

Systemaspis pellucida (Filhol, 1885)

Order Decapoda
Suborder Pleocyemata
Family Oplophoridae

References used: Chace (1986)

Return all *Systemaspis* to the laboratory for specific identification.

Diagnostic characters: Rostrum elongate, overreaching antennal scale; 3rd, and 4th somites (abdominal segments) with midline spines, spines smaller than those in *Oplophorus*; 6th somite twice as long as 5th; 1st somite armed with distinct lobe or tooth overlapping hind margin of carapace; 3 pairs of small spines on telson; eggs large, less than 50;

Habitat: Usually found on or near bottom, commonly from 300 to 600 m.

Range: Worldwide.

Remarks: *Systemaspis* can be separated from *Oplophorus* by the length of the 6th somite, approximately twice the length of the 5th somite.

