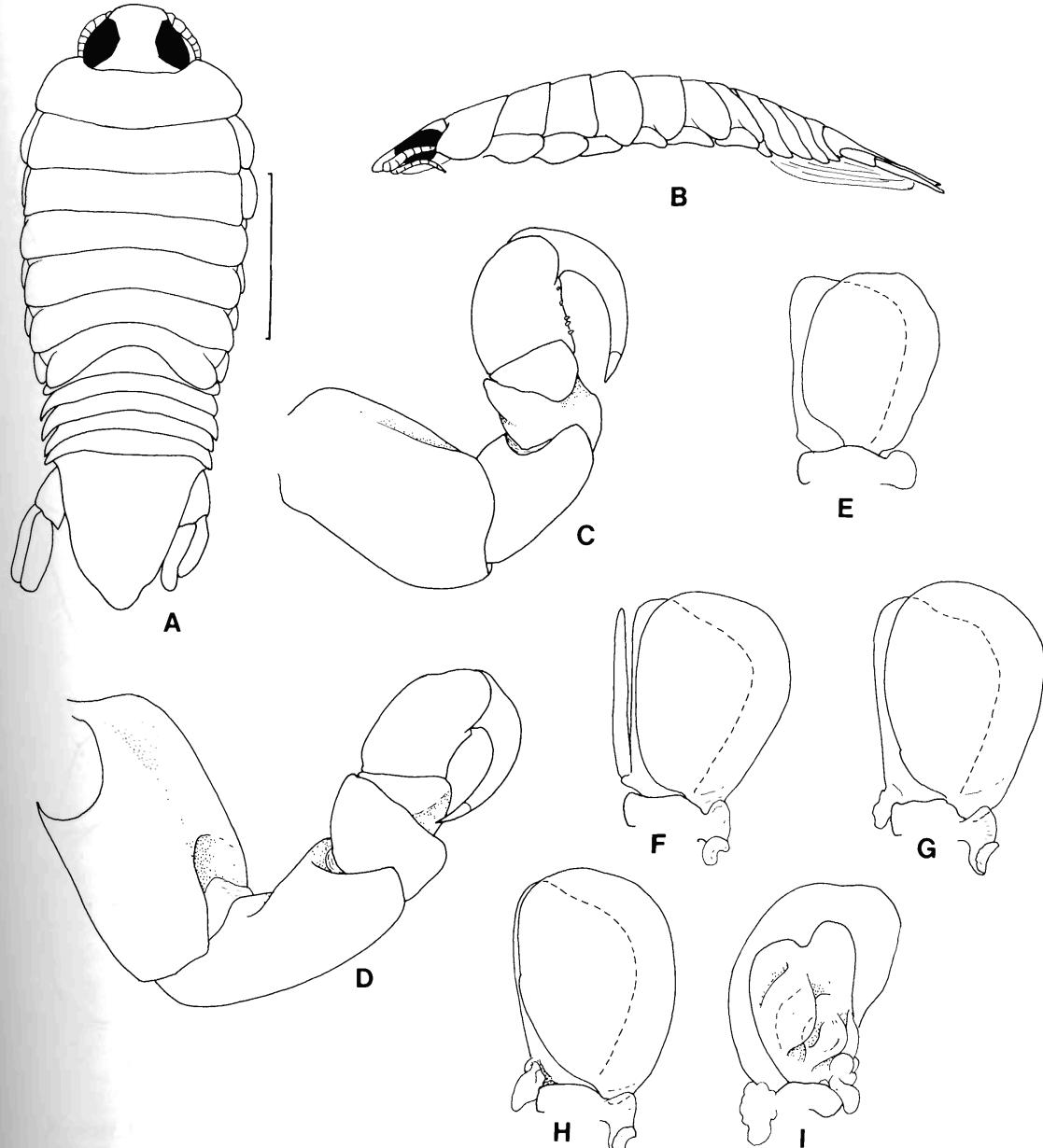


pleonites more strongly produced.

**Remarks.** This species can easily be distinguished from *Norileca triangulata* by the larger size, twisted body shape, straight sided pleon, shorter uropods and shorter mandible palp article 3.

The pleopods of both females were damaged and fragile, and could not be dissected and described. Pleopods of females always have the folding on the lobes more developed than males. As can be seen the folding and lobes are already well developed in the male specimen and females will have similar pleopods but with more complex folding.

**Hosts.** *Selar crumenophthalmus* and *Herklotichthyes*



**Fig.29.** *Norileca indica*. All figs of male 11.0 mm, NTM Cr4051. A, dorsal view; B, lateral view; C, pereopod 1; D, pereopod 7; E-I, pleopods 1-5 respectively. Scale line represents 3.0 mm.

sp. The specimen on *S. crumenophthalmus* was positioned ventrally in the gill cavity, cephalon to the anterior with the sternum facing out (i.e. laterally) (see fig. 1, Rokicki, 1982); three pereopods had their dactyli hooked around the gill operculum. The gill itself was considerable atrophied. Avdeev (1978) recorded *Atule melan* and *Rasteliger kanangurta*; Rokicki (1982) recorded *Selar crumenophthalmus*.

**Distribution.** Present material is all from the Arafura Sea, off the Northern Territory coast. Previous records Sumatra, Indonesia, Philippines and New Guinea (Trilles, 1976) and off Mozambique (Rokicki, 1982). Avdeev (1978) lists the species from north-western Australia.

*Norileca triangulata* (Richardson) n.comb.

Figs 30, 31

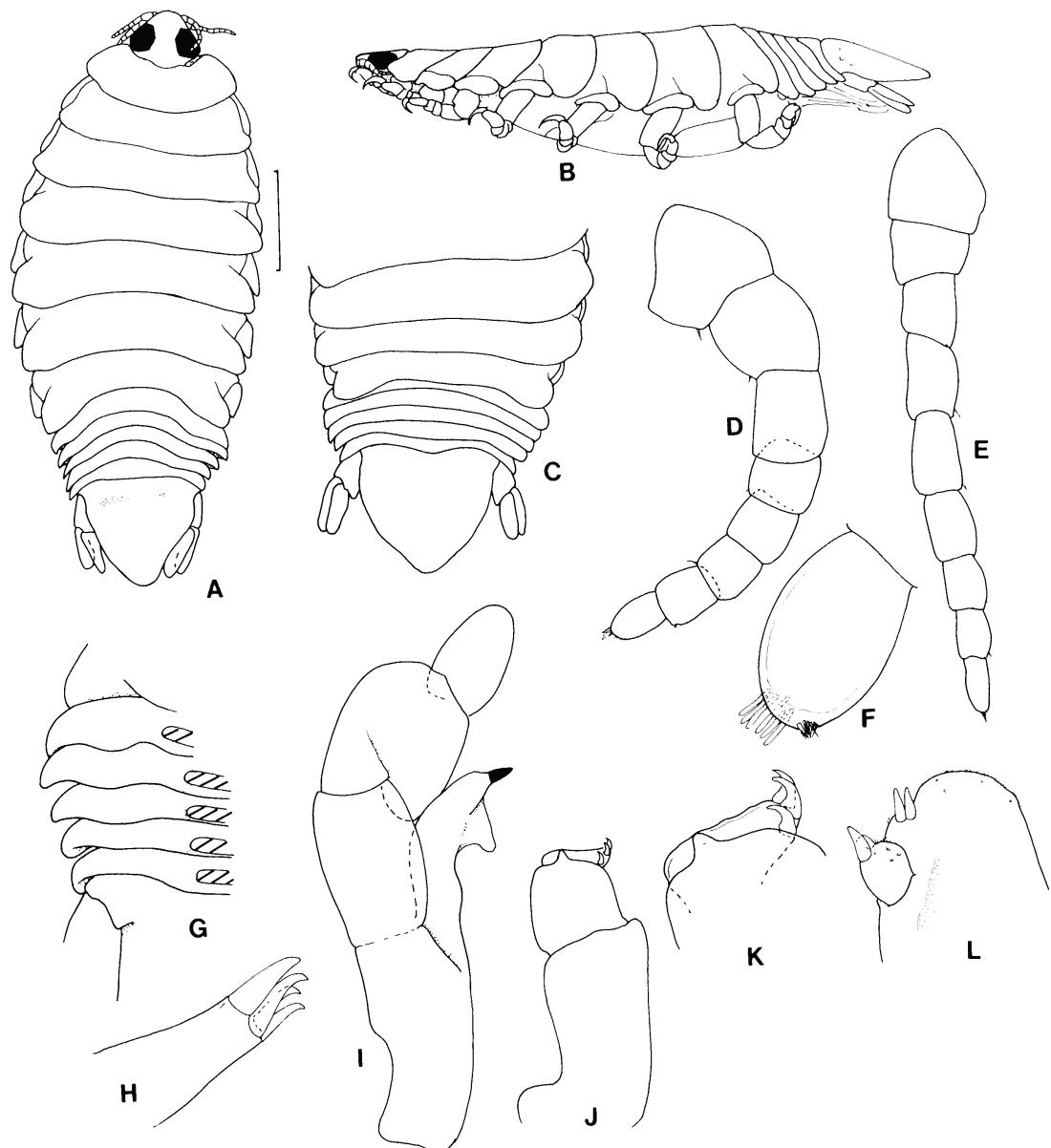
*Livoneca triangulata* Richardson, 1910: 23, fig. 22.—  
Nierstrasz, 1931: 143.

**Material examined.** Syntypes, 2 females (ovigerous 9.2, 9.5), male (9.0), Tanimdao Island, Philippine Islands, 25 Feb. 1908, anchorage, at night light, US Bureau of Fisheries Philippine Albatross Expedition 1907-8 (USNM 40915).

**Australian material.** Female (non-ovigerous 12.5),

Eel Reef, Cape York, Qld, 12°32'S 143°32'E, 20 Feb. 1979, surface light over 55 m, gill of *Parexocoetus brachypterus* coll. AM-AIMS (AM P37759). Female (non-ovigerous 12.0), 2 males (7.5, 9.0), off Michaelmas Cay, Great Barrier Reef, 16°42'S 146°10'E, May-June 1926, on *Parexocoetus brachypterus* (Fish No. IA-2784, IA-2786), coll. T. Iredale & G.P. Whitley (AM P37737, P37758). Female (ovigerous 17.5), Mooloolabah, south-eastern Qld, 2 May 1985, on gills of *Sardinella gibbosa*, coll. C. Keenan (QM W13112).

**Type locality.** Tanimdao Island, Philippines (Richardson, 1910).

**Description of Australian females.** Body 2.2-2.5

**Fig. 30.** *Norileca triangulata*. All figures of female ex *Sardinella gibbosa*, except C. A, dorsal view; B, lateral view; C, posterior, female 12.5 mm Cape York; D, antennule; E, antenna; F, antennule terminal article; G, right pleonites, ventral view; H, maxillule apex; I, mandible; J, maxilliped; K, maxilliped article 3; L, maxilla apex. Scale line represents 3.0 mm.

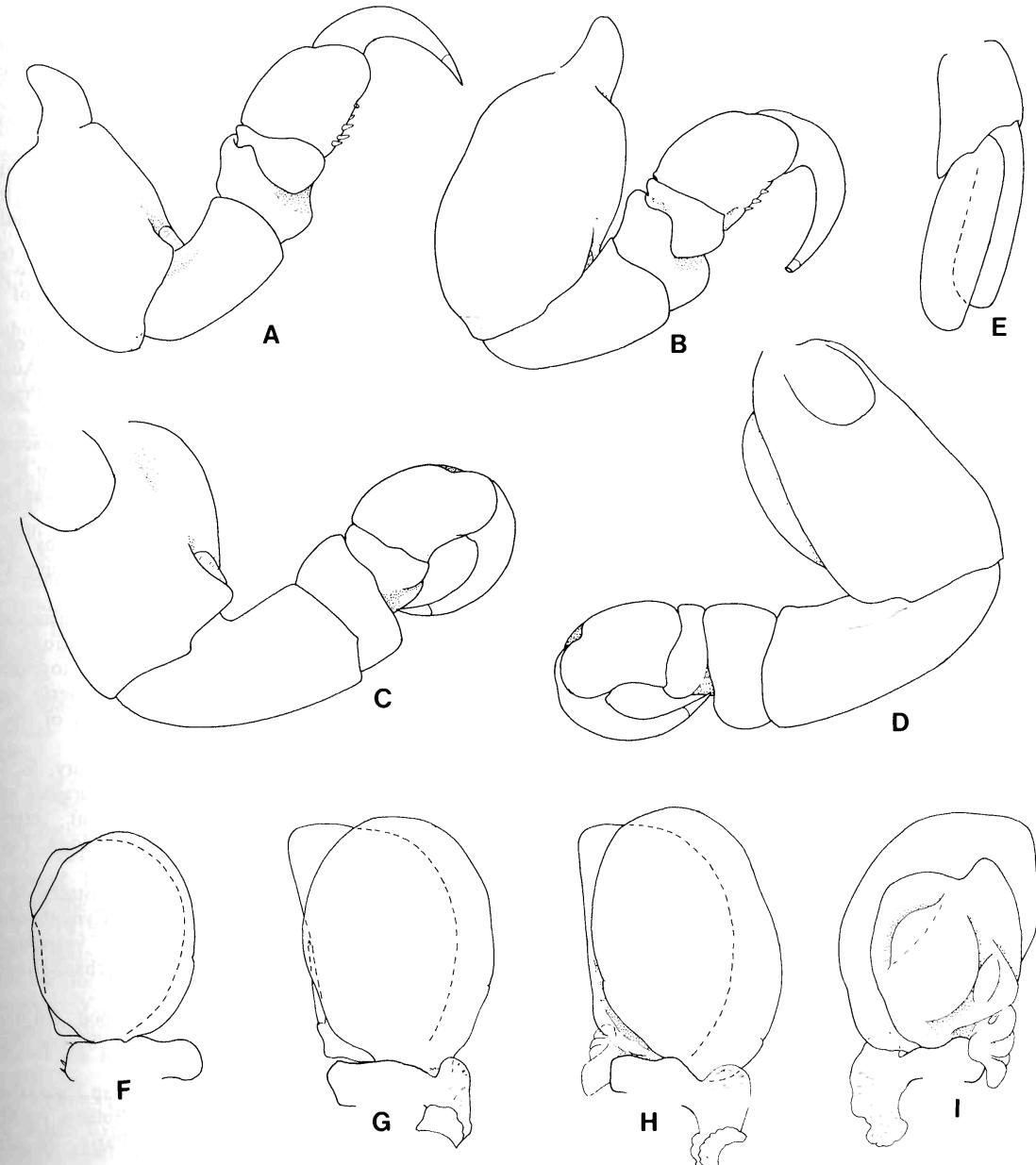
times as long as wide, weakly twisted; widest at pereonite 4 or 5; dorsum weakly convex. Cephalon not deeply immersed in pereonite 2; eyes 0.6-0.7 width of cephalon; anterior margin smoothly rounded, not turned down. Coxae of pereonite 2 as long as segment; those of pereonites 3-4 shorter than respective segment. Coxae all narrow, from 0.46 as wide as long (pereonite 2) to 0.23 as wide as long (pereonites 4-6). Pereonite 7 posterior margin with moderate indentation. Pleonite 1 longest, as wide or slightly wider than pereonite 7; pleonite 5 distinctly narrower than 1 (0.75-0.83 or wider). Pleotelson triangular.

Antennule bases set widely apart; extends to pereonite 2, composed of 8 articles. Antenna slightly longer, with 9 articles. Mandible palp large, article 2 expanded; article

3 0.77 as long as article 2. Maxillule with 4 terminal spines. Maxilla with 2 spines each on medial and lateral lobes. Maxilliped with laminar lobes; article 3 with 3 large recurved spines.

Pereopod 1 with ischium 0.80 as long as basis; propodus with 5 spines on palm; dactylus abruptly angled at proximal 0.2, extending to merus. Pereopods 2 and 3 similar to 1, but pereopod 2 with 3 spines on propodal palm, and pereopod 3 without. Pereopods 4-7 similar to each other, all bases with distinct anterolateral carina. Pereopod 7 basis and ischium subequal in length; dactylus extending to posterior of carpus.

Pleopod 1 rami round, peduncle lateral lobe weakly developed; pleopods 2-5 with peduncle lateral lobe well developed. Pleopods 3-5 endopods with folded



**Fig.31.** *Norileca triangulata*. All figs of female ex *Sardinella gibbosa*. A-D, pereopods 1, 2, 6, 7 respectively; E, uropod; F-I, pleopods 1, 2, 4, 5 respectively. Scale line represents 3.0 mm.

proximomedial lobe; pleopod 5 endopod posterior surface complexly folded. Uropods about 0.75 length of pleotelson, endopod slightly longer than exopod, both rami subequal in length.

**Male.** Both males (a pair from one host) are in very poor condition, but appendages do not differ significantly from those of the females.

**Colour.** Pale tan in alcohol, with chromatophores thinly spread on dorsal surfaces.

**Size.** Ovigerous females from 9.2-17.5 mm, males 7.5-9.0 mm.

**Remarks.** This species is characterised by a nearly flat dorsum, large eyes, cephalon weakly immersed in pereonite 7, weakly twisted body, mandible palp article 2 greatly expanded, pleonite 5 narrower than 1 and triangular pleotelson.

*Norileca triangulata* can be distinguished from *N. indica* by several characters, the easiest to observe being the nearly straight body, larger eyes, pleonite 5 narrower than 1 and the proportionally longer uropods. Other characters are discussed under the 'Remarks' for *N. indica*. A further difference between the two species is that *N. triangulata* attaches with sternites innermost, while *N. indica* attaches with sternites outermost. Host and capture data indicate that both species occur on surface schooling fishes.

**Hosts.** Present material from *Parexocoetus brachypterus*, *Sardinella gibbosa*.

**Distribution.** Philippine Islands (Richardson, 1910); present material from Queensland — Eel Reef, Cape York; Michaelmas Cay, near Cairns; and Mooloobah, south-eastern Queensland.

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