An occurrence records database of Irregular Echinoids (Echinodermata: Echinoidea) in Mexico

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Abstract

Background

Research on echinoderms in Mexico began in the late nineteenth century. We present a dataset that includes the taxonomic and geographic information of irregular echinoids from Mexico, housed in four collections: 1) Colección Nacional de Equinodermos “Ma. Elena Caso Muñoz” from the Instituto de Ciencias del Mar y Limnología (ICML), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM); 2) Invertebrate Zoology Collection, Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., United States of America (USA); 3) Invertebrate Collection, Museum of Comparative Zoology, University of Harvard, Boston, Massachusetts, USA and 4) Invertebrate Zoology, Peabody Museum, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, USA.

New information

A total of six orders, 17 families, 35 genera and 68 species are reported, 37 distributed in the Pacific coast and 31 in the Atlantic coast, none of them was found in both coasts. The

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most diverse region is the Gulf of California (S=32); the most diverse order is Spatangoida with 31 species reported in mexican waters.

**Keywords**

Gulf of California, Panamic Region, Bank of Campeche, Echinoneoida, Cassiduloida, Echinolampadoida, Clypeasteroida, Holasteroida, Spatangoida, Colección Nacional de Equinodermos "Ma. Elena Caso Muñoz".

**Introduction**

Research on echinoderms in Mexico started on 1838 with the report of *Mellita hexapora* in Veracruz by L. E. Agassiz and G. Valentin. During XIX century, the Challenger and Albatross expeditions collected specimens in mexican territory (Durán-González et al. 2005).

Caso published a series of monographs (Caso 1978, Caso 1980, Caso 1983) of echinoid species of the Pacific coast of Mexico, including diagnosis, synonyms, description, measurements, distribution, reports in Mexico and catalogue number for each species, as well as taxonomic keys for the order, family genus and species level. Bravo-Tzompantzi et al. 1999 reported the echinoids from Puerto Morelos, Quintana Roo, known as a diverse area for echinoderms. They present taxonomic keys, systematics, illustrations, as well as geographic and bathymetric data. Bravo-Tzompantzi et al. 2000 enlisted fossil and extant echinoid species from the Gulf of Mexico and the Mexican Caribbean Coast. This work described the problems around the economic importance and the legal aspects of using the natural resources of the Atlantic coast of Mexico.

Solís-Marín et al. 2013 reported 58 species of irregular echinoids in Mexico, analyzing the fauna in different marine regions, where the Gulf of Mexico was the most diverse region of echinoids in Mexico. A revision of echinoids form the Gulf of Mexico (Laguarda-Figuera et al. 2005a) reported species collected in different oceanographic expeditions, including geographic coordinates of the reports; that revision includes taxonomic keys for the echinoids from the Gulf of Mexico as well as photographs, synonyms, diagnosis, descriptions and distribution for each species. Similar works have been published for echinoderm species reported for different marine regions in Mexico: 51 species of echinoids in Gulf of Mexico (Durán-González et al. 2005), 36 species of echinoids in the Mexican Caribbean (Laguarda-Figuera et al. 2005b) and 40 species of echinoids in the Gulf of California (Solís-Marín et al. 2005).

In this work we present a dataset that includes the taxonomic and geographic information of irregular echinoids from Mexico; this data was submitted in a parsimony analysis endemicty (Martínez-Melo et al. 2014) resulting in four biogeographic regions in the Atlantic coast and five in the Pacific coast, suggesting that the oceanic currents and sediments are the environmental factors that determine the distribution of irregular
echinoids in the Mexican Atlantic coast; on the other hand, oceanic currents and depth are the environmental factors that determine the distribution of irregular echinoids in the Mexican Pacific coast.

Mexico host an important diversity of echinoderms. 643 species have been reported in Mexican territory, about 10% of the species of echinoderms reported in the world (Solís-Marín et al. 2013). Recognizing the Mexican species has been possible due to taxonomic inventories of the phylum in different coastal habitats, representing valuable information (Solís-Marín and Laguarda-Figueras 2012).

**Sampling methods**

**Study extent:** See spatial coverage and geographic coverage descriptions.

**Sampling description:** This study includes irregular echinoids collections. Records of irregular echinoids were recovered from four biological collections:

1. National Echinoderms Collection “Ma. Elena Caso Muñoz”, Institute of Marine Sciences and Limnology (ICML), National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM).
2. Invertebrate Zoology Collection, Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., United States of America (USA).
3. Invertebrate Collection, Museum of Comparative Zoology, University of Harvard, Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
4. Invertebrate Zoology, Peabody Museum, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, USA.

**Quality control:** We redetermined specimens at species level, and the species were classified under the criteria of Kroh and Smith 2010; subspecies were included at species level. Names were verified against the World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS). Collection data were downloaded from the databases from 4 biological collections (1.ICML-UNAM, 2.USNM, 3.MCZ, 4.YPM) and copied from specimens labels. Geographic data were corroborated with electronic maps by Ocean Biogeographic Information System (OBIS).

**Geographic coverage**

**Description:** This study covers the Economic Exclusive Zone of Mexico, including both coastlines Fig. 1.
**Taxonomic coverage**

**Description:** This database concerns all irregular echinoid (Echinodermata: Echinoidea: Irregularia) species inhabiting Mexico. Species are listed in Table 1, including the scientific collections where material is hosted and the marine provinces (according to Aguayo and Trápaga 1996) where the species inhabits.

![Figure 1. Economic Exclusive Zone of Mexico](image)

| ORDER FAMILY | GENUS | SPECIES | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | I | II | III | IV | V | VI |
|--------------|-------|---------|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|---|---|
| Echinoneoida H. L. Clark, 1925 | Echinoneidae L. Agassiz & Desor, 1847 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| | Echinoneus Leske, 1778 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| | Echinoneus cyclostomus Leske, 1778 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Cassiduloida Claus, 1880 | Cassidulidae L. Agassiz & Desor, 1847 | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Echinolampadidae: Echinolampadidae Gray, 1851 |
|------------------------------------------------|
| Conolampas A. Agassiz, 1883 |
| Conolampas sigsbei (A. Agassiz, 1878) * * * |
| Echinolampas Gray, 1825 |
| Echinolampas depressa Gray, 1851 * * * |

| Clypeasteridae: Clypeasteridae L. Agassiz, 1835 |
|------------------------------------------------|
| Clypeaster Lamark, 1801 |
| Clypeaster chesheri Serafy, 1970 * * |
| Clypeaster europacificus H. L. Clark, 1914 * * |
| Clypeaster ochrus H. L. Clark, 1914 * * * |
| Clypeaster prostratus (Ravenel, 1845) * |
| Clypeaster ravenelii (A. Agassiz, 1869) * * * |
| Clypeaster rosaceus (Linnaeus, 1758) * * * |
| Clypeaster rotundus (A. Agassiz, 1863) * * * * |
| Clypeaster speciosus Verrill, 1870 * * * |
| Clypeaster subdepressus (Gray, 1825) * * * * |

| Fibulariidae: Fibulariidae Gray, 1855 |
|--------------------------------------|
| Echinocyamus van Phelsum, 1774 |
| Echinocyamus grandiporus Mortensen, 1907 * * |
| Echinocyamus macrostomus Mortensen, 1907 * * |

| Dendrasteridae: Dendrasteridae Lambert, 1900 |
|---------------------------------------------|
| Dendraster L. Agassiz, 1847 |
| Dendraster excentricus (Eschsoltz, 1829) * * * * |
| Dendraster terminalis (Grant & Hertlein, 1938) * * |
| Dendraster vizcainoensis Grant & Hertlein, 1938 * * |

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**Mellitidae Stephanini, 1912**

*Encope* L. Agassiz, 1840

- *Encope aberrans* Martens, 1867
- *Encope grandis* L. Agassiz, 1841
- *Encope michelini* L. Agassiz, 1841
- *Encope micropora* L. Agassiz, 1841
- *Encope perspectiva* L. Agassiz, 1841
- *Encope wetmorei* A. H. Clark, 1946

*Leodia* Gray, 1851

- *Leodia sexiesperforata* (Leske, 1778)

*Mellita* L. Agassiz, 1841

- *Mellita grantii* Mortensen, 1948
- *Mellita kanakoffi* Durham, 1961
- *Mellita longiflssa* Michelin, 1858
- *Mellita notabilis* H. L. Clark, 1947
- *Mellita quinquiesperforata* (Leske, 1778)

**Holasteroida Durham & Melville, 1957**

*Urechinidae* Duncan, 1889

- *Cystechinus* A. Agassiz, 1879
  - *Cystechinus giganteus* A. Agassiz, 1898
  - *Cystechinus loveni* (A. Agassiz, 1898)

*Urechinus* A. Agassiz, 1879

- *Urechinus reticulatus* H. L. Clark, 1913

*Plexechinidae* Mooi & David, 1996

- *Plexechinus* A. Agassiz, 1898
  - *Plexechinus cinctus* A. Agassiz, 1898

*Pourtalesidae* A. Agassiz, 1881

- *Cystocrepis* Mortensen, 1907
  - *Cystocrepis setigera* (A. Agassiz, 1898)

*Pourtalesia* A. Agassiz, 1869

- *Pourtalesia tanneri* A. Agassiz, 1898
| Genus | Species | Authors | Year |
|-------|---------|---------|------|
| **Spatangoida L. Agassiz, 1840**<br> Schizasteridae Lambert, 1905 | Aceste Thomson, 1877 | * | * |
| | Aceste bellidifera Thomson, 1877 | * | * |
| | Brisaster Gray, 1855 | * | * | * |
| | Brisaster latifrons (A. Agassiz, 1898) | * | * | * |
| | Brisaster townsendi (A. Agassiz, 1898) | * | * | * * |
| | Hypselaster H. L. Clark, 1917 | * | * | * * |
| | Hypselaster limicolus (A. Agassiz, 1878) | * | * | * * |
| | Moira A. Agassiz, 1872 | * | * | * |
| | Moira atropos (Lamarck, 1816) | * | * | * |
| | Moira clotho (Michelin, 1855) | * | * | * * |
| | Schizaster L. Agassiz, 1836 | * | * |
| | Schizaster floridensis Kier & Grant, 1965 | * | * |
| **Prenasteridae Lambert, 1905** | Agassizia Valenciennes, 1846 | * | * |
| | Agassizia excentrica A. Agassiz, 1869 | * | * |
| | Agassizia scrobiculata Valenciennes, 1846 | * | * | * * |
| **Paleopneustidae A. Agassiz, 1904** | Paleopneustes A. Agassiz, 1873 | * | * |
| | Paleopneustes tholoformis Chesher, 1968 | * | * |
| **Palaeotropidae Lambert, 1896** | Palaeobrissus A. Agassiz, 1883 | * | * |
| | Palaeobrissus hilgardi A. Agassiz, 1883 | * | * |
| **Brissidae Gray, 1855** | Brissopsis L. Agassiz, 1840 | * | * | * |
| | Brissopsis alta Mortensen, 1907 | * | * |
| | Brissopsis atlantica Mortensen, 1907 | * | * | * | * |
| | Brissopsis columbaris A. Agassiz, 1898 | * | * | * |
| | Brissopsis pacifica (A. Agassiz, 1898) | * | * | * | * |
| **Brissus Gray, 1825** | | | | |
| Taxa included |
|---------------|
| **Brissus latecarinatus** (Leske, 1778) | * * |
| **Brissus obesus** Verrill, 1867 | * * * * |
| **Brissus unicolor** (Leske, 1778) | * * |
| **Meoma** Gray, 1851 |
| **Meoma ventricosa grandis** Gray, 1851 | * * * |
| **Meoma ventricosa ventricosa** (Lamarck, 1816) | * * |
| **Metalia** Gray, 1851 |
| **Metalia nobilis** Verrill, 1867 | * |
| **Metalia spatagus** (Linnaeus, 1758) | * * |
| **Neopneustes** Duncan, 1889 |
| **Neopneustes microasteroides** (Duncan, 1889) | * * |
| **Plagiobrissus** Pomel, 1883 |
| **Plagiobrissus grandis** (Gmelin, 1788) | * * |
| **Plagiobrissus pacificus** H. L. Clark, 1940 | * |
| **Rhynobrissus** Agassiz, 1872 |
| **Rhynobrissus cuneus** Cooke, 1957 | * * |
| **Spatangidae** Gray, 1825 |
| **Plethotaenia** H. L. Clark, 1917 |
| **Plethotaenia angularis** Chesher, 1968 | * * |
| **Plethotaenia spatangoides** (A. Agassiz, 1883) | * * |
| **Spatangus** H. L. Clark, 1917 |
| **Spatangus californicus** H. L. Clark, 1917 | * * |
| **Loveniidae** Lambert, 1905 |
| **Homolampas** Agassiz, 1874 |
| **Homolampas fragilis** (A. Agassiz, 1869) | * |
| **Lovenia** Desor, 1847 |
| **Lovenia cordiformis** A. Agassiz |

**Taxa included:**

| Rank       | Scientific Name  |
|------------|------------------|
| kingdom    | Animalia         |
| phylum     | Echinodermata    |
| class          | Echinoidea          |
|---------------|---------------------|
| subclass      | Irregularia         |

**Temporal coverage**

**Living time period:** 1838 - 2014.

**Notes:** This study includes reports of irregular echinoids collected in Mexico from different expeditions since 1838 to date.

**Collection data**

**Collection name:** Colección Nacional de Equinodermos "María Elena Caso Muñoz"

**Collection identifier:** ICML-UNAM

**Specimen preservation method:** Dry and ethanol alcohol.

**Usage rights**

**Use license:** Open Data Commons Open Database License (ODbL)
Data resources

Data package title: Occurrence of Irregular Echinoids in Mexican waters

Number of data sets: 1

Data set name: Irregularia

Data format: Darwin Core

Description: Suppl. material 1

| Column label   | Column description                                                                 |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| dc:type        | The nature or genre of the resource For Darwin Core, recommended best practice is to use the name of the class that defines the root of the record. |
| dc:language    | A language of the resource Recommended best practice is to use a controlled vocabulary such as RFC 4646 [RFC4646].                                  |
| dc:rightsHolder| A person or organization owning or managing rights over the resource                |
| dc:accessRights| Information about who can access the resource or an indication of its security status Access Rights may include information regarding access or restrictions based on privacy, security, or other policies. |
| basisOfRecord  | The specific nature of the data record - a subtype of the dcterms:type Recommended best practice is to use a controlled vocabulary such as the Darwin Core Type Vocabulary (http://rs.tdwg.org/dwc/terms/#basisOfRecord). |
| individualID   | An identifier for an individual or named group of individual organisms represented in the Occurrence. Meant to accommodate resampling of the same individual or group for monitoring purposes. May be a global unique identifier or an identifier specific to a data set. |
| individualCount| The number of individuals represented present at the time of the Occurrence.        |
| disposition    | The current state of a specimen with respect to the collection identified in collectionCode or collectionID Recommended best practice is to use a controlled vocabulary. |
| Continent      | The name of the continent in which the Location occurs Recommended best practice is to use a controlled vocabulary such as the Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names or the ISO 3166 Continent code. |
| waterBody      | The name of the water body in which the Location occurs Recommended best practice is to use a controlled vocabulary such as the Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names. |
| islandGroup    | The name of the island group in which the Location occurs Recommended best practice is to use a controlled vocabulary such as the Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names. |
| Term                  | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| island               | The name of the island on or near which the Location occurs Recommended best practice is to use a controlled vocabulary such as the Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names.                                                                                                                                             |
| country              | The name of the country or major administrative unit in which the Location occurs Recommended best practice is to use a controlled vocabulary such as the Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names.                                                                                                                             |
| countryCode          | The standard code for the country in which the Location occurs Recommended best practice is to use ISO 3166-1-alpha-2 country codes.                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| stateProvince        | The name of the next smaller administrative region than country (state, province, canton, department, region, etc) in which the Location occurs.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| municipality         | The full, unabbreviated name of the next smaller administrative region than county (city, municipality, etc) in which the Location occurs Do not use this term for a nearby named place that does not contain the actual location.                                                                                                               |
| locality             | The specific description of the place Less specific geographic information can be provided in other geographic terms (higherGeography, continent, country, stateProvince, county, municipality, waterBody, island, islandGroup) This term may contain information modified from the original to correct perceived errors or standardize the description. |
| verbatimDepth        | The original description of the depth below the local surface                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| verbatimLatitude     | The verbatim original latitude of the Location The coordinate ellipsoid, geodeticDatum, or full Spatial Reference System (SRS) for these coordinates should be stored in verbatimSRS and the coordinate system should be stored in verbatimCoordinateSystem                                                                                     |
| verbatimLongitude    | The verbatim original longitude of the Location The coordinate ellipsoid, geodeticDatum, or full Spatial Reference System (SRS) for these coordinates should be stored in verbatimSRS and the coordinate system should be stored in verbatimCoordinateSystem                                                                                     |
| verbatimCoordinateSystem | The spatial coordinate system for the verbatimLatitude and verbatimLongitude or the verbatimCoordinates of the Location Recommended best practice is to use a controlled vocabulary                                                                                                           |
| verbatimSRS          | The ellipsoid, geodetic datum, or spatial reference system (SRS) upon which coordinates given in verbatimLatitude and verbatimLongitude, or verbatimCoordinates are based Recommended best practice is use the EPSG code as a controlled vocabulary to provide an SRS, If known Otherwise use a controlled vocabulary for the name or code of the geodetic datum, if known Otherwise use a controlled vocabulary for the name or code of the ellipsoid, if known If none of these is known, use the value “unknown”. |
| Term                              | Definition                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| scientificName                   | The full scientific name, with authorship and date information if known. When forming part of an Identification, this should be the name in lowest level taxonomic rank that can be determined. This term should not contain identification qualifications, which should instead be supplied in the IdentificationQualifier term. |
| acceptedNameUsage                | The full name, with authorship and date information if known, of the currently valid (zoological) or accepted (botanical) taxon.                                                                                |
| parentNameUsage                  | The full name, with authorship and date information if known, of the direct, most proximate higher-rank parent taxon (in a classification) of the most specific element of the scientificName.                     |
| kingdom                          | The full scientific name of the kingdom in which the taxon is classified.                                                                                                                                   |
| phylum                           | The full scientific name of the phylum or division in which the taxon is classified.                                                                                                                        |
| class                            | The full scientific name of the class in which the taxon is classified.                                                                                                                                     |
| order                            | The full scientific name of the order in which the taxon is classified.                                                                                                                                       |
| family                           | The full scientific name of the family in which the taxon is classified.                                                                                                                                     |
| genus                            | The full scientific name of the genus in which the taxon is classified.                                                                                                                                       |
| specificEpithet                  | The name of the first or species epithet of the scientificName.                                                                                                                                               |
| infraSpecificEpithet             | The name of the lowest or terminal infraspecific epithet of the scientificName, excluding any rank designation.                                                                                               |
| taxonRank                        | The taxonomic rank of the most specific name in the scientificName. Recommended best practice is to use a controlled vocabulary.                                                                             |
| scientificNameAuthorship         | The authorship information for the scientificName formatted according to the conventions of the applicable nomenclaturalCode.                                                                                 |
| nomenclaturalCode                | The nomenclatural code (or codes in the case of an ambireginal name) under which the scientificName is constructed. Recommended best practice is to use a controlled vocabulary.                                 |
| taxonomicStatus                  | The status of the use of the scientificName as a label for a taxon. Requires taxonomic opinion to define the scope of a taxon. Rules of priority then are used to define the taxonomic status of the nomenclature contained in that scope, combined with the experts opinion. It must be linked to a specific taxonomic reference that defines the concept. Recommended best practice is to use a controlled vocabulary. |

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Supplementary material

Suppl. material 1: Occurrence of Irregular Echinoids in mexican waters

Authors: Martínez-Melo, Solís-Marín, Buitrón-Sánchez & Laguarda-Figueras

Data type: occurrences, taxonomic

Brief description: The dataset provides the occurrence of Irregular Echinoids species in mexican waters, reported in Darwin Core format and published in OBIS [http://www.iobis.org/]. This file includes the reports from 4 biologic collections (1.ICML-UNAM, 2.USNM, 3.MCZ, 4.YPM).

Filename: Irregularia Martinez et al_Mexico.xlsx - Download file (120.64 kb)