

*Onuphis multiannulata* Shisko 1981

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(This description based on a single anterior fragment ~56 segments

~2.2 mm length from palps through the 10<sup>th</sup> setiger)

1. **Body virtually unpigmented, white with a slight iridescent sheen.** Several light bands of brown pigment on ceratophores.
2. Branchiae from the first setiger. First branching at the 26<sup>th</sup> setiger and second at the 36<sup>th</sup>
3. Inner occipital tentacle cerratophores with 23 annuli. Outer occipital tentacle cerratophores with 17 annuli and median tentacle cerratophore with 15 annuli.
4. Inner occipital tentacle reaches to setiger 19.
5. Ventral cirri are cirriform for the first 5 setigers and then padlike.
6. Subacicular hooks are first present on setiger 10 and the pseudocomposite hooks are present on the first 6 setigers.
7. There are **no interrammal papillae on setigers 4-10.**

Remarks: Although small compared to the specimens listed by Shisko in his 1981 publication, this specimen fits his description of *Onuphis multiannulata*. This species is very similar to *Onuphis eremita parva* except it lacks the interrammal papillae that can be easily observed in *O. eremita* and *O. eremita parva*, and it lacks the dark pigment of *O. eremita parva*. The pigment of *O. eremita parva* is reported to persist for at least a dozen years in specimens observed in worm collections (personal communication from Leslie Harris, 14July1997). The separation of *O. eremita* and *O. multiannulata* was considered at a SCAMIT meeting (14July1997) and a type specimen of *O. multiannulata* was examined.