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Sargassum westitum (R. Brown ex Turner) C. Agardh 1821: 24; 1824: 302. J. Agardh 1848: 298; 1872: 68; 1889: 70, pl. 21 (I). De Toni 1895: 31. Grunow 1915: 359.

PLATE 4.

Fucus vestitus R. Brown ex Turner 1811: pl. 177.

Carpacanths vestitus (R. Br. ex Turner) Kuetzing

1849: 625; 1861, pl. 45.

Sargassum rhyncophorum J. Agardh 1889: 71, pl. 22 (II) De Toni 1895: 31. Grunow 1915: 359.

Stem terete, simple or branched, to 4 cm. long, arising from a conical hidfast. Basal leaves to 10 cm long, ½ - ½ cm broad, smooth, margins entire. Branch axes slender to moderately robust, triquetrous, branches more or less retroflex. Branches to 40 cm long. Upper leaves distinctly smaller than basal leaves, grading in young fronds; leaves often largely shed from older fertile branches; upper leaves to 4 cm long, 1-3 mm broad, smooth, entire. Vesicles usually absent, en occasional plants profuse, clustered, ovoid with tapering ends, to 8 mm long and 4 mm broad, with a small apicalmicro. Receptacles compressed, occasionally somewhat treiquetrous, with prominent spines on the upper half, especially at the apex. Conceptacles bisexual.

Type Locality: Kents fslands, Bass Strait.

Lectotype: BM.

<u>Distribution</u>: Around Tasmania, Kents Island, and from Robe in South Australia to Sorrento in Victoria.

Common just below low tide level and in low rock pools.

Type material exists at both BM and K, but the actual specimen figured by Turner is filed in K under S. heterophyelum with a label "Japan". Setchell, on an annotation label, has previously suggested that the labels may have been transposed. The BM specimens are labelled "The specimens returned by Mr. Turner", and as these agree well with Turner's description and figures, it seems best to select them as lectotype.

VS. rhyncophorum J. Agardh, from Tasmania (Meredith),
Lectotype No. 2021 (lower right specimen) in Herb. Agardh,
LD, is a specimen of S. vestitum with vesicles. In Herb. Agardh
there is only one sheet under S. rhyncophorum, with 6 fragmentary specimens on it. It is lakely that 2 different species
are present, but J. Agardh's description and figures mainly
involve the lower two specimens, of which the right-hand one
only is fertile and bears vesicles. The latter is therefore choser
as lectotype. The other specimens on the type sheet must be
regarded with considerable doubt and excluded from the concept

of S. rhyncophorum. The type sheet is labelled "Browns River, Tasmania, Hb. Oldfield". The vesicles on the lectotype are young, but these, the receptacles and also the entire leaves are typical of S. vestitum. The other excluded specimens on the type sheet have dentate or serrate leaves.

The vesicles may well be produced on plants in less rough habitats or in deeper rock pools.

The **Gunn** specimen from Tasmania, on which Hooker and Harvey (1847: 413) based their record of <u>S. heterophyllum</u> (a South African species) is in K, and proves to be <u>S. vestitum</u>.

Sargassum biforme Sonder 1845: 51; 1846: 163; 1852: 671?

J. Agardh 1848: 301; 1872: 67; 1889: 75, pl. 23 (III). De

Toni 1895: 34. Harvey 1860: 282; Lucas 1936: 67?

## PLATE 5.

Carpacanthus biforme (Sonder) Muetzing 1849: 625; 1861; pl. 44.

stem terete, to 4 cm long. Basal leaves to 10 cm long,  $1-2\frac{1}{2}$  cm broad, strongly undulate - crispate, margins entire to dentate. Branch axes robust, triquetrous, branches retoflex. Branches to 30 (or more?) cm long. Upper leaves smaller, grading from the basal leaves in young fronds; uppermost leaves to 3 cm long, 1-5 mm. broad, smooth, entire to

somewhat irregularly dentate. Vesicles petiolate, spherical, 3-7 mm diameter with an apical, often leafy, mucro. Receptacles terete when young, flattened when mature, possibly triquetrous, with occasional blunt spines on the upper part; 1-2 mm long and  $\frac{1}{2}$  - 1 mm broad.

Type Locality: Western Australia (Preiss)

Type: MEL.

<u>Distribution:</u> From Western Australia (Fremantle?) probably to the Gulf Region of South Australia.

Sargassum biforme is not a well understood species.

Sonder described the receptacles as "oblongis tristiche dentatis", but in the Preiss material in MEL the receptacles are sparse, mostly young, and the older ones are flattened, with occasional blunt spines or projections on the upper part — but scarcely tristichous or triquetrous as Sonder states. I have seen few specimens which are definitely the same as Sonder's type, partly because specimens otherwise similar (with undulate - crispate, somewhat spiny, basal leaves) have rarely been collected fertile. One specimen from Rocky Point, Kangaroo Island (AD, A 2436) does show receptacles very like those of the type but becoming somewhat traquetrousi in the larger ones; the basal leaves of this specimen unfortunately are lacking.

Good collections from the type locality are needed to clarify this species, but the receptacles and the undulate-crispate basal leaves appear sufficient to characterise it.

Sargassum tristichum Greville and C. Agardh ex Sonder 1845:51; 1846: 163. J. Agardh 1848: 300; 1872: 71; 1889: 76, pl. 24 (I). De Toni 1895: 35. Grunow 1915: 362.

#### PLATE 6.

Cystoseira tristichus Greville and C. Agardh in Greville 1830: synop. xxxiii (nomen nudum).

Carpacanthus tristichus (Grev. and Ag.) Kuetzing 1849: 622.

Carpacanthus oligophyllus Kuetzing 1849: 621; 1862: 12, pl. 37.

Stem terete, simple or branched, to 2 cm long. Basal leaves to 10 cm long,  $\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$  cm broad, smooth, margins entire. Branch axes robust, triquetrous, branches retroflex. Branches to 40 cm long. Upper leaves distinctly smaller than basal leaves, grading only in young fronds, 1-3 cm long, 1-5 (-8) mm broad, entire or with odd spines; upper leaves often completely lost from older fertile fronds. Vesicles usually only a few per plant or absent, petiolate, spherical, 3-6 mm diameter, with a small mucro (occasionally slightly leafy). Receptacles densely clustered on fertile fronds, 2-5 (-7) mm

long, about  $1-1\frac{1}{2}$  mm broad, strongly triquetrous with prominent spines along the ridges. Conceptacles bisexual.

Type Locality: Western Australia (Preiss)

Type: MEL.

<u>Distribution</u>: From Rottnest Island, Western Australia to Elliston, Eyre Peninsula in South Australia, and possibly somewhat further east. Common in rock pools and the upper sublittoral zone on the north-west coast of Eyre Peninsula.

Sonder, in providing the first valid description of S. tristichum, had a specimen of Greville's as well as the Preiss material, and both these are specifically identical.

S. lacerifolium has receptacles in general larger but otherwise rather similar to S. tristichum, but the leaves in the former are deeply incised in contrast to the usually entire leaves of S. tristichum.

Carpacanthus oligophyllus, from Kuetzing's figure, appears to agree well with <u>S. tristichum</u>, but <u>C. racemosus</u> Kuetzing (previously placed under <u>S. tristichum</u>) shows the incised leaves of <u>S. lacerifolium</u> and should probably be placed under the latter species.

Sargassum lacerifolium (Turner) C. Agardh 1821: 15; 1824: 298. J. Agardh 1848: 300; 1872: 71; 1889: 74, pl. 23 (II). De Toni 1895; 34. Grunow 1915: 361. Harvey 1862: pl. 208. Lindauer 1947: 561? Lucas 1936: 66. May 1939: 208? Sonder 1846: 162; 1852: 672. Womersley 1950: 161.

### PLATE 7.

Fucus lacerifolius Turner 1811: pl. 167.

Carpacanthus lacerifolius (Turn.) Kuetzing 1849:
624: 1861, pl. 42.

Carpacanthus facemosus Kuetzing 1861: 14, pl. 45 (I)
Sargassum acanthicarpum Suhr 1836: 337, pl. 3, fig. 23.

Stem to 2 cm long, terete, simple or branched, arising from a conical holdfast to 2 cm across. Basal leaves to 10 cm. long,  $1\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$  cm broad, usually slightly undulate, margins entire or more usually strongly spinous or slightly incised. Branch axes robust, triquetrous, branches retroflex. Branches to 40 cm long. Median leaves often nearly as large as basal leaves but sometimes lost, margins deeply incised; upper leaves to 8 cm long,  $\frac{1}{4}-1$  cm broad, usually deeply incised. Vesicles often absent, sometimes moderately numerous, pethlate, spherical, to 9 mm diameter, often with a leafy mucro to 1 cm long. Receptacles 5-17 mm long, (1-) 2-3 mm broad, strongly triquetrous with prominent spines along the ridges. Conceptacles bisexual.

Type Locality: Port Dalrymple, Tasmania.

Type: BM.

<u>Distribution:</u> From Western Australia (Preiss) to
Port Phillip, Victoria and in Tasmania. Often common in low
pools and the upper sublittoral on coasts of moderate roughness in South Australia.

The large spinous, triquetrous receptacles ally S.

lacerifolium with S. tristichum but the deeply incised leaves separate it well from the entire leaves of the latter. The upper leaves on fertile fronds are retained more in S. lacerifolium than in S. tristichum.

Carpacanthus racemosus Kuetzing and S. acanthicarpum
Suhr (both from "Newholland") are almost certainly the same as
S. lacerifolium, the figures of them showing deeply incised
leaves and typical triquetrous, spiny, receptacles. The type
specimens have not been seen. In MEL is a specimen elabelled
S. acanthicarpum Suhr accompanied by Suhr's illustration from
"Flora". This specimen, though rather inadequate, is probably
S. lacerifolium. Previously both C. racemosus and
S. acanthicarpum were placed under S. tristichum.

## THE NEW SOUTH WALES SPECIES OF ARTHROPHYCUS.

While Arthrophycus is predominately a southern Australian group, two fairly well defined species (S. globulariae-folium (including S. robustum) and S. erosum) are known from the New South Wales coast. The former in particular is not completely typical of Arthrophycus and illustrates the tendency found in New South Wales species towards Eusargassum.

May (1939) also records S. paradoxum, S. fallax, S. laevigatum and S. lacerifolium, but these records need careful checking.

Sargassum globulariaefolium J. Agardh 1889: 69, pl. 20 (III).

De Toni 1895: 30. Grunow 1915: 358. May 1939; 202.

## PLATE 8.

S. robustum J. Agardh 1889: 66, pl. 19 (III). De Toni 1895: 28. Grunow 1915: 355.

stem short, to 1 cm long, arising from a robust conical holdfast. Basal leaves to 5 cm long, ½ - 1 cm broad, smooth, margins entire. Branch axes relatively slender, triquetrous or 4 sided, branches scarcely retroflex. Branches to 30 cm long. Upper leaves grading in size from basal leaves, often broadest in upper part of leaf and somewhat asymmetrical, 1-3 cm long, 1-4 mm broad. Vesicles apparently absent. Receptacles

terete to flattened, with irregular spines on the upper half, 2-4 mm long, about 1 mm broad.

Type Locality: Illawarra, New South Wales.

Lectotype: Herb. Agardh, LD, No. 2091.

<u>Distribution</u>: New South Wales (from Jervis Bay to Cape Hawke (Forster) at least).

The specimen selected as lectotype fits Agardhis description and figures better than any other in Herb. Agardh and bears mature receptacles.

S. robustum J. Agardh was originally recorded from both Western Australia (Swan River, Geographe Bay, Israelite Bay) and New South Wales. Under this species in Herb. Agardh there is only one sheet named "Sarg. robustum" without a query. J. Agardh's figure also appears to have been taken mainly from this specimen, though it has no vesicles. This sheet, No. 2015 - 2016, from "Cape Hawke, near Mount Dromedary, New South Wales, Miss Bake, misit F. de Mueller" is therefore selected as the lectotype of S. robustum. It is identical with S. globularisefolium though the receptacles are rather young. J. Agardh's specimens from Western Australia appear to be different.

Sargassum erosum J. Agardh 1889: 74, pl. 23 (I). De Toni 1895; 33. Grunow 1915: 360. May 1939: 202.

Stem short, simple or branched, from a discoid holdfast. Basal leaves to 10 cm long, 1-1½ cm broad, smooth, the
margin with scattered spines. Branch ages not robust, triquetrous, branches moderately retroflex. Branches to 40
cm long. Upper leaves grading in size from basal leaves;
uppermost 1-3 cm long, 1-4 mm broad, smooth, with spinous
margins. Vesicles rare ("Pyriform-elliptic, aristate J. Agardh). Receptacles 2-4 mm long, about 1 mm broad,
compressed, with irregular spines on the upper part.

Type Locality: Port Jackson, New South Wales.

Type: Herb. Agardh, LD, No. 2182.

<u>Distribution:</u> Only definitely known from Port Jackson, Port Stephens and Cronulla.

S. erosum is not a well understood species, though it is probably a fairly well defined one, and appears to fit Arthrophycus satisfactorily. The above description is based largely on good fertile specimens from Cronulla, New South wales, which agree reasonably well with J. Agardh's description and type. The receptacles in the type are not very like J. Agardh's illustration or description, having no prominent central midrib"; and they are more irregular with some coarse spines.

#### SPECIES OF ARTHROPHYCUS WHICH ARE NOMEN DUBIA.

Sargassum ensifolium (C. Agardh) J. Agardh 1848: 302.

Cystoseira ensifolia C. Agardh 1824: 288.

Type Locality: "N. Holl."

Type: Herb. Agardh, LD, No. 2170.

The type is a single specimen comprising only the basal leaves, arising from a terete stem and holdfast; no receptacles or vesicles are present. The leaves are long and slender, entire except for oddm minute spines.

Since the basal leaves gannot be determined with any certainty and could belong to anyone of 3 or 4 species, the name S. ensifolium must be rejected as a nomen dubium.

The specimen from which J. Agardh drew the receptacles which he associated with S. ensifolium is not associated with basal leaves, and must be eliminated from any concept of this species.

Other references to S. ensifolium which are doubtful are — J. Agardh 1872: 69; 1889: 73, pl. 22 (III). De Toni 1895: 33. Grunow 1915: 360.

Sargassum isophyllum (Sonder) J. Agardh 1848: 298.

S. biforme var. isophylla Sonder 1846: 163.

PLATE 9.

Type Locality: Western Australia (Preiss).

Type: MEL.

Sonder (1846) distinguished two varieties of S. biforms -

- 1) <u>isophylla</u>, with short branches and all leaves oblong lanceolate.
- 2) heterophylla, with lower leaves oblong, upper lanceolate linear, with long slender branches.

Specimens corresponding to these are in MEL. The var. <u>Heterophylla</u> is normal <u>S. biforme</u>, but the var <u>isophylla</u> is sterile and appears to be a plant in which strong development of young lateral branches has occurred in the axils of older leaves.

J. Agardh (1848) elevated Sonder's variety to specific rank, but in 1889 he mentions it only under S. ensifolium.

There is no justification for recognising var.

isophylla since it is only a growth form, and in the absence of receptacles it must be rejected as a nomen dubium.

Sargassum laevigatum J. Agardh 1889: 67, pl 19 (IV). De Toni 1895: 28. May 1939: 202?

Type Locality: Orford, Tasmania (Meredith).

Lectotype: Herb. Agardh, LD, No. 2057-2058.

J. Agardh expressed doubts in describing this species. The specimens of Meredith and Gunn from Tasmania are probably the same species, but none are properly fertile and Gunn's have no vesicles. The receptacles on the Orfford specimen appear to be juvenile.

Without further examination of the type and comparisons with a range of specimens from near the type locality, the concept of this species cannot be clarified.

Sargassum membranaceum J. Agardh 1872: 68; 1889: 76, pl. 24 (II). De Toni 1895: 36. Grunow 1915: 363.

Type Locality: Tasmanka (R. Gunn)

Lectotype: Herb. Agardh, LD. No. 2238.

J. Agardh (1889: 77) regarded <u>S. membranaceum</u> and the New Zealand <u>S. sinclairii</u> as comprising a group (Homophylleae) in which the branch axes were terete above, somewhat angular below, the branches scarcely retrofract, and the basal and upper leaves not markedly different. J. Agardh recognised that such species from an intermediate group between

Arthrophycus and Eusargassum.

J. Agardh also compared S. membranaceum with S. paradoxum (and its synonyms) and his figures of leaves and receptacles could well be of female S. paradoxum.

Study of the type, and material available, is inadequate to clarify the concept of S. membranaceum at the present time.

# LEGENDS FOR PLATES.

- Plate 1. S. paradoxum. Marino, S. Aust. 29.xi.1959. H.B.S.W. (AD, A 23, 969).
- Plate 2. S. fallax. Type specimen of Sonder in MEL.
- Plate 3. S. bracteolosum. Aldinga, S. Aust. 23.xi.1958. H.B.S.W. (AD, A 22,028).
- Plate 4. S. vestitum. Robe, S. Aus. 20.x11.1953. H.B.S.W. (AD, A 19,141).
- Plate 5. S. biforme. Type sheet of Sonder in MEL.
- Plate 6. s. tristichum. Point Sinclair, S. Aust 9.11.1954. &H.B.S.W. (AD, A 19,552).
- Plate 7. S. lacerifolium. Port Willunga, S. Aus. 25.x.1959.

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- Plate 8. S. globylariaefolium Jervis Bay, N.S.W. 13.viii.1959.

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- Plate 9. S. isophyllum. nomen dubium. Sonder specimen in MEL.

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