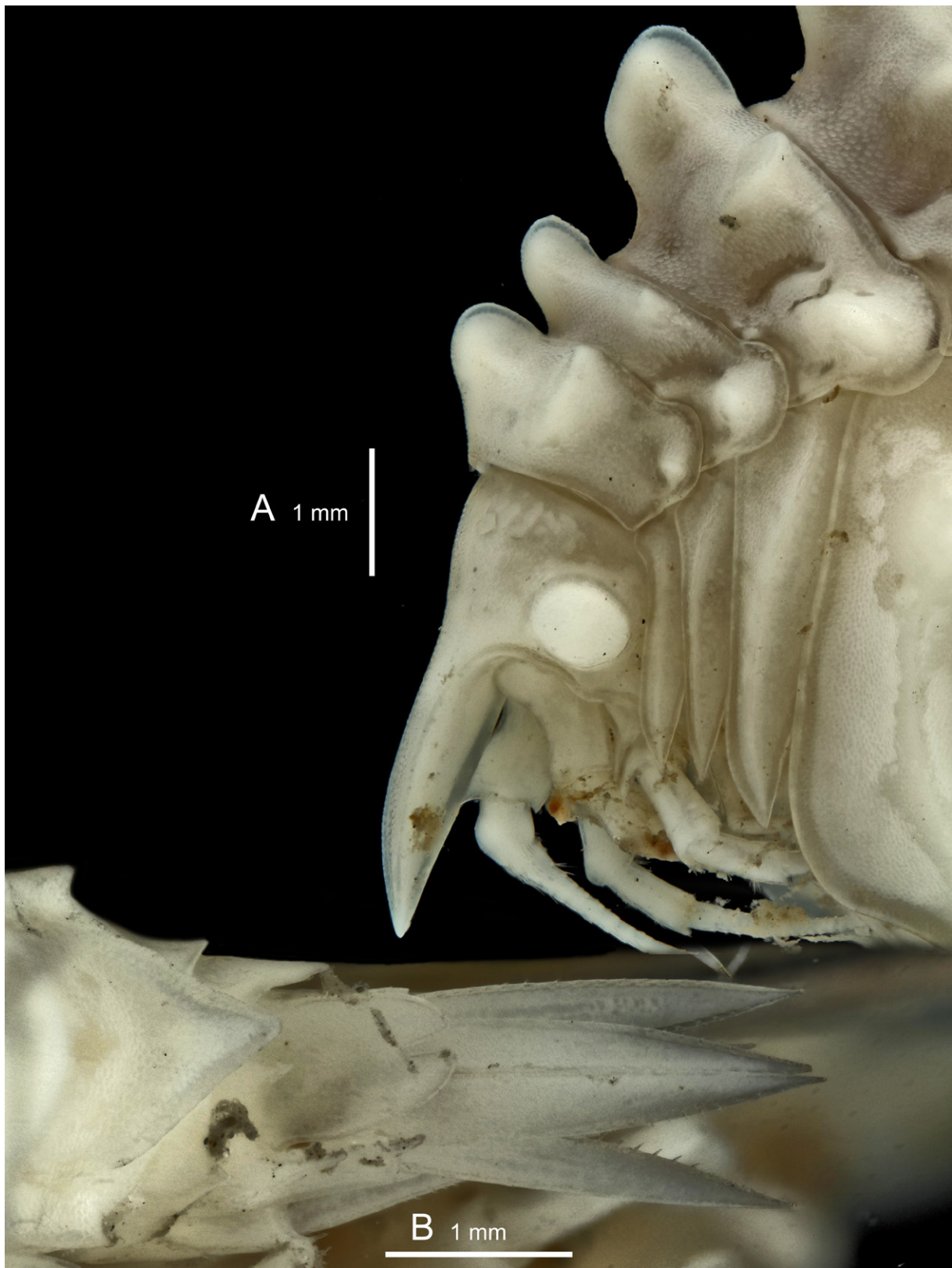


Fig. 276. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) grandirostris* (Chevreux, 1912), ♀, northwestern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 185-3, RBINS, INV. 122946. **A.** Head and pereionites 1–3. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view.

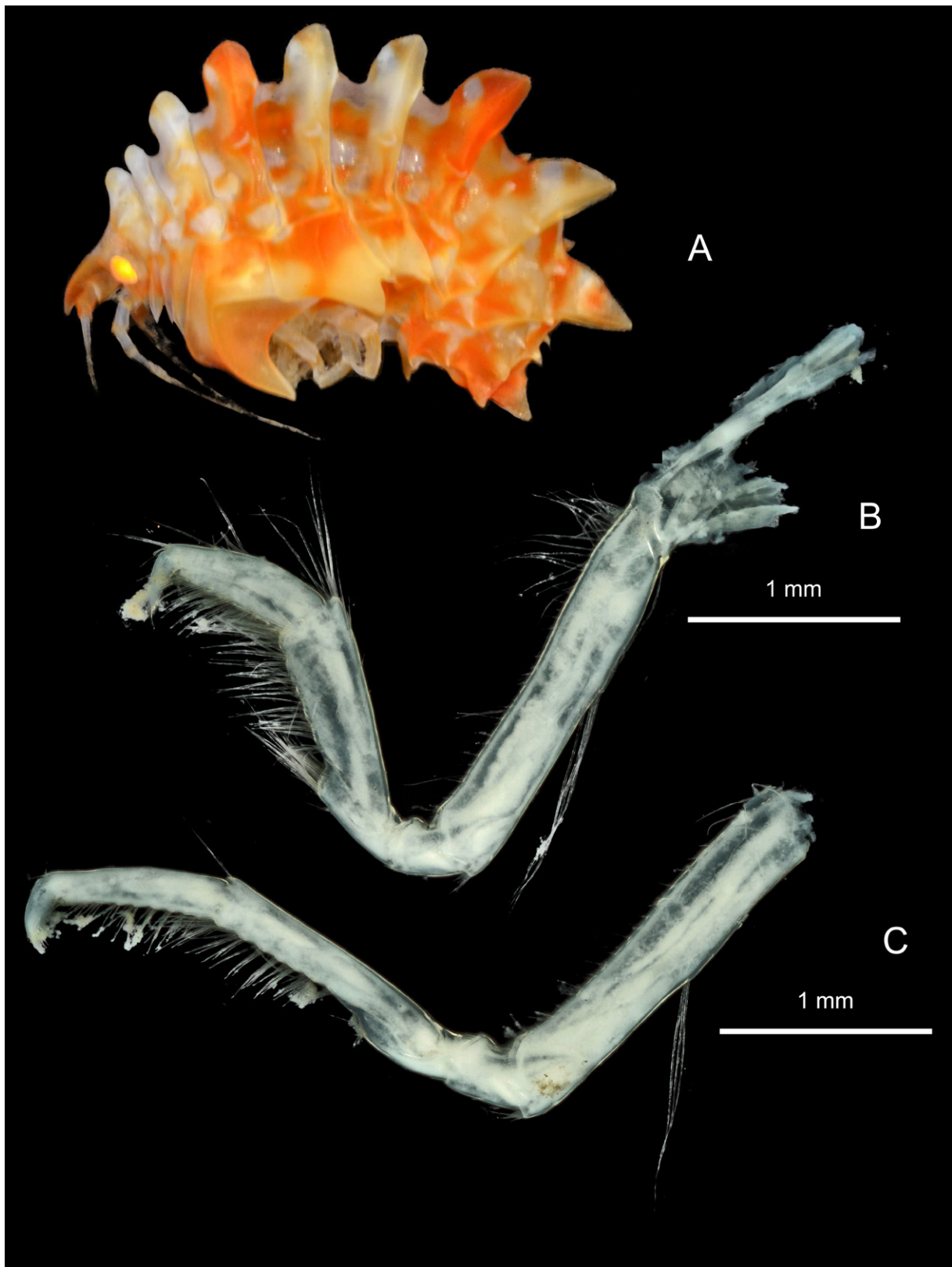


Fig. 277. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) grandirostris* (Chevreux, 1912), ♀, northwestern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 185-3, RBINS, INV. 122946. A. Lateral habitus with colour in life. B. Gnathopod 1. C. Gnathopod 2.

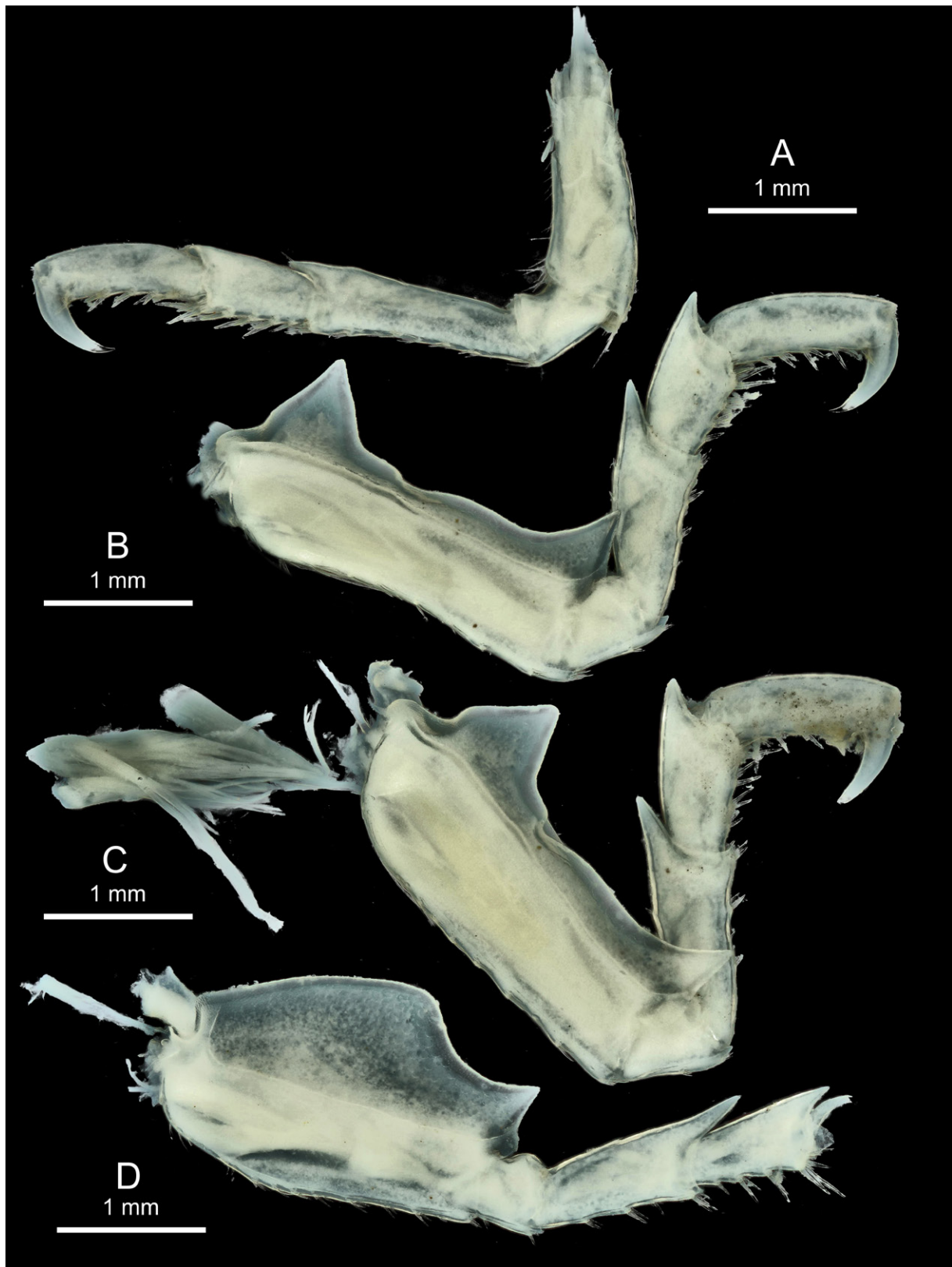


Fig. 278. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) grandirostris* (Chevreux, 1912), ♀, northwestern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 185-3, RBINS, INV. 122946. A. Pereiopod 4. B. Pereiopod 5. C. Pereiopod 6. D. Pereiopod 7.

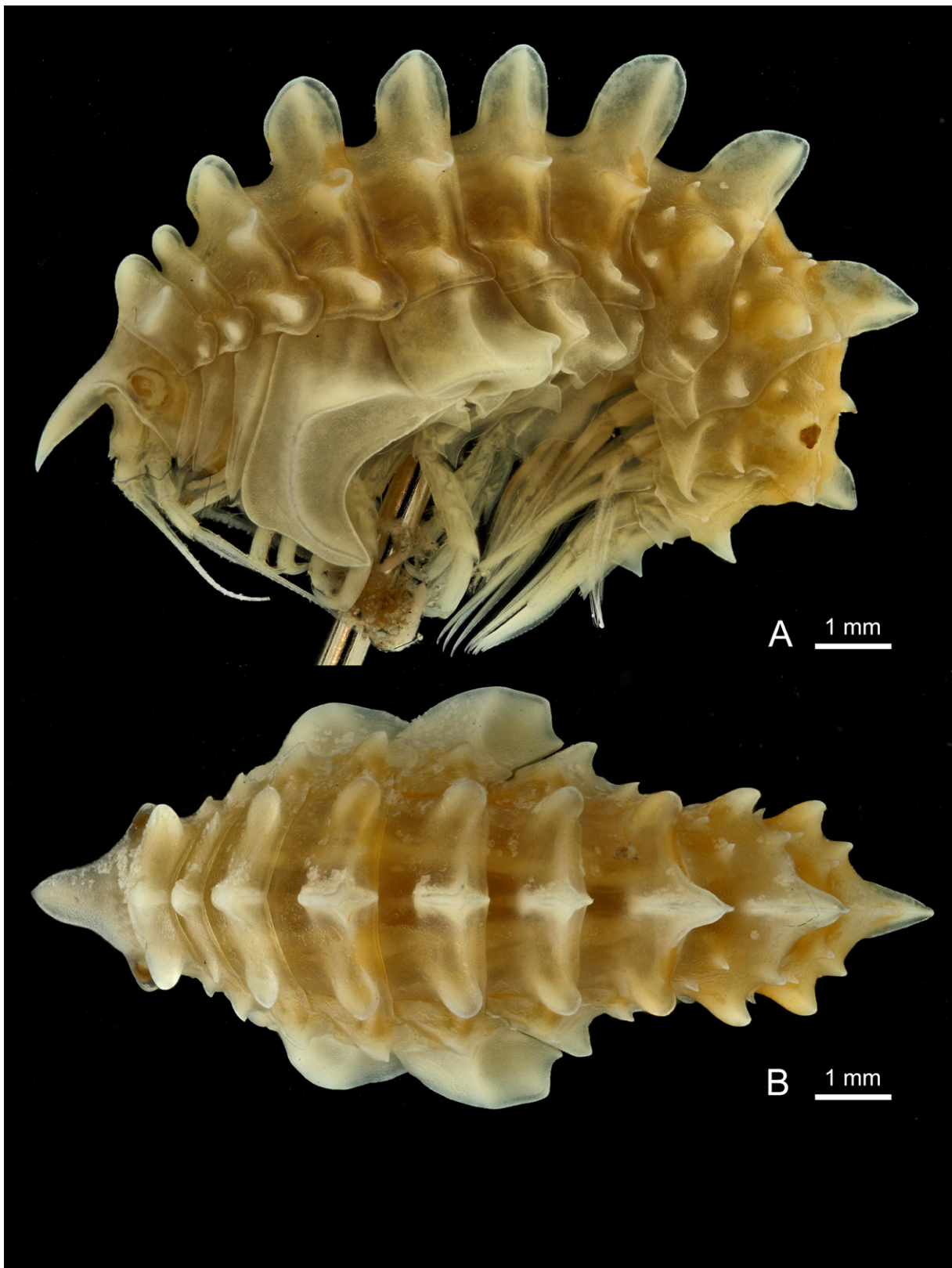


Fig. 279. *Epimeria* (*Pseudepimeria*) *grandirostris* (Chevreux, 1912), immature, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-1, RBINS, INV. 122530. A. Lateral habitus. B. Dorsal habitus.

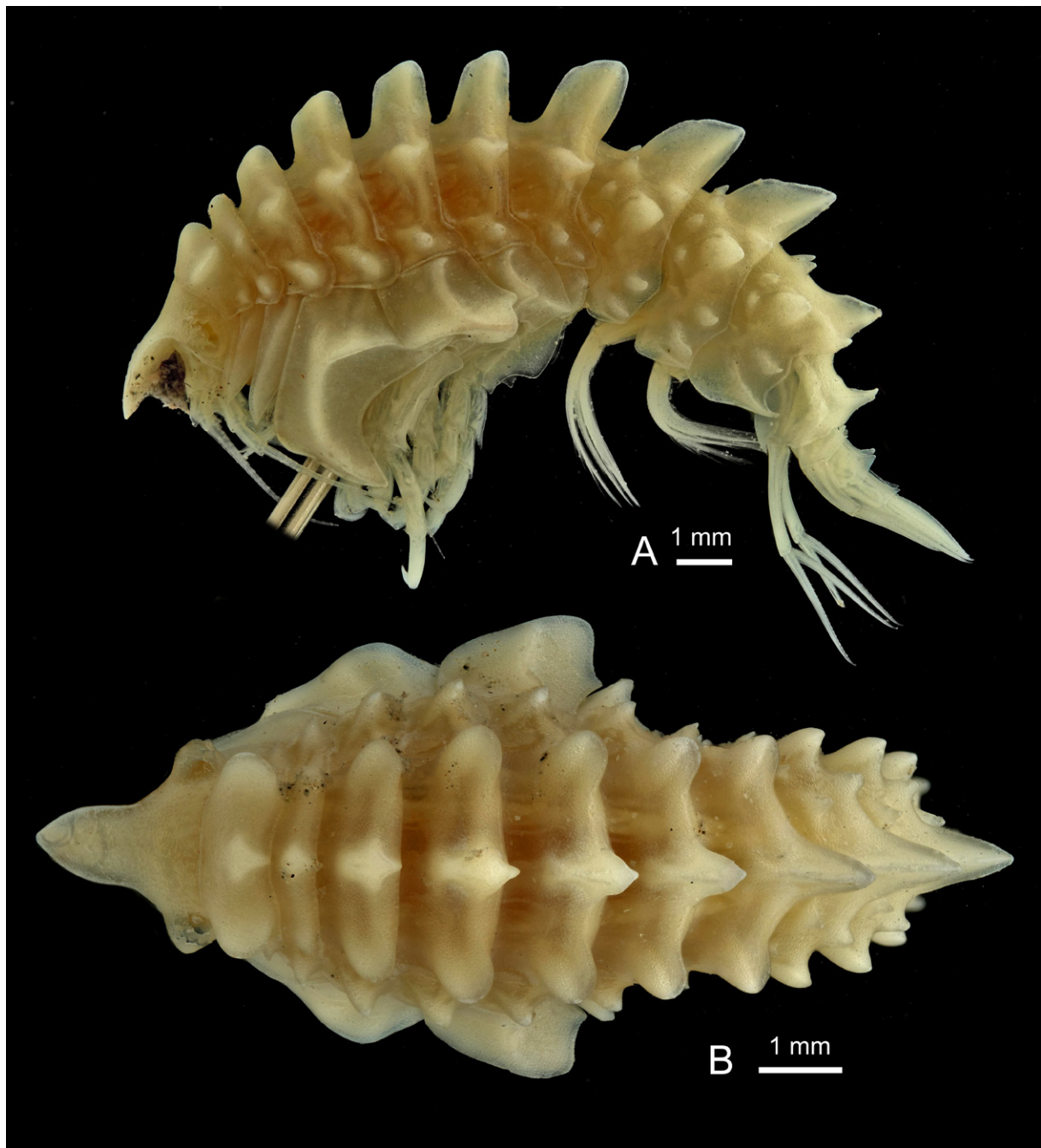


Fig. 280. *Epimeria* (*Pseudepimeria*) *grandirostris* (Chevreux, 1912), immature, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 608-1, RBINS, INV. 122626. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

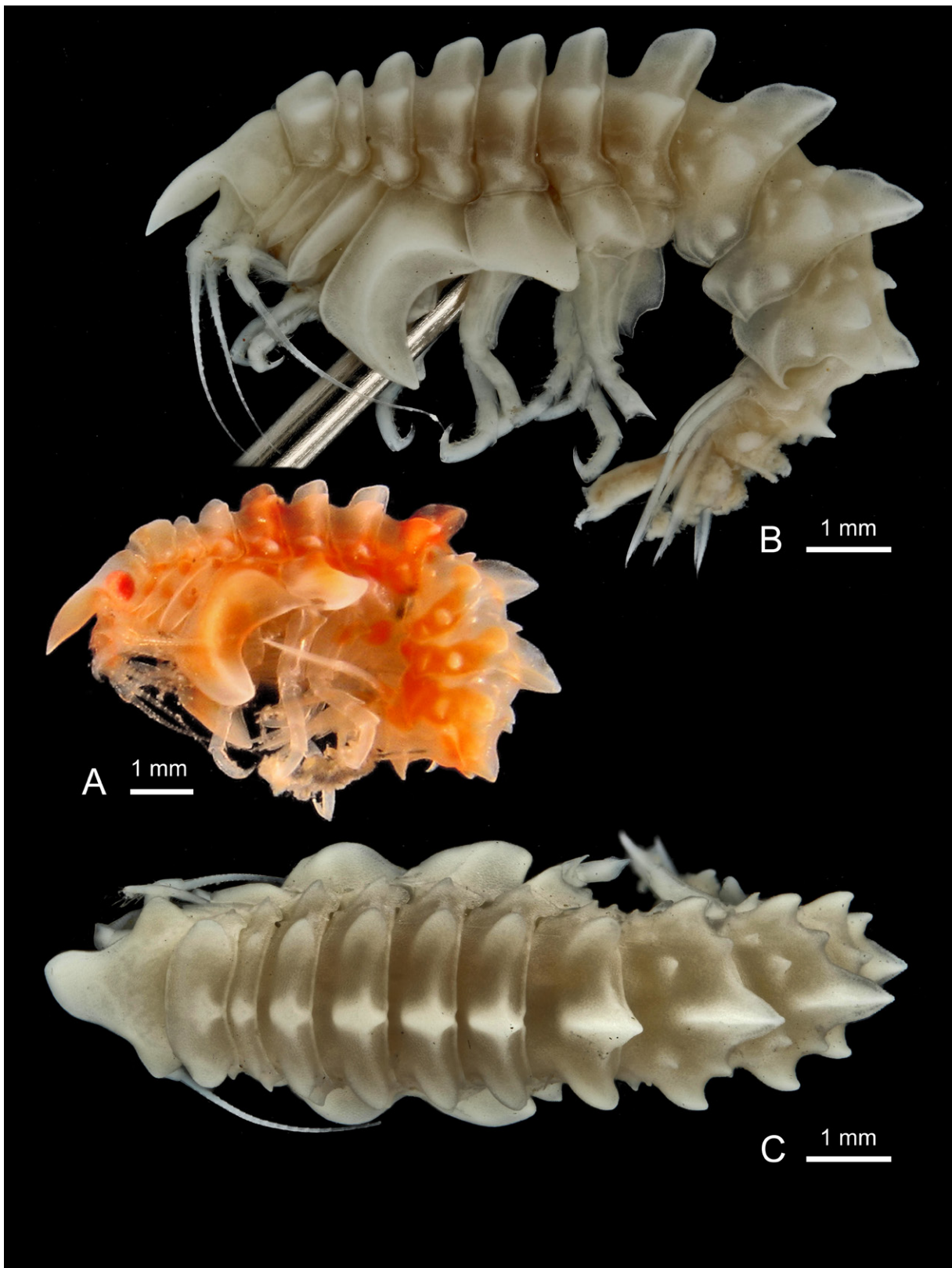


Fig. 281. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) grandirostris* (Chevreux, 1912), juvenile, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 654-6, RBINS, INV. 122484. A. Colour in life. B. Lateral habitus. C. Dorsal habitus.

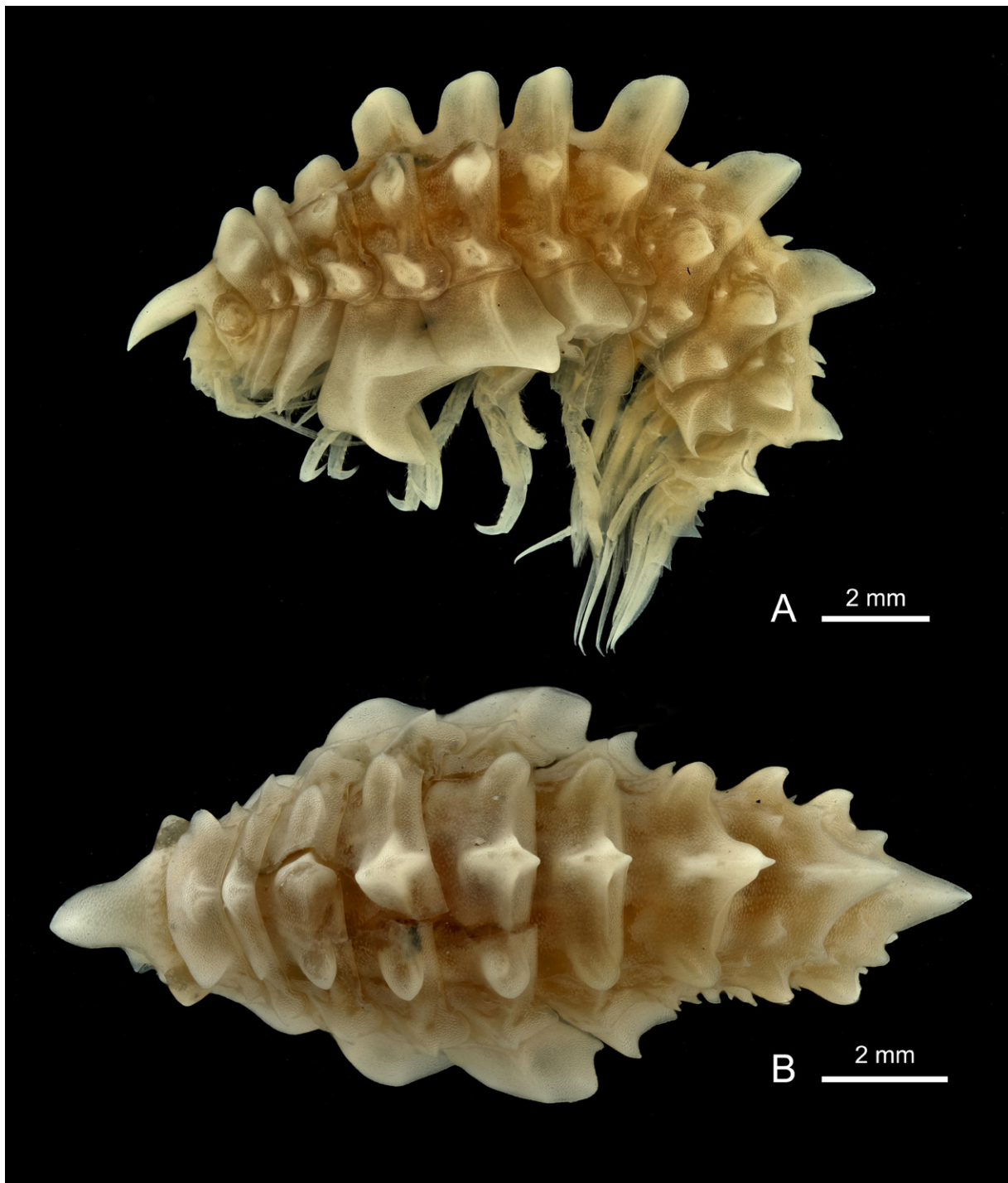


Fig. 282. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) grandirostris* (Chevreux, 1912), small juvenile, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, RBINS, INV. 122523. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

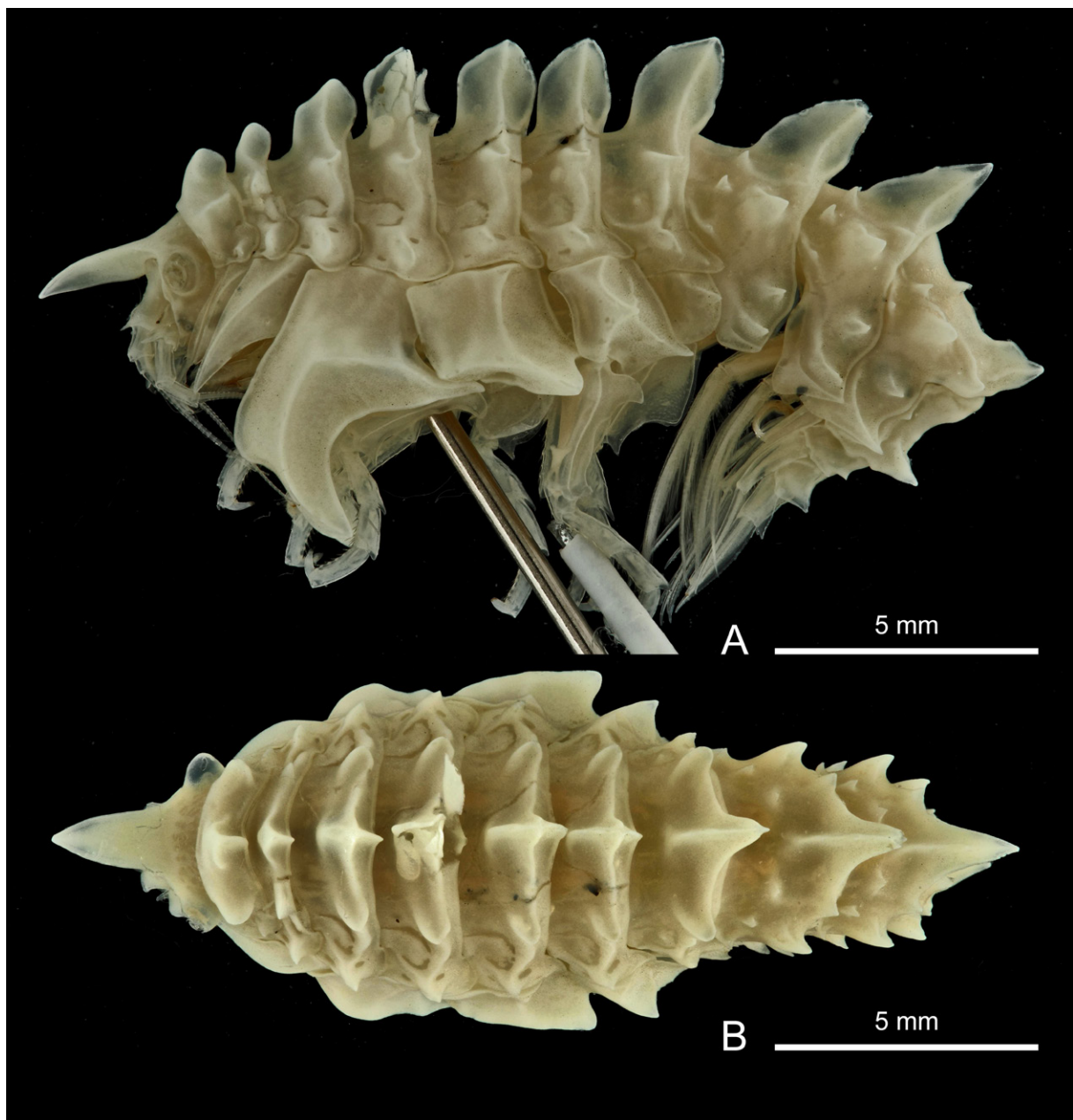


Fig. 283. *Epimeria* (*Pseudepimeria*) *kharieis* sp. nov., ♀, paratype, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-VII/4, stn 281, RBINS, INV. 132939. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

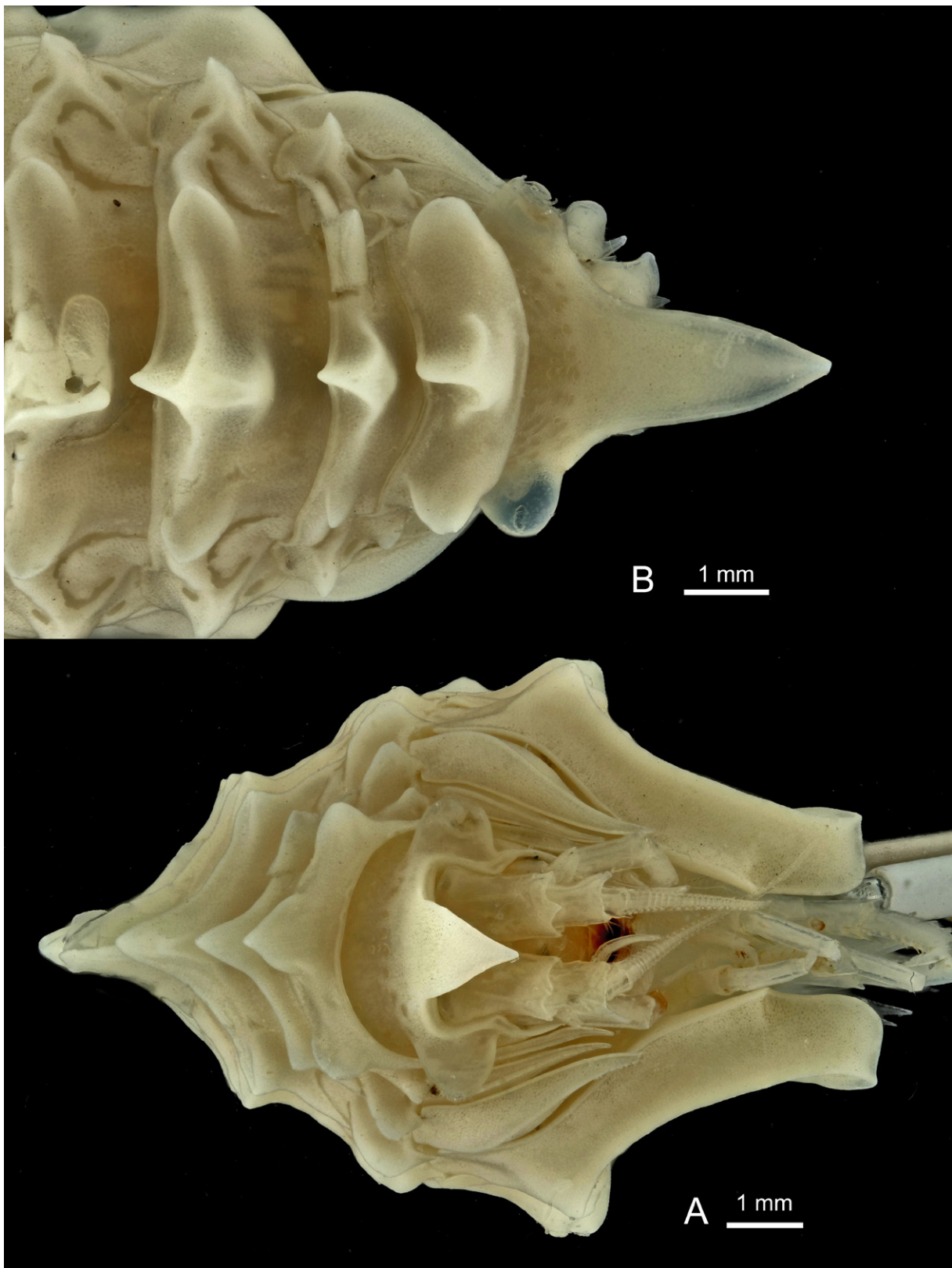


Fig. 284. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) kharieis* sp. nov., ♀, paratype, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-VII/4, stn 281, RBINS, INV. 132939. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head and body segments 1–3 in dorsal view.

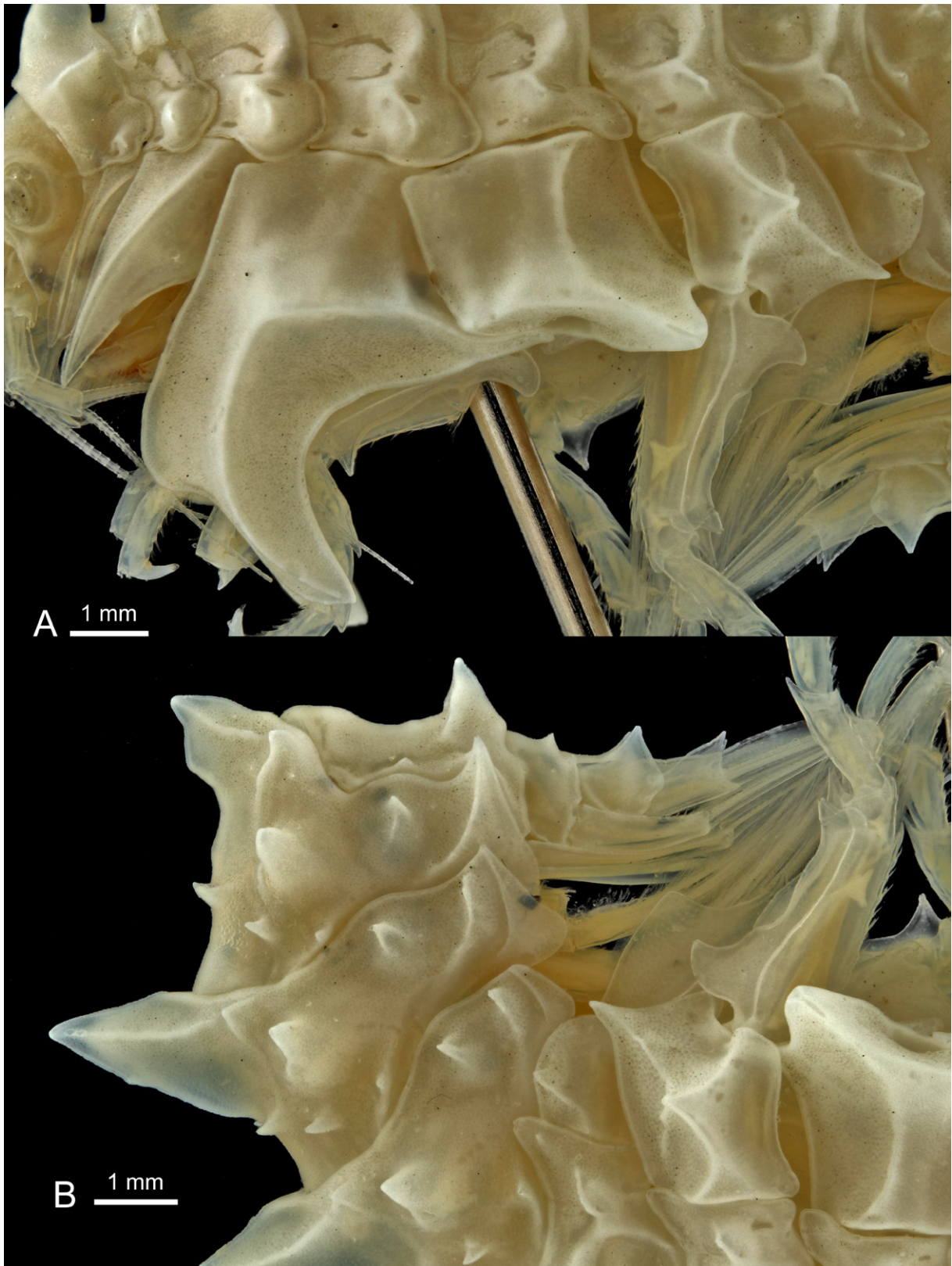


Fig. 285. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) kharieis* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XV/3, stn 77, RBINS, INV. 132937. **A.** Coxae. **B.** Pleon.

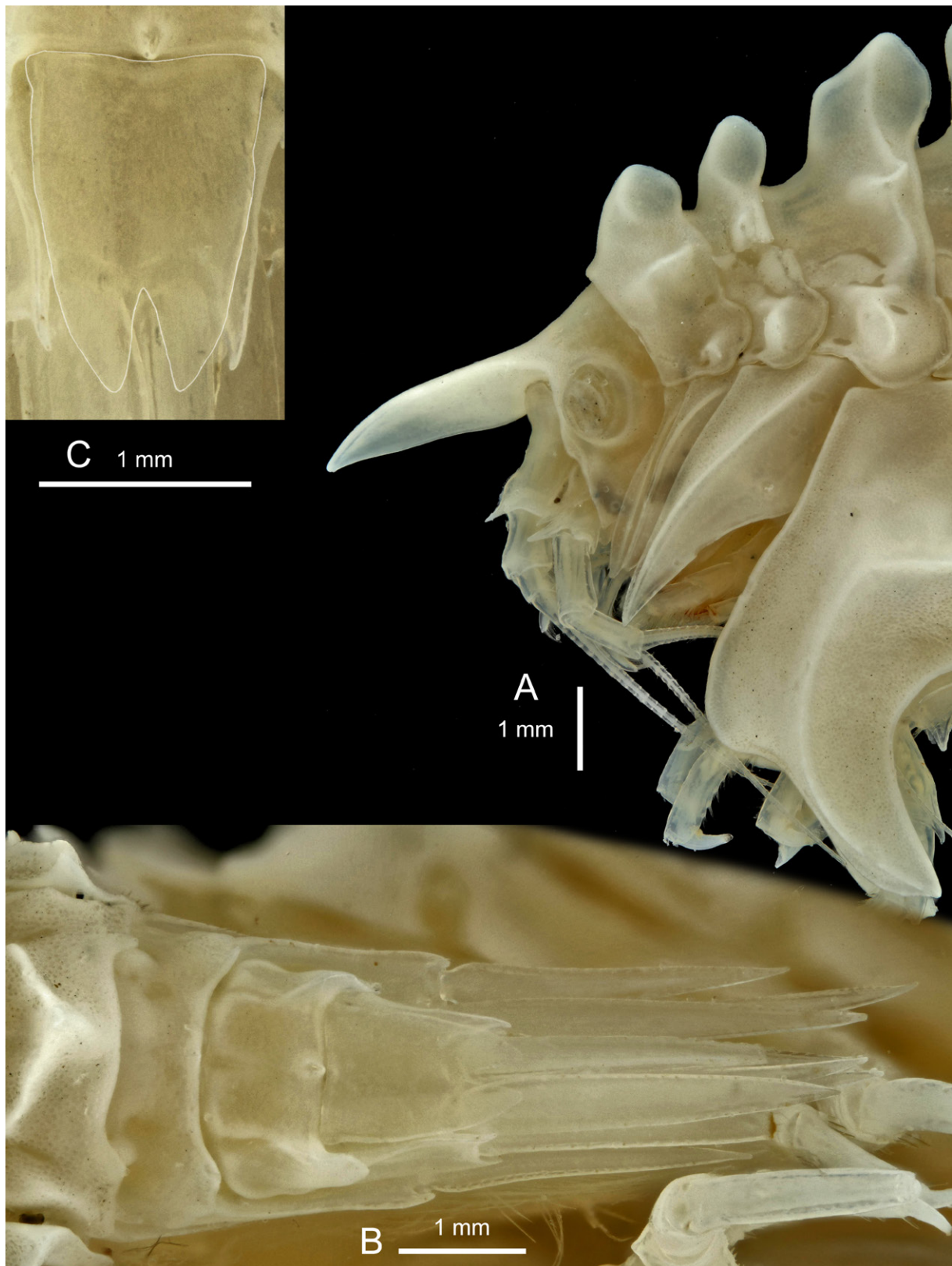


Fig. 286. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) kharieis* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XV/3, stn 77, RBINS, INV. 132937. **A.** Head and body segments 1-3 in lateral view. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view. **C.** Telson.

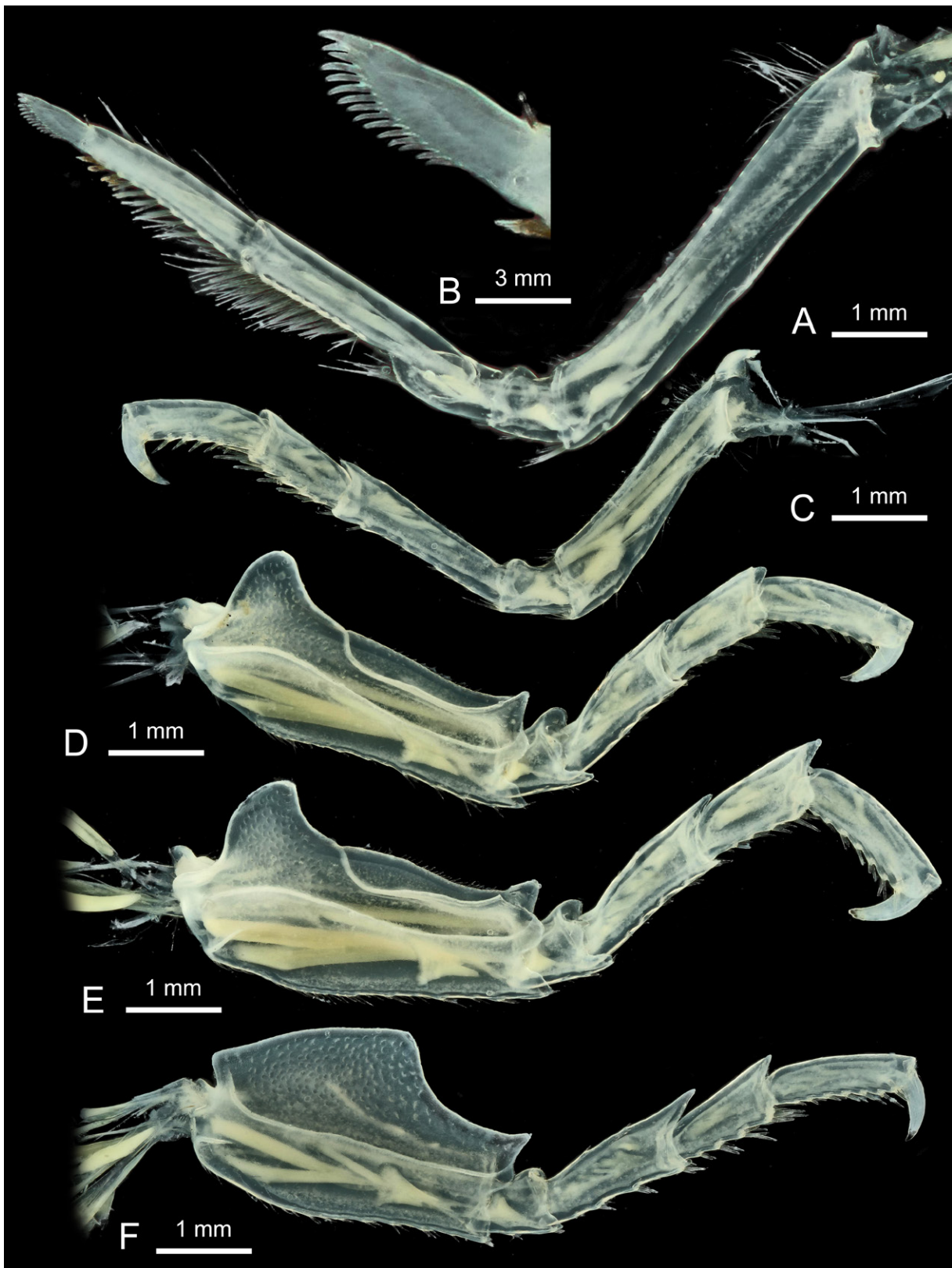


Fig. 287. *Epimeria* (*Pseudepimeria*) *kharieis* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XV/3, stn 77, RBINS, INV. 132937. A. Gnathopod 2. B. Dactylus of gnathopod 2. C. Pereiopod 4. D. pereiopod 5. E. Pereiopod 6. F. Pereiopod 7.

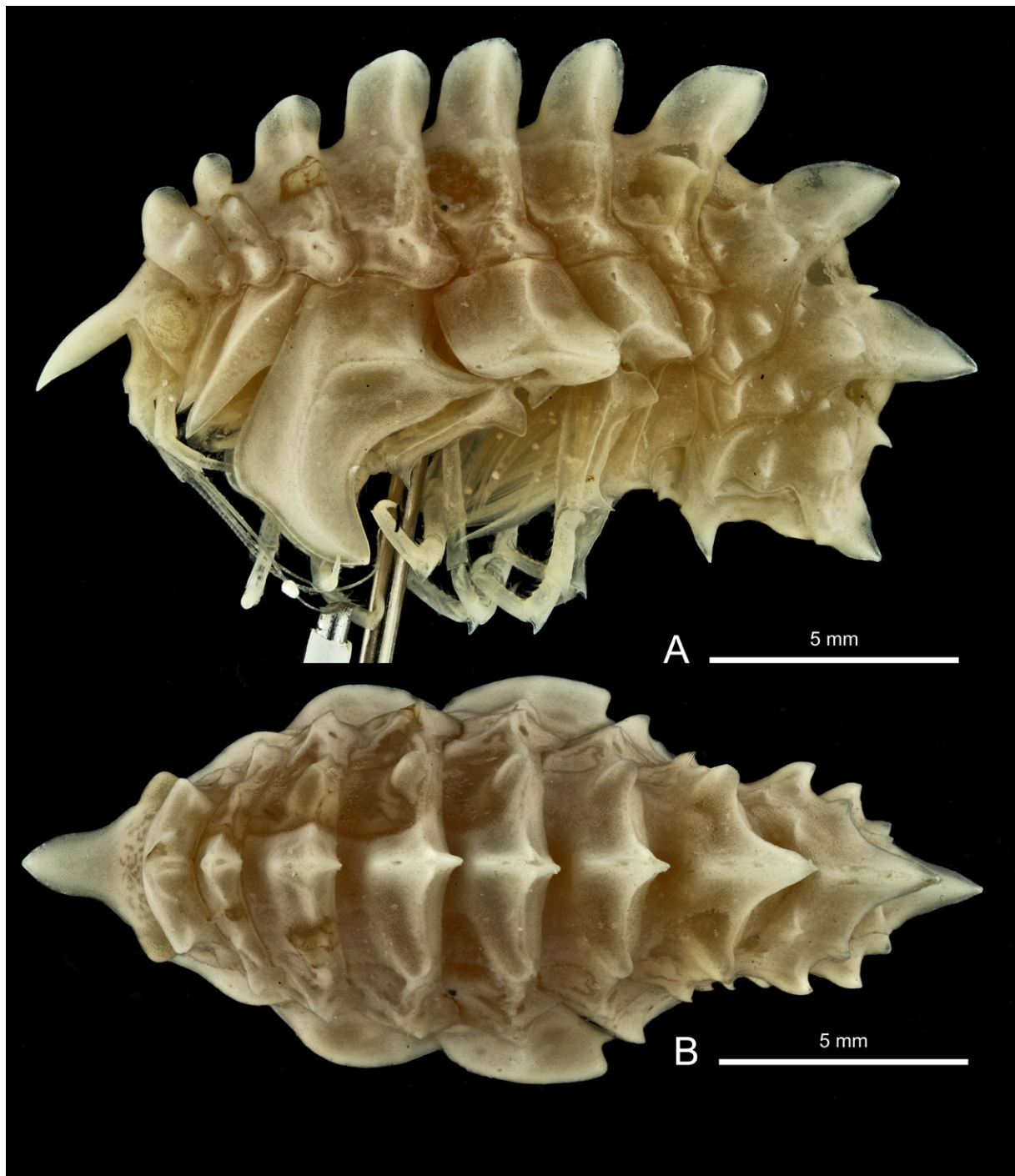


Fig. 288. *Epimeria* (*Pseudepimeria*) *kharieis* sp. nov., immature paratype, sex undetermined, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XV/3, st. 77, RBINS, INV. 132938. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

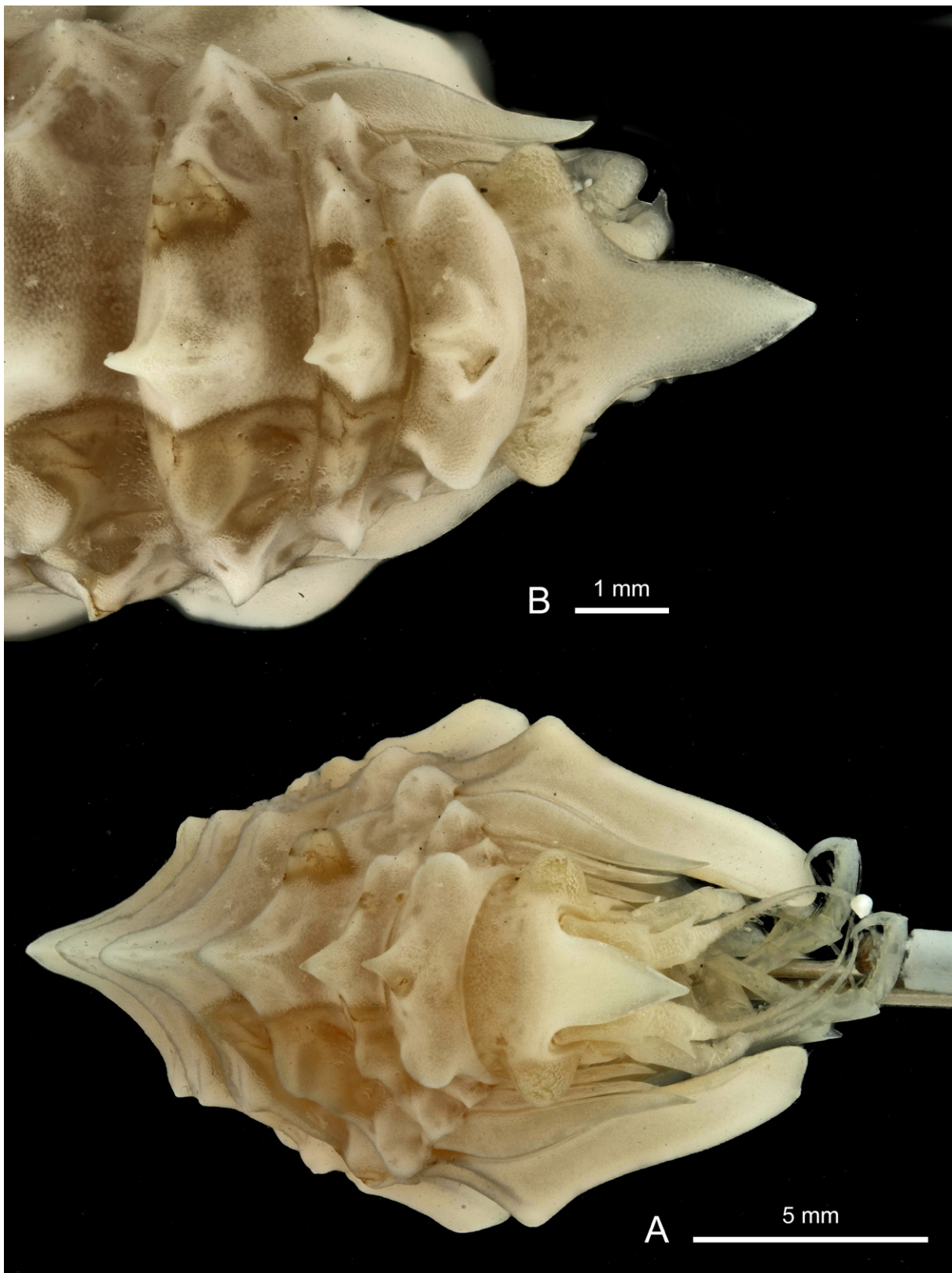


Fig. 289. *Epimeria* (*Pseudepimeria*) *kharieis* sp. nov., immature paratype, sex undetermined, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XV/3, st. 77, RBINS, INV. 132938. A. Facial habitus. B. Head and anterior pereion segments in dorsal view.

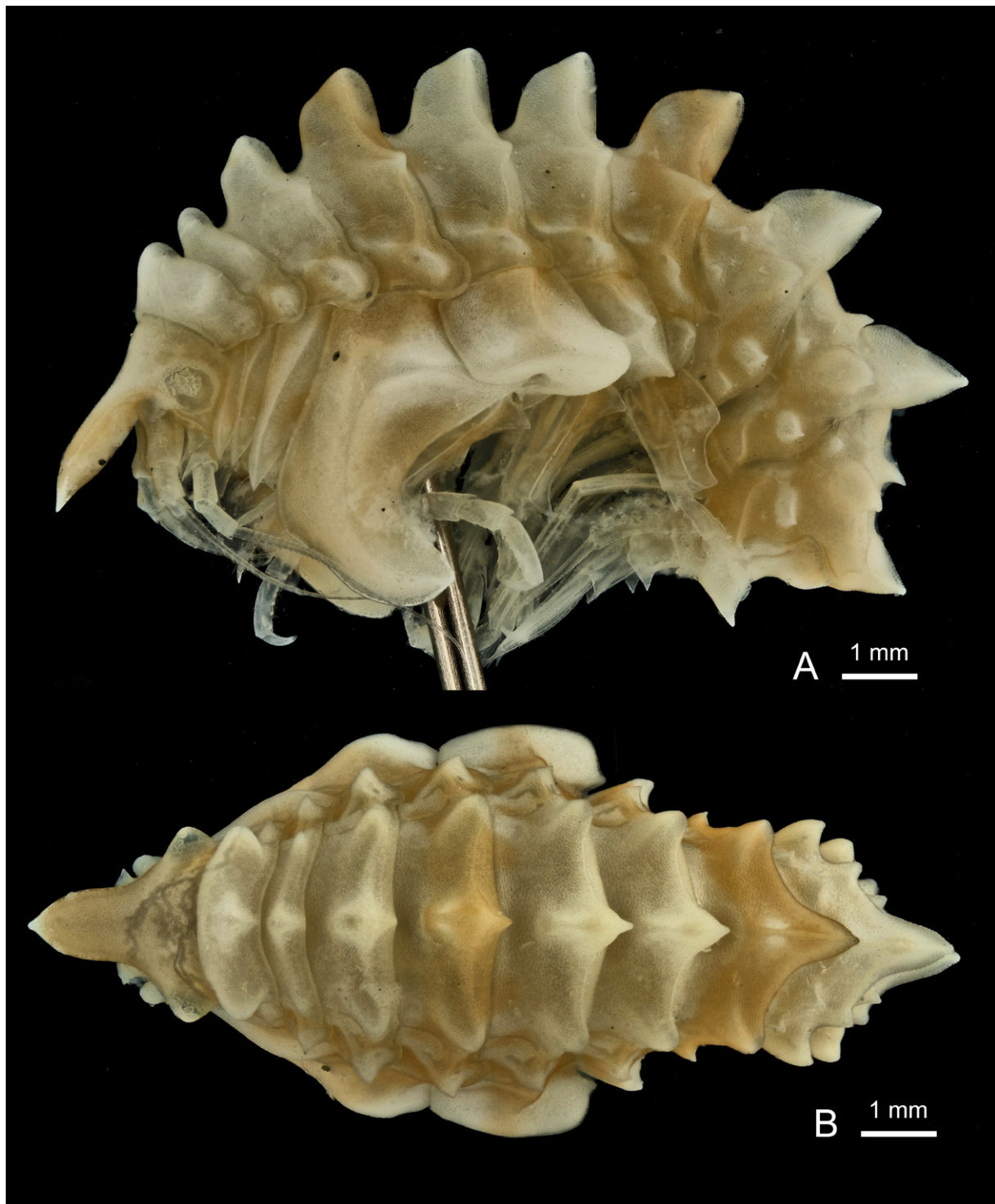


Fig. 290. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) kharieis* sp. nov., immature paratype, sex undetermined, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XV/3, stn 77, RBINS, INV. 132938. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus.

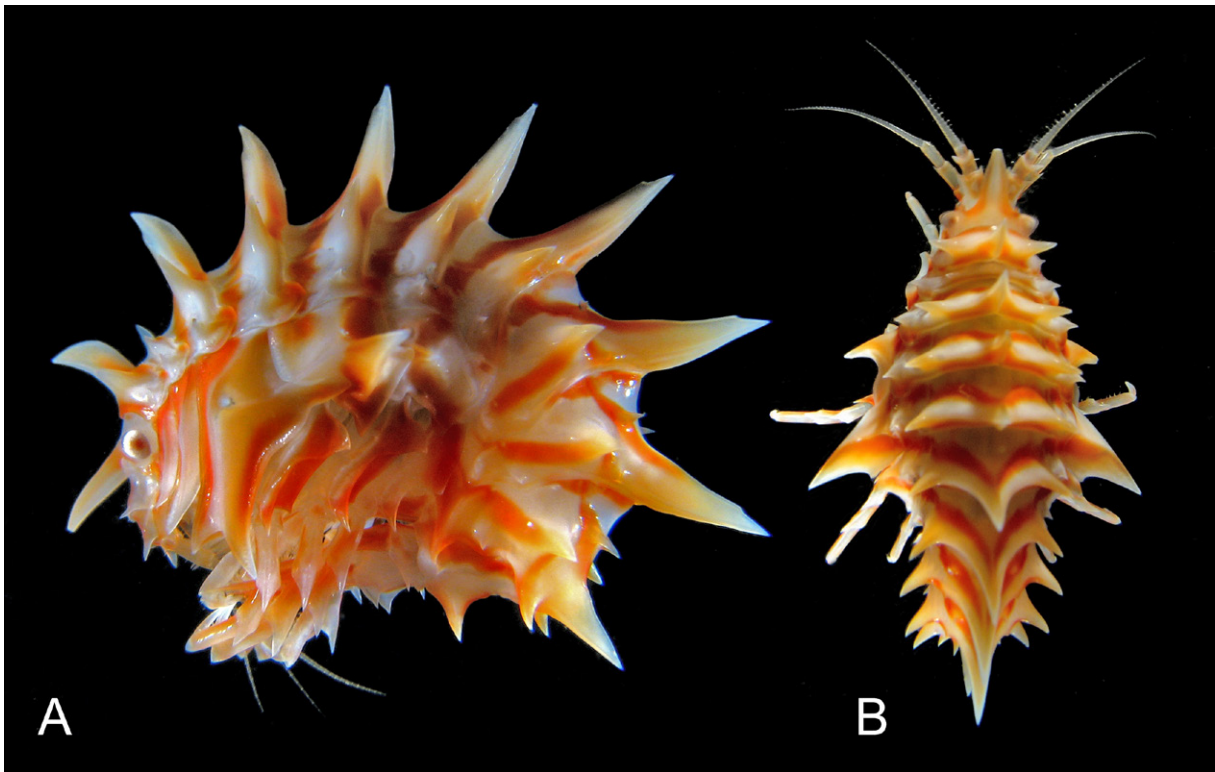


Fig. 291. *Epimeria* (*Pseudepimeria*) *oxycarinata* Coleman, 1990, adult ♀, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-5, RBINS, INV. 122482, colour in life. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Dorsal view.

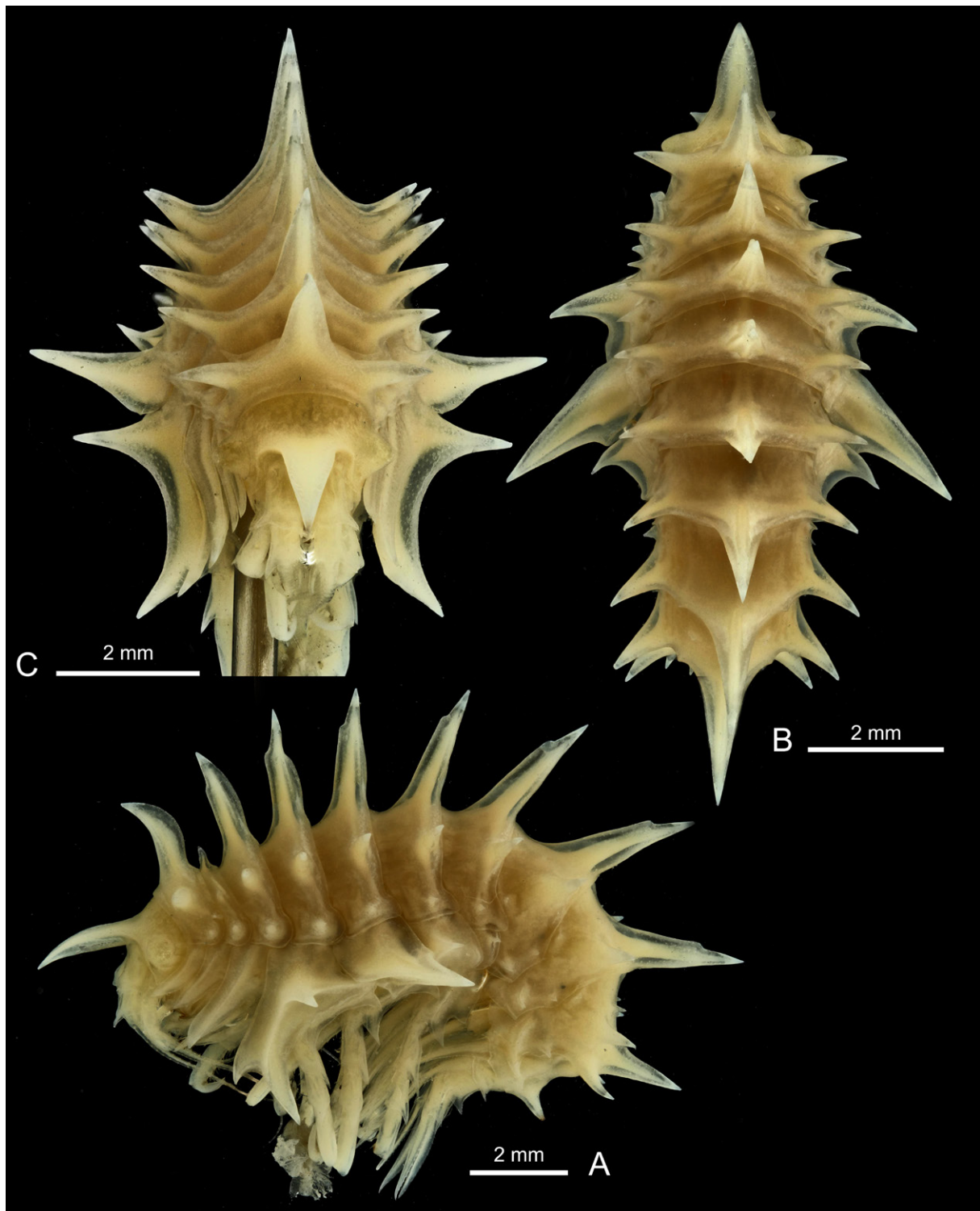


Fig. 292. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) oxicarinata* Coleman, 1990, medium-sized specimen, sex undetermined, Elephant Island, stn 614-3/4/5, RBINS, INV. 132942. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus. **C.** Frontal habitus.

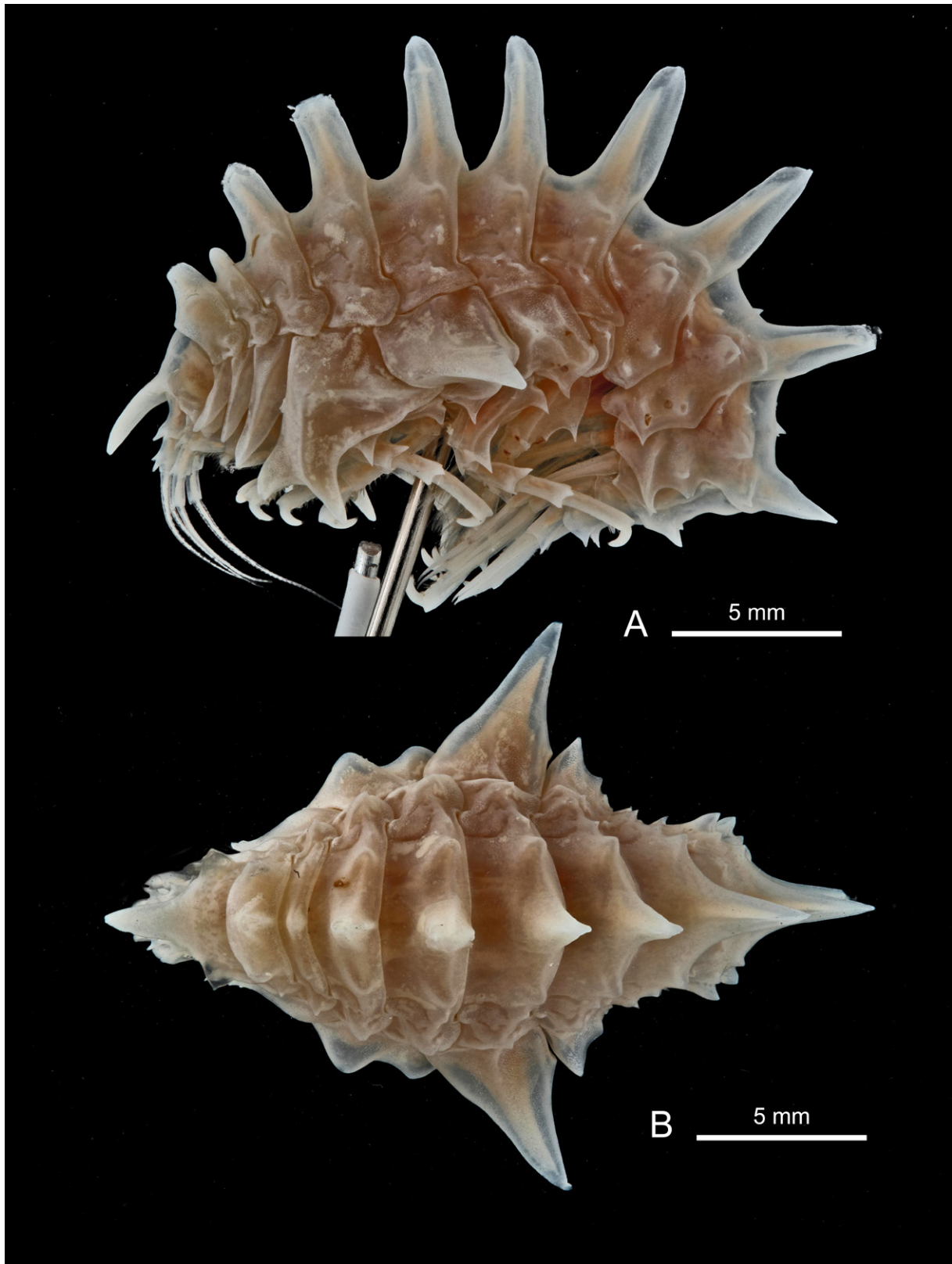


Fig. 293. *Epimeria (Pseudepimeria) pulchra* Coleman, 1990, adult ♀, Signy Island, SIGNY 1991/92, AGT 5, transect 1, RBINS, INV. 132687. **A.** Lateral view. **B.** Dorsal view.



Fig. 294. *Epimeria (Subepimeria) adeliae* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 2072, MNHN-IU-2014-4288. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view.

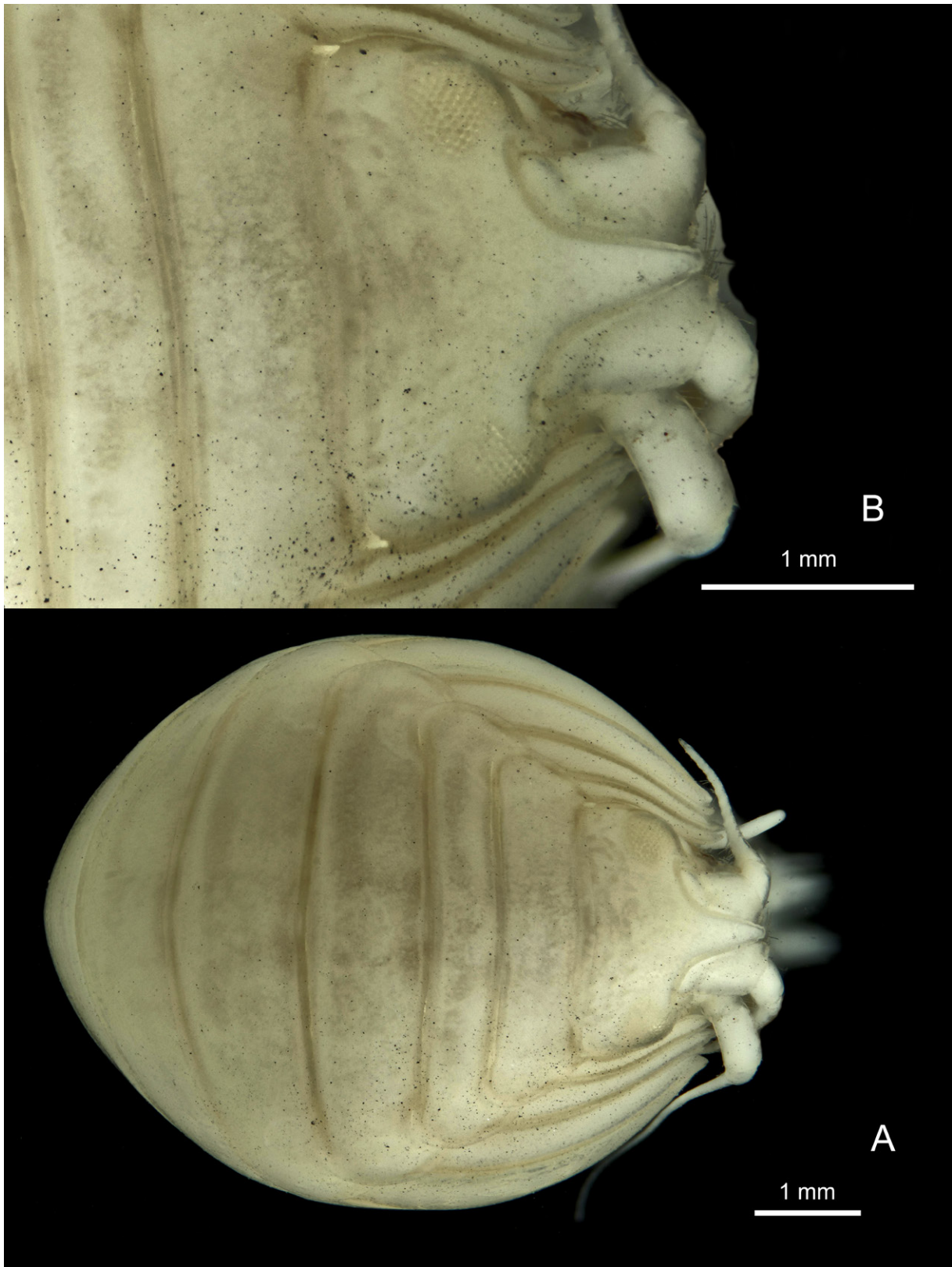


Fig. 295. *Epimeria (Subepimeria) adeliae* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 2072, MNHN-IU-2014-4288. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in facial view.

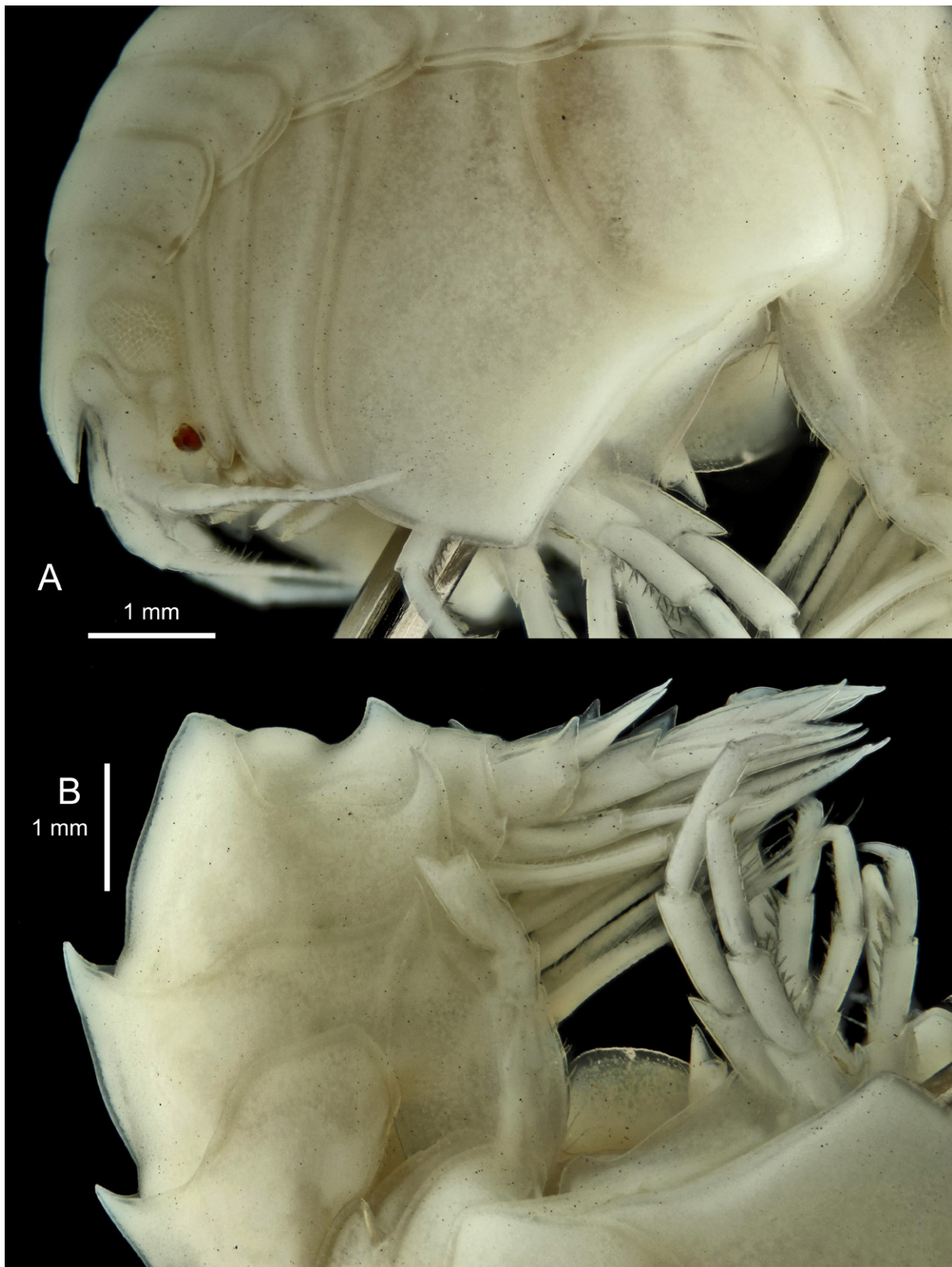


Fig. 296. *Epimeria (Subepimeria) adeliae* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 2072, MNHN-IU-2014-4288. **A.** Anterior half in lateral view. **B.** Posterior half in lateral view.

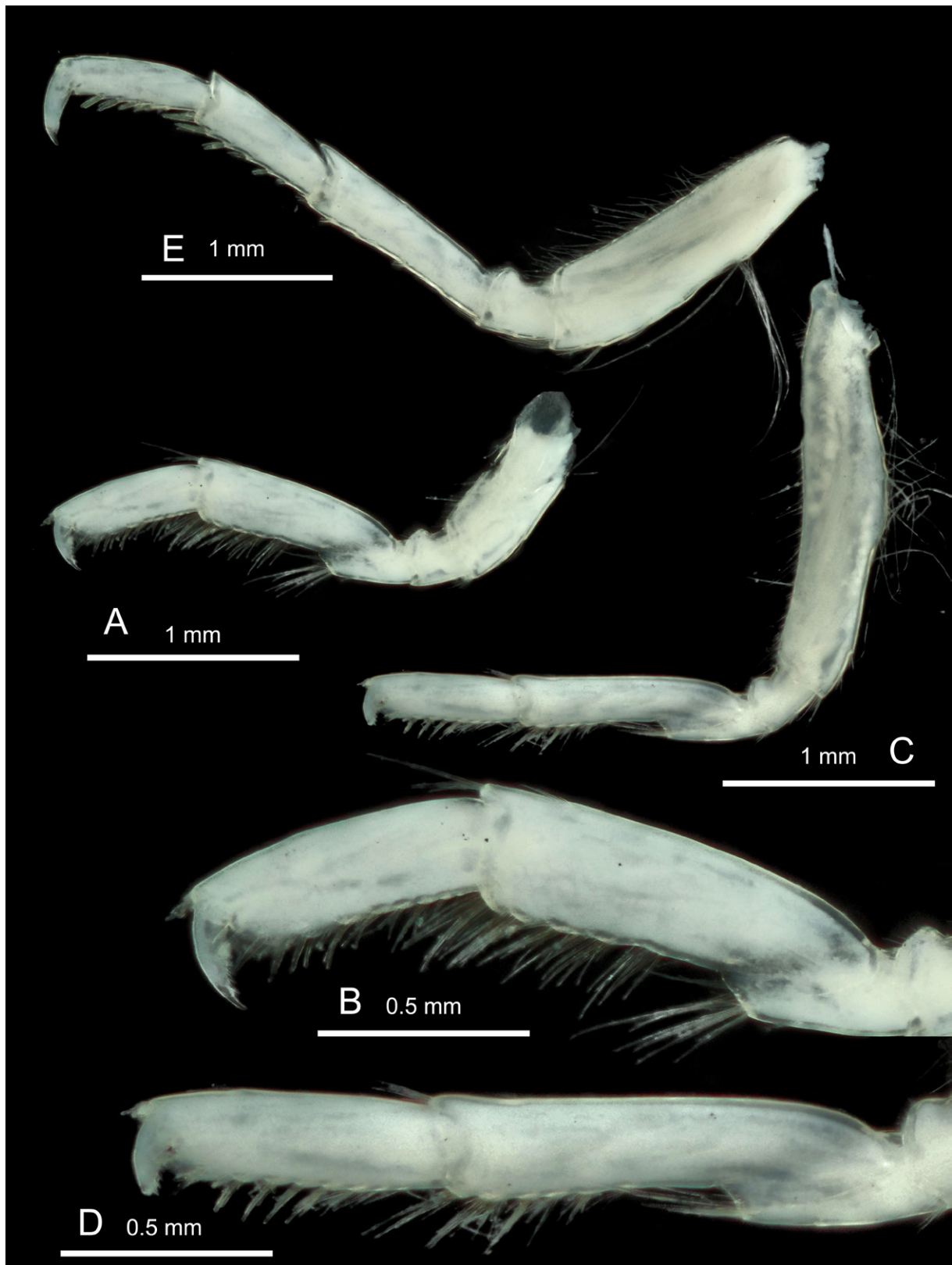


Fig. 297. *Epimeria* (*Subepimeria*) *adeliae* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 2072, MNHN-IU-2014-4288. **A.** Gnathopod 1. **B.** Tip of Gn1. **C.** Gnathopod 2. **D.** Tip of Gn2. **E.** Pereiopod 4.



Fig. 298. *Epimeria* (*Subepimeria*) *adeliae* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Adélie Coast, CEAMARC 2072, MNHN-IU-2014-4288. **A.** Pereiopod 5. **B.** Pereiopod 6. **C.** Pereiopod 7.

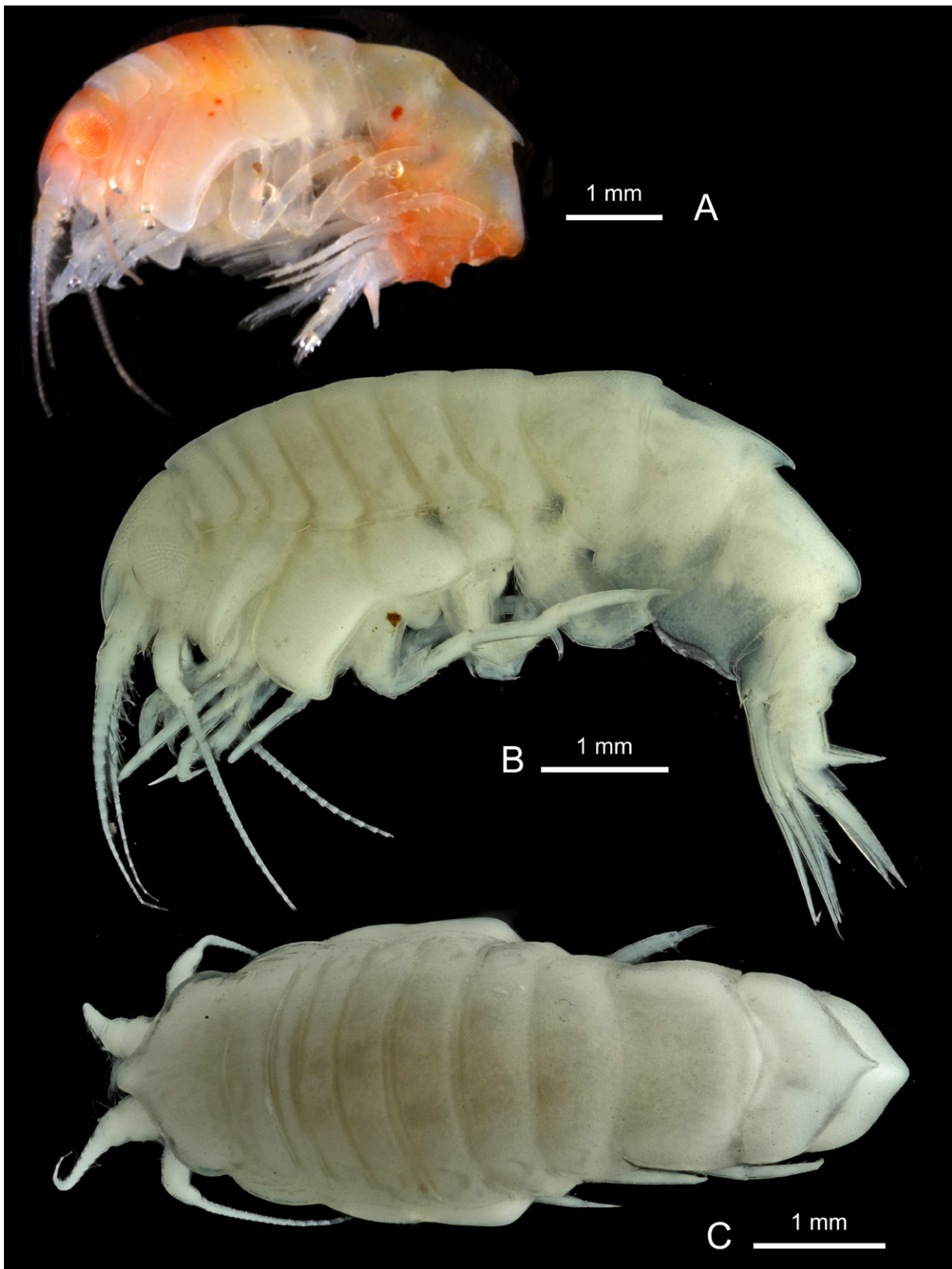


Fig. 299. *Epimeria (Subepimeria) iota* sp. nov., sex undetermined, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 197-6, RBINS, INV. 122947. A. Colour in life. B. Lateral habitus. C. Dorsal habitus.

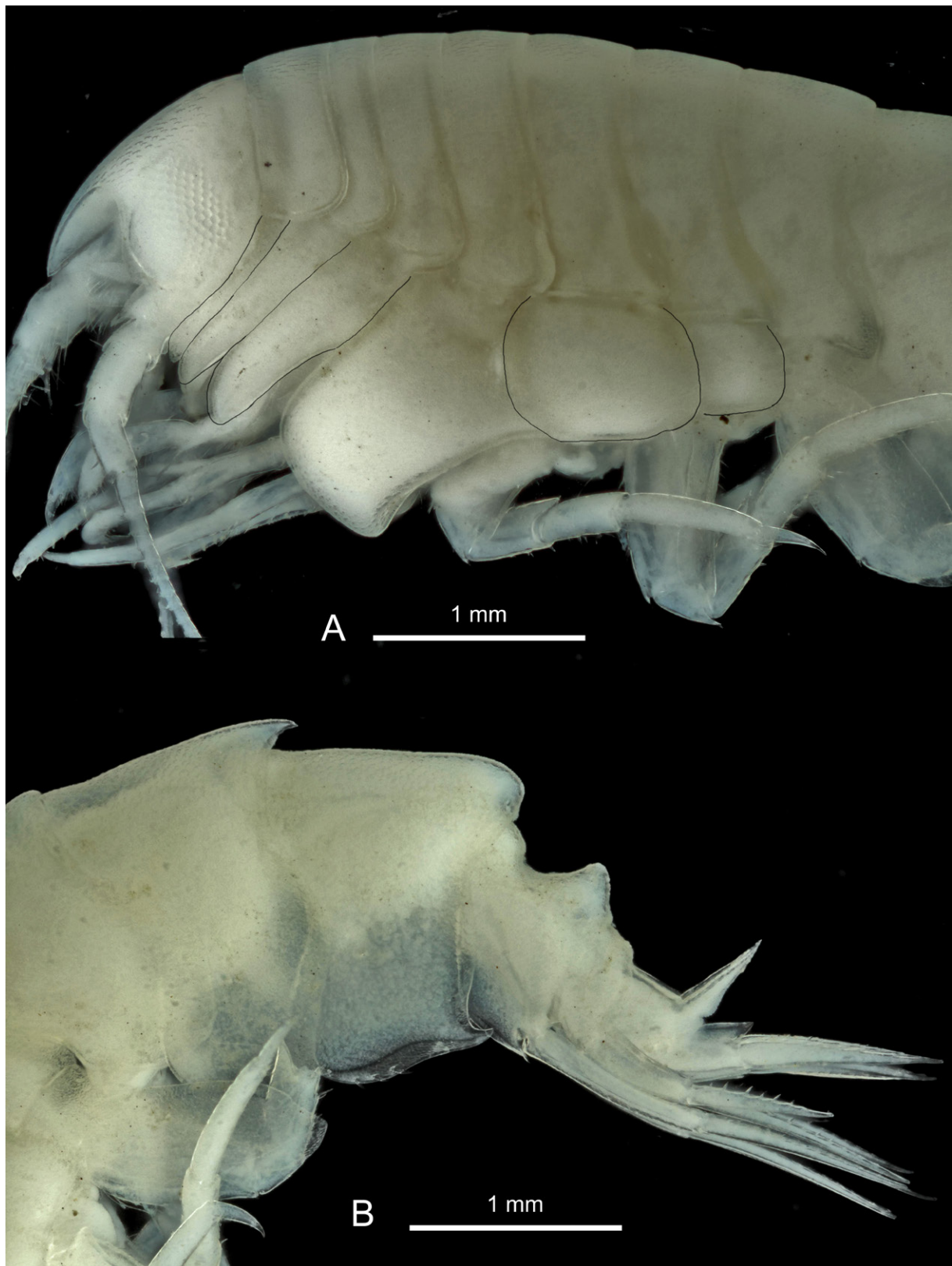


Fig. 300. *Epimeria (Subepimeria) iota* sp. nov., sex undetermined, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 197-6, RBINS, INV. 122947. **A.** Anterior half. **B.** Posterior half.

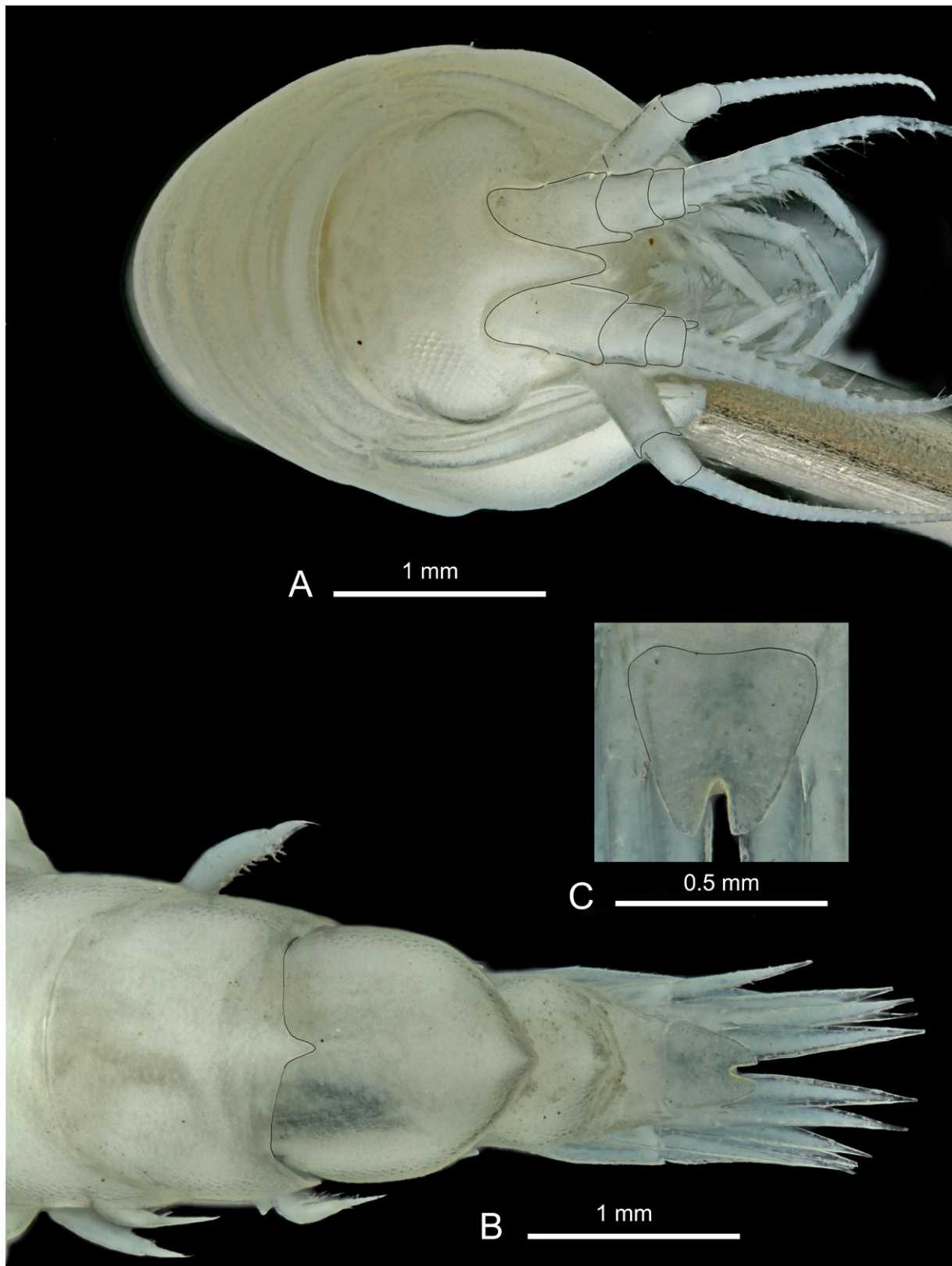


Fig. 301. *Epimeria (Subepimeria) iota* sp. nov., sex undetermined, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 197-6, RBINS, INV. 122947. **A.** Frontal view. **B.** Urosome in dorsal view. **C.** Telson.

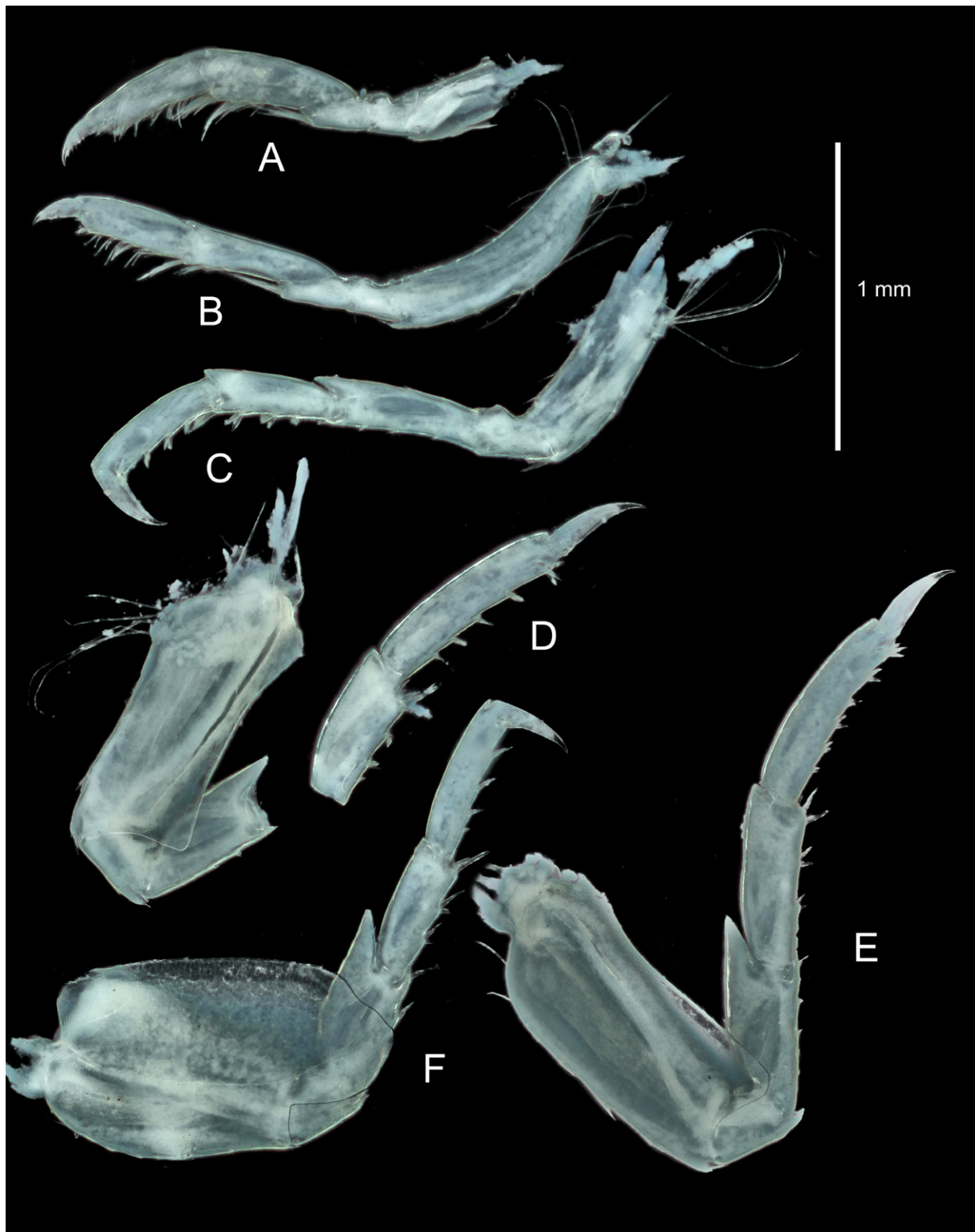


Fig. 302. *Epimeria (Subepimeria) iota* sp. nov., sex undetermined, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 197-6, RBINS, INV. 122947. A. Gnathopod 1. B. Gnathopod 2. C. Pereiopod 4. D. Pereiopod 5. E. Pereiopod 6. F. Pereiopod 7.

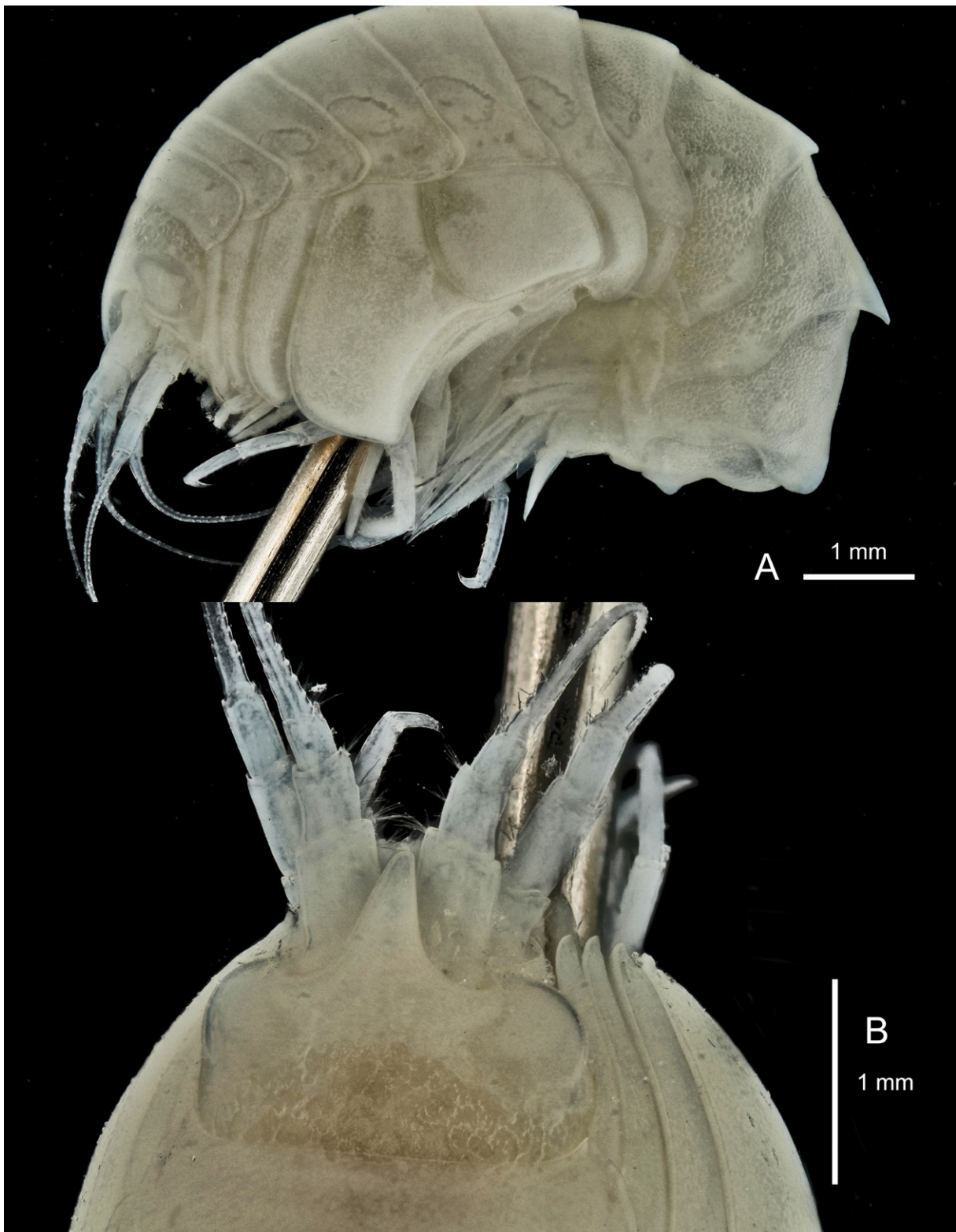


Fig. 303. *Epimeria (Subepimeria) iota* sp. nov., sex undetermined, paratype, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-3, RBINS, INV. 122519. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Head in facial view.

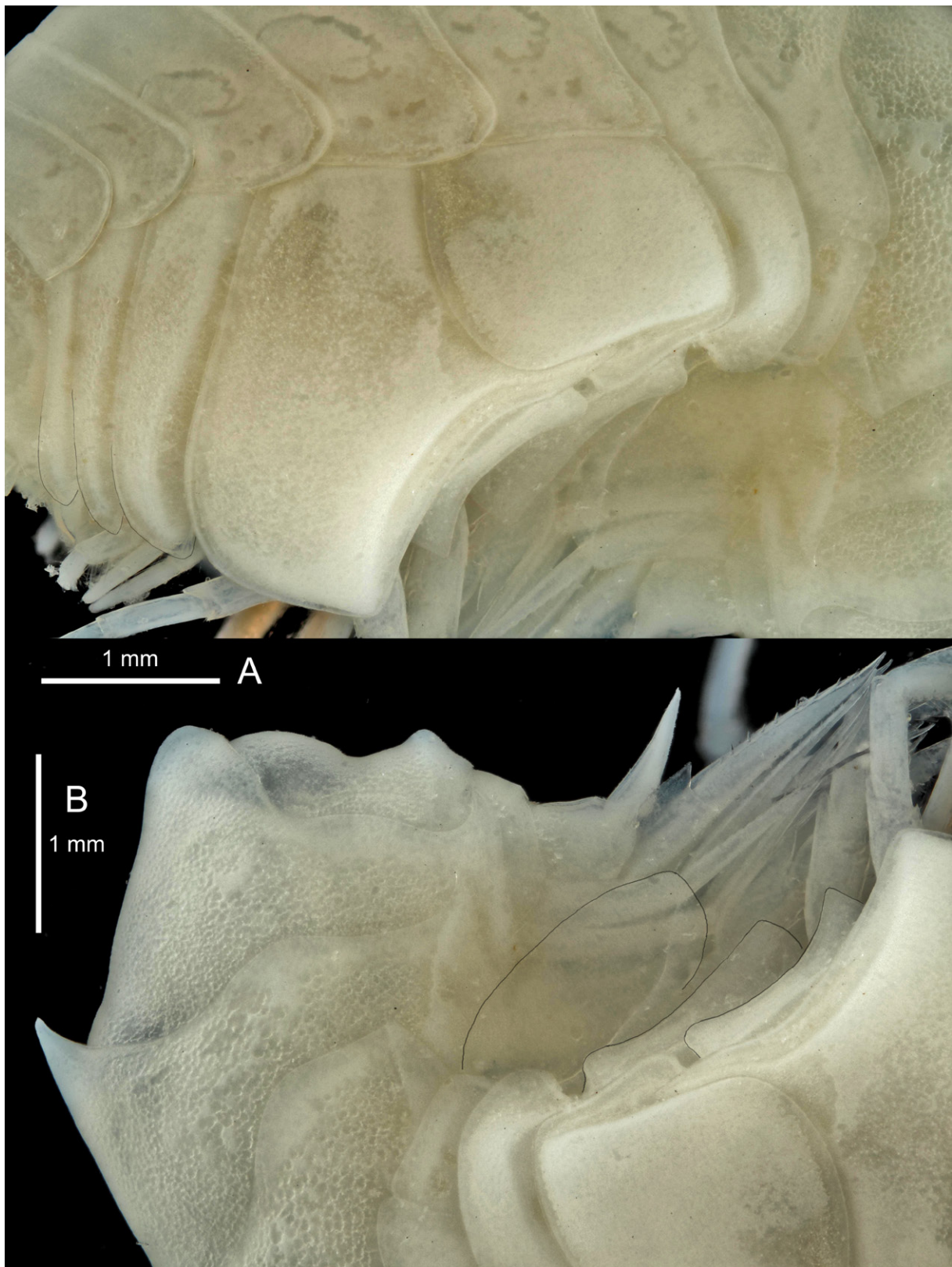


Fig. 304. *Epimeria (Subepimeria) iota* sp. nov., sex undetermined, paratype, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 605-3, RBINS, INV. 122519. A. Coxae 1–7. B. Posterior part of body.

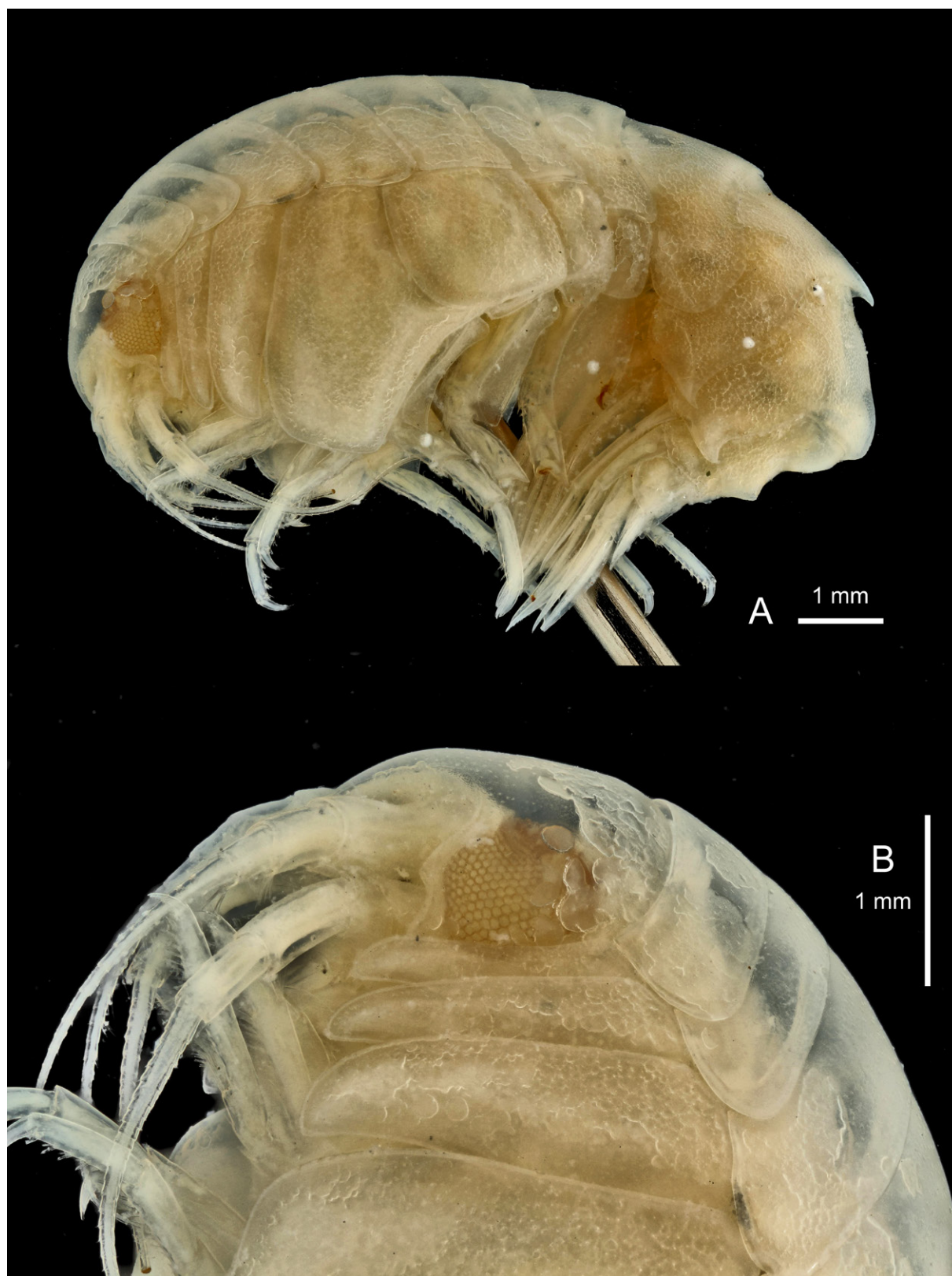


Fig. 305. *Epimeria (Subepimeria) iota* sp. nov., sex undetermined, paratype, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, RBINS, INV. 122525. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Head and body segments 1–3 in lateral view.



Fig. 306. *Epimeria (Subepimeria) iota* sp. nov., sex undetermined, paratype, Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 614-3/4/5, RBINS, INV. 122525. **A.** Coxae 1–7. **B.** Basis of pereopods 5–7.

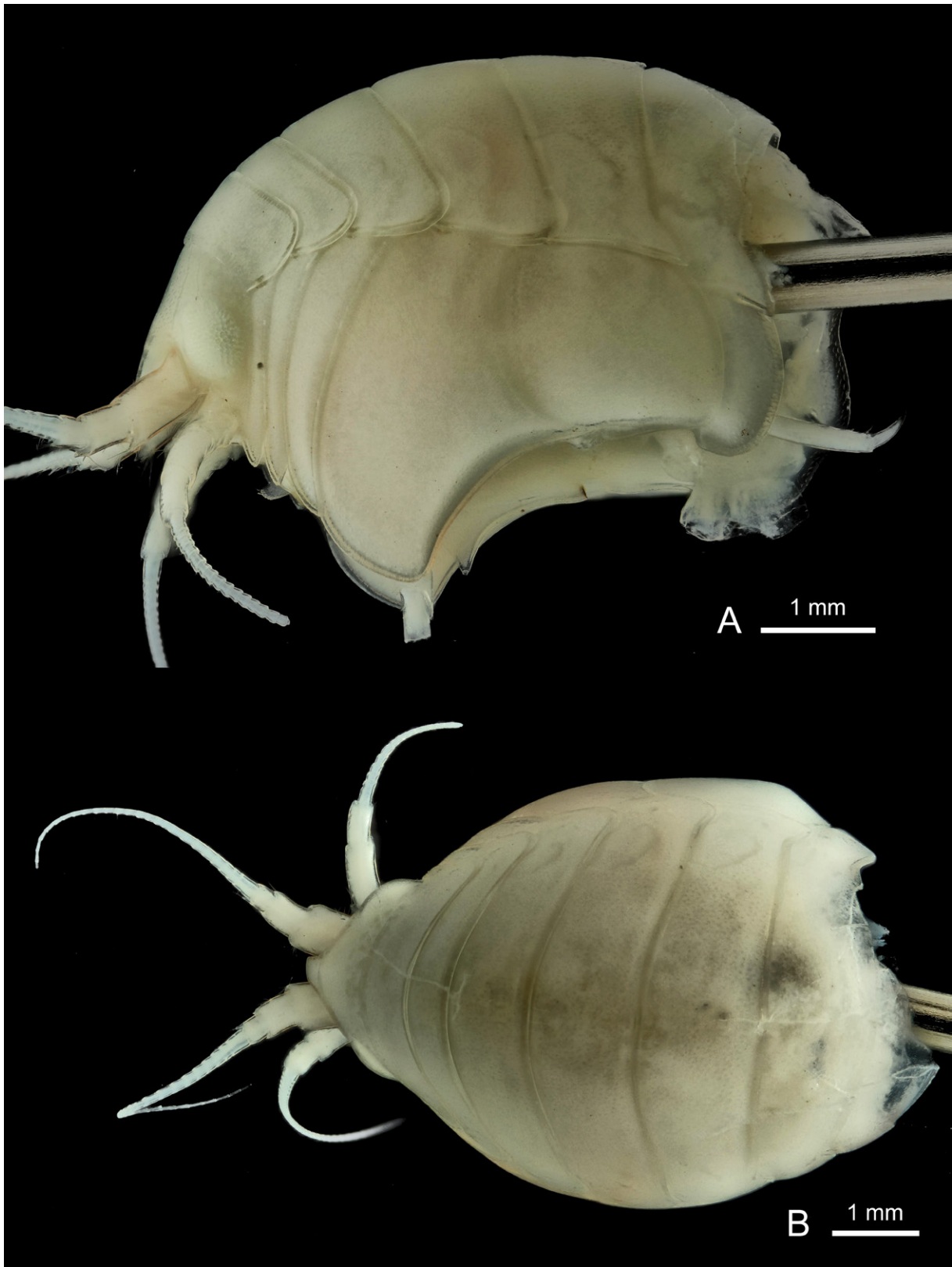


Fig. 307. *Epimeria* (*Subepimeria*) *teres* sp. nov., sex undetermined, holotype, Larsen B, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 248-2, RBINS, INV. 132951. **A.** Anterior half of body in lateral view. **B.** Anterior part of body in dorsal view.

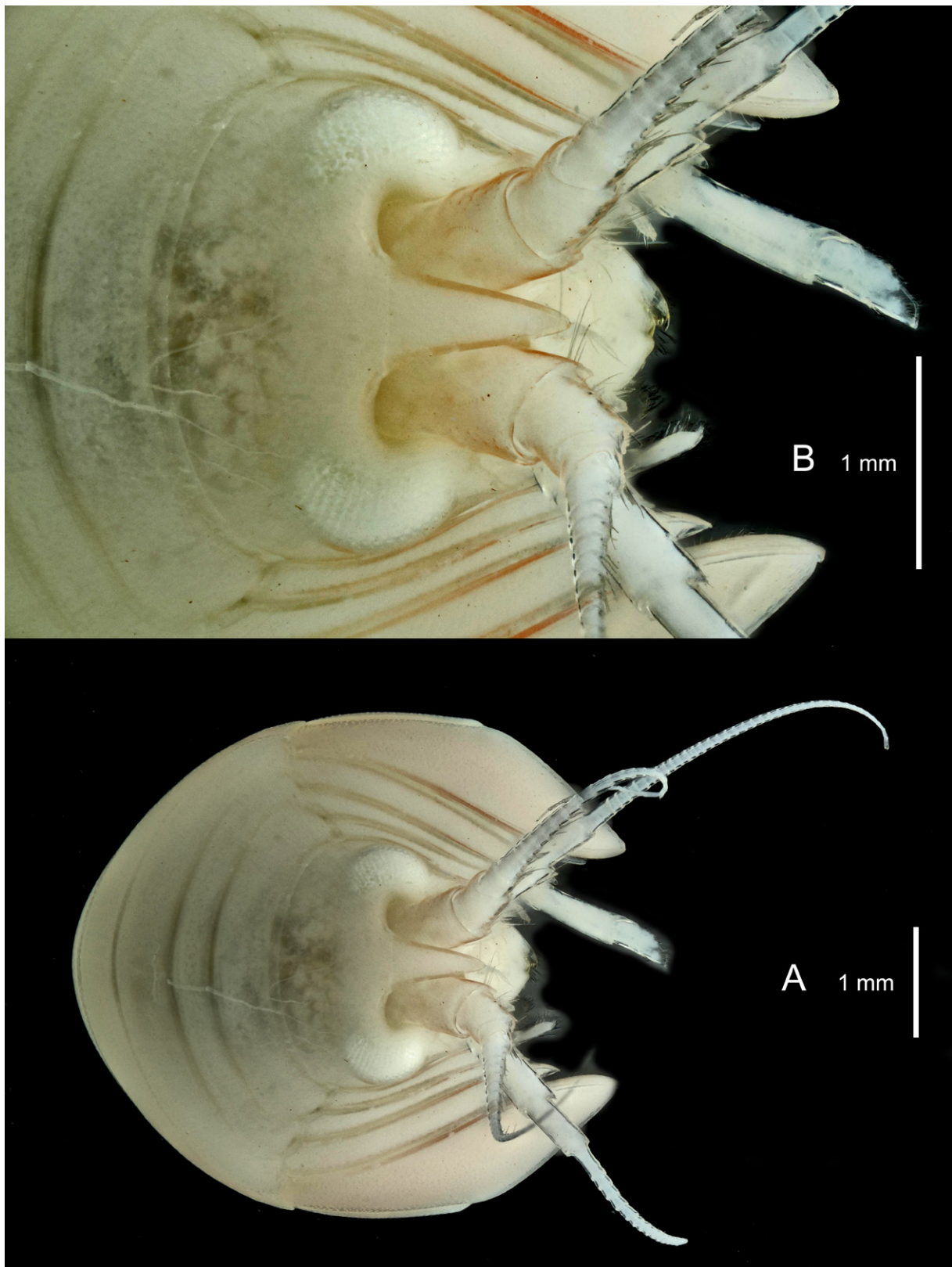


Fig. 308. *Epimeria (Subepimeria) teres* sp. nov., sex undetermined, holotype, Larsen B, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 248-2, RBINS, INV. 132951. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Head in facial view.



Fig. 309. *Epimeria (Subepimeria) teres* sp. nov., sex undetermined, holotype, Larsen B, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 248-2, RBINS, INV. 132951. **A.** Pleonites 1–2, fragments (left arrow: middle of posterior border of pleonite 1, which is longitudinally split in two; right arrow: putative posterodorsal tooth of pleonite 2). **B.** Epimera 1. **C.** Epimera 2. **D.** Pleonite 3 and urosome.

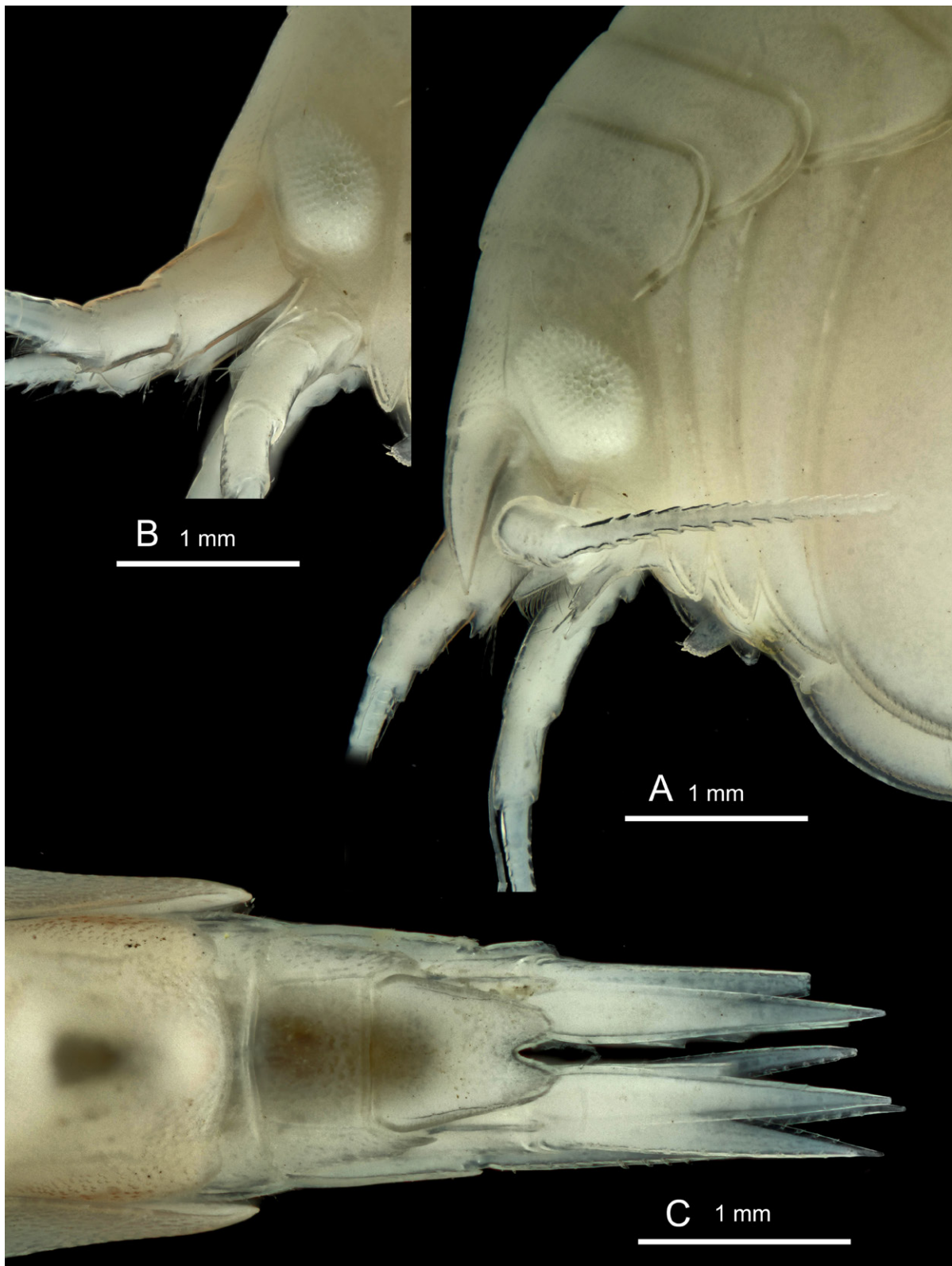


Fig. 310. *Epimeria (Subepimeria) teres* sp. nov., sex undetermined, holotype, Larsen B, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 248-2, RBINS, INV. 132951. **A.** Head and body segments 1–3 in lateral view (antenna 1 removed on one side to make the rostrum visible). **B.** Head in lateral view with antenna 1 before removal. **C.** Urosome in dorsal view.

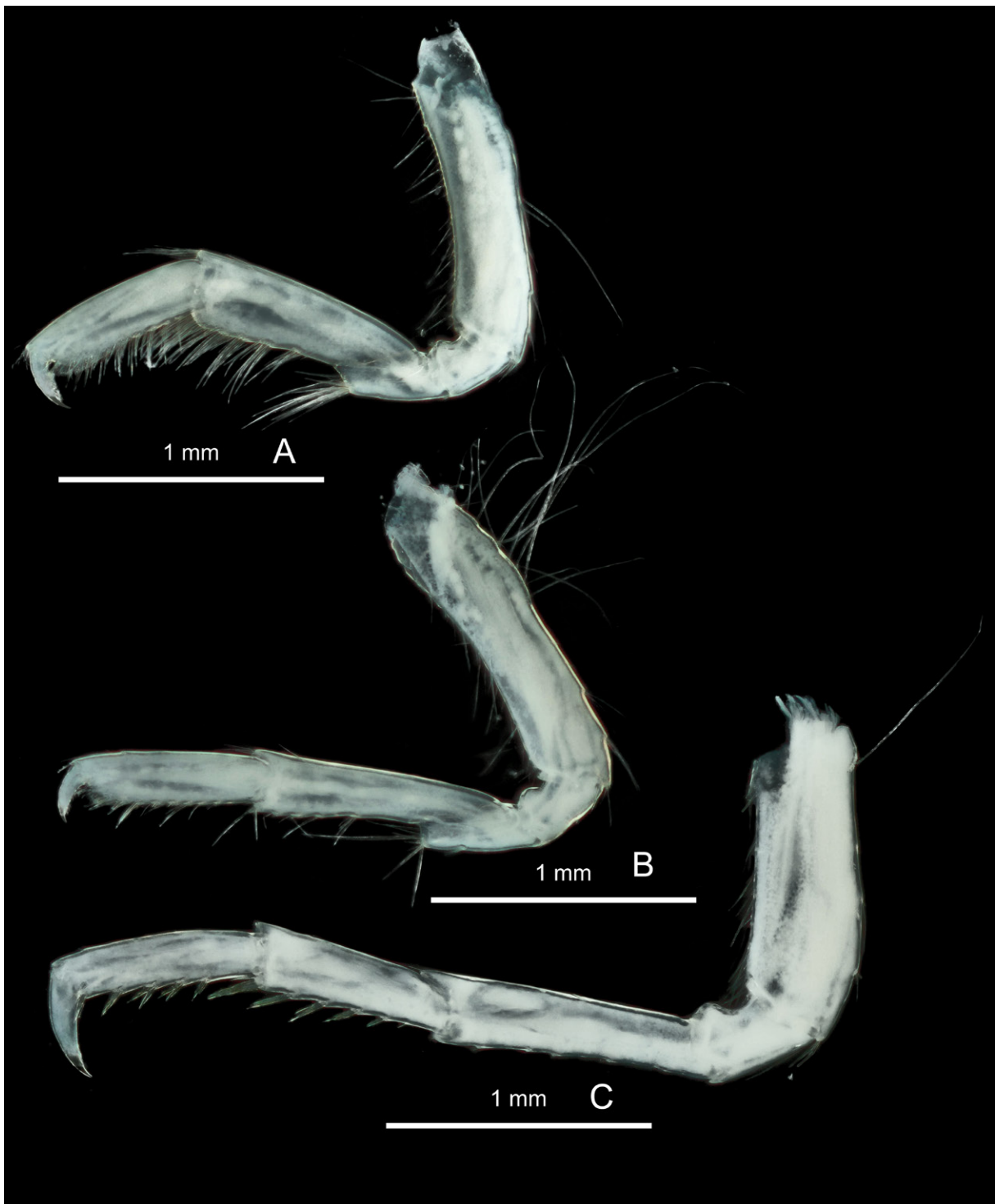


Fig. 311. *Epimeria* (*Subepimeria*) *teres* sp. nov., sex undetermined, holotype, western Weddell Sea, Larsen B, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 248-2, RBINS, INV. 132951. **A.** Gnathopod 1. **B.** Gnathopod 2. **C.** Pereiopod 3 or 4.

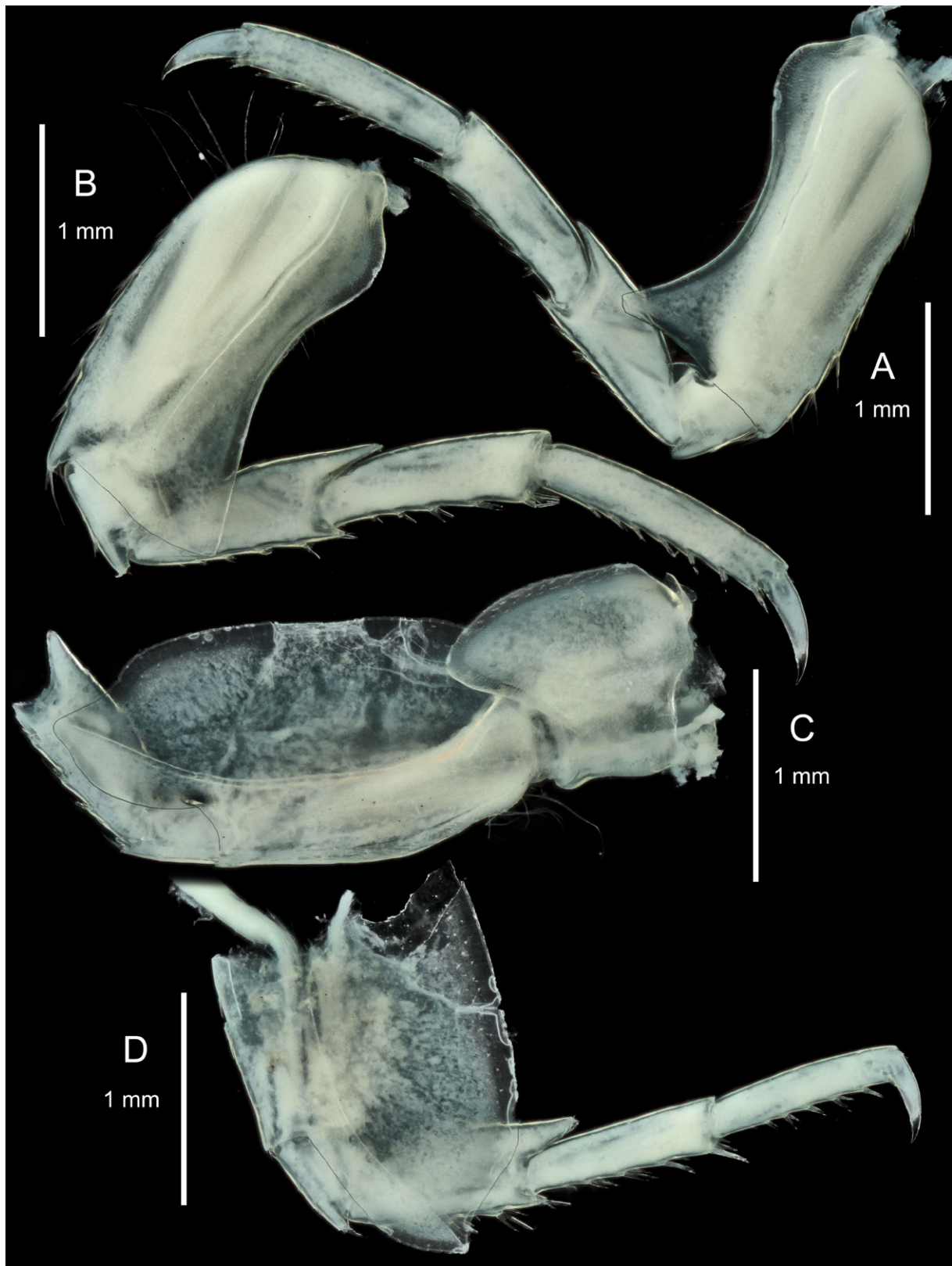


Fig. 312. *Epimeria (Subepimeria) teres* sp. nov., sex undetermined, holotype, Larsen B, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 248-2, RBINS, INV. 132951. A. Right pereopod 5. B. Left pereopod 6. C. Right pereopod 7. D. Left pereopod 7.



Fig. 313. *Epimeria (Subepimeria) teres* sp. nov., sex undetermined, juvenile paratype, Larsen B, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 248-2, RBINS, INV. 122896. **A.** Anterior part. **B.** Posterior part.

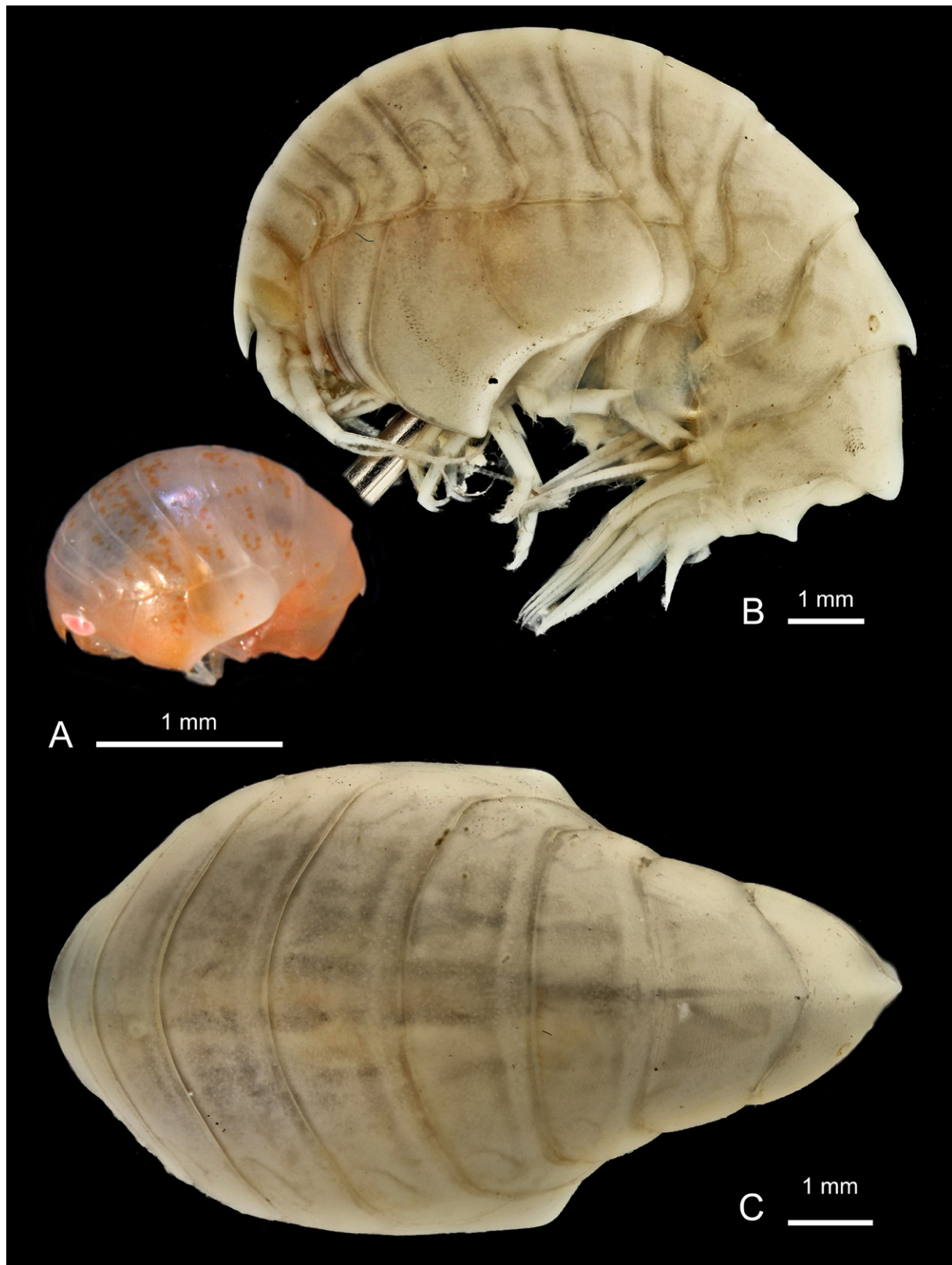


Fig. 314. *Epimeria (Subepimeria) urvillei* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Adélie Coast, REVO_477, MNHN-IU-2009-2578. A. Lateral habitus, colour in life. B. Lateral habitus C. Dorsal habitus. Colour photograph: Cyril Gallut (MNHN).

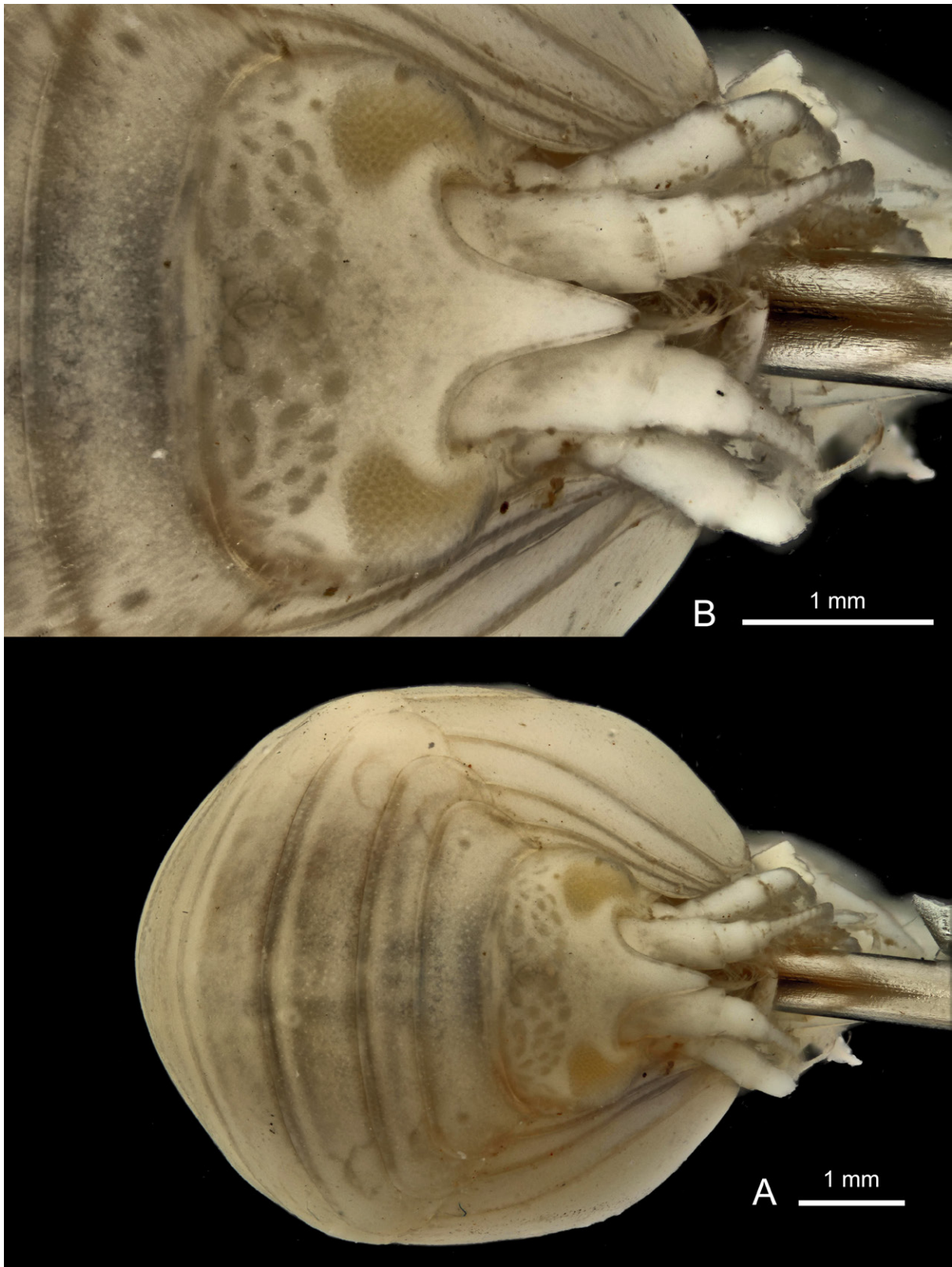


Fig. 315. *Epimeria (Subepimeria) urvillei* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Adélie Coast, REVO_477, MNHN-IU-2009-2578. A. Facial habitus. B. Head in facial view.

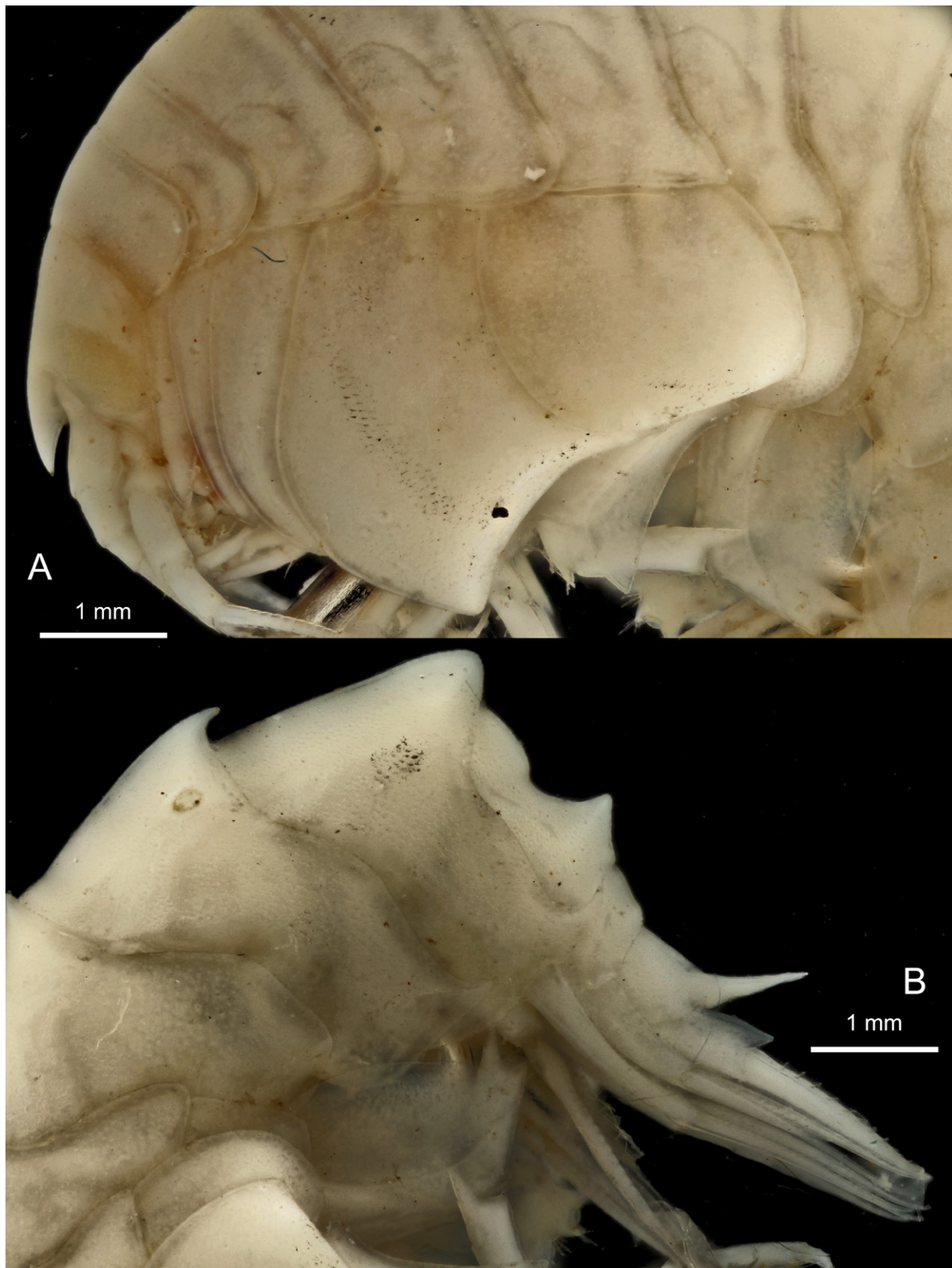


Fig. 316. *Epimeria (Subepimeria) urvillei* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Adélie Coast, REVO_477, MNHN-IU-2009-2578. **A.** Anterior half of body. **B.** Posterior half of body.



Fig. 317. *Epimeria (Subepimeria) urvillei* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Adélie Coast, REVO_477, MNHN-IU-2009-2578. A. Head and body segments 1–3 in lateral view. B. Urosome in dorsal view. C. Telson in dorsal view.



Fig. 318. *Epimeria* (*Subepimeria*) *urvillei* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Adélie Coast, REVO_477, MNHN-IU-2009-2578. **A.** Gnathopod 1. **B.** Gnathopod 2.

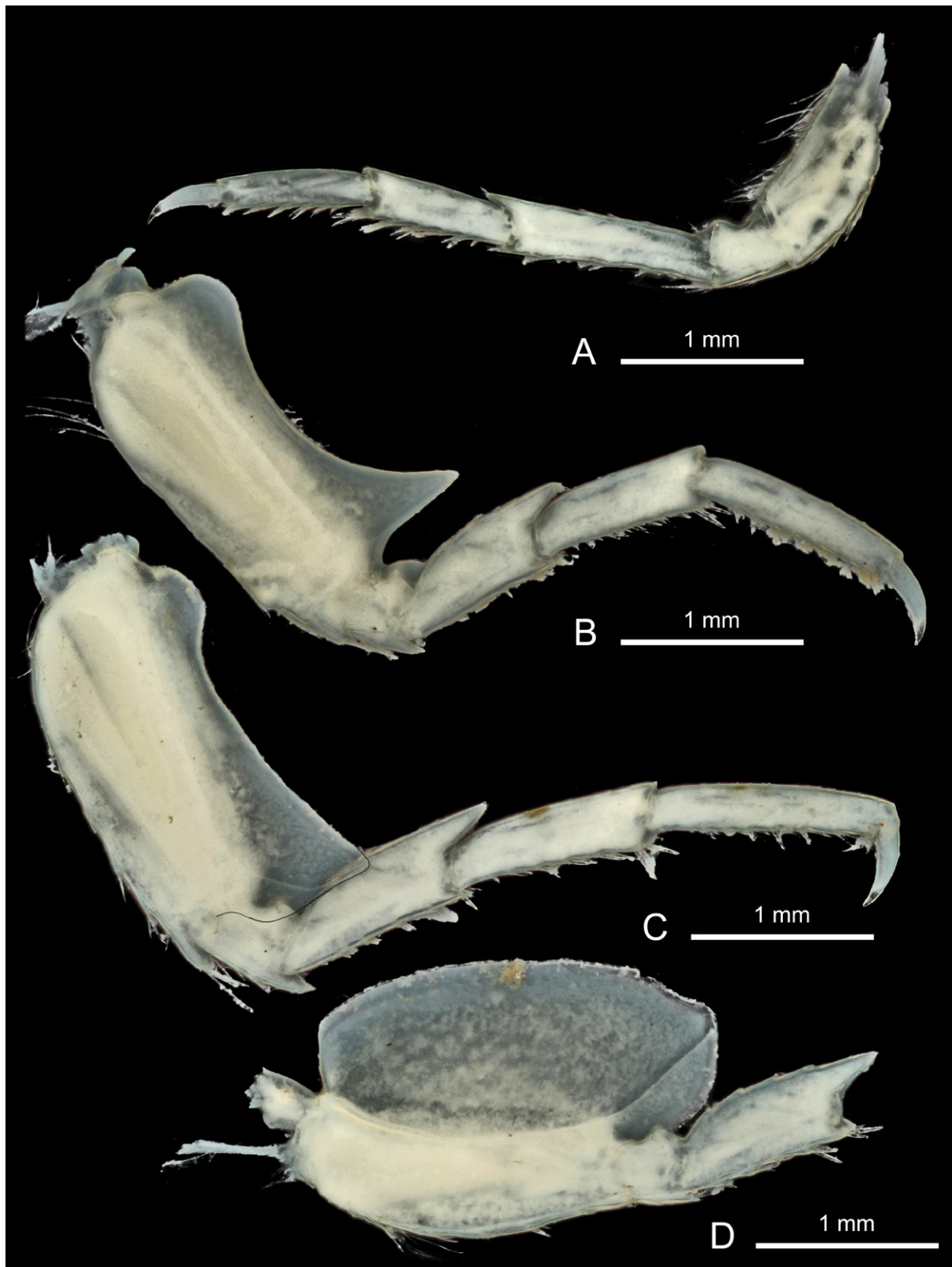


Fig. 319. *Epimeria (Subepimeria) urvillei* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Adélie Coast, REVO_477, MNHN-IU-2009-2578. A. Pereiopod 4. B. Pereiopod 5. C. Pereiopod 6. D. Pereiopod 7.



Fig. 320. *Epimeria (Urepimeria) annabellae* subgen. nov. Coleman, 1994, sex undetermined, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 260-6, RBINS, INV. 132952. Lateral habitus (colour in life). Photograph: Armin Rose.

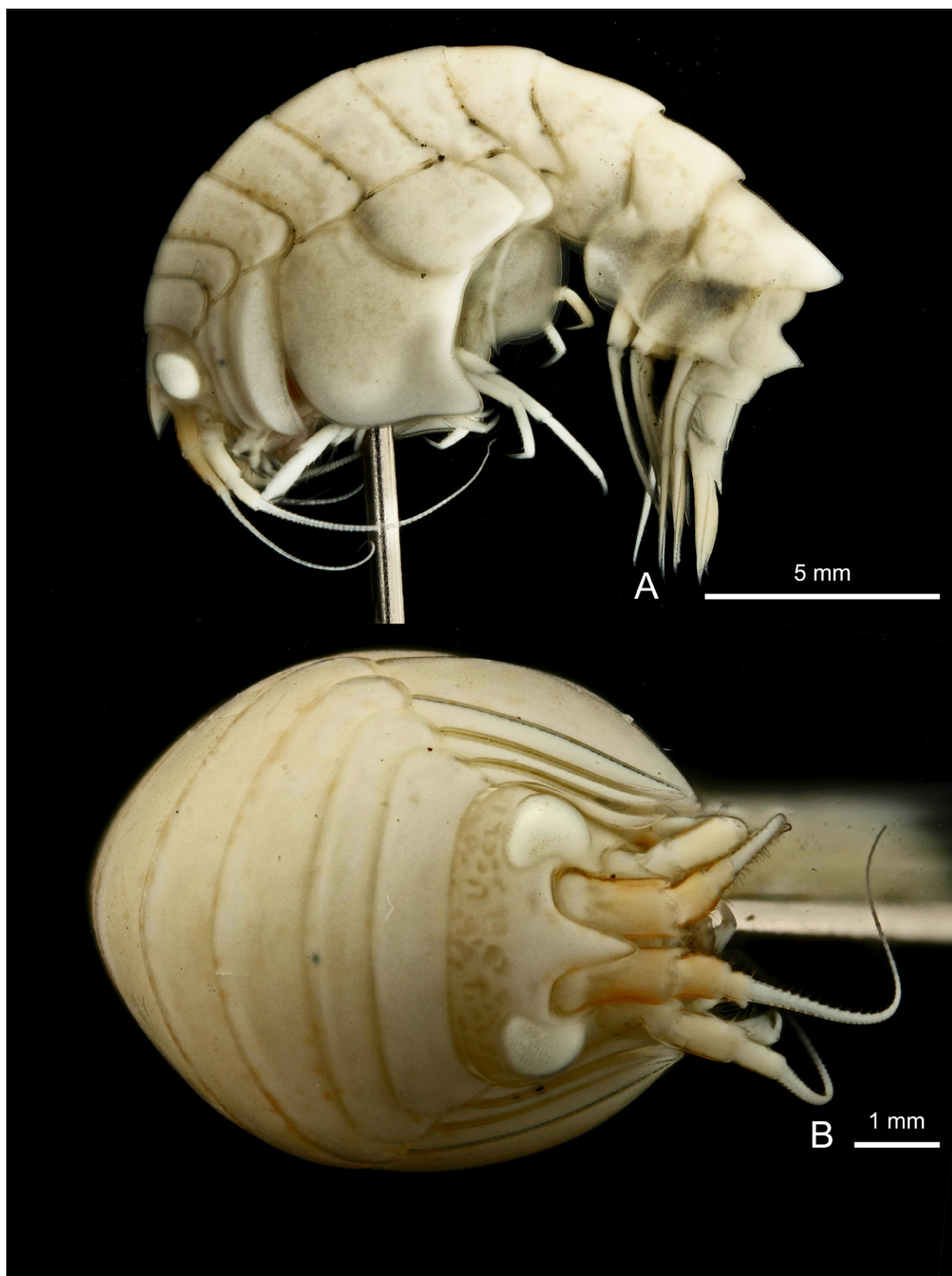


Fig. 321. *Epimeria (Urepimeria) annabellae* subgen. nov. Coleman, 1994, sex undetermined, eastern Weddell Sea, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 260-6, RBINS, INV. 132952. A. Lateral habitus. B. Frontal habitus.



Fig. 322. *Acanthonotozomoides oatesi* (K.H. Barnard, 1930). Sex undetermined, adult specimen, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 197-6, RBINS, INV. 122868. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus (colour in life).

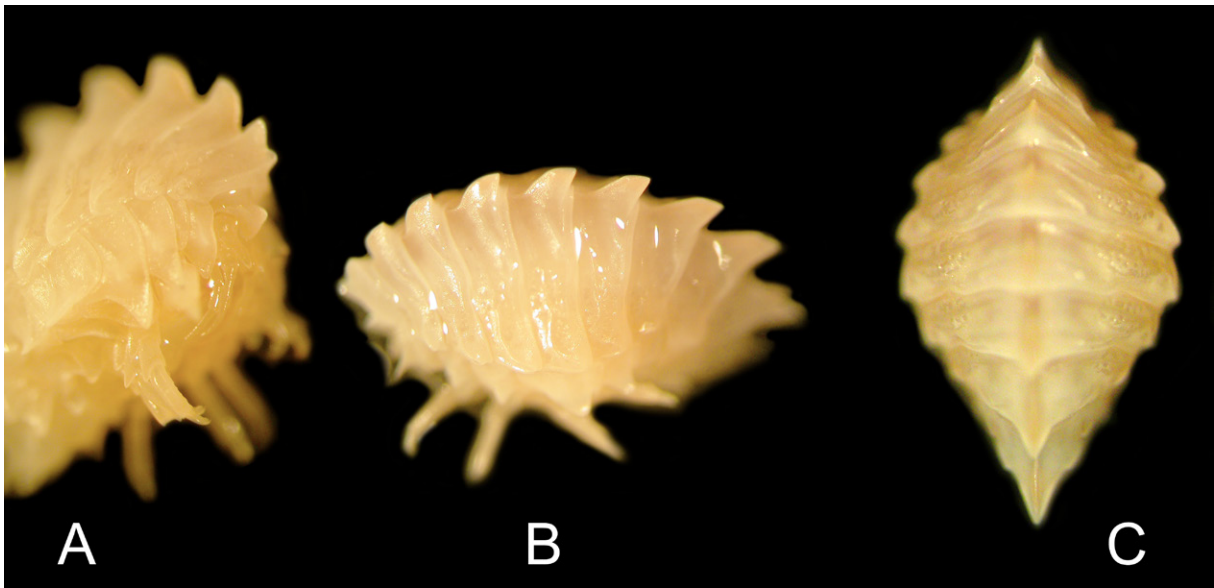


Fig. 323. *Dikwa andresi* Lörz & Coleman, 2003, Sex undetermined, Burdwood Bank, ANT-XXVII/3, CAMBIO, stn 208-2, RBINS, INV. 132666. **A.** Semi-facial view. **B.** Semi-lateral view. **C.** Dorsal view (colour in life). Photographs: H. Robert and C. Havermans.



Fig. 324. *Alexandrella chione* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 227-2, Bransfield Strait, RBINS, INV. 122887. **A.** Lateral habitus. **B.** Dorsal habitus. **C.** Lateral habitus (colour in life).

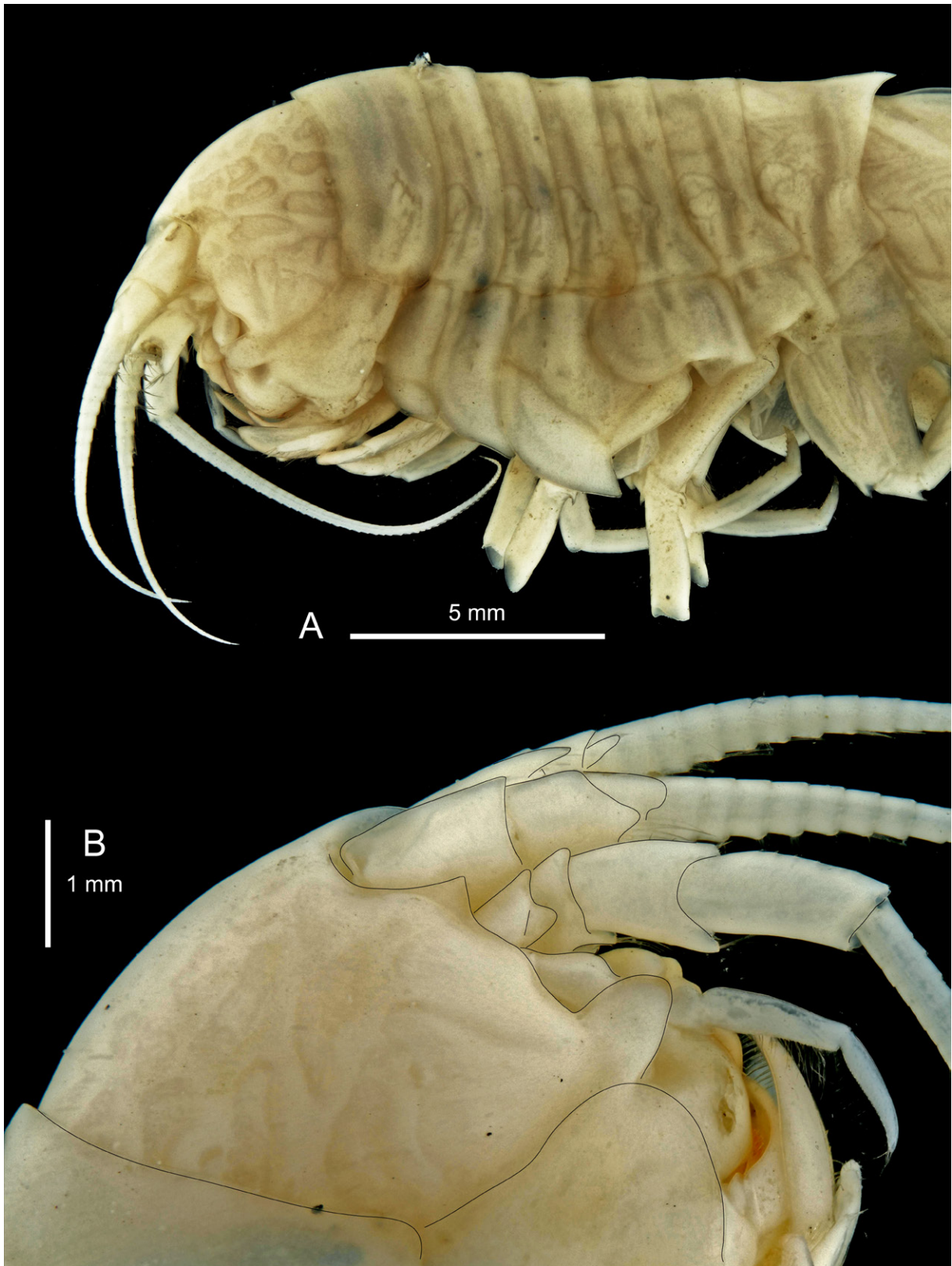


Fig. 325. *Alexandrella chione* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 227-2, RBINS, INV. 122887. **A.** Head and pereon. **B.** Head and peduncle of antennae (lateral view).

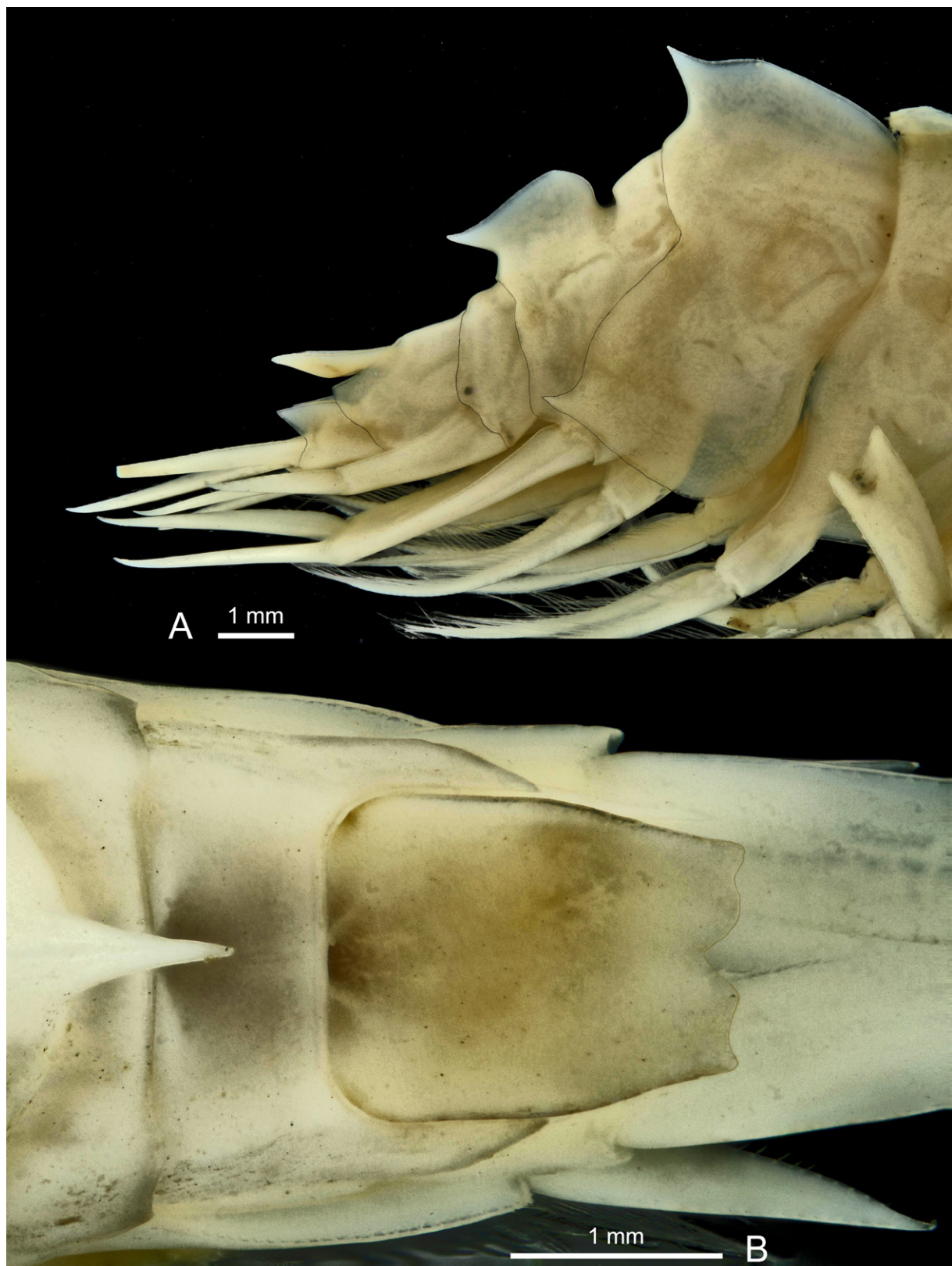


Fig. 326. *Alexandrella chione* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 227-2, RBINS, INV. 122887. **A.** Pleonite 3 and urosome in lateral view. **B.** Telson in dorsal view.

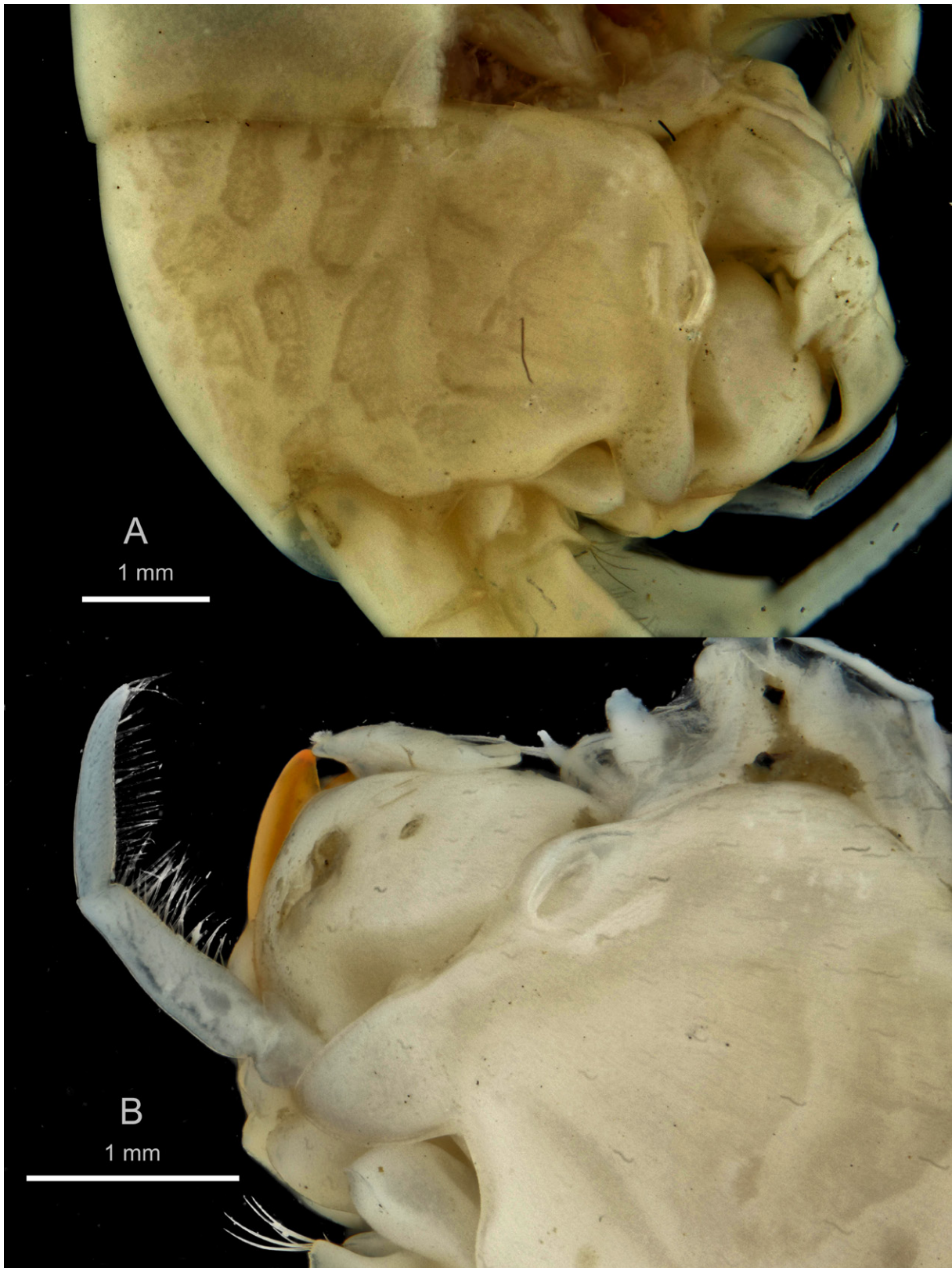


Fig. 327. *Alexandrella chione* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 227-2, RBINS, INV. 122887. **A.** Head in lateral view. **B.** Anterior part of head showing the mandibular palp in lateral view.

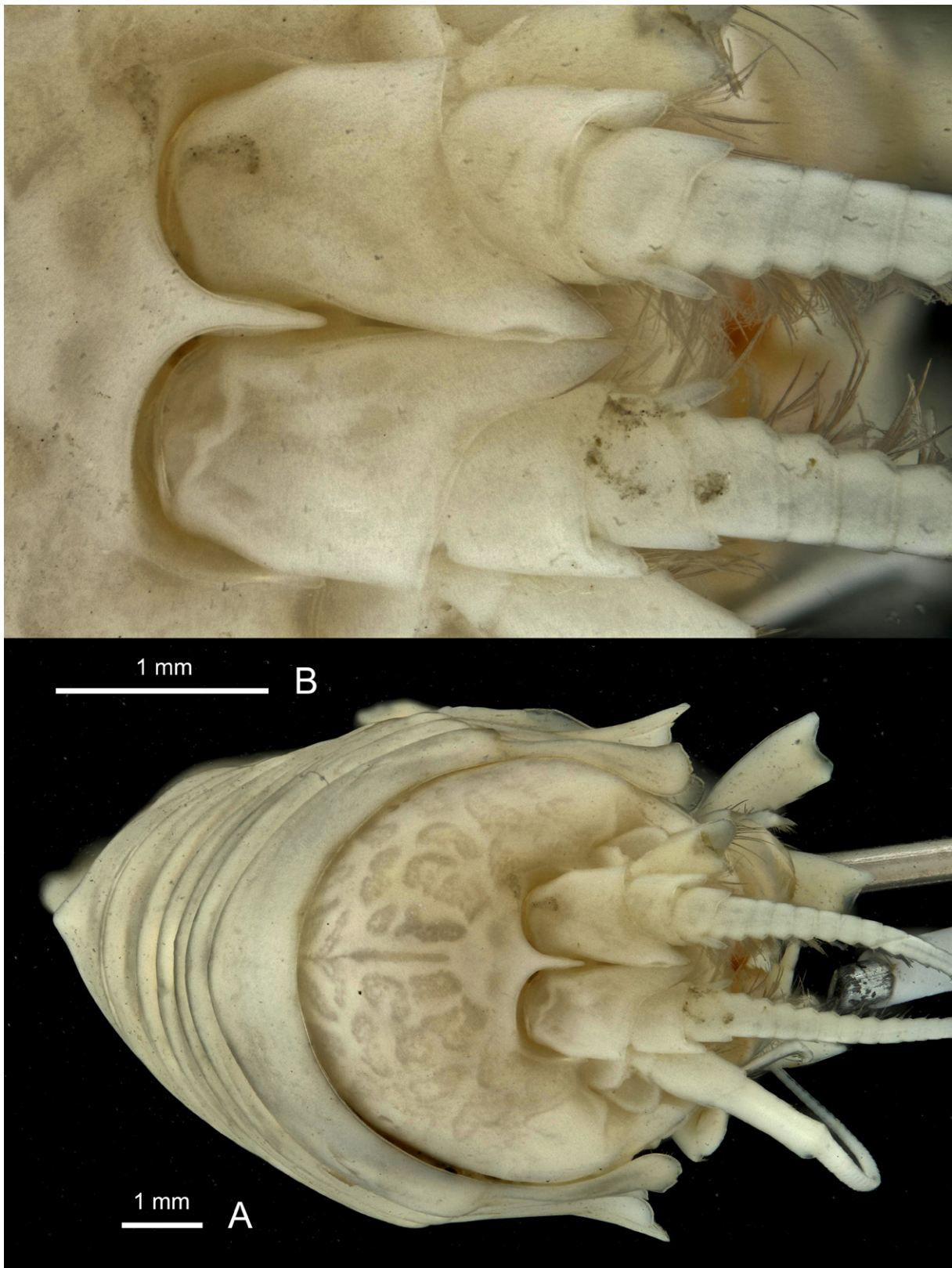


Fig. 328. *Alexandrella chione* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 227-2, RBINS, INV. 122887. **A.** Facial habitus. **B.** Rostrum and peduncles of antennae 1 in frontal view.

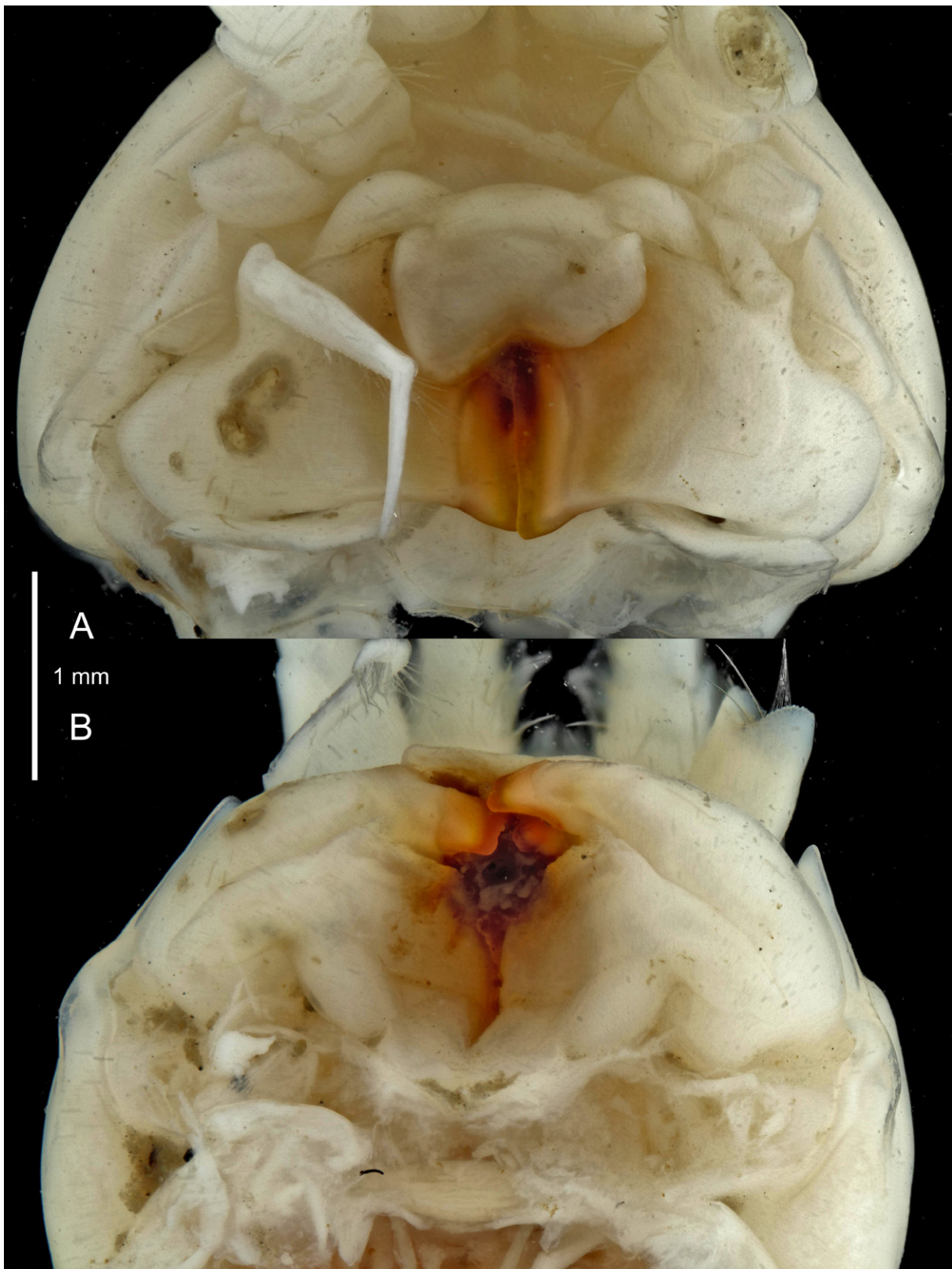


Fig. 329. *Alexandrella chione* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 227-2, RBINS, INV. 122887. **A.** Mandible and lips *in situ* (frontal view). **B.** Mandible and lips *in situ* (ventral view).

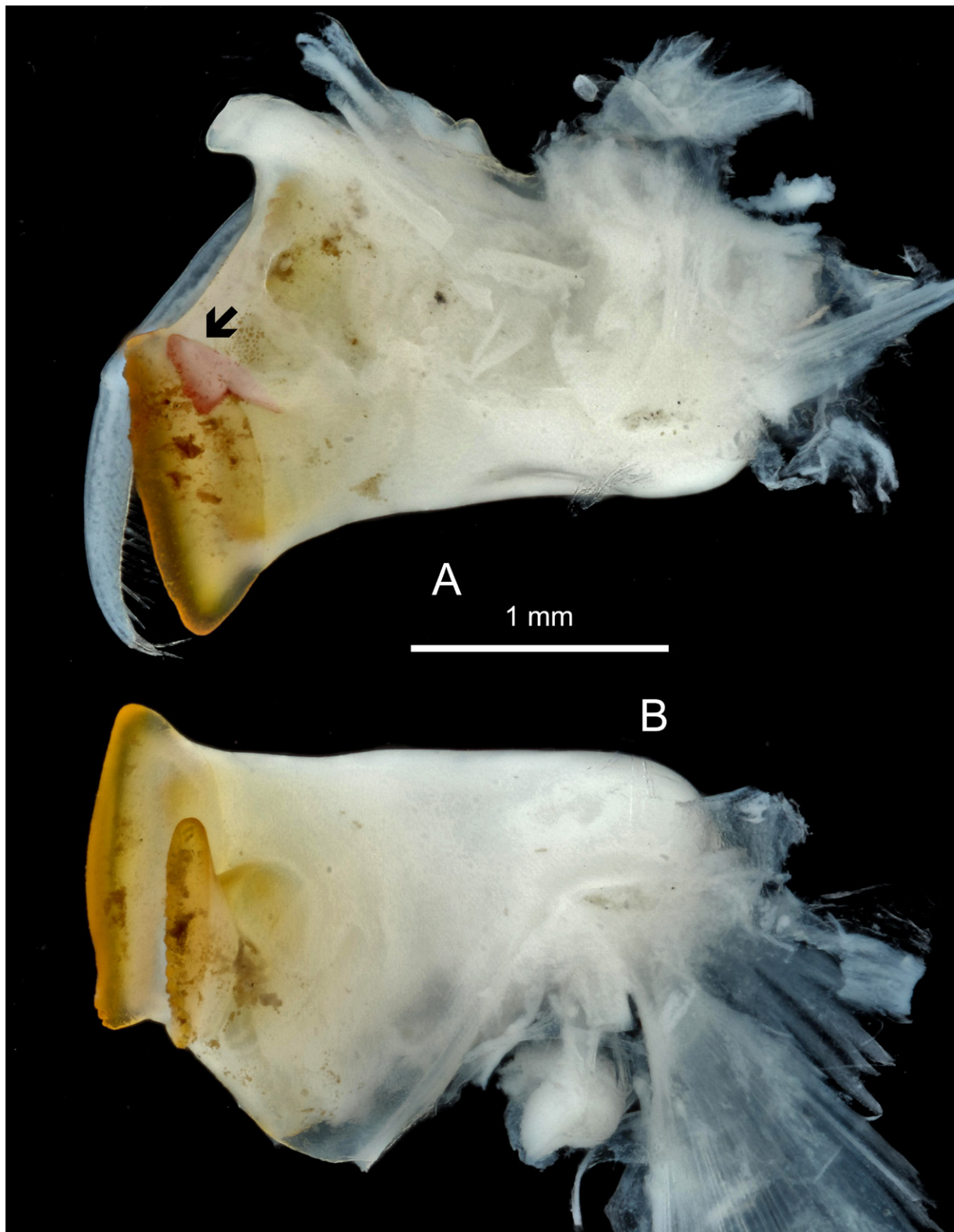


Fig. 330. *Alexandrella chione* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 227-2, RBINS, INV. 122887. **A.** Right mandible. **B.** Left mandible.

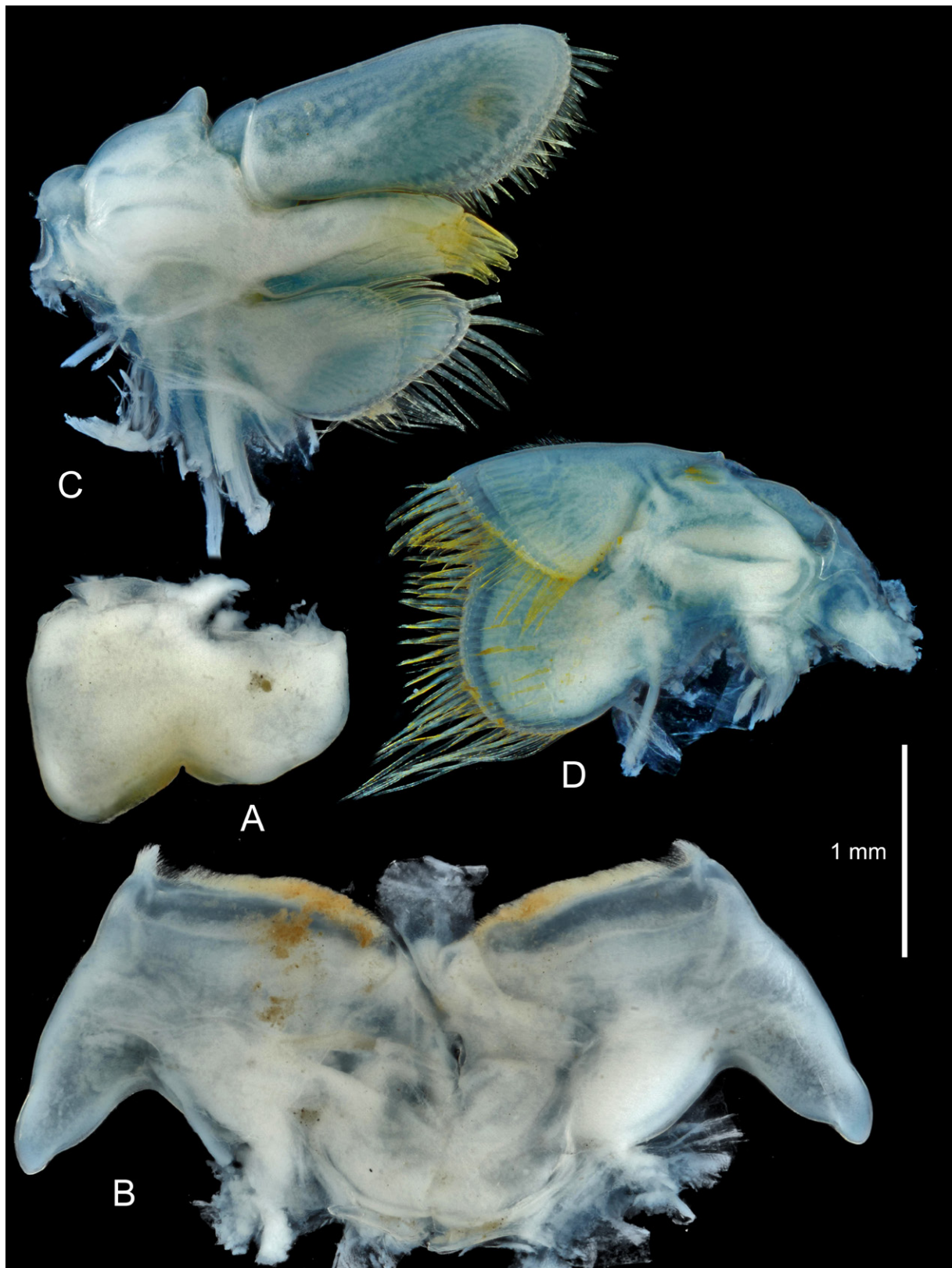


Fig. 331. *Alexandrella chione* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 227-2, RBINS, INV. 122887. A. Upper lip. B. Lower lip. C. Maxilla 1. D. Maxilla 2.



Fig. 332. *Alexandrella chione* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 227-2, RBINS, INV. 122887. **A.** Maxilliped (oral side). **B.** Maxilliped (facial side).

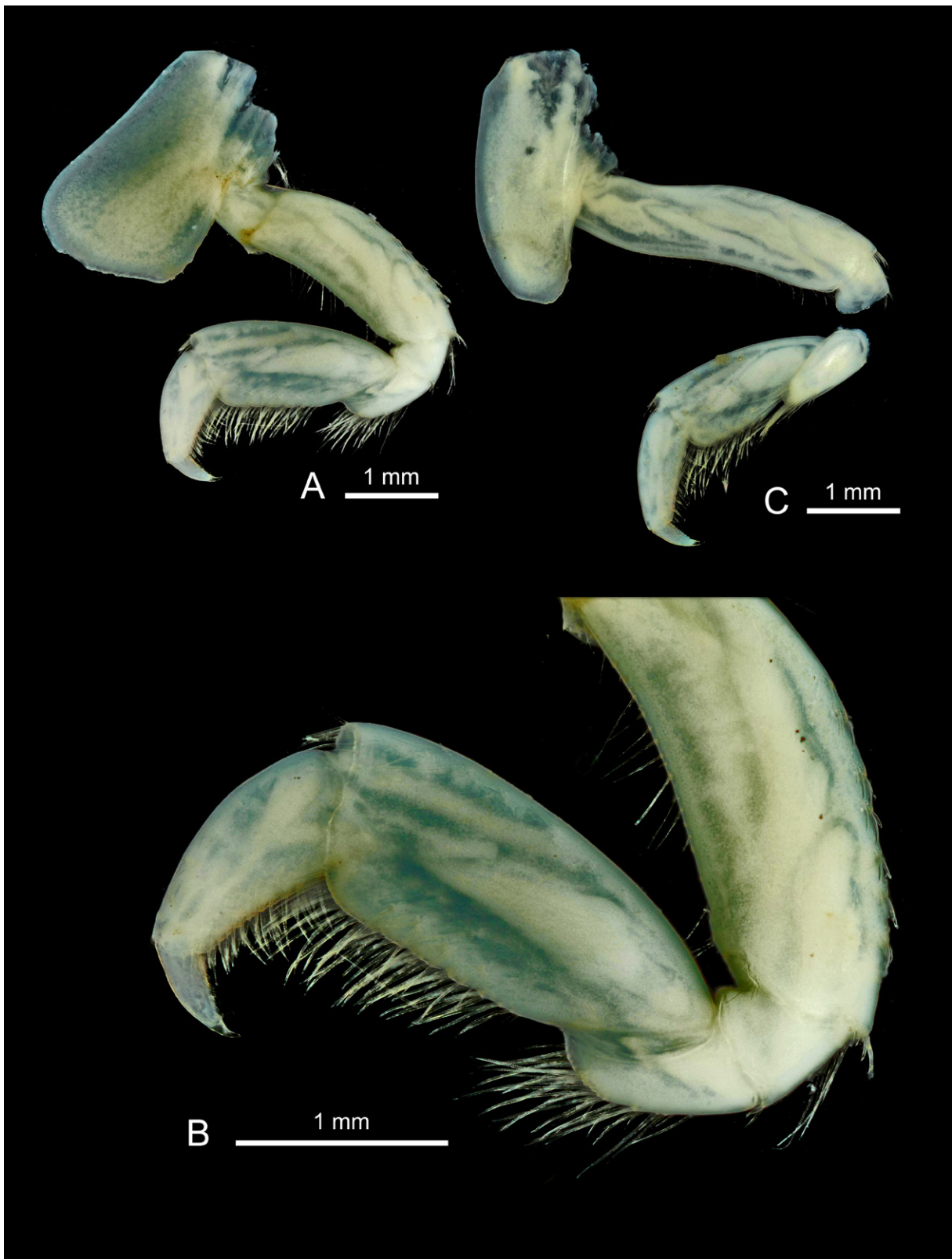


Fig. 333. *Alexandrella chione* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 227-2, RBINS, INV. 122887. A. Gnathopod 1. B. Gnathopod 1 (enlarged). C. Gnathopod 2.

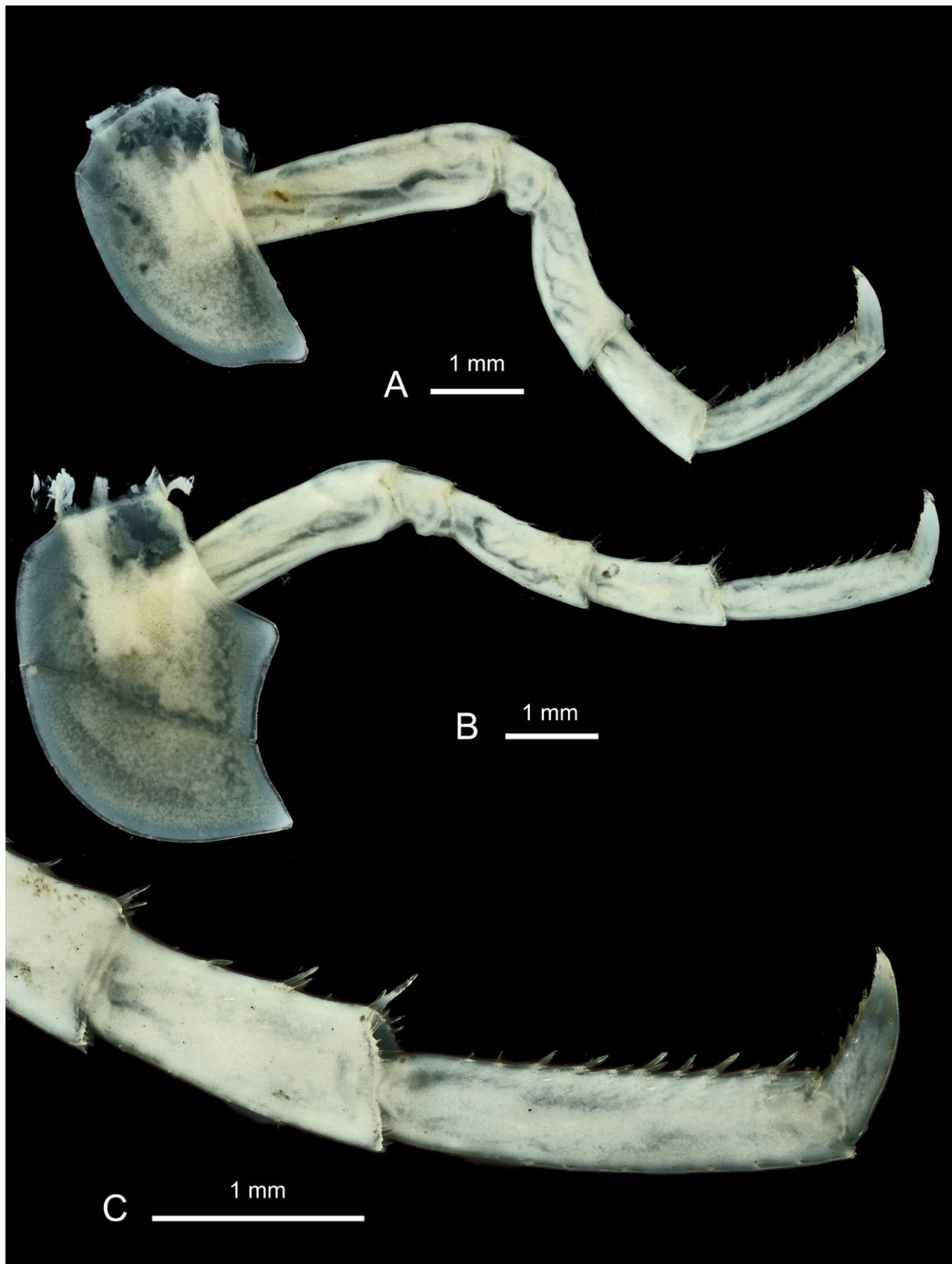


Fig. 334. *Alexandrella chione* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 227-2, RBINS, INV. 122887. **A.** Pereiopod 3. **B.** Pereiopod 4. **C.** Carpus, propodus and dactylus of pereiopod 4 (note the little teeth on the posterior border of the dactylus).

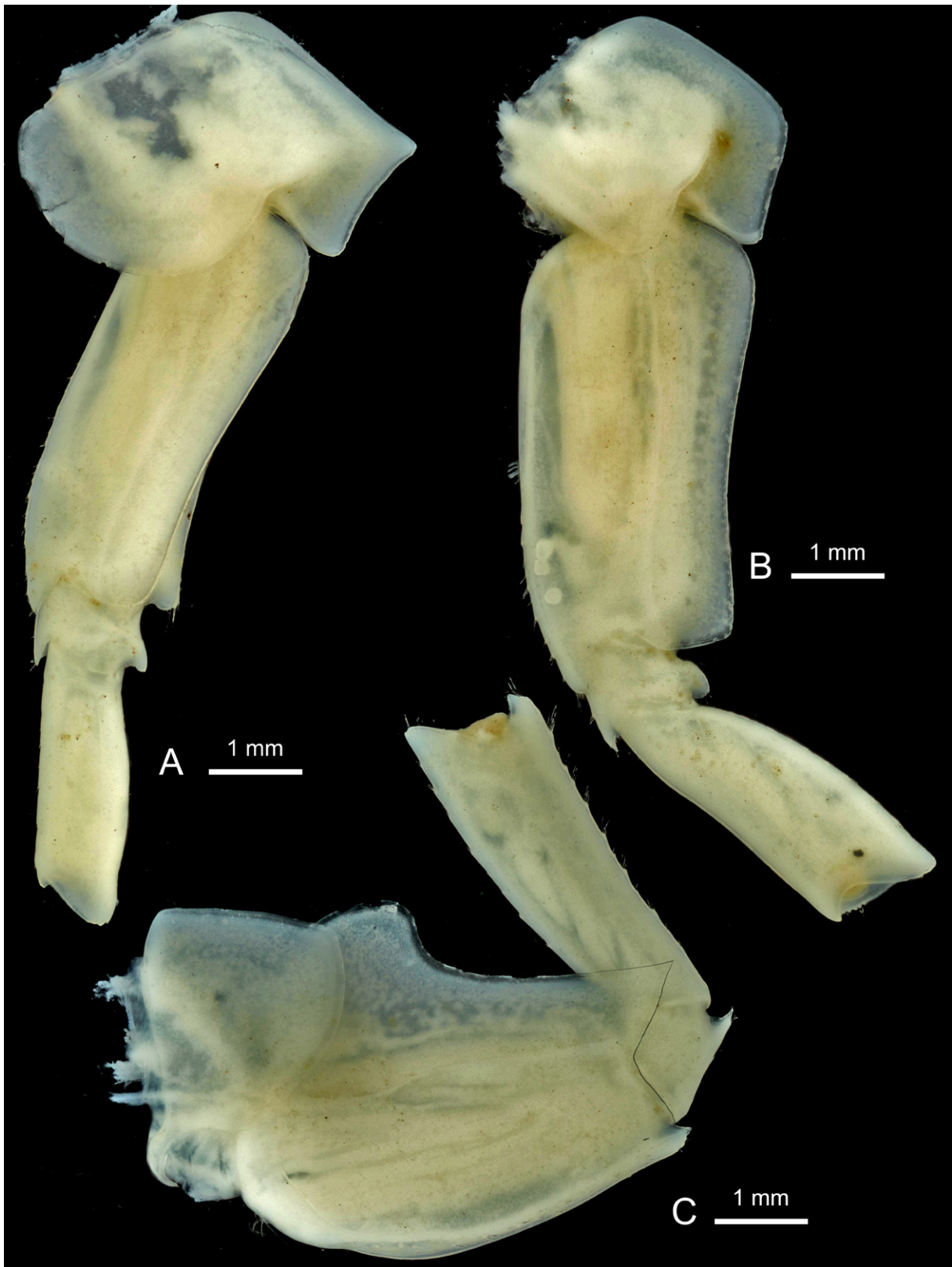


Fig. 335. *Alexandrella chione* sp. nov., ♀, holotype, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 227-2, RBINS, INV. 122887. A. Pereiopod 5. B. Pereiopod 6. C. Pereiopod 7.

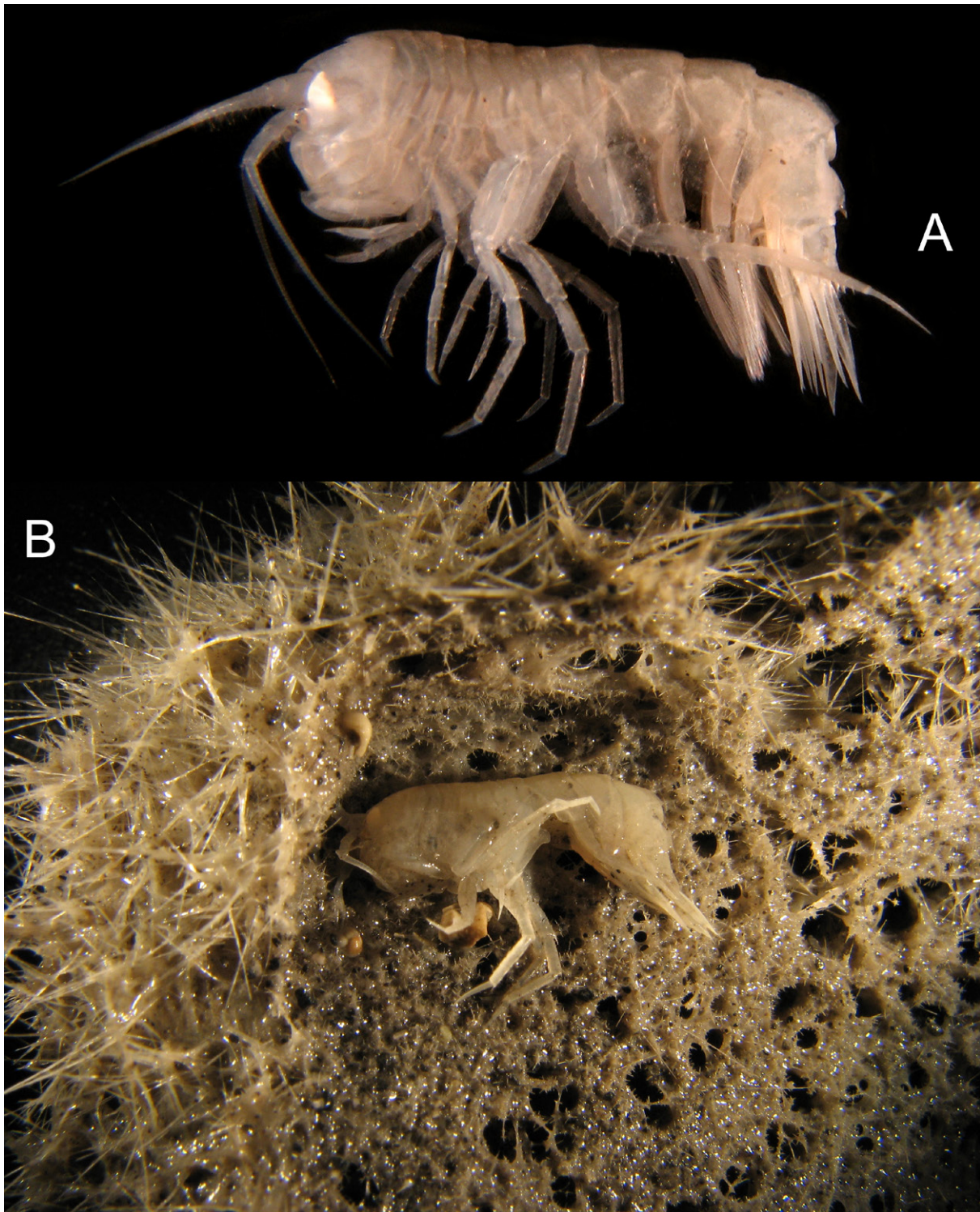


Fig. 336. *Alexandrella mixta* Nicholls, 1938, sex undetermined, s. lat. Adult, about 20 mm, western Weddell Sea, Larsen A, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 725-6, RBINS, INV. 122305. **A.** Lateral habitus (colour in life). **B.** Same specimen (colour in life) with sponge from the same catch (note the striking colour similarity). Photographs: C. d’Udekem d’Acoz.

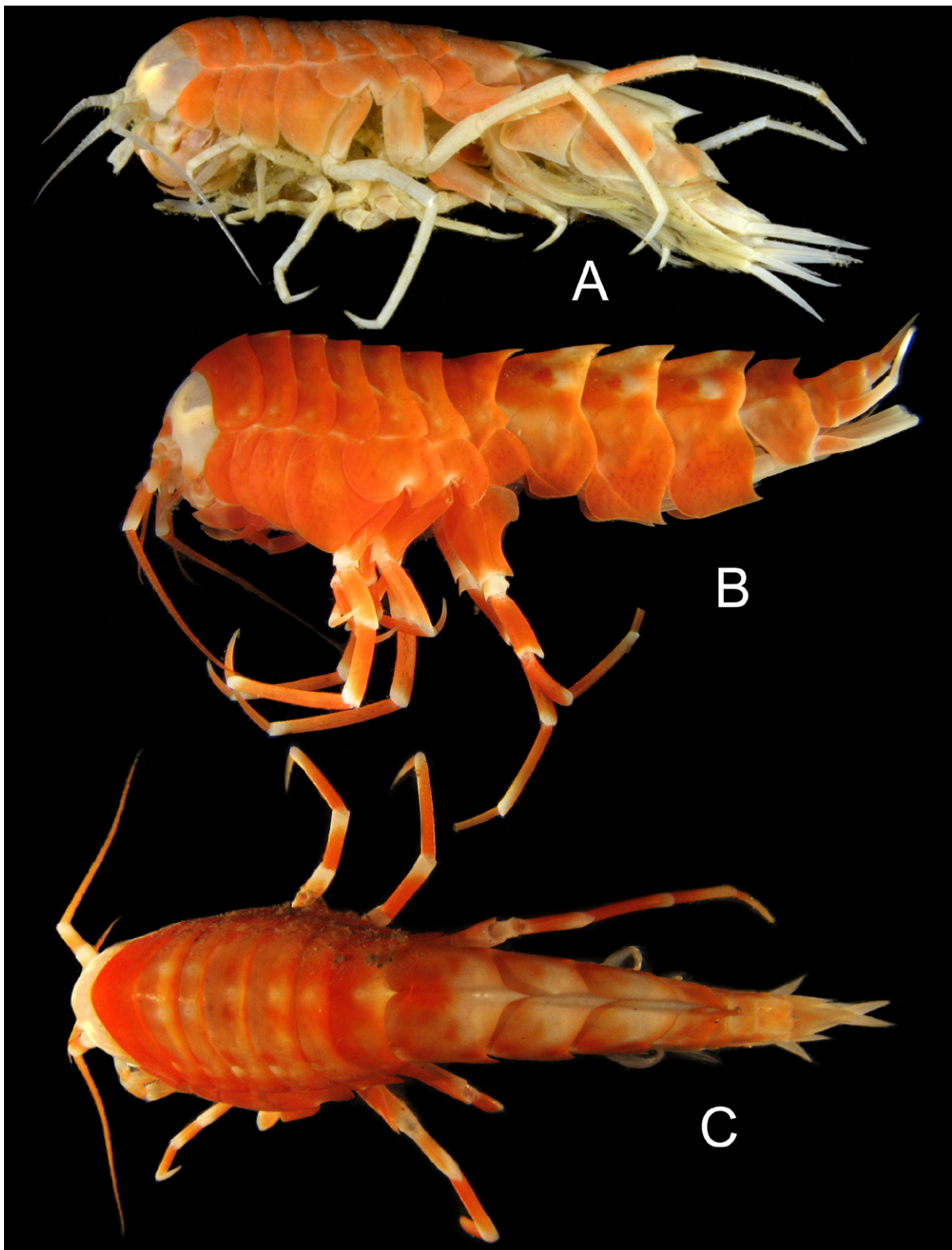


Fig. 337. *Alexandrella pulchra* Ren in Ren & Huang, 1991, sex undetermined, lateral habitus (colour in life). **A.** Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 227-2, RBINS, INV. 122864. **B.** between Elephant Island and King George Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 662-1, RBINS, INV. 122304. **C.** Elephant Island, ANT-XXIII/8, stn 654-6, RBINS, INV. 122440. **A, B.** Lateral habitus (A, slightly tilted). **C.** Dorsal habitus. Photographs: C. d'Udekem d'Acoz.

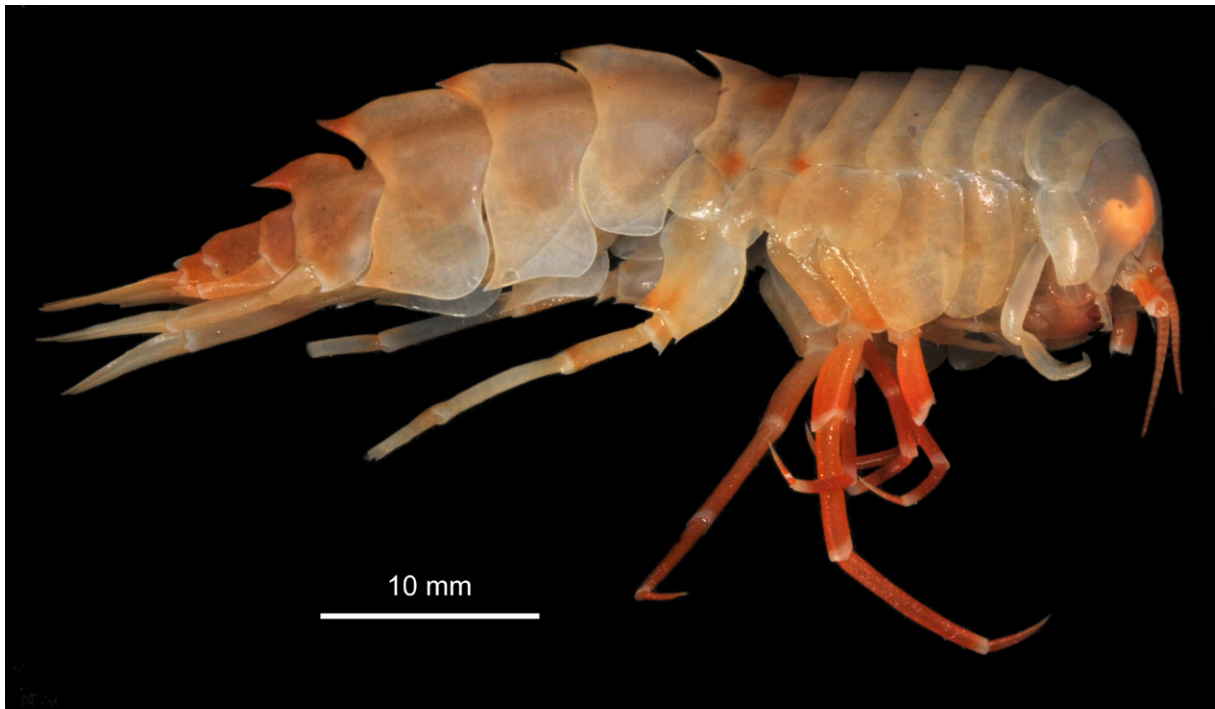


Fig. 338. *Alexandrella* sp. 1., sex undetermined, Adélie Coast, REVO_449, MNHN-IU-2009-2540. Lateral habitus (colour in life). Photograph: Cyril Gallut ((Université Pierre et Marie Curie).

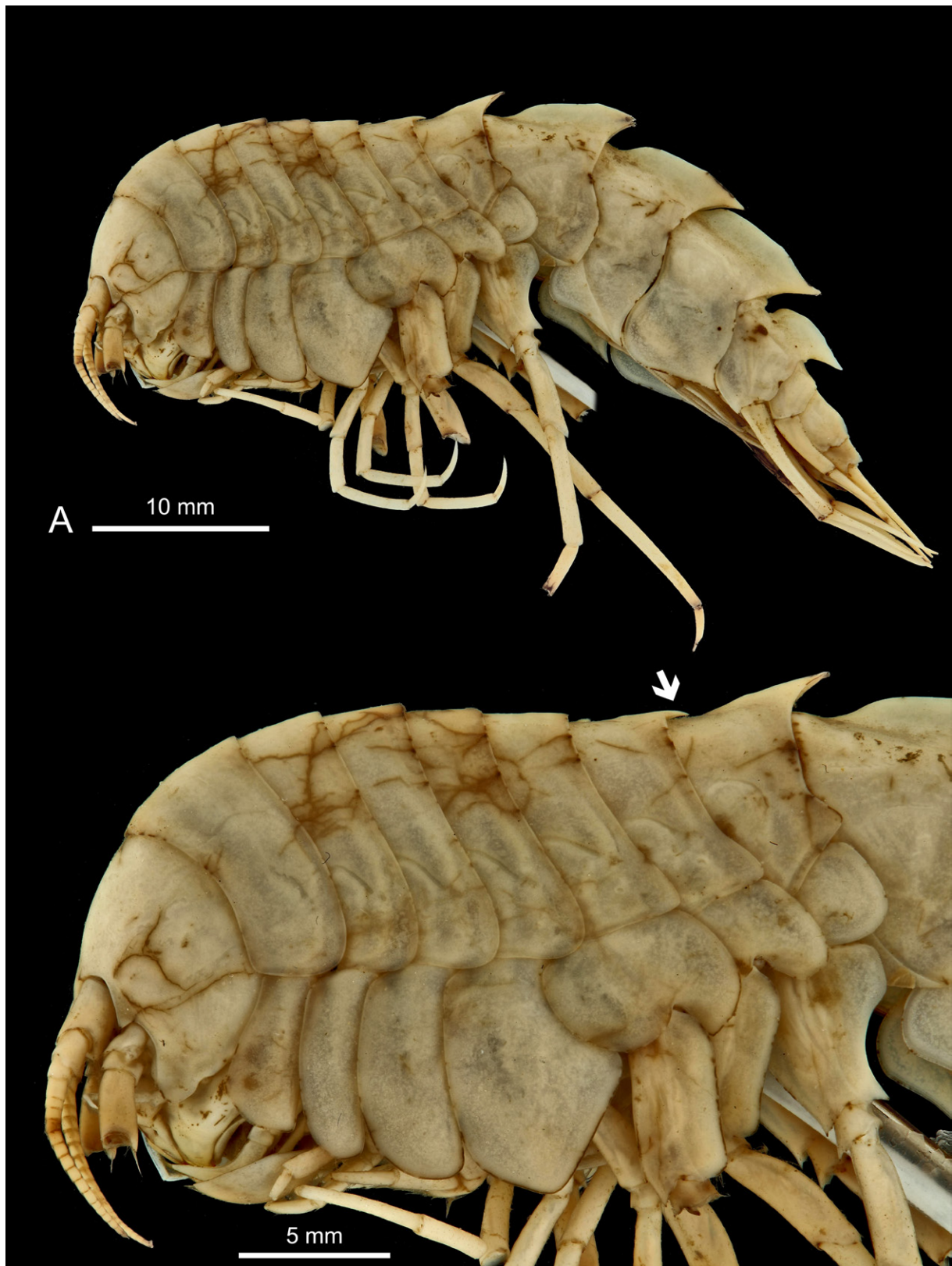


Fig. 339. *Alexandrella* sp. 1., sex undetermined, Adélie Coast, REVO_449, MNHN-IU-2009-2540. A. Lateral habitus. B. Lateral anterior view.



Fig. 340. *Alexandrella* sp. 2. Shag Rocks, ANT-XXVII/3, stn 211, specimen unavailable. Lateral habitus (colour in life). Photograph: H. Robert and Ch. Havermans (RBINS).



Fig. 341. *Acanthonotozomopsis pushkini* (Bushueva, 1978), sex undetermined, adult, Bransfield Strait, ANT-XXIX/3, stn 197-6, RBINS, INV. 122871. Lateral habitus (colour in life). Photograph: C. d'Udekem d'Acoz (RBINS).



Fig. 342. Phylogenetic tree obtained by Bayesian analysis of the concatenated COI and 28S sequences, updated from Verheye *et al.* (2016). Bayesian posterior probabilities and bootstrap values (from the Maximum Likelihood analysis) are indicated above the nodes of interest. Bootstrap values inferior to 50 are not indicated. Besides the species names are indicated the MOTUs codes used in Verheye *et al.* (2016). The Genbank accession number of the outgroup species: *Gnathiphimedia sexdentata* (Schellenberg, 1926) are KU870835 (COI) and KU759609 (28S).

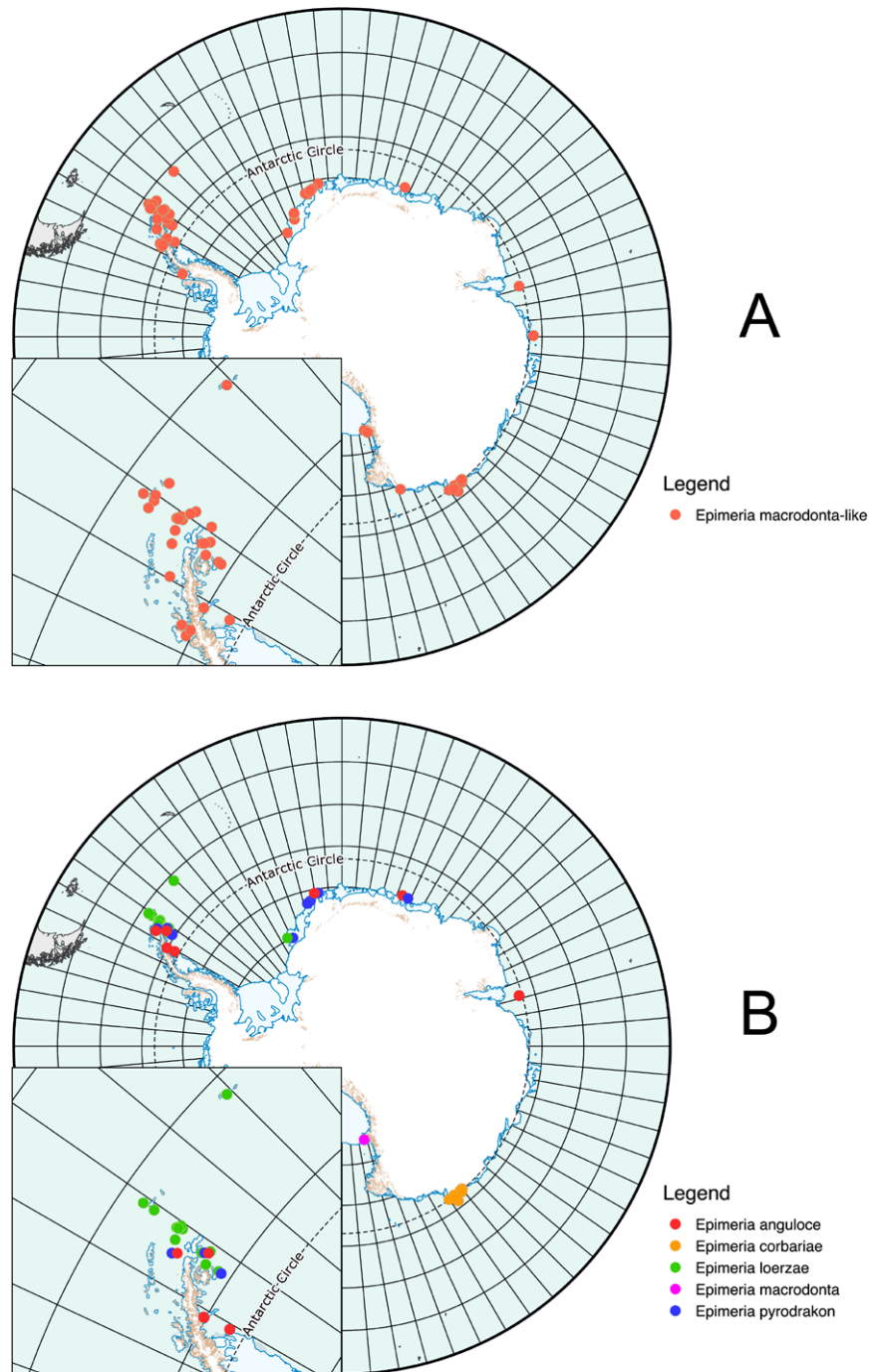


Fig. 343. Maps showing how the confusion of similar species can lead to spurious interpretations of the distribution of Antarctic organisms in hiding patterns of endemism. **A.** All records of *Epimeria macrodonta*-like species pulled together: records compiled by De Broyer *et al.* (2007) combined with present records. **B.** Records of the different *Epimeria macrodonta*-like species as defined in the present paper: *E. anguloce* sp. nov., *E. corbariae* sp. nov., *E. loerzae* sp. nov., *E. macrodonta* Walker, 1906, *E. pyrodrakon* sp. nov.