

***Cerithiopsis annae*: una nuova specie di Cerithiopsidae per le coste tunisine**

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Riassunto

Esaminando il sedimento sabbioso-organogeno del piano infralitorale, raccolto in località Hammamet (Tunisia), nel Marzo del 1996, alla profondità di 4-5 m, al limite inferiore di una prateria di *Posidonia oceanica* (L.), sono stati individuati alcuni esemplari appartenenti alla famiglia Cerithiopsidae differenti per morfologia da tutte le specie mediterranee note. Dopo attenti esami di confronto, si è giunti alla conclusione di descriverli come nuova specie, attribuendogli il nome di *Cerithiopsis annae*.

Abstract

Some Cerithiopsidae specimens, morphologically different from all the other Mediterranean species known so far, were isolated from a sediment, collected 4-5 m depth in a *Posidonia oceanica* (L.) meadow, at Hammamet (Tunisia). After comparative examinations, they were recognized as a new species and named *Cerithiopsis annae*. The new species is characterized by a hyaline apex lacking subsutural striation. The new species was compared with the more closely related taxa: *Cerithiopsis tubercularis* (Montagu, 1803) and *C. nana* Jeffreys, 1867. About these latter taxa, is our opinion that *C. nana* has to be regarded as a junior synonym of *C. tubercularis*. Moreover, this taxon is preoccupied by *C. nana* (Wood S.V., 1848) that has priority over *C. nana* Jeffreys, 1867, and was already used by some Authors. *C. nana sensu* Auctores not Jeffreys, 1867, illustrated by Giannuzzi Savelli (1999), is not comparable with *C. annae*. At the present knowledge, the distribution of *C. annae* seems to be limited to the eastern coast of Tunisia.

Parole chiave

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