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## The Holotype of the Abyssal Dorid Nudibranch

### *Bathydoris aoica* MARCUS & MARCUS, 1962

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ON FEBRUARY 15, 1960, Mr. Robert Parker of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, California, dredged the first specimen of the abyssal genus *Bathydoris* so far reported from the eastern Pacific area. The animal was captured in a 30 foot otter trawl northeast of Isla Guadalupe, Baja California, Mexico, at about 1500 fathoms. It was sent to Professor Ernst Marcus of the University of São Paulo, Brasil, who later published an anatomical account and reviewed the genus (MARCUS & MARCUS, 1962) and indicated that "The specimen has been returned to the Scripps Institution of Oceanography." A

subsequent search of institutional collections failed to reveal any trace of the animal.

The specimen has recently been found and given to the California Academy of Sciences, Department of Invertebrate Zoology, where it is registered as CAS No. 306 in the type collection. The holotype consists of the entire animal (partially dissected) plus a separate vial containing contents of the alimentary tract.

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