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Abstract

This paper presents redescrptions of 14 species of the genus *Metopa* (Stenothoidae) based on the type-collections at the Natural History Museum in Oslo.

Type (syntype/holotype) material of *Metopa aequicornis*, *M. borealis*, *M. leptocarpa*, *M. palmata*, *M. propinqua*, *M. pusilla*, *M. robusta* and *M. tenuimana* was dissected and examined morphologically. Material from the original authors of *M. affinis*, *M. boeckii*, *M. invalida*, *M. longicornis* and *M. sinuata* was also examined morphologically, in addition to Sars' material of *M. alderi*, including his type material of the later synonymized *M. spectabilis*. All species are redescrbed using line drawings, and comparisons with the original texts and figures. For the species *M. invalida*, *M. palmata*, *M. robusta* and *M. sinuata* there are morphologic characters that indicate that they in fact do not belong to the *Metopa* s str, but any possible changes in classification are postponed pending a phylogenetic analysis of the genera *Metopa* and *Stenula* has been performed.

A summary of the other species having earlier been designed to *Metopa* in the Oslo collections is given, with a list of their present taxonomic placing.

Key words: Amphipoda, *Metopa*, redescription, Natural History Museum Oslo