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The fossil on the cover is an adult example (T. TAKAHASHI coll.) of *Mikasaites orbicularis* MATSUMOTO (subfamily Marshallitinae, family Kossmaticeratidae) from the Lower Cenomanian (Cretaceous) of the Mikasa area, central Hokkaido. (photo by M. NODA, natural size)

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FOSSIL PLANTS FROM THE TAMA AND AZUYAMA HILLS, SOUTHERN KWANTO, JAPAN*

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Abstract. From the Oyabe Formation in the Tama Hill and the nearly coeval Bushi Formation in the Azuyama Hill, Southern Kwanto, we report the occurrence of fossil plants belonging to Picea, Pinus, Metasequoia, Salix, Juglans, Alnus, Quercus, Gleditsia, Buxus, Paliurus?, Ilex and Trapa, and describe them. Judging from the floristic composition, this flora may correspond to the Akashi-type flora of Tanai (1961). The geological age of this flora may possibly be Plio-Pleistocene.

Introductory notes

We collected many fossil plants from two localities in the southern Kwanto: Narahara, along the Kita-Asakawa, Hachioji City in Tokyo and Sasai, along the Irumagawa, Iruma City in Saitama Prefecture. This paper mentions the general remarks on this flora and deals with the description of these plants.

(1) The Narahara locality (Fig. 1) was first found by one of us, YOSHIYAMA in 1967. He found fossil erect stumps together with many fossil leaves in a tuff bed (ca. 1 m thick) covered by a rather thick and light coloured sandstone bed without fossils (KIMURA et al., 1967). The tuff bed contains erect stumps, wood and bark fragments, shoots, leaves, nuts, cones, seeds, pollen and spores. Cuticles are preserved in most leaves.

We feel sure that this plant-bearing tuff bed belongs to the Oyabe Formation (ca. 40 m thick), the lowest part of the Miura Group (OTUKA, 1932; TOKUNAGA et al., 1949; FUJIMOTO, 1968; FUJIMOTO et al., 1961).

We determined the following species from the Narahara locality: Picea cf. maximowiczii REGEL (cone), Pinus fujiiii (YASUI) MIKI (cones), Metasequoia cf. glyptostroboides HU and CHENG (cones, shoots, leaves), Juglans cinerea LINNÉ var. megacinernea MIKI (nuts), Quercus sp. (cuple), Gleditsia cf. japonica MIQUEL
Fig. 1. Index map; the lower map corresponds to the indicated area in the upper one. 1; Irumagawa River. 2; Kita-Asakawa River. 3; Narahara locality. 4; Sasai locality. 5; Tama River. 6; Hachioji City. 7; Han-no City.

(1) From the Sasai locality (Fig. 1), we determined the following species: Metasequoia glyptostroboides Hu and Cheng (cones, shoots, leaves), Salix cf. integra Thunberg (leaves), S. sp. (capsules), Alnus cf. japonica Siebold and Zuccarini (female spike), Ilex cornuta Lindley and Paxton (leaves) and Trapa maximowiczii Korshinsky (fruits). Besides above, Shimakura (1934, '35, '36) recorded the following wood remains and a nut from the different localities of the Bushi Formation: Taxodoxyylon sequoianum Gothan, T. cf. sequoianum Gothan, T. sp., Piceoxylon spp., Cupressinoxylon spp., Glyptostroboxylon tenerum Conwentz, G.? sp., Buxus sp. and a Juglans nut.

By 1948 the late Professor Miki (1948) identified 249 plant species belonging to 156 genera and 76 families from 101 localities in Kinki and its adjacent districts. Afterwards he (1950a) revised the numbers as 264, 154 and 78, respectively. Based on his plant-material, Miki (1948) proposed the floristic sequence and discussed the palaeoclimate and other features.

In the Osaka Group located in the Kinki district (about 500 km to the west of Tokyo), the boundary between the Pliocene and Pleistocene is put at the horizon just below 'Ma-1' (Kamei et al., 1969) (Fig. 2), based on their reason that the first 'cold'-type plants are observed in 'Ma-1' horizon, such as Picea maximowiczii, P. koribai, Pinus spp., Alnus japonica, Trapella lissa, Menyanthes trifoliata in association with Metasequoia.
According to NIREI (1969a, b), three Juglans species of the Osaka Group have their restricted stratigraphic ranges as shown on the right side of Fig. 2.

Judging from the floristic composition, our flora may correspond to the Akashi-type flora of TANAI (1961) flourished at swampy area under the temperate climate.

We have at present no positive base dating our flora, but judging from the coexistence of Juglans cinerea var. megacinerea and Metasequoia our flora may possibly be correlated with that of the lower part (Plio-Pleistocene age) of the Osaka Group.

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**Systematic description**

The cuticles here described were prepared by the maceration with HNO$_3$+KClO$_3$ followed by diluted KOH. Specimens here described are kept in the Department of Astronomy and Earth Sciences, Tokyo Gakugei University.

Gymnospermae-Coniferales
Family Pinaceae
Genus *Picea* A. DIETRICH

*Picea cf. maximowiczii* REGEL

Pl. 9, Fig. 1; Text-figs. 1a-c

**Comparable specimens:**

*Picea cf. maximowiczii* REGEL: MIKI, 1941, p. 255, fig. 5J.
*Picea maximowiczii* REGEL: MIKI, 1948, p. 111, fig. 3G; 1956, p. 450; 1957, p. 241, pl. 5, figs. A-B; fig. 5C.

**Material:** HAC-2004.
**Locality:** Narahara.
**Occurrence:** Rare.
**Observation:** A single cone (Text-fig. 1a) is small, ovoid in outline, 2 cm long and 1.4 cm wide. Its apex is missing. The cone-scales are obovoid in outline, wedge-shaped at base, without stalk and with thin entire margin as shown in Text-fig. 1b-c. 10 mm long and 8 mm maximum-wide. The bract are small, coming easily off, leaving its scar on the abaxial base of each cone-scale. Seeds are unknown.

**Remarks:** Unfortunately, we failed to make the exact phyllotaxis of this cone clear. Our cone is similar in form to that of *Picea maximowiczii*, but smaller in size than those of living ones. So we regard our cone as *Picea cf. maximowiczii*.

*Picea latibracteata* originally described
by MIKI (1957) from the Plio-Pleistocene plant-beds in Kinki district, resembles *P. maximowiczii*, but it differs from *P. maximowiczii* in its broader cone-scale as shown by its specific name, and its broader bract.

The living *Picea maximowiczii* is now restricted in distribution to a small area in eastern montane area of Nagano Prefecture and on the slope of Mt. Fuji, Central Japan.

**Genus Pinus LINNÉ**

*Pinus fujii* (YASUI) MIKI  
Pl. 9, Figs. 2-3; Text-figs. 2a-c

*Pinites fujii* YASUI: YASUI, 1928, p. 431, pls. 20-21, text-fig. 12.

*Pinus fujii* (YASUI) MIKI: MIKI, 1939, p. 244 (nomenclature); 1941, p. 255, pl. 4, fig. G; fig. 5K-M; 1957, p. 250, pl. 7, figs. H-K; fig. 7B; TANAI, 1961, p. 255, pl. 2, fig. 9; pl. 3, fig. 10.

**Locality:** Narahara.  
**Occurrence:** Rather rare.

**Observation:** Two incomplete cones (Pl. 9, figs. 2-3; Text-fig. 2a) were obtained. The cones are ovate in form, 3.5-4.5 cm long and 2 cm maximum across measured on compressed surface, and stipitate. The conescales (Text-fig. 2b) are elongate-rectangular in form, 1.2-1.3 cm long and 4-6 mm wide at middle and with an expanded and thickened apex forming a flattened-rhomboidal escutcheon with hook-like umbo (Text-fig. 2c). Bractscales and seeds are unknown.

**Remarks:** Our cones are referable to those of *Pinus fujii* described by previous authors from the Pliocene and the Miocene in Japan. The cone character of this species resembles those of living *Pinus densiflora* SIEBOLD and ZUCCARINI and *P. thunbergii* PARLATORE, both growing wild in Japan and Korea. But *Pinus fujii* is distinguished from *P. densiflora* by its broad cone-scales and its expanded umbo, and from *P. thunbergii* by its hook-like umbo.

Family Taxodiaceae

**Genus Metasequoia MIKI ex Hu and CHENG**

*Metasequoia cf. glyptostroboides*  
Hu and CHENG  
Pl. 9, Figs. 4-6; Pl. 10, figs. 1-3; Text-figs. 3a-d

**Material:** HAC-2001 and many others.  
**Localities:** Narahara and Sasai.  
**Occurrence:** Very abundant (cones, leafy twigs and needles).

**Observation:** The cones (Pl. 9, Figs. 4-6; Text-figs. 3a-d) are short-cylindrical or elliptic in side-view, 1.6-1.8 cm long and 0.9-1.3 cm across, consisting of 16-20 cone-scales. The cone-scales are decussately arranged, 2-4 mm high (mean 3 mm) and 7-13 mm wide (mean 10 mm). The peduncles are mostly missing and no seed is preserved on the cone-scales. The deciduous shoots are with distichous and pectinate leaves. The leaves are linear and mostly obtuse at apex, 0.7-1.1 cm long and 1 mm wide and with a midnerve persisting near the tip.

The leaf-cuticle is hypostomatic (Pl. 10, Fig. 1). The upper cuticle (Pl. 10, Fig. 2; Text-fig. 3c) consists of rectangular normal cells, typically 56 μm long and 19 μm wide and with undulate lateral walls. The cells on a midnerve and along the margins are long and narrow, typically 71 μm long and 16 μm wide with straight cell-walls.
The lower cuticle (Pl. 10, Fig. 3; Text-fig. 3d) consists of a pair of stomate zones and zones of normal cells. The stomate zone (Text-fig. 3d) consists of stomata, subsidiary cells and normal cells which are typically 48 μm long and 14 μm wide and with more or less undulate cell-walls. The stomata are elliptic, typically 42 μm long and 22 μm wide and with 4–6 subsidiary cells, forming a pit over the sunken guard cells. The apertures are parallel to the mid nerve. The density of stoma is about 170 per mm². The normal cells outside the stomate zone are elongate-rectangular, typically 76 μm long and 15 μm wide with nearly straight cell-walls. Normal cells on the mid nerve are 68 μm long and 14 μm wide and with straight cell-walls.

Remarks: Our cones, shoots and leaves agree well with those of the living Metasequoia glyptostroboides. But our cuticle is somewhat different from that of living species; in ours the normal cells on the mid nerve and the marginal sides of leaf are straight-walled, while in living species the normal cell-walls are, so far as our observation is concerned, usually undulated everywhere. Accordingly we here regard ours as Metasequoia cf. glyptostroboides.

Our cones, shoots, leaves and their cuticle resemble those originally described by MIKI (1941) as Metasequoia disticha (HEER) and M. japonica (ENDO). Metasequoia japonica is, according to MIKI (1941), characterized by its cones with narrow and smaller number of cone-scales. However, we think both are conspecific, because it is considered that the cones with narrow and small number of cone-scales fall within the range of variance. CHANEY (1950) made two combinations of Metasequoia, M. occidentalis (NEWBERRY) and M. cuneata (NEWBERRY). According to CHRISTOPHEL (1976), Metasequoia cuneata is conspecific with M. occidentalis. Outside Japan, nearly all the fossil Metasequoia specimens except the Russian ones, were described under the name of M. occidentalis (for further details, see CHANEY, 1950; SCHLOEMER-JÄGER, 1958; BROWN, 1962; SCHWEITZER, 1974; CHANDRASEKHARAM, 1974; CHRISTOPHEL, 1976). The Russian specimens have mostly been regarded as Metasequoia disticha by the Russian authors.

TANAI (1961) adopted Metasequoia occidentalis for the Japanese specimens instead of M. disticha, by the reason that Miki's specific name disticha was derived from HEER's Sequoia disticha based on the foliage shoots, and M. disticha on the basis of cones was, in his opinion, doubtful to be correctly coincided with HEER's original specimens.

Our cones, shoots and leaves also resemble those regarded as Metasequoia occidentalis, but we reserve the full comparison between ours and M. occidentalis, because, so far as we know, the leaf-cuticles have not been described in the leaves regarded as M. occidentalis.

Angiospermae-Dicotyledonae
Family Salicaceae
Genus Salix LINNÉ

Salix cf integra THUNBERG
Pl. 10, Figs. 4-5; Text-figs. 4a-c

Material: IR-4101 and many others.
Locality: Sasai.
Occurrence: Locally very abundant.
Observation: Many broken leaves were obtained. They are elongate-oblong in form, typically 3.5 cm long and 1.4 cm maximum-wide and with finely serrate margins (Text-fig. 4a). The midnerve is arcuate. Secondary nerves arise at an
angle of 40–50 degrees, then bending upwards near the margin. Tertiary nerves are nearly perpendicular to the secondary ones, sometimes forking in course. Quaternary nerves are mostly inconspicuous (Pl. 10, Fig. 4) and nearly perpendicular to the tertiary ones. Ultimate veinlets are free (Text-fig. 4b).

The cuticle is hypostomatic. The upper cuticle (Pl. 10, Fig. 4) consists of normal cells and elongate vein cells. Normal cells are pentagonal or hexagonal in form, 9-15 \( \mu m \) in diameter. The lower cuticle (Pl. 10, Fig. 5; Text-fig. 4c) consists of stomata, normal cells and elongate vein cells. A stoma consists of guard cells and paired subsidiary cells (brachyparacytic, after Dilcher, 1974). Stomata are small-sized, irregular in orientation and crowded, about 240 per \( \text{mm}^2 \) in density. Guard cells are sunken, 7–10 \( \mu m \) long and 3–4 \( \mu m \) wide. Normal cells are narrower than those of upper ones, 10–30 \( \mu m \) long and 7–10 \( \mu m \) wide. No hair is found on both surfaces.

Remarks: Among more than 300 living Salix species, our leaves resemble Salix integra THUNBERG in their leaf-form and cuticle, but our normal cells and stomata are larger in size than those of living S. integra as shown in Text-figs. 4c and 4e for comparison.

It seems to be difficult to distinguish Salix species depending on their cuticles, because they are often similar and we merely designate our leaves as Salix cf. integra. In addition, Salix species bear various hybrids each other to make the specific distinction difficult, as well seen among the living Salix species.

In Japan, the first record of fossil leaves like the living Salix integra was made by Huzioka (1952) from the Miocene of Hokkaido.

According to Miki (1953), Salix leaves occur locally or sporadically in the Plio-Pleistocene plant-beds in Japan. To be sure, Salix leaves or fruits have not been found from Narahara, although its pollen grains are fairly abundant.
Salix sp.
Pl. 10, Fig. 6; Text-figs. 5a-c

Material: IR-4002 and many others.
Locality: Sasai.
Occurrence: Locally abundant.
Observation: A good number of detached Salix capsules as shown in PI. 10, Fig. 6 is obtained. Capsule is as a whole short-lanceolate in side-view, with a short stalk, 0.5 mm long and 0.3 mm across (Text-fig. 5a), and deeply divided into two parts. Apical half of each part is tapering to the pointed apex and sometimes reflexed outwards as shown in Text-figs. 5b-e.

Remarks: Our capsules resemble in general form those of several living Salix species or possibly a Toisusu species in Japan, but the capsules of living Salix integra are far smaller in size than ours.

It is impossible to determine our capsules specifically, because their stigmas and hairs which are taxonomically useful appendages, are all missing. Very likely our capsules belong to Salix cf. integra, being in close association with the leaves in occurrence. However, we here regard them as Salix sp. because of lacking any positive proof of their attribution.

Family Juglandaceae
Genus Juglans LINNÉ
Juglans cinerea LINNÉ var. megacinerea MIKI
Pl. 9, Figs. 7-9; Text-figs. 6a-b

Juglans cinerea LINNÉ: KRYSHTOFOVICH, 1915, p. 21, pl. 1, figs. 3-7; HAYASAKA, 1926, p. 55, pl. 5; ENDO, 1933, p. 305, figs. 1-9; 1934a, p. 62, pl. 3; 1934b, p. 374; 1934c, p. 345, pls. 42-43; 1954, pl. 1, figs. 2-3; SHIMAKURA, 1935, p. 45, fig. 2; MIKI, 1936, p. 170, fig. 2A; 1937, p. 310, pl. 8, fig. 1; fig. 2A; 1941, p. 265, fig. 9F; ONISHI, 1940, p. 78, fig. 2; OKUTSU, 1955, p. 83, pl. 8, figs. 1-3.

Juglans megacinerea CHANEY: MIKI, 1953, p. 127, fig. 17F.

Juglans megacinerea LINNÉ: KOKAWA, 1955, pl. 1, figs. 1-3.

Juglans cinerea LINNÉ var. megacinerea (CHANEY) MIKI: MIKI, 1955, p. 133, pl. 2, fig. A; fig. 2B; TANAI, 1961, p. 274, pl. 6, figs. 1-2, 7; NIREI, 1975, p. 94, pl. 1, figs. 6-12; text-figs. 3-4.

Material: HAC-4001-4005 and many others.
Locality: Narahara.
Occurrence: Abundant.
Observation: Many nut remains were obtained. They are represented mostly by the valve separated by its sutural plane, but sometimes by the complete nut, although more or less crushed. The nuts (Pl. 9, Figs. 7-9) are oblong-ovoid in outline, 5.5-6.8 cm long and 2.7-3.2 cm maximum-wide, acuminate at apex and rounded at base. Ribs are prominent, typically 8 in number, about 5 mm deep, with marked sculptures. In cross section, there are 8 or more lacunae in the endocarp around a loculus (Text-figs. 6a-b).

Remarks: Our nuts agree well with those described by previous authors under the names of Juglans cinerea, J. megacinerea or J. cinerea var. magacinerea.

According to NIREI's detailed study on the walnut (1975), Juglans cinerea var. megacinerea is safely distinguishable from fossil and living J. cinerea by the number of locunae (viz. 4 in J. cinerea, while 6-10 in var. megacinerea) and the nut-size.

According to TANAI's suggestion, we removed the author's name 'CHANEY' from this variety, because we could not find CHANEY's reference to this variety. It would be better to regard this variety as ranking with a distinct species because
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Family Betulaceae

Genus Alnus Gaertner

Alnus cf. japonica Siebold and Zuccarini

Pl. 9, Fig. 10; Text-figs. 7a-c

Material: IR-4001 A-D.

Locality: Sasai.
Occurrence: Rather rare.

Observation: Four detached female-spike were obtained. The female-spike (Pl. 9, Fig. 10; Text-fig. 7a) are oval in side-view, 1.3-1.7 cm long and 0.7-1.0 cm maximum-wide and with a large number of spirally arranged scales. The scales (Text-figs. 7b-c) are fan- or wedge-shaped and their apical halves are divided into 5 lobes, among which a central one is larger in size than others and with a small projection at apex.

Remarks: Our spikes, especially having 5 lobed scales, resemble those of living Alnus japonica growing wild mainly on swampy areas in Japan, Korea, Northeast China and Ussuri. So far as we know, except Alnus japonica (Text-figs. 7d-e for comparison), there is no living Alnus species having 5 lobed scales in Japan and adjacent areas. We, however, here reserve the full specific identity of our spikes to living species, because our spikes are smaller in size than those of living species (1.5-2 cm long and 9-15 mm wide) and the specimens at hand are too small in number for satisfactory comparison.

Family Fagaceae

Genus Quercus Linne

Quercus sp.

Pl. 9, Fig. 11; Text-figs. 8a-b

Material: HAC-4012.
Locality: Narahara.
Occurrence: Rare.

Observation: A single detached cuple was obtained. Cuple (Pl. 9, Fig. 11) is small, shallow-cup-like in form, 8.5 mm in diameter and 2.5 mm high, and with thin margin. Its outer surface is densely ornamented with the imbricated minor scales as shown in Text-figs. 8a-b.
Remarks: The outer ornamentation of our cuple resembles those of such living oaks in Japan as Quercus phillyraeoides A. Gray, Q. serrata Thunberg and Q. crispula Blume. Among them, our cuple is most close to that of Quercus serrata growing wild in Japan and Korea, owing to its shallow-cup-like form.

Family Leguminosae
Genus *Gleditsia* Linné

_Gleditsia cf. japonica_ Miquel

Pl. 9, Fig. 12; Text-fig. 9a

Comparable specimens:

_Gleditsia horrida_ Makino (non Willdenow):
Miki, 1936, p. 171, figs. A-E.

_Gleditsia japonica_ Miquel: Miki, 1937, p. 318, figs. 6A-E (= _G. horrida_ Makino in Miki, 1936); 1938, fig. 5F.

Material: HAC-4015, 4016.
Locality: Narahara.
Occurrence: Rare.

Observation: The specimens found are detached main-spines bearing subopposite branch-spines at 45 degrees. The main spine is 2 mm across up to its second branch when it is more slender. Its apex is broken. The branch-spines are 2 mm wide below and 10–23 mm long and taper to sharp points. They are slightly decurrent basally and the main spine has longitudinal striations.

Remarks: Our spiny branches, though small fragments, agree in general outline with those illustrated by Miki (1936, '37, '38) from the Stegodon and Elephas beds of Akashi and Katada (for further details, see Miki, 1938), as _Gleditsia japonica_ Miquel. But they differ from those of living _Gleditsia japonica_ in having longer and stouter spiny-branches. Text-fig. 9b shows some spiny branches of living _Gleditsia japonica_ for comparison. Accordingly we prefer to regard our specimens as _Gleditsia cf. japonica_.

The spiny branches illustrated by Miki (1938, fig. 2Ka, b) agree well with those of living _Gleditsia japonica_. _Gleditsia cf. macrocantha_ Desfontaines illustrated by Miki (1941) is an allid form to _G. cf. japonica_ in its large-sized spiny branches.

Family Buxaceae
Genus *Buxus* Linné

*Buxus microphylla* Siebold and Zuccarini var. _japonica_

Rehder and Wilson

Pl. 9, Fig. 13; Pl. 11, Figs. 1–4; Text-figs. 10a-d

_Buxus japonica_ Mueller-Aargau: Miki, 1936, p. 20, figs. 7A–B; 1937, p. 320, figs. 7A–B; 1941, p. 281, fig. 16D; Takahashi, 1954, p. 60, pl. 7, figs. 13a–g.

Material: HAC-4101–4104.
Locality: Narahara.
Occurrence: Rather rare.

Observation: Four detached leaves were obtained. They (Pl. 9, Fig. 13; Text-fig. 10a) are small, 1–1.7 cm long and 0.7–0.9 cm wide, elliptic or obovate in outline, rounded or emarginate at apex, acute or attenuate at base, and shortly petiolate. The mid-primary nerve is stout, nearly straight and sending off about 15 pairs of rather slender secondaries at an angle of 50–60 degrees. A pair of lateral-primary nerves is thinner than the mid-primary nerve, originating from the petiole, then each forming an intramarginal nerve. Secondaries are mostly parallel to each other, then dichotomously forking twice or thrice, straight or curving and finally joining the intramarginal nerve. Tertiaries are mostly distinct but slender, diverging at an acute angle from the secondaries,
irregularly forking, ending freely in intercostal area and not forming areole, although they are often joining. The leaf-margin is entire, forming a very narrow and nerveless 'rim' all around, consisting of the aggregation of thick-walled cells.

The cuticle is hypostomatic, both the upper and the lower cuticles are thick. The upper cuticle (Pl. 11, Fig. 1; Text-fig. 10b) consists of normal cells which are pentagonal-hexagonal in outline and nearly isodiametric, 15-40 \( \mu \text{m} \) in diameter. The lower cuticle (Pl. 11, Fig. 2; Text-fig. 10c) consists of stomata and normal cells similar in form to those of the upper cuticle. Stomata are circular in outline, typically 38 \( \mu \text{m} \) in diameter, scattered evenly, about 120 per \( \text{mm}^2 \) in density, their apertures are irregularly oriented. Subsidiary and encircling cells are indistinct, anomocytic (after DILCHER, 1974). Marginal cells forming the 'rim' are thick isodiametric, 25 \( \mu \text{m} \) in diameter and with rather thickened cell-walls as shown in Pl. 11, Figs. 3-4 and Text-fig. 10d.

Remarks: Among about 70 living Buxus species and their varieties, our leaves are just like those of Buxus micro-

Text-figs. 9-10. 9a. Gleditsia cf. japonica MIQUEL; a deformed spiny branch (HAC-4015). 9b. Living Gleditsia japonica MIQUEL; a spiny branch (for comparison) (cultivated at Kodaira City, Tokyo). 10a-d. Buxus microphylla SIEBOLD and ZUCCARINI var. japonica REHDER and WILSON. 10a; a detached leaf and its venation (HAC-4102). 10b; upper cuticle (slide no. HAC-4102S). 10c; lower cuticle, showing anomocytic subsidiary cells (slide no. HAC-4102S). 10d; marginal cells, forming a 'rim' (right side, indicated as rim) and venous cells (dotted lines) of an intra-marginal nerve (left side, indicated as imn); marginal cells are thick and their margins are lying one upon another. 10e-f. Living Buxus microphylla SIEBOLD and ZUCCARINI var. japonica REHDER and WILSON; cuticle (for comparison) (cultivated in Tokyo). 10e; upper cuticle. 10f; lower cuticle, showing anomocytic subsidiary cells.
phylla var. japonica externally redefined by HATUNISHIMA (1942) in leaf-form, size and venation. In addition, our cuticle is like those of living Buxus microphylla var. japonica, too (Text-figs. 10e-f for comparison).

Buxus microphylla var. japonica resembles B. protojaponica originally described by TANAI and ONOE (1961) from the Upper Miocene of Japan, and recently reexamined by UEMURA (1979) based upon many fossil leaves with his detailed cuticular observation. However, Buxus microphylla var. japonica is possibly distinguished from B. protojaponica by its almost glabrous habit, instead of having unicellular hairs both on the petiole and basal leaf-margins in B. protojaponica.

Our leaves are indistinguishable from those described by MIKI and TAKAHASHI under the name of Buxus japonica shown in synonymy in their leaf-form, size and cuticles, although they are glabrous or not is uncertain.

Buxus microphylla var. japonica is similar in leaf-form, venation and cuticle to B. corchika POJARK, B. pliocenica SAPORTA and MARISON and B. sempervirens LINNÉ known from the Tertiary of Eurasia. Their brief comparison was already carried out by UEMURA (1979).

Family Rhamnaceae
Genus Paliurus MILLER

Paliurus ? sp.

Text-fig. 11

Material: HAC-4105B.
Locality: Narahara.
Occurrence: Rare.
Remarks: A single broken leaf was obtained. Judging from its three strong nerves originating at the top of petiole, this leaf may belong to the genus Paliurus now growing wild along warm-

Family Aquifoliaceae
Genus Ilex LINNÉ

Ilex cornuta LINDLEY and PAXTON

Pl. 11, Figs. 5-7; Text-figs. 12a-d

Ilex cornuta LINDLEY and PAXTON: MIKI, 1937, p. 320, pl. 9, figs. 7F-H; 1938, p. 224, fig. 6E.

Observation: Two detached leaves were obtained. The larger one is 5 cm long and 2.4 cm wide, the smaller one (Text-fig. 12a), 1.3 cm long and 0.6 cm wide. They are elliptic with a single short apical spine and with a base narrowed to the petiole. The primary nerve is strong, appearing slightly sinuous and persisting to the apical spine. A pair of lateral primary nerves originates at the top of the petiole, running inside of each margin to form a strong intra-marginal nerve and joining the central primary nerve in the apical spine. Four-five pairs of secondaries originate alternately at an angle of about 55 degrees. They fork widely near the margin. Each branch forms a loop with an adjoining one as shown in Text-fig. 12a. The small nerves between the secondaries are indistinct because of ill-preservation.

Cuticle is hypostomatic. The upper cuticle (Pl. 11, Fig. 5; Text-fig. 12b) consists of irregular-shaped normal cells with strongly undulate cell-walls, 12 µm × 35 µm in mean-size. Lower cuticle (Pl. 11, Fig. 6; Text-fig. 12c) consists of stomate-complexes and normal cells. Stomata are evenly distributed, about 300 per mm² in density, except the marginal 'rim' outside the intra-marginal nerve and the spine. Guard cells are neither sunken nor raised, randomly oriented, 20 µm × 32 µm in mean-size and are surrounded by 4 subsidiary cells. The subsidiary cells are narrow and more or less equal in size, and their anticlinal walls extend at right angle from the poles and middle of the guard cells (nearly staurocytic, after Dilcher, 1974). Lower normal cells are generally smaller in size than upper ones, 10 µm × 25 µm in mean-size and with strongly undulate cell-walls. The area between the leaf-margin and the venous region of an intra-marginal nerve consists of rectangular and tetragonal cells varying in size with nearly straight or slightly undulate cell-walls, forming cell-files consisting of 1-2 cell-rows of about 17 µm wide as shown in Pl. 11, Fig. 7 and Text-fig. 12d. Cells on the venous region are not specialized. So far as our observation is concerned, trichomes or hairs are absent.

Remarks: MIKI (1937) described the various leaf-forms and cuticle of this species now growing wild in Northern China and Southern Korea, from the Plio-Pleistocene plant beds in Kinki district. Judging from their form and cuticle, our leaves are referable to some of those described by MIKI (1937, e.g. his figs. 7Fg-i, Ga-b), although our leaves at hand have no lateral spines.

According to MIKI (1937), this species differs from Ilex aquifolium LINNÉ now growing wild in Europe, Western Asia and China in its leaf-form and short petiole.

Osmanthus aquifolium SIEBOLD and ZUCCARINI now growing wild in South-west Japan and China, has various leaf-form, and some of its leaves resemble our leaves. However, their cuticles are very different from one another. Ilex cornuta has very sinuous cell-walls and nearly staurocytic stomata, while Osmanthus aquifolium (Text-fig. 12e for comparison) has nearly isodiametric polygonal to rounded cells and paracytic stomata.

Family Hydrocaryaceae

Genus Trapa LINNÉ

Trapa macropoda MIKI

Pl. 9, Figs. 14-16; Text-figs. 13a-d

Trapa macropoda MIKI: MIKI, 1933, p. 625, figs. 3A-B; 1938, pp. 220, 225, figs. 5H, 7B-C; 1952, p. 20, pl. 2, fig. F; figs. 10A-C.
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Material: HAC-4006A-Z and many others.
Locality: Narahara.
Occurrence: Locally very abundant.
Observation: Typical fruits are large and have two upper and two lower horns. The upper horn is thick and conical, and acuminate at apex, being covered with many fine forwardly directed spines. On each side of an upper horn, a marked stipule-like tubercle is seen. The lower horn is thin, and with a glabrous apex. The apical corona is tetragonal in form, with a central tubercle covered with fine hairs directed forwards. The calyx-tube is thick and its surface is ribbed by the decurrence of horn-midribs thickened at its base.
Remarks: Our fruits agree well with the original ones of Trapa macropoda describe by Miki in all features. Trapa macropoda is distinct in all features from other Trapa species summarized by Miki (1952).

Trapa bicerata Miki: Miki, 1938, p. 225, pl. 4, fig. 1; fig. 7B.

Trapa maximowiczii Korshinsky
Pl. 9, figs. 17-20; Text-fig. 14a-d

Explanation of Plate 9

Fig. 1. Picea cf. maximowiczii Regel; a detached cone (HAC-2004), x2.
Figs. 2-3. Pinus fujii (Gasui) Miki; detached cones (Fig. 2; HAC-2003, Fig. 3; HAC-2002), x2.
Figs. 4-6. Metasequoia cf. glyptostroboides Hu and Cheng; detached cones (HAC-2001B-D), x2.
Figs. 7-9. Juglans cinerea Linne var. megacinerea Miki; Fig. 7; surface view, Fig. 8; inner view, Fig. 9; inner view of a deformed valve (Figs. 7-8; HAC-4001, Fig. 9; HAC-4005B), x1.
Fig. 10. Alnus cf. japonica Siebold and Zuccarini; surface view of a female-spike (IR-4001A), x2.
Fig. 11. Quercus sp.; surface view of a detached cule (HAC-4012), x2.
Fig. 12. Gleditsia cf. japonica Miqel; a deformed spiny branch (HAC-4015), x1.
Fig. 13. Buxus microphylla Siebold and Zuccarini var. japonica Reider and Wilson; a detached leaf (HAC-4101), x2.
Figs. 14-16. Trapa macropoda Miki; fruits. Fig. 14; lateral view, Fig. 15; basal view, Fig. 16; upside view (HAC-4006B-D), x1.
Figs. 17-20. Trapa maximowiczii Korshinsky; fruits. Figs. 17-18, 20; lateral view, Fig. 19; upside view (IR-4003A-D), x2.
Trapa maximowiczii Korshinsky: Miki, 1952, p. 16, figs. 9A-S.

Material: IR-4003A-D and others.

Locality: Narahara and Sasai.

Occurrence: Rather rare.

Observation: The fruits are small and triangular in side-view as shown in Text-fig. 14b. The two upper horns are long and slender. The upper horn is longer than the lower one and directed forwards and has many fine spines directed backwards on its apical part. The lower horns are directed downwards and are without spines. The tubercles are four in number, small, more or less obscure, and distributed around the equatorial part of calyx tube. The central protuberance is tube-like, with forwardly directed hairs on the limb. The caryx tube is smooth, and the scar of peduncle is ring-like but obscurely preserved.

Remarks: Trapa maximowiczii resembles living T. incisa Siebold and Zuccarini (or T. natans Linne var. incisa Makino), but it is distinguished from T. incisa by the existence of ring-like scar of peduncle and tube-like protuberance.

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**Explanation of Plate 10**

Figs. 1–3. *Metasequoia* cf. *glyptostroboides* Hu and CHENG.

Fig. 1: both upper (uc) and lower (lc) cuticles prepared from the apical part of a leaf (slide no. IR-2104A), sz; stomate zone. Fig. 2: upper cuticle enlarged from Fig. 1. Fig. 3: lower cuticle (a part of stomate zone) enlarged from Fig. 1.

Figs. 4–5. *Salix* cf. *integra* THUNBERG. Fig. 4: upper cuticle and the venation of high ordered nerves (slide no. IR-4101). Fig. 5: lower cuticle (slide no. IR-4148).

Fig. 6. *Salix* sp.; detached capsules (IR-4002), ×2.


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南関東の多摩および阿須山丘陵の植物化石：多摩丘陵に分布する三浦層群下位の大矢部層，およびこれとはほぼ同時期と考えられる阿須山丘陵の仏子層から，つぎの諸属に属する植物化石を含むので，記載・報告する：Picea, Pinus, Metasequoia, Salix, Juglans, Alnus, Quercus, Gleditsia, Buxus, Paliurus, Ilex および *Trapa*。

この両層の植物群は，神奈川県の保の沼型植物群と一致するものと考えられ，近畿地方の大阪層群下位の植物群に比較される。したがって，この植物群の時代は，鮮新世後期と判断される。
Explanation of Plate 11

Figs. 1-4. *Buxus microphylla* SIEBOLD and ZUCCARINI var. *japonica* REHDER and WILSON. Fig. 1; upper cuticle. Fig. 2; lower cuticle. Fig. 3; marginal part of a leaf (lower cuticle); from right to left, marginal cells zone without stoma, venous cells zone of intra-marginal nerve and ordinary lower cuticle with stomata. Fig. 4; marginal and venous cells zone enlarged from Fig. 3. All prepared from HAC-4102 (slide no. HAC-4102S).

Figs. 5-7. *Ilex cornuta* LINDLEY and PAXTON. Fig. 5; upper cuticle. Fig. 6; lower cuticle. Fig. 7; marginal cells zone without stoma. All prepared from IR-4004 (slide no. IR-4004S).
Abstract. This is a report on the microplankton of the Chlorophyceae, Prasinophyceae and acritarchs from the Neogene sediments in the Niigata district, central Japan. Two species and two subspecies of the Chlorophyceae, one of the Parsino­phyceae and eight of the acritarchs belonging to eight form genera are described and illustrated: *Tytthodiscus densiporosus* n. sp. subsp. *densiporosus* n. subsp., *T. densi­porosus* n. sp. subsp. *minus* n. subsp., *Palambages* sp., *Pterospermella pterina* n. sp., *Leiosphaeridia cf. fastigaturugosa* (STAPLIN) DOWNIE & SARJEANT, *L. grandiformis* n. sp., *L. minuscula* n. sp., *Lancettopsis* sp., *Micrhystridium ariakensis* TAKAHASHI, *Baltisphaeridium sphaeroides* n. sp., *B. nakajoense* n. sp. and *Cymatiosphaera pulchella* n. sp. Morphological characteristics of the genera *Tytthodiscus, Crassosphaera, Pleurozonaria, Tasmanites* and *Leiosphaeridia* are discussed. According to PARKE et al. (1978), the fossil genus *Pterospermella* is a synonym of the recent genus *Pterosperma*, but the authors are inclined to accept the genus *Pterospermella*.

These phytomicroplankton described in this paper are important for a basic knowledge of their stratigraphic and geographic distribution in the Neogene formations around the Sea of Japan.

Introduction

The junior author, K. MATSUOKA, engaged in research on dinoflagellates from the Neogene and Quaternary sediments in the Niigata district, central Japan. At that time, he made many slides and found many dinoflagellates and other phytomicroplankton.

The senior, K. TAKAHASHI, has examined these slides and recognized many specimens of the Chlorophyceae, Prasinophyceae and acritarchs. These phytomicroplankton are described and illustrated in detail.

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The phytomicroplankton examined in this paper should offer the first basic data for research of the biostratigraphical and geographical distribution in the Neogene sediments around the Sea of Japan.

**Geological setting and sample locations**

The Neogene and Quaternary marine sediments are widely distributed in the Niigata sedimentary basin, central Honshu. They are divided into following six forma-
Table 1. Location and lithology of the Neogene Formations in the Niigata district.

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Preparation method

Preparation for palynological analysis was carried out by mechanical and chemical methods [treatment by 10% KOH, maceration by mixed acid solution of HCl, HNO₃ and H₂O₂ (1:1:1), and then by 30% HF, centrifuging and washing in pure water after each step]. The residual material contains pollen grains, spores, dinoflagellate cysts, algae, acritarchs etc. These phytomicrofossils were mounted in glycerine jelly on slides. Cover-slips on the slides were sealed with nail enamel. All slides are kept in the palynological collection of the Department of Geology, Nagasaki University.
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Flank deposits of foreland basin
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Text-fig. 2. Stratigraphy and geologic ages of the Neogene formations in the Niigata district.

**Tythodiscus, Crassosphaera, Pleurozonaria, Tasmanites and Leiosphaeridia**

The genus *Tythodiscus* was first described by NOREM (1955) from Tertiary marine sediments in the San Joaquin Valley of California. According to him, this genus is disk-shaped organisms, whose wall is thick and consists of elongated hexagonal segments which are solid or provided with small central tubule which may extend all or part-way through the wall. Wall surface is smooth or uniformly granular. Size ranges from 25 to 200 microns in diameter. However, his description is not enough to distinguish the genus *Tythodiscus* from the genera *Pleurozonaria* O. WETZEL 1933 and *Crassosphaera* COOKSON & MANUM 1960. Accordingly, MADLER (1963) emended the NOREM's description and defined as follows; the genus *Tythodiscus* is spherical and often disk-shaped organisms whose wall is composed of a relatively thick, very resistant, radially arranged, fibrous to prismatic crystallite, whose inner side consists of a poroid layer and outer surface is membranous. Canal pores are completely penetrated from the inner side to outer surface.

Our present specimens which have a poroid layer with a honeycomb-like or reticulate pattern on the inner side of the wall belong surely to the genus *Tythodiscus*. Especially, the specimens with eroded wall show clearly the honeycomb-like or reticulate pattern. The larger form, *Tythodiscus densiporosus* n. sp. subsp. *densiporosus* n. subsp., and the smaller form, *T. densiporosus* n. sp. subsp. *minus* n. subsp., are described in this paper.

Already described species of *Tythodiscus*.

*Tythodiscus californiensis* NOREM 1955 (Pliocene to Eocene in the Wasco oil field, California; 80-200 μm)

*T. meczekensis* NAGY 1965 (Neogene—Middle Miocene, Mecsek Mountains, Hungary; 63 μm)

*T. schandelahensis* (THIHERGART 1944) MADLER 1963 (Lower Jurassic, Posidonian shales, Germany; 90-180 μm)
Cookson and Manum (1960) described and illustrated the new genus *Crassosphaera* with originally spherical body, of which wall is ornamented with prominences or projections which may or may not form a regular pattern and is perforated by minute radial tubules which are composed of a tubule to each prominence.

They stated that the main differences between *Crassosphaera* and *Tytthodiscus* are the shape of the body and the construction of the wall, and that a more important difference is the segmented wall of *Tytthodiscus* as against the unsegmented wall of *Crassosphaera*.

According to them, the genus *Crassosphaera* differs from the other genera *Tytthodiscus* and *Tasmanites* in having the wall ornamented with prominences or projections, of which center is perforated by radial branched or unbranched canal pores.

Previously described species of *Crassosphaera*.

*Crassosphaera concinna* Cookson and Manum 1960 (Neocomian, Komewu, Papua, New Guinea; Lower Tertiary, Forlandsundet, Vestspitsbergen; Komewu specimen 65-85 μm, Spitsbergen specimen 106 μm)

*C. cooksoni* Kriván-Hutter 1963 (Palaeogene, Dorog Basin, Hungary)

*C. digitata* Cookson and Manum 1960 (Neocomian, Komewu Papua; 65 μm)

*C. hexagonalis* Wall 1965 (Lower Jurassic, Jet Rock, Yorkshire; 60-150 μm)

*C. manumi* Kriván-Hutter 1963 (Palaeogene, Dorog Basin, Hungary)

*C. minor* Kriván-Hutter 1963 (Palaeogene, Dorog Basin, Hungary)

*C. stellulata* Cookson and Manum 1960 (Eocene, Rottnest Island, Western Australia; 67-99 μm)

*C. stellulata* Cookson and Manum var. *minor* Kedves 1962 (Sparncian, Eocene, Dudar, Hungary)

According to O. Wetzel (1933, p. 29) and Mädler (1963, p. 331-332), the genus *Pleurozonaria* is spherical and disk-shaped organisms, whose wall consists of a relatively thick and very resistant organic material, yellow to brown in colour, columnar or hexagonal elements (poroids) which are visible to be a honeycomb-like pattern and penetrated by many canal pores which may pass completely through the wall. The canal pores are branched or unbranched. A pylome may be presented, but not yet be firmly proved.

Mädler (1963) accepted *Crassosphaera* as a junior synonym of *Pleurozonaria*. However, Muri and Sarjeant (1971) preferred to maintain as separate entities, pending reconsideration of the taxonomy of the whole group.

*Pleurozonaria chondrota* (Norell 1955) Mädler 1963 (Miocene, Freeman-Jewett and Vedder members, Temblor Formation, California; 25-140 μm)

*P. distans* Mädler 1963 (Lower Jurassic, Goslar; 80-84 μm)

*P. diversipora* Mädler 1963 (Lower Jurassic, Goslar; 130-132 μm)

*P. globulus* Wetzel 1933 (Cretaceous, Krywonogi, Poland; 40-48 μm)

*P. macropora* (Eisenack 1967) Mädler 1963 (Lower Jurassic, Goslar; 75-105 μm)

*P. media* Mädler 1963 (Lower Jurassic, Posidonian shales; 100-130 μm)

*P. polyborosa* Mädler 1963 (Lower Jurassic, Goslar and Doernten; 120-170 μm)

*P. spongiosa* Mädler 1963 (Lower Jurassic, boringhole Lingen 330; 90-100 μm)

*P. suevica* (Eisenack 1957) Mädler 1963 (Lower Jurassic, Fukoiden-Kalk, Balingen; Posidonian shales; 70-102 μm)

*P. wetzeli* Mädler 1963 (Lower Jurassic, Goslar; 110-120 μm)

According to Eisenack (1958, p. 2), the genus *Tasmanites* Newton 1875 is sphe-
rical and disk-shaped organisms, whose wall consists of a relatively thick and very resistant organic material, yellow to dark red-brown in colour and penetrated by pores which may pass completely or partially through it. A large circular opening, the pylome, may be rarely present in some specimens. Younger specimens possess always a thin wall and no pore. Accordingly, these younger specimens are not distinguishable from the genus *Leiosphaeridia*.

*Sporangites huronensis* (= *Tasmanites huronensis*) was first described by Dawson as a sporangium from the Devonian black shales at Kettle Point, Lake Huron (Eisenack 1958, 1963; Wall 1962). Newton (1875) newly described such forms as *Tasmanites punctatus* from Australia and Tasmania. Eisenack (1938) established the genus *Leiosphaera* for similar spheroidal cysts from the Baltic and other European Silurian and named them *Leiosphaera solida* (= *Bion solidum* Eisenack 1931). Kruse immediately informed him that Dawson already described such forms as *Sporangites huronensis* and later Kruse corrected many mistaken interpretation described by Dawson and renamed *Sporangites huronensis* as *Leiosphaera huronensis*. Schopp et al. (1944) criticized the ambiguous term *Sporangites* and proposed that the genus *Tasmanites* is valid. With references of the description of Dawson, Newton, Kruse and Schopp et al. and by a microscopic examination of the Dawson’s preparates, which were sent by Kruse, Eisenack (1958) recognized that the spherical organisms described as *Leiosphaera solida* (= *L. huronensis*) identify with the Dawson’s forms and they accord with *Tasmanites punctatus* described by Newton (1875). Further, he stated that the genus *Leiosphaera* must be replaced by the genus *Tasmanites* for the organisms suitable to the Newton’s definition and he proposed the new genus *Leiosphaeridia* for *Leiosphaera* which was given for the organisms unsuited to the Dawson’s and Newton’s description.

According to the Wall’s account (1962), Ostenfeld described two spherical green algae, *Pachysphaera pelagica* n. gen. et sp. and *Halosphaera minor* n. sp., which were collected at the time of Greenlandic and Icelandic sailing by Wandel, Kunsen and Ostenfeld. They appear to be comparable with leiospheres. Prior to this, Ostenfeld determined that *Pachysphaera* possesses a thick wall penetrated by pores with a separation of about 3 μm and *Halosphaera minor* Ostenfeld differs from *Pachysphaera* in having thin wall and no pore.

*Pachysphaera pelagica* is closely similar to several species of *Tasmanites* in size, shape and wall thickness. The wall structure is generally identical with that of *Tasmanites* and the cell wall often possesses a straight or weakly arched suture. No pylome of *Pachysphaera* was observed.

Wall (1962) concluded that the genus *Tasmanites* is to be regarded as a fossil green alga with biological affinities to the present marine organism *Pachysphaera pelagica* Ostenfeld and other species of *Pachysphaera*, and *Pachysphaera* is regarded as a living representative of the fossil genus *Tasmanites*.

Previously described species of *Tasmanites*.

*Tasmanites alaskensis* (White 1929) Winslow 1962 (Lower Cretaceous, Northern Alaska; Upper Devonian — Lower Mississippian, Ohio)
*T. asperum* Boneham 1967 (Devonian, Michigan, Ohio, Ontario)
*T. avellinoi* Sommer 1953 emend. Sommer and Van Boekel 1966 (Devonian, Para, Brazil)
*T. balteus* Felix 1965 (Neogene — Upper Miocene, Louisiana)
*T. balticus* Eisenack 1963 (Ordovician, Baltic
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region)
T. bobroeskae WAZYNKA 1967 (Sinian and Cambrian, boreholes, Białowieża, Poland)
T. chicagensis (REINSch 1884) SCHOFF, WILSOIr and BENTALl 1944 (Devonian, Kettle Point, Ontario; Chicago Boulder Clay; Permian, Tasmania)
T. corrugatus FELIX 1965 (Neogene—Upper Miocene, Louisiana)
T. decorus BONEHAM 1967 (Devonian, Michigan, Ohio, Ontario)
T. derbyi SOMMER 1953 emend. SOMMER and VAN BOEKEL 1966 (Devonian, Para, Brazil)
T. distinctus BONEHAM 1967 (Devonian, Michigan, Ohio, Ontario)
T. eisenacki UTech 1962 (Middle Buntsandstein, Lower Triassic, Hildesheim Forest, Germany)
T. erichsenii SOMMER and VAN BOEKEL 1963 (Devonian, Para, Brazil)
T. erraticus EISENACK 1963 (Gotlandian, Wenlockian—Lower Ludlow, North Germany)
T. euzebioi SOMMER 1953 emend. SOMMER and VAN BOEKEL 1966 (Devonian, Para, Brazil)
T. ferruginus BONEHAM 1967 (Devonian, Michigan, Ohio, Ontario)
T. fissura FELIX 1965 (Neogene—Upper Miocene, Louisiana)
T. fulgidus FELIX 1965 (Neogene—Upper Miocene, Louisiana)
T. globulus (O. WETZEL 1933) MORGENROTH 1966 (Cretaceous, Krywonogi, Poland; Lower Eocene, North Germany)
T. hartii SOMMER 1953 emend. SOMMER and VAN BOEKEL 1966 (Devonian, Para, Brazil)
T. huronensis (DAWSON 1871) SCHOFF, WILSON and BENTALl 1944 emend. WINSLOW 1962 (Devonian, Kettle Point, Lake Huron, Canada; Upper Devonian—Lower Mississippian, Ohio)
T. kaljoi TIMOFEYEV 1966 (Late Precambrian, Cambrian, Ordovician, Silurian, Poland; USSR)
T. laneo to SOMMER 1956 (Devonian, Para, Brazil)
T. mangaseus TIMOFEYEV 1966 (Late Precambrian, Cambrian, Ordovician, Silurian, Poland; USSR)
T. martinssonii EISENACK 1958 (Ordovician, Baltic region)
T. medius (EISENACK 1931) EISENACK 1958 (Silurian, Baltic region)
T. minutus EISENACK 1965 (Ordovician, Baltic region)
T. mourai SOMMER 1953 emend. SOMMER and VAN BOEKEL 1966 (Devonian, Para, Brazil)
T. newtoni WALL 1962 (Liassic, Lower Jurassic, Great Britain)
T. normi EISENACK 1962 (Lower Carboniferous, Woodford Formation, Oklahoma)
T. plicatilis BONEHAM 1967 (Devonian, Michigan, Ohio, Ontario)
T. porosus FELIX 1956 (Neogene—Upper Miocene, Louisiana)
T. primigenus (NAUMOVA 1950) DOWNIE and SARJEANT 1964 (Upper Devonian, Russian platform)
T. punctatus NEwTON 1875 (Permian, La Trobe, Tasmania)
T. roxai SOMMER 1953 emend. SOMMER and VAN BOEKEL 1966 (Devonian, Para, Brazil)
T. salustiatoi SOMMER 1953 emend. SOMMER and VAN BOEKEL 1966 (Devonian, Para, Brazil)
T. sinusus WINSLOW 1962 (Upper Devonian—Lower Mississippian, Ohio)
T. sommeri WINSLOW 1962 (Upper Devonian—Lower Mississippian, Ohio)
T. tanbaensis TAKAHASHI and YAO 1969 (Permian, Tanba Belt, Japan)
T. tapajonensis SOMMER 1953 emend. SOMMER and VAN BOEKEL 1966 (Devonian, Para, Brazil)
T. tardus EISENACK 1958 (Liassic, Lower Jurassic, Germany)
T. tenellus VOLKoVA 1968* (Lower Palaeozoic, USSR)
T. trematus EISENACK 1962 (EXPANSIS Limestone, Ordovician, Öland, Baltic region)
T. usitatius FELIX 1965 (Neogene—Upper Miocene, Louisiana)
T. validus FELIX 1965 (Neogene—Upper Miocene, Louisiana)
T. vanboekeli MUIr and SARJEANT 1971 (Devonian, Para, Brazil)
T. variabilis VOLKoVA 1968* (Lower Palaeozoic, USSR)

* See Muir and SARJeant (1971).
T. verrucosus EISENACK 1962 (Ostsee Limestone, South Finland)  
T. winslowae BONEHAM 1967 (Devonian, Michigan, Ohio, Ontario)

EISENACK (1958) established the fossil genus Leiosphaeridia with thin wall and no wall pore. WALL (1962) stated that the thin-walled organism Halosphaera minor OSFELD can be compared with members of the fossil genus Leiosphaeridia EISENACK 1958. Further, he concluded: “a similar relationship is envisaged between members of the genus Leiosphaeridia EISENACK 1958 and the recent green alga Halosphaera minor OSFELD 1899 and other green algae with a thinner but almost entirely non-punctate wall and the genus Leiosphaeridia probably includes forms which are unrelated to the Chlorophyceae as well. The evidence connecting Pachysphaera with Tasmanites (and Halosphaera minor with Leiosphaeridia) is sufficient to justify classification of the fossil genera in the Chlorophyceae.”

Taxonomy of Pterosperma and Pterospermella

EISENACK (1972) established a new genus Pterospermella with the type species P. aureolata (COOKSON and EISENACK 1958) EISENACK 1972 for species of Pterospermopsis W. WETZEL 1952, because of insufficient description of its type species Pterospermopsis danica W. WETZEL and vagueness of its systematic position. Upon this reason, he (1972) transferred all species of Pterospermopsis except P. danica W. WETZEL to the genus Pterospermella. Further, he emphasized that the genus Pterospermella is closely similar to the recent genus Pterosperma POUCHET and provided a new family Pterospermellaceae including the genera Pterospermella EISENACK (type genus), Cymatosphaera O. WETZEL 1933 emend. DEFLANDRE 1954, Dictyotidium EISENACK 1955 emend. STAPLIN 1961, Pterosphaeridia MAHLER 1963, Cymatosphaeropsis MAHLER 1963, Duvernaysphaera STAPLIN 1961 and Enigma sphaera COOKSON and EISENACK 1971. However, he stated that transference of these genera to the family Pterospermataceae which includes the recent genera Pachysphaera OSTFELD and Pterosperma POUCHET depends on result of the future investigation on the mode of the opening and the construction of the wall.

PARKE et al. (1978) reported in detail on the life-history of the recent genus Pterosperma POUCHET with the two phases, motile and non-motile. Information concerning the motile phase of members of the Pterospermataceae is very important for the fossil genus Pterospermella. By PARKE et al. the phycocola of seven species of Pterosperma have been produced and grown in culture from the motile cells liberated from phycocoma obtained from the sea. They proposed Pterosperma rotundum POUCHET as the type species of the genus Pterosperma POUCHET 1893 and indicated the genera Pterosphaera, Cysta, Trochiscia, Pterocystis, Pterococcus, Cymatosphaera, Pterospermopsis and Pterospermella as the synonymy of the genus Pterosperma in the phycocoma phase.

According to their opinion, the fossil genus Pterospermella is the synonym of the recent genus Pterosperma. However, the authors are of opinion that the fossil genus Pterospermella EISENACK 1972 should be placed independently in the family Pterospermataceae, because this genus always indicates its phycocoma phase and never its motile phase.

Descriptive palynology

Class Chlorophyceae KUTZING 1843
Order Tasmanales Mädler 1963
Family Tasmanaceae Sommer 1956
Genus Tytthodiscus Norem 1955

Type species: Tytthodiscus californiensis Norem 1955.

Tytthodiscus densiporosus n. sp.

Pl. 12, Figs. 1-15; Pl. 13, Figs. 1-2

Description: Body spherical to ellipsoidal, 54-174 μm in diameter. Wall 1.5-9 μm thick, penetrated by distinct canal-pores; canal-pores always appear to pass from the inner wall side with a poroid layer of a honeycomb-like or network pattern to the outer surface. The canal-pores are uniformly and densely distributed 1-3 μm apart, 1 μm± wide on the inner wall surface, with appreciable taper. The specimen with eroded wall shows clearly the honeycomb-like pattern on the inner wall side (see Pl. 12, Fig. 3). Body surface laevigate, characterized by very small pores visible at high magnification, with occasional minor folding; surface often has weathered or corroded appearance and sometimes rounded pyrites (?) originated from the organic body of the specimens (see Pl. 12, Figs. 5 and 6). The corroded specimens show clearly the honeycomb-like or network pattern on the inner wall side (see Pl. 12, Fig. 3). Some specimens show a single straight (?) suture on the wall. Colour yellow to orange in transmitted light.

Holotype: Pl. 12, Fig. 2; 126 x 120 μm in diameter; wall 4.5 μm thick; canal-pores are uniformly distributed 2.3-3 μm apart, 1 μm± in diameter, with appreciable taper; slide NNA-2-3; Nanatani Formation (Early-Middle Miocene), 2 km SSE of Sekizawa, Nakajo-cho, Kita-Kanbara-gun, Niigata Prefecture.

Occurrence and range: Abundant; Nanatani, Teradomari and Shiiya Formations, Niigata Prefecture.

Comparison: This new subspecies is easily distinguished from the other Neogene and pre-Neogene specimens by its size, wall thickness and densely arranged wall canal-pores. This is closely similar to Tytthodiscus schandelahensis (Thiergart 1944) Mädler 1963 from the Lower Jurassic Posidonian shales, Germany and Tytthodiscus mecsekensis Nagy 1965 from the Middle Miocene grey clayey marl.
Mecsek Mountains, Hungary, but the former differs from *T. Schandelahensis* in having much thinner wall and *T. Mecsekensis* in having much larger size.

*Tyttodiscus densiporosus* n. sp. subsp. *minus* n. subsp.

Pl. 12, Figs. 10–15; Pl. 13, Figs. 1–2

Description: Body spherical to ellipsoidal or oval, 54–85.5 μm × 43.5–81 μm in diameter. Wall 1.5–5.4 μm thick, penetrated by canal-pores, which always appear to pass from the inner wall surface, but only partly reach the outer wall surface. The pores are densely distributed 1–2 μm apart, less than 1 μm in width on the inner wall surface. The inner wall side consists of the poroid layer ornamented with the weak network pattern, sometimes this network pattern is not visible. Body surface smooth, characterized by very small penetrated pores only partly visible at high magnification through a microscope, with occasional minor folding; surface sometimes is cleft. Colour yellow to orange in transmitted light.

Holotype: Pl. 12, Fig. 15; 75×73.5 μm in diameter; wall 4.2 μm thick; pores are uniformly distributed 2 μm ± apart, less than 1 μm in diameter; slide NNA-4-5; Nanatani Formation (Early-Middle Miocene), Minami-Imogawa, Minami-Kanbara-gun, Niigata Prefecture.

Occurrence: Very rare; Nanatani Formation (Early-Middle Miocene), Chujo-cho, Kita-Kanbara-gun, Niigata Prefecture.

Comparison: Only one specimen was found. This is superficially similar to *Palambages morulosa* O. WETZEL from the Baltic Senonian and Danian chalk and flint and *Palambages* sp. (TAKAKASHI and SHIMONO, 1980) from the Pleistocene Minoshirotori lake deposits, Gifu Prefecture, but differs from *Palambages morulosa* and *Palambages* sp. in having much smaller colony and single cells.

Class Prasinophyceae CHRISTENSEN 1962

Order Pterospermatales

Family Pterospermataceae

Genus *Pterospermella* EISENACK 1972


*Pterospermella pterina* n. sp.
Description: Central body circular to oval in polar view, provided with a relatively large undulating and radially folded equatorial wing. The radial folds of wing somewhat spine-like, about 13-16 in number. The equatorial wing is diaphanous. Contour of wing circular to elliptical. Surface of shell smooth. Overall diameter 150-228 μm × 135-207 μm. Diameter of central body 72-126 μm × 60-114 μm. Thickness of central body wall 3 μm or less. Breadth of wing 25-66 μm.

Holotype: PI. 14, fig. 3; overall diameter 228×168 μm; diameter of central body 126×102 μm; breadth of wing 30-54 μm; radial folds 14 in number; slide NNA-2-3; Nanatani Formation (Early-Middle Miocene), 2 km SSE of Sekizawa, Nakajocho, Kita-Kanbara-gun, Niigata Prefecture.

Occurrence: Few, Nanatani Formation, Nakajo-cho; rare, Teradomari Formation, Teradomari-cho, Santo-gun, Niigata Prefecture.

Comparison: Pterospermella australiensis (DEFLANDRE & COOKSON, 1955) EISENACK from the Lower Cretaceous, Onepah Station, New South Wales, is much smaller than the present specimens. P. pterina is closely similar to P. barbara (GORKA 1963) EISENACK from the Upper Cretaceous (Campanian) strata, Magnuszow, Poland and from the Eocene and Oligocene strata, Meckelfeld near Hamburg, Germany, but the former is different from the latter in having smooth surface of the central body and equatorial wing (ala). P. helientoides (DE CONINCK 1968) EISENACK from the Ypresian, Sondage de Kallo near Antwerpen, Belgium, possesses much thicker wall of the central body.

Incertae sedis

Group Acritarcha EVITT 1963

Subgroup Sphaeromorphitae DOWNIE, EVITT & SARJEANT 1963

Genus Leiosphaeridia EISENACK 1958 emend. DOWNIE & SARJEANT 1963

Type species: Leiosphaeridia baltica EISENACK 1958.

Leiosphaeridia cf. fastigatirugosa (STAPLIN) DOWNIE & SARJEANT

Pl. 13, Figs. 3-6


Description: Body originally spherical to ellipsoidal, 102-180 μm × 78-105 μm in diameter. Wall smooth (laevigate), very thin. Canals or pores not present on cell wall and no evidence of pylome. Body outline irregular, always conspicuously crumpled and plicated with the numerous folds being characteristic of the species.

Occurrence: Few, Nanatani Formation (Early-Middle Miocene); rare, Shiiya Formation (Late Miocene to Early Pliocene).

Remarks: The present specimens are very closely similar to Leiosphaeridia fastigatirugosa (STAPLIN) DOWNIE & SARJEANT from the Upper Devonian of Alberta, Canada and possess both spherical and ellipsoidal forms, although the latter has only spherical form. Accordingly, the authors describe them as L. cf. fastigatirugosa (STAPLIN) DOWNIE & SARJEANT.

Comparison: This species is very closely similar to Leiosphaeridia sp. (PICHLER, 1971, p. 325-326, pl. 3, figs. 42, 46) from the Devonian Upper Junkerberg Formation of the Eifel Synclinorium, W-
Germany and the authors accept that the latter may be the same species as *L. fastigatirugosa*.

*Leiosphaeridia grandiformis* n. sp.

Pl. 13, Figs. 7-10

**Description:** Body originally spherical to ellipsoidal, 121-165 μm × 109.5-156 μm in diameter. Wall finely rugulate to verrucate or rarely smooth, 5.4-7.5 μm thick (sometimes 2 μm ±). Canals or pores not present on cell wall and no evidence of pyle. Body surface irregular, always conspicuously folded.

**Holotype:** Pl. 13, Fig. 9; 141 × 120 μm in diameter; wall finely rugulate, 7.5 μm thick; more or less folded; slide NNA-2-2; Nanatani Formation (Early-Middle Miocene), 2 km SSE of Sekizawa, Nakajocho, Kita-Kanbara-gun, Niigata Prefecture.

**Occurrence:** Common, Nanatani Formation, Nakajocho, Niigata Prefecture.

**Comparison:** This new species is apparently different from *Leiosphaeridia* cf. *fastigatirugosa* (STAPLIN) DOWNIE & SARJEANT in having much thicker wall and finely rugulate to verrucate ornamentation on wall surface and from *Leiosphaeridia minuscula* n. sp. in having larger size, thicker wall and finely rugulate to verrucate ornamentation.

*Leiosphaeridia minuscula* n. sp.

Pl. 13, Figs. 12-13

**Description:** Body originally spherical to ellipsoidal, 52-93 μm × 50-75 μm in diameter. Wall somewhat laevigate to chagrenate, 3.5-4.5 μm thick. Canals or pore not present on cell wall and no evidence of pyle. Body surface somewhat irregular, always crumpled with some folds.

**Holotype:** Pl. 13, Fig. 12; 93 × 72 μm in diameter; wall somewhat laevigate, 4.5 μm thick, with some folds; slide NNA-2-2; Nanatani Formation (Early-Middle Miocene), 2 km SSE of Sekizawa, Nakajocho, Kita-Kanbara-gun, Niigata Prefecture.

**Occurrence:** Few, Nanatani Formation, Nakajocho, Niigata Prefecture.

**Comparison:** The present specimens are superficially similar to *Leiosphaeridia* (al. *Protoleiosphaeridium*) orbiculata (STAPLIN) DOWNIE & SARJEANT (STAPLIN, 1961, p. 405, pl. 48, fig. 12; DOWNIE & SARJEANT, 1963, p. 95; HEMER & NYGREEN, 1967, p. 187, pl. 3, figs. 5-6), but the former differs from the latter in having larger size. They are similar to *L. pusila* MÄDLER (1963, p. 348, pl. 25, figs. 10-13) from the Posidonian shales, borehole Etzel 24, Glocenber near Doernten, brickyard Osterfeld near Goslar, W. Germany, but the former is different from the latter in having thicker wall.

**Genus Lancettopsis** MÄDLER 1963

**Type species:** *Lancettopsis lanceolata* MÄDLER 1963.

**Explanation of Plate 12**

(All figures magnified ×400)

Figs. 1, 8: slide NNA-2-2; figs. 2, 7, 9: slide NNA-2-3; fig. 3: slide NNA-3-4; fig. 4: slide NNA-2-5; fig. 5: slide NTE-3-1; fig. 6: slide NTE-3-2; fig. 2: holotype.

Figs. 10-15. *Tytthodiscus densiporosus* n. sp. subsp. *minus* n. subsp.  
Fig. 10: slide NNA-2-2; figs. 11, 15: slide NNA-4-5; fig. 12: slide NNA-4-1; figs. 13, 14: slide NNA-4-2; fig. 15: holotype.
Lancettopsis sp.
Pl. 13, Fig. 11

Description: Body lanceolate, 124.2 \( \mu \)m long, 35.4 \( \mu \)m wide. Wall smooth (laevigate), very thin. Canals or pores not present on cell wall and no evidence of pylome. Body outline irregular, always conspicuously crumpled and plicated with the numerous folds.

Occurrence: Very rare, Nanatani Formation (Early-Middle Miocene), Nakajo-cho, Niigata Prefecture.

Remarks: The genus Lancettopsis was established by MADLER (1963, p. 351-353). He (1963) distinguished the genera Lancettopsis and Campenia from the genus Leiosphaeridia. Lancettopsis lanceolata MADLER (1963, p. 353, pl. 28, figs. 4-8; pl. 29, figs. 1-3), which is the type species of the genus Lancettopsis, is only one species of this genus and possesses much larger shell than the present specimen.

Subgroup Acanthomorphitae DOWNIE, EVITT & SARJEANT 1963

Genus Micrhystridium DEFLANDRE 1937 emend. DOWNIE & SARJEANT 1963

Type species: Micrhystridium inconspicuum (DEFLANDRE 1935) DEFLANDRE 1937.

Micrhystridium ariakense TAKAHASHI
Pl. 14, Figs. 6a–b, 7


Dimensions: Test diameter 18x16.5 \( \mu \)m (Figs. 6a-b) to 19x14 \( \mu \)m (Fig. 7); test wall thin; length of spines less than 1 \( \mu \)m.

Occurrence: Rare, Nanatani Formation (Early-Middle Miocene), Nakajo-cho and Minami-Imogawa, Shitada-mura, Niigata Prefecture.

Remarks: Hitherto, one of the authors, TAKAHASHI, described this species from the Pleistocene lower formation of the Ariake Sea area, west Kyushu (TAKAHASHI, 1971) and from the Miocene formations in the Yeoungill Bay district, Korea (TAKAHASHI and KIM, 1979).

Genus Baltisphaeridium EISENACK 1958 emend. DOWNIE & SARJEANT 1963

Type species: Baltisphaeridium longispinosum (EISENACK 1931) EISENACK 1958.

Baltisphaeridium sphaeroides n. sp.
Pl. 14, Figs. 8–9

Description: Test spherical to ellipsoidal, 45–50 \( \mu \)m x 42–43.5 \( \mu \)m in diameter. Wall smooth, 1.8–2 \( \mu \)m thick, spines very fine, straight, 1–1.5 \( \mu \)m long; number of spines numerous. Wall surface always more or less folded.

Holotype: Pl. 14, Fig. 9; 45x42 \( \mu \)m in diameter; wall smooth, 1.8 \( \mu \)m thick; spines very fine, straight, numerous, 1–1.2 \( \mu \)m long; slide NNA–2–3; Nanatani Formation (Early-Middle Miocene), 2 km SSE of Sekizawa, Nakajo-cho, Kita-Kanbara-gun, Niigata Prefecture.

Occurrence: Rare, Nakajo-cho, Nanatani Formation.

Comparison: This new species differs apparently from Micrhystridium koraiense TAKAHASHI (TAKAHASHI and KIM, 1979, p. 65, pl. 25, figs. 10–11, 14–15) and Baltisphaeridium kimurae TAKAHASHI (TAKAHASHI and KIM, 1979, p. 65–66, pl. 25, figs. 35–36) from the Yonil Group, Korea in having much larger size and very fine spines.
Baltisphaeridium nakajoense n. sp.

Pl. 14, Figs. 10-12

Description: Test originally spherical, 28.5-41.8 μm x 24-35 μm in diameter. Wall relatively thin, 1-1.6 μm thick; spines small, echinate or conical sometimes with truncated or rounded tips, 0.8-1.5 μm high; number of spines numerous. Wall surface always conspicuously folded.

Holotype: Pl. 14, Figs. 11a-b; shell width 67.5 μm x 63 μm in diameter; wall less than 2.5 μm thick. The networks connect with the straight line.

Occurrence: Few, Nakajo-cho, Nanatani Formation.

Comparison: The present specimens are superficially similar to Baltisphaeridium aquaticum TAKAHASHI and SHIMOY (1980, p. 10-11, pl. 1, figs. 1-9; pl. 2, figs. 1-6) from the Pleistocene Minoshiratori lake deposits, Gifu Prefecture, Japan, but the former differs from the latter in having much smaller size, thinner wall and much shorter spines.

Subgroup Herkomorphitae DOWNIE, EVITT & SARJEANT 1963

Cymatiosphaera pulchella n. sp.

Pl. 14, Figs. 13-14

Description: Shell spherical with 15-16 polygonal fields, 67.5 μm x 60-63 μm in diameter. Wall relatively thin, less than 2.5 μm thick. The width of the polygonal fields varies from 21 to 27 μm. The spines, muri of the networks, are relatively slender and shorter, 1.8-2.7 μm high. The networks connect with the straight line.

Holotype: Pl. 14, Figs. 14a-b; shell size 67.5 x 63 μm in diameter; width of the networks 21-27 μm; muri 1.8-2.7 μm high; slide NNA-2-5; Nanatani Formation (Early-Middle Miocene), 2 km SSE of Sekizawa, Nakajo-cho, Kita-Kanbara-gun, Niigata Prefecture.

Occurrence: Few, Nanatani Formation, Nakajo-cho.

Comparison: This new species is comparable with Cymatiosphaera globulosa TAKAHASHI (1964, 1971) from the Oligocene Asagai Formation in the Joban coalfield and from the Pleistocene upper for-
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formation of the Ariake Sea bottom, off the coast of Kojiro, Shimabara Peninsula, but the former differs from the latter in its much larger size and much wider networks.

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Explanation of Plate 14

Figs. 1-5. Pterospermella pterina n. sp.
Fig. 1: slide NNA-2-1, ×200; fig. 2: slide NTE-7-10, ×280; fig. 3: slide NNA-2-3, holotype, ×200; figs. 4, 5: slide NNA-2-2, ×400.

Figs. 6-7. Micrhystridium ariakense Takahashi ×1000
Figs. 6a-b: slide NNA-2-3; fig. 7: slide NNA-4-2.

Figs. 8-9. Baltisphaeridium sphaeroides n. sp. ×400
Fig. 8: slide NNA-2-2; fig. 9: slide NNA-2-3, holotype.

Figs. 10-12. Baltisphaeridium nakajoense n. sp.
Figs. 10, 11a-b: slide NNA-2-3; fig. 10, 11b: ×1000; fig. 11a: ×400; figs. 11a-b: holotype; fig. 12: slide NNA-2-5, ×1000.

Figs. 13-14. Cymatiosphaera pulchella n. sp.
Fig. 13: slide NNA-2-1, ×400; figs. 14a-b: slide NNA-2-5, holotype; fig. 14a: ×400; fig. 14b: ×600.

Fig. 15. Palambages sp.
Slide NNA-2-5, ×1000.


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NOTES ON THREE CYTHERELLOIDEA OSTRACODES FROM THE RYUKYUS*

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Abstract. Further information on the geographical and depth distribution of three species of the ostracode genus Cytherelloidea, previously reported from the Ryukyus, is presented. C. senkakuensis is widely distributed in both area and depth, whereas C. asatoensis and C. hanaii have restricted area distribution and occur within narrow depth ranges. C. asatoensis has different surface ornamentation in successive molt stages, but C. hanaii and C. senkakuensis show few changes through molt stages. The right and left valves of C. hanaii have different ornamentation.

Introduction

Genus Cytherelloidea is one of the dominant constituents of tropical ostracode assemblage. There are many studies on this genus in Southeast Asia (LeRoy, 1940 and 1941, Kingma, 1948, Van den Bold, 1950, Keij, 1964, Hu, 1976 and 1977, and Hu and Cheng, 1977). Previously, one species of the genus Cytherelloidea was reported from Honshu, Japan (Ishizaki, 1968) and nine species from the Ryukyus (Nohara, 1976).

Study of representatives of the genus indicates that the type specimens for the species C. shinzatoensis and C. yakenaensis are juvenile instars, and further research is necessary to identify their adult forms.

Sampling localities

The specimens discussed in this paper are mainly from dredged samples in the southern part of East China Sea near Senkaku-retto and from coral reefs southeast of Komesu of Okinawa-jima. The fossil specimens are from Somachi Formation of Kikai-jima and Shinzato Tuff, Chinen Sands, and Naha Limestone of Okinawa-jima.

The sampling localities are listed below.

Loc. 1.—Senkaku-retto, 48 Stations (Lat. 25°45'9"–27°47'5"N, Long. 123°7'–125°37'7"E) Dredged sample: St. 8, Senkaku-retto, dark brownish gray, fine to medium sand, 95 m in depth, water temperature 18.5°C. in depth of 85 m. Dredged sample, Recent.

Loc. 2.—Komesu, Itoman City, Okinawa-jima. St. 1, Komesu traverse section, about one hundred meters from shoreline, 2 m in depth, 700 m S.E. of Komesu (Lat. 26°5'N, Long. 127°43'E), Dredged sample, Recent.

Loc. 3a–d.—Somachi Formation, Kikai-jima. a, No. 7512404A, 500 m east of Keraji (Lat. 28°7'N, Long. 128°59'E) gray siltstone, Pliocene; b, No. 7512502A, 500 m north of Nagamine (Lat. 28°21'N, Long. 129°59'E), 1 m above road, gray siltstone; c, No. 7512507, 300 m S.E. of Isago (Lat. 28°21'N, Long. 128°59'E), 1 m above road, gray siltstone; d, No. 7512507, 1 m above road, gray siltstone.

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N, Long. 129°59' E), gray siltstone: d, No. 7512508C, 1,400 m S.E. of Isago (Lat. 28° 21' N, Long. 129°59' E), 3 m above road, gray siltstone.

Loc. 4a-c.—Shinzato Tuff, Okinawa-jima. a, No. 75122902D, the type locality about five hundred meters southeast of Shinzato, Sashiki (Lat. 26°9'5"N, Long. 127°46'7"E), bluish gray silty sand, 1 m above the tuff bed of the base of the type locality, Pliocene: b, No. 7571602, about two hundred meters east of Yakena near harbour, Yonagusuku-son (Lat. 26°19'N, Long. 127°55'E), brownish gray sand: c, No. 7592601, 1 km north of Asato, Gushichan-son (Lat. 26°7'30"N, Long. 127°44'E), dark gray siltstone, 4 m above the cultivated land.

Loc. 5.—Chinen Sands, the type locality, about five hundred meters east of Kudeken, Chinen-son, Okinawa-jima. No. 7571703 (Lat. 26°10'N, Long. 127°49'E), 3 m above road, silty sand, Pleistocene.

Loc. 6a, b.—Naha Limestone. a, 100 m east of National highway 51 and south of Machinato river, Machinato, Urasoe City, Okinawa-jima, No. 7512302 (Lat. 26°10'N, Long. 127°44'E), soft brownish limestone, Pleistocene: b, siltstone included in Naha Limestone, Yokatsu Senior High School, 500 m south of Uchima, Yonagusuku-son (Lat. 26°19'N, Long. 127°54'E), gray siltstone.

**Discussion**

Recent species of the ostracode genus *Cytherelloidea* seem to be restricted to tropical and subtropical shallow marine waters (MORKHOVEN, 1963). In Japan, however, the geographical range of *Cytherelloidea manachikai* extends to the Uranouchi Bay of Kochi Prefecture (ISHIZAKI, 1968). The species is found in Somachi Formation of Kikai-jima (Loc. 3a-d), Pliocene Shinzato Tuff (Loc. 4a), and Pleistocene Chinen Sands of Okinawa-jima (Loc. 5).

*Cytherelloidea senkakuensis* was originally reported from stations near Senkaku-retto where the species is common and occurs in the depth of 95 m to 370 m (NOHARA and TOMOYOSE, 1977). This species is also found in very shallow water of coral reefs near Komesu in Southern Okinawa-jima (Loc. 2).

*Cytherelloidea hanaii* was first reported from the Shinzato Tuff of Yakena, Yonagusuku-son, Okinawa-jima (Loc. 4b). Other fossil specimens of this species have been found in different horizons of the type locality of the Pliocene Shinzato Tuff (Loc. 4a) and Pleistocene Chinen Sands (Loc. 5) of Okinawa-jima. Living specimens of *C. hanaii* have been recorded between the depth range of 100 m and 150 m near Senkaku-retto (NOHARA and TOMOYOSE, 1977), and thus the distribution of this species seems to be restricted to narrow areas.

*Cytherelloidea asatoensis* was originally reported from the Pliocene Shinzato Tuff in the north of Asato, Gushichan-son, Okinawa-jima (Loc. 4c). Recent specimens are also found in stations near Senkaku-retto ranging from 100 m to 180 m in depth.

From KEIJ's measurements (1964), six molt stages seem to exist in *Cytherelloidea sabahensis* from Borneo. Specimens from the Ryukyus also suggest existence of at least five or six molt stages in our species as illustrated in Fig. 1.

The surface ornamentation is remarkably different between molt stages in some species and relatively conservative in the other. The surface ornamentation changes from young instar to mature form in *Cytherelloidea asatoensis* with increase in the size of valve (Fig. 1, f to a). On a juvenile valve (Fig. 1-f) only the marginal rim is well developed. In a later stage, central pit, median groove and an inner ridge appear. Thereafter two triangular pits develop: one in front of and the other just above the central
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pit (Fig. 1-e). In the next stage, inner ridge is completed (Fig. 1-d). The presence of three pits becomes distinct in the next stage (Fig. 1-c). Formation of all surface features is completed in adult minus one stage (Fig. 1-b). In the mature stage (Fig. 1-a) a wavy depression becomes clearer between the marginal rim and the inner ridge.

No clear change in surface ornamentation is apparent in the successive stages of *Cytherelloidea hanaii*. Even in the juvenile stage, marginal rim and ridge are well developed. In *Cytherelloidea senka-kuenis*, surface ornamentation including ridges and pits changes slightly and more or less continuously with the increase in valve size.

The surface ornamentation is generally similar between the right and left valves, but sometimes different between the two valves, as is the case with *Cytherelloidea hanaii*. On the left valves of *C. hanaii* (Fig. 2-a), a thick ridge runs continuously from the posterodorsal margin toward anterior, turns toward posterior making an arch anteriorly, and terminates at the posteroventral margin. On the right valve, however, posterodorsal and posteroventral ridges extend parallel to each other toward anterior (Fig. 2-b), but become obscure in the anterocentral area. Ridges of left and right valves have strongly different outline in dorsal view (Fig. 2-c). In the left, marginal rim, ridge, and dorsal pit are present; on the right, however, only the posterior ridge is distinctive. The differences of the surface ornamentation between the left and right valves may suggest unsym-

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Fig. 1. Sketches of *Cytherelloidea asatoensis* from juvenile (f) to adult (a) stage. Magnification approximately ×30. Specimen from the type locality of Shinzato Tuff, Shinzato, Sashiki-son, No. 75122902 D (Loc. 4a).
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In conclusion, among *C. asatoensis*, *C. hanaii*, *C. munechikai*, *C. nagoensis*, *C. senkakuensis*, *C. shinzatoensis*, *C. yakenaensis*, *C. sp. A*, and *C. sp. B* reported earlier from the Ryukyu islands, new information on *Cytherelloidea hanaii*, *C. asatoensis*, *C. senkakuensis*, and *C. munechikai* is presented in this report. *C. nagoensis*, *C. sp. A* and *C. sp. B* occur very rarely and information at hand is not sufficient to estimate their distribution range.

Uncertainty exists concerning the diagnostic characters of two other species, *C. shinzatoensis* and *C. yakenaensis*, because the original descriptions were based on juvenile instars.

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琉球列島産貝形虫 *Cytherelloidea* 属について：琉球列島産新生代貝形虫 *Cytherelloidea* 属の三種 *C. hanaii, C. asatoensis, C. senkakuensis* について検討した。*C. hanaii* と *C. asatoensis* は、それぞれ 100～150 m, 100～180 m の深度分布を示しているが *C. senkakuensis* は、1～300 m の深度分布を示している。

*C. asatoensis* は、殻の表面の装飾は脱皮ごとに変化を示していくが、*C. hanaii* と *C. senkakuensis* は装飾に顕著な変化は見られない。*C. hanaii* は左右の殻の装飾は異っている。野原朝秀
732. A NEW CLINOCARDIUM FROM THE OMAGARI FORMATION OF THE OMBETSU GROUP, KUSHIRO COAL FIELD, EASTERN HOKKAIDO*

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Abstract. The Omagari Formation (Oligocene) yields characteristic marine molluscan fossils which are called the Poronaian fauna (MIZUNO, 1964). The author describes a new species of Clinocardium based on 419 specimens collected from 20 localities of the formation, and discusses the relationship with one of the Oligocene index fossils, Clinocardium asagaiense (MAKIYAMA). This new species is one of the earliest representatives of Clinocardium, because the genus is considered to have originated during Oligocene in North Japan and Sakhalin, USSR (KAPANOV, 1974). C. asagaiense which has been reported by several authors from various localities of the Urahoro and Ombetsu Groups in the Kushiro coal field, without figures, requires re-examination in view of the occurrence of the new species.

Introduction

The Ombetsu Group (Oligocene) in the Kushiro coal field, eastern Hokkaido, can be divided into the Omagari, the Charo and the Nuibetsu Formations in ascending order, and yields abundant and characteristic marine molluscan fossils called the Poronaian fauna (MIZUNO, 1964). The Omagari Formation was proposed by SASA (1940a, b) and its type locality is located at Omagari, middle course of the Charo-gawa (river), Shiranuka-machi, Shiranuka-gun, northwestern part of the coal field. The formation is characterized by greenish gray medium- to fine-grained sandstone and ranges in thickness from 50 to 110 m in the coal field (SASA, 1940a, b).

The Omagari Formation developed in the Tokomuro district, western part of the Kushiro coal field, is composed mainly of fine-grained sandstone and sandy siltstone, with a thin gravelly coarse-grained sandstone or granular conglomerate layer at the base (YUI, 1975 MS). The formation is narrowly distributed in a N-S trend in such rivers and valleys as the Taron-no-sawa, the Pon-otakobushi-zawa, the Sango-zawa, the Kenamichichippuzawa, the Fukuyama-gawa, the Tokomuro-gawa, etc. (YUI, 1975 MS).

The Omagari Formation in the Tokomuro district ranges in thickness from 50 to 170 m, and is conformably overlain by the Charo Formation and unconformably underlain by the Shakubetsu, the Shitakara or the Rushin Formations of the Urahoro Group (YUI, 1975 MS). Table 1 shows the stratigraphic classification in the Tokomuro district.

The Omagari Formation contains marine
Table 1. Stratigraphic classification in the Tokomuro district (Yui, 1975MS).

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molluscan fossils including such species as Yoldia laudabilis YOKOYAMA, Portlandia watasei (KANEHARA), Nucula (Ennucula) n. sp., Acila brevis NAGAO and HUIZIKA, Venericardia laxata YOKOYAMA, V. tokudai TAKEDA, Conchoele bisecta (CONRAD), Nemocardium ezoeense TAKEDA, Clinocardium omagariense, n. sp., Myagrewingki MAKIYAMA, Periploma besshoense (YOKOYAMA), Turritella poronaiensis TAKEDA, "Ampullina" asagaiensis MAKIYAMA, Trominina ? 8zona (TAKEDA), etc. (YUI, 1975 MS).

Three species and three subspecies of Clinocardium have been described from Paleogene formations of Japan and Sakhalin, USSR, and these are Clinocardium asagaiense asagaiense (MAKIYAMA) and Clinocardium asagaiense makiyamae KAMADA from the Asagai Formation of the Uchigo Group, Joban coal field, Northeast Japan, Clinocardium asagaiense arakawai KAMADA from the Iwaki and Asagai Formations of the Uchigo Group, and Clinocardium matchgarense (MAKIYAMA) and Clinocardium yamasakii (MAKIYAMA) from horizons 5 and 6 (Marie Formation) at Matchgar, northern Sakhalin, USSR, respectively (CYAMA, MIZUNO and SAKAMOTO, 1960; KAMADA, 1962).

KEEN (1973) listed a total of 24 Oligocene to Recent species of Clinocardium from Japan and Sakhalin, including the above species. A key to the 13 species of Clinocardium which had been described from Tertiary and Quaternary formations of Japan and Sakhalin was summarized by HIRAYAMA (1955).

The genus Clinocardium is considered to have originated in the northwestern Pacific (North Japan and Sakhalin) in the Oligocene and migrated to the north and east during Miocene time (KAFANOV, 1974), and this genus is essentially a northern group of cockles (HERTLEIN and GRANT, 1972).

In this paper, the author describes and discusses a new species of Clinocardium based on YUI's (1975 MS) specimens of 419 individuals collected from gray sandy siltstone, fine-grained sandstone or gray siltstone at 20 localities of the Omagari Formation in the Tokomuro district, western part of the Kushiro coal field. Maps of the Tokomuro district indicating fossil localities are shown in Figs. 1a, b.

Several conflicting views have been proposed as to the ages of the Urahoro and Ombetsu Groups in the coal field. For instance, SASA (1940a, b) summarized the stratigraphy of the coal field and considered that the Urahoro and Ombetsu Groups are Miocene from the stratigraphical viewpoint, but ASANO (1962) considered that they are Eocene from the smaller foraminiferal viewpoint. The author regards both groups as Oligocene in age, following the evidence of Mollusca (TAKEDA, 1953; OYAMA, MIZUNO and SAKAMOTO, 1960; MIZUNO, 1964) and paleobotany (TANAI, 1970). The ages of both groups will be discussed in detail at another opportunity.
Fig. 1a. Map showing fossil localities in the southern Tokomuro district.

Fig. 1b. Map showing fossil localities in the northern Tokomuro district.
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Description of New Species

Family Cardiidae
Subfamily Laevicardiinae
Genus Clinocardium Keen, 1936
Clinocardium omagariense
Honda, n. sp.
Pl. 15, Figs. 1-13

Description:—Shell small to medium, obliquely rounded, moderately inflated, inequilateral and rather thin. Antero- and posterodorsal margins broadly arched, ventral margin well-rounded. Posterior margin obliquely subtruncated. Beaks situated somewhat anteriorly, inconspicuous, incurved and prosogyrate. Apical angle about 120 to 130°. Height of shell a little shorter than length. Obscure ridge running from beak to posterоventral corner.

Surface sculptured with about 40 to 50 subrounded radial ribs, which are ornamented with cross-threads and are much wider than the interspaces. Surface also sculptured with numerous feeble growth lines and a few, more distinct periodic lines of growth. Escutcheon inconspicuous. Ligament external, opisthodetic and narrow. Hinge area and inner surface sculpture unknown.

Dimensions:—Dimensions are shown in Table 2.

Depository:—Holotype (IGPS* coll. cat. no. 95740-1) and five paratypes (IGPS coll. cat. nos. 95740-2, 95740-3, 95740-4, 95740-5, 95740-6).

Comparison:—The present new species resembles Clinocardium asagaiense asagaiense (Makiyama, 1934, p. 139, pl. 5, figs. 20, 22, 23), originally described from the Asagai Formation of the Uchigo Group, Joban coal field, Northeast Japan. But the new species is distinguished from C. asagaiense asagaiense by its more numerous radial ribs being wider than the interspaces.

It also resembles Clinocardium asagaiense arakawae Kamada (1962, p. 105, pl. 10, figs. 15-17), originally described from the Asagai Formation of the Uchigo Group, but it differs from this subspecies in its more inflated shell. The present new species also resembles Clinocardium asagaiense makiyamae Kamada (1962, p. 104, pl. 10, figs. 18-21), originally described from the Asagai Formation, but the new species differs in having a smaller shell, more numerous radial ribs, and the radial ribs wider than the interspaces.

It is allied also to Clinocardium yamasakii

* Abbreviation for the Institute of Geology and Paleontology, Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan.
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Table 2. Measurements (in mm) of Clinocardium omagariense, n. sp.

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(MAKIYAMA, 1934, p. 138, pl. 5, figs. 21, 24), originally described from horizon 6 at Matchgar, northern Sakhalin, USSR, but it differs from C. yamasakii by its more numerous radial ribs and by having the radial ribs much wider than the interspaces.

It is allied also to Clinocardium matchgarense (MAKIYAMA, 1934, p. 137, pl. 5, figs. 30, 31), originally described from horizon 5 at Matchgar, but it can be discriminated from the latter by its more numerous and squarer radial ribs.

Remarks:—A total of 419* individuals collected by YUI (1975 MS) was examined. They occur in groups in gray sandy siltstone, fine-grained sandstone or gray siltstone at 20 localities of the Omagari Formation in the Tokomuro district, western part of the kushiro coal field. The majority of the specimens are moderately well-preserved conjoined valves with rather thin tests, although the edges of most specimens are lacking. Drillings of gastropods are observed on the surfaces of such specimens as Pl. 15, Figs. 1-4, 6, 10, 12, 13 at Loc. OM-32.

** One individual is regarded as more than half of a separated valve or a conjoined pair of valves.

Besides the present new species from the Omagari Formation, Clinocardium asagaiense has been reported from the Urahoro and Ombetsu Groups in the Kushiro coal field by several authors: the Omagari, the Charo and the Nuiibetsu formations of the Ombetsu Group (TAKEDA, 1953); the Shitakara Formation of the Urahoro Group, the Omagari, the Charo and the Nuiibetsu Formations of the Ombetsu Group (MATSUI, 1962); the Omagari Formation (INOUE and SUZUKI, 1962; MITANI, FUJIWARA and ISHIYAMA, 1964; SOGABE, 1967); the Green Sandstone Member of the Okuhombetsu Formation (MITANI, HASHIMOTO, YOSHIDA and ODA, 1959). C. cf. asagaiense has been recorded from the Omagari Sandstone Member of the Charo Formation in the Tokomuro district (ODA, NEMOTO and UEMURA, 1959), the Charo Siltstone Member of the Charo Formation (MIZUNO, SATO and SUMI, 1963), the Charo and Nuiibetsu formations (MIZUNO, 1964); and Clinocardium kushiroense KANNO (nom. nud.) from the Omagari Formation (MABUCHI, 1962; MIZUNO, 1964). The Green Sandstone Member of the Okuhombetsu Formation is correlative of the Omagari
Formation.

Specimens that have been reported from the Urahoro and Ombetsu Groups as C. asagaiense, C. cf. asagaiense and C. kushiroense require re-examination in view of the occurrence of the new species, as they were not figured in the original reports. The new species is one of the earliest representatives of Clinocardium, because the genus is considered to have originated in North Japan and Sakhalin, USSR during Oligocene time (Kafanov, 1974).


Locality and Formation:—

OM-01: roadside cutting along the middle course of the Rushin-gawa, Urahoro-machi, Tokachi-gun, Hokkaido (Lat. 42°59'44"N, Long. 143°41'8"E).

OM-02: roadside cliff along a small northwestern tributary of the Rushin-gawa, Urahoro-machi, Tokachi-gun, Hokkaido (Lat. 42°58'30"N, Long. 143°40'46"E).

OM-03: ditto (about 130 m SE of OM-02) (Lat. 42°58'28"N, Long. 143°40'49"E).

OM-05: roadside cliff along a northwestern tributary of the Urahoro-gawa, Urahoro-machi, Tokachi-gun, Hokkaido (Lat. 42°56'30"N, Long. 143°40'10"E).

OM-06: roadside cliff along the Taron-no-sawa, a tributary of the Rushin-gawa, Urahoro-machi, Tokachi-gun, Hokkaido (Lat. 42°59'14"N, Long. 143°43'2"E).

OM-07: riverside cliff along the Pon-otakobushi-zawa, a tributary of the Rushin-gawa, Urahoro-machi, Tokachi-gun, Hokkaido (Lat. 42°58'36"N, Long. 143°42'2"E).

OM-08: ditto (about 140 m SE of OM-07) (Lat. 42°58'32"N, Long. 143°42'5"E).

OM-11: riverside cliff along the Otakobushi-zawa, a tributary of the Rushin-gawa, Urahoro-machi, Tokachi-gun, Hokkaido (Lat. 42°57'56"N, Long. 143°41'32"E).

OM-14: riverside cliff along the Sango-zawa, a tributary of the Rushin-gawa, Urahoro-machi, Tokachi-gun, Hokkaido (Lat. 42°56'56"N, Long. 143°41'32"E).

OM-15: riverside cliff along the uppermost stream of the Sango-zawa, a tributary of the Rushin-gawa, Urahoro-machi, Tokachi-gun, Hokkaido (about 600 m SW of OM-14) (Lat. 42°56'47"N, Long. 143°41'10"E).

OM-16: riverside cliff along the Rushin-gawa, Urahoro-machi, Tokachi-gun, Hokkaido (Lat. 42°57'16"N, Long. 143°42'20"E).

OM-17: riverside cliff along an eastern tributary of the Rushin-gawa, Urahoro-machi, Tokachi-gun, Hokkaido (Lat. 42°56'51"N, Long. 143°42'8"E).


OM-22: ditto (about 130 m E of OM-21) (Lat. 42°55'2"N, Long. 143°42'54"E).

OM-24: riverside cliff along the upperstream of the Kenamichippu-zawa, a tributary of the Tokomuro-gawa, Urahoro-machi, Tokachi-gun, Hokkaido (Lat. 42°54'33"N, Long. 143°42'58"E).

OM-25: riverside cliff along the Fukuyama-gawa, Urahoro-machi, Tokachi-gun, Hokkaido (Lat. 42°52'54"N, Long. 143°42'41"E).

OM-26: ditto (about 70 m SE of OM-25) (Lat. 42°52'53"N, Long. 143°42'44"E).

OM-28: ditto (about 170 m S of OM-26) (Lat. 42°52'47"N, Long. 143°42'44"E).

OM-29: riverside cliff along a southern tributary of the lowerstream of the Tokomuro-gawa, Urahoro-machi, Tokachi-gun, Hokkaido (Lat. 42°50'53"N, Long. 143°42'10"E).

OM-32: riverside cliff along the Urahoro-gawa, about 1,250 m NNE from the junction between the Urahoro-gawa and the Tokomuro-gawa, Urahoro-machi, Tokachi-gun, Hokkaido (Lat. 42°52'24"N, Long. 143°40'32"E) (type locality). All the localities are in the Omagari Formation (Contr. Yui, 1975 MS).
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北海道東部釧路炭田，音別層群大曲層からの Clinocardium の一新種：音別層群（漸新世）は下部から大曲層、茶路層、縮小層の三層に区分され、側内動物群（MIZUNO, 1964）と呼ばれる多くの特徴的な軟体動物化石群を産する。釧路炭田西部の常室地域の大曲層は主に細粒砂岩、灰色砂質シルト岩から成り、Yoldia laudabilis, Portlandia watasei, Acila brevis, Venericardia laxata, Conchocele bisecta, Periploma besshoense, Turritella poronaiensis, “Ampullina” asagaiensis などの海縫軟体動物化石を産する（YUI, 1975 MS）。

筆者は大曲層の灰色砂質シルト岩、細粒砂岩、灰色シルト岩中の20産地から YUI (1975MS) によって採集された419個体の標本に基づき、Clinocardium の一新種を記載し、報告する。本新種は常磐炭田の内層層群浅見層および石戸層から記載されている、Clinocardium asagaiense asagaiense, C. asagaiense arakawaense, C. asagaiense makiyamae などと類似するが、放射肋の数、外形、放射肋と放射肋間の比率などは異なる点で区別される。

従来、釧路炭田の浦幌層群及び音別層群からは、C. asagaiense, C. cf. asagaiense 及び C. kushiroense Kanno (nom. nud.) が報告されているが、図示された標本はなく、これらの種の両層群からの産出については再検討を要する。

Explanation of Plate 15
(All figures in natural size)

Figs. 1-13. Clinocardium omagariense HONDA, n. sp. fig. 1, IGPS coll. cat. no. 95740-7, Loc. OM-32; figs. 2a-c, IGPS coll. cat. no. 95740-1 (Holotype), Loc. OM-32; fig. 3, IGPS coll. cat. no. 95740-8, Loc. OM-32; figs. 4a-c, IGPS coll. cat. no. 95740-4 (Paratype), Loc. OM-32; figs. 5a-b, IGPS coll. cat. no. 95740-2 (Paratype), Loc. OM-32; figs. 6a-b, IGPS coll. cat. no. 95740-3 (Paratype), Loc. OM-32; figs. 7a-b, IGPS coll. cat. no. 95740-6 (Paratype), Loc. OM-32; figs. 8a-c, IGPS coll. cat. no. 95740-2, Loc. OM-29; figs. 9a-c, IGPS coll. cat. no. 95740-4 (Paratype), Loc. OM-29; figs. 10a-b, IGPS coll. cat. no. 95740-10, Loc. OM-32; figs. 11a-b, IGPS coll. cat. no. 95740-9, Loc. OM-32; figs. 12a-b, IGPS coll. cat. no. 95740-6 (Paratype), Loc. OM-32; figs. 13a-b, IGPS coll. cat. no. 95740-5 (Paratype), Loc. OM-32.
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