

*Parantropora penelope* Tilbrook, 1998. Tilbrook, Hayward & Gordon, 2001, p.41, fig.3F.

*PARANTROPORA PENELOPE* TILBROOK

(Fig. 3F)

*Antropora granulifera*: Ryland & Hayward, 1992: 229, fig. 2c.

*Parantropora penelope* Tilbrook, 1998: 40, fig. 3D,E.

*Description*

Colony encrusting, unilaminar. Autozooids with minimal gymnocyst; cryptocyst occupying slightly less than half total length, flat or slightly concave, coarsely beaded; opesia subtriangular. At the distal end of each autozooid a pair (rarely one) of small, teardrop-shaped interzooidal avicularia; rostrum acute to frontal plane, directed distally or distomedially, mandible acutely triangular. Large vicarious avicularia also present, generally larger than autozooids; rostrum raised distally, cryptocyst narrow, coarsely granular, laterally constricted; opesia rounded; mandible spatulate, articulated on pointed, triangular condyles, angled slightly proximally, situated proximal to lateral rostral constriction. Ovicells endozooidal, small, granular, cap-like, derived from distal zooid.

*Remarks*

Following examination of Ryland & Hayward's (1992) material from Heron Island, attributed to *Antropora granulifera* (Hincks, 1880), it may confidently be assigned to *P. penelope*.

*Distribution*

Great Barrier Reef, Australia; Erakor Island, Vanuatu; Suva Barrier Reef, Fiji. This species appears to be limited to the tropical Southwest Pacific.

