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SOME NEW DATA ON THE ITALIAN PYCNOGONIDA

The Pycnogonida is a poorly known class of marine arthropods. Lehmann et al. (2014) report that 56 species are known for the Mediterranean Sea. In the Italian seas 45 species are recorded. Few cases of in-depth research on the Pantopoda of a specific area are known in the Italian literature and they are all focused on South-Central and Southern Italy. Other sporadic collections are reported in Faraggiana (1940), Krapp (1975), Chimenz & Cottarelli (1986), Arnaud (1987), and Chimenz Gusso (2000). Some new data on specimens collected in the Ligurian Sea (mainly in the Portofino shallow waters) and in Tyrrhenian Sea (especially near Torrevaldaliga, Civitavecchia, RM) allowed us to deepen the knowledge about the distribution of the already known species and to report the presence of a species not still recorded in the Italian fauna: *Endeis biseriata* Stock, 1968.