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Introduction.

Pinnotherids (Crustacea: Pinnotheridae) are true decapod crabs, which show a conspicuous sexual dimorphism, notably different morphological stages of development and complex ecological relationships with different invertebrates, but can also be found in free life (Schmitt, McCain & Davidson 1973; Ocampo et al. 2011; Becker & Türkay 2017). Worldwide, sixteen species are known to be endobiontic with sea cucumbers (Ng & Manning 2003), of which two species assigned to the genus *Holothuriophilus* Nauck, 1880, are distributed in the Pacific coast of America (Manning 1993). *H. trapeziformis* Nauck, 1880 with a type locality in Mazatlan, Mexico, is associated with the sea cucumber *Holothuria (Halodeima) inornata* Semper, 1868. *H. pacificus* (Poeppig, 1836) from Talcahuano, Chile (Manning 1993) is associated with a different sea cucumber, *Athyonidium chilensis* (Semper) (Garth 1957; Honey-Escandón & Solís-Marín 2018). This genus is diagnosed by its transversally elongated carapace, wider anterior to middle portion; its short, robust and compressed walking legs, with the dorsal margin cristate; and the third maxilliped with the ischiomerus indistinguishably fused (Garth 1957; Manning 1993; Ng & Manning 2003; Campos, Peláez-Zárate & Solís-Marín 2012).

However, the taxonomic status of *H. trapeziformis* remains confuse, because male morphology is unknown and the available information from female illustrations shows some inconsistencies when the carapace, Mxp3 shape, and setae patterns are compared (see Bürger 1985: 380–381, pl. 9, fig.

26; Ahyong & Ng 2007: 214, Figs. 20A, C; Campos, Peláez-Zárate & Solís-Marín 2012: 60, figs. 2B, C). Due to this situation the differentiation of *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis* from *H. pacificus* is based on a single morphological character; the former species has a narrow opening when the pincers fingers are closed, but in the latter species the fingers gap is conspicuous (Campos, Peláez-Zárate & Solís-Marín 2012).

Despite Nauck's (1880) effort to provide a detailed description of the *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis*, the preservation quality of the sample, and the data from the reviewed material made it impractical to designate a type specimen, make a complete description, and determine the identity of the host with certainty. Moreover, the female syntypes deteriorated over time and the male was unknown (Bürger 1895; De Man 1887; Ng & Manning 2003). Later, Manning (1993), Ng & Manning (2003), and Ahyong & Ng (2007) examined the syntype series to complete the diagnosis and designated a lectotype which was described and illustrated; however, there are inconsistencies in their illustrations and the diagnostic characters are not informative when considering the information available for *Holothuriophilus pacificus*. In addition, for 84 years, *H. trapeziformis* was not collected until Caso (1958, 1964, 1965) gathered four pinnotherids, determined as *Pinnixa barnharti* (not *Pinnixa barnharti* Rathbun, 1918), associated with *Holothuria inornata* Semper, 1868 and *H. kefersteinii* (Selenka) (= *H. riojai* Caso, 1964). Thirty-four years later, one of Caso's specimens was determined as *Holothuriophilus* sp. by Campos, Díaz & Gamboa-Contreras (1998). More recently Campos, Peláez-Zárate & Solís-Marín (2012) updated the species diagnosis and made a review of the genus. Finally, Honey-Escandón & Solís-Marín (2018) confirmed the ecological association between *H. trapeziformis* and *Holothuria inornata*, but Caso's (1958, 1965) records of *Holothuria kefersteinii* as a host remains uncertain because the field collection data does not correspond with the material

reviewed by Honey-Escandón & Solís-Marín (2018), and the location of these pinnotherids and their holothurian hosts is unknown (F. Solís-Marín, 2018, pers. comm.).

For *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis*, there is currently no data on any gene. In contrast, for *H. pacificus*, there is information related to the COI gene sequence for one specimen recovered from the shoreline in southern Chile (CFAD062-11; boldsystems.org). Within this context, sequencing of approximately 650 bp region of the mitochondrial Cytochrome Oxidase 1 gene (COI) has been promoted to conform a standardized DNA barcode system with the aim of being one more tool for the identification of biological species with many applications in diverse fields of knowledge (Hebert et al. 2003; Hajibabaei et al. 2007). In spite of the difficulty to work with COI regarding the debate about the acceptance of one molecular marker as an accurate character to define a species (Will & Rubinoff 2004), it has been considered the best marker for identification in other decapods (Spielmann et al. 2019). The utility of the DNA Barcoding (COI sequence) has been useful to delimit other pinnotherids (Ocampo et al. 2013; Perez-Miguel et al. 2019), brachyuran larvae (Brandão, Freire & Bruton 2016), and other crustacean taxa (Costa et al. 2007; Matzen da Silva et al. 2011).

Considering that integrative taxonomy based on morphological and molecular data is increasingly useful to define and delimit biological species with greater certainty, the goal of this study is, therefore, to define the taxonomic status of *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis* by completing the information on the species with the description of the male, revising the morphological variability in both sexes, updating the range of distribution, and establishing a baseline of mitochondrial COI gene barcode. Finally, this information will provide new diagnostic characters that will allow a clearer separation of both species of *Holothuriophilus* from the Pacific coast of America.

Material & methods

Morphology

Fifty-two crabs belonging to the *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis* were extracted from the coelom and intestine of the sea cucumber *Holothuria inornata*. Hosts were manually collected through skin and SCUBA diving at a maximum depth of 10 meters in Sinaloa, Guerrero, and Oaxaca, Mexico (Fig. 1). The collected material was labeled and fixed according to the Elías-Gutiérrez et al. (2018) protocol for tissue preservation and DNA analyses. Due to the size of the specimens and the thickness of their cuticle, we injected ethanol into the body and joints of the appendices with insulin syringes.

All biological material (Table S1) was classified and deposited in the Scientific Collection of Marine Invertebrates of the Laboratorio de Sistemática de Invertebrados Marinos (LABSIM) from Universidad del Mar (UMAR), Oaxaca, Mexico (OAX-CC-249-11). Hosts were identified with specialized literature (Solís-Marín et al. 2009; Honey-Escandón & Solís-Marín 2018). For the analysis of the taxonomic status of *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis* specialized literature from Nauck (1880), Manning (1993), Ng & Manning (2003), Ah Yong & Ng (2007), and Campos, Peláez-Zárate & Solís-Marín (2012) was reviewed. Likewise, for *H. pacificus*, Poeppig (1836), Nobili (1901), Rathbun (1918), and Garth (1957) were reviewed.

For this study, we got a field permit for collections with non-commercial scientific research purposes by Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería, Desarrollo Rural, Pesca y Alimentación (SAGARPA) and Comisión Nacional de Acuacultura y Pesca (CONAPESCA) (Collecting permit: PPF/DGOPA-301/17).

The species description follows the terminology of Ah Yong & Ng (2007). The setae terminology is based on Garm & Watling (2013). Drawings were made with the help of a lucid camera and

then digitalized in a vector format. Pictures were taken with a Nikon D5100 digital camera. Measurements are given in millimeters and the latitude and longitude of the collections were obtained from Google Earth™.

Because we were only able to obtain nine specimens (three males and six females) from the type locality, in contrast to 47 (six males and 41 females) from the southern region, and due to morphological variability observed, it was necessary to standardize the observations by using specimens in the same stage of development. The shared stage of development between the three regions (Sinaloa, Guerrero, and Oaxaca) corresponded to males and ovigerous females with a carapace width measurement equal to eight millimeters. To standardize the observations, the specimen and the dissected pieces were mounted on a plastic clay base to make the drawings. For the carapace contour, the samples were mounted, so the dorsal view of the posterior margin line of the carapace was observed. For the Mxp3, an attempt was made to extract it from its base to obtain both endopod and exopod and to mount it with the articles in the same perspective. The cutting edge of the fingers' chelae was cleaned of dirt to see all the teeth, the first gonopod was extracted from its base, and the setae cleaned of dirt.

Abbreviations used in the text: CL, carapace length (taken as the middle line from the frontal margin to the posterior margin of the carapace); CW, carapace width (measured in its medium-anterior portion); Mxp2, second maxilliped; Mxp3, third maxilliped; P2–5, walking legs 1 to 4.

Acronyms used in the text: BOLD, barcode of life database (boldsystems.org); BIN, barcode index number (*sensu* Ratnasingham & Hebert, 2013); BOLD-ID, Specimen ID in the Barcode of Life Data System; CNE-ICML-UNAM, National Collection of Echinoderms of the Institute of Marine Sciences and Limnology of the National Autonomous University of Mexico; DC-NHM, Division of Crustacea, Natural History Museum, Smithsonian Institution; SMF-ZMG,

Senckenberg Museum für Naturkunde, Zoologisches Museum Göttingen University, Humboldt Universität, Berlin; UABC, Autonomous University of Baja California, Mexico; UMAR, Universidad del Mar campus Puerto Angel, Oaxaca, Mexico.

Collectors: AEV, Aidé Egremy Valdés; AGF, Andrea Glockner Fagetti; CCA, Carlos Cruz Antonio; AHM, Adanely Hernández Muñoz; FBV, Francisco Benítez Villalobos; FCC, Fernando Cortés Carrasco; HMC, Humberto Mesa Castillo; KFL, Karen Lizbeth Flores López; KMB, Karen Mesa Buendía; RGF, Rebeca Granja Fernández; VCH, Valeria Chavez García.

DNA extraction and PCR amplification

Genomic DNA of individuals of *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis* was extracted from biological material collected in the field and some individuals from the OAX-CC-249-11 regional collection of the Universidad del Mar, using tissue from the walking legs, the chelae, or eggs from the ovigerous females. Tissues were placed into 96-well microplates with a drop of 96% ethanol, and DNA extraction was carried out following the standard glass fiber method consisting of a mix of Proteinase K with an invertebrate lysis buffer according to Ivanova, De Waard & Hebert (2006). Following the DNA extraction, the PCR mixture with a final volume of 12.5 µl, contained 2 µl of Hyclone ultrapure water (Thermo Fisher Scientific), 6.25 µl of 10% trehalose (previously prepared: 5 g D-(+)- trehalose dihydrate (Fluka Analytical) in a total of 50 ml of molecular grade ddH₂O), 1.25 µl of 10X PCR Platinum Taq buffer (Invitrogen), 0.625 µl of 50 µmol/L MgCl₂ (Invitrogen), 0.0625 µl of 10 µmol/L dNTP (KAPA Biosystems), 0.125 µl of each 10 µmol/L primer, 0.06 µl of PlatinumTaq DNA polymerase (Invitrogen), and 2 µl of DNA template. All specimens were amplified with the Zooplankton primers (ZplankF1_t1 and ZplankR1_t1, see Prosser, Martínez-Arce & Alías-Gutiérrez 2013 for details). The reactions were cycled at 94°C for 1 min, followed by five cycles of 94°C for 40 seconds, 45°C for 40

seconds and 72°C for 1 min, followed by 35 cycles of 94°C for 40 seconds, 51°C for 40 seconds and 72°C for 1 min, with a final extension of 72°C for 5 min. PCR products were visualized on a pre-cast 2% agarose gels (E-Gel® 96 Invitrogen), and the most intense positive products were selected for sequencing.

Sequencing and DNA barcode

Selected PCR products were sequenced using a modified (Hajibabaei et al. 2005) BigDye® Terminator v.3.1 Cycle Sequencing Kit (Applied Biosystem, Inc.), and then sequenced bidirectionally on an ABI 3730XL automated capillary sequencer using M13F and M13R sequence primers at the Biology Institute at the National Autonomous University of Mexico and at the Eurofins Genomics Louisville Laboratory (USA). Sequences were edited using CodonCode® v 3.0.1 (CodonCode Corporation, Dedham, MA, USA) and uploaded to BOLD. In some cases, the original forward and reverse tracers uploaded to BOLD were checked again. Consensus assembly was generated, and edited manually with Sequencher® 4.1.4. (Gene Codes Corporation, Ann Arbor, MI, USA), and then they were aligned using BioEdit® (Hall 1999).

Likelihood tree and distance analysis

COI sequences generated for *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis* in this study were compared with COI sequences from other pinnotherids collected in the Eastern Pacific coast of America, available in BOLD and/or GeneBank (Table S2). Sequence data, trace files, and primer details for all *H. trapeziformis* specimens and for the other species are available under the dataset name PINMX1HT (“Htrapeziformis from Mexico”) in the Barcode of Life Data System (barcodinglife.org). Additionally, *H. trapeziformis* sequences were uploaded to GenBank (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>). The accession numbers are noted in the table S2.

217 To construct the tree, the best-fitting evolution model of nucleotide substitution for distance
 218 based on COI alignments was established on the Maximum Likelihood (ML) for 24 different
 219 nucleotide substitution models, selected according to the Akaike (AIC) and Bayesian (BIC)
 220 criterion (Darriba et al. 2011), and tested using jModelTest[©] 2.1.10 (Posada & Buckley 2004).
 221 The final tree was obtained with nodal support for the resulting branches estimated with 1000
 222 bootstrap replicates in MEGA 7.0 (Tamura et al. 2013). It was simplified with the
 223 compress/expand feature of MEGA. Also, interspecific COI genetic distances for the dataset
 224 were estimated using the Kimura-2 parameters distance method in MEGA. Values greater than
 225 3% were considered the threshold for the delimitation of the species (Hebert et al. 2003).

Results

The morphology of 56 specimens from three coastal regions in the Mexican Pacific was analyzed, including the type locality. A detailed morphological revision of the specimens allowed us to determine notable variations, mostly on the carapace general shape, features of the first male gonopod, and in the pincers chelae ornamentation. ~~Northern type locality morphology~~ shows a notable variation in the general carapace outline shape and general appearance which looks more stout and eroded in contrast to that of the southern specimens. However, all specimens show features that define *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis* according to Ng & Manning (2003) and Campos, Peláez-Zárate & Solís-Marín (2012). In addition, previously undescribed structures like the Mxp2 and male second gonopod plus the genetic data resolution, confirm that all the revised material corresponds with the *H. trapeziformis*. Complete morphology description of the male and the discussion of character variations in both sexes are annotated in the Systematics section and DNA barcoding analyses are annotated after that.

Systematics

Infraorder Brachyura Latreille, 1802

Family Pinnotheridae De Haan, 1833

Genus *Holothuriophilus* Nauck, 1880

Holothuriophilus. — Manning, 1993: 225.

Diagnosis (modified from Manning 1993). Carapace broader than long, widest on mid anterior portion, transversely subcuadrangular, subrectangular, subovate or subtrapezoidal. Third maxilliped with ischium and merus indistinguishable fused; exopod with one segmented flagellum; endopod palp 3-segmented; propodus shorter than carpus, conical; subspatulate

dactylus articulated basally on propodus, extending beyond end of propodus. Dactyli of walking legs similar and subequal, short. Abdomen of seven segments in both sexes.

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(Figs. 2A–G, 3A–D, 4A–K, 5A–K, 6A–D)

Holothuriophilus trapeziformis Nauck, 1880: 24, 66 [ovigerous female type]. —De Man 1887:

721–722 [female (CW = 13.8 mm, CL = 10.5 mm)]. —Ng & Manning 2003: 903, 916–918, Fig.

7C–F [female lectotype (CW = 7.7 mm, LC = 4.8 mm): SMF-ZMG 67/565a]. —Ahyong & Ng

2007: 213–214, Fig. 20. —Campos, Peláez-Zárate & Solís-Marín 2012: 57–62, Figs. 1A, B, 2A–

D [female (CW = 9.1 mm, CL = 5.5 mm)].

Pinnotheres trapeziformis Bürger 1895: 380–381, plate 9, Fig. 26, plate 10, Fig. 25 [female type

(CW = 14 mm, CL = 10 mm), male (CW = 5 mm, CL = 8.5 mm)]. —Adensamer 1897: 107. —

Schmitt, McCain & Davidson 1973: 5, 13, 89 [list].

Pinnotheres trapeziformis Balss 1957: 1417 [not 1956 *fide* Schmitt, McCain & Davidson 1973].

Pinnixa barnharti (no Rathbun, 1918) Caso 1958: 329; 1965: 254–26.

Holothuriophilus sp. Campos, Díaz & Gamboa-Contreras 1998: 377, Fig. 1E.

Material examined: 56 specimens: 25 ovigerous females, 22 females, nine males (Table S1).

General distribution: Tropical Eastern Pacific (Mexico).

Previous records: Mazatlán, Punta Tiburón (Sinaloa); Ixtapa (Guerrero).

New records: Playa Pinitos (Sinaloa); Playa Nudista, Playa Zacatoso, Playa Caleta de Chon

(Guerrero); Playa Agua Blanca, Playa Coral, Playa Camaron, Playa Panteón, Playa Estacahuite,

Playa La Tijera, Bahía San Agustín, Playa El Tejón (Oaxaca).

BIN: ADE9974

270 **Size range (mm):** Males: CW = 5.5–11, CL = 3.2–7; females: CW = 5.1–11, CL = 3–7;
 271 ovigerous females: CW = 7.3–13, CL = 5–8.

272 **Diagnosis.** Carapace general shape transversely subrectangular, suboval or subtrapezoidal.

273 Cristated anterolateral margin with a hepatic notch and a vanished blunt tooth inside the notch.

274 Chelipeds merus and carpus inner surface densely setose; propodus ventral inner margin with a

275 row of conspicuous short setae; cutting edge of propodus and dactylus almost meeting when

276 closed, interdactilar gape narrow; dactylus cutting edge with proximal denticles, with a

277 conspicuous medial tooth, and with a distal convex or acute projection. Merus dorsal surface of

278 W1, 3 and 4 with setae, W2 without seta. Abdomen with 6 somites plus free telson; on male,

279 margin of somite 4 to 6 concave, telson subrounded. Male first gonopod notably curved outward

280 from its mid-distal portion.

281 **Description: Male (Fig 2A–C; UMAR-DECA-308; CW = 11 mm, CL = 7 mm):** Carapace,

282 transversely subtrapezoidal, wider than long, CW/CL ratio ca. 1.6, mid-anterior portion wider;

283 anterolateral margins slightly projected, cristated, a hepatic notch with a blunt middle tooth

284 (Figs. 3A, B; bold arrow); dorsal surface convex, smooth, without defined regions; mid-posterior

285 and posterolateral surface with microscopic pits of variable size and pilosity (Figs. 3A; hollow

286 circles and dots); inferior lateral margin with abundant plumose setae (Fig. 3A; simple lines

287 represent the enlarged schematic setae).

288 Front bilobed, scarcely visible in dorsal view, margin granulated, surface slightly pubescent (Fig.

289 3B; dots).

290 Orbits small, completely filled by eyes; eyes pigmented; ocular peduncle scarcely pubescent.

291 Antennules robust; peduncle 2-segmented, biflagellate, transversely folded into the fossae;

292 superior flagellum 2-articles, second article the longest, tapering distally, with six apical setae

293 (Fig. 4Ba); inferior flagellum conic, with four articles decreasing in size, article one to three with
 294 a-transverse line of simple setae, fourth article with two transverse lines of simple seta (Fig.
 295 4Bb).

296 Antennae long, slender, with 12 articles, last article with short apical setae (Fig. 4A).

297 Pterygostomian region pubescence (Fig. 3B; fine dots). Buccal frame trapezoidal, completely
 298 covered by the Mxp3. Mxp2 endopod 5-articles, with setae (Fig. 4Ca), dactylus subrounded and
 299 shorter than propodus (Fig. 4C; black arrow); exopod 1-article, wider distally, external surface
 300 with an elevated ridge (Fig. 4Cb), flagellum with long apical setae (Fig. 4Cc), epipodite long,
 301 distal margin rounded (Fig. 4Cd). Mxp3 ischiomerus fused without suture line, width/length ratio
 302 = 0.7, external margin convex with setae, internal margin with a medial conspicuous projection
 303 (Fig. 4Da; white arrow); carpus subconical, external margin with short setae; propodus subconical
 304 (Fig. 4Dc); dactylus subspatuliform, wider distally (Fig. 4D; black arrow), slightly overreaching
 305 propodus, external surface with short plumose setae, external margin with long plumose setae;
 306 exopod 1-article, external margin and external surface with short simple setae, flagellum slender,
 307 with plumose long setae (Fig. 4E).

308 Sternal third plate with anterior margin sinuous, anterolateral angles with crenu-denticulated
 309 margin (Fig. 3C; black arrow), surface scarcely pilose (Fig. 3C; dots); fourth plate slightly
 310 globose, surface with microscopic pits (Fig. 3C; hollow circles), distal-external angle curved
 311 outward, margin crenu-denticulated (Fig. 3C; white arrow).

312 Chelipeds subequal (Figs. 2A–C); merus external surface and carpus anterior margin with
 313 plumose setae; chelae width and length subequal, ventral margin microscopically granulated
 314 (Fig. 4F bold arrow, 7C; dashed arrow), dorsal margin slightly cristate and bent inwards; fingers
 315 wider than long, length equal, spoon-tipped, tip acute (Fig. 4F), interdactylar gap narrow (vg.

Fig. 7C); movable finger shorter than fixed finger, crossed inward when ~~the pincer is~~ closed, cutting edge sinuous, with **three medial teeth** (Fig. 4F; bold arrow) and a mid-distal convex projection (Fig. 4F; white arrow); fixed finger cutting edge with nine teeth, faint lamella over the smooth portion of the cutting edge (Fig. 4F; dashed arrow), ventral inner surface with short setae. **Walking legs** similar, relative length $W3 > W2 > W1 > W4$, segments short, robust, compressed, dorsal margin cristate, ventral surface with plumose setae; merus dorsal margin on W1, W3, W4 with plumose setae, on W2 ~~without setae~~; dactylus curved, stout, tips acute; W1–W3, dactylus subequal ~~than~~ propodus, ~~of W4~~ shorter than its propodus (Fig. 3A).

Abdomen symmetrical, subtriangular, six free somites plus ~~a~~ telson, margin with short setae, lateral margin from segments 4–6 slightly concave and narrowing, telson subrounded (Figs. 3D).

In juvenile males the lateral margins are straight instead of concave, but the gonopods are present.

First gonopod slender, margins sinuous, mid-distal portion notably curved outwards, surface with abundant plumose setae (Fig. 3E). Second gonopod small, ~~flagellum curved outwards~~, slightly bent inwards, tip pointing upwards, margins convex with ~~a~~ shallow notch (Fig. 3F; black arrow).

Female (Figs. 2D–F; UMAR-DECA-307; CW = 10.50, CL = 7): Same as the male but with less abundant seta in the pterygostomial region and in the ventral surface of the propodus chelae, setae of dorsal surface of ~~the~~ merus walking legs and inner surface of the merus and carpus chelae more abundant and long. Carapace slightly more convex. Abdomen subovate. See “variation” section for more details.

Color in life: Body beige or creamy white, dorsal surface of carapace and chelipeds carpus, and on the external surface of the chelae with red patches. In fixed and preserved specimens this pattern of color remain or it could change from red to light or dark brown (Fig. 2A–F).

Habitat: Marine. Associated with the sea cucumber *Holothuria (Halodeima) inornata*, living in its coelom and inside its intestine (Fig. 2G). This holothurian inhabits rocky-sand bottoms in shallow waters (0–18 m).

Variation: The revised material showed three general outlines on the carapace shape. Between males, a transversally subrectangular carapace shape was observed in 33% (three specimens from Sinaloa) of the revised material. A subovate shape was observed in 56% (five specimens of the material and comes from Guerrero and Oaxaca, and a subtrapezoidal shape in 11% (one specimen from Oaxaca). In females, the subrectangular shape was observed in 11% (five specimens from Sinaloa) of the material. The subovate shape in 85% (40 specimens from Guerrero and Oaxaca), and the subtrapezoidal shape in 2% (two specimens from Oaxaca). The subrectangular shape (Figs. 5A, 6A) is defined by a straight and notably projected margin of the frontal lobes. There is a straight anterior margin in which the hepatic notch in males is notably deeper, eroded, and extended over the carapace (Fig 5A, white arrow). In females it is less conspicuous (Fig. 6A, black arrow). The males have truncated and scarcely projected lateral lobes with the anterior portion concave (Fig. 5A, black arrow), however in the female it is straight. In contrast the subovate shape (Figs. 5E, I, 6D, G) is defined by an entire even margin which is outlined by the slightly oblique and scarcely projected frontal lobes. The convex anterolateral margin continues smoothly to the lateral margin forming a notably convex lobe (Figs. 5E, I, black arrows) in which the hepatic notch in the males is deep, eroded and extended (Fig. 5E, I, white arrow). In females it is shallow, slightly eroded, and less extended over the carapace (Figs. 6D, G, black arrow). The subtrapezoidal shape is defined by the scarcely projected margin of the frontal lobes, which continues evenly and smoothly to the straight anterolateral margin forming notably projected

362 lateral lobes (Fig. 2D, 7A). In all the females, the margin of the frontal lobes and the eyes are not
 363 visible in dorsal view and only a slight notch can be seen (Figs. 6A, D, G, white arrows), because
 364 the frontal-dorsal surface is more convex than in males. However, if the carapace is placed so
 365 that the posterior margin line of the carapace cannot be seen, then the general carapace outline
 366 looks like that of the males from Guerrero or Oaxaca (v.g. Figs. 5E, I).

367 In frontal view, the convexity of the frontal-dorsal surface allows a pair of inflated and only
 368 drawn lobes on the surface to be seen. The remarkably convex frontal-dorsal surface which
 369 obscures the frontal margin and the eyes in dorsal view ~~was observed~~ in 16 specimens (15
 370 females, one male). This shape was more frequent in ovigerous females (10 specimens, 67%)
 371 than in non-ovigerous ones (five specimens, 33%). The less convex shape was observed in 39
 372 specimens (31 females, eight males).

373 Despite the variation in the shape of the carapace in both sexes, in all cases the CW/CL ratio is
 374 the same. Additionally, the length measured from the notch of the margin of the frontal lobes to
 375 the external orbital angle and the external orbital angle to the posterior angle of the hepatic notch
 376 is the same.

377 Regarding the Mxp3, the ischiomerus external margin appears notably convex on its mid-distal
 378 portion or slightly even throughout its length. Its inner margin could have a concave or sinuous
 379 mid-distal portion. Nevertheless, the inner margin always has a blunt or slightly acute projection
 380 (Figs. 5Ca, Ga, Ka, 6Ca, Fa, Ia; black arrow), but its width/length ratio is constant in all the
 381 outlines' variations. The carpus is conical and, due to the drawing's perspective, the main
 382 variation in its appearance is the length and the convexity or straightness of the dorsal margin,
 383 (Figs. 5Cb, Gb, Kb, 6Cb, Fb, Ib). Regardless of its appearance, a projected ridge on the internal
 384 surface has a conspicuous tuft of setae. The propodus also looks variable in its width/length ratio.

It has an acute or rounded distal margin due to how the piece is mounted. Despite that, its proximal ventral margin always forms a straight angle where the dactylus is jointed (Figs. 5Cc, Gc, Kc, 6Cc, Fc, Ic). Finally, the dactylus shows two closely related outlines, one subspatulated and the other suboblong. The first one has a more expanded distal portion instead of a narrow shape as in the latter. Nevertheless, its distal margin always overreaches the propodus slightly (Figs. 5Cd, Gd, Kd, 6Cd, Fd, Id).

We observed a variation in the ornamentation of the chelae fingers. Between males, the cutting edge of the movable finger has two or three proximal blunt or acute teeth (Figs. 5B, F, J, black arrows). The medial tooth is simple (Figs. 5B, J, white arrow) or bicuspid (Fig. 5F, white arrow), and the subdistal projection is acute (Figs. 5B, F, white dashed arrow) or blunt (Fig. 5J, white dashed arrow). The fixed finger has six to nine blunt (Fig. 5B) or acute (Fig. 5F, J) teeth, and the middle or more conspicuous tooth is always bicuspid (Figs. 5B, F, J, black dashed arrow).

Between females, the movable finger shows two to three acute teeth (Fig. 6B, E, H, black arrow). The medial tooth can be acute (Figs. 6B, E, white arrow) or blunt (Fig. 6H, white arrow), and there is a blunt subdistal projection (Figs. 6B, E, H, white dashed arrow). The fixed finger has four to thirteen teeth, with a bicuspid blunt medial tooth (Fig. 6B, E, black dashed arrow) or it is simple, acute (Fig. 6H, black dashed arrow). Only one specimen (DECA-1172) had a different chelae size and a different teething pattern on the cutting edge of the fixed finger (Fig. 6J, K).

The first gonopod of the males shows variation in the degree of curvature and in the proportion of the distal section that is curved, as well in the general outline shape of the gonopod tip. However, it may be similar in different stages of development. In this sense, the general appearance in the abdominal view of males from Sinaloa and Oaxaca is more similar because the external and internal margins are sinuous (Figs. 5D, L). The curvature degree is approximately

90° (Fig. 5D) and 75° (Fig. 5L) respectively. The tip of the external margin is truncated (Figs. 5De-f, Le-f; white arrow), and the ventral margin of the tip has a blunt projection (Figs. 5De, Le; black arrow). In males from Guerrero, the external and internal margins are less sinuous and the curvature degree is approximately 65° (Fig. 5H). The tip of the external margin is convex (Fig. 5He-f; white arrow), and the ventral margin of the tip has a pointed projection (Fig. 5He; black arrow).

Also, in sternal view, the ventral process shape of the internal margin tip is variable. In males from Sinaloa, it is obtuse (Fig. 5Df; black arrow), while those from Guerrero had a convex one (Fig. 5Hf; black arrow). Those from Oaxaca had it oblique (Fig. 5Lf; black arrow), but this may also vary between the different sizes of the crabs.

Remarks: The taxonomical history of *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis* was synthesized by Campos, Peláez-Zárate & Solís-Marín (2012) and they highlight the fact that the specimen identified by Bürger (1895) as a male, based on the shape of the abdomen, is actually a female. We observed the same in several young individuals with abdomens showing a similar shape to that of juvenile males, however, the presence of pleopods in all the abdominal somites confirms that they are females. This finding allowed us to present the complete male morphology of *H. trapeziformis*.

All the biological material examined shows phenotypic variation, particularly between the individuals from the type locality in Mazatlan with respect to those from Guerrero and Oaxaca, but COI gene shows no differences. With our detailed description of the male morphology it is now possible to differentiate *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis* from *H. pacificus* with certainty. The carapace can be subrectangular (Fig. 5A, 6A), suboval (Fig. 5E, I, 6D, G) or



430 subtrapezoidal (Fig. 1A, D, 2A, 7A) in the former, but it is always subcuadrangular in the latter
431 (Fig. 7E).



432 *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis* has the Mxp3 dactylus with its distal portion notably expanded,
433 the **external distal margin** slightly truncated, and the flagellum of the exopod is ~~long and~~ robust
434 (Figs. 7B, J, K, 8A). In contrast, *H. pacificus* has a rounded distal margin and the flagellum of
435 the exopod is ~~long and~~ slender (Figs. 7F, 8D).

436 The first gonopod of *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis* has a more sinuous lateral margin, with a
437 distal portion larger, curved outwards with abundant setae (Fig. 8C). In *H. pacificus*, it is straight
438 with just the distal portion slightly curved outwards and with less abundant setae (Fig. 8F).

439 The abdomen of *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis*, in males, is subtriangular with lateral margins
440 narrowing from the fourth to the sixth somite, the third somite has notably convex lateral
441 margins, the sixth somite has notably concave lateral margins, and the telson is subrounded and
442 wider than long (Fig. 8B). In *H. pacificus*, it is triangular, the lateral margins are almost straight,
443 the third and sixth somite lateral margins are concave, and the telson is subtriangular and more
444 extended than wide (Fig. 8E).

445 In the case of *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis*, adult ovigerous and non-ovigerous females, the
446 abdomen is suboval and broader than long, the first somite has convex lateral margins, the
447 second somite has sinuous distal margins, the third somite has oblique and downward lateral
448 margins, the sixth somite has oblique and outward lateral margins, and the telson has a length to
449 width ratio ca. 0.2 (Fig. 7D). In contrast, *H. pacificus* have it suboval and more extended than
450 wide, the first somite has concave lateral margins, the second somite has almost straight distal
451 margins, the third somite has oblique and upwards lateral margins, the sixth somite has convex
452 lateral margins, and the telson has a length to width ratio ca. 0.3 (Fig. 7H).

Distribution and ecological comments: currently, we increased the previously known distribution range from Punta Tiburón, Sinaloa to Playa Tejón, Oaxaca. We found crabs in the coelom cavity and near the cloaca of the host, as mentioned by Manning (1993), Campos, Peláez-Zárate & Solís-Marín (2012), and Honey-Escandón & Solís-Marín (2018). By the first time, we found the crab within the intestine (Fig. 1G). *Holothuria (Halodeima) inornata* is distributed throughout the Tropical Eastern Pacific from the Gulf of California, Mexico to Ecuador, and in the temperate island Lobos de Afuera, Peru (Prieto-Rios et al. 2014; Honey-Escandón & Solís-Marín 2018). It also represents an important fishery resource throughout its distribution range (Santos-Beltrán & Salazar-Silva 2011). Nevertheless, there are no records for *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis* outside the Pacific coast of Mexico.

DNA Barcodes

From the 56 examined crabs (Table S1), 51 were processed. The number of base pairs was between 549 bp and 648 bp for 37 specimens with a sole Barcode Index Number (BIN; Ratnasingham & Hebert 2013) in the BOLD database: ADE9974. Of those, 35 produced a high quality trace file (chromatogram). The 14 crabs that could not be amplified correspond to old museum material and recent collections that were not fixed according to the Elías-Gutiérrez et al. (2018) protocol. A BLAST query in GenBank confirmed our sequences to belong to a brachyuran lineage.

Maximum likelihood tree and genetic distance analysis

The best nucleotide substitution model according to the AIC and BIC criterion was General Time Reversible under a gamma distribution (GTR+G) model (Nei & Kumar 2000). The Maximum-Likelihood (ML) distance method under the selected model delimited the 37 sequences of

Holothuriophilus trapeziformis from the dataset (DS-PINMX1HT) in a single cluster. The cluster of *H. trapeziformis* is well separated from *H. pacificus* in the maximum likelihood tree (ML), as shown in figure 9, with a 12 to 14% divergence among all specimens. *Holothuriophilus* is also close to the *Calyptraeotheres* clade, but far from other species (Fig. 9) with an interspecific divergence ranging from 12 to 19%. The intraspecific divergences in *H. trapeziformes* ranged from 0 to 2.2%. This result is congruent with the BOLD distance summary analyses, which show an average distance of 0.73% and a maximum of 2.27% for sequences with more than 500 bp.

Discussion

A major problem for traditional taxonomy, based solely on morphology, is the variability of the phenotype of decapods. In pinnotherid taxonomy, a crucial goal is to provide a complete description of the species with detailed illustrations of common and unusual structures for comparative purposes (Derby & Antena 1980; Ahyong, Komai & Watanabe 2012; Salgado-Barragán 2015). In that regard, characters previously not described like the antenna, the antennule, the Mxp2, and the second male gonopod show no differences between all the examined material despite the variations noted above. These variations are greater when comparing individuals from the northern region (the topotype in Mazatlán, Sinaloa) to those from the southern region (Guerrero and Oaxaca). However, COI data analysis confirmed that our examined specimens correspond to a single species.

Phenotype variation is the result of a plastic response to different environmental pressures (Hurtado, Mateos & Santamaria 2010; Rossi & Mantelatto 2013) or due to recent or historical processes that limit the flow of genes because of environmental barriers (Wares, Gaines & Cunningham 2001; Avise 2009). Despite the fact that these processes are well documented, in the case of brachyuran crabs, there is evidence showing that this does not occur in grapsids

(Cassone & Boulding 2006), ocypodids (Laurenzano, Mantelato & Schubart 2013), pinnotherids (Ocampo et al. 2013), sesarmids (Zhou et al. 2015), and varunids (Zhang et al. 2017). However, for pinnotherids, the several long-lasting growth phases require specific or various hosts to complete them (Bousquette 1980; Hamel, Ng & Mercier 1999; Ocampo et al. 2011) and represent a drawback. Nevertheless, it allows them to maintain connectivity between populations throughout their geographical distribution range (Haines, Edmunds & Pewsey 1994; Hamel, Ng & Mercier 1999; Ocampo et al. 2012, 2013; Guilherme, Brustolin & de Bueno 2015; Becker & Trkay 2017).

In the case of *H. trapeziformis*, is considered a specific endobiotic parasite of its host (Nauck 1880; Campos, Pelez-Zrate & Sols-Marn 2012), resulting in possibly more limited connectivity through larval dispersal. In addition to the above, the particular oceanographic conditions known along the Pacific coast of Mexico and the distribution of the host (Hurtado et al. 2007; Paz-Garca et al. 2012; Prieto-Rios et al. 2014; Gmez-Valdivia, Pars-Sierra & Flores-Morales 2015; Honey-Escandn & Sols-Marn 2018) could explain the morphological differences observed between the northern species concerning those of the south.

Currently, with the complete description of the male, we can conclude that *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis* is different from *H. pacificus* using the different characters described here

Regarding the DNA barcoding approach, the injection of ethanol inside the body of the crabs through the joints of the exoskeleton, and the use of semi-degenerate zooplankton primers (Prosser, Martnez-Arce & Elas-Gutirrez 2013) instead of Folmer's, we got a success in a difficult group to work with COI gene (Mantellato et al. 2016). We obtained the amplification of 72% of the specimens and 69% sequencing success.

The resulting maximum likelihood tree allowed us to confirm *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis* as a separate species, indicating a divergence from 12 to 14% against the closest taxa, *H. pacificus*. Also, our tree agrees with Palacios-Theil, Cuesta & Felder (2016) regarding the association of the genus *Holothuriophilus* and *Calyptraeotheres*. We can assert that the taxonomic status of *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis* is now complete, based on the morphology of both sexes, their distribution, specificity of a single host, and according to the DNA barcodes. We believe that *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis* with its host reflects the restricted habitat in which it lives and possibly the local environmental barriers.

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Figure 1

Sampling sites

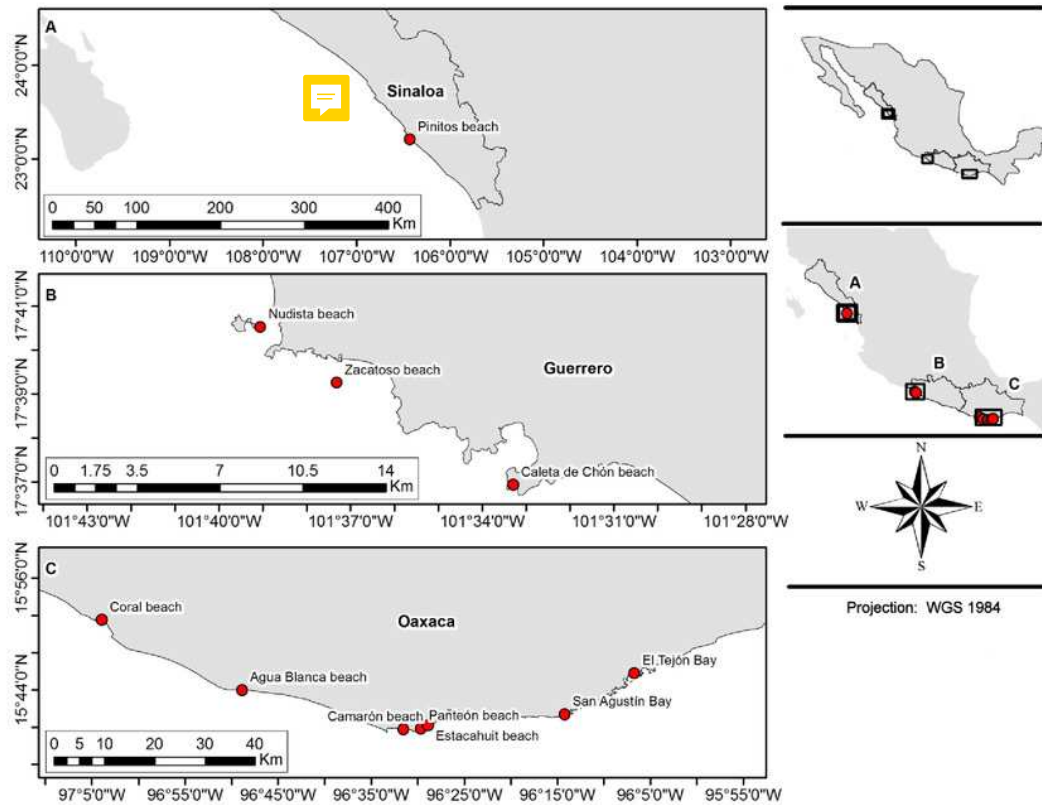


Figure 2

Holothuriophilus trapeziformis Nauck, 1880

A–C, male from Panteon beach, Oaxaca, Mexico (UMAR-DECA-308): A, dorsal view; B, ventral view; C, frontal view. D–F, female from Agua Blanca beach, Oaxaca, Mexico (UMAR-DECA-307): D, dorsal view; E, ventral view; F, frontal view. G, male inside the gut of *Holothuria* (*Halodeima*) *inornata*, from Pinitos beach, Sinaloa, Mexico.

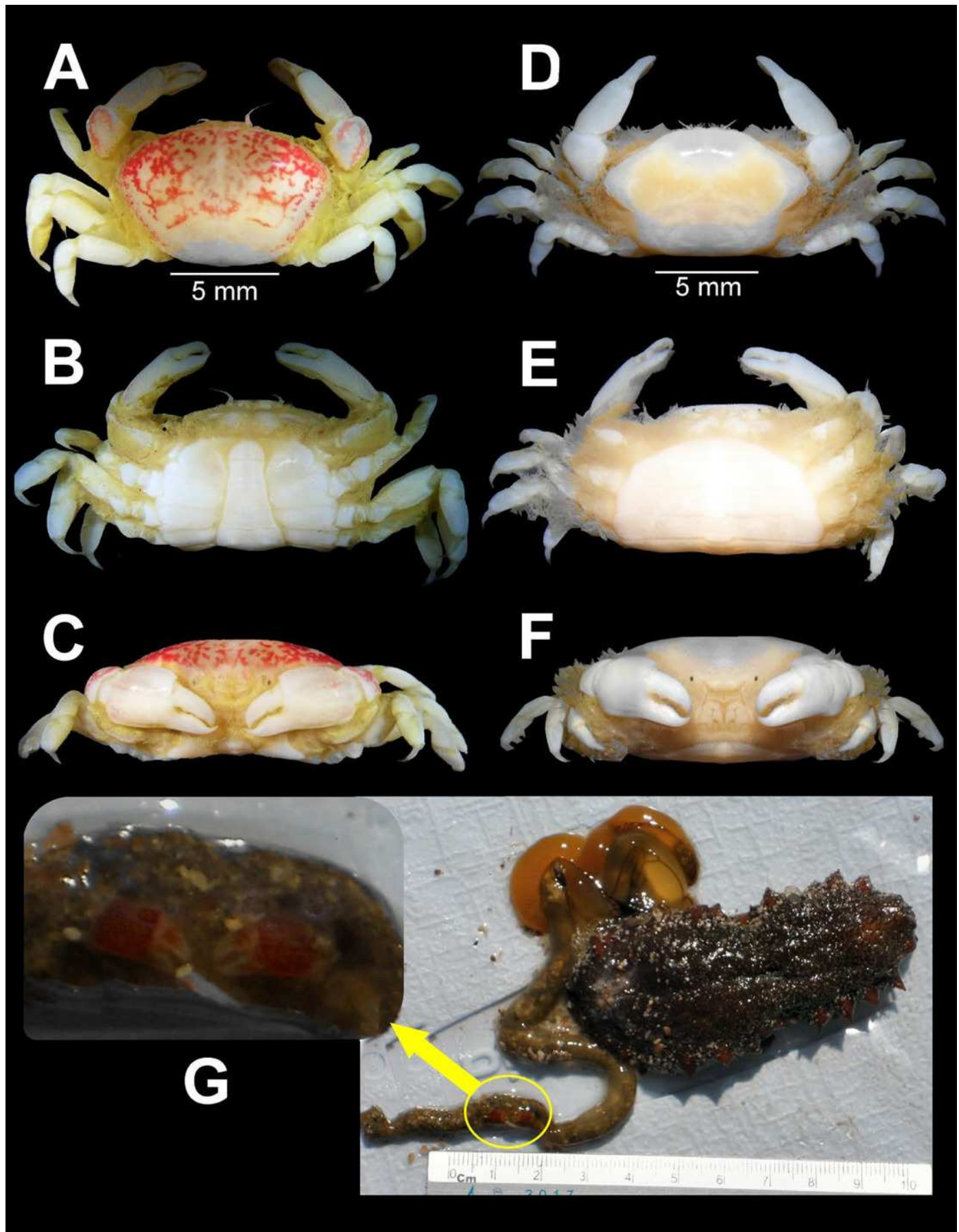


Figure 3

Holothuriophilus trapeziformis Nauck, 1880

A–D, male from Panteon beach, Oaxaca, Mexico (UMAR-DECA-308): A, dorsal view; B, frontal view; C, third-fourth sternal plate; D, abdomen; E, abdominal view of the left first gonopod; F, abdominal view of the left second gonopod; A, C, hollow circles indicating pits. Fine dots indicating pilosity. A–D, half of the illustration without ornamentation.

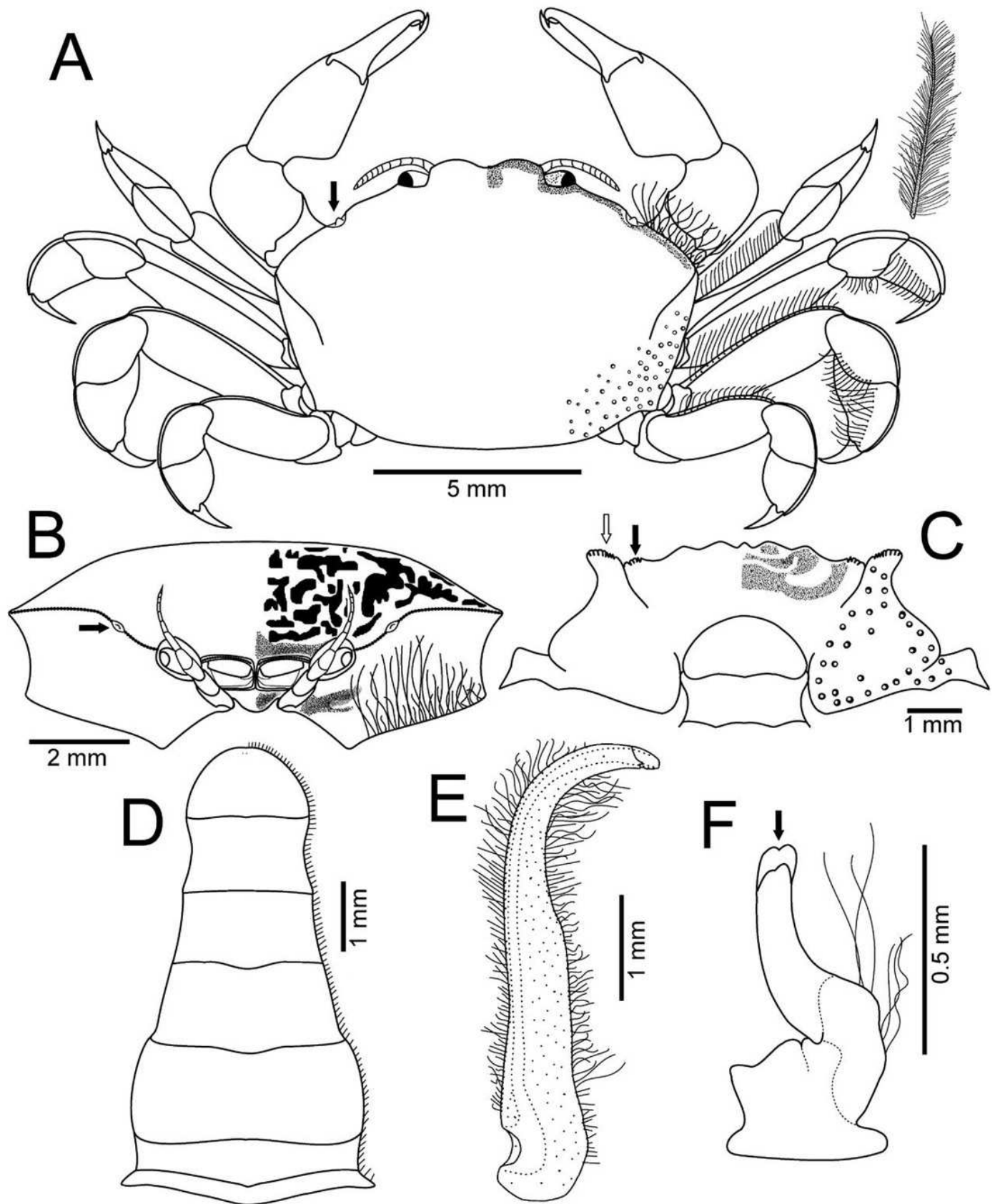


Figure 4

Holothuriophilus trapeziformis Nauck, 1880

A, antenna. B, antennule: a, superior palp; b, inferior palp; C, second maxilliped: a, endopod; b, exopod; c, exopod flagellum; D, third maxilliped: a, ischiomeres; b, carpus; c, propodus; d, dactylus; bold arrow indicating a projection. E, exopod of the third maxilliped. F, chela; bold arrow indicating mid-posterior teeth; dotted arrow, indicating the lamella; clear arrow, medio-distal projection; bold arrow in the inferior part, indicating granules.

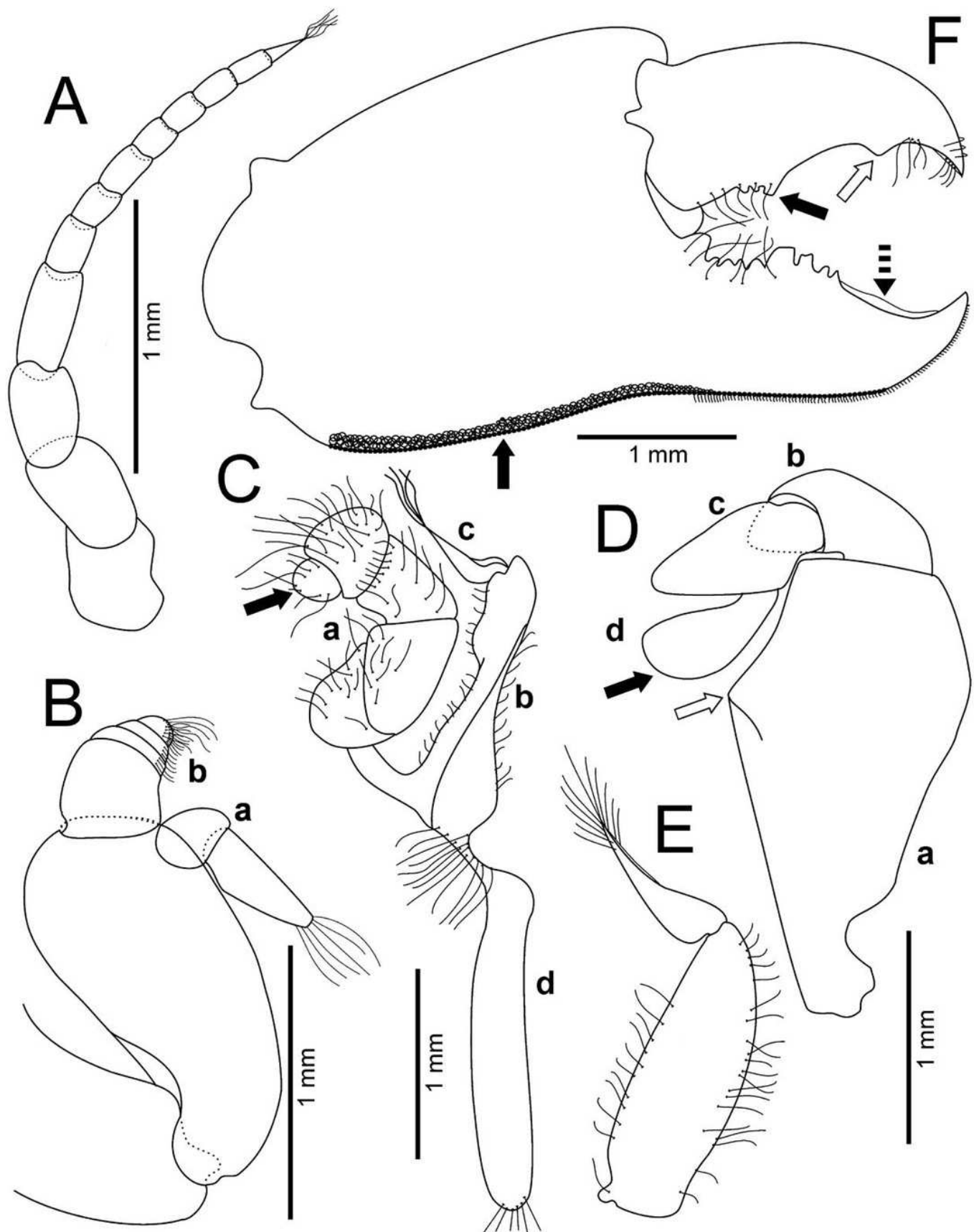


Figure 5

Comparison between males of *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis* Nauck, 1880 from the Pacific coast of Mexico

A A-D, Sinaloa (DECA-1190; CW= 8 mm); E-H, Guerrero (DECA-1148; CW= 8 mm); I-L, Oaxaca (DECA-1270; CW= 8 mm). A, E, I, carapace outline; B, F, J, right chela, external view; C, G, K, left Mxp3 endopod, external view; D, H, L, first gonopod, abdominal view; e, gonopod tip, abdominal view; f, gonopod tip, sternal view. Descriptions are in the main text.

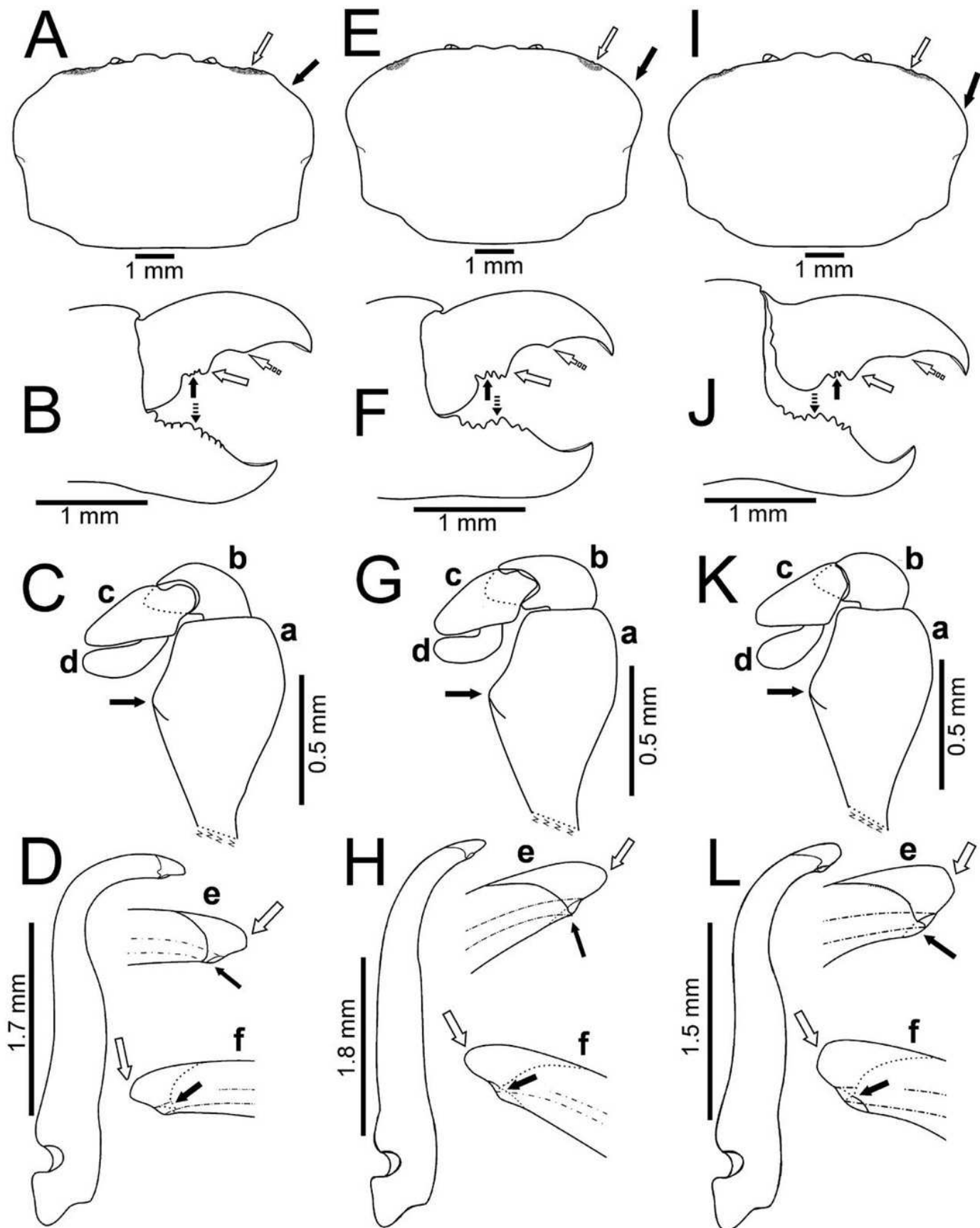


Figure 6

Comparison between ovigerous females of *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis* Nauck, 1880 from the Pacific coast of Mexico

A-C, Sinaloa (UMAR-DECA-1192; CW= 8 mm); D-F, Guerrero (DECA-1149; CW= 8 mm); G-I, Oaxaca (UMAR-DECA-1182; CW= 8 mm); J, K, chelae, external view, Oaxaca (UMAR-DECA-1172; CW= 9 mm). A, D, G, carapace outline; B, E, H, right chela, external view; C, F, I, left Mxp3 endopod, external view. Descriptions are in the main text.

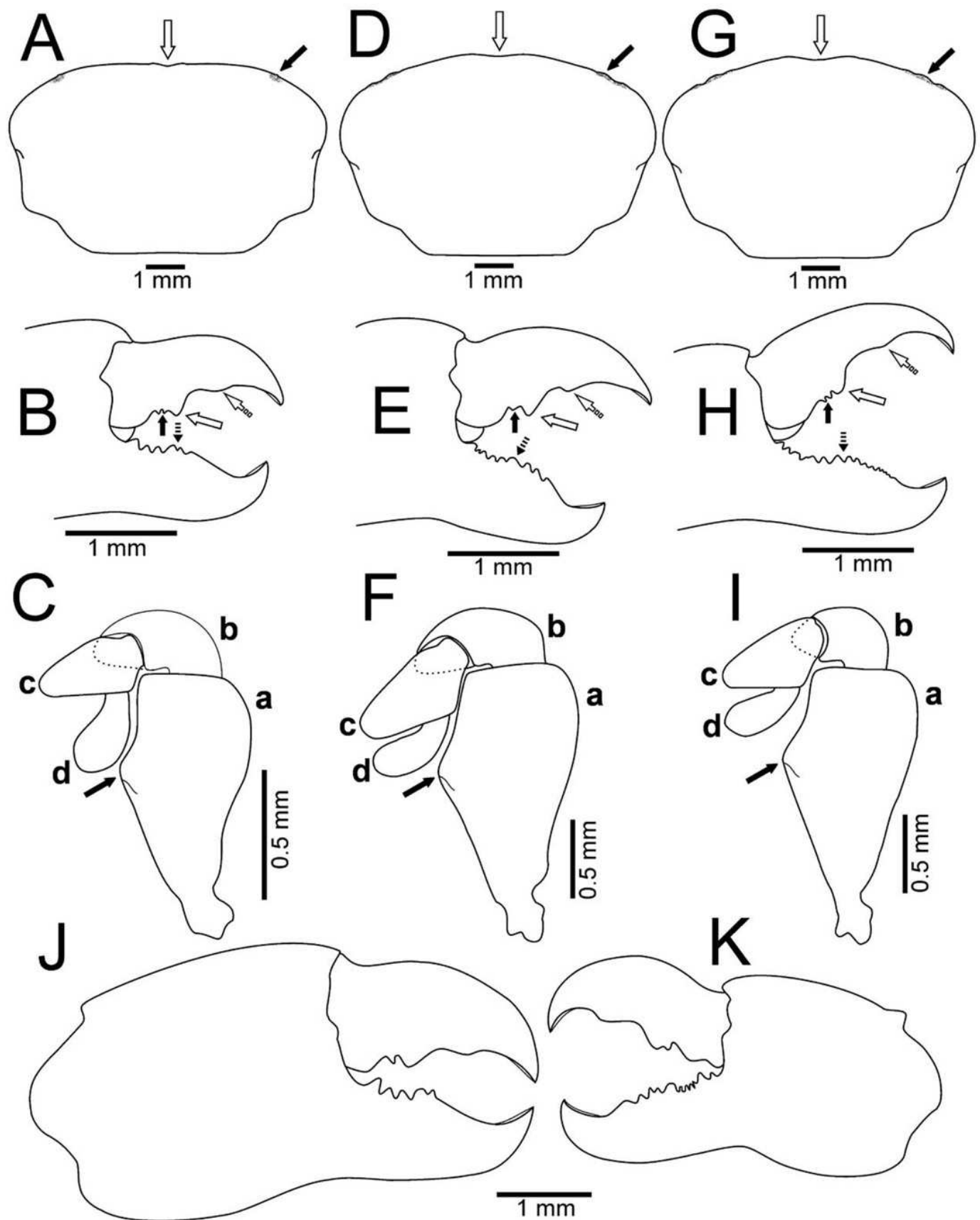


Figure 7

Comparison between females: *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis* Nauck, 1880 and *H. pacificus* (Poëppig, 1836)

A-D, *H. trapeziformis* from Camaron beach, Oaxaca, Mexico (UMAR-DECA-1163): A, carapace; B, third maxilliped; C, chela; D, ovigerous abdomen. E-H, *H. pacificus* holotype of from San Vicente, Chile (Taken from Garth 1957): E, carapace; F, third maxilliped; G, chela; H, abdomen. I-J, lectotype of *H. trapeziformis* from Mazatlan, Mexico (Taken from Ahyong & Ng 2007): I, dorsal view of carapace; J, third maxilliped. K, *H. trapeziformis* from Guerrero, third maxilliped of the adult female (Taken from Campos, Peláez-Zárate, Solís-Marín 2012). Scale of E= x3.5, F= x18.6, G= x4.6, H= x2.9 (*fide* Garth 1957).

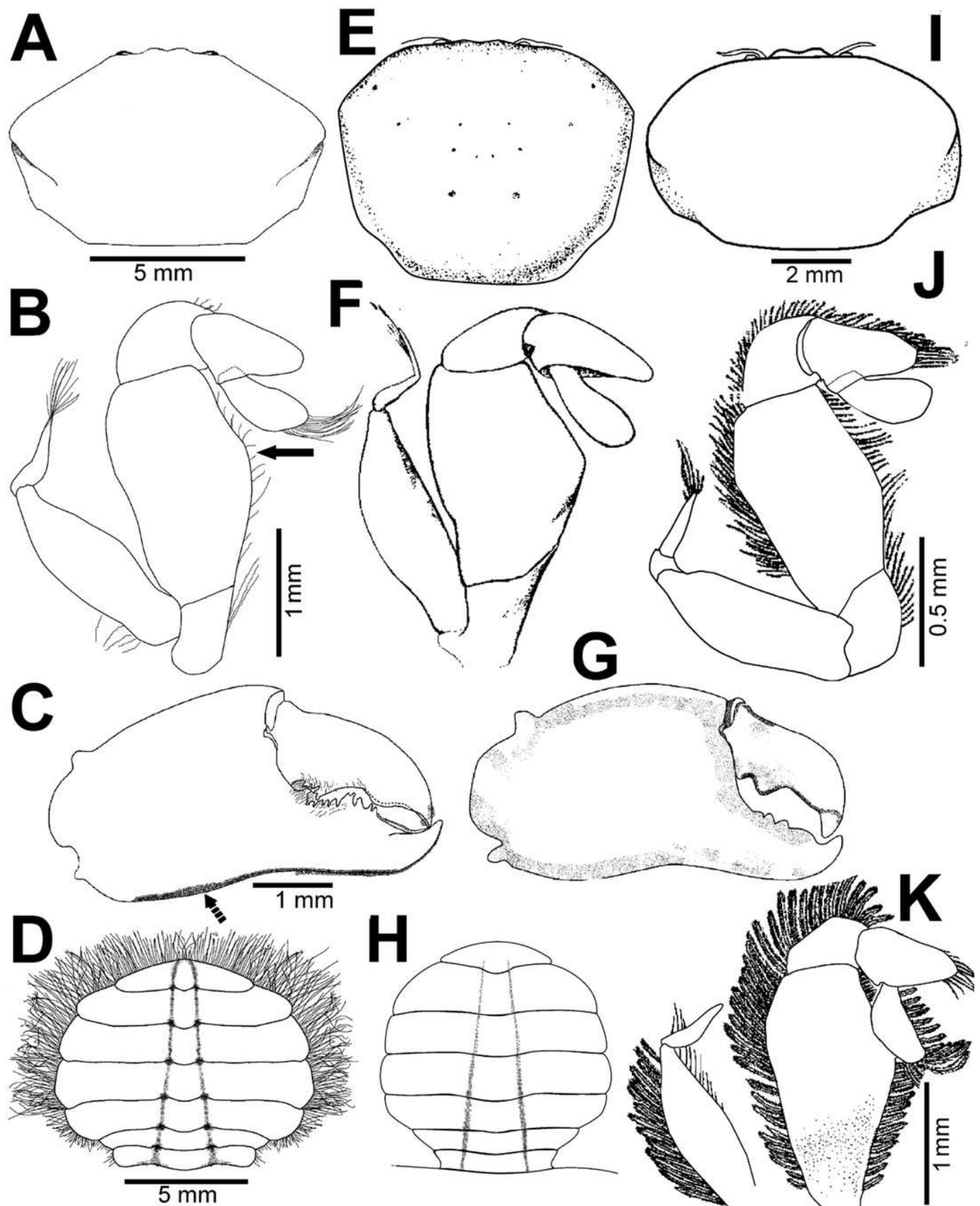


Figure 8

Comparison between males: *Holothuriophilus trapeziformis* Nauck, 1880 and *H. pacificus* (Poepig, 1836)

A, D, third  xilliped; a, dactylus; b, propodus; c, exopod flagellum. B, F, abdomen. C, F, first gonopod.

A-C, from Panteon beach, Oaxaca, Mexico; C, abdominal view of the gonopod, Mexico (UMAR-DECA-308). D-F, from Talcahuano, Chile (Taken from Garth 1957).

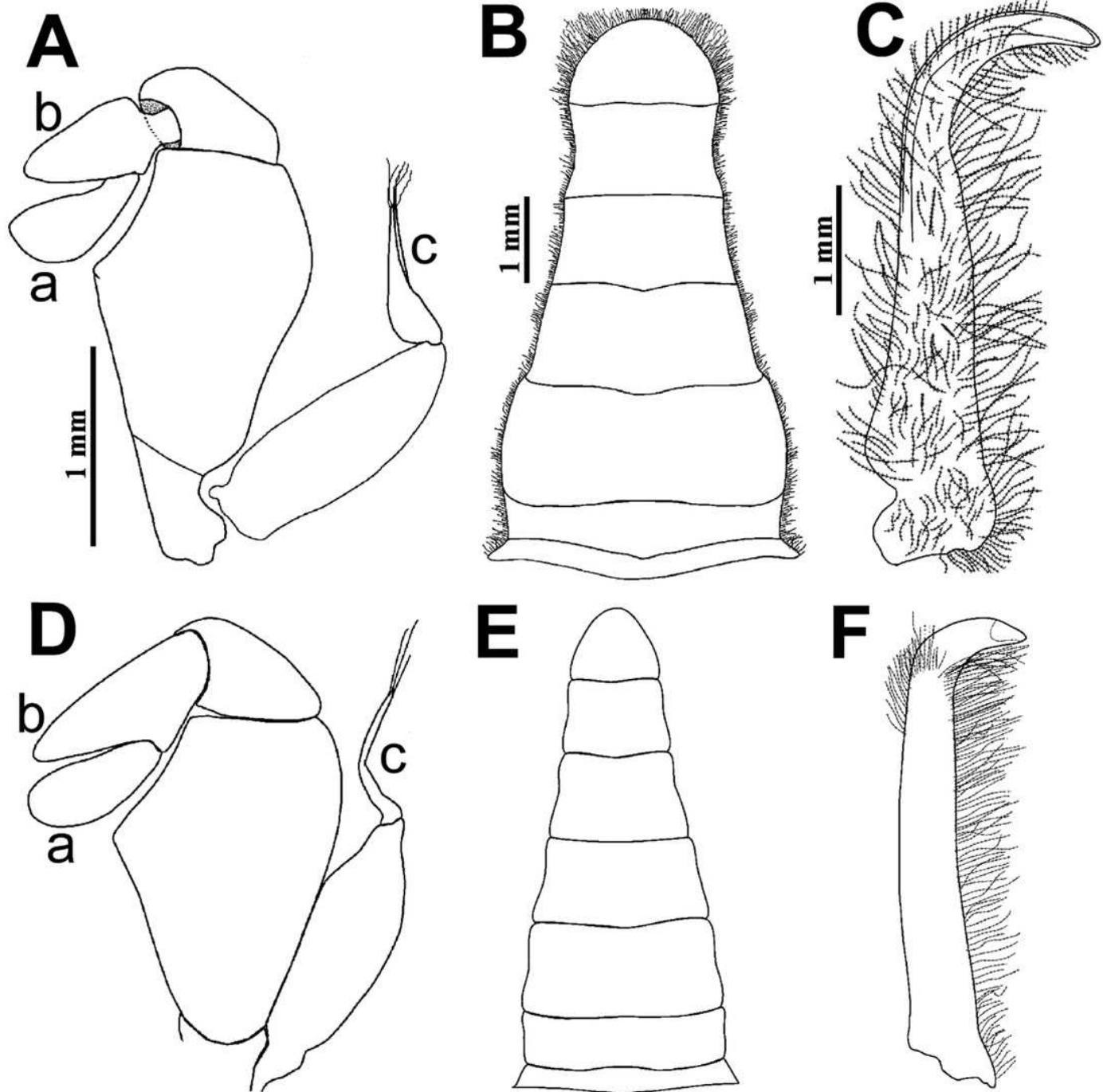
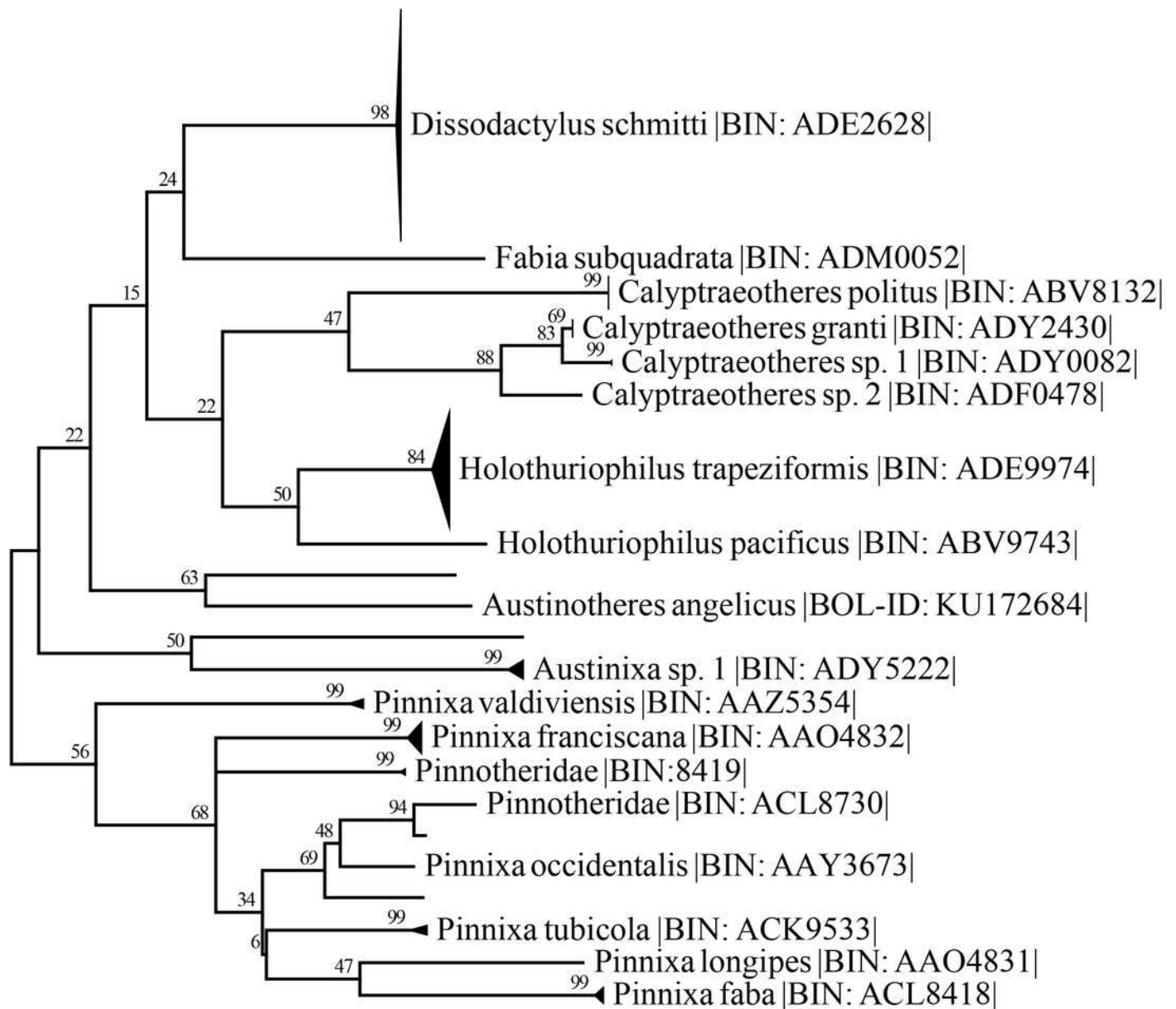


Figure 9

Condensed unrooted Maximum likelihood tree based on mitochondrial cytochrome c oxidase (COI) with the General Time Reversible with gamma distribution (GTR+G) model

Data: BOLD process ID, species name, associated BIN. Branch values represent bootstrap probabilities (1000 permutations).



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