



# The Unlucky and Ordinate Distribution of Actiniaria (Cnidaria, Hexacoralla) and Rugosa (= Tetracoralla+)

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## Abstract

This short communication had compared distribution through times between two taxa: Actiniaria and Rugosa. This analysis can to see distribution larval is unlucky when planulae larvae swimming to find out a substratum and this distribution disappeared when juvenile settled to substratum.

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## Introduction

The sea anemones (Actiniaria) and the corals fossil Rugosa have same distribution, meanwhile the first one are littoral and the last one are sublittoral.

The unlucky distribution is owing to planula larvae, because it swimming the plankton looking for an adequate substratum and when it is found, the same larvae settle and begin her own growing in high and size. During this growing made the mouth, tentacles, gastric cavity, mesenteries and cnidocysts for sea anemone meanwhile for fossil coral made mouth, calcified mesenteries, gastric cavity, small tentacles and cnidocysts and the association (symbiosis) between the coral and algae too.

The behavior swimming larval is made by the cilium and the apical tuft of flagellum toward head and during this movement the apical tuft touch different substratum for selection and when found it the planulae larvae fixed and the growing begin; the planulae larvae selective different types of substratum during swimming movement (Figure 1).

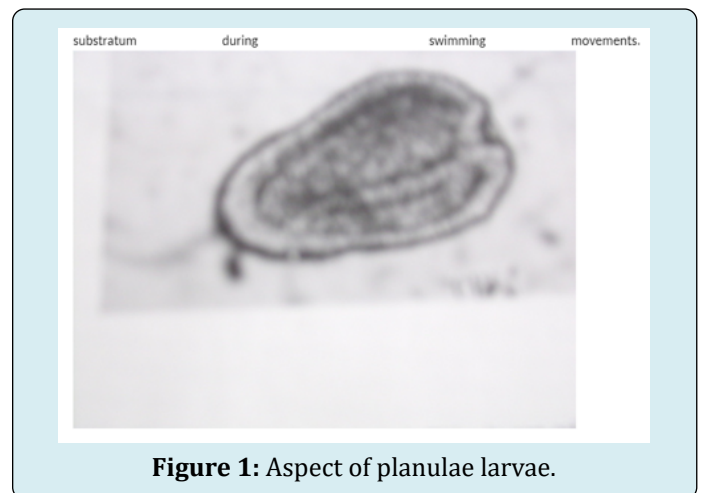


Figure 1: Aspect of planulae larvae.

## Results

The mentioned in Inroduction can see on the next diagram:  
porous substratum-----attached larval-----  
metamorphosis  
smooth substratum-----temporal attached-----swimming  
movements [1].

Once planulae larvae is fixed another larvae have similar behavior and they fixed near too, so this unlucky distribution finished and will begin another distribution more or less ordinate, where adults specimens are closed between them.

This phenomena is equal for sea anemones and fossil corals, so the nearest between specimens make a local current of movement of sea water where the specimens can to get food; the movement of water is make by tentacles. These tentacles have cnidocysts and through it can catch different organisms from zooplankton and benthos too.

This types of distribution is curious because it was noticed in two zoological groups with interval of times so great; meanwhile sea anemones is an actually group, coral fossils (*Rugosa*) had his distribution in Ordoviscic Period (500- 600 MY), so this group is far away to Edicarian period for more 100 MY; this taxa was found in " Formación Volcán" (Jujuy Province, Argentina) edicarian aged 630-542 MY.

Moreover this distribution is and was held through the time because is a strategy beneficial for both of them.

The sea anemones are close between them (Figure 2) and their oral disc are addressed to water current and through the tentacular crown can to catch something near; the tentacular crown is a true arm for catching zooplankton (micro and medium), small crustacean are swimming nearest, aquatic insects, small molusc, small and great crustaceans; so sea anemones are voracious predactor because they have a polyphagus diet, of course they are called polyphagous opportunistic [2].

The coral fossils, when they are joined by junction of their calcic walls make a propicious area where their superficial of oral disc lets them to catch solar energy through their

symbiotic algae; this association is beneficial for both of them because the algae catch excrement metabolic like ammonium from coral and it catch from algae elements like sodium, calcium and nitrogen

### Why these Distributions are Held along Time?

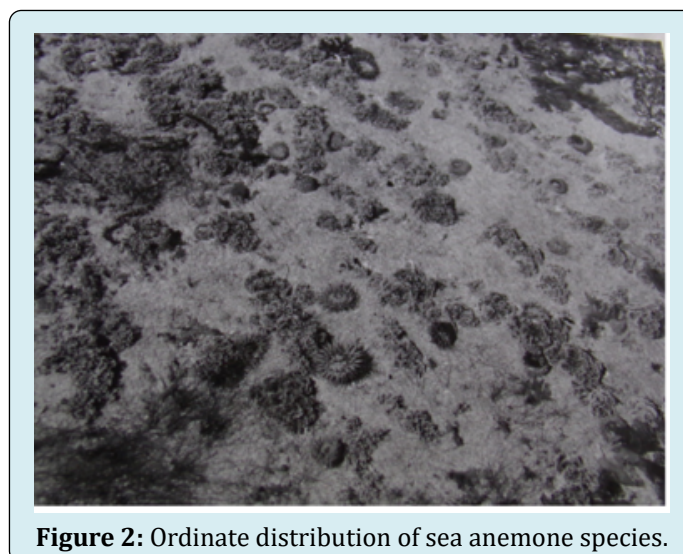
The unlucky distribution begin when spawning of adults specimens of sea anemone and fossil coral have place in the sea; this spawning is similar to a cloud where there are spermatocytes or ovules such as from male or female. The spermatocytes by chemotaxis movements swims to ovules and both of them fused and from here begin formation of planulae larvae. This larvae as was mentioned above, begin to swing for looking a suitable substratum.

The suitable substratum is unlucky, so the larvae can looking for on different places, but this substratum must be adequate and to sure to it resources for food; another larvae have equal condition, so this situation go to repeat again.

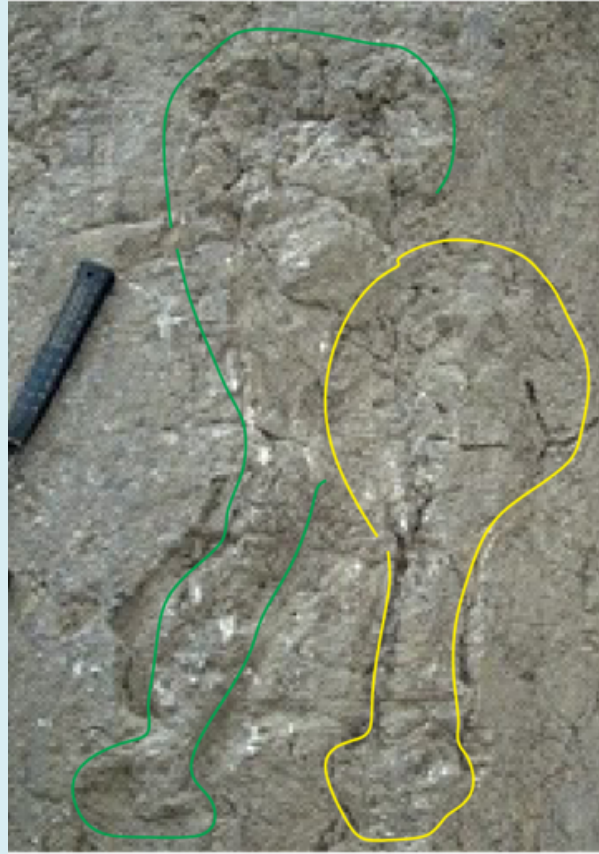
### Conclusion

This unlucky distribution is exitous because lets to most larvae settlement near every one and when this larvae growing in size and height built an area where develop a great superficies for catching prey, and the local movements of water with abundance of oxygen lets every larvae gaseous interchange.

When this larvae changed to adult, this distribution finish because all adults specimens are localized in the original places where were settled the respective larvae. From here the new distribution is ordinated because all individuals are closed from one to one and this type of distribution will repeat again when the larval stated begin again (Figure 3).



**Figure 2:** Ordinate distribution of sea anemone species.



**Figure 3:** Ordinate distribution of Rugosa. Both specimens are noted on green and yellow colour.

For this reason the sequences of this distribution could be:  
 Step larval (planulae larvae)-----unlucky  
 distribution  
 Adult (sea anemone/fossil coral)-----ordinated  
 distribution

Through of times both distribution are beneficous for species, so the evolution of each one is exitous and lets every one survival for a long time [3].

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