

Hippothoa calciophilia Gordon, 1984. Tilbrook, Hayward & Gordon, 2001, p.62, fig.9A,B.

HIPPOTHOA CALCIOPHILIA GORDON

(Fig. 9A,B)

Hippothoa calciophilia Gordon, 1984: 108, text-fig. 10;
pl. 42, figs A–C.

Hippothoa calciophilia: Ryland & Hayward, 1992: 247,
fig. 13a,b.

Remarks

Hippothoa calciophilia is very similar to *H. distans* MacGillivray, 1869, however, Gordon (1984) distinguished his new species on the basis of the distribution of communication pores, and the smooth ovicell, which is apically sculptured in *H. distans*.

Distribution

The wide geographical distribution of *Hippothoa calciophilia* was recorded by Gordon (1984): from New Zealand and the Great Barrier Reef, and from the eastern Pacific, including the Galapagos Islands, from Panama to Peru, as well as from the Bahamas. Ryland & Hayward (1992) record it from Heron Island, Great Barrier Reef. Several colonies were found encrusting small pieces of coral rubble at Port Vila Harbour and Erakor Island.

