Pectinaria granulata (Linnaeus 1767)

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Brassy, not coppery, paleae



Attempts to image or even observe the primary tooth structure in the uncini were not successful. In small specimens the teeth of P. granulata may be in a double row like the adult of P. californiensis (according to comments in Hobson & Banse, 1981). A larger specimen of P. granulata (from RCRpersColl nr. Mexico border) will be observed and imaged to demonstrate the single row structure of the primary teeth in uncini described for that species. While Hobson and Banse, 1981

consider P. brevicoma a synonym of P. granulata, Hutchings and Peart elevate the subgenus Cistenides (having a single row of primary uncinal teeth) to genus and list both Cistenides brevicoma and C. granulata in their tables of diagnostic characters. The resolution of this is beyond the scope of work for the ISS project.