

***Amphiascus kawamurai*, a New Harpacticoid Copepod
(Crustacea: Harpacticoida: Miraciidae) from Nori Cultivation
Tanks in Japan, with a Redescription of the
Closely Related *A. parvus***

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A new harpacticoid copepod, *Amphiascus kawamurai* sp. nov., is described from a tank for nori (laver) cultivation on the shore of Ariake Bay, Japan. This species belongs to the *pacificus*-group of *Amphiascus* and is most closely related to *A. parvus* Sars, 1906, which is briefly redescribed based on Sars' original material. The two species are distinguishable by spinules on the genital double-somite and by leg 5 of the female. Specimens previously described as *A. parvus* from the Red Sea and Argentina are shown to be not identical to Sars' *A. parvus*. The new species is the second member of the genus from Japan.

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