

55. *Theristus normandicus* DE MAN 1890.

Fig. 127-129.

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| 1 juv. ♂ on a break-water Knokke-Zoute, 28.XII.1931; NaCl : 31,6 ‰. | |
| 3 ♂♂ from Heyst-Zeebrugge, 2.IX.1931. | |
| 1 ♀ on a break-water at Oostende, 31.XII.1931. | |

DIMENSIONS :

♂ L. : 0,970 mm.; α : 26,2; β : 5,1 ; γ : 6,06.

?	?	190	?	M	810		
15		30		37	30	6,5	0,970 mm.

♂ L. : 1,340 mm.; α : 37,2; β : 6,53; γ : 8,2.

16	144	205	240	M	1177		
14,4		32,4		36	29	6,4	1,340 mm.

♀ L. : 1,080 mm.; α : 28,1; β : 5 ; γ : 6,75; V. : 58 %.

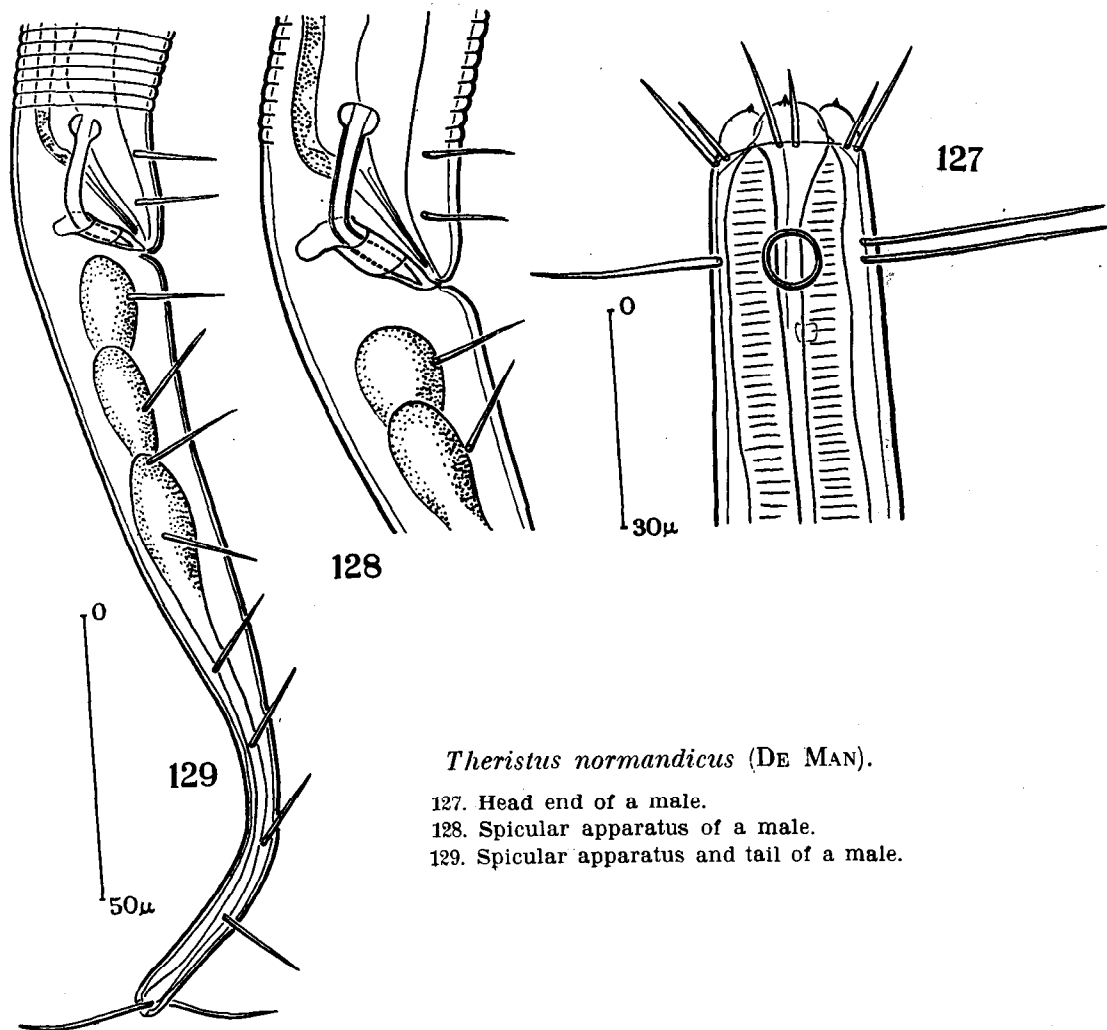
19,2	120	216	232	696	920		
20,8		35,2		38,4	27,2	6	1,080 mm.

Body slender; width at the anterior end in the male 0,4 × at the anal opening 0,8 × maximal width, in the female respectively 0,54 × and 0,7 maximal width.

Cuticle transversely striated, bearing rather numerous hairs in submedian longitudinal rows. In the female these are comparatively short, whereas they are conspicuously longer in the male and reach their maximal length on the level of the amphids where they measure 1,4 × corresponding body diameter. Corresponding hairs on the female : 0,5 × corresponding body diameter. A male presented a square refringent body a little caudad from the amphids (ocellus?).

Amphids circular, sometimes with a distinct median elevation, distinctly larger in the male than in the female. In the male their diameter is 0,35 × corresponding body diameter, and they are situated at 0,9 × cephalic diameter from the anterior end. In the female the diameter reaches 0,31 × corresponding body diameter and the distance from the anterior end is 0,8 × cephalic diameter.

Head rounded, with 6 spherical lips, beset with distinct labial papillae; 12 cephalic setae; in the male the longer measure $0,7 \times$, the shorter ones $0,45 \times$ cephalic diameter, whereas the respective relations in the female are $1 \times$ and $0,68 \times$ cephalic diameter.



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127. Head end of a male.

128. Spicular apparatus of a male.

129. Spicular apparatus and tail of a male.

Buccal cavity typical. *Oesophagus* slightly broadening towards the base. *Nerving* at 55 % of the oesophageal length.

Female genital tract unpaired, prevulvar, reaching almost to the base of the oesophagus. The same may be said of the male *testis*.

Male genital armature composed of 2 curved spicula, conspicuously swollen at the proximal end and pointed at the distal end. Chord or spiculum 1,1 × anal diameter long. *Gubernaculum* 0,8 × anal diameter, surrounding the spicula like a ruffle, and bearing a small, blunt, dorsal apophysis.

Tail in the male gradually tapering, last 1/3 cylindrical, 6 anal diameters long, 0,23 × anal diameter wide at the apex, with subventral rows of conspicuously long setae, those at the tip 4,6 × the width at tip of tail. Female tail identical in shape, but without the conspicuously long setae. Some short bristles are found at the tip; the relations are : length 7,2 × , width at the end 0,25 × anal diameter.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION : Atlantic, Channel and North Sea.