

Thoracostoma panamaense n. sp.

(Fig. 75.)

Thoracostoma sp. p. 90.

Dimensions: Juv. ♀ $L = 4,87$ mm, $\alpha = 64,93$, $\beta = 5,0$, $\gamma = 60,9$, $V = 61,4\%$.

Body of equal thickness, slender. Head truncate. Head capsule strongly developed. Lateral strengthenings strongly chitinized. Cephalic bristles situated before the middle of the head capsule, submedian, rather strong, about half as long as the corresponding head diameter. Lobes large, about cylindrical, separated from each other by deep furrows. Holes in the lobes lacking. Lateral organs situated at the front end of the furrows, rather large. Cuticule behind the head capsule provided with some bristles similar to the head bristles. Ocelli lacking. Oesophagus at about the end of the first third of its length surrounded by the nervering. Tail short, cylindrical, the end rounded, 1,4 times as long as the corresponding anal body diameter. Vulva situated behind the middle of the body.

Locality: Bay of Panama: Taboguilla.

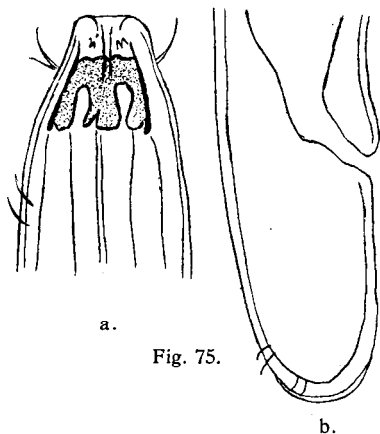


Fig. 75. *Thoracostoma panamaense* n. sp. a. Anterior Part $\times 290$, b. Tail $\times 140$.