

## New Crustaceans of Japan: Part 2

It is estimated that more than 1600 species of Crustacea remain undescribed in Japanese waters (Fujikura *et al.*, 2010), and it is urgent to describe and name these undescribed species to fully document the diversity of marine fauna of our country. This volume is the second part in the Supplement of the Bulletin of the National Museum of Nature and Science, Series A (Zoology), devoting to publish papers describing new species of crustaceans from Japan. It is composed of eight papers by 12 authors, including descriptions of 12 new eumalacostracan species belonging to 10 genera (two new genera), eight families and four orders. Habitats of these new species are rather widespread from shallow to deep-waters, including environments such as submarine cave and seamount; a new species of gnathiid isopod is parasitic on elasmobranch fish in its larval stage. These reflect that active investigations by our colleagues are continuing in waters around our country, although many unknown species are still awaiting discovery. It is our hope to promote to publish new species quickly.

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