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Gorgonorhynchus albocinctus (Nemertea: Heteronemertea) from Sotobanari, Yaeyama Islands, Japan

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Record

The branched-proboscis heteronemertean *Gorgonorhynchus albocinctus* Kajihara, 2015 has been known only by the original description based on a single, anterior fragment of body obtained in a reef area around Taketomi Island (Kajihara 2015). Presence or absence of a caudal cirrus—a thin appendage attached at the posterior end of the body found among heteronemerteans—has thus been not known for this species. In this article, we report an intact specimen of the species for the first time, which represents the second observation of this taxon. The specimen was collected by SCUBA diving at a depth of 10–30 m, off Sotobanari Island (24°22'47"N, 123°43'53"W) by T. Naruse and R. Yoshida on 7 May 2016. The location is about 40 km away from the type locality in linear distance. In anaesthetized state, the body was 74 mm long (excluding caudal cirrus), up to 5 mm wide, uniformly brown, and ventrally paler (Fig. 1A). About 0.7 mm behind the tip of the head, there is a white band (about 0.8 mm wide) completely encircling the head. The mouth opens ventrally, situated about 4.3 mm behind the tip of the head, 0.9 mm long, 0.2 mm wide, beginning from the level of the posterior end of the lateral cephalic slits (Fig. 1B). The posterior part of the body (for about 1/5–1/4 body length) is distinctly paler than the anterior portion, which likely reflects recent posterior regeneration. A whitish caudal cirrus, about 3.5 mm long, is present at the posterior end of the body (Fig. 1C). After anaesthetization, the specimen was fixed in 10% formalin–seawater, transferred in 70% ethanol, and deposited in the Ryukyu University Museum, Fujukan (RUMF-ZN-3), Nishihara, Japan.

Recent molecular phylogenetic analyses have demonstrated that presence or absence of a caudal cirrus in heteronemerteans is “clearly not informative

for generic placement as it has been historically used” (Schwartz 2009: 28; see also Puerta et al. 2010). However, it should still be of help in species-level identification. Also, it is noteworthy that the other two members of the genus, *G. bermudensis* Wheeler, 1940 and *G. repens* Dakin & Fordham, 1931, have a caudal cirrus (Dakin & Fordham 1936; Wheeler 1940; Gibson 1974), implying that the caudal cirrus has been phylogenetically conserved among this genus.

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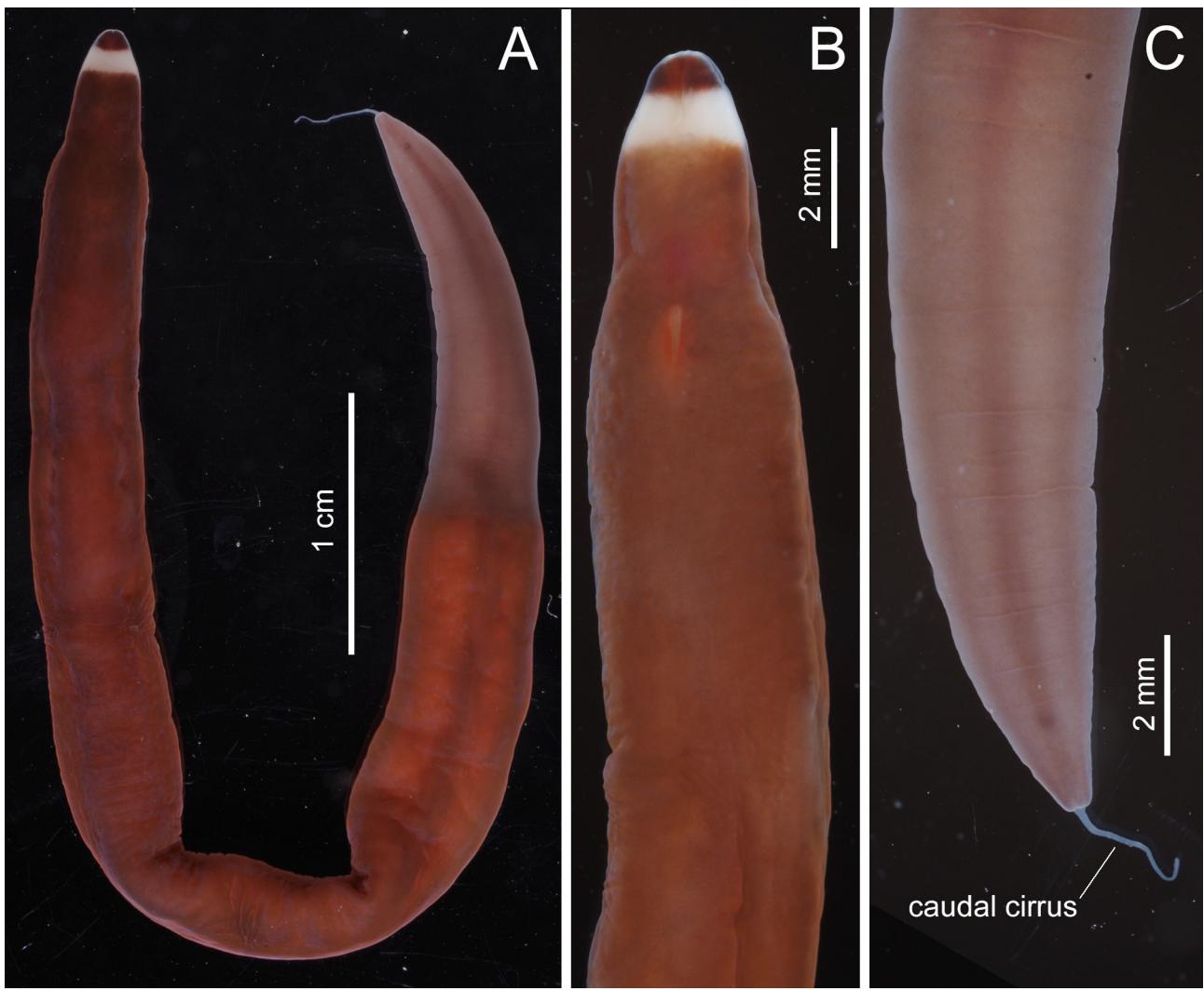


Fig. 1. *Gorgonorrhynchus albocinctus* Kajihara, 2015, RUMF-ZN-3. A, Entire animal, dorsal view, anaesthetized in $MgCl_2$ solution; B, magnification of head, ventral view; C, posterior end of body, showing caudal cirrus.

図1. ハシゾメゴルゴンヒモシ（新称）。RUMF-ZN-3. A, 麻酔した状態での全体背面図；B, 頭部腹面拡大図；C, 尾部, 尾毛状突起を示す。

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要旨. 分岐した吻をもつことで特徴的なハシゾメゴルゴンヒモシ（新称）*Gorgonorrhynchus albocinctus* Kajihara, 2015（紐形動物門：異紐虫類）は竹富島から得られた1個体の断片標本から知られるのみであった。本論文ではタイプ産

地から直線距離で約 40 km 離れた外離島の水深
10–30 m で得られた完全個体を報告する。これ
により本種は 2 つの同属他種と同様に尾毛状突
起を有することが明らかになった。

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