

*Drepanophora indica* Tilbrook, Hayward & Gordon, 2001, p.73, fig.10C.

*DREPANOPHORA INDICA* HAYWARD

(Fig. 10C)

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*Description*

Colony encrusting, unilaminar. Autozooids oval, convex, distinct, separated by deep grooves. Primary orifice longer than wide, almost pear-shaped, wider distally; proximal border with a single transversely orientated avicularium on one side, rostrum sharply hooked, and a slight constriction opposite. Peristome thin, low, incomplete proximally. Frontal shield nodular, with large marginal pores. Ovicell prominent, globular, recumbent on distal autozooid, a large elliptical foramen, angled to frontal plane, either side of midline.

*Remarks*

Winston & Heimberg (1986) described *Drepanophora verrucosa* from Indonesia; Hayward (1988) distinguished it from *D. indica* using criteria of the ovicell and orificial avicularium. *Drepanophora indica* was originally described from Mauritius; a single ovicellate colony was found at Poanangisu, Efate and was compared with Hayward's (1988) type specimen.

