

## **A Systematic Study on the Marine Sponges in Korea 12. Tetractinomorpha (Porifera: Demospongiae)**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The identified marine Tetractinomorpha consist of 6 species in 5 genera, 5 families and 3 orders. Of those two species, *Poecillastra wondoensis* and *Jaspis wondoensis*, are new to science and are described with detailed illustrations. Four species, *Craniella ellipsoida*, *Discodermia tuberosa*, *Discodermia panoplia*, and *Stelletta validissima orthotriaena*, are new to Korea and are remarked with illustrations.

Key words: systematics, marine sponges, Tetractinomorpha (Demospongiae), Korea

### **INTRODUCTION**

Tetractinomorpha were studied in coastal localities of the South Korea including many islands until 1994. Ninety six species of marine Tetractinomorpha sponges have been reported from Korean waters (Sim, 1981, 1982, 1990; Sim, Kim and Byeon 1990; Sim and Byeon 1991; Sim, Kim and Kim 1992; Sim and Kim 1994).

For the present study, materials were collected from 4 localities; Cheju Island, Komundo Island, Chongsan Island and Kunduk of East Sea from 1992 to 1994. For their identification, surface and spicules were observed under light microscope, dissecting microscope and SEM (Scanning Electron Microscope). Six species in 5 genera and 5 families were identified. Of which, two species were recognized as new to science and four as new to Korea.

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**SYSTEMATIC ACCOUNT**

Phylum Porifera Grant, 1836 해면동물문  
 Class Demospongiae Sollas, 1885 보통해면강  
 Subclass Tetractinomorpha Levi, 1956 사축해면아강  
 Order Astrophorida Levi, 1973 아스트로포리다목  
 Family Stellettidae Carter, 1875 별해면과  
 Genus *Stelletta* Schmidt, 1862 별해면속

**1. *Stelletta validissima orthotriaena* Koltun, 1966** 오르소많은별해면(신칭) (Fig. 1).

*Stelletta validissima orthotriaena* Koltun, 1966, p. 70, Fig. 20, Plate VII-1-2.

**Material examined.** Kunduk (fish net), 6 June 1993.

**Remarks.** This sponge is globular, massive, size up to 70 × 60 × 35 mm. Texture is very hard. Color in spirits is light gray. The surface is smooth and covered with algae.

- Spicules.** Megascleres
- (1) Oxeas ..... 7600 × 40-75 μm
  - (2) Orthotriaenes ..... 6120 × 110 μm
  - (3) Plagiotriaenes ..... 90-3000 × 30-50 μm
  - (4) Anatriaenes ..... 3800-4870 × 20-48 μm
- Microscleres
- (5) Large oxyasters ..... 30-45 μm
  - (6) Small oxyasters ..... 10-25 μm
  - (7) Tylasters ..... 5-7 μm

**Distribution.** Korea (Kunduk), USSR (North and far eastern sea) and Sea of Japan (off Hokkaido).

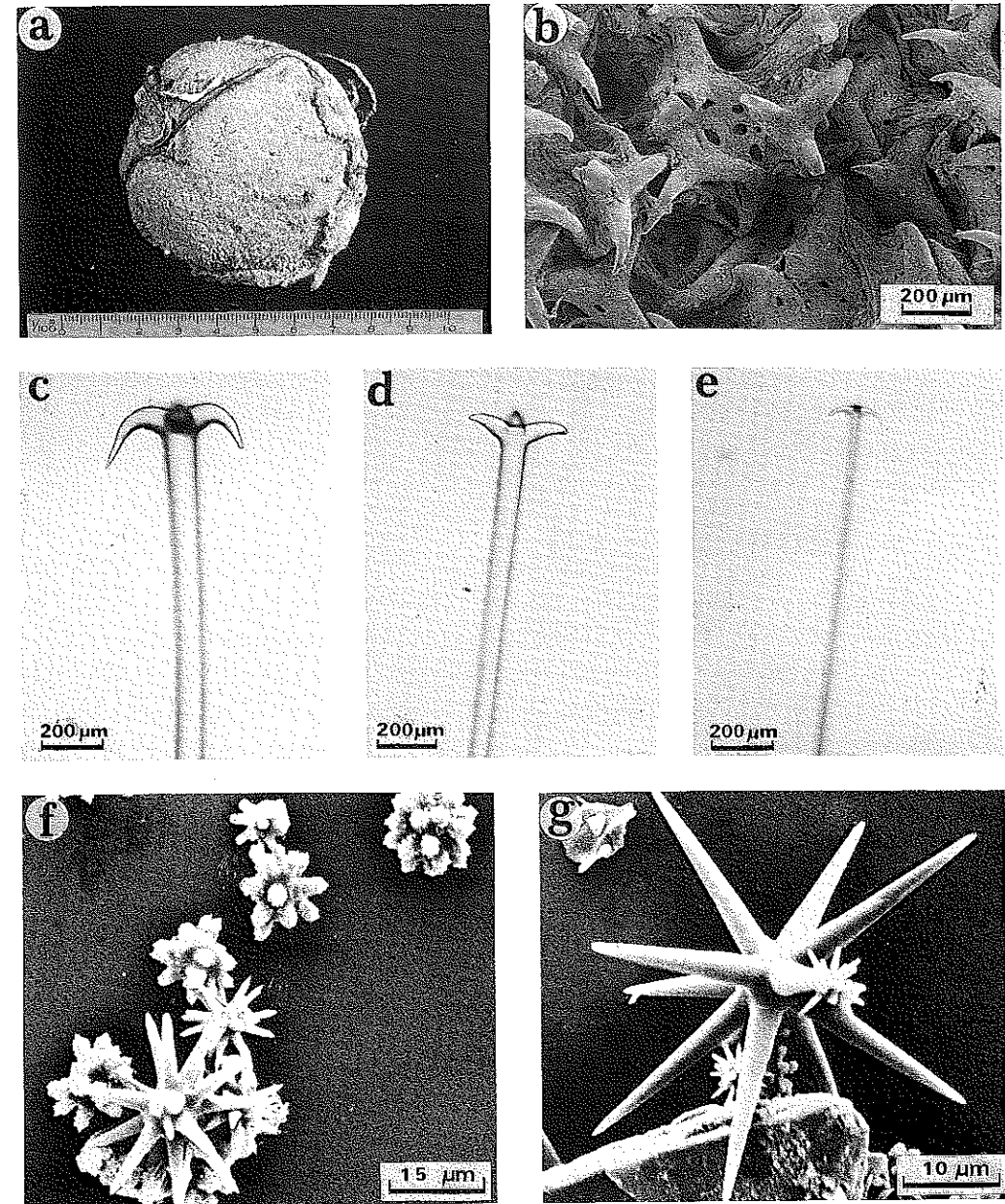
Family Pachastrellidae Cater, 1875 시루해면과  
 Genus *Poecillastra* Sollas, 1888 다성해면속

**2. *Poecillastra wondoensis*, n. sp.** 원도다성해면(신칭) (Fig. 2).

**Material examined.** Holotype: Por. 18 (Han Nam Univ. NHM), Komundo (Wondo), on the sponge, SCUBA, 15-25 m deep, Nov. 1994.

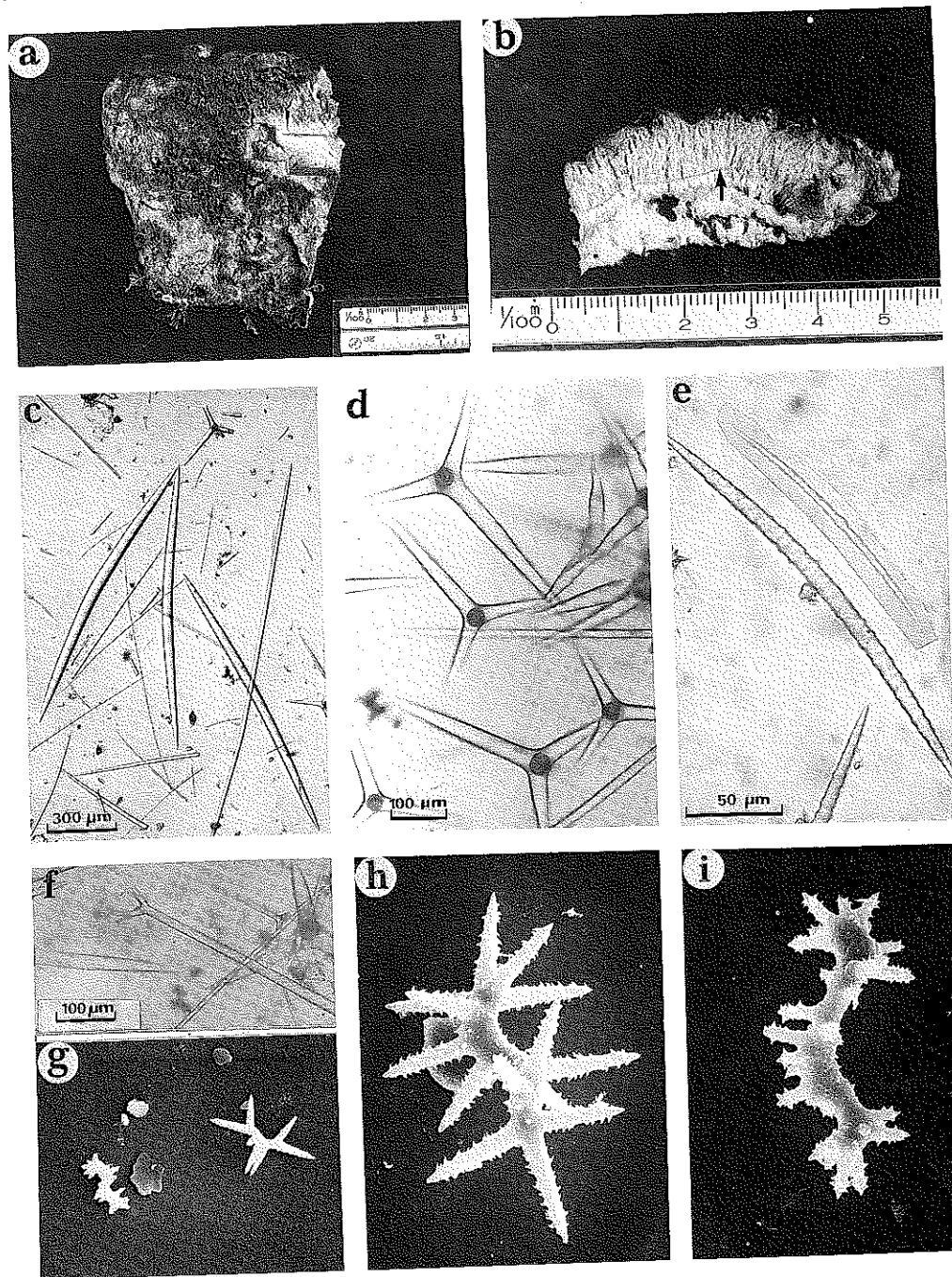
**Description.** Thickly encrusting sponge covered on all upper part of sponge *Jaspis wondoensis*. Size up to 80 × 60 × 10 mm, Surface rough, slightly hispid owing to projecting long oxeas. Texture hard and slightly compressible. Colour in life bright yellow but surface grey because of mud. Ectosome: At dermal portion, large oxea and calthrops arranged irregularly at one plane. Among them, several size of microxea and metasters scattered. Choanosome: Large thick oxea arranged longitudinally mixed with calthrops tightly also, mixed with microscleres.

- Spicules.** Megascleres
- (1) Large oxe ..... 1320-1820 × 30-80 μm
  - (2) Slender oxea ..... 1800-3500 × 3-10 μm
  - (3) Style ..... 730-1120 × 38-75 μm
  - (4) Calthrops ..... 110-500 × 10-50 μm

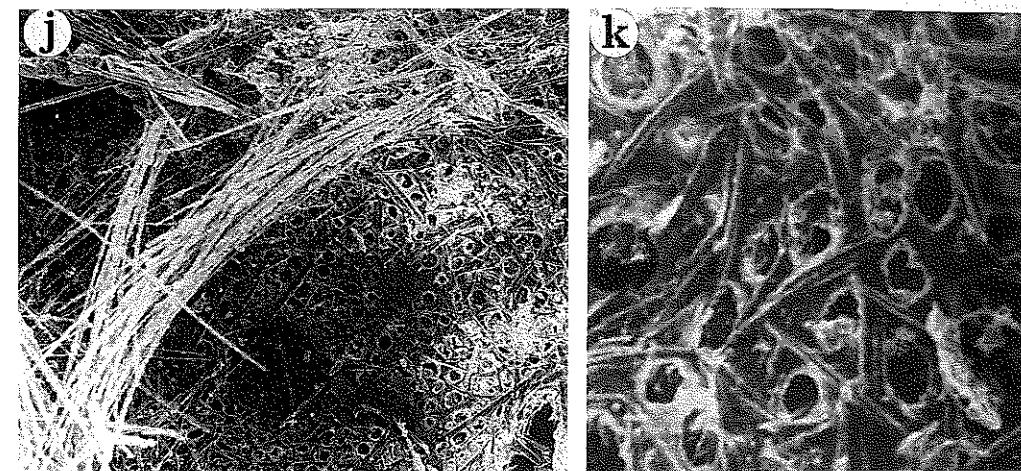


**Fig. 1.** *Stelletta validissima orthotriaena* Koltun: a, entire animal; b, surface of specimen; c-e, megascleres: c, orthotriaene; d, plagiotriaene; e, anatriaene; f-g, microscleres: f, tyloaster; g, oxyaster.

- (5) Protriaenes ..... 2500 μm (clad 80 μm)
- Microscleres
- (6) Microxea ..... 150-250 × 5-10 μm
- (7) Small microxea ..... 48-80 × 2.5 μm
- (8) Metaster ..... 15-20 μm
- (9) Spiraste ..... 15 μm



**Fig. 2.** *Poecillastra wondoensis*, n. sp.: a, entire animal; b, side view of specimen (indicated by arrow); c, megascleres: large oxea; slender oxea; d, megascleres: calthrops; e, microcleres: microoxea; f, megascleres: protriaene; g, microcleres (SEM); h, microcleres: metaster (SEM); i, spraster (SEM); j-k, surface of animal (SEM,  $\times 40$ ,  $\times 100$ )



**Fig. 2.** continued.

**Remarks.** This sample was identified as a symbiotic mixture of two different sponges. Both sponges were attached tightly each other like one sponge. Cross section of the sample shows two layers of morphologically distinct sponges. The thin and dirty yellow outer layer was identified as *Poecillastra wondoensis*, n. sp. The light grey inner layer was identified as *Jaspis wondoensis*, n. sp. They are not easily detached from each other. Thirty samples of the collected specimens were all symbiosis encrusting on *Jaspis wondoensis*. The present species is similar to *P. tenuilaminaris* (Sollas, 1888) in its spicules but it has long hair like oxea and quite different metaster. New species has protriaene but very rare. They also form a single sponge not a symbiotic mixture.

**Etymology.** This species is named for Wondo where the holotype was collected.

Family Jaspidae De Laubenfels, 1936 벽옥해면과

Genus *Jaspis* Gray, 1867 벽옥해면속

**3. *Jaspis wondoensis*, n. sp.** 원도벽옥해면(신칭) (**Fig. 3**).

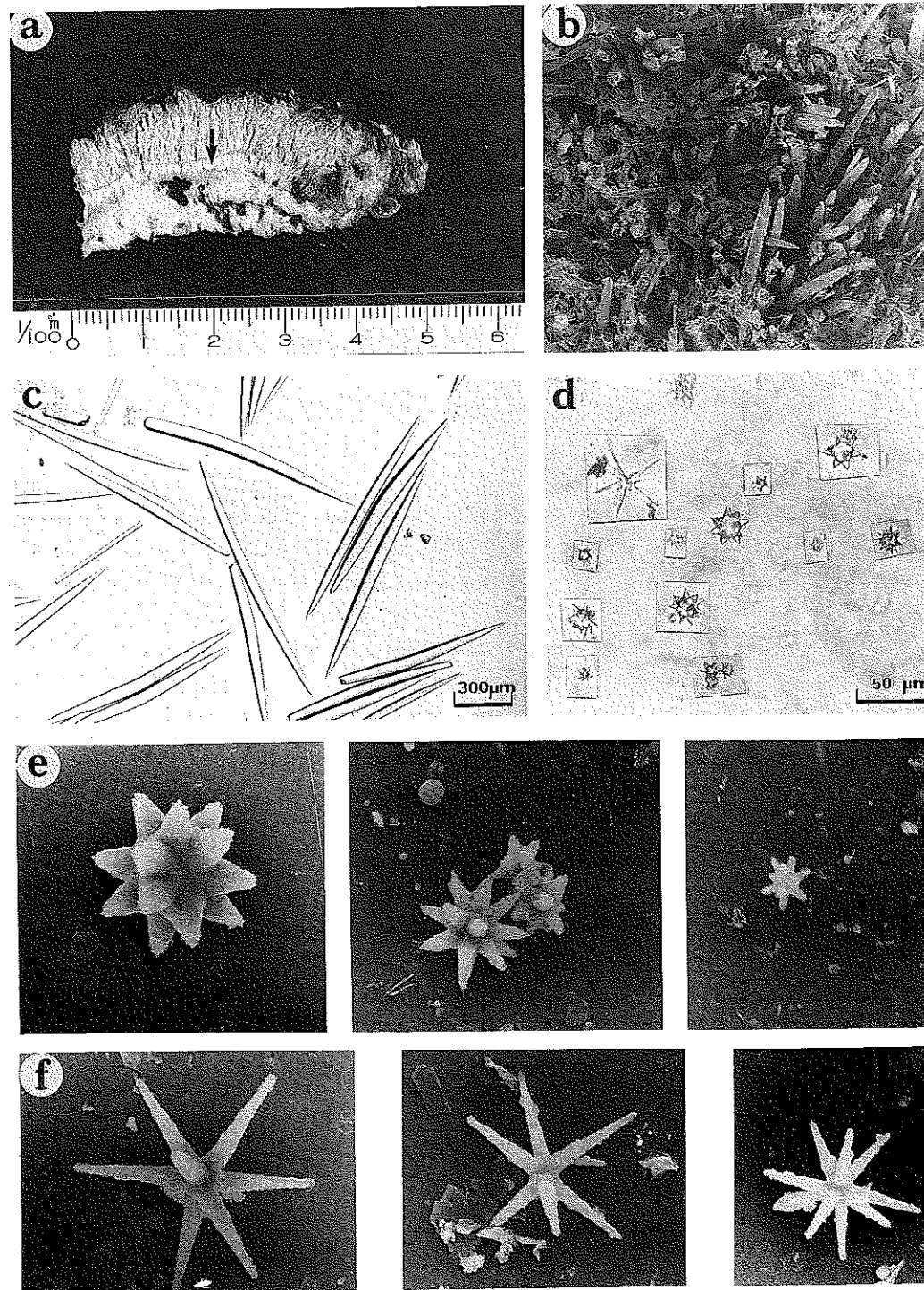
**Material examined.** Holotype: Por. 19 (Han Nam Univ. NHM), Komundo (Wondo), on the rock, SCUBA, 15-25 m deep, 1 Nov. 1994.

**Description.** Large mass varying in size up to  $80 \times 60 \times 20$  mm; Surface all covered with *Poecillastra wondoensis*. They are not clean because very difficult to separate each other. Texture hard and tough. Colour when alive beige. Ectosome with thin membrane mixed small aster. Large thick oxea protruding from choanosome. The arrangement of spicule is longitudinal with thick oxeas and styles. Choanosome, large oxeas and styles arranged irregularly.

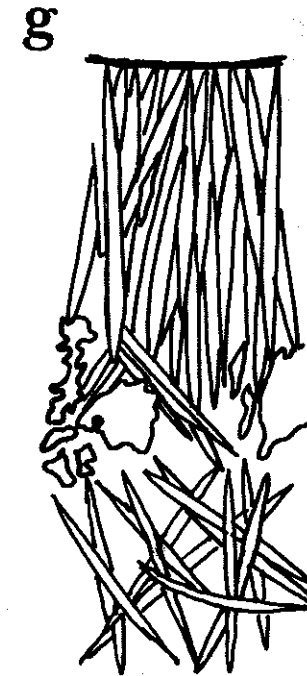
**Spicules.**

Megascleres	
(1) Large oxea	1100-1530 $\times$ 45-90 $\mu$ m
(2) Style	1000-1150 $\times$ 100 $\mu$ m
Microcleres	
(3) Oxyaster	17.5-45 $\mu$ m
(4) Spheraster	5-25 $\mu$ m

**Remarks.** The present species is different from *Jaspis novaezealandiae* (Dendy, 1924) in the spicules.



**Fig. 3.** *Jaspis wondoensis*, n. sp.: a, side view of specimen (indicated by arrow); b, surface of animal; c, megascleres: oxea, style; d, microscleres; e, microscleres (SEM, × 1000); spheraster; f, microscleres (SEM, × 1000); oxyaster; g, section of peripheral skeleton.



**Fig. 3.** continued.

**Etymology.** This species is named after Wondo where the holotype was collected.

Order Spirophorida Levi, 1973 스피로포리다목  
 Family Tetillidae Sollas, 1886 유두해면과  
 Genus Craniella 그라니해면속

**4. *Craniella ellipsoida* Hoshino, 1982** 타원그라니해면(신칭) (**Fig. 4**).

*Craniella ellipsoida* Hoshino, 1982, p. 142, Text-fig. 2, Pl. 7, figs. 8-9 and Pl. 8, figs. 1-7.

**Material examined.** Ch'ongsan Island (fish net), 15 July 1993.

**Remarks.** This sponge is ellipsoidal in form. Size up to 20 × 20 × 18 mm; rootlike spicules in bundles are attached to the sponge. A single oscule opens near the top of the sponge. Surface is even and minutely hispid. Texture is hard. Colour in spirits is whitish-gray.

**Spicules.**

	Megascleres	
(1)	Oxeas	430-3010 × 5-25 μm
(2)	Anamonaenes	850-2560 × 2.5-5 μm
(3)	Protriaenes	600-3350 μm
(4)	Anatriaenes	3600 μm
	Microscleres	
(5)	Sigmaspines	12.5-16 μm

**Distribution.** Korea (South Sea) and Japan (Sagami Bay).

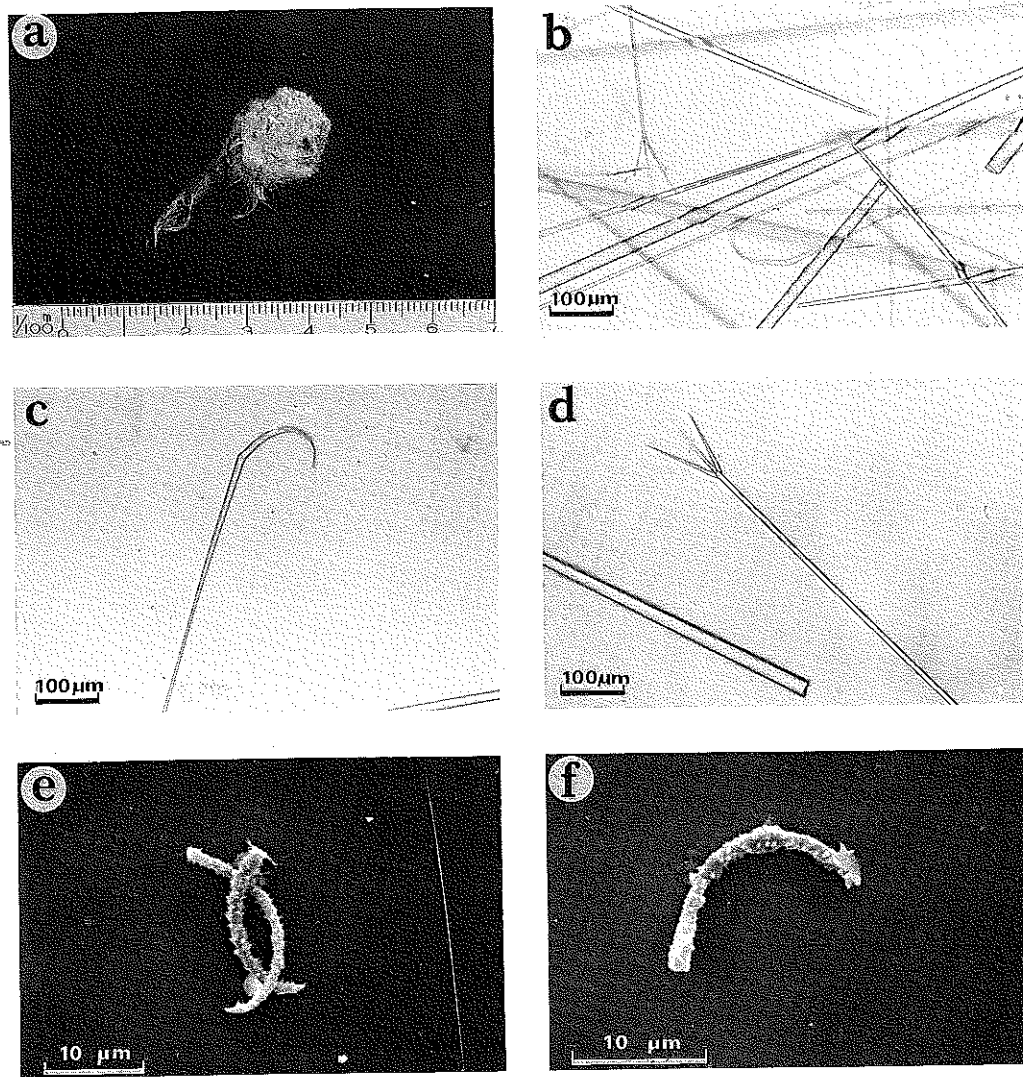


Fig. 4. *Craniella ellipsoida* Hoshino: a. entire animal; b. spicules; c. megascleres: anamonaene; d. protriaene; e-f. microscleres: sigmaspire.

Order 3. Lithistida Schmidt, 1870 리티스타다해면목  
 Family 4. Theonellidae Lendenfeld, 1903 테오넬라과  
 Genus 4. Discodermia Bocage, 1869 가죽해면속

5. *Discodermia tuberosa* Dendy, 1921 관가죽해면 (신칭) (Fig. 5).

*Discodermia tuberosa* Dendy, 1921, p. 6, pl. 9, fig. 2a-g.

**Material examined.** Seogwipo (fish net), 9 Feb. 1971.

**Remarks.** Sponge massive, irregular. Size up to 50 × 35 × 13 mm. Surface uneven and covered with about 0.2 mm thick epidermis. Texture is hard. Colour in spirits is brown.

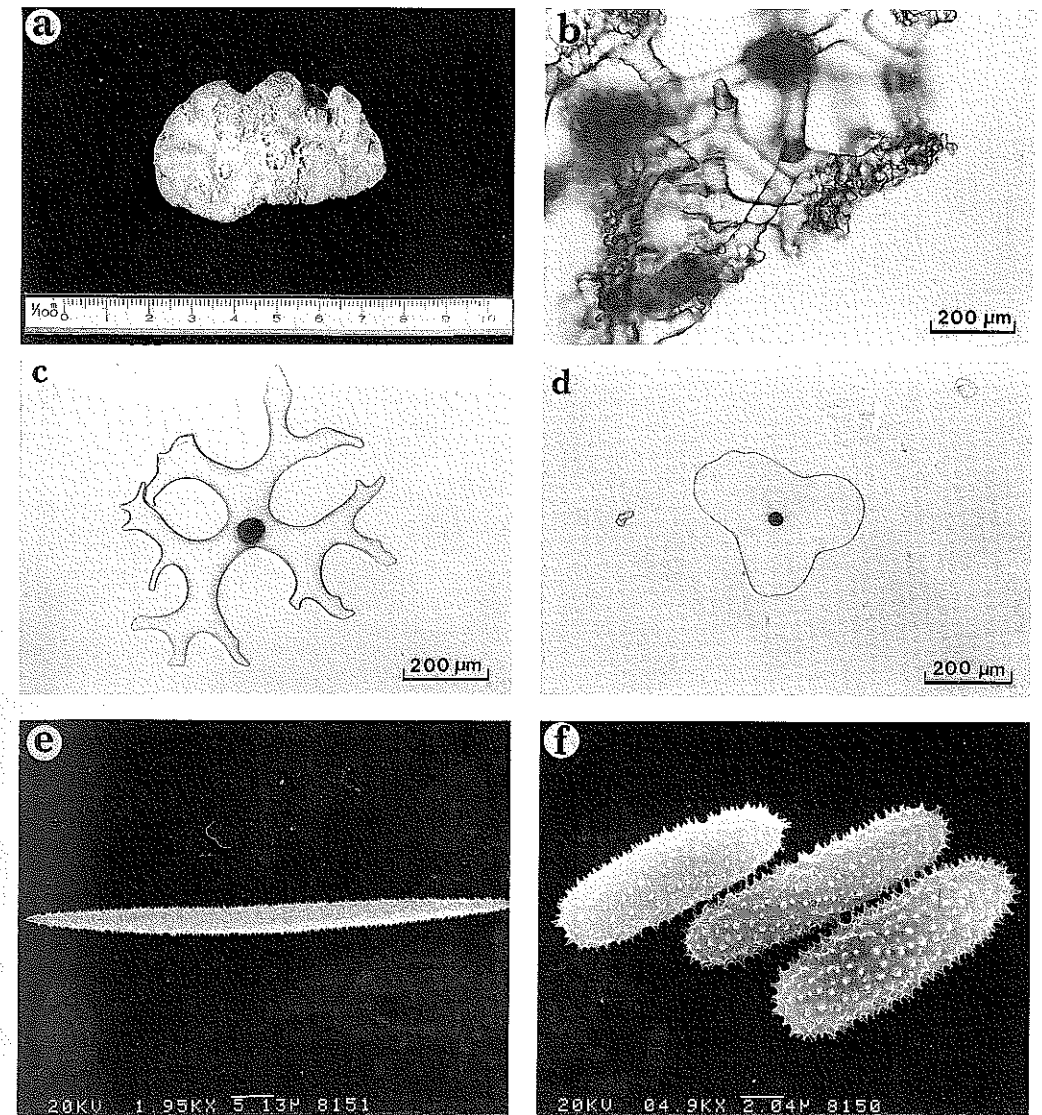
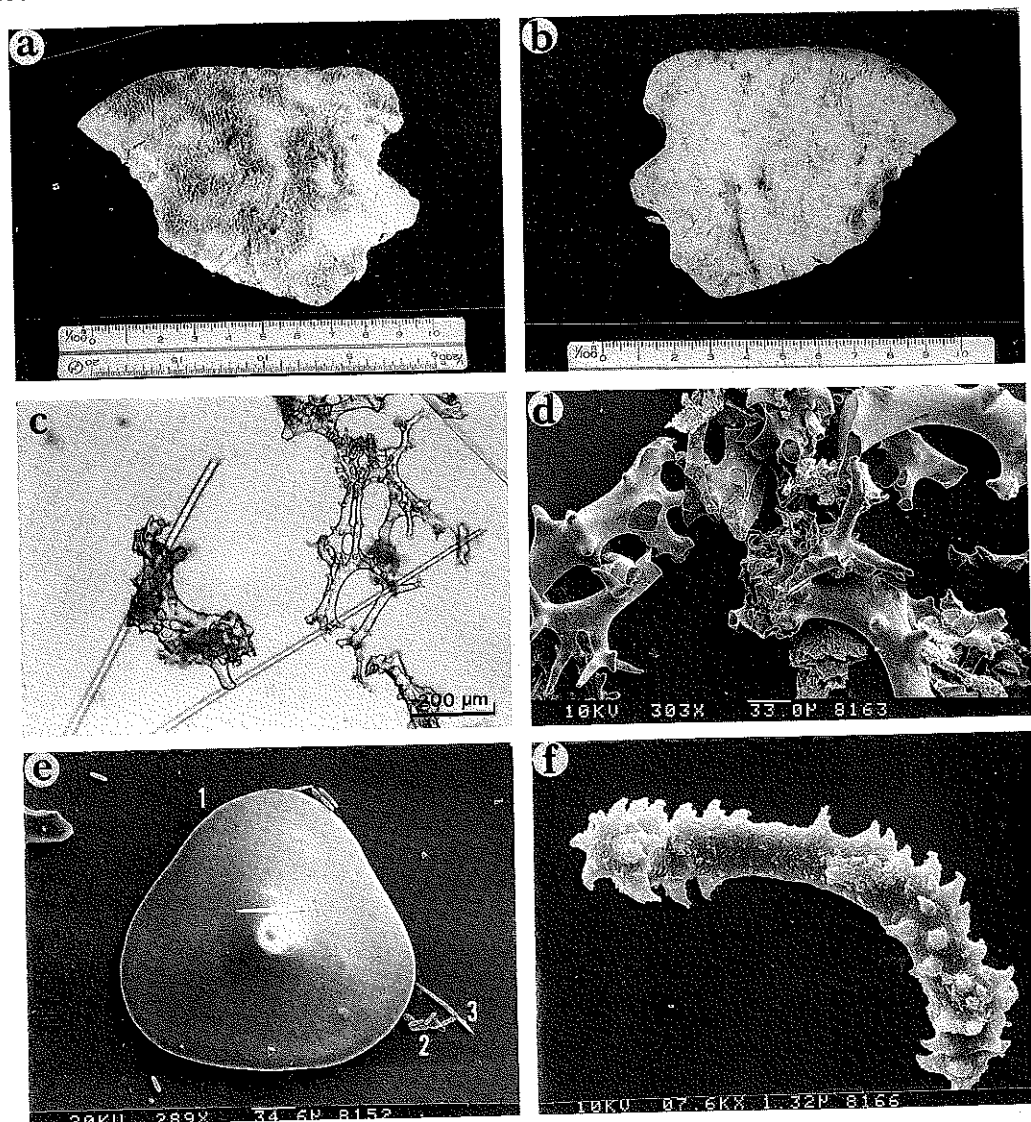


Fig. 5. *Discodermia tuberosa* Dendy: a. entire animal; b. megascleres: desmas; c-d, megascleres: discotriaenes; e. microscleres: microxea; f. megascleres: microstrongyles

**Spicules.**

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| Megascleres            |                          |
| (1) Tetracrepid desmas | 500-750 μm (in diameter) |
| (2) Discotriaenes      | 180-400 μm               |
| Microscleres           |                          |
| (3) Microxeas          | 50-60 μm                 |
| (4) Microstrongyles    | 15-20 μm                 |

**Distribution.** Korea (Cheju Island) and Indian Ocean (Sealark).



**Fig. 6.** *Discodermia panoplia* Sollas: a-b, entire animal; c, megasclere: oxea, Desmas; d, megasclere: desmas (SEM); e, megasclere: 1, discotriaene (SEM); microsclere: 2, microstrongles (SEM); 3, microxeas (SEM); f, microsclere: microstrongyle (SEM).

**6. *Discodermia panoplia* Sollas, 1888 투구가죽해면 (신칭) (Fig. 6).**

*Discodermia panoplia* Sollas, 1888, p. 295, pl. 32, figs. 12-25.

**Material examined.** Seogwipo (SCUBA), Nov. 1992.

**Remarks.** This sponge is like a plate in form. Size is up to 90 × 73 × 12 mm. Texture is hard and stony. The surface protrudes with a bundle of hairlike spicules. Pores are dispersed on the body. Colour in spirits is beige.

**Spicules.** Megascleres  
 (1) Desma ..... 1000 µm (in diameter)

- (2) Discotriaenes ..... 160-500 µm  
 (3) Oxeas ..... 600-2000 × 3-9 µm  
 Microscleres  
 (4) Microxeas ..... 60-87 µm  
 (5) Microstrongyles ..... 12.5-15 µm

**Distribution.** Korea (Cheju/Island) and South Papua (Ki Island).

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요 약

본 연구는 1992년부터 1994년까지 제주도, 청산도 거문도, 동해의 근덕 등에서 채집된 재료와 한남대 생물학과에 보관되어 있던 해면동물들을 동정 분류한 결과 5과 5속 6종이 분류되었고 이중 2종은 신종으로 밝혀져 자세한 기록과 도판을 첨가하였으며 나머지 4종은 한국미기록종이었다.