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Littoral annelid polychaetes inhabiting soft bottoms of the Barcelonès (Catalonia, NE Spain).- The distribution of polychaetes inhabiting littoral soft bottoms from five to 75 m depth in front of the Barcelonès Region (NE Spain) is presented here. The study includes 202 species indicating depth, type of sediment, and season in which each one was collected, and also the environment in which they most frequently were found. New records for the Mediterranean Sea, the Iberian peninsula, the Spanish Mediterranean coast, and Catalonia are listed.

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Introduction

Studies on polychaete systematics were initiated at the beginning of this century in Spain by ALAEJOS (1905), CABRERA (1909) and CENDRERO (1910). Between 1916 and 1935, surveys by Rioja established the basis of future studies. Significant catalogues of species from the Iberian peninsula have been carried out by IBÁÑEZ (1973a), CAMPOY (1979) and ARIÑO (1987). SAN MARTÍN & VIÉTEZ (1991) elaborated a catalogue of the polychaetes deposited in the National Museum of Natural History (Madrid) throughout Spain. The most complete identification keys of Iberian polychaetes were carried out by RIOJA (1931), IBÁÑEZ (1973b), CAMPOY (1982), SAN MARTÍN (1982a) and SARDÀ (1984).

The most relevant studies of systematics of polychaetes from soft bottoms in the Spanish Mediterranean area, which sometimes include identification keys are: RIOJA (1920) in Valencia, SAN MARTÍN (1982a) in Baleares, CAPACCIONI-AZZATI (1983) and PÉREZ-RUZAFÁ (1989) in Murcia, and SARDÀ (1984) in Gibraltar. Surveys from the Catalonian coast are those performed in Los Alfaques Bay (Ebro Delta) (CAPACCIONI-AZZATI, 1987; CAPACCIONI-AZZATI et al., 1990; MARTÍN, 1990), in the Gulf of Rosas (DESBRYUÈRES et al., 1972), in the Catalonian-French coast (GUILLE, 1970, 1971), in Premià and Vilanova i la Geltrú (Maresme and Baix Penedès regions) (SARDÀ, 1986), and in the Maresme region (ROMERO et al., 1989). Nevertheless, studies carried out in the Barcelonès region are scarce: CUADRADAS & PEREIRA (1977) reported the presence of *Laeonereis glauca*, *Neanthes caudata*, *Polydora ciliata*, and *Dodecaceria concharum* associated to shells inhabited by the anomuran *Dardanus arrosor*, at 50 m of depth. Ecological research was later performed in soft bottoms in front of the Barcelonès littoral (ROS et al., 1988, 1990; CORBERA & CARDELL, 1991; ROS & CARDELL, 1992; FLOS et al., 1992; MÉNDEZ, 1993, 1994). These studies reveal the high diversity and abundance of the group in the study area

suggesting that a complete and detailed catalogue of polychaete species is required.

The paper presents the distribution of species inhabiting littoral soft bottoms in the Barcelonès region.

Material and Methods

Study area

The study area (fig. 1) is located in the North-western Spanish coast along the Barcelonès region. Sampling sites were located in soft bottoms from 5 to 75 m depth, between 41°28'N, 2°19'E and 41°20'N, 2°10'E. The area comprises a coastal extension of 17.5 km and presents a high demographic density where Barcelona and Badalona are the most important cities. The littoral zone receives a high influence of domestic and industrial residuals. The main disturbance focus was the Sant Adrià del Besòs wastewater treatment plant, which provide a massive input of wastewater about 500 m off the shoreline, and of organic sludge coming from the submarine pipeline 4 km off the shoreline and 54 m depth (PARES, 1989). The Besòs River itself is also an important disturbance focus. Residuals produce eutrophication and incorporation of toxic pollutants in sediments which have damaged benthic macrofaunal communities (ROS et al., 1990; ROS & CARDELL, 1992; MÉNDEZ, 1993, 1994).

Data from CHECA et al. (1988), CORBERA & CARDELL (1991) and FLOS et al. (1992) referring to size grain of sediments reveal a general distribution pattern according to bathymetry (fig. 1). Sand bottoms are located between 5 and 25 m depth along the whole coastline. Detritic sand bottoms containing shell fragments are situated between 70 and 75 m depth at the south of the study area. Silty sand bottoms are located between 25 and 30 m depth, at the north of the mouth of the Besòs River, and between 60 and 65 m depth through the whole study area. Clayey sand has

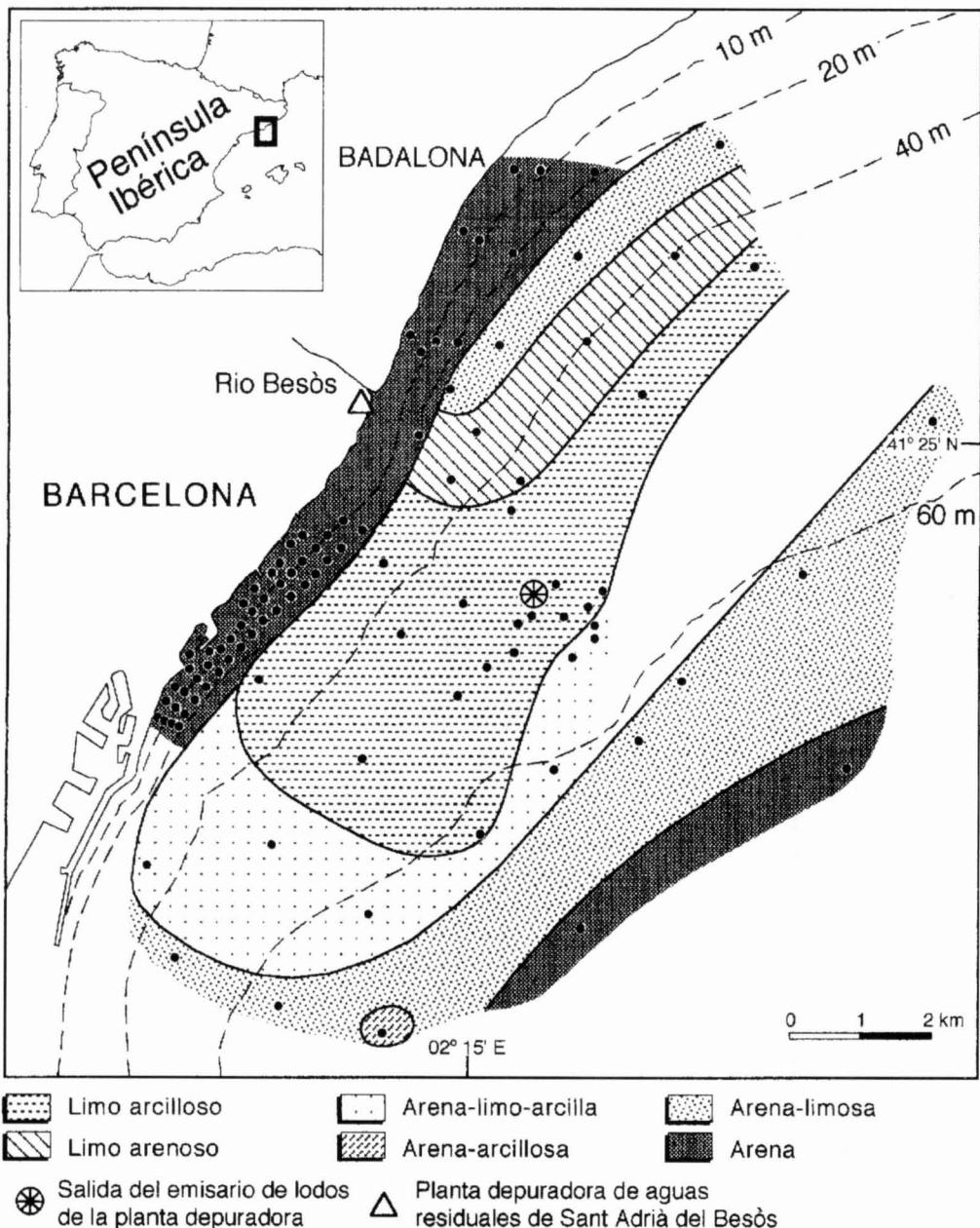


Fig. 1. Location of sampling sites and distribution of the different types of sediment in the study area.

Localización de las estaciones de muestreo y distribución de los distintos tipos de sedimento en el área de estudio.

only been registered in a small area at 70 m depth. Sandy silt bottoms correspond to a small zone between 36 and 55 m depth, in front of the mouth of the Besòs River. Clayey silt bottoms take up an extension of about 6 km between 30 and 63 m depth, at the SW of the mouth of the Besòs River and the sludge pipeline. These bottoms are also located between 45 and 48 m depth, at 3 km from the same river in a NE direction. The group of sand-silt-clay contains sediments of transition grain sizes and is situated at the south of the study area, between 30 and 65 m depth.

Sampling and processing of samples

Samples of sediments were collected in front of Barcelona between 10 and 75 m depth during July and November, 1987, and February and May, 1988 (SPIO Project; Ros & CARDELL, 1992), and also between 5 and 15 m depth during March, May, July and October, 1990 and 1991 (VOSA Project; MÉNDEZ, 1994). In front of Badalona, sampling was performed between 5 and 40 m depth in September, 1990 (CORBERA & CARDELL, 1991). Collection of samples was carried out with a van Veen grab (30 x 30 cm) and sediments were sieved through a 0.5 mm mesh. The retained fraction was fixed with 4% formaldehyde. Organisms were sorted and preserved in 70% ethyl alcohol. Additional samples of sediments were collected to determine grain size of sediments.

Polychaete specimens were identified using a stereoscopic microscope (40x) and a light microscope (1000x). The most general key of polychaetes identification from FAUCHALD (1977) was followed to determine families and genera, and that from FAUVEL (1923, 1927) for genera and species. The keys for the Iberian peninsula's polychaetes utilized were those from RIOJA (1931), CAMPOY (1982) and SARDÀ (1984). In some cases, literature referring to specific families was required:

LAUBIER (1967), LAUBIER & RAMOS (1973) and CASTELLI (1985) for Paraonidae; Giordanella (1966), RAMOS (1976) and LIGHT (1978) for Spionidae; GLÉMAREC (1966) for Magoniidae; BHAUD (1972) for Chaetopteridae; LAUBIER (1960) and BLAKE (1991) for Cirratulidae; CAPACCIONI-AZZATI (1985), TORRES-GAVILA et al. (1989), GRAVINA & SOMASCHINI (1990) and WARREN (1991) for Capitellidae; HARTMANN-SCHRÖDER (1960, 1963) for Phyllodocidae; GRAVINA & GIANGRANDE (1988) for Hesionidae; KATZMANN et al. (1974) for Pilargidae; SAN MARTÍN (1982a) and ALÓS (1988) for Syllidae; SAN MARTÍN (1982b) and RAINER & KALY (1988) for Nephtyidae; PARENTI (1961) for Dorvilleidae; MARTÍN (1989) for Oweniidae and GIANGRANDE & CASTELLI (1986) for Sabellidae.

The biological material included in this catalogue was collected to perform ecological studies. Almost all the specimens were dried to determine their biomass. Only specimens with systematic problems were conserved in order to make a more detailed analysis of their structures. Due to this, a collection of the polychaetes conforming this catalogue does not exist.

Characteristics of the data

This catalogue has been elaborated according to the systematic ordenation proposed by FAUCHALD (1977). All the catalogued species contain the following data related to their distribution:

- a. Depth.
- b. Type of sediment. According to data obtained by CHECA et al. (1988), CORBERA & CARDELL (1991) and FLOS et al. (1992) in the same area, granulometry of sediments was expressed as the percentage (dry weight) of the fractions of clay (< 0.002 mm), silt (0.002 to 0.062 mm) and sand (0.062 to 2 mm), following the granulometric nomenclature of SHEPARD (1954). This method classifies sediments according to a triangular graph which relates the proportions of each fraction resulting ten different types. Only the following categories have

been found in the study area: CSI. Clayey silt; SSI. Sandy silt; SSIC. Sand-silt-clay; CS. Clayey sand; SIS. Silty sand; and sand. Moreover, sand samples (more than 75% of sand), were classified according to WENTWORTH (1922), in function of the median of the diameter of all the particles. Four groups were found in the study area: VFS. Very fine sand (0.0625 to 0.125 mm); FS. Fine sand (0.125 to 0.250 mm); MS. Median sand (0.250 to 0.500 mm); COS. Coarse sand (0.500 to 1.0 mm).

c. Season: SP. Spring; S. Summer; A. Autumn; W. Winter.

d. Most frequent environment. The type of sediment and depth in which each species was found with the highest frequency is given. To synthesize this information, the different types of sediment and depth have been grouped according to the general distribution pattern of sediments in the study area (fig. 1). The following categories have been distinguished: mud (M), in which silt and clay materials are predominant (CSI, SSI, and SSIC). Muddy sand, which includes sediments containing 65 to 75% of sand (CS and SIS); this category has been subdivided in shallow muddy sand (SMS) from 25 to 45 m depth, and deep muddy sand (DMS) from 50 to 70 m depth. Sand (VFS, FS, MS, and COS) where two groups have been distinguished: shallow sand (SHS), located between 5 and 20 m depth, and detritic sand (DS), situated at 70 and 75 m depth.

Results

A total of 202 species distributed in 133 genera and 39 families are listed (table 1).

Table 1 also presents depth, type of sediment and season, and the most frequent environment where they were found.

Discussion

Specimens belonging to genera *Aglaophamus*, *Commensodorum*, *Eunoe*, *Mi-*

crophthalmus, *Ophelia*, *Polycirrus*, *Polympnia* and *Potamilla* have not been classified until specific level due to the loss of some systematically important body structures during treatment and handling of samples. Some complete and well preserved specimens of *Chaetozone* sp. 1, *Chaetozone* sp. 2 and *Chone* sp. have not been assigned to any species described in the literature. These are presently being revised under light microscope and scanning electron microscope. The Pilargid *Sigambra* cf *tentaculata* is similar to *Sigambra tentaculata*, described in Virginia, U.S.A., but Mediterranean specimens lack ventral smooth setae (KATZMANN et al., 1974).

In relation to their geographic distribution, all the species have been reported previously in the Mediterranean Sea and the Iberian peninsula, except for *Hesionura serrata* and *Spiophanes berkeleyorum*, which are reported for the first time in the Mediterranean Sea and Spain. *Aonides paucibranchiata*, *Axiothella constricta* and *Ophryotrocha hartmanni* have previously been found in the Mediterranean, but not in Spain. The following species have been reported previously in the Iberian peninsula, but not in its Mediterranean coasts:

Goniada emerita: Atlantic (Spain, CAMPOY, 1974, 1979, 1982; IBÁÑEZ, 1973a; SAN MARTÍN & VIÉTEZ, 1991. Portugal, FAUVEL, 1914; AMOUREUX, 1974; AMOUREUX & CALVARIO, 1981).

Goniada norvegica : Cantabric Sea and Atlantic (AMOUREUX, 1972, 1973, 1974; IBÁÑEZ, 1973a; CAMPOY, 1974, 1979, 1982).

Jasmineira caudata: Atlantic (CAMPOY, 1974, 1979, 1982; AMOUREUX, 1974; LÓPEZ-JAMAR & GONZÁLEZ, 1987).

Neanthes succinea: Atlantic (Spain, IBÁÑEZ, 1972, 1973a; CAMPOY, 1979; LÓPEZ-JAMAR, 1981. Portugal, AMOUREUX & CALVARIO, 1981; SALDANHA, 1984; CALVARIO, 1984). Cantabric Sea (RIOJA, 1918).

Nereis lamellosa: Atlantic (RIOJA, 1918; BELLAN, 1960; IBÁÑEZ, 1973a; CAMPOY, 1979; LÓPEZ-JAMAR, 1982; LÓPEZ-JAMAR & MEJUTO, 1986).

Table 1. Recorded species including depth, type of sediment and season of the year and the most frequent environment where they were found: CSI. Clayey silt; SSI. Sandy silt; SSIC. Sand.silt clay; CS. Cayey sand; SIS. Silty sand; VFS. Very fine sand; FS. Fine sand; MS. Median sand; COS. Coarse sand; SP. Spring; S. Summer; A. Autumn; W. Winter; M. Mud; SMS. Shallow muddy sand; DMS. Deep muddy sand; SHS. Shallow sand; DS. Detritic sand; * Environments in which species have not been reported for the catalonian coast.

Phylum Annelida		Depth (m)
Code	Class Polychaeta	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75
Order Orbiniida		
Family Orbiniidae Hartman, 1942		
1	<i>Scoloplos armiger</i> (Müller, 1776)	
Family Paraonidae Cerruti, 1909		
2	<i>Aricidea annae</i> Laubier, 1967	
3	<i>Aricidea assimilis</i> Tebble, 1967	
4	<i>Aricidea catherinae</i> Laubier, 1967	
5	<i>Aricidea cerrutii</i> Laubier, 1967	
6	<i>Aricidea claudiae</i> Laubier, 1967	
7	<i>Aricidea fragilis</i> Laubier & Ramos, 1973	
8	<i>Cirrophorus branchiatus</i> Ehlers, 1908	
9	<i>Cirrophorus furcatus</i> (Hartman, 1957)	
10	<i>Paradoneis harpagonea</i> (Storch, 1967)	
11	<i>Paradoneis lyra</i> (Southern, 1914)	
12	<i>Paraonis gracilis</i> (Tauber, 1879)	
Order Cossurida		
Family Cossuridae Day, 1963		
13	<i>Cossura soyeri</i> Laubier, 1963	
Order Spionida		
Family Spionidae Grube, 1850		
14	<i>Aonides oxycephala</i> (Sars, 1862)	
15	<i>Aonides paucibranchiata</i> Southern, 1914	
16	<i>Malacoceros ciliata</i> (Keferstein, 1862)	

*Especies registradas incluyendo profundidad, tipo de sedimento, estación del año y ambiente en el cual fueron encontradas con mayor frecuencia: CSI. Limo arcilloso; SSI. Limo arenoso; SSIC. Arena-limo-arcilla; CS. Arena arcillosa; SIS. Arena limosa; VFS. Arena muy fina; FS. Arena fina; MS. Arena mediana; COS. Arena gruesa; SP. Primavera; S. Verano; A. Otoño; W. Invierno; M. Lodo; SMS. Arenas lodosas someras; DMS. Arenas lodosas profundas; SHS. Arenas someras; DS. Arenas detríticas; * Ambientes de la costa catalana en los cuales no habían sido citadas.*

Code	Type of sediment									Season		Most frequent environment
	CSI	SSI	SSIC	CS	SIS	VFS	FS	MS	COS	SP	S	A

1					SMS
2					M
3					DMS
4					SMS *
5					M *
6					M
7					M, DMS
8					M
9					DMS, DS
10					DS
11					M *, DMS, DS
12					M, DMS, DS

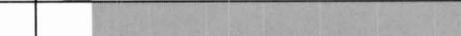
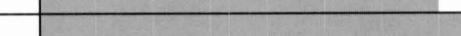
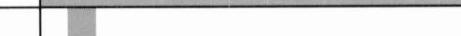
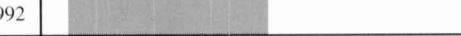
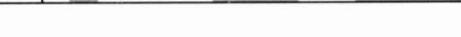
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15						SHS *
16						SHS

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Code	Class Polychaeta	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75
17	<i>Malacoceros fuliginosus</i> (Claparède, 1870)	
18	<i>Microspio mecznikowianus</i> (Claparède, 1868)	
19	<i>Polydora caeca</i> (Oersted, 1843)	
20	<i>Polydora ciliata</i> (Johnson, 1838)	
21	<i>Polydora hoplura</i> Claparède, 1870	
22	<i>Prionospio caspersi</i> Laubier, 1962	
23	<i>Prionospio cirrifera</i> Wieren, 1883	
24	<i>Prionospio malmgreni</i> Claparède, 1870	
25	<i>Prionospio pinnata</i> Ehlers, 1901	
26	<i>Pseudomalacoceros tridentata</i> (Southern, 1914)	
27	<i>Pseudopolydora antennata</i> (Claparède, 1868)	
28	<i>Scolelepis squamata</i> (Müller, 1806)	
29	<i>Spio decoratus</i> Bobretzky, 1870	
30	<i>Spiophanes berkeleyorum</i> Pettibone, 1962	
31	<i>Spiophanes bombyx</i> (Claparède, 1896)	
Family Magelonidae Cunningham & Ramage, 1888		
32	<i>Magelona alleni</i> Wilson, 1958	
33	<i>Magelona filiformis</i> Wilson, 1959	
34	<i>Magelona minuta</i> Eliason, 1962	
35	<i>Magelona papillicornis</i> Müller, 1858	
36	<i>Magelona wilsoni</i> Glémarec, 1966	
Family Poecilochaetidae Hannerz, 1956		
37	<i>Poecilochaetus serpens</i> Allen, 1904	
Family Chaetopteridae Malmgren, 1867		
38	<i>Spiochaetopterus costarum</i> (Claparède, 1870)	
39	<i>Spiochaetopterus typicus</i> Sars, 1856	
Family Cirratulidae Carus, 1863		
40	<i>Aphelochaeta (Tharyx) marioni</i> (Saint-Joseph, 1894)	
41	<i>Caulieriella alata</i> (Southern, 1914)	

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Code	Class Polychaeta	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75
42	<i>Caulieriella bioculata</i> (Keferstein, 1862)	
43	<i>Chaetozone setosa</i> Malmgren, 1867	
44	<i>Chaetozone</i> sp. 1	
45	<i>Chaetozone</i> sp.2	
46	<i>Cirratulus cirratus</i> (Müller, 1776)	
47	<i>Cirratulus filiformis</i> Keferstein, 1862	
48	<i>Cirriformia tentaculata</i> (Montagu, 1808)	
49	<i>Dodecaceria concharum</i> Oersted, 1843	
50	<i>Monticellina (Tharyx) heterochaeta</i> Laubier, 1961	
Order Capitellida		
Family Capitellidae Grube, 1862		
51	<i>Capitella capitata</i> (Fabricius, 1780)	
52	<i>Dasybranchus gajolae</i> Eisig, 1887	
53	<i>Heteromastus filiformis</i> (Claparède, 1868)	
54	<i>Leiocapitella dollfusi</i> (Fauvel, 1936)	
55	<i>Mastobranchus trinchesii</i> Eisig, 1887	
56	<i>Mediomastus fragilis</i> Rasmussen, 1973	
57	<i>Notomastus latericeus</i> Sars, 1851	
58	<i>Notomastus lineatus</i> Claparède, 1870	
59	<i>Peresiella clymenoides</i> Harmelin, 1968	
60	<i>Pseudomastus deltaicus</i> Capaccioni-A. & Martín, 1992	
Family Maldanidae Malmgren, 1867		
61	<i>Axiothella constricta</i> (Claparède, 1868)	
62	<i>Euclymene collaris</i> (Claparède, 1870)	
63	<i>Euclymene oerstedi</i> (Claparède, 1863)	
64	<i>Praxillella affinis</i> (Sars, 1872)	
Order Opheliida		
Family Opheliidae Malmgren, 1867		
65	<i>Armandia cirrosa</i> Filippi, 1861	

51					M *, SHS *
52					M, SMS *
53					M, SMS *, DMS
54					DS
55					DMS
56					M *
57					M
58					SHS
59					DMS *, DS
60					M

61				M *
62				SHS *
63				DMS
64				DMS *

65 M *, DMS *

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66	<i>Armandia polyophtalma</i> Kukenthal, 1887	
67	<i>Ophelia</i> sp.	
Order Phyllodocida		
Family Phyllodocidae Williams, 1851		
68	<i>Anaitides madeirensis</i> (Langerhans, 1880)	
69	<i>Anaitides mucosa</i> (Oersted, 1843)	
70	<i>Eteone longa</i> (Fabricius, 1780)	
71	<i>Eulalia viridis aurea</i> Gravier, 1896	
72	<i>Eumida sanguinea</i> (Oersted, 1843)	
73	<i>Genetyllis nana</i> (Saint-Joseph, 1908)	
74	<i>Genetyllis rubiginosa</i> (Saint-Joseph, 1888)	
75	<i>Hesionura serrata</i> (Hartmann-Schröder, 1963)	
76	<i>Mystides limbata</i> Saint-Joseph, 1888	
77	<i>Mysta picta</i> Quatrefages, 1865	
78	<i>Nereiphylla paretti</i> Blainville, 1828	
79	<i>Paranaitis kosteriensis</i> (Malmgren, 1867)	
80	<i>Pterocirrus limbata</i> Claparède, 1868	
Family Polynoidae Malmgren, 1867		
81	<i>Eunoe</i> sp.	
82	<i>Harmothoe antilopes</i> (McIntosh, 1876)	
83	<i>Harmothoe lunulata</i> (delle Chiaje, 1841)	
84	<i>Harmothoe reticulata</i> (Claparède, 1870)	
Family Sigalionidae Malmgren, 1867		
85	<i>Pholoe minuta</i> (Fabricius, 1780)	
86	<i>Sigalion mathildae</i> Audouin & Edwards, 1832	
87	<i>Sigalion squamatum</i> (delle Chiaje, 1839)	
88	<i>Sthenelais boa</i> (Johnson, 1839)	
89	<i>Sthenelais minor</i> Pruvot & Rakovitza, 1895	
90	<i>Sthenolepis yhleni</i> (Malmgren, 1867)	

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Code	Class Polychaeta	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75
Family Pisionidae Southern, 1914		
91	<i>Pisione remota</i> (Southern, 1914)	
Family Hesionidae Sars, 1862		
92	<i>Gyptis rosea</i> (Malmgren, 1874)	
93	<i>Microphthalmaus</i> sp.	
94	<i>Ophiodromus flexuosus</i> (delle Chiaje, 1825)	
95	<i>Podarkeopsis capensis</i> (Day, 1963)	
96	<i>Syllidia armata</i> Quatrefages, 1865	
97	<i>Syllides japonica edentata</i> Westheide, 1974	
Family Pilargidae Saint-Joseph, 1899		
98	<i>Ancistrosyllis groenlandica</i> McIntosh, 1879	
99	<i>Pilargis verrucosa</i> Saint-Joseph, 1899	
100	<i>Sigambra cf tentaculata</i> (Treadwell, 1941)	
101	<i>Synelmis klatti</i> (Friedrich, 1951)	
Family Syllidae Grube, 1850		
102	<i>Ehlersia ferrugina</i> Langerhans, 1881	
103	<i>Exogone convoluta</i> Campoy, 1982	
104	<i>Exogone dispar</i> (Webster, 1879)	
105	<i>Exogone hebes</i> (Webster & Benedict, 1884)	
106	<i>Exogone naidina</i> Oersted, 1845	
107	<i>Exogone verugera</i> Claparède, 1868	
108	<i>Parapionosyllis elegans</i> Pierantoni, 1903	
109	<i>Parapionosyllis labronica</i> Cognetti, 1965	
110	<i>Parapionosyllis minuta</i> Pierantoni, 1903	
111	<i>Sphaerosyllis hystrix</i> Claparède, 1863	
112	<i>Sphaerosyllis pirifera</i> Claparède, 1868	
113	<i>Sphaerosyllis xarifae</i> Hartmann-Schröder, 1960	
114	<i>Syllis cornuta</i> Rathke, 1843	
115	<i>Syllis garciae</i> (Campoy, 1982)	

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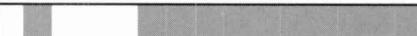
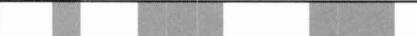
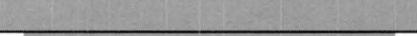
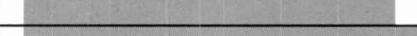
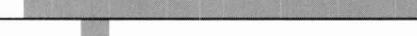
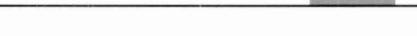
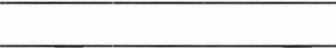
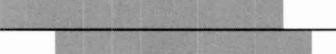
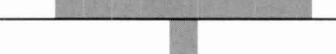
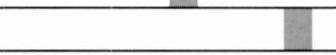
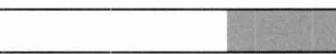
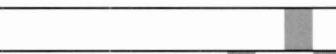
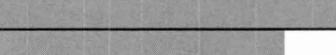
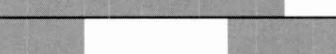
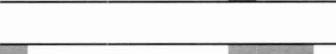
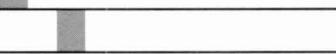
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141	<i>Nephtys paradoxa</i> Malmgren, 1874	
Family Sphaerodoridae Malmgren, 1867		
142	<i>Commensodorum</i> sp.	
143	<i>Sphaerodordium claparedii</i> (Greeff, 1866)	
144	<i>Sphaerodoropsis minutum</i> (Webster & Benedict, 1887)	
Order Eunicida		
Family Onuphidae Kinberg, 1865		
145	<i>Diopatra neapolitana</i> delle Chiaje, 1841	
146	<i>Hyalinoecia bilineata</i> Baird, 1870	
147	<i>Hyalinoecia fauveli</i> Rioja, 1918	
148	<i>Onuphis eremita</i> Audouin & Edwards, 1833	
Family Eunicidae Savigny, 1818		
149	<i>Eunice harassi</i> Audouin & Edwards, 1833	
150	<i>Eunice vittata</i> (delle Chiaje, 1828)	
151	<i>Marphysa belli</i> (Audouin & Edwards, 1833)	
152	<i>Nematoneis unicornis</i> (Grube, 1840)	
Family Lumbrineridae Malmgren, 1867		
153	<i>Lumbrineris coccinea</i> (Rainer, 1804)	
154	<i>Lumbrineris funchalensis</i> (Kinberg, 1865)	
155	<i>Lumbrineris gracilis</i> (Ehlers, 1868)	
156	<i>Lumbrineris impatiens</i> (Claparède, 1868)	
157	<i>Lumbrineris latreilli</i> Audouin & Edwards, 1834	
158	<i>Lumbrineris nonatoi</i> Ramos, 1976	
159	<i>Lumbrineriopsis paradoxa</i> (Saint-Joseph, 1888)	
160	<i>Ninoe armoricana</i> Glèmarec, 1968	
Family Arabellidae Hartman, 1944		
161	<i>Arabella iricolor</i> (Montagu, 1804)	
162	<i>Drilonereis filum</i> (Claparède, 1868)	

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Phylum Annelida		Depth (m)
Code	Class Polychaeta	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75
Family Dorvilleidae Chamberlin, 1919		
163	<i>Dorvillea rubrovittata</i> (Grube, 1855)	
164	<i>Ophryotrocha hartmanni</i> Huth, 1933	
165	<i>Protodorvillea kefersteini</i> (McIntosh, 1869)	
166	<i>Schistomerings neglecta</i> (Fauvel, 1923)	
167	<i>Schistomerings rudolphii</i> (delle Chiaje, 1828)	
Order Sternaspida		
Family Sternaspidae Carus, 1863		
168	<i>Sternaspis scutata</i> (Reiner, 1807)	
Order Oweniida		
Family Oweiniidae Rioja, 1917		
169	<i>Galathowenia oculata</i> (Zaks, 1922)	
170	<i>Owenia fusiformis</i> delle Chiaje, 1841	
Order Flabelligerida		
Family Flabelligeridae Saint-Joseph, 1894		
171	<i>Diplocirrus glaucus</i> (Malmgren, 1867)	
Order Terebellida		
Family Sabellariidae Johnston, 1865		
172	<i>Sabellaria spinulosa</i> Leuckart, 1849	
Family Pectinariidae Quatrefages, 1865		
173	<i>Amphicteume auricomata</i> (Müller, 1776)	
174	<i>Lagis koreni</i> Malmgren, 1866	
175	<i>Petta pusilla</i> Malmgren 1865	
Family Ampharetidae Malmgren, 1867		
176	<i>Amage adspersa</i> (Grube, 1863)	
177	<i>Ampharete acutifrons</i> (Grube, 1860)	
178	<i>Amphicteis gunneri</i> (Sars, 1835)	
179	<i>Melina palmata</i> Grube, 1870	
180	<i>Sabellides octocirrata</i> (Sars, 1835)	

Table 1. (Cont.)

Phylum Annelida		Depth (m)
Code	Class Polychaeta	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75
Family Terebellidae Malmgren, 1867		
181	<i>Amphitrite gracilis</i> (Grube, 1860)	
182	<i>Lanice conchylega</i> (Pallas, 1766)	
183	<i>Nicolea venustula</i> (Montagu, 1818)	
184	<i>Polycirrus</i> sp.	
185	<i>Polynnia</i> sp.	
186	<i>Sosane sulcata</i> Malmgren, 1866	
187	<i>Thelepus cincinnatus</i> (Fabricius, 1780)	
Family Trichobranchidae Malmgren, 1867		
188	<i>Terebellides stroemi</i> Sars, 1835	
Order Sabellida		
Family Sabellidae Johnston, 1865		
189	<i>Amphiglena mediterranea</i> (Leydig, 1851)	
190	<i>Chone collaris</i> Langerhans, 1880	
191	<i>Chone duneri</i> Malmgren, 1867	
192	<i>Chone</i> sp.	
193	<i>Euchone rosea</i> Langerhans, 1884	
194	<i>Fabricia filamentosa</i> Day, 1963	
195	<i>Jasmineira caudata</i> Langerhans, 1880	
196	<i>Megalomma vesiculosum</i> (Montagu, 1815)	
197	<i>Potamilla</i> sp.	
198	<i>Sabella bipunctata</i> Baird, 1865	
Family Serpulidae Johnston, 1865		
199	<i>Ditrupa arietina</i> (Müller, 1776)	
200	<i>Hydroides elegans</i> (Haswell, 1883)	
201	<i>Serpula concharum</i> Linnaeus, 1767	
202	<i>Serpula vermicularis</i> Linnaeus, 1767	

Armandia polyophtalma: Atlantic (Spain, BELLAN, 1960; IBÁÑEZ, 1973a; CAMPOY, 1974. Portugal, MARQUES, 1942). Cantabric Sea (RIOJA, 1931).

Podarkeopsis capensis: Atlantic (Spain, LÓPEZ-JAMAR, 1982; LÓPEZ-JAMAR & MEJUTO, 1986, 1988; LÓPEZ-JAMAR & GONZÁLEZ, 1987, as *Gyptis capensis*).

Six species previously reported in the Mediterranean Spanish coast have not been found before in Catalonia. These are:

Glycera gigantea, Valencia (RIOJA, 1920); *Onuphis eremita*, Málaga (IBÁÑEZ, 1973b); *Exogone dispar*, Gibraltar (SARDÀ, 1984), Murcia and Levante (CAMPOY, 1982), Andalucía (BARATECH, 1984), Alborán (TEMPLADO et al., 1986) and Baleares (SAN MARTÍN, 1982a; SAN MARTÍN & VIÉITEZ, 1991); *Sphaerosyllis xarifae*, Murcia (CAMPOY & ALQUEZAR, 1982), Andalucía (Baratech, 1984), Levante (CAMPOY, 1982), Baleares (SAN MARTÍN, 1982a, 1984; SAN MARTÍN & VIÉITEZ, 1979, 1991); *Petta pusilla*, Valencia (CAMPOY, 1982; CAPACCIONI-AZZATI, 1983) and Murcia (PÉREZ-RUZAFÁ, 1989); *Fabricia filamentosa*, Murcia (PÉREZ-RUZAFÁ, 1989).

Referring to seasons, 33.7% of the species were collected during the four seasons of the year, and 40.3% in two or three seasons, while 6.1% were reported only in spring, 13.8% in summer, 1.5% in autumn, and 4.6% in winter.

Most of the species included in this catalogue present a wide range of distribution inside the study area (ie. *Chone dunerii*, *Glycera rouxii*, *Lumbrineris impatiens*, *Nephtys hombergii*, *Notomastus latericeus*, *Poecilochaetus serpens*, *Prionospio cirrifera*, *Prionospio malmgreni* and *Pseudopolydora antennata*). Nevertheless, it was evident that most of the reported species (82.7%) showed a higher frequency in only one of the five defined environments in function to depth and granulometry of sediment: 31% of the species were found more frequently in shallow sand, 25.6% in mud, 12.3% in deep muddy sand, 9.9% in detritic sand, and 3.9% in shallow muddy sand. Only 17.3% were found more frequently in more than one environment.

The distribution of species obtained here is compared with the faunistic composition in soft bottoms subjected to similar environmental conditions (depth and granulometry) from the Catalonian coast (GUILLÉ, 1970, 1971; DESBRUYÈRES et al., 1972; SARDÀ, 1986; ROMERO et al., 1989).

Since most of the species reported here present a wide range of distribution, only the most frequent environment in which they were found was compared with the bibliographic data. Almost half of the catalogued species have previously been found in the same environment as in the present study (table 1). The revision of the general distribution of the remaining species taking into account data from the Spanish Mediterranean coast (CAMPOY, 1982; CAPACCIONI-AZZATI, 1983, 1987; SARDÀ, 1984; CAPACCIONI-AZZATI et al., 1987; PÉREZ-RUZAFÁ, 1989; MARTÍN, 1991) confirms the presence of most of the species in the indicated environment. Nevertheless, it is important to point out the presence of other species which most frequent environment was not reported previously by such authors in the Spanish Mediterranean coast. They are: *Malacoceros fuliginosus*, *Polydora ciliata*, *P. hoplura*, *Pseudopolydora antennata*, *Dodecaceria concharum*, *Capitella capitata*, *Euclymene collaris*, *Anaitides mucosa*, *Eulalia viridis*, *Nereiphylla paretti*, *Glycinde nordmanni*, *Nephtys paradoxa*, *Amphitrite gracilis*, *Hydroïdes elegans* and *Serpula concharum* in shallow sand; *Aricidea catherinae*, *Polydora caeca*, *Lagis koreni* and *Serpula vermicularis* in shallow muddy sand; *Polydora caeca*, *Armandia cirrosa*, *Harmothoe lunulata*, *Synelmis klatti*, *Eunice harassi* and *Sabella bipunctata* in deep muddy sand; *Aricidea cerrutii*, *Pseudopolydora antennata*, *Cirriformia tentaculata*, *Capitella capitata*, *Armandia cirrosa*, *Anaitides mucosa*, *Harmothoe antilopes*, *Pholoe minuta*, *Pilargis verrucosa*, *Exogone naidina*, *Syllis gracilis*, *Lumbrineris coccinea*, *L. funchalensis*, *Dorvillea rubrovittata* and *Sabellaria spinulosa* in mud; *Anaitides mucosa*, *Syllis garciai*, *Ehlersia ferrugina*, *Parapionosyllis minuta* and *Chone collaris* in detritic sand.

Four of these species (*Polydora hoplura*,

Nereiphylla paretti, *Ehlersia ferrugina* and *Lumbrineris coccinea*), inhabiting shallow sand and detritic sand have previously been found associated to coraligenous, mussel beds and other biogenic structures. Such habitats provide a protection system comparable to the structure resulting from the mixture of sand and shelly fragments which can be found in these sandy bottoms (SEBENS, 1991).

Some species such as *Aricidea catherinae*, *Euclymene collaris*, *Armandia cirrosa*, *Synelmis klatti*, *Glycinde nordmanni* and *Amphitrite gracilis* present a wide range of distribution on soft bottoms and are absent in other substrates. Others (*Pholoe minuta*, *Harmothoe lunulata*, *Amphiglena mediterranea*, *Exogone naidina*, *Syllis garciai*, *S. gracilis* and *Lumbrineris funchalensis*) show a wider range of distribution since they can be found in soft bottoms and also associated to algae, *Posidonia* beds, rocks and biogenic structures. Their new environment reported here confirms the ubiquitous character of these species.

Serpulids normally live associated to hard substrates such as rocks, stones and shells. The presence of *Hydroides elegans*, *Serpula concharum* and *S. vermicularis* in soft bottoms is explained by their attachment to small fragments of stones and shells in the sediment.

Malacoceros fuliginosus, *Polydora ciliata*, *Pseudopolydora antennata* and *Capitella capitata* have been mentioned as typical pollution indicators in marine soft bottoms (PEARSON & ROSENBERG, 1978). Their presence in shallow sand and mud in the Barcelonès region is not surprising due to the organic enrichment of sediments by the wastewater treatment plant.

Resumen

Anélidos poliquetos de fondos blandos litorales del Barcelonès (Cataluña, NE España)

Se ha estudiado la distribución de anélidos poliquetos de los fondos blandos

litorales entre 5 y 75 m de profundidad frente a la comarca del Barcelonès (NE España). La relación que se presenta comprende un total de 202 especies para las que se indica la profundidad, el tipo de sedimento y estación del año en que fueron encontradas, así como el ambiente en el cual fueron registradas con mayor frecuencia. Estos datos se presentan en forma de tabla (tabla 1) en la que las especies aparecen siguiendo un orden sistemático. Por otra parte, se incluyen los nuevos registros para el mar Mediterráneo, la península ibérica, las costas mediterráneas españolas y para Cataluña.

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