

Tedania (Tedania) pilarriosae Cristobo, 2002

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Description

Massive sponge ranging from roundish (in smaller individuals) to elongated (in larger ones). The surface is velvety and somewhat angular between smooth areas and sieve-plate areas where numerous pin-like pores can be found. It has a strong orange coloration and a firm consistency.

Geographic distribution

The species is only known to occur in the northwesternmost part of the Iberian Peninsula, from Ría de Ferrol in Galicia (type-locality) and Esposende.

Habitat and ecology

Typically occurs in rocky habitats, in the intertidal and upper sublittoral, between 0 and 15 m depth.

Identifying features

Its massive and angular shape, alongside with its orange coloration are very distinctive, making misidentifications unlikely.

Synonyms

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References

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