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The Present Status of Taxonomic Studies on Acoela (Platyhelminthes) in Japan

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Itemized Introduction

1) History of the Study of Acoela in Japan

The taxonomic history of the Japanese acoelan species is simple and clear. Bock (1923) described the first new acoelan genus and species from Japan, *Hofstenia atroviridis* Bock, 1923. The genus was placed by him in the new family Hofsteniidae Bock, 1923 (cf. Table 1 of the present article). Bock, who was Swedish, visited, and collected near, the Biological Station of Tokyo Imperial University at Misaki, Miura Peninsula, Kanagawa Prefecture, Kantô Region, Honshû.

Katô (1947) described the second new Japanese species, *Amphiscolops japonicus* Katô, 1947, from Kominato, Bôsô Peninsula, Chiba Prefecture, Kantô Region, Honshû. Katô (1951) described the third new Japanese species under the name *Convoluta japonica* Katô, 1951; this species is now classified as *Simsagittifera japonica* (Katô, 1951). The abundant occurrence of this species in the Urayasu seashore in Chiba Prefecture (Tôkyô Bay) was known as the red-tide causing heavy damage to the common edible clam in the summer of 1943 (cf. Katô, 1951; Kawakatsu, 1983). Minegishi (1986) reported the occurrence of this species at Miyako, Iwate Prefecture, Tôhoku Region, Honshû.

Other Japanese articles including items of Acoela by Katô (1943, 1960, 1965, 1979) were published for educational and popular scientific purpose. Minegishi's serial Japanese articles published after 1964 were also popular scientific in their nature.

In 1968, Dr. Saburô Nishimura published a short Japanese article on the occurrence of *Otocelis* sp. (Acoela) and *Coelogynepora* sp. (Seriata) at Ogi, the Noto Peninsula, Ishikawa Prefecture, Chûbu Region, Honshû. Although his *Otocelis* sp. was not identified to species, he pointed out the taxonomic similarity of his *Otocelis* sp. to *Otocelis sacchalensis* Ivanov, 1952, a species reported from Sakhalin Island in the Russian Far East.

After 1976, Dr. Terufumi Yamasu and his students studied the Japanese Acoela from an ecological viewpoint (mainly their symbiotic relationships). In 1982, he described 5 new convolutid species from Honshû (3 localities) and the Southwest Islands of Japan (5 localities): *Convoluta kikaiensis* Yamasu, 1982; *Convoluta naviculae* Yamasu, 1982; *Praesagittifera gracilis* (Yamasu, 1982); *Praesagittifera naikaiensis* (Yamasu, 1982); *Simsagittifera nitidae* (Yamasu, 1982). The latter 3 species of the genera *Praesagittifera* Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990, and *Simsagittifera* Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990, were described originally as members of the genus *Convoluta* von Graff, 1904. These reclassifications were made by Kostenko & Mamkaev (1990b; see also 1990a, and Mamkaev & Kostenko, 1990, 1991).

The acoelan fauna of the Amami Islands and the Okinawa Islands had been restudied by Yamasu & Okazaki (1987). They reported 8 genera and 18 (6 known and 12 undescribed) species. According to the current taxonomic system, 10 genera should be counted (see Table 1 and Figs. 3 and 4 in the present web article).

In the summer of 1982, Dr. Yurij V. Mamkaev, a Russian turbellariologist, collected Acoela from the Harbor of Matsuyama City, Ehime Prefecture, Shikoku, Japan. This was described as a new genus and a new species: *Praesagittifera shikoki* Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990 (cf. 1990b).

Kostenko & Mamkaev (1990a, b) also proposed a new taxonomic system based upon the establishment of a new family, 2 new subfamilies and 3 new genera as follows (see also Table 1 in the present web article):

Sagittiferidae Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990

Praesagittiferinae Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990

Praesagittifera Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990

Sagittiferinae Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990

Sagittifera Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990

Simsagittifera Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990

According to this new classification, 4 Japanese species described originally as members of the genus *Convoluta* Örsted, 1843, should be placed into 2 new genera as follows:

Praesagittifera gracilis (Yamasu, 1982)

Praesagittifera naikaiensis (Yamasu, 1982)

Simsagittifera japonica (Katô, 1951)

Simsagittifera nitidae (Yamasu, 1982)

Mamkaev & Kostenko (1990, 1991) discussed the phylogenetic significance of sagittocysts and copulatory organs in Acoela. In their latter paper, an unjustified emendation of the genus *Simsagittifera* is found (see the next Section).

Yamasu (1990, 1991) reported the fine structure and function of ocelli and sagittocysts of Acoela. Yamasu (1991) employed the new classification system proposed by Kostenko & Mamkaev (1990a, b) and Mamkaev & Kostenko (1991). He accepted the unjustified emendation of *Simsagittifera*. Moreover, he gave tentative specific names for 4 undescribed species reported by Yamasu & Okazaki (1987). Those 4 specific names are clearly nomina nuda (see the Third Section).

2) Unjustified Emendation of the Genus *Simsagittifera* found in a paper by Mamkaev & Kostenko (1991)

Simsagittifera Kostenko et Mamkaev, gen. n.

Type species: *Convoluta schultzei* Schmidt, 1852

This new genus was described in a Russian paper by Kostenko & Mamkaev (1990a: 12-13; English summary: 21-22). This generic name is found in their following papers (Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990b; Mamkaev & Kostenko, 1990). However, in their 1991 paper by Mamkaev & Kostenko (p. 309), they wrote: ‘... the generic name *Symsagittifera* (lapsus *Simsagittifera*)’.

The Latin prefix ‘sym’ means ‘with’ in English; “sim” has no meaning in Latin. However, it should be noticed that *Simsagittifera* is a correct original spelling. “*Symsagittifera*” is an incorrect original spelling and is an unjustified emendation.

Cf. ICZN, 3rd Ed., 1964. Art. 32a; 33a, ii, b. ICZN, 4th Ed., 1999. Art. 32.2, 3, 4; Art. 33.3.

Note. Art. 33.3. Incorrect subsequent spellings. Any subsequent spellings of a name different from the correct original spelling, other than a mandatory change or an emendation, is an “incorrect subsequent spelling”; it is not an available name, and like an incorrect original spelling [Art. 32.4], it does not enter into homonymy and cannot be used as a substitute name, but....

3) Nomina Nuda found in a paper by Yamasu (1991)

Yamasu & Okazaki (1987) listed many undescribed species (6 genera and 12 spp.) from the Okinawa Islands. In

his 1991 paper, Yamasu (on p. 274) gave tentative specific names for 4 undescribed species as follows:

Convoluta 'luridus' for *Convoluta* sp. 1 (loc. Okinawa Is.)

Amphiscolops 'breviviridis' for *Amphiscolops* sp. 3 (loc. Okinawa Is.)

Amphiscolops 'magniviridis' for *Amphiscolops* sp. 4 (loc. Okinawa Is.)

Pseudaphanostoma 'luteocoloris' for *Pseudaphanostoma* sp. (loc. Okinawa Is.)

The above-mentioned 4 new scientific names are invalid (conditionally suppressed names).

Cf. ICZN, 3rd Ed., 1964. Art. 15. ICZN, 4th Ed., 1999. Art. 15.1.

Note. The Southwest Islands of Japan (Nansei Shotō).

Many islands arranged as a large arc-shaped between the southernmost part of Kyūshū in Southern Japan and Taiwan (approximately 1200 km distance) are called as the 'Nansei Shotō' in Japanese language (i.e., the Southwest Islands of Japan in English).

In various atlases published in Western countries, the explanation of names of the island groups and of individual islands of the south western islands of Japan is incomplete, and errors or misunderstandings also occur. Kawakatsu examined four different atlases: The Graphic Atlas of the World (10th Ed., 1956. John Bartholomew & Son Ltd., Edinburgh); The Times Concise Atlas of the World (Reprinted with Revisions, 1973. Times News Paper Ltd., London); The Times Atlas of the World (Comprehensive Ed., 1981. Times Books, London); National Geographic Atlas of the World (5th Ed., 1981. National Geographic Society, Washington, D.C.). In these, the Southwest islands of Japan are variously shown as 'Ryukyu Is.', 'Ryūkyū Rettō', 'Ryukyu Islands (Nansei Shotō)'. 'Amami Guntō' and Okinawa Guntō' are sometimes used. 'Rettō' and 'Guntō' in Japanese mean Islands. The indication of long vowels is very important for pronunciation of Japanese words.

Fig. 2 is a sketch-map showing the geographical names of the Islands and several (comparatively large) islands (see also Fig. 1).

The Southwest Islands of Japan consists of two arcs, i.e., the Satsunan Islands and the Ryūkyū Islands. The former includes the Ōsumi Islands, the Tokara Islands and the Amami Islands. The latter includes the Okinawa Islands, the Miyako Islands, the Yaeyama Islands, and the Senkaku Islands. The Daitō Islands are also included in the latter. For the names of several islands, see the sketch-map.

4) Construction and the Purpose of the Present Web Article

The present web article is an attempt to collect all known taxonomic information on the acoelan species of Japan. It consists of 3 main sections.

PART I. A Tentative Species List of Acoela from Japan.

PART II. A List of Species in Their Proper Classification.

PART III. A List of Species Arranged by Localities.

In Part I, the valid names of families, genera and species are arranged in alphabetical order. In each species list, items are arranged in alphabetical order of author(s) and chronological order of published articles. Variations of individual names (spelling errors, misprints, etc.) are also shown.

In Part II, the known Japanese species list based upon the taxonomic data of Part I is given. The arrangement of taxa is the same as Part I.

In Part III, the known acoelan species are listed according to geographical localities (arranged from the North to the South) in the Japanese Islands. See Figs. (1-4).

The following abbreviations are used: n. g., new genus; nom. nud., nomen nudum; n. sp., new species; sp. and spp., undescribed species (sing. and pl.) // Is., island; Pref., Prefecture; DB, dorsal view of the body; DRB, diagrammatic representation of the body; FCA, figure of the copulatory apparatus; HI, histological figures; VB, ventral view of the body.

Authors' Note.

Kawakatsu overlooked a Russian paper that contains the original description of *Praesagittifera shikoki* Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990, from Shikoku in Japan when he edited the serial article entitled 'A List of Publications on Japanese Turbellarians'. The papers by Kostenko & Mamkaev (1990a, b) will be included in the 2004 issue of Bull. Fuji Women's Univ., (42), II: 'Miscellaneous Papers on Turbellarians, Article I'.

The present web article is primarily designed as the Part II of the 2004 article mentioned above. However, Kawakatsu's preliminary Ms. became very long; its contents are highly specialized. Thus, it was decided to publish this as an independent web article by the members of the 'Miscellaneous Papers on Turbellarians.' However, none of the members are specialists on the Acoela, thus Dr. Faubel, who is, was asked to join us as coauthor.

It must be emphasized that the list of acoelan species from Japan shown in the present web article is the result of the bibliographic study. The authors hope that the present web article will serve as the starting point for future taxonomic studies of the Acoela in Japan.

PART I

A LIST OF SPECIES IN THEIR PROPER CLASSIFICATION

Order A C O E L A Uljanin, 1870

Family C O N V O L U T I D A E von Graff, 1905

Type genus: *Convoluta* Ørsted, 1845

Genus *Amphicolops* von Graff, 1904

Type species: *Convoluta cinereus* von Graff, 1874

Amphicolops japonicus Katô, 1947

Amphicolops japonicus n. sp. Katô, 1947: 58-62, figs. 1-2 (DB, FCA). Kominato, Chiba Pref., Kantô Region, Honshû / Japan.

Note. For republished version with an English explanation of this Japanese article, see Kawakatsu (1983: 2-8).

Amphicolops japonicus: Okugawa, 1953: 23.

Note. Okugawa (1953) also listed *Amphicolops virescens* (Ørsted, 1845); this is due to his misunderstanding.

Amphicolops japonicus: Katô, 1965: 312, fig. 5 (DRB).

Amphicolops japonicus: Uchida, 1965: 60, fig. 52B (DB).

Amphicolops japonicus: Uchida, Kawakatsu & Minegishi, 1972: 155.

Amphicolopus japonicus: Minegishi, 1973: 21. Spelling error.

Amphicolops japonicus: Minegishi, 1975: 68.

Amphicolops japonicus n. sp. (republished version): Kawakatsu, 1983: 3, 9-12. See Katô (1947).

Note. The generic name is partly printed erroneously as "*Amphicolopus*".

Amphicolops japonicus: Uchida, Kawakatsu & Minegishi, 1988: 154.

Amphicolops japonicus: Kawakatsu, Nunomura & Suzuki, 1989: 41-42.

Amphicolops japonicus: Winsor, 1990: 796, table 1.

Amphicolops japonicus: Nunomura, 1992: 177-178, fig. 6 • 3A (DB)

Amphicolops japonicus: Tyler (& Bush), 2000.

Amphicolops langerhansi von Graff, 1882

Amphicolops langerhansi (?): Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987: 62. Chinen, Gushichan(= Gushikami-son), Nakagusuku Bay, Okinawa Is., the Okinawa Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.

Amphicolops langerhansi (?): Yamasu, 1991: 274.

Amphicolops sp. Minegishi, 1965

Amphicolops sp.: Minegishi, 1965: 312, fig. 6 (DRB). Misaki and Manazuru, Kanagawa Pref., Kantô Region, Honshû / Japan.

Amphicolops sp. Yamasu, 1982

Amphicolops sp.: Yamasu, 1982a: 42. Tateyama, Chiba Pref., Kantô Region, Honshû / Japan.

Amphicolops sp. 1: Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987

Amphicolops sp. 1: Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987b: 62. Gushichan, Komesu, Okinawa Is., the Okinawa Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.

- Amphiscolops* sp. 1: Winsor, 1990: 796, table 1.
- Amphiscolops* sp. 2 Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
- Amphiscolops* sp. 2: Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987b: 62. Gushichan, Okinawa Is., Sesoko Is. and Zamami Is., the Okinawa Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.
- Amphiscolops* sp. 2: Winsor, 1990: 796, table 1.
- Amphiscolops* sp. 3 Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
- Amphiscolops* sp. 3: Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987b: 63. Gushichan, Sunabe, Okinawa Is., Kudaka Is. and Sesoko Is., the Okinawa Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.
- Amphiscolops* sp. 3: Winsor, 1990: 796, table 1.
- Amphiscolops* sp. 3: Yamasu, 1991: 274.
- Amphiscolops* 'breviviridis' nom. nud. Yamasu, 1991: 274.
- Amphiscolops* sp. 4 Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
- Amphiscolops* sp. 4: Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987b: 63. Zampa, Okinawa Is., the Okinawa Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.
- Amphiscolops* sp. 4: Winsor, 1990: 796, table 1.
- Amphiscolops* sp. 4: Yamasu, 1991: 274.
- Amphiscolops* 'magniviridis' nom. nud. Yamasu, 1991: 274.
- Amphiscolops* sp. 5 Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
- Amphiscolops* sp. 5: Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987b: 63. Gushichan, Komesu, Sunabe, Zampa, Nakagusuku Bay, Okinawa Is. and Sesoko Is., the Okinawa Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.
- Amphiscolops* sp. 5: Winsor, 1990: 796, table 1, 798.
- Note.** Kinjô & Yamasu (1987a) reported 3 *Amphiscolops* spp. from the Southwest Islands of Japan (Amami-Ôshima Is. and Okinawa Is.). These unidentified species may be conspecific with 3 species of *Amphiscolops* spp. 1-5 listed above.

Genus *Convoluta* Ørsted, 1843

Type species: *Convoluta convoluta* Åbildgard, 1806

Convoluta kikaiensis Yamasu, 1982

Convoluta kikaiensis n. sp. Yamasu, 1982b: 35, 38-41, 43, figs. 4 (A-B), 5 (A-E) (DB, DRB, HI). Kikai-jima Is., off the NE coast of Amami-Ôshima Is., the Amami Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan; Tateyama in Chiba Pref., Kantô Region, and Shirahama in Wakayama Pref., Kinki Region, Honshû / Japan.

Convoluta kikaiensis : Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987: 64. Gushichan, Komesu and Chinen, Okinawa Is., Sesoko Is., the Okinawa Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.

Convoluta kikaiensis : Yamasu, 1991: 274.

Convoluta kikaiensis : Tyler (& Bush), 2000.

Convoluta naviculae Yamasu, 1982

Convoluta naviculae n. sp. Yamasu, 1982b: 35, 41-43, fig. 6 (A-E) (DB, DRB, HI). Shibukawa and Shimokarasu Is., off the Port of Uno, Tamano City, Okayama Pref., Honshû / Japan.

Convoluta naviculae : Yamasu, 1991: 274.

Convoluta naviculae : Tyler (& Bush), 2000.

Convoluta sp. Minegishi, 1965

Convoluta sp.: Minegishi, 1964: 305. Misaki, Kanagawa Pref., Kantô Region, Honshû / Japan.

Convoluta sp.: Minegishi, 1965: 312, fig. 4 (DRB). Honshû / Japan.

Convoluta sp.: Minegishi, 1968: 10-12, figs. 4-89 (DB, HI, etc.)

Convoluta sp.: Sugiura, Minegishi & Katô, 1979: 5-12, fig. 1 (graph), pl. I, figs. 1-7 (DB, etc.). Arai-hama Beach, Misaki, Kanagawa Pref., Kantô Region, Honshû / Japan.

Convoluta sp. 1 Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987

Convoluta sp. 1: Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987: 64. Gushichan, Komesu and Chinen, Okinawa Is., the Okinawa Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.

Convoluta sp. 1: Yamasu, 1991: 274.

Convoluta 'luridus' nom. nud. Yamasu, 1991: 274.

Convoluta sp. 2 Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987

Convoluta sp. 2: Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987: 64. Gushichan, Okinawa Is., Kudaka Is. and Sesoko Is., the Okinawa Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.

Convoluta sp. 3. Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987

Convoluta sp. 3: Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987: 64-65. Chinen and Sunabe, Okinawa Is., the Okinawa Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.

Genus *Haplodiscus* Weldon, 1888

Type species: *Haplodiscus piger* Weldon, 1888

Haplodiscus sp. Yamasu & Okazaki, 1978

Haplodiscus sp.: Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987: 65. Sesoko Is., the Okinawa Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.

Genus *Pseudaphanostoma* Westblad, 1946

Type species: *Pseudaphanostoma variabilis* Westblad, 1946

Pseudaphanostoma sp. Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987

Pseudaphanostoma sp.: Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987: 65. Gushichan, Chinen and Sunabe, Okinawa Is., the Okinawa Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.

Pseudaphanostoma sp.: Yamasu, 1991: 274.

Pseudaphanostoma 'luteocoloris' nom. nud. Yamasu, 1991: 274.

Family H A P L O P O S T H I I D A E Westblad, 1948

Type genus: *Haploposthia* An der Lan, 1936

Genus *Haplogonaria* Dörjes, 1968

Type species: *Haplogonaria simplex* Dörjes, 1968

Haplogonaria sp. Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987

Haplogonaria sp.: Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987: 66-67. Chinen, Sunabe and Gushichan, Okinawa Is., the Okinawa Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.

Family H O F S T E N I I D A E Bock, 1923

Type genus: *Hofstenia* Bock, 1923

Genus *Hofstenia* Bock, 1923

Type species: *Hofstenia atroviridis* Bock, 1923

Hofstenia atroviridis Bock, 1923

Hofstenia atroviridis n. g. et n. sp. Bock, 1923: 3-55, figs. 1-9 (DB, DRB, FCA, HI, etc.; pls. I-II, figs. 1-19 (HI). Biological Station zu Misaki in Japan (= The Misaki Marine Biological Station of Tokyo University), Misaki, Kanagawa Pref., Kantô Region, Honshû / Japan.

Hofstenia atroviris: Uchida, 1965: 60. Spelling error.

Hofstenia atroviris: Uchida, Kawakatsu & Minegishi, 1972: 155. Spelling error.

Hofstenia atroviridis: Uchida, Kawakatsu & Minegishi, 1988: 155.

Hofstenia atroviridis: Nunomura, 1992: 172.

Hofstenia atroviridis: Tyler (& Bush), 2000. Spelling error.

Family M E C Y N O S T O M I D A E Dörjes, 1968

Type genus: *Mecynostomum* Beneden, 1870

Genus *Paedomecynostomum* Dörjes, 1968

Type species: *Paedomecynostomum bruneum* Dörjes, 1968

Paedomecynostomum sp. Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987

Paedomecynostomum sp.: Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987: 66. Chinen, Sunabe and Zanpa, Okinawa Is., the Okinawa Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.

Genus *Paramecynostomum* Dörjes, 1968

Type species: *Aphanostoma diversicolor* Ørsted, 1845

Paramecynostomum diversicolor (Ørsted, 1845)

Aphanostoma diversicolor : Minegishi, 1965: 311, fig. 2 (DRB). Misaki and Manazuru, Kanagawa Pref., Kantô Region, Honshû / Japan.

Aphanostoma diversicolor : Uchida, 1965: 60.

Aphanostoma diversicolor : Minegishi, 1975: 63.

Note. The occurrence of this European species in Japan is doubtful. Nishimura (1968) expressed that his *Otocelis* sp. reported from the Noto Peninsula, Ishikawa Pref., Chûbu Region, Honshû, seems to be conspecific with Mr. Minegishi's (1965) "*Aphanostoma diversicolor*". Nishimura (op. cit.) also noted that *Otocelis* sp. is closely similar to *Otocelis sacchalinensis* Ivanov, 1952.

Genus *Eumecynostomum* Faubel & Regier, 1983

Type species: *Pseudmecynostomum westbladi* Dörjes, 1968

Eumecynostomum bathycolum (Westblad, 1948)

Pseudmecynostomum bathycola (?): Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987: 65-66. Spelling error. Gushichan, Okinawa Is., the Okinawa Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.

Eumecynostomum bathycolum : Tyler (& Bush), 2000.

Note. *Eumecynostomum bathycolum* was at first described under the name of *Mecynostomum bathycola* Westblad, 1948. The occurrence of this European species in Southern Japan is not yet confirmed.

Family O T O C E L I D I D A E Westblad, 1948

Type genus: *Otocelis* Diesing, 1862

Genus *Otocelis* Diesing, 1862

Type species: *Proporus rubropunctata* Schmidt, 1852

Otocelis rubropunctata (Schmidt, 1852)

Otocelis rubropunctata : Minegishi, 1965: 311, fig. 1 (DRB). Misaki, Kanagawa Pref., Kantô Region, and Shirahama, Wakayama Pref., Kinki Region, Honshû / Japan.

Otocelis rubropunctata : Uchida, 1965: 60

Otocelis rubropunctata : Uchida, Kawakatsu & Minegishi, 1972: 155.

Otocelis rubropunctata : Minegishi, 1975: 69.

Otocelis rubropunctata : Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987: 67.

Otocelis rubropunctata : Uchida, Kawakatsu & Minegishi, 1988:

Otocelis rubropunctata : Nunomura, 1992: 178.

Otocelis rubropunctata : Tyler (& Bush), 2000.

Otocelis westbladi Ax, 1959

Otocelis westbladi (?): Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987: 67. Gushichan, Okinawa Is., the Okinawa Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.

Otocelis sp. Nishimura, 1968

Otocelis sp.: Nishimura, 1968: 304-305, fig. 1A (DRB). The Noto Marine Laboratory of Kanazawa University, Ogi, Uchiura-chô, Noto Peninsula, Ishikawa Pref., Chûbu Region, Honshû / Japan.

Note. Nishimura (1968) pointed out that his *Otocelis* sp. is very similar to *Otocelis sacchalinensis* Ivanov, 1952.

Family S A G I T T I F E R I D A E Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990

Type genus: *Sagittifera* Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990

Subfamily PRAESAGITTIFERINAE Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990

Type genus: *Praesagittifera* Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990

Genus *Praesagittifera* Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990

Type species: *Praesagittifera shikoki* Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990

Praesagittifera gracilis (Yamasu, 1982)

Convoluta gracilis n. sp. Yamasu, 1982b: 34-37, 43, fig. 3 (A-E) (DB, DRB, HI). The Ayamaru Cape in Amami-Ōshima Is. and Kikai-jima Is., the Amami-Ōshima Islands; Okinawa Is., the Okinawa Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.

Convoluta gracilis: Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987: 64.

Praesagittifera gracilis: Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990b: 15. / Japan.

Praesagittifera gracilis: Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1991: 313.

Praesagittifera gracilis: Yamasu, 1991: 274-275, 278, fig. 1B (HI).

Praesagittifera gracilis: Tyler (& Bush), 2000.

Praesagittifera naikaiensis (Yamasu, 1982)

Convoluta naikaiensis n. sp. Yamasu, 1982: 30-34, 43, figs. 1 (A-B), 2 (A-H) (DB, DRB, HI). Desaki and Shibukawa, Tamano City, Okayama Pref., Chūgoku Region, Honshū / Japan.

Convoluta naikaiensis: Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987: 64.

Convoluta naikaiensis: Yamasu, 1988: 14, figs. 2-3 (symbiotic algae, electron photomicrographs).

Praesagittifera naikaiensis: Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990b: 15.

Praesagittifera naikaiensis: Mamkaev & Kostenko, 1991: 313.

Praesagittifera naikaiensis: Yamasu, 1991: 273-278, 281, figs. 1A, 3A-B, 4 (graphs), 5A-B (HI).

Convoluta naikaiensis: Katayama, Wada, Satoh & Yamamoto, 1992: 1302.

Convoluta naikaiensis (by square Japanese syllabary): Wada, Katayama & Satoh, 1992: 51-56.

Convoluta naikaiensis: Katayama, Yamamoto, Wada & Satoh, 1993: 529-535, figs. 1-3 (phylogenetic trees).

Convoluta naikaiensis: Katayama, 1993: Prefatory color page.

Convoluta naikaiensis (by square Japanese syllabary): Tajika, Kobayashi, Katayama & Satoh, 1993: 17-19.

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Convoluta naikaiensis: Hori, Hikosaka & Kishida, 1997: 92.

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Convoluta naikaiensis: Orii, Katayama, Sakurai, Agata & Watanabe, 1998: 183-187.

Praesagittifera naikaiensis: Tyler (& Bush), 2000.

Convoluta naikaiensis: Minegishi, 2002: 41.

Praesagittifera shikoki Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990

Praesagittifera shikoki n. g. et n. sp. Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990b: 4, 6-9, 14, figs. 1A-B, 2 (DRB, HI). The Harbor of Matsuyama City, Ehime Pref., Shikoku / Japan.

Praesagittifera shikoki: Mamkaev & Kostenko, 1990: 44.

Praesagittifera shikoki: Mamkaev & Kostenko, 1991: 309-310, 313, fig. 11 (HI).

Praesagittifera shikoki: Yamasu, 1991: 273-274, 279, fig. 6 A-B (DRB).

Praesagittifera shikoki: Tyler (& Bush), 2000.

Subfamily SAGITTIFERINAE Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990

Type genus: *Sagittifera* Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990

Genus *Simsagittifera* Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990
Type species: *Convoluta sagittifera* Ivanov, 1952

Simsagittifera japonica (Katô, 1951)

Convoluta schultzei: Kaburaki, 1927: 1669, fig. 3190 (DB). Misidentification.

Convoluta schultzei: Katô, 1943: 654. Misidentification.

Convoluta schultzei: Kaburaki, 1947: 1495, fig. 4214 (DB). Misidentification.

Convoluta japonica n. sp. Katô, 1951: 66-67, figs. 1-2 (DB, DRB, sagittocytes). Urayasu, Chiba Pref., Kantô Region, Honshû / Japan.

Note. Katô (1951) pointed out that previous records of “*Convoluta schultzei*” from Japan (cf. Kaburaki, 1927, 1947, etc.) are misidentification of ‘*C. japonica*.’

For republished version with an English explanation of this Japanese article, see Kawakatsu (1983: 3, 9-12).

Convoluta schulzii: Okugawa, 1953: 22. Spelling error.

Convoluta japonica: Okugawa, 1953: 22.

Convoluta japonica: Katô, 1960: pl. 87, fig. 8 (DB).

Convoluta japonica: Katô, 1965: 311, fig. 3 (DB).

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Convoluta japonica: Uchida, Kawakatsu & Minegishi, 1972: 154.

Convoluta japonica: Minegishi, 1975: 65.

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Convoluta japonica: Minegishi, 1986: 57. Miyako, Iwate Pref., Tôhoku Region, Honshû / Japan.

Convoluta japonica: Uchida, Kawakatsu & Minegishi, 1988: 154.

Simsagittifera japonica: Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990a: 11-12, 21. Japan.

Simsagittifera japonica: Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990b: 15.

Convoluta japonica: Winsor, 1990: 793.

Simsagittifera japonica: Mamkaev & Kostenko, 1991: 313.

Symsagittifera japonica: Mamkaev & Kostenko, 1991: 313. Unjustified emendation. Cf. ICZN, 3rd Ed. (1964), Art. 33b; 4th Ed. (1999), Art. 33.3.

Convoluta japonica: Nunomura, 1992: 178.

Symsagittifera japonica: Tyler (& Bush), 2000. Misspelling.

Convoluta japonica: Minegishi, 2002: 41.

Simsagittifera nitidae (Yamasu, 1982)

Convoluta nitidae n. sp. Yamasu, 1982b: 35, 37, 43, fig. 3F-J (DB, DRB, HI). The Ayamaru Cape in Amami-Ôshima Is. and Kikai-jima Is., the Amami-Ôshima Islands; Okinawa Is., the Okinawa Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.

Convoluta nitidae: Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987: 64.

Simsagittifera nitidae: Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990a: 11-12. Japan.

Simsagittifera nitidae: Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990b: 15.

Simsagittifera nitidae: Mamkaev & Kostenko, 1991: 313.

Symsagittifera nitidae: Mamkaev & Kostenko, 1991: 313. Unjustified emendation. Cf. ICZN, 3rd Ed. (1964), Art. 33 b; 4th Ed. (1999), Art. 33.3

Symsagittifera nitidae: Yamasu, 1991: 274-275, 278, fig. 1C (HI). Misspellings.

Symsagittifera nitidae: Tyler (& Bush), 2000. Misspellings.

Addendum

Ishikawa & Yamasu (1992) reported the occurrence of 2 Acoela species related closely to *Convolutriloba retrogemma* Hendelberg & Åkesson, 1988, in Okinawa Island (locs. Zanpa Cape and Sesoko-jima Island; see Fig. 4). Both species have similar unicellular green symbionts with 4 flagella and reproduce by a budding.

The above-cited article is an English abstract of a lecture given at the 63rd Ann. Meet. of the Zool. Soc. of Japan (without species descriptions and figures). Thus, their records are only shown on Fig. 4: *Convolutriloba?* spp.

Additionally, the Swedish species was collected from a marine aquarium. Those asexual specimens repro-

duce by a budding. Tyler (& Bush, 2000) placed the genus *Convolutriloba* in the family Sagittiferidae (Subfamily Praesagittiferinae).

PART II

Table 1. A Tentative Species List of Acoela from Japan.

Order	A C O E L A	Uljanin, 1870
Family	C O N V O L U T I D A E	von Graff, 1905
Genus	<i>Amphiscolops</i>	von Graff, 1904
	<i>Amphiscolops japonicus</i>	Katô, 1947
	<i>Amphiscolops langerhansi</i>	von Graff, 1882
	<i>Amphiscolops</i> sp.	Minegishi, 1965
	<i>Amphiscolops</i> sp.	Yamasu, 1982
	<i>Amphiscolops</i> sp. 1	Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
	<i>Amphiscolops</i> sp. 2	Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
	<i>Amphiscolops</i> sp. 3	Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
	<i>Amphiscolops</i> sp. 4	Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
	<i>Amphiscolops</i> sp. 5	Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Genus	<i>Convoluta</i>	Ørsted, 1843
	<i>Convoluta kikaiensis</i>	Yamasu, 1982
	<i>Convoluta naviculae</i>	Yamasu, 1982
	<i>Convoluta</i> sp.	Minegishi, 1965
	<i>Convoluta</i> sp. 1	Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
	<i>Convoluta</i> sp. 2	Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
	<i>Convoluta</i> sp. 3	Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Genus	<i>Haplodiscus</i>	Weldon, 1888
	<i>Haplodiscus</i> sp.	Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Genus	<i>Pseudaphanostoma</i>	Westblad, 1946
	<i>Pseudaphanostoma</i> sp.	Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Family	H A P L O P O S T H I I D A E	Westblad, 1948
Genus	<i>Haplogonaria</i>	Dörjes, 1968
	<i>Haplogonaria</i> sp.	Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Family	H O F S T E N I I D A E	Bock, 1923
Genus	<i>Hofstenia</i>	Bock, 1923
	<i>Hofstenia atroviridis</i>	Bock, 1923
Family	M E C Y N O S T O M I D A E	Dörjes, 1968
Genus	<i>Paedomecynostomum</i>	Dörjes, 1868
	<i>Paedomecynostomum</i> sp.	Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Genus	<i>Paramecynostomum</i>	Dörjes, 1968
	<i>Paramecynostomum diversicolor</i>	(Ørsted, 1845)
Genus	<i>Eumecynostomum</i>	Faubel & Regier, 1983
	<i>Eumecynostomum bathycolum</i>	(Westblad, 1948)
Family	O T O C E L I D I D A E	Westbalad, 1948
Genus	<i>Otocelis</i>	Diesing, 1862
	<i>Otocelis rubropunctata</i>	(Schmidt, 1852)
	<i>Otocelis westbladi</i>	Ax, 1959

Otocelis sp. Nishimura, 1968

Family S A G I T T I F E R I D A E Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990

Subfamily PRAESAGITTIFERINAE Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990

Genus *Praesagittifera* Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990

Praesagittifera gracilis (Yamasu, 1982)

Praesagittifera naikaiensis (Yamasu, 1982)

Praesagittifera shikoki Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990

Subfamily SAGITTIFERINAE Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990

Genus *Simsagittifera* Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990

Simsagittifera japonica (Katô, 1951)

Misident. *Simsagittifera schultzei* (Schmidt, 1852)

Cf. Katô (1951).

Simsagittifera nitidae (Yamasu, 1982)

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6 families,

2 subfamilies,

12 genera, and

30 (14 described and 16 undescribed) species.

PART III

A LIST OF SPECIES ARRANGED BY LOCALITIES

- 1). Miyako Harbor faced on the Pacific Ocean, Iwate Pref., Tôhoku Region, Honshû.
Simsagittifera japonica (Katô, 1951)
- 2). Urayasu City, a delta of the Edo-gawa River located in the deepest area of the Tôkyô Bay, the southwestern part of Chiba Pref., Kantô Region, Honshû.
Simsagittifera japonica (Katô, 1951)
- 3). The southern area of the Bôsô Peninsula (Kominato, Tateyama and Shirahama), Chiba Pref., Kantô Region, Honshû.
Amphiscolops japonicus Katô, 1947
Amphiscolops sp. Yamasu, 1982
Convoluta kikaiensis Yamasu, 1982
Otocelis rubropunctata (Westblad, 1946)
- 4). The southern area of Kanagawa Pref. (Misaki Harbor, the Miura Peninsula and Manazuru), Kantô Region, Honshû.
Amphiscolops sp. Minegishi, 1965
Convoluta sp. Minegishi, 1965
Hofstenia atroviridis Bock, 1923
Paramecynostomum diversicolor (Ørsted, 1845)
Otocelis rubropunctata (Westblad, 1946)
- 5). The Noto Peninsula faced on the Sea of Japan (Ogi, Uchiura-chô), the northern area of Ishikawa Pref., Chûbu Region, Honshû.
Otocelis sp. Nishimura, 1968
- 6). Shirahama, Tanabe Bay, Wakayama Pref., Kinki Region, Honshû.
Convoluta kikaiensis Yamasu, 1982.
- 7). Tamano City (Desaki, Shibukawa and the Port of Uno) faced on the Inland Sea of Japan (= Seto-naikai), Okaya-
yama Pref., Chûgoku Region, Honshû.

- Convoluta naviculae* Yamasu, 1982
Praesagittifera naikaiensis (Yamasu, 1982)
- 8). Matsuyama Harbor faced on the Inland Sea of Japan (= Seto-naikai), Ehime Pref., Shikoku.
Praesagittifera shikoki Kostenko & Mamkaev, 1990
- 9). Amami-Ōshima Is. and Kikai-jima Is. (off the NE coast of Amami-Ōshima Is.), the Amami Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.
Convoluta kikaiensis Yamasu, 1982
Praesagittifera gracilis (Yamasu, 1982)*
Simsagittifera nitidae (Yamasu, 1982)*
 * These 2 species are recorded from the Ayamaru Cape in Amami-Ōshima Island and Kikai-jima Island.
- 10-i). Sesoko-jima Is., the Nago Bay, Okinawa Is., the Okinawa Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.
Amphiscolops sp. 2 Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Amphiscolops sp. 5 Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Convoluta sp. 2 Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Haplodiscus sp. Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Praesagittifera gracilis (Yamasu, 1982)*
Simsagittifera nitidae (Yamasu, 1987)*
 * The correct localities of these 2 species in Okinawa Is. were not clarified.
- 10-ii). The Zampa Cape and Suanbe in Chatan-chō, the SW coast of Okinawa Is., the Okinawa Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.
Amphiscolops sp. 3 Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Amphiscolops sp. 4 Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Amphiscolops sp. 5 Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Convoluta sp. 3. Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Pseudaphanostoma sp. Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Haplogonaria sp. Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Paedomecynostomum sp. Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
- 10-iii). Kudaka-jima Is., near the Chinen Cape of Okinawa Is., the Okinawa Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.
Amphiscolops sp. 3 Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Convoluta sp. 2 Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
- 10-iv). The southern area of Okinawa Is. (Chinen, Gushichan and Komesu), the Okinawa Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.
Amphiscolops langerhansi von Graff, 1882
Amphiscolops sp. 1 Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Amphiscolops sp. 2 Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Amphiscolops sp. 3 Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Amphiscolops sp. 5 Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Convoluta sp. 1 Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Convoluta sp. 2 Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Convoluta sp. 3 Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Pseudaphanostoma sp. Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Haplogonaria sp. Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Paedomecynostomum sp. Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987
Eumecynostomum bathycolum (Westblad, 1948)
Otocelis westbladi Ax, 1959
- 10-v). Zamami Is., the Okinawa Islands, the Southwest Islands of Japan.
Amphiscolops sp. 2 Yamasu & Okazaki, 1987

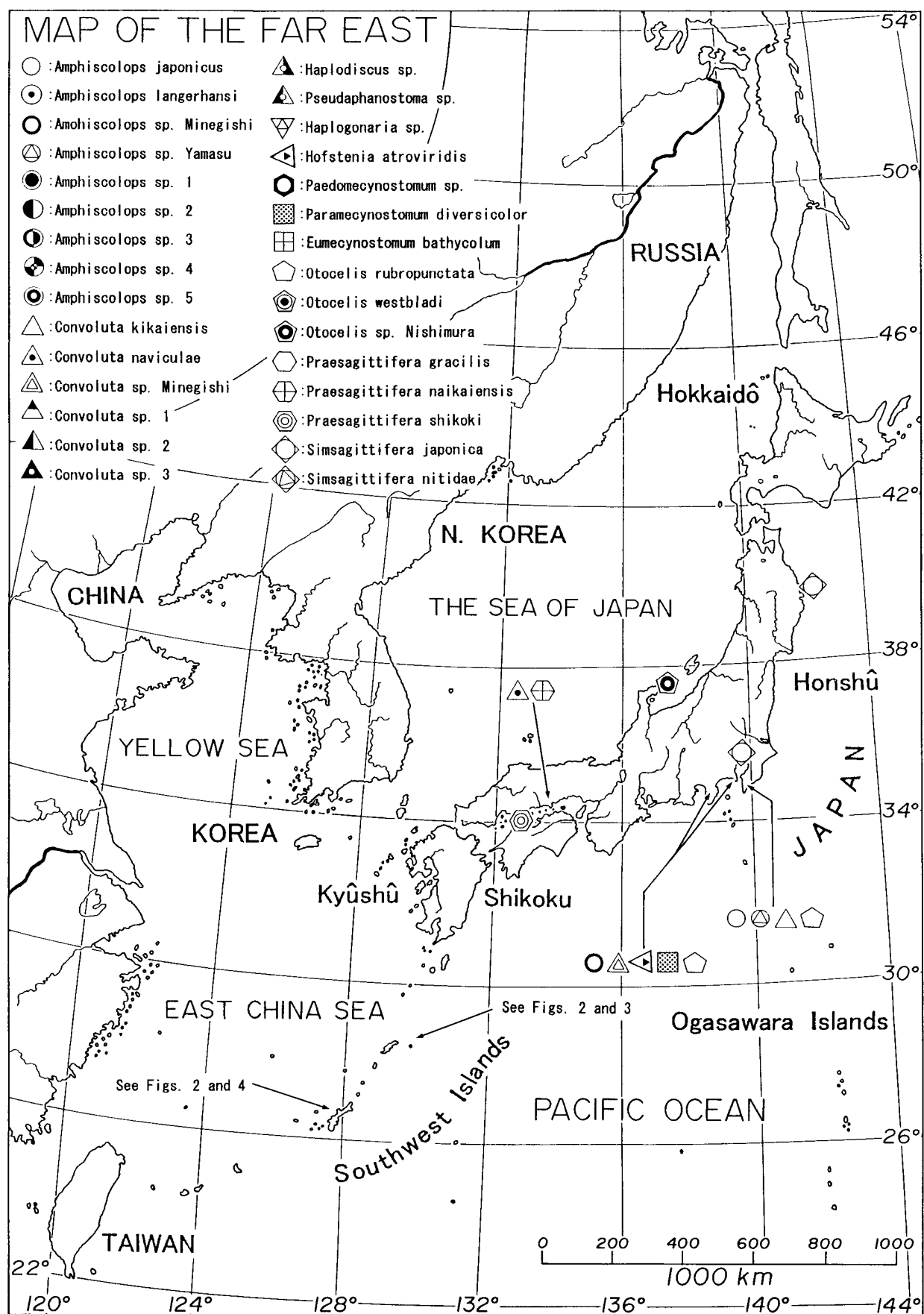


Fig. 1. Sketch map of the Japanese Islands showing the occurrence records of acoelan species. The names of 30 species (14 described species and 16 undescribed spp.) and their symbolized figures are shown on the top-left corner. For the occurrence records in the Southwest Islands of Japan, see Figs. 3 and 4 (see also Fig. 2)

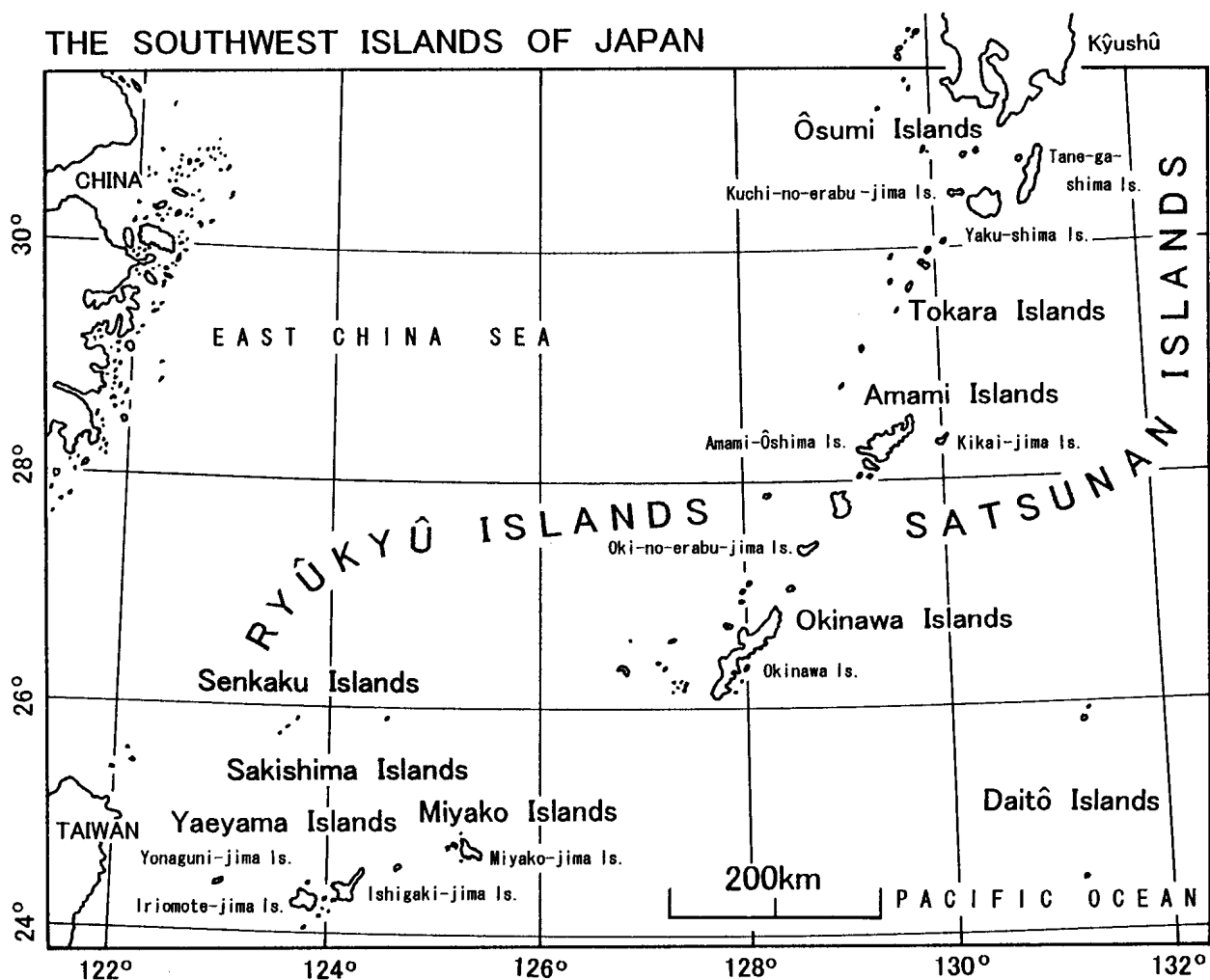


Fig. 2. The Southwest Islands of Japan (= Nansei Shotô). This arc-shaped islands consist of two arcs of islands: the Satsunan Islands (a northeastern arc) and the Ryûkyû Islands consist of the Okinawa Islands, the Miyako Islands, the Yaeyama Islands, the Sakishima Islands, and the Daitô Islands.

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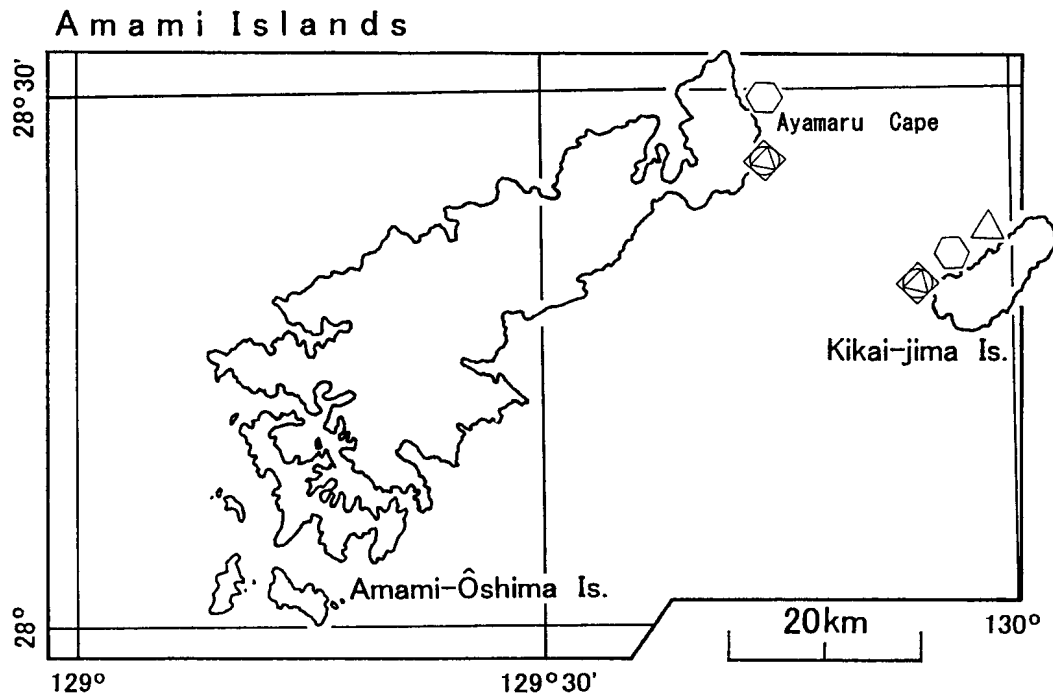


Fig. 3. Amami-Ōshima Island and Kikai-jima Island in the Amami Islands. For 3 acoelan species occurred, see the top-left corner in Fig. 1.

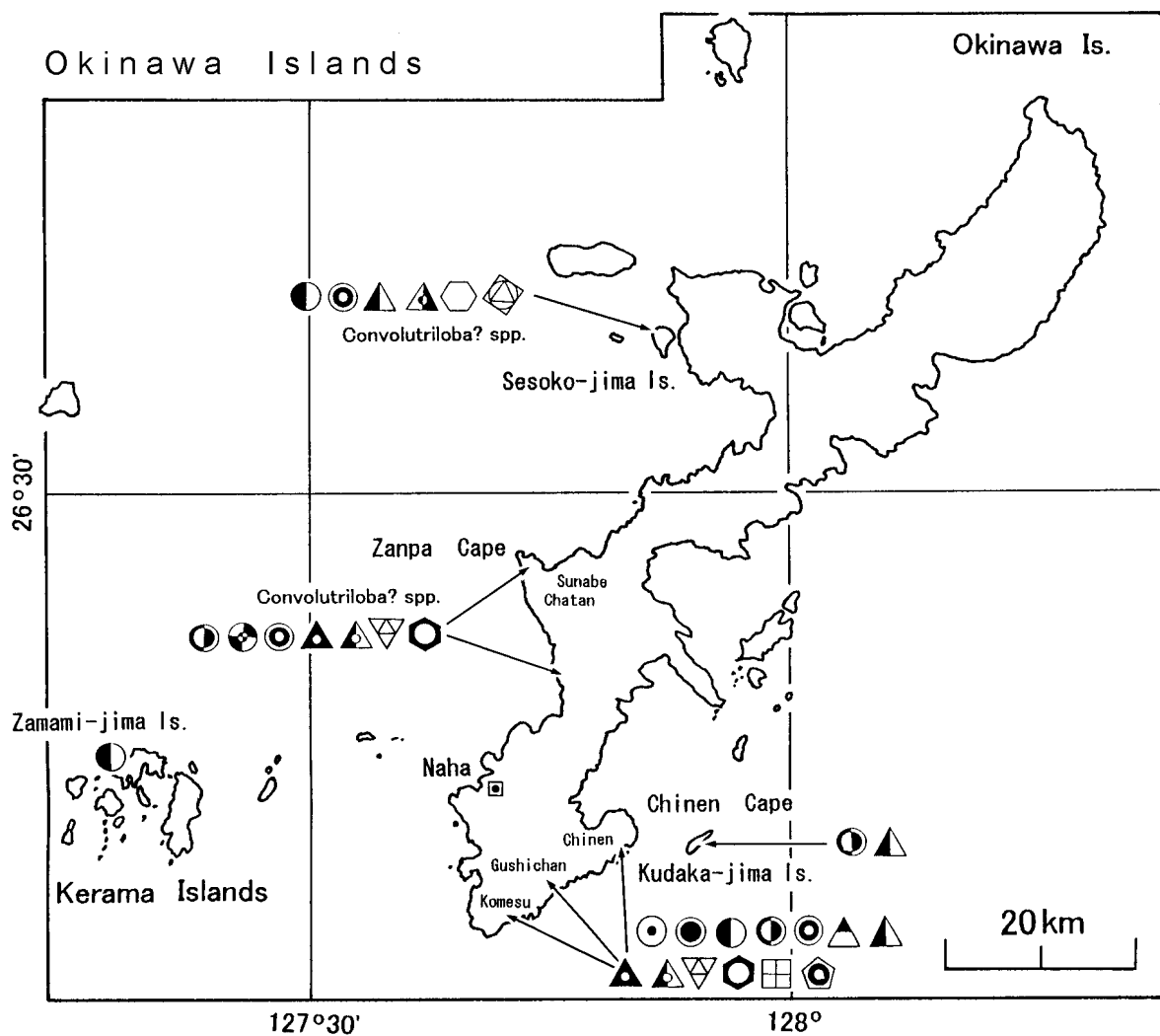


Fig. 4. Okinawa Island and Zamami Island in the Okinawa Islands. For 17 acoelan species occurred, see the top-left corner in Fig. 1.

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