

***Oratosquilla septemdentata* n.sp.**
(Crustacea: Stomatopoda: Squillidae),
a New Species of Deep Water Stomatopod
from Halmahera, Indonesia

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ABSTRACT. *Oratosquilla septemdentata* n.sp., is a new species of stomatopod from Halmahera. It is unique in *Oratosquilla* for bearing seven teeth on the raptorial claw. Although it corresponds to none of the current species groups within the genus, it comes closest to species of the *Oratosquilla woodmasoni* species group. *Oratosquilla septemdentata* is the only species of this genus known to occur in depths exceeding 400 m.

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During examination of unidentified stomatopods in the collections of the Australian Museum, two specimens collected from Halmahera in deep water, simply labelled "*Oratosquilla* sp." were found. Their dissimilarity to any known stomatopod prompted a description of this new species.

The type material is deposited in the Australian Museum, Sydney.

Total length is measured on the midline, from the anterior margin of the rostral plate to a line between the apices of the submedian teeth of the telson. Carapace length is measured along the midline and excludes the rostral plate. The corneal index (given as the carapace length divided by the cornea width multiplied by 100) follows the convention of Manning (1971).

Oratosquilla Manning, 1968

Oratosquilla septemdentata n.sp.

Fig. 1

Type material. HOLOTYPE, male, total length 81.3 mm (AM P41484), inner basin, Teluk Kau, Halmahera, Indonesia, 0°55'N 127°49'E, 460 m, 1.8 m beam trawl, Te Vega Expedition, coll. J. Bennett, Stn 56, 26 Sept. 1963. PARATYPE, male, total length 83 mm, type locality (AM P41839).

Diagnosis. Rostral plate length and breadth equal, lacking median carina; apex rounded; eye large, cornea set obliquely on stalk; corneal index 349; anterior margin of ophthalmic somite 3 pointed; anterior width of