Nipterula

Nipterula FARINACCI, 1969

Description:

The description of the monotypic genus Nipterula is the same of the only species *N. sabina*. (See *Nipterula sabina* FARINACCI, 1969).

Remarks:

The new form, although recalling for its aspect the tintinnids, cannot be referred to them because of its very small size and apertural features. On the contrary, for these same characteristics it approaches the «Thecamoebians» and particularly the family Arcellidae. Only the carbonate nature of the test, which for its structure is probably secreted by the organism itself, remains problematic; this is opposed to the chitinous nature of recent «Thecamoebians» tests which at the most can agglutinate fragments of foreign material. Moreover, The Recent «Thecamoebians» live in fresh water.

Type species:

*Nipterula sabina* FARINACCI, 1969.

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