

A CHECK LIST OF AMPHIPODS RECORDED FROM
ALEXANDRIA MEDITERRANEAN WATERS.

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Since Schellenberg (1936), no faunistic study of the benthic Amphipods of Alexandria area has been published. The present list includes all the species recorded by Schellenberg (1936) and in addition it includes the unpublished records of El-Nassry (1973) and Atta (1985). ElNassry (loc. cit.) investigated the intertidal fauna of the Eastern Harbour, Alexandria over a complete year cycle. The survey carried out by Atta (loc. cit.) lasted for one year and extended to 60 km of coast line (Agami to Abu-Kir, Fig. 1). The biotopes investigated cover the rocky intertidal zone, the *Posidonia oceanica* meadows at 5 m depth and the sublittoral sandy-muddy bottoms.

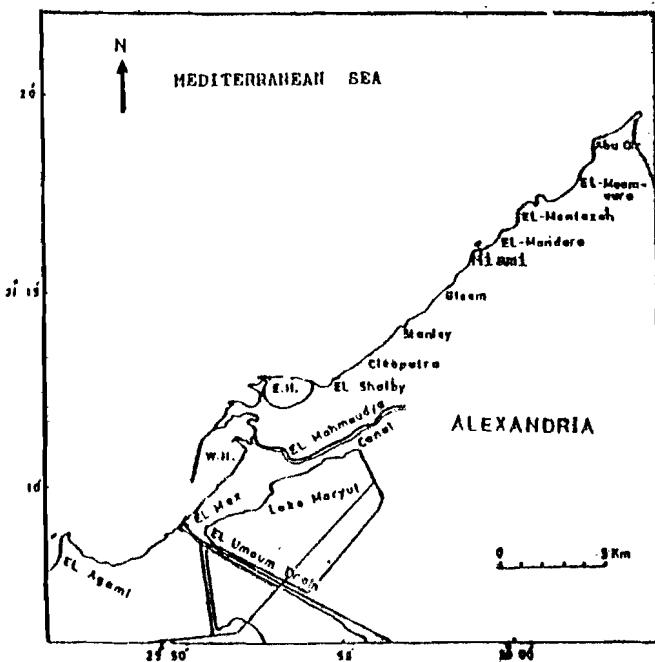


FIG. 1
Map showing the area investigated.

in Mex Bay (3-7 m). The list includes 54 species, almost all of which are known Mediterranean species. But a comparison between the present records and those of Schellenberg (loc. cit.) shows a change in composition and dominance since his observations. The present survey allowed to recognise nine species new to the area (*) (Atta, 1985). Schellenberg recorded *Hyale schmidtii* as quantitatively dominant. In the present survey this species is replaced by *Hyale prevosti* the dominant species at all times and in all samples, while *H. schmidtii* was absent. *Corophium orientale* is endemic to the Mediterranean (Russo, 1982) and *Echinogammarus foxi* endemic to both Mediterranean and Black Seas (Russo, 1982). *Cymadusa filosa*, recorded from the Southern Mediterranean (Russo, 1982) as well as from the Red Sea (Schellenberg, 1928) is not known yet from the Indian Ocean. It may have migrated to the Red Sea through the Suez Canal as it was recorded there by Schellenberg (1928). Four species are euryhaline, restricted to low salinity areas: *Corophium orientale*, *Gammarus aequicauda*, *Echinogammarus foxi*, and *Atylus swammerdami*.

Amphipods:

A. Gammaridae:

Ampelisca brevicorvis Costa
Ampelisca tenuicorvis Lilljeborg
Ampelisca undulata Schellenberg
Amphithoe helleri Bate
Atylus guttatus Costa
Bathyporeia quilliamsoniana Bate
Corophium acherusicum A. Costa
**Corophium insidiosum* Crawford
Corophium sextonae Crawford
Dexamine spirosa Montagu
Elasmopus rapax A. Costa
**Elasmopus pocillimanus* Bate
Eriopis elongata Bruzelius
Harpinia pectinata Sars
Hyale schmidtii Heller
Irtaeta gibbosa Bate
Jassa marmorata Holmes
Leptocheirus bispinosa Norman
Leptocheirus pectinatus Norman
Leucothoe lilljeborgi Boeck
Maera grossimana Montagu
Microdeutopus damnoniensis Bate
Microdeutopus sp.
Podoceros variegatus Leach

Ampelisca diadema Costa
Ampelisca typica Bate
Amphithoe ramondi Audouin
**Amphilochus* sp.
**Atylus swammerdami* M. Edwards
Corophium acutum Cheverux
Corophium bonelli M. Edwards
Corophium orientale Schellenberg
**Cymadusa filosa* Savigny
Echinogammarus foxi Schellenberg
Elasmopus jetifericus Bate
Ericthonius brasiliensis M. Edwards
Gammarus aequicauda Martynov
Hyale prevosti M. Edwards
**Hyale dolfusi* Chevreux
Jassa salcata Montagu
**Lembos* sp.
Leptocheirus guttatus Grube
Leucothoe spinicarpa Abildgaard
Lysianassa longicorris Lucas
Maera inaequipes A. Costa
Microdeutopus grylloidalpa Costa
Orchestia montagui Andouin
Stenothoe gallensis Walker

B. Caprellidae:

<i>Caprella acanthifera</i> Leach	* <i>Caprella acanthifera</i> Latereille
<i>Caprella equinosa</i> Say	<i>Caprella hyperborea</i> Heller
<i>Caprella pennata</i> Heller	<i>Pseudocaprella phasma</i> Montagu

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