

Benthic foraminiferal fauna of Gökçeada Island (Northern Aegean Sea) and its local variations

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This study has been carried out around Gökçeada with the samples taken from 34 different points, depths of 0.50 - 68 m. 58 genera and 104 species have been determined. The faunal associations show differences between the east and west coast of the island. Especially to the east of the island, on the Aydıncık Cape, there is an abundance of *Peneroplis planatus* (FICHTEL and MOLL) and *Peneroplis pertusus* (FORSKAL). Also, to the south-east of Gökçeada, the typical Foraminifera of the eastern Mediterranean *Amphistegina lobifera LARSEN* and *Sorites orbiculus EHRENBERG* have been observed. Besides, a foraminiferal assemblage rich in number and high in diversity has been identified in 4 stations to the east and 3 stations to the west of the island.

During another study area between Gökçeada-Bozcaada-Çanakkale, the genus *Peneroplis*, *Laevipeneroplis*, *Amphistegina* and *Sorites* have not been found.

For this reason, the east and southeast of Gökçeada and on the west fields in different sites there was life as a result of geothermal effect.

Keywords: Benthic Foraminifera, Gökçeada, northern Aegean Sea

INTRODUCTION

The study area, Gökçeada, is located in the north-eastern part of the Aegean Sea. Gökçeada island is a continental shelf environment. This island is bordered by the Gulf of Saroz to the north-east, the Gelibolu Peninsula and Dardanelles to the east, the Limnos Island to the southwest and by the Bozcaada to the south.

34 samples were collected using VAN VEEN grab sampler from the sea bottom around Gökçeada island (Fig. 1) during the 1998 summer season.

Previously, it has been reported that AVŞAR and ERGIN (1998) carried out on 31 dry sedi-

ment samples and described 84 genera and 160 benthic foraminiferal species from the various depths and locations at the Gökçeada-Bozcaada-Çanakkale triangle.

The objective of this study is to indicate the existence of the some peneroplids and describe the benthic foraminiferal taxa of the region.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

10 grams dry sediments from each of the 34 surface sediments samples were soaked with 17% H₂O₂ and left 24 hours within it. After drying and sieving of the residues bigger than 0.063-mm mesh, the foraminifers were picked

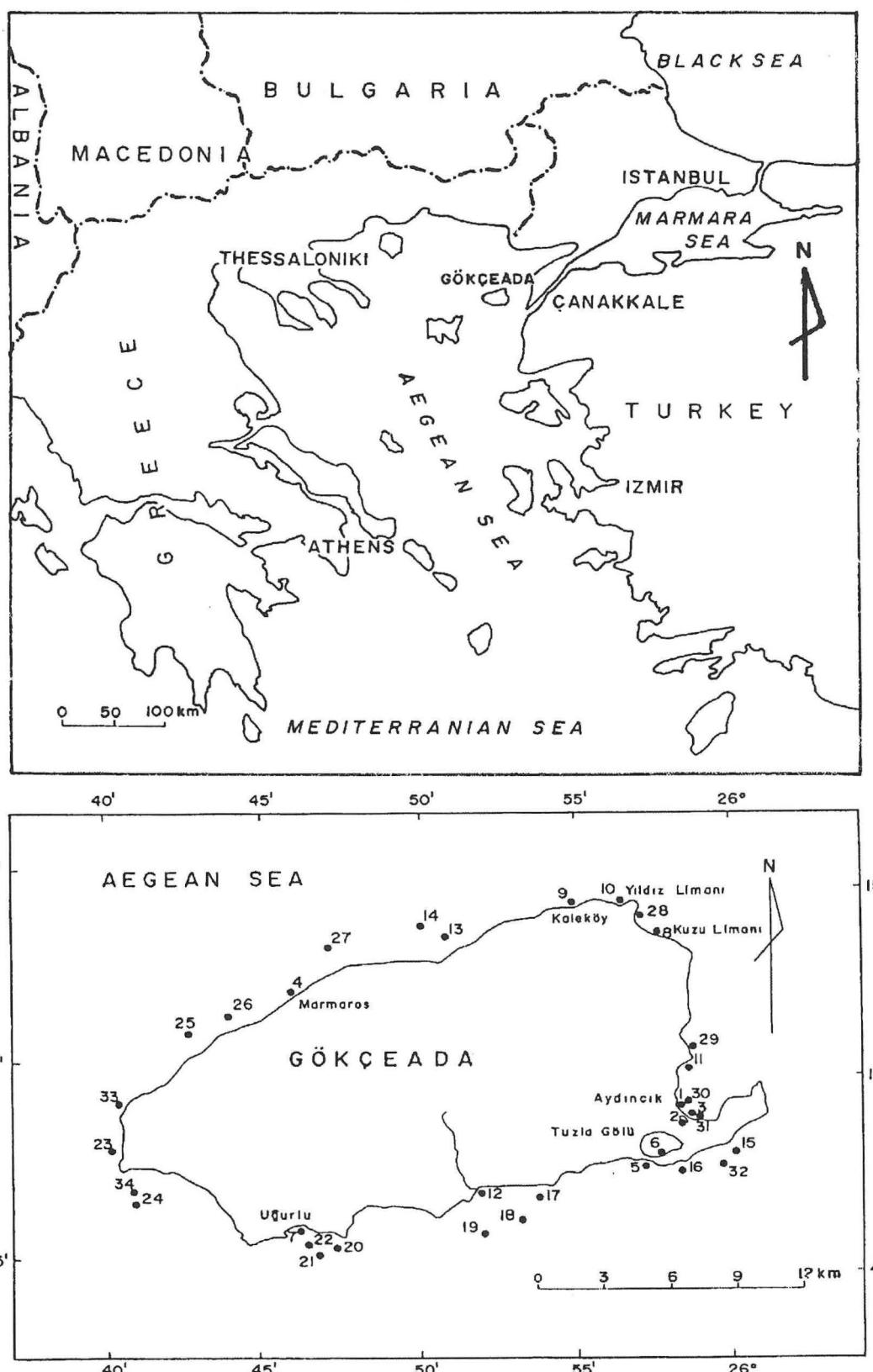


Fig. 1. Location map of the study area and sampled localities

up and examined under a binocular microscope. The following symbols in Table 2 show number of individuals in the samples, O 1-2, 3-5, ? 6-15, 16-25, more than 25.

The studies of YANKO and TROITSKAJA, 1987; LOEBLICH and TAPPAN, 1988; MERİÇ AND SAKINÇ, 1990; CIMERMAN and LANGER, 1991; HOTTINGER *et al.*, 1993; SGARRELLA and MONCHARMONT-ZEI, 1993; MERİÇ *et al.*, 1995; MERİÇ and AVŞAR, 1997 were used for the identification of the foraminiferal taxa.

LIST OF TAXA IDENTIFIED

(Classification according to LOEBLICH and TAPPAN, 1988).

Family Haplophragmoididae MAYNC, 1952

Haplophragmoides CUSHMAN, 1910

Haplophragmoides canariensis (d'ORBIGNY, 1839)

Family Spirolectamminidae CUSHMAN, 1927

Subfamily Spirolectammininae CUSHMAN, 1927

Spirolectinella KISEL'MAN, 1972

Spirolectinella sagittula (d'ORBIGNY, 1839)

Family Eggerellidae CUSHMAN, 1937

Subfamily Eggerellinae CUSHMAN, 1937

Eggerelloides HAYNES, 1973

Eggerelloides scabrus (WILLIAMSON, 1858)

Family Textulariidae EHRENBERG, 1838

Subfamily Textulariinae EHRENBERG, 1838

Textularia DEFRENCE, 1824

Textularia bocki HÖGLUND, 1947

Textularia truncata HÖGLUND, 1947

Subfamily Siphonapertinae SAIDOVA, 1975

Siphonaperta VELLA, 1957

Siphonaperta aglutinans (d'ORBIGNY, 1839)

Siphonaperta aspera (d'ORBIGNY, 1826)

Family Ficherinidae MILLET, 1898

Subfamily Ficherininae MILLET, 1898

Trisegmentina WIESNER, 1920

Trisegmentina compressa WIESNER, 1931

Subfamily Nodobaculariellinae BOGDANOVICH, 1981

Vertebralina d'ORBIGNY, 1826

Vertebralina striata d'ORBIGNY, 1826

Wiesnerella CUSHMAN, 1933

Wiesnerella auriculata (EGGER, 1893)

Family Spiroloculinidae WIESENER, 1920

Adelosina d'ORBIGNY, 1826

Adelosina clairensis (HERON-ALLEN and EARLAND, 1930)

Adelosina mediterranensis (Le CALVEZ J. and Y., 1958)

Adelosina partschi (d'ORBIGNY, 1846)

Adelosina pulchella d'ORBIGNY, 1846

Spiroloculina d'ORBIGNY, 1826

Spiroloculina angulata d'ORBIGNY, 1826

Spiroloculina angulosa TERQUEM, 1878

Spiroloculina depressa d'ORBIGNY, 1826

Spiroloculina ornata d'ORBIGNY, 1839

Spiroloculina pellucida SAID, 1950

Family Hauerinidae SCHWAGER, 1876

Subfamily Siphonapertinae SAIDOVA, 1975

Siphonaperta VELLA, 1957

Siphonaperta aglutinans (d'ORBIGNY, 1839)

Siphonaperta aspera (d'ORBIGNY, 1826)

Siphonaperta dilatata (Le CALVEZ J. and Y., 1958)

Siphonaperta irregularis (d'ORBIGNY, 1826)

Subfamily Hauerininae SCHWAGER, 1876

Cycloforina LUCZKOWSKA, 1972

Cycloforina contorta (d'ORBIGNY, 1846)

Cycloforina rugosa (d'ORBIGNY, 1826)

Cycloforina tenuicollis (WIESNER, 1923)

Cycloforina villafranca (Le CALVEZ, J. and Y., 1958)

Lachlanella VELLA, 1957

Lachlanella undulata (d'ORBIGNY, 1826)

Lachlanella variolata (d'ORBIGNY, 1826)

Massilina SCHLUMBERGER, 1893

Massilina gualteriana (d'ORBIGNY, 1839)

Massilina secans (d'ORBIGNY, 1826)

Quinqueloculina d'ORBIGNY, 1826

Patellina WILLIAMSON, 1858

Patellina corrugata WILLIAMSON, 1858

- Quinqueloculina berthelotiana* d'ORBIGNY, 1839
Quinqueloculina bidentata d'ORBIGNY, 1839
Quinqueloculina disparilis d'ORBIGNY, 1826
Quinqueloculina eburnea (d'ORBIGNY, 1839)
Quinqueloculina jugosa CUSHMAN, 1944
Quinqueloculina laevigata d'ORBIGNY, 1839
Quinqueloculina lamarckiana d'ORBIGNY, 1839
Quinqueloculina seminula (LINNÉ, 1758)
Quinqueloculina stalkeri LOEBLICH and TAPPAN, 1953
Quinqueloculina viennensis Le CALVEZ J. and Y., 1958
Subfamily Miliolinellinae VELLA, 1957
Miliolinella WIESNER, 1931
Miliolinella elongata KRUIT, 1955
Miliolinella semicostata (WIESNER, 1923)
Miliolinella subrotunda (MONTAGU, 1803)
Miliolinella webbiana (d'ORBIGNY, 1839)
Pseudotriloculina CHERIF, 1970
Pseudotriloculina laevigata (d'ORBIGNY, 1826)
Pseudotriloculina oblonga (MONTAGU, 1803)
Pseudotriloculina rotunda (d'ORBIGNY, 1826)
Pseudotriloculina sidebottomi (MARTINOTTI, 1920)
Pyrgo DEFRENCE, 1824
Pyrgo anomala (SCHLUMBERGER, 1891)
Pyrgo elongata (d'ORBIGNY, 1826)
Triloculina d'ORBIGNY, 1826
Triloculina marioni SCHLUMBERGER, 1893
Triloculina plicata TERQUEM, 1878
Triloculina schreiberiana d'ORBIGNY, 1839
Triloculina tricarinata d'ORBIGNY, 1826
Wellmanellinella CHERIF, 1970
Wellmanellinella striata (SIDEBOTTOM, 1904)
Subfamily Sigmoilinitinae LUCZKOWSKA, 1974
Sigmoilinita SEIGLIE, 1965
Sigmoilinita costata (WIESNER, 1893)
Sigmoilinita edwardsi (SCHLUMBERGER, 1887)
Subfamily Tubinellinae RHUMBLER, 1906
Articulina D'ORBIGNY 1826
Articulina carinata WIESNER, 1923
Parrina CUSHMAN, 1931
Parrina bradyi (MILLETT, 1898)
Family Peneroplidae SCHULTZE, 1854
Laevipeneroplis SULC, 1936
Laevipeneroplis karreri (WIESNER, 1923)
Peneroplis de MONTFORT, 1803
Peneroplis pertusus (FORSKAL, 1775)
Peneroplis planatus (FICHTEL and MOLL, 1798)
Family Soritidae EHRENBERG, 1839
Subfamily Soritinae EHRENBERG, 1839
Sorites EHRENBERG, 1839
Sorites orbiculus EHRENBERG, 1839
Family Nodosariidae EHRENBERG, 1839
Subfamily Lenticulininae CHAPMAN, PARR and COLLINS, 1934
Lenticulina LAMARCK, 1804
Lenticulina gibba (d'ORBIGNY, 1826)
Subfamily Marginulininae WEDEKIND, 1936
Amphicoryna SCHLUMBERGER, 1881
Amphicoryna scalaris (BATSCH, 1791)
Family Polymorphinidae d'ORBIGNY, 1839
Subfamily Polymorphininae d'ORBIGNY, 1839
Globulina d'ORBIGNY, 1839
Globulina punctata d'ORBIGNY, 1846
Globulina sp.
Polymorphina d'ORBIGNY, 1826
Polymorphina sp. 2
Polymorphina sp. 3
Polymorphina sp. 5
Family Buliminidae JONES, 1875
Bulimina d'ORBIGNY, 1826
Bulimina elongata d'ORBIGNY, 1846
Family Reussellidae CUSHMAN, 1933
Reussella GALLOWAY, 1933
Reussella spinulosa (REUSS, 1850)
Family Bagginidae CUSHMAN, 1927
Subfamily Baggininae CUSHMAN, 1927
Valvularineria CUSHMAN, 1926
Valvularineria bradyana (FORNASINI, 1900)
Family Eponididae HOFKER, 1951
Subfamily Eponininae HOFKER, 1951
Eponides de MONTFORT, 1808
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- Eponides concameratus* (WILLIAMSON, 1858)
- Family Mississippinidae SAIDOVA, 1981**
- Subfamily Stomatorbiniae SAIDOVA, 1981
- Stomatorbina* DOREEN, 1948
- Stomatorbina concentrica* (PARKER and JONES, 1864)
- Family Discorbidae EHRENBURG, 1838**
- Neoeponides* REISS, 1960
- Neoeponides bradyi* (Le CALVEZ, 1974)
- Family Rosalinidae REISS, 1963**
- Neoconorbina* HOFKER, 1951
- Neoconorbina terquemi* (RZEHAK, 1888)
- Rosalina* d'ORBIGNY, 1826
- Rosalina bradyi* CUSHMAN, 1915
- Rosalina floridensis* (CUSHMAN, 1922)
- Rosalina globulosa* d'ORBIGNY, 1826
- Tretomphalus* MÖBIUS, 1880
- Tretomphalus bulloides* (d'ORBIGNY, 1829)
- Family Glabratellidae LOEBLICH and TAPPAN, 1964**
- Conorbella* HOFKER, 1951
- Conorbella imperatoria* (d'ORBIGNY, 1846)
- Family Discorbinellidae SIGAL, 1952**
- Subfamily Discorbinellinae SIGAL, 1952
- Discorbinella* CUSHMAN and MARTIN, 1935
- Discorbinella bertheloti* (d'ORBIGNY, 1839)
- Family Cibicididae CUSHMAN, 1927**
- Subfamily Cibicidinae CUSHMAN, 1927
- Cibicides* de MONTFORT, 1808
- Cibicides advenum* (d'ORBIGNY, 1839)
- Lobatula* FLEMING, 1828
- Lobatula lobatula* (WALKER and JACOB, 1798)
- Subfamily Annulocibicidinae SAIDOVA, 1981
- Cyclocibicides* CUSHMAN, 1927
- Cyclocibicides vermiculatus* (d'ORBIGNY, 1826)
- Family Planorbulinidae SCHWAGER, 1877**
- Subfamily Planorbulininae SCHWAGER, 1877
- Planorbulina* d'ORBIGNY, 1826
- Planorbulina mediterranensis* d'ORBIGNY, 1826
- Cibicidella* CUSHMAN, 1927
- Cibicidella variabilis* (d'ORBIGNY, 1839)
- Family Acervulinidae SCHULTZE, 1854**
- Sphaerogypsina* GALLOWAY, 1933
- Sphaerogypsina globula* (REUSS, 1848)
- Family Asterigerinatidae REISS, 1963**
- Asterigerinata* BERMUDEZ, 1949
- Asterigerinata mamilla* (WILLIAMSON, 1858)
- Family Amphisteginidae CUSHMAN, 1927**
- Amphistegina* d'ORBIGNY, 1826
- Amphistegina lobifera* LARSEN, 1976
- Family Nonionidae SCHULTZE, 1854**
- Subfamily Nonioninae SCHULTZE, 1854
- Nonion* de MONTFORT, 1808
- Nonion depressulum* (WALKER and JACOB, 1798)
- Subfamily Astrononioninae SAIDOVA, 1981
- Astrononion* CUSHMAN and EDWARDS, 1937
- Astrononion stelligerum* (d'ORBIGNY, 1839)
- Family Rotaliidae EHRENBURG, 1839**
- Subfamily Ammoniidae SAIDOVA, 1981
- Ammonia* BRÜNNICH, 1772
- Ammonia compacta* HOFKER, 1969
- Ammonia parkinsoniana* (d'ORBIGNY, 1839)
- Ammonia tepida* CUSHMAN, 1926
- Challengerella* BILLMAN, HOTTINGER and OESTERLE, 1980
- Challengerella bradyi* BILLMAN, HOTTINGER and OESTERLE, 1980
- Family Elphidiidae GALLOWAY, 1933**
- Subfamily Elphidiinae GALLOWAY, 1933
- Criboelphidium* CUSHMAN, 1948
- Criboelphidium poeyanum* (d'ORBIGNY, 1839)
- Porosononion* PUTRYA, 1956
- Porosononion subgranosum* (EGGER, 1857)
- Elphidium* de MONTFORT, 1808
- Elphidium aculeatum* (d'ORBIGNY, 1846)
- Elphidium advenum* (CUSHMAN, 1922)
- Elphidium complanatum* (d'ORBIGNY, 1839)
- Elphidium crispum* (LINNÉ, 1758)
- Elphidium depressulum* CUSHMAN, 1933
- Elphidium macellum* (FICHTEL and MOLL, 1798)
- Elphidium cf. pulvereum* TODD, 1958

DISCUSSION AND RESULTS

Temperature changes between 15° and 26°C in water depths from 0.50 to 68.00 meters. Salinity is 22.3–38.4 psu, pH 7.55–8.13 and dissolved oxygen 2.90–8.62 mg/l (Table 1). Out of 34 investigated sites, the 12th and 31st did not include foraminiferal fauna. There were 104 species of 58 genera related to 30 families and

26 subfamilies identified from 32 locations (Table 2).

The evaluation of species, genus features and quantitative data were obtained from foraminiferal assemblages in the examined samples. A numerous individuals were noted at some stations such as 16, 24 and 29. The occurrences of *Peneroplis*, *Laevipeneroplis*, *Sorites* and *Amphistegina* genera, which have not been

Table 1. Depth, temperature, oxygen, pH and salinity values of bottom water

Station No	Depth (m)	Oxygen (mg/l)	Temp. (°C)	pH	Salinity (psu)
1	0.50	5.03	25.0	8.03	27.1
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3	0.50	5.03	25.0	8.03	27.3
4	0.50	7.84	24.5	8.12	27.5
5	0.50	8.17	25.0	8.05	29.6
6					
7	0.50	5.63	26.0	8.13	22.9
8	0.50	8.35	24.5	8.03	29.7
9	0.50	8.56	25.0	8.02	28.9
10	0.50	8.41	26.0	8.11	29.5
11	0.50	5.02	25.0	8.03	27.9
12	0.50	8.62	25.0	8.08	22.3
13	13.00	6.80	23.0	7.85	34.4
14	55.00	5.00	17.0	7.80	37.4
15	3.00	4.90	22.0	7.68	33.4
16	4.00	4.70	22.0	7.65	33.4
17	4.00	4.70	22.0	7.70	33.4
18	30.00	4.30	19.0	7.72	37.3
19	40.00	4.20	22.0	7.71	33.5
20	3.00	5.20	22.0	7.71	33.4
21	15.00	4.70	22.0	7.69	33.4
22	3.00	4.90	22.0	7.70	33.4
23	10.00	5.90	22.0	7.63	33.5
24	68.00	5.60	16.5	7.58	38.0
25	25.00	4.90	21.0	7.83	34.1
26	9.00	4.90	22.0	7.81	33.6
27	9.00	5.90	22.0	7.65	33.4
28	10.00	2.90	22.0	7.55	33.4
29	11.00	4.60	19.0	8.02	38.3
30	3.00	6.51	19.0	7.75	37.4
31	13.00	6.55	18.0	8.08	38.4
32	16.00	4.31	18.0	7.99	38.4
33	28.00	5.49	15.0	7.92	36.6
34	41.00	4.40	16.0	7.86	38.3

Table 2. Distribution of species of Foraminifera according to site numbers

Table 2. cont'd

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16*	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	
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<i>Triloculina tricarinata</i>																																			
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<i>Peneroplis pertusus</i>																	○	○	*	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		
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<i>Sorites orbiculus</i>																																			
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<i>Stomatorbina concentrica</i>																																			
<i>Neoeponides bradyi</i>																	○	○	▲		○														
<i>Neoconorbina terquemi</i>																																			
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<i>Rosalina floridensis</i>																			●	*															
<i>Rosalina globularis</i>																	●																		
<i>Tretomphalus bulloides</i>																	○	○	○	○															
<i>Conorbella imperatoria</i>																	○			●															
<i>Discorbinea bertheloti</i>																			▲																
<i>Cibicides advenum</i>																	▲	▲	○																
<i>Lobatula lobatula</i>																	○	●	▲	*	○	●	▲	*	*	*	*	○	■	*	▲	*			
<i>Cyclocibicides vermiculatus</i>																																			
<i>Planorbolina mediterraneensis</i>																			●	■	○	○	○	●	▲	*	▲	○	*	○	*				
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<i>Ammonia leptida</i>																		▲																	
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<i>Elphidium depressulum</i>																	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
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<i>Elphidium cf. pulvereum</i>																																			
TOTAL NUMBER OF SPECIMENS PER 10 gr SEDIMENT	180	160	330	58	13	8	17	44	16	13	35	32	92	1374	26	22	50	0	44	33	190	1048	604	343	16	144	0	1900	729	587	12				

reported among 84 genera and 160 species in another recent study (AVŞAR and ERGİN, 1998) are carried out on 31 samples from the various depths and locations at the Gökçeada-Bozcaada-Çanakkale, which are important and interesting subjects to study (Table 2).

Observation of the indicated 4 genera, which are mostly typical Mediterranean foraminifers (CIMERMAN and LANGER, 1991), and their occurrences around Gökçeada point to the existence of different ecological conditions around the island, particularly towards the eastern part. The following explains better the subject: *Amphistegina lobifera* LARSEN was found at the stations 30 and 32 located at the southeast part of the island. At the station 30 there were not seen too many of *Sorites orbiculus* EHRENBURG. *Laevipeneroplis karreri* (WIESNER) was recorded at stations 29 and 26 situated at the east and northwest of the area. Many individuals of *Peneroplis pertusus* (FORSKAL) and *Peneroplis planatus* (FICHTEL and MOLL) were observed at stations 1, 2, 3, 11, 29 and 30 in the east part of the island (Table 2).

Also, in the Karaburun Peninsula on the east of Çeşme (İzmir) in the İlica Bay, there is a geothermal source with the temperature 55-58°C in the depth of 2.50 m. Around this source there is enrichment of peneroplids. In a near past, in the İzmit Gulf, the researches made in two different points and around the geothermal sources related to the faults, which disappeared lately, there is an extraordinary number of foraminiferal development.

Besides, little amount of *Peneroplis* individuals was seen at 4, 25, 26, 27 at northwest; 9, 10, 13, 14, 28 at northeast; 20, 21, 22 at southwest and 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 called stations at southeast. At evaluation of quantitative data, the number of the *Peneroplis* individuals is observed only at 17 stations (Table 2). These forms are thought to be reworked individuals by currents from the east part of the island.

Furthermore, an extreme abundance of peneroplids around a thermal water, at heat of 55-58°C and 2.50 m of depth, from the gulf was also reported in the previous studies (SÖZERİ, 1966; MERİÇ, 1986) carried out around the İlica

Gulf at the east of Çeşme (İzmir), the Karaburun Peninsula. This kind of hot water sources is also known from the various parts and depths of the Aegean Sea (BAŞKAN and CANIK, 1983). More recently, another study at the İzmit Gulf explains numerous foraminifer occurrences around the thermal waters related to the fault systems (MERİÇ and SUNER, 1995).

Number of foraminifer individuals living near to a thermal water source is too many such as S-3 and S-2 drillings at the İzmit Gulf. The reason is probably water temperature and sulfur contents. Because the sulfur having (-2) value is mostly an important food source for protista (MERİÇ, 1983). Temperature changes also effect the life of an organism. Besides, CO₂ and H₂S contents of hot waters around Çeşme (İzmir) and its surrounding were also examined (BAŞKAN and CANIK, 1983).

Sampling examination in detail indicates that abundance of *Peneroplis planatus* (FICHTEL and MOLL) and *Peneroplis pertusus* (FORSKAL) particularly at the east part of Gökçeada is an interesting point to be taken into consideration. It is found that the indicated species are wide spread at the Mersin Gulf and the İskenderun Gulf at the Mediterranean shores (AVŞAR and MERİÇ, 1996; AVŞAR, 1997) and prefer warm water conditions such as the İlica Gulf at the eastern Çeşme. However, very shallow water depths such as sampling locations also support sun shine effects in this kind of areas. Apart from the mentioned data, recent biological studies also show that temperature in very deep and dark environments effects the life of organisms. Abnormal occurrences of organisms around the hot water sources were recorded at Galapagos Islands and surroundings (at 2500 meters of depth and temperature of 35.0°C) as well as in the Atlantic type ridge which is 2900 km far from Miami, 3670 meters deep and at temperature of 36.5°C (BALLARD, 1976; CORLISS and BALLARD, 1977; BALLARD and GRASSE, 1979; ENRIGHT *et al.*, 1981, LUTZ and HAYMON, 1994, MERİÇ, 1983, 1994; LUTZ, 2000).

On the other hand, in spite of existing of *Posidonia* grasses in most of sampling areas,

sometimes disappearing of Foraminifera at the mentioned areas (31), occurrences of less amount of Foraminifera at some of them (13, 14, 22, 27, 33, 34), and being observed of a large number of Foraminifera in the called areas of 16, 25, 30 and 32 make us think that vegetable life abundance is not the main reason of increase in specimens. Besides, 1900 Foraminifera were found at the sample 29 including small pebbles. The Foraminifera obtained from the points 15 (92), 24 (10.485), 26 (343), and 28 (144) exhibit an important change (Table 2) because of the *Posidonia* grasses.

Consequently, it is found that hot water sources which are still active or have stopped their functions at near past exist at different points around the Gökçeada Island.

The Foraminifera identified in this area are demonstrated on Plates 1-7.

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Bentoska fauna foraminifera otoka Gökçeada (sjeverno Egejsko more) i njezine lokalne varijacije

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SAŽETAK

Tijekom istraživanja oko otoka Gökçeada uzeti su uzorci sa 34 različite točke na dubini od 0.50 do 68 m. Određeno je 58 rodova i 104 vrste. Ustanovljene su razlike u fauni istočnog i zapadnog dijela otoka, a posebito istočno od otoka, na rtu Aydincık gdje su rasprostranjene vrste *Peneroplis planatus* (FICHTEL & MOLL) i *Peneroplis pertusus* (FORSKAL). Također su proučavane na sjeveroistoku otoka Gökçeada tipične foraminifere istočnog Mediterana kao što su *Amphistegina lobifera* LARSEN i *Sorites orbicularis* EHRENBERG. Pored toga, zajednica foraminifera brojno dobro zastupljena i vrlo različita, identificirana je na četiri postaje istočno i tri zapadno od otoka. Prilikom istraživanja provedenog u području između otoka Gökçeada, Bozcaada i Çanakkale, rodovi *Peneroplis*, *Laevipeneroplis*, *Amphistegina* i *Sorites* nisu pronađeni. Stoga je istočno i sjeveroistočno od otoka Gökçeada, te na zapadnim dijelovima različitim postaja postojao život kao rezultat geotermalnih utjecaja.

**PLATES 1-7 FORAMINIFERA FROM GÖKÇEADA ISLAND, NORTHERN
AEGEAN SEA**

PLATE 1

- 1-2. *Spiroplectinella sagittula* (d'ORBIGNY). External views; Station 32, x 75.
- 3-4. *EGGERelloides scabrus* (WILLIAMSON). External views; Station 28, 3- x 120; 4- x 85.
- 5-6. *Textularia bocki* HÖGLUND. External views; Station 29, x 90.
- 7-9. *Textularia truncata* HÖGLUND. External views; Station 32, 7 ve 8, x 110; 9, x 145.
- 10-11. *Siphotextularia concava* (KARRER). External views; Station 25, 10, x 95; 11, x 85.
- 12-13. *Trisegmentina compressa* WIESNER. External views; Station 29, x 140.
- 14-15. *Vertebrellina striata* d'ORBIGNY. External views; Station 26, x 70.
16. *WIESNERella auriculata* (EGGER). External view; Station 25, x 150.
- 17-18. *Adelosina cliarensis* (HERON-ALLEN and EARLAND). External views; Station 16, x 85.
- 19-20. *Adelosina mediterranensis* (Le CALVEZ J. and Y.). External views; Station 25; 19, x 75; 20, young individual, x 95.
21. *Adelosina cf. partschi* (d'ORBIGNY). External view; İstaasyon 25, x 50.

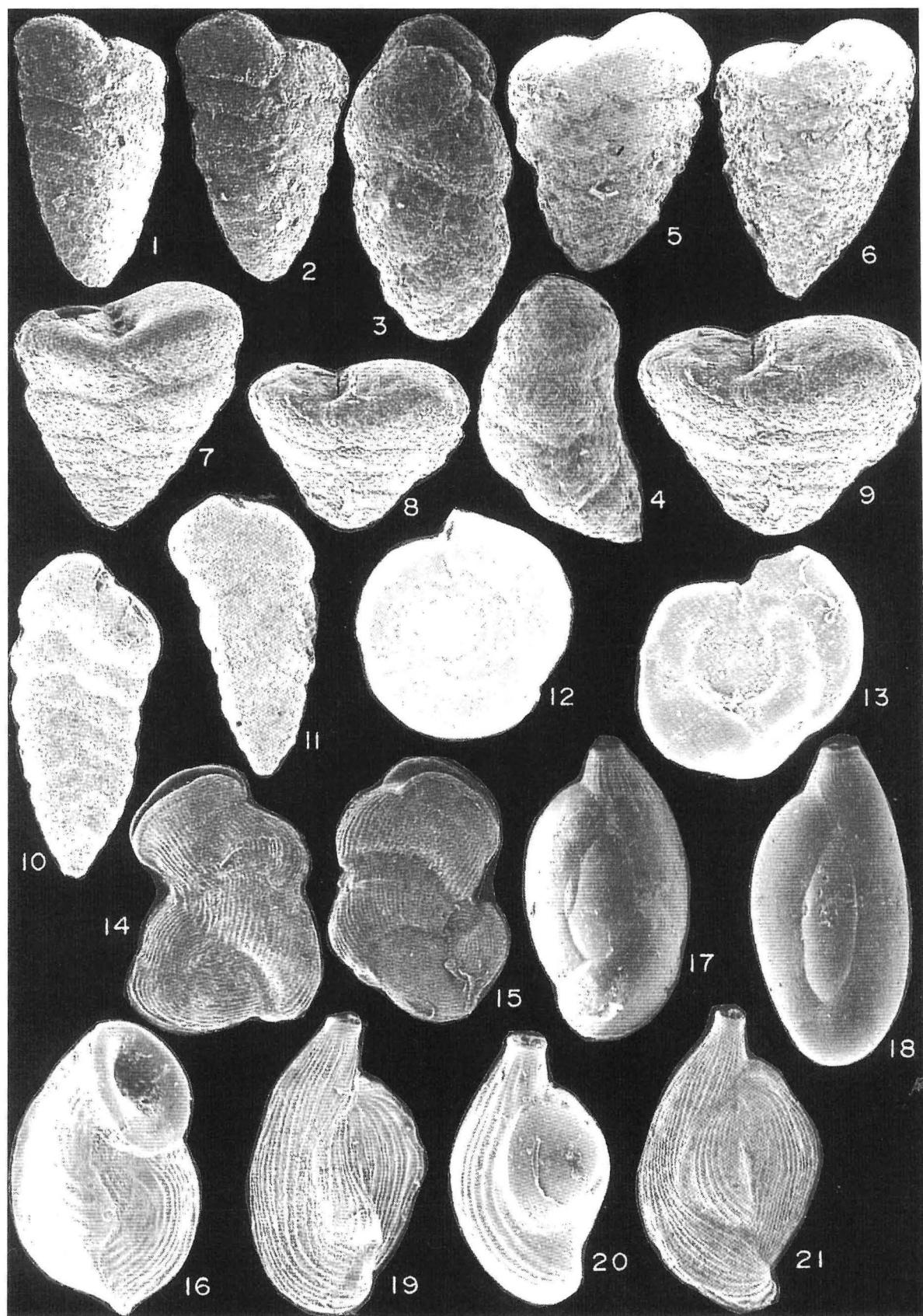


PLATE 2

1. *Spiroloculina angulosa* TERQUEM. External view; Station 32, x 90.
 - 2-3. *Siphonaperta aspera* (d'ORBIGNY). External views; Station 32, x 95.
 - 4-5. *Cycloforina contorta* (d'ORBIGNY). External views; Station 32, x 105.
 - 6-8. *Lachlanella undulata* (d'ORBIGNY). External views, Station 25; 6, x 90; 7-8, x 70.
 - 9-10. *Lachlanella variolata* (d'ORBIGNY). External views; Station 26, x 70.
 11. *Massilina secans* (d'ORBIGNY). External view; Station 25, x 30.
 - 12-13. *Quinqueloculina berthelotiana* d'ORBIGNY. External views; Station 32, x 75.
 - 14-15. *Quinqueloculina bidentata* d'ORBIGNY. External views; Station 29, x 110.
 - 16-17. *Quinqueloculina disparilis* d'ORBIGNY. External views; Station 25, x 60.
 - 18-19. *Quinqueloculina eburnea* (d'ORBIGNY). External views; Station 13; 18, x 100; 19, x 160.
 - 20-21. *Quinqueloculina jugosa* CUSHMAN. External views; Station 32, x 90.
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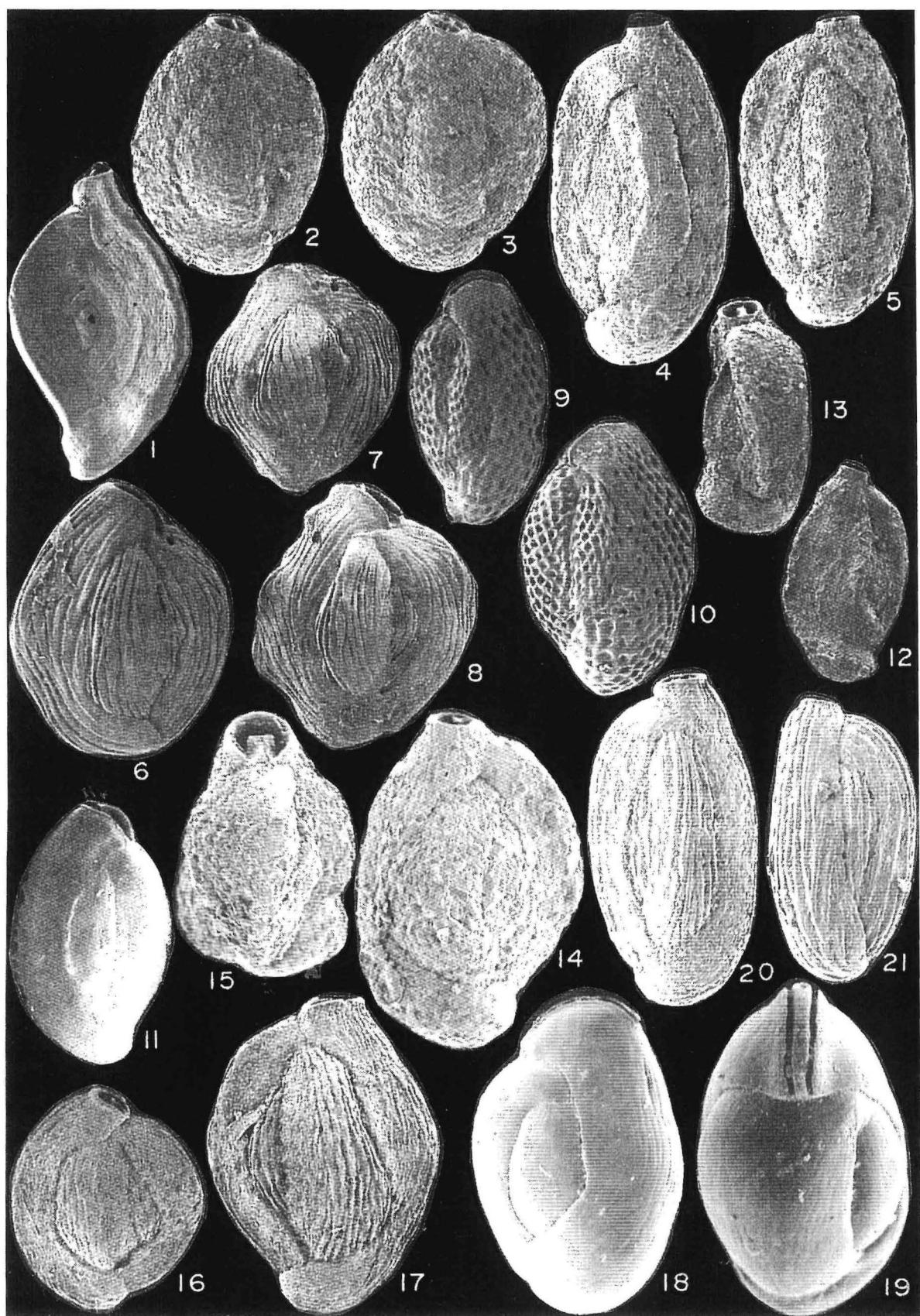


PLATE 3

- 1-2. *Quinqueloculina laevigata* d'ORBIGNY. External views; Station 26, x 100.
- 3-4. *Quinqueloculina lamarckiana* d'ORBIGNY. External views; Station 32, x 80.
5. *Quinqueloculina seminula* (LINNÉ). External view; Station 25, x 70.
- 6-7. *Quinqueloculina viennensis* Le CALVEZ J. and Y. External views; Station 29, x 110.
8. *Miliolinella elongata* KRUIT. External view, Station 29 x 100.
- 9 -10. *Miliolinella semicostata* (WIESNER). External views; Station 29, x 140.
- 11-12. *Miliolinella subrotunda* (MONTAGU). External views; Station 32, x 120.
- 13-14. *Miliolinella webbiana* (d'ORBIGNY). External views; Station 32, x 145.
- 15-16. *Pseudotriloculina laevigata* (d'ORBIGNY). External views; Station, 29, x 80.
- 17-18. *Pseudotriloculina oblonga* (MONTAGU). External views; Station 28, x 95.
- 19-20. *Pseudotriloculina rotunda* (d'ORBIGNY). External views; Station 26; 19, x 75; 20,x 95.



PLATE 4

- 1-2. *Pseudotriloculina sidebottomi* (MARTINOTTI). 1, External view; Station 29, x 95; 2, aperture, x 130.
 3. *Pyrgo elongata* (d'ORBIGNY). External view; Station 28, x 150.
 - 4-5. *Triloculina marioni* SCHLUMBERGER. External views; Station 29, x 120.
 - 6-7. *Triloculina plicata* TERQUEM. External views; İstaasyon 26, x 100.
 - 8-9. *Triloculina schreiberiana* d'ORBIGNY. External views; Station 28, x 130.
 - 10-11. *Wellmanellina striata* (SIDEBOTTOM). External views; Station 29, x 80.
 - 12-13. *Sigmoilinita costata* (SCHLUMBERGER). External views; Station 25; 12, x 150; 13, x 160.
 - 14-16. *Articulina carinata* WIESNER. External views; Station 25; 14, x 170; 15, x 140; 16, x 110.
 - 17-18. *Laevipeneroplis karreri* (WIESNER). External views; Station 26, x 120.
 - 19-20. *Peneroplis pertusus* (FORSKAL). External views; Station 3, x 120.
 21. *Peneroplis planatus* (FICHTEL and MOLL). External view; Station 3, x 120.
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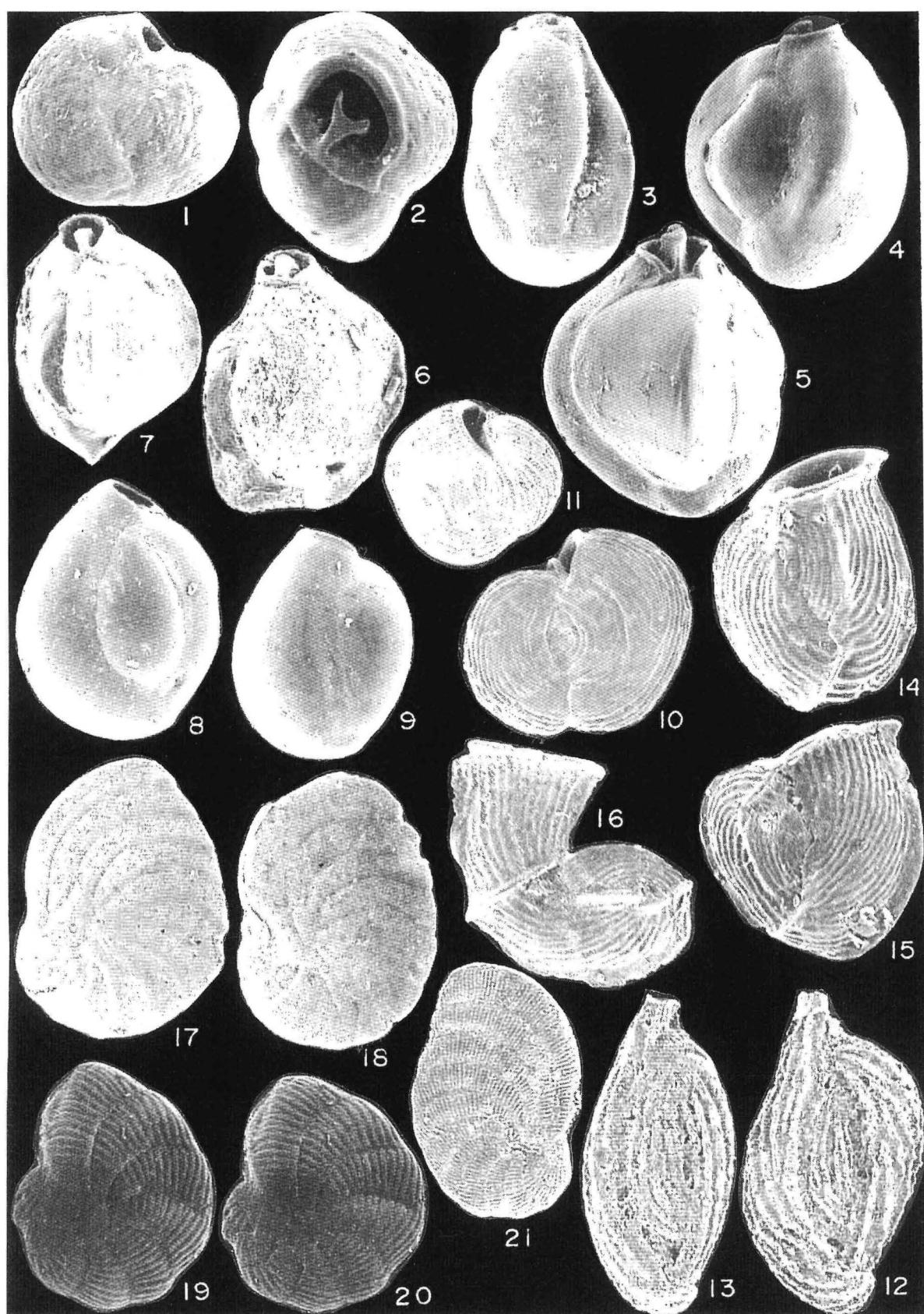


PLATE 5

- 1-2. *Reussella spinulosa* (REUSS). External views; Station 29; 1, x 170; 2, x 200.
 3. *Stomatorbina concentrica* (PARKER and JONES). External view, spiral side; Station 17, x 85.
 - 4-5. *Neoeponides bradyi* (Le CALVEZ). External views; 4, spiral side; 5, umbilical side, Station 32, x 120.
 - 6-7. *Neoconorbina terquemi* (RZEHAK). External views; 6, spiral side; 7, umbilical side, Station 32; x 120.
 - 8-9. *Rosalina bradyi* CUSHMAN. External views; 8, spiral side; 9, umbilical side, Station 32 x 80.
 - 10-11. *Rosalina floridenensis* (CUSHMAN). External views; 10, spiral side; 11, umbilical side, Station 32; x 80.
 12. *Rosalina globulosa* d'ORBIGNY. External view, spiral side; Station 30, x 190.
 - 13-15. *Trethomphalus bulloides* (d'ORBIGNY). External views; 13, spiral side; 14 and 15, edge views; Station 21; x 200.
 - 16-17. *Conorbellia imperatoria* (d'ORBIGNY). External views; 16, spiral side; 17, umbilical side, Station 29; x 160.
 - 18-19. *Discorbinella bertheloti* (d'ORBIGNY). External views; 18, spiral side; 19, umbilical side, Station 32; x 110.
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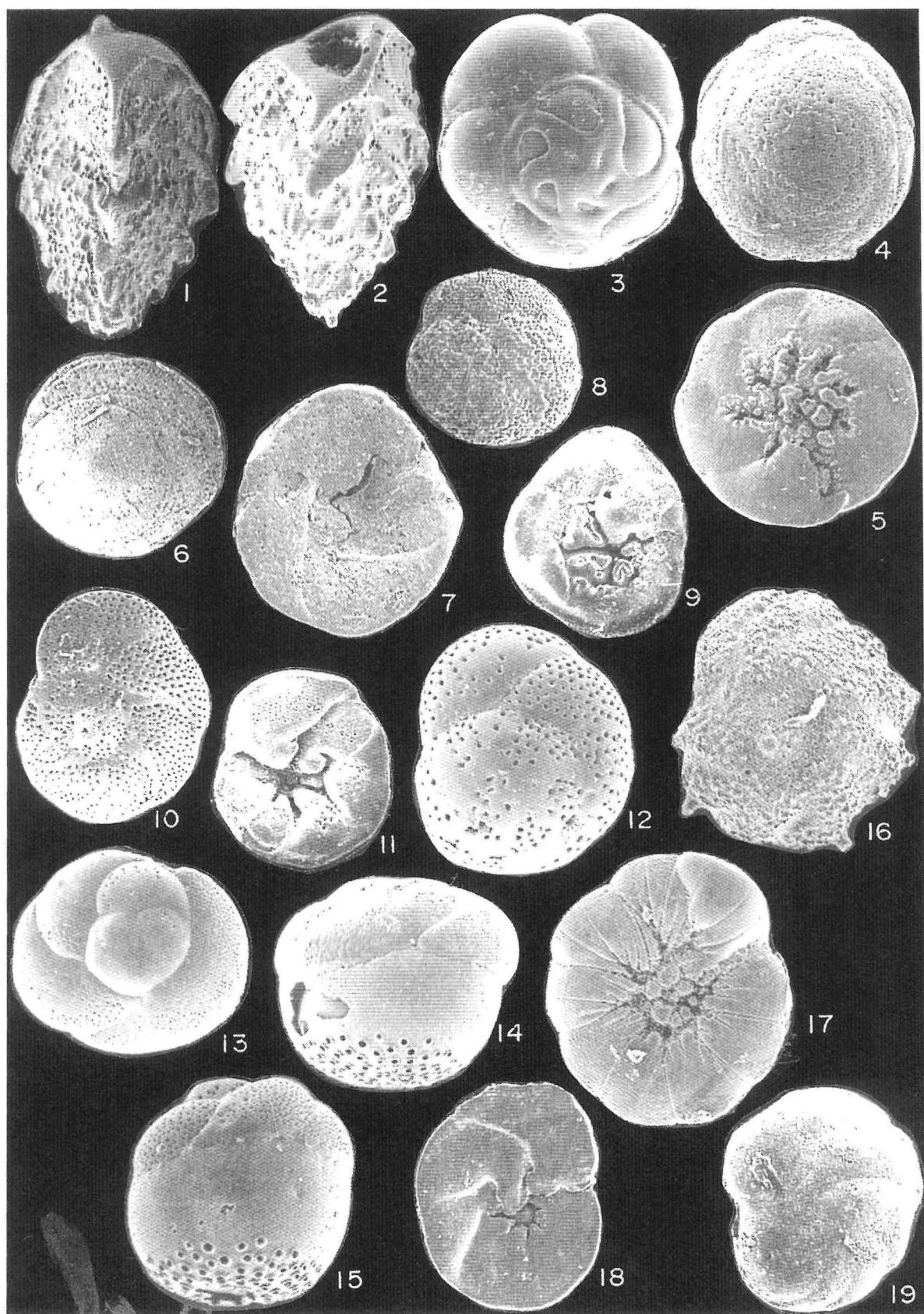


PLATE 6

- 1-2. *Cibicides advenum* (d'ORBIGNY). External views; 1, spiral side; 2, umbilical side, Station 32, x 135.
 - 3-4. *Lobatula lobatula* (WALKER and JACOB). External views; 3, spiral side; 4, umbilical side, Station 32, x 70.
 - 5-6. *Cyclocibicides vermiculatus* (d'ORBIGNY). External views; Station 255, x 50; 6, x 43.
 - 7-9. *Planorbulina mediterranea* d'ORBIGNY. External views; 7, Unattached side; Station 32, x 80; 8, Unattached side and 9, Attached side; x 105.
 - 10-12. *Cibicidella variabilis* (d'ORBIGNY). External views; Station 25; 10, spiral side, x 50, 11, umbilical side, x 60; 12, detail view of the apertures, x 150.
 - 13-14. *Asterigerinata mamilla* (WILLIAMSON). External views; Station 32; 13, spiral side and 14, umbilical side, x 150.
 - 15-16. *Amphistegina lobifera* LARSEN. External views; Station 32, x 45.
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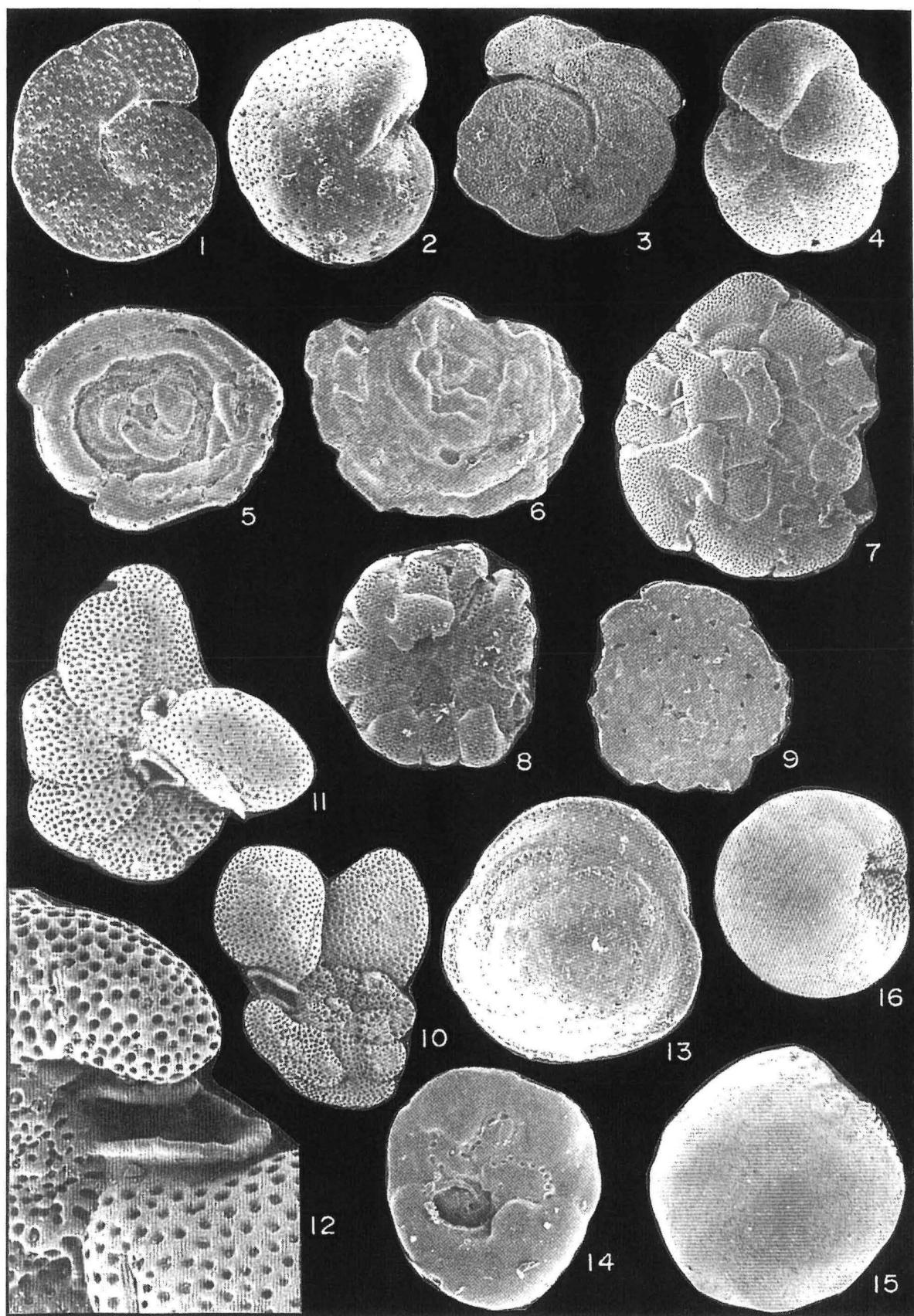


PLATE 7

- 1-2. *Astrononion stelligerum* (d'ORBIGNY). External views; Station 32, x 120.
 - 3-4. *Ammonia compacta* HOFKER. External views, 3, spiral side; 4, umbilical side, Station 25, x 70.
 - 5-6. *Ammonia tepida* CUSHMAN. External views; Station 28; 5, spiral side, x 100; 6, umbilical side,, x 140.
 - 7-8. *Ammonia parkinsoniana* (d'ORBIGNY). External views; Station 29; 7, spiral side, x 100; 8, umbilical side,, x 110.
 - 9-10. *Cribroelphidium poeyanum* (d'ORBIGNY). External views, Station 16, x 180.
 - 11-12. *Porosononion subgranosum* (EGGER). External views; Station 16; 11, x 95; 12, x 120.
 - 13-14. *Elphidium aculeatum* (d'ORBIGNY). External views, Station 4, x 80.
 - 15-16. *Elphidium advenum* (CUSHMAN). External views; Station 32, x 95.
 17. *Elphidium complanatum* (d'ORBIGNY). External view; Station 28, x 90.
 18. *Elphidium crispum* (LINNÉ). External view; Station 32, x 70.
 - 19-20. *Elphidium depressulum* CUSHMAN. External views; Station 3; 19, overview, x 95; 20, edge view and aperture, x 130.
 21. *Elphidium cf. pulvereum* TODD. External view; Station 28, x 130.
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