

Menaethius monoceros (Latreille, 1825)

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Short description

Carapace subtriangular, dorsal surface prominently nodose, with well defined regions. Rostrum elongate, styliform. Pre-orbital spines acuminate, post-orbital spines indistinct. Chelipeds in male longer, stouter than in female. Dactyls of walking legs curved, inner margin pectinate.

color: green-brown.

size: CL 2.7 cm (max.).

Distinguishing characteristics

Rostrum elongate, styliform, dorso-ventrally flattened.

Biology / Ecology

Once recorded from the cloaca of an holothurian (Chopra, 1931).

habitat: rocky or sandy subtidal, on reef, among seaweeds or *Sargassum*.

Distribution

Worldwide: Indo Pacific, Red Sea to Hawaii and Tahiti. **Mediterranean:** a single record from Sparviero Isl., Tyrrhenian coast of Italy (1978, L. Falciai, pers. comm.; identification confirmed by B. Galil).

Mode of introduction

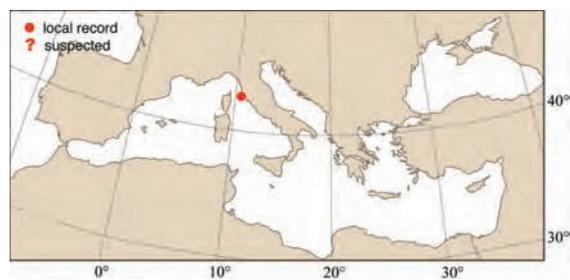
Probably ship-borne.

Establishment

Known from a single record.

Importance to humans

None.



1st Mediterranean record
Tyrrhenian Sea, Italy, 1978.

Key references

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