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*Hippothoa tongima* Ryland & Gordon 1977: 37 (*cum syn.*).  
*Celleporella tongima*: Gordon & Hastings 1979: 577.

MATERIAL EXAMINED: NZOI Stns B498, C856, C868, C869, D252, D253, D269, D272, Q686.

DISTRIBUTION: Spirits Bay, Hen and Chicken Islands, Leigh, Waikanae coast, Marlborough Sounds, Cook Strait; 0-205 m. Also Pleistocene of North Island (near Wanganui and Waipukurau).

DESCRIPTION: Colony encrusting, zooids contiguous. Autozooids 0.36-0.51 x 0.12-0.20 mm, the frontal wall smooth with sometimes slight transverse striations, rarely umbonate or tubercular. Orifice subcircular with U-shaped sinus and moderately developed bicuspid condyles; these sometimes inconspicuous. Pore-chambers subtubular, closely appressed with no lacunae, 5-7 along each zooidal margin, with a conspicuous opaque white spot in each one frontally. Polypide with 10 tentacles. Male zooids slightly smaller than autozooids, the orifice tiny, typically with unicuspid condyles; the polypide with four tentacles. Female zooids and ovicells together about as long as autozooids, the orifice with a straight or weakly concave proximal rim and short notch-like sinus; ovicell with a cluster of pores near the apex and a peripheral row of about nine larger ones. Ancestrula smooth; early astogeny as in *C. (A.) bathamae* but with no interzooidal lacunae.

REMARKS: The development of zooids during colony ontogeny has been illustrated by Gordon and Hastings (1979: 572).