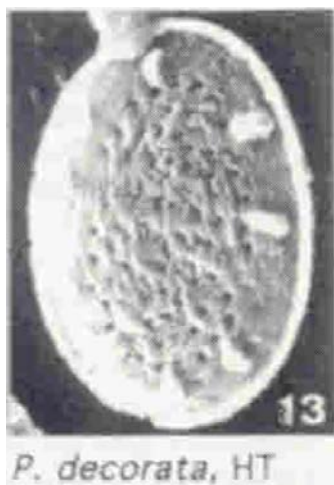


173. *Pontosphaera decorata* von Salis (1994)



Pl. 1, Fig. 13

Holotype: Pl.1, Fig.13. Negative No. 6/3412-5; deposited at the Museum of Natural History, Basel.

Locus typicus: Rio Gurabo, Dominican Republic.

Stratum typicum: NN 15 or below, Early Pliocene or older.

Diagnosis: Flat species of *Pontosphaera* with a narrow wall surrounding a distal area composed of \pm tangentially oriented laths pierced by very small holes/depressions. More than four small blocks about $1\mu\text{m}$ high are arranged around the central area pierced by the holes/depressions.

Remarks: No other flat species of *Pontosphaera* has small blocks arranged around the pierced part of the central area.

Range: Forms similar to *P. decorata* have not been reported from living or fossil assemblages so far. NN 15 or below.

von Salis, K., 1994. Some fossil "living coccolithophorid" species. *Journal of Nannoplankton Research*, **16(3)**: 109-114.