

# Middle Miocene ostracods from the Fujina Formation, Shimane Prefecture, Southwest Japan and their paleoenvironmental significance

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**Abstract.** Thirty-five ostracod species belonging to 18 genera are recognized from the Middle Miocene Fujina Formation (ca. 14–12 Ma), 3 km southwest of Matsue City, Shimane Prefecture, Japan. Most of these species are part of the recent Japan Sea proper water fauna; they are also classified into 4 categories, circum-polar, cryophilic, endemic cool-temperate and temperate species. These ostracod assemblages indicate that the Fujina Formation was deposited under a cold-water environment. Ten new species, *Ambtonia shimanensis*, *A. takayasui*, *Acanthocythereis fujinaensis*, *A. izumoensis*, *Cluthia tamayuensis*, *C. subjaponica*, *Kotoracythere tsukagoshii*, *Laperousecythere ikeyai*, *Palmoconcha irizukii*, and *Robertsonites yatsukanus* are described.

**Key words:** Fujina Formation, Japan Sea proper water, Middle Miocene, ostracods, paleoenvironment

## Introduction

The Japan Sea developed as a result of back-arc spreading prior to 16 Ma and then further expanded by clockwise rotation of the southwestern part of the Japanese islands beginning 15 Ma (Otofuji and Matsuda, 1984). During this short period (ca. 16.5–15 Ma), a tropical to subtropical molluscan fauna, called the Kadonosawa Fauna, spread widely around the Japanese islands. At about 15 Ma, this Kadonosawa fauna was replaced by a cool to temperate molluscan fauna, the Shiobara-Yama type fauna in the Japan Sea region (Chinzei, 1986). According to Chinzei (1986), this drastic faunal change in molluscs was caused by the closure of the Tsushima Straits in the western portion of the Japan Sea. Based on studies of molluscan assemblages in the Middle Miocene of the San'in district along the Japan Sea, the shallow embayment facies (the Shiobara Fauna) appeared after the Omori period (ca. 14.5–15 Ma). During the Fujina period (ca. 14–12 Ma), the molluscan assemblages were accompanied by an off-shore facies (the Yama Fauna) and an increase in colder species of the Shiobara Fauna (Takayasu *et al.*, 1992).

Thus, it is thought that the Fujina Formation was deposited under a cold-water environment which resulted from the closure of the Tsushima Straits. However, the presence of warm-water cephalopod species (*Aturia* sp. and *Argonauta tokunagai*) in several horizons may suggest the influence of a warm-water current (Sakumoto *et al.*, 1996).

Because benthic ostracods do not have a pelagic life stage, they can be easily isolated by environmental barriers. Although Miocene ostracod assemblages in Japan have been reported from several localities (Ishizaki, 1963, 1966; Yajima, 1988, 1992; Irizuki, 1994; Irizuki and Matsubara, 1994, 1995; Ishizaki *et al.*, 1996; Irizuki *et al.*, 1998), the one report from the marine sediments in the southwest of Japan only covered the early Middle Miocene Bihoku Group (Yajima, 1988). To describe the ostracod assemblages in the Fujina Formation, therefore, it is very important to consider marine paleoenvironments of the Japan Sea coast and to examine their paleoenvironmental significance.

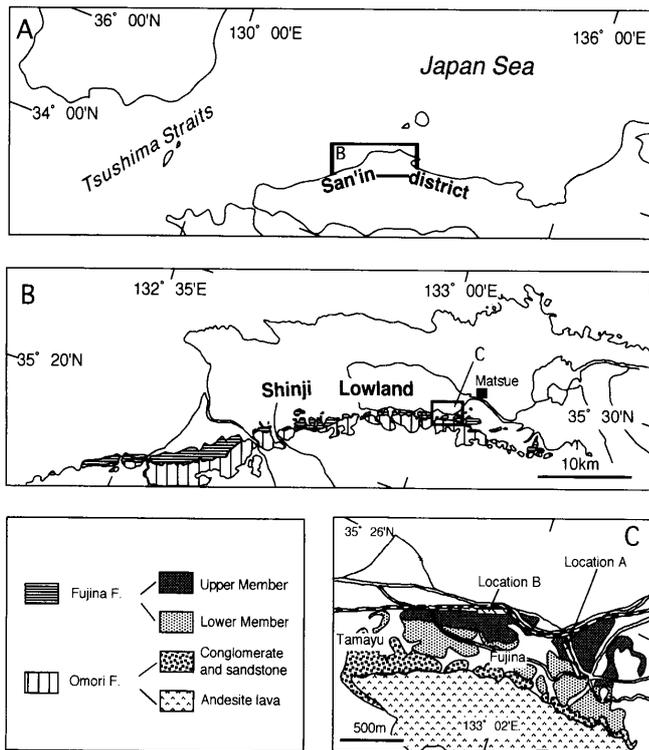


Figure 1. Map of the study area.

### Geological setting of Fujina Formation

The Fujina Formation was named by Tomita and Sakai (1937), then redefined by Ogasawara and Nomura (1980) and Takayasu and Nakamura (1984). This formation covers over 50 km, striking approximately EW to NE-SW and dipping about 10°N along the southern part of the Shinji Lowland (Figure 1). It is about 500 m in maximum thickness and conformably overlies the Omori Formation, which is composed of andesite lava in the lower part and shallow marine andesitic conglomerate and sandstone in the upper part (Kano *et al.*, 1994). The Fujina Formation near the type locality (this study area) is divided into the Lower and Upper Members by lithology. The Lower Member is composed of alternating layers of massive, gray, very fine-grained sandstone (0.5–5 m in thickness) containing calcareous nodules, and massive, dark gray siltstone (0.5–1 m in thickness). The sediments of the uppermost part of this member are made of a medium-grained sandstone (0.5 m in thickness) containing pebbles. The Upper Member is mainly composed of a massive, dark gray siltstone which is intercalated with felsic tuff layers (2 m in thickness), calcareous nodule beds, and “*Modiolus*” beds (0.3 m in thickness) in the uppermost part. Many marine molluscs, vertebrates (e.g., *Desmostylus japonicus* and *Carcharodon megalodon*) and decapods occur in all of the Fujina Formation (Kano *et al.*, 1994). Based on the planktonic

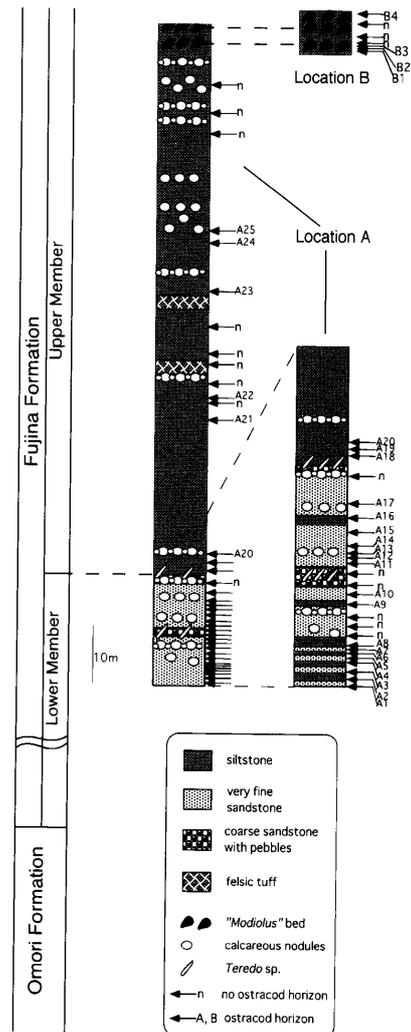


Figure 2. Columnar sections of the Fujina Formation.

foraminifers, the Upper Member of the Fujina Formation is assigned to N.10–11 of Blow's zones (14.6/14.8–12.4 Ma) (Nomura and Maiya, 1984).

### Materials and methods

Fossiliferous sediment samples used in this study were collected from the upper part of the Lower Member to the Upper Member of the Fujina Formation at two locations (Figure 2). Each of the dried sediment samples (80 g) of a total of 46 collected were disaggregated, making use of naphtha for rock maceration (Maiya and Inoue, 1973), washing through a 235 mesh (63  $\mu$ m) sieve, and drying again. This procedure was repeated until the whole sediment sample was disintegrated. A fraction coarser than 120 mesh (125  $\mu$ m) sieve was sieved and all the ostracod specimens present were picked.

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- <i>Acanthocythereis tsurugasakensis</i> Tabuki, 1986												2									2					8	5		1	
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-- <i>Palmenella limicola</i> (Norman, 1865)	1						1				1			2	3	1	1	2	1											
++ <i>Palmoconcha irizukii</i> sp. nov.	2										8				1	39	31	31	33	6	52					1				
<i>Robertsonites japonicus</i> (Ishizaki, 1966)	7	1			2			2			6					2														
- <i>Robertsonites reticuliformis</i> (Ishizaki, 1966)								3			3			2	12			7	1	7	3	1								
-- <i>Robertsonites</i> cf. <i>tuberculatus</i> (Sars, 1866)																													2	
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<i>Urocythereis pohangensis</i> Huh and Whatley, 1997	29										10	5	6	11	22	9	5	8	7	5			3							
No. of specimens	160	1	1	2	11	5	12	21	1	9	134	16	22	52	248	125	121	146	55	141	1	2	11	1	1	49	15	22	30	
No. of species	9	1	1	1	4	1	4	5	1	3	16	3	6	8	14	14	9	15	10	12	1	1	4	1	1	7	5	5	7	
Weight of Sediments (g)	1520	80	80	80	960	880	1440	1680	80	800	1120	320	320	1040	1680	1440	1440	1120	1040	1040	80	80	240	80	80	2240	1440	1680	1760	

Figure 3. List of ostracod species from the Fujina Formation (– –: circumpolar species; –: cryophilic species; +: endemic cool-temperate species; ++: temperate species).

### Characteristic ostracods from Fujina Formation

Thirty-five species in 18 genera of ostracods were identified from 29 samples (25 samples from Location A and 4 samples from Location B); (Figure 3). Ostracods from the Fujina Formation can be divided into four different temperature-related categories: 1) circumpolar, 2) cryophilic, 3) endemic cool-temperate and 4) temperate species. Cronin and Ikeya (1987) recognized 26 circumpolar and 21 cryophilic species from several Plio-Pleistocene formations of Japan. They referred to ostracods known from Recent and/or Cenozoic deposits of the North Atlantic and adjacent arctic seas as “circumpolar species”, and species that typically occur with circumpolar species in Japanese deposits (in most cases being members of high-latitude genera) as “cryophilic species”. Irizuki (1994) selected 13 circumpolar, 9 cryophilic and 4 endemic cold-water species from the Late Miocene Fujikotogawa Formation, Akita Prefecture, northern Japan. Irizuki and Matsubara (1995) described 5 circumpolar and 8 cryophilic species from the early Middle Miocene Suenomatsuyama Formation, Iwate Prefecture, northeastern Japan. They pointed out that

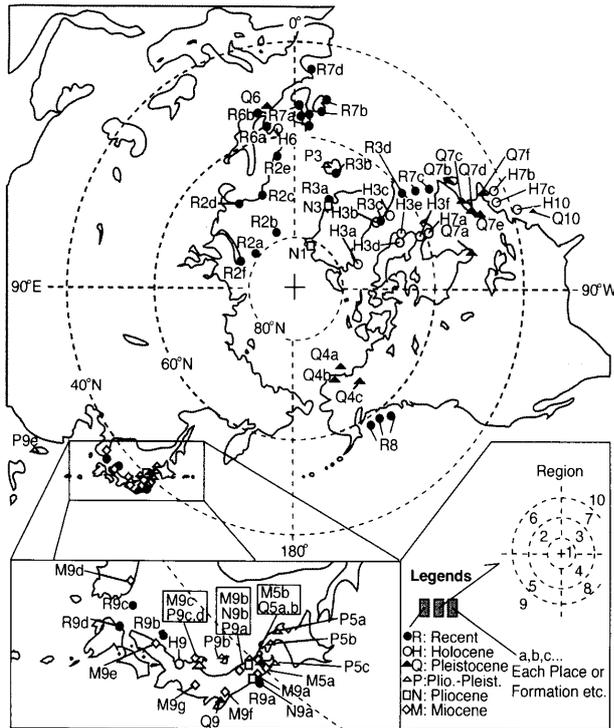
circumpolar and cryophilic species preferred living in colder water than other species even during the Miocene. They also recognized 13 temperate species that preferred warmer waters than those mentioned as circumpolar and cryophilic indicators. The following 4 categories concern their (paleo) biogeographic distributions in the northern hemisphere and the relative water temperatures during deposition of the Fujina Formation.

#### 1. Circumpolar species (4 species)

These species were widely distributed from middle- to high-latitude regions in the Miocene (Figure 4; regions 1–10), and dominate the upper horizons of the Fujina Formation. *Acanthocythereis dunelmensis* (Norman), *Munseyella hatatatensis* Ishizaki, *Palmenella limicola* (Norman) and *Robertsonites tuberculatus* (Sars).

#### 2. Cryophilic species (2 species)

Since the Miocene, these species have been distributed around the Japanese islands (Figure 4; regions 5 and 9), and are prominent in the upper horizons of the Fujina Formation with the circumpolar species. *Acanthocythereis tsurugasakensis* Tabuki and *Robertsonites reticuliformis*



**Figure 4.** Geographic and stratigraphic distributions of characteristic species of the Fujina Formation. **R** [2a-e: Barents Sea (a-e: Elofson, 1941; b: Hartmann, 1992, 1993; c: Freiwald and Mostafawi, 1998); 2f: Russian Harbour (Neale and Howe, 1975); 3a, b: Greenland Sea (Elofson, 1941); 3c: Baffin Bay (Elofson, 1941); 3d: Labrador Sea (Hulings, 1967); 6a: North Sea (Elofson, 1941; McKenzie *et al.*, 1989); 6b: Baltic Sea (Elofson, 1941; Rosenfeld, 1977); 7a: England (Elofson, 1941); 7b: Ireland (Elofson, 1941); 7c: Labrador Sea (Hulings, 1967); 7d: Bay of Biscay (Caralp *et al.*, 1967; Caralp *et al.*, 1968); 8: Gulf of Alaska (Brouwers, 1988, 1990); 9a: Sendai Bay (Ikeya and Itoh, 1991); 9b: off Shimane (Ikeya and Suzuki, 1992); 9c: Ulleung Basin (Cheong *et al.*, 1986); 9d: Fukuoka (Hanai, 1957a)]. **H** [3a-c: Baffin Bay (Neale and Howe, 1975); 3d-f: Baffin Island (Neale and Howe, 1975); 6: Sandnes Clay (Lord, 1980); 7a: Labrador Sea (Neale and Howe, 1975); 7b, c: off Nova Scotia (Neale and Howe, 1975); 9: Takahama shell bed (Kamiya and Nakagawa, 1993); 10: off New York (Neale and Howe, 1975)]. **Q** [4a: Prudhoe Bay Boreholes (McDougall, Brouwers and Smith, 1986); 4b, c: Gubik F. (Swain, 1961, 1963); 5a: Wakimoto F. (Cronin and Ikeya, 1987); 5b: Sasaoka F. (Cronin and Ikeya, 1987); 6: Esbjerg deposit (Bassiouni, 1965); 7a: Tyrrel Sea F. (Cronin, 1989); 7b, c: East Goldthwait Sea F. (Cronin, 1989); 7d, e: St. Lawrence Lowland (Cronin, 1981); 9: Shimosa G. (Yajima, 1982; Yajima and Lord, 1990; Ozawa *et al.*, 1995); 10: off New York (Neale and Howe, 1975)]. **P** [3: Tjornes Beds (Cronin, 1991); 5a: Setana F. (Cronin and Ikeya, 1987); 5b: Tomikawa F. (Cronin and Ikeya, 1987); 5c: Daishaka F. (Tabuki, 1986); 9a: Kitaura F. (Cronin and Ikeya, 1987); 9b: Sawane F. (Cronin and Ikeya, 1987); 9c: Junicho F. (Cronin and Ikeya, 1987); 9d: Omma F. (Cronin and Ikeya, 1987; Kamiya *et al.*, 1996); 9e: Ssukou F. (Malz, 1982)]. **N** [1: Kap Kobenhavn F. (Brouwers *et al.*, 1991; Penney, 1993); 3: Lodin Elv F. (Penney, 1993); 9a: Tatsunokuchi F. (Ishizaki, 1966); 9b: Tentokuji F. (Irizuki, 1996)]. **M** [5a: Kadonosawa F. (Irizuki and Matsubara, 1994); 5b: Kamikoani F. (Yajima, 1988); 9a: Hatatate F. (Ishizaki, 1966); 9b: Fujikotogawa F. (Irizuki, 1994); 9c: Togi Mud F. (Yajima, 1988); 9d: Yeonil G. (Huh and Paik, 1992a,b; Huh and Whatley, 1997); 9e: Fujina F. (This study); 9f: Kobana F. (Irizuki *et al.*, 1998); 9g: Shukunohora Sandstone (Yajima, 1988)].

(Ishizaki).

### 3. Endemic cool-temperate species (3 species)

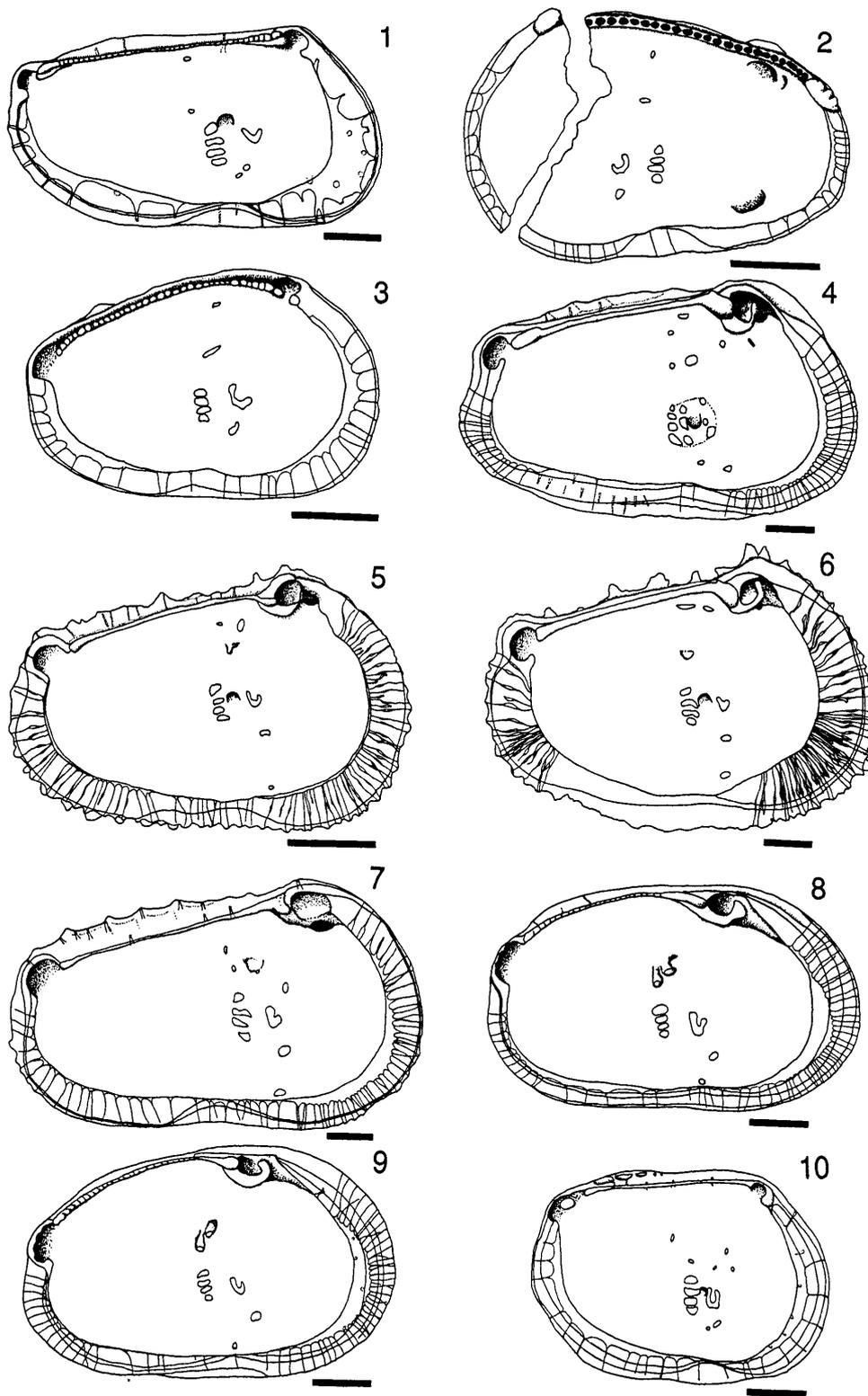
These species are mainly distributed around the Japan Sea area from the Miocene to the Recent (Figure 4; regions 5 and 9), and occur throughout the Fujina Formation. *Callistocythere japonica uranipponica* Hanai, *C. kyongjuensis* Huh and Whatley and *Paijenborchella cf. tsurugasakensis* Tabuki. *C. japonica uranipponica* was recognized by Hanai (1957a) as a subspecies of *C. japonica*, and is restricted along the Japan Sea coast and the Pacific side of northern Japan after the Miocene. *C. kyongjuensis* was reported with some cold-water species in the Early Miocene Chunbuk Conglomerate Formation of Korea (Huh and Paik, 1992a,b). *P. tsurugasakensis* occurs in the Omma Formation (Late Pliocene to Early Pleistocene) with many warm- and a few cold-water species (Ozawa, 1996).

### 4. Temperate species (5 species, including 3 new species)

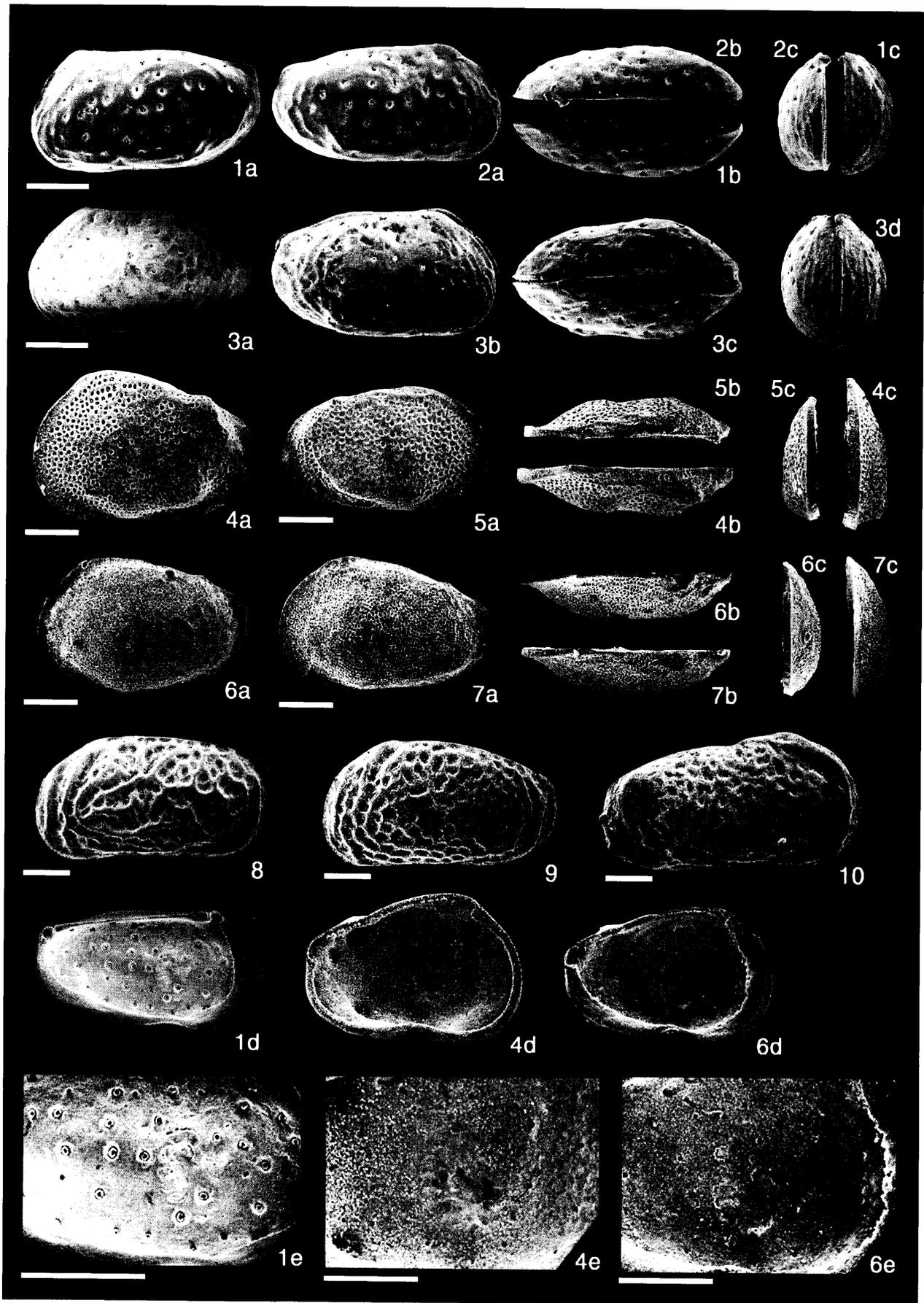
These have been distributed around the Japanese islands since the Miocene (Figure 4; regions 5 and 9), and dominate into the Lower Member to the lowermost part of the Upper Member of the Fujina Formation. *Acanthocythereis koreana* Huh and Whatley, *A. takayasui* Tanaka sp. nov., *Falsobuntonia taiwanica* Malz and *Kotoracythere tsukagoshii* Tanaka sp. nov. and *Palmoconcha irizukii* Tanaka sp. nov. *A. koreana* was first reported with cold-water species in the Early Miocene Chunbuk Conglomerate Formation of Korea (Huh and Paik, 1992a, b). *A. takayasui* has been reported in the Early Miocene from Mizunami, central Japan with some warm- and shallow-water species (as *F. taiwanica*; Yajima, 1988, pl. 1, fig. 7), but this species occurred with some colder species in the Early Miocene of Korea (as *A. obai*; Huh and Paik, 1992a, pl. 2, fig. 14, and *F. taiwanica*; Huh and Paik, 1992b, pl. 2, fig. 14). *F. taiwanica*, *P. irizukii* and *K. tsukagoshii* occurs in horizons deposited under warm-water conditions of the Early-Middle Miocene Kadonosawa Formation, Iwate Prefecture, northeastern Japan (as *K. sp.*; Irizuki and Matsubara, 1994, pl. 1, fig. 3). *K. tsukagoshii* also occurs in the Omma Formation (Late Pliocene to Early Pleistocene) (as *Pectocythere quadrangulata*; Ozawa, 1996, pl. 8, fig. 2). Thus, it is probable that these temperate species adapted to colder environments during the Miocene in the Japan Sea area.

### Discussion and conclusion

According to Ikeya and Cronin (1993), the Recent Japan Sea proper water is characterized by the ostracod species *A. dunelmensis*, *Elofsonella concinna*, *P. limicola*, *Robertsonites*, *Cluthia* and *Rabilimis*, and these species suggest cold-water isotherms along the upper slope at depths of



**Figure 5.** Internal views of each species. **1:** *Kotoracythere tsukagoshii* Tanaka sp. nov., female, LV, paratype, Loc. 1-A15, SUM-CO-1211; **2:** *Cluthia tamayuensis* Tanaka sp. nov., female, RV, paratype, Loc. 1-A1, SUM-CO-1217; **3:** *Cluthia subjaponica* Tanaka sp. nov., female, LV, paratype, Loc. 1-A15, SUM-CO-1220; **4:** *Laperousecythere ikeyai* Tanaka sp. nov., male, LV, paratype, Loc. 1-A11, SUM-CO-1229; **5:** *Acanthocythereis fujinaensis* Tanaka sp. nov., female, LV, paratype, Loc. 1-A11, SUM-CO-1234; **6:** *Acanthocythereis izumoensis* Tanaka sp. nov., female, LV, paratype, Loc. 1-A17, SUM-CO-1239; **7:** *Robertsonites yatsukanus* Tanaka sp. nov., male, LV, paratype, Loc. 2-B1, SUM-CO-1249; **8:** *Ambtonia shimanensis* Tanaka sp. nov., LV, paratype, Loc. 1-A19, SUM-CO-1252; **9:** *Ambtonia takayasui* Tanaka sp. nov., female, LV, paratype, Loc. 1-A15, SUM-CO-1256; **10:** *Palmoconcha irizukii* Tanaka sp. nov., female, LV, paratype, Loc. 1-A15, SUM-CO-1261. Scale bar is 0.10 mm.



100–300 m. These assemblages resemble the Middle Miocene assemblage from the uppermost part of the Lower Member to the Upper Member of the Fujina Formation. Sakumoto *et al.* (1996) reported some cephalopod species that indicate that the paleo-Tsushima warm-water current flowed in the Proto-Japan Sea. Warmer conditions are indicated by the absence of cool-water ostracodes in part of this formation and the presence of prominent circumpolar and cryophilic species towards the upper horizons of the Fujina Formation, so we think that the Fujina Formation gradually became colder and colder towards the upper horizon, and that the warm-water current did not influence the benthic ostracods. Similar results have also been recognized from the benthic molluscan assemblages (Ogasawara and Nomura, 1980; Takayasu, 1986). Hence, it is concluded that during the early Middle Miocene period, temperate Pacific-side species invaded the coastal and offshore seafloor of the Japan Sea, and afterwards, with the change in marine climate and regional tectonic events, some taxa became isolated in embayments and offshore areas and adapted to cooler conditions.

### Systematic descriptions

(by G. Tanaka)

All the illustrated specimens are deposited in the collections of the Shizuoka University Museum (SUM-CO-Number). Type locality of all new species is indicated by the index number: Loc. 1 or 2-horizon number; (Loc. 1: 35° 25.5'N, 133° 02.3'E; Loc. 2: 35° 25.6'N, 133° 01.4'E). Morphological terms follow the usage of Hanai (1961), Scott (1961) and Athersuch *et al.* (1989). The following abbreviations are used in this paper: C, carapace; RV, right valve; LV, left valve; L, length of valve; H, height of valve.

Order Podocopida Sars, 1866  
 Superfamily Cytheroidea Baird, 1850  
 Family Eucytheridae Puri, 1954  
 Subfamily Pectocytherinae Hanai, 1957  
 Genus *Kotoracythere* Ishizaki, 1966

#### *Kotoracythere tsukagoshii* Tanaka sp. nov.

Figures 5.1, 6.1–6.3

*Kotoracythere* sp. Irizuki and Matsubara, 1994, pl. 1, fig. 3.

*Pectocythere quadangulata* Hanai, Ozawa, 1996, pl. 8, fig. 2.

*Etymology.*—In honor of A. Tsukagoshi (Shizuoka University, Japan) a specialist in ostracod systematics.

*Types.*—Holotype, LV of male, SUM-CO-1208 (L = 0.66 mm, H = 0.32 mm). Paratypes, RV of male, SUM-CO-1209 (L = 0.67 mm, H = 0.32 mm); C of female, SUM-CO-1210 (L = 0.64 mm, H = 0.33 mm); LV of female, SUM-CO-1211 (L = 0.64 mm, H = 0.32 mm).

*Type locality.*—Loc. 1–A15.

*Diagnosis.*—Valve oblong box-shaped. Surface ornamented by scattered deep pits and very weak reticulations. Vestibule widely developed along anteroventral margin. Radial pore canals few. Anterior and posterior teeth of median element composed of upper and lower elements respectively.

*Description.*—Valve oblong box-shaped in lateral view. Anterior margin evenly rounded with infracurvature; dorsal margin straight, sloping gently toward posterior; posterior margin truncated dorsally and rounded ventrally; ventral margin nearly straight. Large sexual dimorphism; in lateral view, male forms more elongate; in dorsal view, female forms having inflated carapace in the posteroventral area. Eye spot not observed. Surface ornamented by scattered deep pits, which are the openings of normal pore canals, and very weak reticulation. In dorsal view, carapace is elongate ovate, widest in the posteromedian area, but compressed in the median area in female forms. In anterior view, carapace subovate, broadest at point near mid-height. Marginal zone broad anteriorly, vestibula widely developed in the anteroventral area and narrowly in the posteroventral area. Marginal pore canals few, 7 in anterior. 5 in posterior. Selvage well developed. Hinge pentodont: In LV, anterior and posterior elements are interiorly opened sockets respectively; median element is a crenulate bar with teeth at anterior and posterior terminations which are composed of upper and lower elements respectively. One V-shaped frontal scar. Four elliptical adductor scars are in a vertical row, the middle two are narrow. Two small elliptical mandibular scars. Two dorsal scars (one elliptical, dorsomedial; one elliptical, mid-dorsal). Prominent fulcral point.

*Remarks.*—This species differs from *K.* sp. widely reported from Plio-Pleistocene formations of north and central Japan (Ishizaki and Matoba, 1985; Tabuki, 1986; Cronin and Ikeya, 1987; Ozawa, 1996), in its very weak reticulation. The present species is distinguished from *Pectocythere tsiuensis* Brouwers, 1990 from the Quaternary

◀ **Figure 6.** 1–3, *Kotoracythere tsukagoshii* Tanaka sp. nov. 1a–e: male LV, holotype, Loc. 1–A15, SUM-CO-1208; 2a–c: male RV, Loc. 1–A15, SUM-CO-1209; 3a–d: female carapace, Loc. 1–A15, SUM-CO-1210. 4–5, *Cluthia tamayuensis* Tanaka sp. nov. 4a–e: female LV, holotype, Loc. 1–A16, SUM-CO-1215; 5a–c: male RV, paratype, Loc. 1–A15, SUM-CO-1216. 6–7, *Cluthia subjaponica* Tanaka sp. nov. 6a–e: female LV, holotype, Loc. 1–A16, SUM-CO-1218; 7a–c: male LV, paratype, Loc. 1–A15, SUM-CO-1219. 8: *Callistocythere japonica uranipponica* Hanai, 1957, male LV, Loc. 1–A16, SUM-CO-1213. 9: *Callistocythere kyongjuensis* Huh and Whatley, 1997, male LV, Loc. 1–A15, SUM-CO-1214. 10: *Munseyella hatatensis* Ishizaki, 1966, male RV, Loc. 2–B3, SUM-CO-1212. Scale bar is 0.10 mm.

sediments of the Gulf of Alaska, North America, in its very weak reticulation and the outline of the anterior margin.

*Occurrences.*—Early to Middle Miocene and Pleistocene sediments, Honshu, Japan (M5a, M9e and P9d; see Figure 4).

Genus *Munseyella* van den Bold, 1957

*Munseyella hatatatensis* Ishizaki, 1966

Figure 6.10

*Munseyella hatatatensis* Ishizaki, 1966, p. 153, pl. 19, fig. 2; Cronin and Ikeya, 1987, p. 76, pl. 3, fig. 16; Ikeya and Itoh, 1991, fig. 19A; Huh and Paik, 1992b, pl. 3, fig. 9; Irizuki, 1994, p. 8, pl. 1, fig. 2; Kamiya *et al.*, 1996, pl. 2, fig. 3; Ozawa, 1996, pl. 7, fig. 2.

*Munseyella mananensis* Hazel and Valentine, 1969, p. 749–751, pl. 97, figs. 19–24, pl. 98, figs. 1, 3, 4, 11, 12, text-figs. 4a, b, 5a, e, g; Cronin, 1989, pl. 2, fig. 8.

*Remarks.*—Cronin and Ikeya (1987) thought that *M. hatatatensis* was conspecific with *M. mananensis* Hazel and Valentine, 1969. Based on carapace morphology and geographical distribution, I have followed their opinion.

*Occurrences.*—Miocene to Recent sediments of North Atlantic, Japan and Korea (H3a–c, P5a, b, Q5b, Q7a, b, H7a–c, M9a, b, d, e, P9c, d, R9a, Q10, H10; see Figure 4).

Family Leptocytheridae Hanai, 1957

Genus *Callistocythere* Ruggieri, 1953

*Callistocythere japonica uranipponica* Hanai, 1957

Figure 6.8

*Callistocythere japonica uranipponica* Hanai, 1957a, p. 457–459, pl. 9, figs. 3a–c; Ishizaki and Matoba, 1985, pl. 2, fig. 8; Kamiya and Nakagawa, 1993, pl. 2, fig. 1.

*Callistocythere cf. japonica uranipponica* Hanai. Ishizaki, 1966, p. 147, pl. 16, fig. 13.

*Remarks.*—*C. japonica uranipponica* was recognized by Hanai (1957a) as a subspecies of *C. japonica*. *C. japonica uranipponica* is distinguished from *C. japonica* in having a more narrowly rounded posteroventral margin.

*Occurrences.*—Miocene to Recent sediments along the Japan Sea and the north Pacific areas of Japan (Q5b, M9e, N9a, H9, R9d; see Figure 4).

*Callistocythere kyongjuensis* Huh and Whatley, 1997

Figure 6.9

*Callistocythere kyongjuensis* Huh and Whatley, 1997, p. 32, 34, pl. 1, figs. 1–6.

*Callistocythere* sp. A Huh and Paik, 1992b, pl. 3, fig. 11.

*Remarks.*—This is the first reporting of *C. kyongjuensis* from Japan.

*Occurrences.*—Miocene sediments of the south Japan Sea side areas (M9d, e; see Figure 4).

Genus *Cluthia* Neale, 1973

*Cluthia tamayuensis* Tanaka sp. nov.

Figures 5.2, 6.4, 6.5

*Etymology.*—For the type locality in the town of Tamayu.

*Types.*—Holotype, LV, SUM-CO-1215 (L = 0.41 mm, H = 0.26 mm). Paratypes, RV of male, SUM-CO-1216 (L = 0.39 mm, H = 0.24 mm); RV of female, SUM-CO-1217 (L = 0.41 mm, H = 0.24 mm).

*Type locality.*—Loc. 1–A16.

*Diagnosis.*—alve subreniform. Anterior margin evenly rounded. Surface densely pitted with small, deep, polygonal pits. A mid-ventral carinal ridge runs toward the mid-posterior area. Radial pore canals (10 anteriorly; 10 posteriorly). Significant sexual dimorphism.

*Description.*—Valve subreniform in lateral view. Anterior margin evenly rounded; dorsal margin straight, sloping toward posterior; posterior margin straight (LV), truncate (RV); ventral margin concave. Large sexual dimorphism; in lateral view, male forms more elongate; in dorsal view, female forms inflated laterally. Eye spot not observed. Surface densely pitted with small, deep, polygonal pits. A carinal ridge occupies the mid-ventral area, runs toward the mid-posterior area. One tubercle developed in the posterodorsal area. In dorsal view, carapace appears compressed and subhexagonal; lateral outline sinuate, anterior end more pointed than posterior. In anterior view, carapace subpentagonal, broadest at the carinal ridge; anterior marginal rim strong. Marginal zone narrow, with narrow anterior and posterior vestibula. Marginal pore canals are straight and number 10 anteriorly; 12 ventrally; 10 posteriorly. Selvage well developed. Hinge entomodont: In RV, anterior element is an elliptical tooth; a crenulated median socket lies just below the smooth bar; posterior element is a well-developed toothplate. One very large U-shaped frontal scar. Four adductor scars in a vertical row (the uppermost and lowermost are semicircular, the middle two are elliptical). One semicircular mandibular scar. Two dorsal scars (one elongate dorsomedial; one semicircular mid-dorsal).

*Remarks.*—his species differs from *C. japonica* Tabuki, 1986 from the Plio-Pleistocene Daishaka Formation, northern Japan, in its posterior outline, deep polygonal pits and the carinal ridge toward mid-posterior. The present spe-

cies is distinguished from *C. ishizakii* Zhao, 1988 (MS) from the Late Pleistocene and Holocene drilling cores of the Okinawa Trough, East China Sea (in Ruan and Hao, 1988), in its lateral outline and deep polygonal pits.

*Occurrence*.—Only from the Fujina Formation (M9e; see Figure 4).

*Cluthia subjaponica* Tanaka sp. nov.

Figures 5.3, 6.6, 6.7

*Etymology*.—For its close resemblance with *Cluthia japonica* Tabuki.

*Types*.—olotype, LV of female, SUM-CO-1218 (L = 0.40 mm, H = 0.24 mm). Paratypes, LV of male, SUM-CO-1219 (L = 0.40 mm, H = 0.23mm); LV of female, SUM-CO-1220 (L = 0.40 mm, H = 0.24 mm).

*Type locality*.—Loc. 1-A16.

*Diagnosis*.—Valve subreniform. Anterior margin evenly rounded. Surface densely pitted with small, deep, round pits. Radial pore canals (23 anteriorly; 16 posteriorly). Prominent fulcral point. Sexual dimorphism weak.

*Description*.—Valve subreniform in lateral view. Anterior margin evenly rounded; dorsal margin straight, sloping toward posterior; posterior margin straight; ventral margin nearly straight to slightly convex. Sexual dimorphism weak. Eye spot not observed. Surface densely pitted with small, deep, round pits. One tubercle developed in the posterodorsal area. In dorsal view, lateral outline nearly straight; anterior end more pointed than posterior. In anterior view, LV arched, broadest at point near mid-height; anterior marginal rim strong. Marginal zone relatively broad, with narrow anterior and posterior vestibula. Marginal pore canals are straight, numbering 23 in anterior, 5 in ventral, 16 in posterior. Selvage well developed. Hinge entomodont: in LV, anterior and posterior elements are elongate sockets connected by a containant respectively; a crenulated median bar lies just below the containant. One very large U-shaped frontal scar. Four adductor scars in a vertical row (the uppermost one is semi-circular, the lower three are elliptical). One circle mandibular scar. One elliptical dorsal scar mid-dorsally. Prominent fulcral point.

*Remarks*.—This species differs from *C. japonica* Tabuki, 1986 from the Plio-Pleistocene Daishaka Formation, the north Japan, in its lateral outline, small round pits and lack of tubercles in the posterodorsal and posteroventral areas.

*Occurrence*.—Only from the Fujina Formation (M9e; see Figure 4).

Subfamily Schizocytherinae Mandelstam, 1960

Tribe Paijenborchellini Deroo, 1966

Genus *Paijenborchella* Kingma, 1948

*Paijenborchella* cf. *tsurugasakensis* Tabuki, 1986

Figure 7.1, 7.2

*Paijenborchella tsurugasakensis* Tabuki, 1986, p.65–67, pl. 2, figs. 12–19, text-fig. 18–3; Kamiya *et al.*, 1996, pl. 3, fig. 3; Ozawa, 1996, pl. 7, fig. 8.

*Remarks*.—This species was first described from the Plio-Pleistocene Daishaka Formation, the north Japan by Tabuki (1986). Specimens from the Fujina Formation differ slightly from the type specimen, in the shape of posteroventral area.

*Occurrence*.—Miocene to Pleistocene sediments of Japan Sea side areas and northern Honshu, Japan (P5c, M9e and P9d; see Figure 4).

Genus *Palmenella* Hirschmann, 1916

*Palmenella limicola* (Norman, 1865)

Figure 7.3

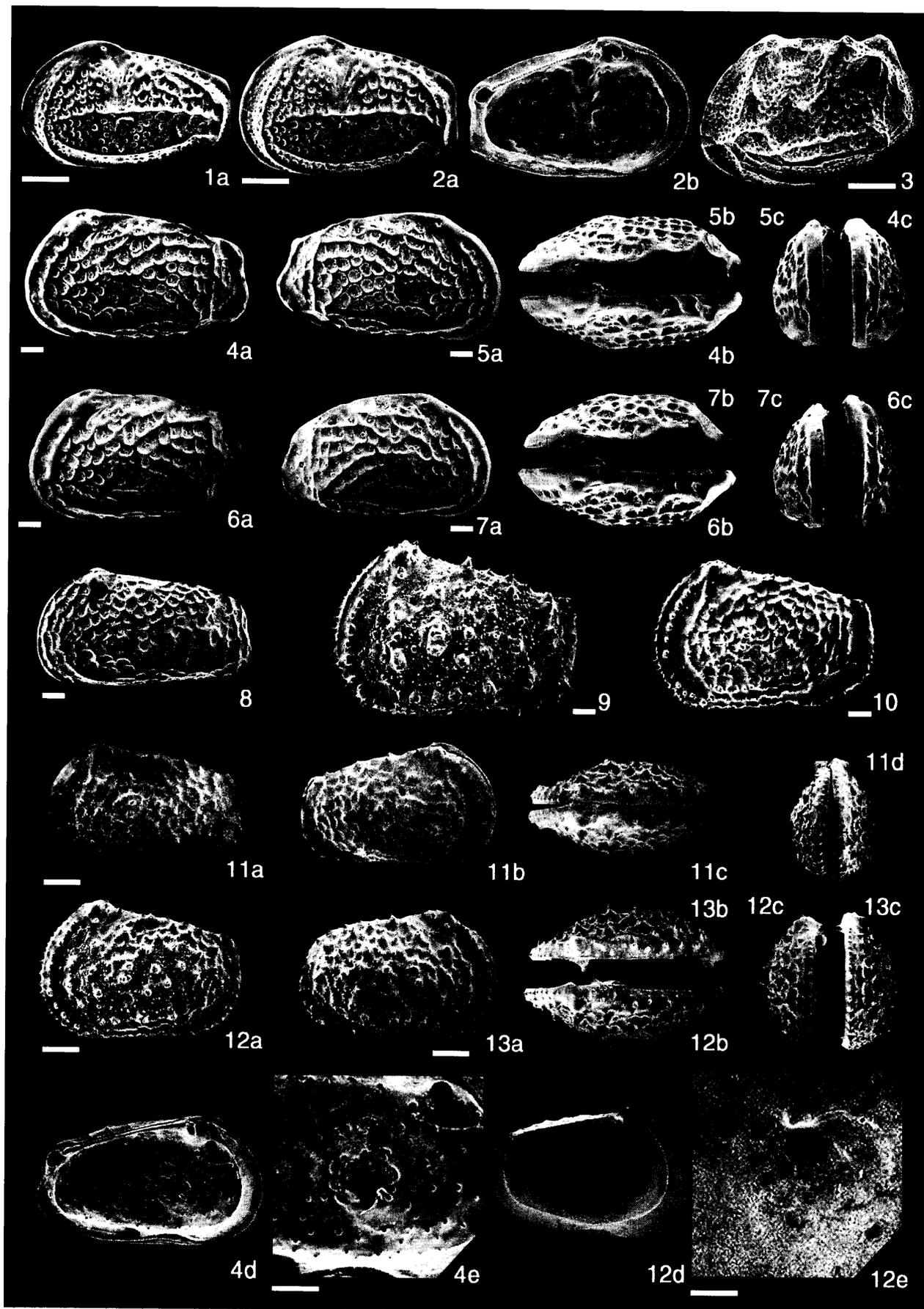
*Cythere limicola* Norman, 1865a, p. 193; Norman, 1865b, p. 20, pl. 6, figs. 1–4.

*Palmenella limicola* (Norman). Hirschmann, 1916, p. 582–594, text-figs.8–27; Elofson, 1941, p.277, 278, text-fig. 21; Triebel, 1949, p.189, 190, pl. 2, figs. 5, 6; Swain, 1963, p.830, 831, pl.99, figs. 3a–d, text-fig.9d; Ishizaki, 1966, p.156, pl.19, fig. 8; Hanai, 1970, p. 704, text-figs. 6B (solid line), 7G, H; Neale and Howe, 1975, pl. 5, figs. 7, 8; Rosenfeld, 1977, p. 15, 16, pl. 1, figs. 3–6; Lord, 1980, pl. 3, fig. 6; Cronin, 1981, p. 412, pl. 11, figs. 1, 2, 4; Cheong *et al.*, 1986, pl. 2, fig. 1; McDougall *et al.*, 1986, pl. 13, fig. 8; Cronin and Ikeya, 1987, p. 86, pl. 2, fig. 17; Brouwers, 1988, figs. 5, 6; Yajima, 1988, pl. 2, fig. 8; Athersuch *et al.*, 1989, p. 82, 83, pl. 1 (2), fig. 28; Brouwers, 1990, pl. 1, fig. 15, pl. 4, figs. 9, 12, 17, pl. 6, fig. 1; Brouwers *et al.*, 1991, pl. 1, fig. 7; Cronin, 1991, fig. 7–11; Huh and Paik, 1992a, pl. 1, fig. 10; Huh and Paik, 1992b, pl. 1, fig. 10; Hartmann, 1993, p.241, pl. 1, figs. 2–4; Irizuki, 1994, p. 8, pl. 1, fig. 4; Irizuki and Matsubara, 1994, pl. 1, fig. 7; Ozawa *et al.*, 1995, pl. 1, fig. 4; Kamiya *et al.*, 1996, pl. 2, fig. 1; Ozawa, 1996, pl. 7, fig. 9; Irizuki *et al.*, 1998, fig. 5–8; Freiwald and Mostafawi, 1998, pl. 59, fig. 4; (not) Wagner, 1970, pl. 4, fig. 14.

*Kyphocythere limnicola* (Norman). Swain, 1961, fig. 2–20.

*Palmenella* sp. Hanai, 1961, p. 369, text-fig.11, figs. 4a, b.

*Occurrences*.—Miocene to Recent sediments of high-latitude areas (N1, P1a, b, Q1a, b, R2a–e, P3, R3a, c, Q4a, b, M5a, b, P5a, b, H6a, R6a, b, R7a, b, R8, M9b–f, P9d, Q9, R9c; see Figure 4).



Family Hemicytheridae Puri, 1953  
 Subfamily Urocythereinae Hartmann and Puri, 1974  
 Genus *Urocythereis* Ruggieri, 1950

*Urocythereis pohangensis* Huh and Whatley, 1997

Figure 7.8

*Urocythereis pohangensis* Huh and Whatley, 1997, p. 36, 37, pl. 2, figs. 3–9.

*Urocythereis* sp. Huh and Paik, 1992a, pl. 1, figs. 17, 18; Huh and Paik, 1992b, pl. 1, figs. 17, 18.

*Remarks.*—This is the first report of *U. pohangensis* from Japan.

*Occurrences.*—Miocene sediments of the south Japan Sea side areas (M9d,e; see Figure 4).

Genus *Laperousecythere* Brouwers, 1993

*Laperousecythere ikeyai* Tanaka sp. nov.

Figures 5.4, 7.4–7.7

*Etymology.*—In honor of N. Ikeya (Shizuoka University, Japan), who is a specialist in the taxonomy and biogeography of the Cenozoic and Recent marine ostracods of the western Pacific region.

*Types.*—Holotype, LV of male, SUM-CO-1225 (L = 0.95 mm, H = 0.51 mm). Paratypes, RV of male, SUM-CO-1226 (L = 0.95 mm, H = 0.49 mm); LV of female, SUM-CO-227 (L = 0.92 mm, H = 0.55 mm); RV of female, SUM-CO-1228 (L = 0.89 mm, H = 0.49 mm); LV of male, SUM-CO-1229 (L = 0.91 mm, H = 0.52 mm).

*Type locality.*—Loc. 1–A15.

*Diagnosis.*—Valve subquadrate. Surface ornamented by polygonal reticulations and a carinal ridge runs nearly parallel to anterior and ventral margin. Vestibule narrow. Four circular/elliptical adductor scars, in three of these the ventral side is subdivided.

*Description.*—Valve subquadrate in lateral view. Anterior margin evenly rounded with infracurvature; dorsal margin straight, sloping gently toward posterior; posterior margin truncated and caudated ventrally; ventral margin nearly straight to slightly convex. Large sexual dimorphism; in lateral view, male forms more elongate; in dorsal

view, the carapaces of female forms are inflated posteroventrally. Eye spot large and flat. Surface ornamented by polygonal reticulations. A strong carinal ridge occurs at base of eye spot, runs nearly parallel to anterior and ventral margin, and ends at posteroventral area. A subcentral tubercle is developed. In dorsal view, lateral outline nearly straight; anterior end more pointed than posterior. On dorsal surface of carapace a V-shaped groove runs along hinge line (in vertical section). In anterior view, carapace subovate, broadest at point near mid-height. Marginal zone relatively broad, with narrow anterior and posterior vestibula. Marginal pore canals are straight and number 35 in anterior, 17 in posterior, and a few mid-ventrally. Selvage and list well developed. Hinge holamphidont: in LV, anterior element has an auxiliary tooth in a large elongate socket; anteromedian element is a smooth tooth, posteromedian element is a bar; posterior element is an elongate socket. Three frontal scars (the upper two are circular, the lowermost one is elliptical). Four circular/elliptical adductor scars; the three at ventral side are subdivided. A deep anteromedian depression between frontal and adductor scars, corresponding to the external subcentral tubercle. One elliptical mandibular scar. Six dorsal scars (two dorsomedially; two mid-dorsally; two anterodorsally); the uppermost one is semicircular, the others are circular/elliptical. Prominent fulcral point. One semicircular ventral scar is below and anterior to the mandibular scar. Ocular sinus conspicuous. *Remarks.*—This species differs from *L. robusta* (Tabuki, 1986) from the Plio-Pleistocene Daishaka Formation, northern Japan, in its slightly convex ventral margin, polygonal reticulation and lack of secondary reticulations. The present species is distinguished from *L. ishizakii* Irizuki and Matsubara, 1995 from the Early-Middle Miocene Suenomatsuyama Formation, northeast Japan, in its outline and possession of a strong carinal ridge.

*Occurrence.*—Only from the Fujina Formation (M9e; see Figure 4).

Family Trachyleberididae Sylvester-Bradley, 1948  
 Subfamily Trachyleberidinae Sylvester-Bradley, 1948  
 Tribe Trachyleberidini Sylvester-Bradley, 1948  
 Genus *Acanthocythereis* Howe, 1963

◀ **Figure 7.** 1–2, *Paijenborchella* cf. *tsurugasakensis* Tabuki, 1986. 1a: male LV, Loc. 1–A17, SUM-CO-1221; 2a, b: female LV, Loc. 1–A16, SUM-CO-1222; 3: *Palmenella limicola* (Norman, 1865), female LV, Loc. 1–A18, SUM-CO-1223. 4–7, *Laperousecythere ikeyai* Tanaka sp. nov. 4a–e: male LV, holotype, Loc. 1–A15, SUM-CO-1225; 5a–c: male RV, paratype, Loc. 1–A15, SUM-CO-1226; 6a–c: female LV, paratype, Loc. 1–A15, SUM-CO-1227; 7a–c: female RV, paratype, Loc. 1–A15, SUM-CO-1228. 8: *Urocythereis pohangensis* Huh and Whatley, 1997, male LV, Loc. 1–A15, SUM-CO-1224. 9: *Acanthocythereis dunelmensis* (Norman, 1865), female LV, Loc. 2–B4, SUM-CO-1230. 10: *Acanthocythereis koreana* Huh and Whatley, 1997, female LV, Loc. 1–A13, SUM-CO-1240. 11–13, *Acanthocythereis fujinaensis* Tanaka sp. nov. 11a–d: male C, holotype, Loc. 1–A13, SUM-CO-1231; 12a–e: female LV, paratype, Loc. 1–A11, SUM-CO-1232; 13a–c: female RV, paratype, Loc. 1–A11, SUM-CO-1233. Scale bar is 0.10 mm.

*Acanthocythereis dunelmensis* (Norman, 1865)

Figure 7.9

- Cythereis dunelmensis* Norman, 1865a, p. 193; Norman, 1865b, p. 22, pl. 7, figs. 1-4.
- Cythere dunelmensis* (Norman). Brady, 1868, p. 416, pl. 30, figs. 1-12.
- Cythereis dunelmensis* (Norman). Elofson, 1941, p. 296-300, figs. 8-11, text-figs. 29, 30; Elofson, 1943, p. 10; (not) Tressler, 1941, p. 100, pl. 19, fig. 21.
- Trachyleberis dunelmensis* (Norman). Hulings, 1967, p. 324, figs. 7, 8T, pl. 4, figs. 24, 25; Caralp *et al.*, 1967, pl. 13, fig. 1; Caralp *et al.*, 1968, pl. 10, fig. 1.
- Acanthocythereis dunelmensis* (Norman). Neale and Howe, 1975, pl. 1, figs. 3, 11, 13-16; Rosenfeld, 1977, p. 23, 24, pl. 5, figs. 65-68; Lord, 1980, pl. 1, figs. 8-13; Cronin, 1981, p. 400, pl. 8, figs. 1, 2; Cronin, 1986, pl. 2, fig. 9; McDougall *et al.*, 1986, pl. 13, figs. 2-4; Cronin and Ikeya, 1987, pl. 1, figs. 1, 4; Brouwers, 1988, figs. 5-7; Athersuch *et al.*, 1989, p. 133, 134, pl. 3 (10), fig. 52; Cronin, 1989, pl. 2, fig. 9; McKenzie *et al.*, 1989, pl. 1, fig. 1; Hartmann, 1992, pl. 5, figs. 4-6; Ikeya and Suzuki, 1992, pl. 1, fig. 2; Brouwers, 1993, pl. 1, figs. 1-5, pl. 2, fig. 1, pl. 16, fig. 1, text-fig. 3, 4; Irizuki, 1994, p. 10, pl. 2, fig. 3; Irizuki, 1996, figs. 7-1, 2; Kamiya *et al.*, 1996, pl. 2, figs. 8-10; Ozawa, 1996, pl. 1, fig. 1; Freiwald and Mostafawi, 1998, pl. 59, figs. 1, 2.
- Acanthocythereis* cf. *A. dunelmensis* (Norman). Penney, 1993, fig. 5-I.
- ? *Acanthocythereis dunelmensis* (Norman). Cronin and Compton-Gooding, 1987, pl. 2, fig. 4.
- ? *Acanthocythereis* cf. *A. dunelmensis* (Norman). Cronin, 1991, fig. 8-11.
- Cletocythereis dunelmensis dunelmensis* (Norman). Bassiouni, 1965, pl. 2, fig. 8.
- Cletocythereis dunelmensis minor* Bassiouni, 1965, p. 513, 514, pl. 2, fig. 9.
- Actinocythereis* sp., Swain, 1961, fig. 2-36.
- Cletocythereis elofsoni elofsoni* Bassiouni, 1965, p. 514-516, pl. 2, figs. 4, 5.
- Cletocythereis elofsoni elofsoni abbreviata*, Bassiouni, 1965, p. 516, pl. 2, figs. 6, 7.
- Cletocythereis noblissimus* Swain, 1963, p. 824, 825, pl. 98, fig. 5, pl. 99, figs. 15a, b, text-fig. 10a.
- Acanthocythereis* ? sp. A Cheong *et al.*, 1986, pl. 2, fig. 17.
- Acanthocythereis* ? sp. B Cheong *et al.*, 1986, pl. 2, fig. 18.
- Acanthocythereis* ? sp. C Cheong *et al.*, 1986, pl. 2, fig. 19.
- Trachyleberis* ? *rastromarginata* (Brady). Swain, 1961, fig. 2-32.

**Occurrences.**—Miocene to Recent sediments of high-latitude areas (R2a-f, P3, R3a, b, d, Q4a-c, P5a, b, Q5a, b, Q6a, H6a, R6a, b, Q7a-e, R7a-d, R8, M9b, N9b, P9a, b, d, R9b, c; see Figure 4).

*Acanthocythereis fujinaensis* Tanaka sp. nov.

Figures 5.5, 7.11-7.13

**Etymology.**—For the type locality.

**Types.**—Holotype, C of male, SUM-CO-1231 (L = 0.41 mm, H = 0.24 mm). Paratypes, LV of female, SUM-CO-1232 (L = 0.43 mm, H = 0.27 mm); RV of female, SUM-CO-1233 (L = 0.42 mm, H = 0.27 mm); LV of female, SUM-CO-1234 (L = 0.46 mm, H = 0.29 mm).

**Type locality.**—Loc. 1-A13.

**Diagnosis.**—Valve subquadrate. Posterior margin evenly rounded. Conical spines developed in the anteroventral margin. Surface ornamented by polygonal reticulations with clavate/conic conjunctive spines.

**Description.**—Valve subquadrate in lateral view. Anterior margin evenly rounded with conical spines, especially anteroventrally; dorsal margin straight, sloping toward posterior with several spines; posterior margin evenly rounded with conical spines posteroventrally; ventral margin concave in male forms, nearly straight in female forms. Strong sexual dimorphism; in lateral view, male forms more elongate; in dorsal view, carapaces of female forms inflated posteroventrally. Eye spot large and protruding. Surface ornamented by polygonal reticulations with clavate/conical conjunctive spines. A row of clavate/conical spines occurs at base of eye spot, runs parallel to anterior margin. Three parallel carinal ridges occupy the mid-ventral area, the uppermost one with clavate spines. A subcentral tubercle developed. In dorsal view, carapace elongate subovate, pointed in front. In anterior view, carapace subovate, lateral outline nearly straight. Marginal zone relatively broad, with very narrow anterior and posterior vestibula. Marginal pore canals are straight/curved with median swellings and number 42 in anterior, 18 in ventral, 23 in posterior. Selvage developed. Hinge holamphidont: in LV, anterior element has an auxiliary tooth in a large elongate socket; anteromedian element is a smooth tooth, posteromedian element is a bar; posterior element is an elongate socket. One U-shaped frontal scar. Four adductor scars in a vertical row (the uppermost one is semicircular, the lower three are elliptical). One elliptical mandibular scar. Three dorsal scars mid-dorsally; the lowermost one protrudes like a tongue, the upper two are elliptical. Prominent fulcral point. One elliptical ventral scar is below and anterior to the mandibular scar. Ocular sinus conspicuous.

**Remarks.**—This species differs from *A. koreana* Huh and Whatley, 1997 from the Miocene, Korea, in its evenly rounded posterior margin, developed anteroventral conical spines and prominent clavate conjunctive spines.

**Occurrence.**—Only from the Fujina Formation (M9e; see Figure 4).

*Acanthocythereis izumoensis* Tanaka sp. nov.

Figures 5.6, 8.1-8.4

*Etymology*.—Izumo is the ancient provincial name of the type locality.

*Types*.—Holotype, LV of male, SUM-CO-1235 (L = 0.92 mm, H = 0.56 mm). Paratypes, RV of male, SUM-CO-1236 (L = 0.91 mm, H = 0.53 mm); LV of female, SUM-CO-1237 (L = 0.90 mm, H = 0.60 mm); RV of female, SUM-CO-1238 (L = 0.92 mm, H = 0.59 mm); LV of female, SUM-CO-1239 (L = 0.90 mm, H = 0.61 mm).

*Type locality*.—Loc. 1-A16.

*Diagnosis*.—Valve subquadrate. In male forms, a large conical spine at the posteroventral corner is prominent. Surface smooth with scattered clavate/conical spines. A row of clavate spines runs parallel to mid-ventral margin. In anterior view, carapace subtrapezoidal, broadest at about one-fifth height from the ventral side. No vestibule.

*Description*.—Valve subquadrate in lateral view. Anterior margin evenly rounded with conical spines, especially anteroventrally; dorsal margin straight, sloping toward posterior with several clavate/conical spines; posterior margin evenly rounded with several conical spines, a large conical spine at the posteroventral corner is more prominent in male forms; ventral margin convex. Strong sexual dimorphism; in lateral view, male forms more elongate; in dorsal view, female forms having inflated carapace in the mid-posterior area. Eye spot large and protruding. Surface smooth with scattered clavate/conical spines. A row of clavate/conical spines occurs at base of the eye spot, runs parallel to anterior margin. A row of clavate spines runs parallel to mid-ventral margin. In dorsal view, carapace elongate subovate, pointed in front. In anterior view, carapace subtrapezoidal, broadest at about one-fifth height from the ventral side. Marginal zone broad; vestibule not developed. Marginal pore canals are straight/curved with median swellings and number 40 in anterior and 20 in posterior. Selvage developed. Hinge holamphidont: in LV, anterior element has an auxiliary tooth in a large elongate socket; anteromedian element is a smooth tooth, posteromedian element is a bar; posterior element is an elongate socket. One V-shaped frontal scar. Four adductor scars in a vertical row (the uppermost and lowermost are semicircular, the middle two are elliptical). One elliptical mandibular scar. Three dorsal scars; the dorsomedian one protrudes like a tongue, the mid-dorsal two are elongate. Prominent fulcral point. One elliptical ventral scar is below and posterior to the mandibular scar. Ocular sinus conspicuous.

*Remarks*.—This species differs from *A. mutsuensis* Ishizaki, 1971 from the Recent sediments of Mutsu Bay in northern Japan, in its row of clavate spines running parallel to the mid-ventral margin. The present species is distin-

guished from *A. koreana* Huh and Whatley, 1997 from the Miocene, Korea, by its smooth surface with scattered clavate/conical spines.

*Occurrence*.—Only from the Fujina Formation (M9e; see Figure 4).

*Acanthocythereis koreana* Huh and Whatley, 1997

Figure 7.10

*Acanthocythereis koreana* Huh and Whatley, 1997, p. 39, pl. 3, figs. 6-12.

*Acanthocythereis mutsuensis* Ishizaki. Huh and Paik, 1992a, pl. 2, figs. 8, 9; Huh and Paik, 1992b, pl. 2, figs. 8, 9.

*Acanthocythereis dunelmensis* (Norman). Irizuki and Matsubara, 1994, pl. 1, fig. 13.

*Occurrences*.—Miocene sediments of the south Japan Sea side areas (M9d, e; see Figure 4).

*Acanthocythereis tsurugasakensis* Tabuki, 1986

Figure 8.5

*Acanthocythereis tsurugasakensis* Tabuki, 1986, p. 85, 86, pl. 11, figs. 2-10, text-fig. 20-2; Ozawa, 1996, pl. 1, fig. 3.

*Occurrences*.—Miocene to Pleistocene sediments along the Japan Sea and Northern Pacific areas of Japan (P5c, M9e and P9d; see Figure 4).

Genus *Robertsonites* Swain, 1963*Robertsonites japonicus* (Ishizaki, 1966)

Figure 8.6

*Buntonia japonica* Ishizaki, 1966, p. 156, 157, pl. 19, figs. 6, 7, text-fig. 1, figs. 1, 5.

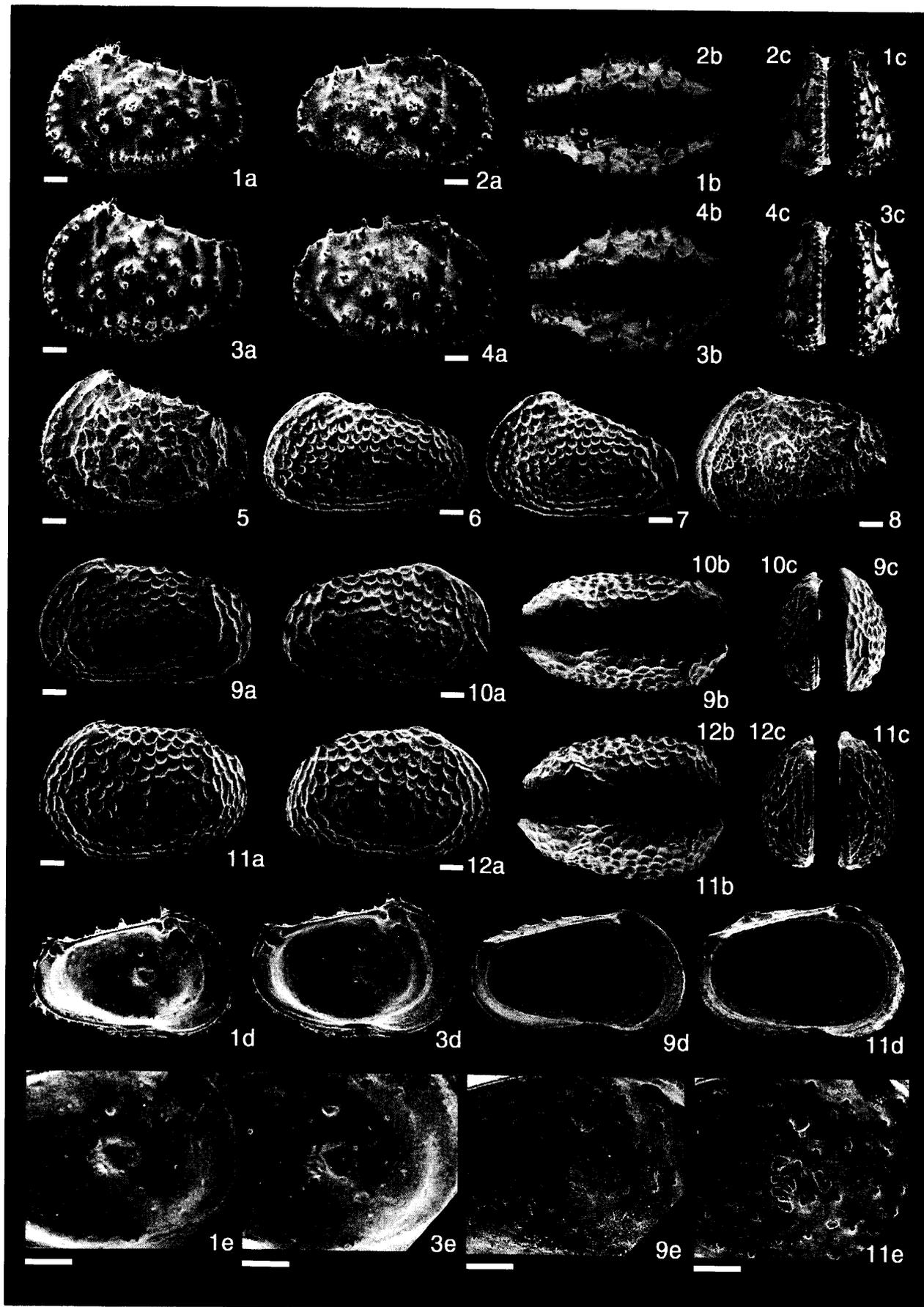
*Occurrences*.—Miocene sediments of Honshu, Japan (M9a, e; see Figure 4).

*Robertsonites reticuliformis* (Ishizaki, 1966)

Figure 8.7

*Buntonia reticuliforma* Ishizaki, 1966, p. 157, 158, pl. 16, fig. 7, text-fig. 1, fig. 1; Tabuki, 1986, p. 91-93, pl. 14, figs. 1-12, text-figs. 17-1, 2; Cronin and Ikeya, 1987, p. 84, pl. 2, fig. 15; Yajima and Lord, 1990, fig. 4-9; Huh and Paik, 1992a, b, pl. 2, fig. 13; Irizuki, 1994, p. 10, pl. 2, figs. 4-6; Irizuki, 1996, figs. 7-3, 4; Kamiya *et al.*, 1996, pl. 3, fig. 6; Ozawa, 1996, pl. 8, fig. 6.

*Robertsonites* ? *reticuliforma* (Ishizaki) [sic]. Yajima, 1982, p. 205, pl. 12, fig. 13.



*Remarks.*—This species was first described by Ishizaki (1966) from the Middle Miocene Hatatate Formation in northern Japan. Specimens in Tabuki (1986), Irizuki (1994, 1996), Kamiya *et al.* (1996) and Ozawa (1996) have a prominent posterodorsal subvertical ridge.

*Occurrences.*—Miocene to Pleistocene sediments of Honshu, Japan (P5c, Q5a, b, M9a, b, d, N9b, P9a, c, d, Q9a; see Figure 4).

***Robertsonites cf. tuberculatus* (Sars, 1866)**

Figure 8.8

*Cythereis tuberculata* Sars, 1866, p. 37.

*Cythere tuberculata* (Sars). Brady, 1868, p. 406, 407, pl. 30, figs. 25–39.

*Robertsonites tuberculata* (Sars) [*sic*]. Hulings, 1967, p. 324, pl. 4, figs. 21–23; text-figs. 4e, 8p–8s; Neale and Howe, 1975, p. 419, pl. 1, fig. 1; Rosenfeld, 1977, p. 24, 25, pl. 5, figs. 61–64.

*Robertsonites tuberculatus* (Sars). Cronin, 1981, p. 400, 402, pl. 8, fig. 5; Horne, 1983, p. 39–52, pls. 1–14; Athersuch *et al.*, 1989, p. 148, 149, pl. 4 (7), fig. 59; Cronin, 1989, p. 133, pl. 2, fig. 10; McKenzie *et al.*, 1989, pl. 1, fig. 12; Cronin, 1991, p. 779, fig. 8–2; Hartmann, 1992, p. 187, 188, pl. 5, figs. 7–12; pl. 6, figs. 1–6; Penney, 1993, fig. 5h.

*Robertsonites gubikensis* Swain, 1963, p. 821, 822, pl. 98, figs. 8a, b; pl. 99, fig. 12; text-fig. 9b.

*Robertsonites logani* (Brady and Crosskey). Swain, 1963, p. 823, pl. 97, fig. 13.

*Robertsonites tuberculatina* [*sic*] Swain, 1963, p. 822, 823, pl. 98, fig. 10; pl. 99, fig. 1; text-fig. 9c.

*Remarks.*—This species exhibits considerable variation in outline and ornament, with variable development of nodes and reticulation (Brouwers, 1993).

*Occurrences.*—Miocene to Recent sediments of high-latitude areas (N1, R2b, f, N3, P3, R3d, Q4b, c, R6a, b, Q7b–e, R7c; see Figure 4).

***Robertsonites yatsukanus* Tanaka sp. nov.**

Figures 5.7, 8.9–8.12

*Etymology.*—The district name of the type locality.

*Types.*—Holotype, LV of male, SUM-CO-1245 (L = 0.95 mm, H = 0.53 mm). Paratypes, RV of male, SUM-

CO-1246 (L = 0.93 mm, H = 0.51 mm); LV of female, SUM-CO-1247 (L = 0.94 mm, H = 0.59 mm); RV of female, SUM-CO-1248 (L = 0.91 mm, H = 0.55 mm); LV of male, SUM-CO-1249 (L = 0.94 mm, H = 0.54 mm).

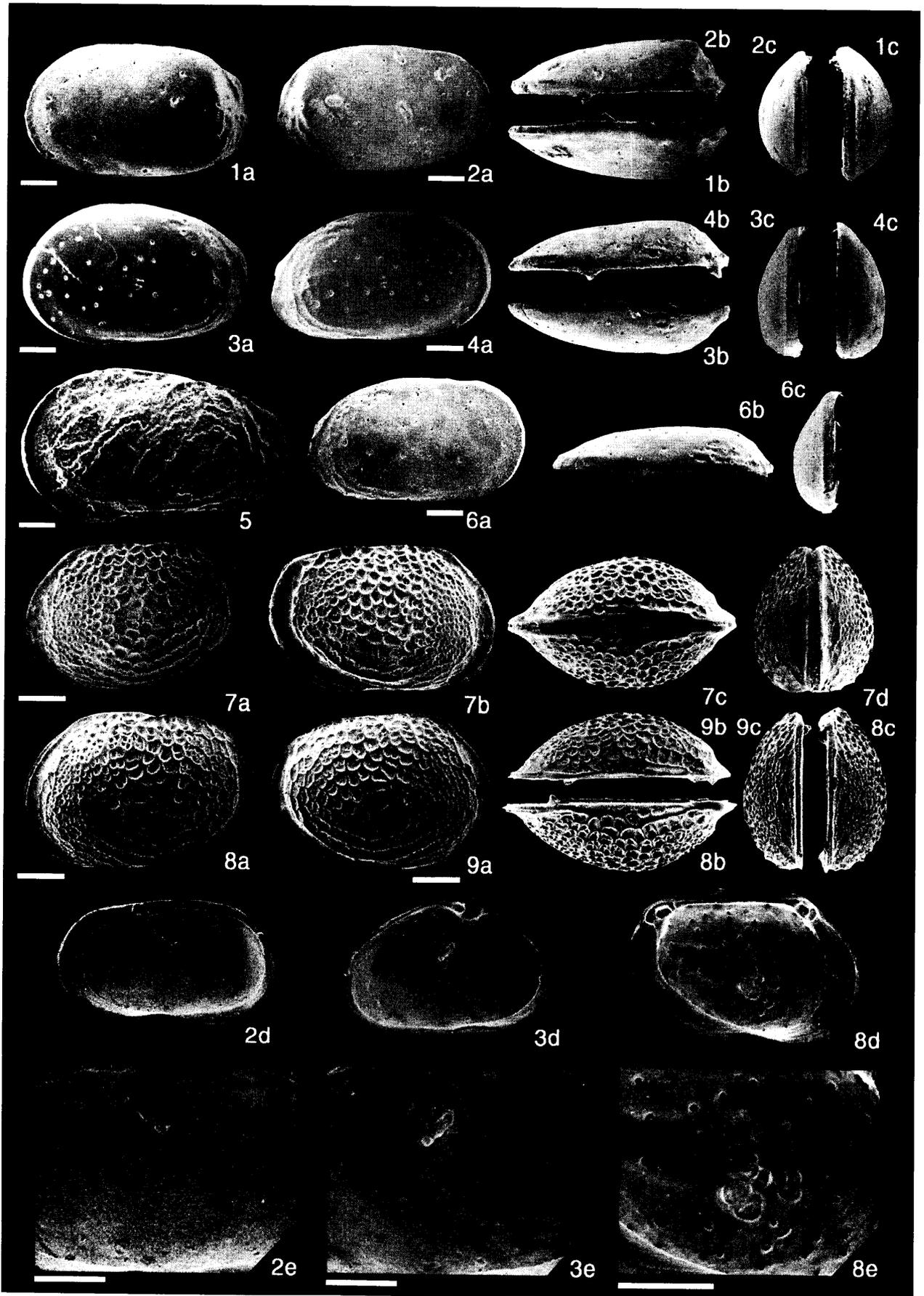
*Type locality.*—Loc. 2–B1.

*Diagnosis.*—Valve quadrate, tapering posteriorly. Surface ornamented by polygonal reticulations. Vestibula developed in the anteroventral area and very narrow in the posteroventral area. One J-shaped frontal scar.

*Description.*—Valve quadrate, tapering posteriorly in lateral view. Anterior margin evenly rounded, weakly denticulated anteroventrally; dorsal margin undulate, sloping toward posterior; posterior margin evenly rounded and weakly denticulated anteroventrally; ventral margin nearly straight. Strong sexual dimorphism; in lateral view, male forms are more elongate; in dorsal view female carapaces are inflated posteriorly. Eye spot small and flat. Surface ornamented by polygonal reticulations. Two anterior carinal ridges prominent, one running from the anterior part of eye spot to the anteroventral area, the other starting at base of eye spot, bifurcating in anterodorsal area and running into anteroventral area. Three carinal ridges run nearly parallel to anterior, ventral and posterior margin and end at posterodorsal area. In dorsal view, carapace is elongate ovate. In dorsal surface of carapace a V-shaped groove runs along hinge line (in a vertical section). In anterior view, carapace subovate, broadest at point near mid-height. Marginal zone relatively broad, vestibula developed in the anteroventral area and very narrow in the posteroventral area. Marginal pore canals straight, number 48 anteriorly, 15 ventrally and 14 posteriorly. Selvage developed. Hinge holamphidont: in LV, anterior element is a large elongate socket; anteromedian element is a tongue like tooth, posteromedian element is a bar; posterior element is an elongate socket. One J-shaped frontal scar. Four adductor scars in a vertical row (the uppermost and lowermost are semicircular, the middle two are narrow). One elliptical mandibular scar. Eight dorsal scars (five dorsomedially; two mid-dorsally; one anterodorsally); the dorsomedian one protrude like a tongue, the others are circular/elliptical. Fulcral point not observed. One elliptical ventral scar is below and posterior to the mandibular scar. Ocular sinus conspicuous.

*Remarks.*—This species differs from *R. hanaii* Tabuki, 1986 from the Plio-Pleistocene Daishaka Formation in

← **Figure 8.** 1–4, *Acanthocythereis izumoensis* Tanaka sp. nov. 1a–e: male LV, holotype, Loc. 1–A16, SUM-CO-1235; 2a–e: male RV, paratype, Loc. 1–A16, SUM-CO-1236; 3a–c: female LV, paratype, Loc. 1–A16, SUM-CO-1237; 4a–c: female RV, paratype, Loc. 1–A17, SUM-CO-1238. 5: *Acanthocythereis tsurugasakensis* Tabuki, 1986, female LV, Loc. 2–B2, SUM-CO-1241. 6: *Robertsonites japonicus* (Ishizaki, 1966), male LV, Loc. 1–A11, SUM-CO-1242. 7: *Robertsonites reticuliformis* (Ishizaki, 1966), male LV, Loc. 1–A15, SUM-CO-1243. 8: *Robertsonites cf. tuberculatus* (Sars, 1866), female LV, Loc. 2–B4, SUM-CO-1244. 9–12. *Robertsonites yatsukanus* Tanaka sp. nov. 9a–e: male LV, holotype, Loc. 2–B1, SUM-CO-1245; 10a–c: male RV, paratype, Loc. 2–B1, SUM-CO-1246; 11a–e: female LV, paratype, Loc. 2–B1, SUM-CO-1247; 12a–c: female RV, paratype, Loc. 2–B1, SUM-CO-1248. Scale bar is 0.10 mm.



northern Japan, in its inflated carapace and three carinal ridges running nearly parallel to anterior, ventral and posterior margins. *R. yatsukanus* is distinguished from *R. tsugaruana* [sic] Tabuki, 1986 from the Plio-Pleistocene Daishaka Formation in northern Japan, in lack of secondary reticulations.

*Occurrence*.—Only from the Fujina Formation (M9e; see Figure 4).

Subfamily Buntoniinae Apostolescu, 1961  
Genus *Ambtonia* Malz, 1982

*Ambtonia shimanensis* Tanaka sp. nov.

Figures 5.8, 9.1, 9.2

*Etymology*.—The prefecture name, Shimane, of the type locality.

*Types*.—Holotype, RV, SUM-CO-1250 (L = 0.61 mm, H = 0.33 mm). Paratypes, LV, SUM-CO-1251 (L = 0.63 mm, H = 0.35 mm); LV, SUM-CO-1252 (L = 0.65 mm, H = 0.36 mm).

*Type locality*.—Loc. 1-A11.

*Diagnosis*.—Valve subcylindrical. Dorsal margin nearly straight. In dorsal view, carapace elongately arrowhead-shaped, tapered in front. Maximum width about one-sixth length from the posterior end. In anterior view, carapace subovate, broadest near mid-height. One V-shaped frontal scar.

*Description*.—Valve subcylindrical in lateral view. Anterior margin evenly rounded; dorsal margin nearly straight; truncated and caudate ventrally; ventral margin nearly straight to slightly convex. Sexual dimorphism unknown. Eye spot not observed. Surface smooth, scattered deep punctations which are the openings of normal pore canals. Anterior area compressed along the anterior margin. In dorsal view, carapace elongately arrowhead-shaped, tapered in front. Maximum width at about one-sixth length from the posterior end. In anterior view, carapace subovate, broadest at point near mid-height. Marginal zone broad in the anterior area, vestibula developed in the anteroventral area and very narrow in the posteroventral area. Marginal pore canals are straight and number 39 anteriorly, 7 ventrally and 11 posteriorly. Selvage and list well developed. Hinge hemiamphidont: in LV, anterior element has a large elongate socket; anteromedian element is a smooth elongate tooth, postero-median element is a crenulate bar; posterior element is an

elongate socket with several lobes dorsally. One V-shaped frontal scar. Four elliptical adductor scars in a vertical row, the middle two of which are narrow. One elliptical mandibular scar. Two dorsal scars protrude like pivots in the dorsomedian area. Fulcral point not observed. One small round ventral scar is below and posterior to the mandibular scar. No ocular sinus.

*Remarks*.—This species differs from *A. obai* (Ishizaki, 1971) from the Recent sediments of Mutsu Bay in northern Japan, in its caudate posteroventral margin, slightly convex ventral margin and compressed anterior area. The present species is distinguished from *A. tongassensis* Brouwers, 1993 from the Quaternary sediments of the Gulf of Alaska, North America, in its caudated posteroventral margin, nearly parallel dorsal and ventral margins, and number of marginal pore canals. This species differs from *A. glabra* Malz, 1982 from the Plio-Pleistocene Ssukou Formation of southwest Taiwan, in its straight dorsal margin.

*Occurrence*.—Only from the Fujina Formation (M9e; see Figure 4).

*Ambtonia takayasui* Tanaka sp. nov.

Figures 5.9, 9.3, 9.4, 9.6

*Falsobuntonia taiwanica* Malz. Yajima, 1988, pl. 1, fig. 7; Huh and Paik, 1992b, pl. 2, fig. 14.

*Ambtonia obai* (Ishizaki). Huh and Paik, 1992a, pl. 2, fig. 14.

*Etymology*.—In honor of K. Takayasu (Center for Coastal Lagoon Environments of Shimane University, Japan), who is a specialist in the taxonomy and paleoecology of the molluscs of the Fujina Formation.

*Types*.—Holotype, LV of female, SUM-CO-1253 (L = 0.64 mm, H = 0.37 mm). Paratypes, RV of female, SUM-CO-1254 (L = 0.63 mm, H = 0.33 mm); RV of male, SUM-CO-1255 (L = 0.62 mm, H = 0.33 mm); LV of female, SUM-CO-1256 (L = 0.64 mm, H = 0.37 mm).

*Type locality*.—Loc. 1-A16.

*Diagnosis*.—Valve subcylindrical. Dorsal margin arched. In dorsal view, carapace elongately arrowhead-shaped, tapered in front. Maximum width about one-fifth length from the posterior end. In anterior view, carapace subpentagonal, lateral outline nearly straight. One J-shaped frontal scar.

*Description*.—Valve subcylindrical in lateral view. Anterior margin evenly rounded; dorsal margin arched; posterior margin truncated and caudated ventrally; ventral

◀ **Figure 9.** 1-2, *Ambtonia shimanensis* Tanaka sp. nov. 1a-c: LV, paratype, Loc. 1-A11, SUM-CO-1251; 2a-e: RV, holotype, Loc. 1-A11, SUM-CO-1250. 3-4, 6, *Ambtonia takayasui* Tanaka sp. nov. 3a-e: female LV, holotype, Loc. 1-A16, SUM-CO-1253; 4a-c: female RV, paratype, Loc. 1-A16, SUM-CO-1254; 6a-c: male RV, paratype, Loc. 1-A11, SUM-CO-1255. 5: *Falsobuntonia taiwanica* Malz, 1982, male LV, Loc. 1-A20, SUM-CO-1257. 7-9, *Palmoconcha irizukii* Tanaka sp. nov. 7a-d: male C, holotype, Loc. 1-A15, SUM-CO-1258; 8a-e: female LV, paratype, Loc. 1-A15, SUM-CO-1259; 9a-c: female RV, paratype, Loc. 1-A15, SUM-CO-1260. Scale bar is 0.10 mm.

margin straight. Weak sexual dimorphism. Eye spot not observed. Surface smooth; scattered deep punctations, which are the openings of normal pore canals. Anterior area compressed along the anterior margin. Three weak muri run parallel to posterior margin in the posterior area. In dorsal view, carapace elongately arrowhead-shaped, tapered in front. Maximum width about one-fifth length from the posterior end. In anterior view, carapace subpentagonal, lateral outline nearly straight. Marginal zone broad in the anterior area, vestibula developed in the anteroventral area and very narrow in the posteroventral area. Marginal pore canals straight, number 39 anteriorly, 6 ventrally and 15 posteriorly. Selvage and list well developed. Hinge hemiamphidont: in LV, anterior element has a large elongate socket; anteromedian element is a smooth elongate tooth, posteromedian element is a crenulate bar; posterior element is an elongate socket with several lobes dorsally. One J-shaped frontal scar. Four elliptical adductor scars in a vertical row, the middle two are narrow. One round mandibular scar. Two dorsal scars protrude like pivots in the dorsomedian area. Fulcral point not observed. One small round ventral scar is below and posterior to the mandibular scar. No ocular sinus.

*Remarks.*—This species differs from *A. tongassensis* Brouwers, 1993 from the Quaternary sediments of the Gulf of Alaska, North America, in its outline in lateral view.

*Occurrence.*—Miocene formations from Japan and Korea (M9d, e, g; see Figure 4).

#### *Falsobuntonia taiwanica* Malz, 1982

Figure 9.5

*Falsobuntonia taiwanica* Malz, 1982, p. 392, 393, pl. 8, figs. 51–56; Huh and Paik, 1992a, pl. 2, fig. 15; Huh and Paik, 1992b, p. 111, pl. 2, fig. 15; (non) Yajima, 1988, pl. 1, fig. 7; Huh and Paik, 1992b, p. 111, pl. 2, fig. 14.

*Occurrences.*—Miocene to Pleistocene sediments of Japan, Korea and Taiwan (M9d, e and P9e; see Figure 4).

Family Loxoconchidae Sars, 1926

Genus *Palmoconcha* Swain and Gilby, 1974

#### *Palmoconcha irizukii* Tanaka sp. nov.

Figures 5.10, 9.7–9.9

*Palmoconcha* sp. Irizuki and Matsubara, 1994, pl. 1, fig. 19.

*Etymology.*—In honor of T. Irizuki (Aichi University of Education, Japan) who is a specialist in the study of Cenozoic fossil ostracod assemblages of Japan. *Types.*—Holotype, C of male, SUM-CO-1258 (L = 0.47 mm, H = 0.28 mm). Paratypes, LV of female, SUM-CO-1259 (L =

0.49 mm, H = 0.31 mm); RV of female, SUM-CO-1260 (L = 0.46 mm, H = 0.31 mm); LV of female, SUM-CO-1261 (L = 0.51 mm, H = 0.34 mm).

*Type locality.*—Loc. 1–A15.

*Diagnosis.*—Valve rhomboidal. Surface ornamented by punctations in the anterior area. Three concentric muri occur in the anteroventral area, convex ventrally in the mid-ventral area, ends in mid-posterior area. One prominent murus runs from the mid-dorsal area to the posterodorsal area, arched dorsally. One large U-shaped frontal scar.

*Description.*—Valve rhomboidal in lateral view. Anterior margin evenly rounded; dorsal and ventral margins straight in male forms, arched in female forms; posterior margin truncated obliquely in upper half and lower half making blunt angle slightly above mid-height. Strong sexual dimorphism; in lateral view, male forms more elongate; in dorsal view, carapaces of female forms inflated in lateral outline. Eye spot not observed. Surface ornamented by punctations in the anterior area, polygonal reticulations and secondary reticulations in the median and posterior areas. Three concentric muri occur in the anteroventral area, convex ventrally in the mid-ventral area, ends at mid-posterior area. One prominent murus runs from the mid-dorsal area to the posterodorsal area, arched dorsally. In dorsal view, carapace ovate, widest at mid-length, pointed at the anterior and posterior ends. In anterior view, carapace subovate, broadest a little below mid-height. Marginal zone broad anteriorly and posteriorly, with developed vestibula. Marginal pore canals straight, number 6 anteriorly, 11 ventrally, 6 posteriorly. Selvage and list well developed. Hinge gongylodont: In LV, anterior element is a downturned claw-shaped ridge around a socket; median element is a smooth bar; posterior element is a horseshoe-shaped socket around a ball-like knob. One large U-shaped frontal scar. Four adductor scars in a vertical row (the upper three are elliptical, the lowermost one is semicircular). Two elliptical mandibular scars. Five elliptical dorsomedian dorsal scars. Prominent fulcral point.

*Remarks.*—This species differs from *Loxoconcha (Palmoconcha) parapontica* Zhou, 1995 from the Recent sediments of Kumano-nada and Hyuga-nada, southwest Japan, in its anterior marginal outline and punctations in the anterior area. *P. irizukii* is distinguished from *P. saboyamensis* (Ishizaki, 1966) from the Middle Miocene Hatatate Formation of northeast Japan, in the outline of the anterior margin and the three concentric muri running toward the mid-posterior area.

*Occurrences.*—Middle Miocene sediments, Honshu, Japan (M5a and M9e; see Figure 4).

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