



Fig. 20. Geographical distributions of the Japanese species of *Pylopaguropsis*. 1, Sagami Bay; 2, Oh-shima Island; 3, Hachijyo-jima Island; 4, Ogasawara Islands; 5, Kii Peninsula; 6, off Tosa; 7, off Tosashimizu; 8, Tsushima Islands; 9, 10 East China Sea; 11, Okinawa-honto Island; 12, Kerama Group; 13, Kume-jima Island. *Pylopaguropsis zebra*: 1, 5, 6, 7, 8; *P. speciosa*: 5, 11, 13; *P. keiji*: 13; *P. fimbriata*, 12, 13; *P. laevispinosa*: 5, 11; *P. furusei*: 2, 3, 4; *P. granulata*: 13. 1, 8, 9, 10: data from Miyake (1978); 11: data from McLaughlin & Haig (1989).

Etymology.—The specific name is from the Latin *granulatus* reflecting the highly granular condition of right chela in this species.

Affinities.—In the morphological similarity of the right and left third pereopods, *Pylopaguropsis granulata* new species belongs to the *teevana* group. This new species differs from all the other members of the group in the following combination of characters: the shield is laterally expanded and its anterolateral margins are angular; the antennal acicles are unusually long, overreaching the corneas; the dorsal face of the palm of the right cheliped is extremely granular, sometimes tuberculate, and its mesial face is armed with a row of widely-spaced, very strong spines; dorsal faces of the propodi of the ambulatory legs each has a row of protuberances; the posterior lobes of the telson have nearly unarmed horizontal terminal margins. No other species of the group has such a combination of characters.

Distribution.—Known only from the type locality; 10 m.

Distribution

Among the Japanese species of *Pylopaguropsis*, *P. zebra* is the most widely distributed among the Japanese species, recorded from both the Pacific Ocean and the Sea of Japan, mainly from the warm temperate regions (Fig. 20). *Pylopaguropsis laevispinosa* is also found in the warm temperate Kii Peninsula but is also distributed in tropical Okinawa. Distribution of *P. furusei* at present is restricted to the Izu-Ogasawara Arc. The other four species, *P. keiji*, *P. fimbriata*, *P. speciosa*, and *P. granulata* are found in the coral reefs of Okinawa (Fig. 20).

Pylopaguropsis zebra is found in deeper waters (50–180 m), and *P. laevispinosa* is also recorded from moderately deep waters (50–80 m). Shallow water distributions are exhibited by *P. keiji*

(10–17 m), *P. fimbriata* (10–20 m), *P. granulata* (10 m) *P. furusei* (3–30 m) as well as *P. speciosa* (10–61 m).

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