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Summary

Gastropod species from Onagawa Bay, Miyagi, are listed. Specimens examined were collected from 1990 to 1998. They were categorized into 105 species in 77 genera and 39 families. The list includes the first record of two species in the area north of the Boso Peninsula: Lamellaria kiiensis (Lamellariidae) and Proterato tomline (Eratoidae). Gastropod species distributed widely along the coast of Japan accounted for 61.9% of the total number of species, and the proportions of southern and northern species were equal. The geographical distribution pattern of species composition is similar to that of the bivalve fauna of the bay.

Introduction

Onagawa Bay, Miyagi Prefecture, is north of the foot of the Oshika Peninsula, in the southernmost area of the Sanriku-ria coast (Fig. 1). Some oceanographic components coexist intricately off the bay: warm weter currents and warm water masses in the mixing area which are influenced by the Kuroshio current, the Tsugaru warm current, and the branches of the Oyashio current. The relations between them vary both temporally and spatially, and thus, the conditions of the bay are seasonally affected by both cold and warm currents.

Various taxa of marine fauna in the bay have been investigated. Saito¹⁾ reported on chitons, and Sasaki²⁾ reported on bivalves. The latter showed that the bay had a transitional composition of both northern and southern species, owning to the oceanographic conditions.

This paper lists gastropod species from Onagawa Bay and its adjacent waters in the years from 1990 to 1998. The paper discusses the faunal characteristics, and includes notes on some species.

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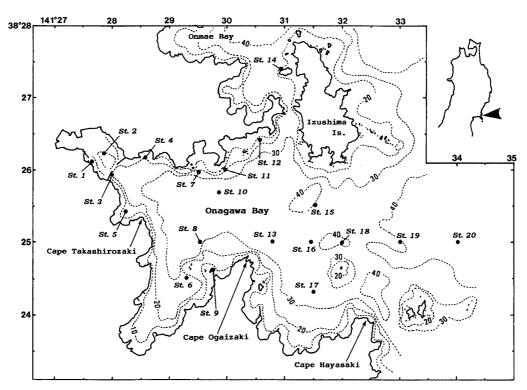


Fig. 1. Map of Onagawa Bay with bottom topography. Solid circles with numerals denote sampling stations.

Materials and Methods

The specimens examined were collected between May 1990 and April 1998. Figure 1 shows a map of Onagawa Bay with the bottom topography and sampling sites. Gastropods were collected by hand at Sts. 1, 3, 9, 11, and 14 in the intertidal zones of rocky shores, and at Sts. 6, 7, and 12 on floats and ropes of hanging-culture rafts. Small dredges and a Smith-McIntyre grab sampler were used for collection at the other stations.

Results and Discussion

Table 1 lists the gastropods found in Onagawa Bay and its adjacent waters, following the taxonomic nomenclature of Okutani³). Each species is listed with its Japanese name, geographical distribution pattern, relative abundance in the bay, and stations at which the specimens were collected. The geographical distribution of species is classified into theree types based on the ranges recorded by Habe⁴), Habe and Kosuge⁵), Okada et al.⁶), and Okutani³): [N] northern species distributed chiefly north of the Boso Peninsula, [S] southern species distributed mainly south of the peninsula, and [T] species commonly found throughout the waters around Japan, from the southern part of Hokkaido to

Table 1. Gastropods collected in Onagawa Bay and its adjacent waters

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Subclass PROSOBRANCHIA
  Order Archaeogastropoda
    Family Haliotiidae
       Haliotis discus hannai Ino, 1952
         : ezoawabi, [N], common, Sts. 1, 9, 11
    Family Fissurellidae
       Tugali decussata A. Adams, 1852
         : sirosusokakegai, [T], restricted, Sts. 8, 13, 16
       Tugali (Tugalina) gigas (Martens, 1881)
         : saruawabi, [N], common, Sts. 3, 9, 11
       Puncturella nobilis A. Adams, 1851
         : kôdakasukashigai, [N], common, Sts. 13, 16
       Macroschisma sinense A. Adams, 1855
         : sukashigai, [S], restricted, St. 14
    Family Nacellidae
       Cellana toreuma (Reeve, 1854)
         : yomegakasagai, [T], very common, Sts. 6, 7, 12
       Cellana grata (Gould, 1859)
         : bekkôkasagai, [T], very common, Sts. 3, 6, 9, 11
       Cellana nigrolineata (Reeve, 1839)
         : matsubagai, [T], very common, Sts. 9, 12
    Family Lottiidae
       Patelloida saccharina lanx (Reeve, 1855)
         : unoashigai, [T], common, Sts. 9, 12
       Patelloida pygmaea (Dunker, 1860)
         : himekozaragai, [T], common, Sts. 3, 6, 9
       Niveotectura pallida (Gould, 1859)
         : yukinokasagai, [N], very common, Sts. 3, 6, 9, 12
       Lottia cassis (Eschscholtz, 1833)
         : shirogai, [N], restricted, Sts. 9, 13
       Lottia dorsuosa (Gould, 1859)
         : kamogai, [T], common, Sts. 1, 3, 9
       Lottia kogamogai Sasaki & Okutani, 1994
         : kogamogai, [T], very common, Sts. 7, 9, 11, 12
       Lottia langfordi (Habe, 1944)
         : kikukozaragai, [T], restricted, Sts. 9, 12
       Nipponacmea schrenckii (Lischke, 1868)
         : aogai, [S], restricted, Sts. 9, 13
       Nipponacmea concinna (Lischke, 1870)
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: kôdakaaogai, [T], common, Sts. 5, 13

Family Trochidae

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Calliostoma (Tristichotrochus) multiliratum (Sowerby, 1875)
    : nishikiebisugai, [T], common, Sts. 3, 9
  Calliostoma (Tristichotrochus) unicus (Dunker, 1860)
    : ebisugai, [S], restricted, Sts. 1, 3
  Turcica coreensis Pease, 1860
    : makiageebisugai, [T], restricted, St. 19
  Ginebis argenteonitens hirasei (Okuta & Taki, 1943)
    : hirasegin-ebisugai, [T], restricted, Sts. 13, 16
  Monodonta labio (Linaeus, 1758)
    : ishidatamigai, [T], very common, Sts. 1, 3, 9, 11
  Monodonta neritoides (Philippi, 1850)
    : kurozukegai, [T], restricted, St. 9
  Cantharidus callichroa (Philippi, 1850)
    hanachigusagai, [T], very common, Sts. 3, 9
  Cantharidus japonicus (A. Adams, 1853)
    : chigusagai, [T], common, Sts, 3, 9, 11
  Tegula (Chlorostoma) argyrostoma (Gmelin, 1791)
    : kubogai, [T], very common, Sts. 1, 10, 11
  Tegula (Omphalius) rusticus (Gmelin, 1791)
    : koshidakagangara, [T], common, Sts. 1, 3, 5
  Tegula (Omphalius) pfeifferi (Philippi, 1846)
    : bateira, [T], common, Sts. 9, 11
  Umbonium (Suchium) costatum (Kiener, 1838)
    : kisago, [T], restricted, St. 17
  Minolia subangulata Koroda & Habe, 1952
    : kadokoshidakashitadami, [T], rare, St. 20
  Lirularia mustelina (Gould, 1861)
    : awajichigusagai, [T], common, Sts. 3, 9, 11
Family Turbinidae
  Homalopoma nocturnum (Gould, 1861)
    : sanshôgai, [T], common, Sts. 15, 18
  Homalopoma amussitatum (Gould, 1861)
    : ezosanshôgai, [N], common, Sts. 13, 16
  Homalopoma sangarense (Schrenck, 1867)
    : yamazanshôgai, [N], common, Sts. 8, 13
  Lunella coronata coreensis (Récluz, 1853)
    : sugai, [T], rare, St. 9
  Phasianella solida (Born, 1780)
    : sarasabai, [S], very common, Sts. 3, 10, 11
  Tricolia variabilis (Pease, 1861)
    : benibai, [T], restricted, St. 11
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Order Mesogastropoda
  Family Littorinidae
    Littorina brevicula (Philippi, 1844)
      : tamakibigai, [T], very common, Sts. 1, 3, 7, 9, 11
    Littorina (Neritrema) sitkana Philippi, 1846
      : kurotamakibigai, [N], restricted, St. 13
    Nodilittorina radiata (Eydoux & Souleyet, 1852)
      : araretamakibigai, [T], very common, Sts. 3, 7, 9
    Lacuna (Ephelia) decorata A. Adams, 1861
      : kôdakachairotamakibigai, [N], common, Sts. 9, 11
    Lacuna (Ephelia) turrita A. Adams, 1861
      : chairotamakibigai, [N], common, Sts. 9, 11
  Family Rissoidae
    Alvania sadoensis (Yokoyama, 1927)
      : sadotsubo, [S], very common, Sts. 3, 11
    Rissoina (Phosinella) fusca Gould, 1861
      : nunomechôjigai, [S], rare, St. 18
  Family Barleeidae
    Barleeia angustata (Pilsbry, 1901)
      : chatsubo, [S], restricted, St. 11
  Family Caecidae
    Brochina glabella (A. Adams, 1868)
      : mijintsutsugai, [T], very common, Sts. 8, 13, 16
  Family Scaliolidae
    Finella pupoides A. Adams, 1860
      : sanagimotsubo, [T], common, Sts. 8, 13
 Family Vermetidae
    Serpulorbis imbricatus (Dunker, 1860)
      : oohebigai, [T], restricted, Sts. 3, 11
  Family Lamellariidae
    Lamellaria kiiensis Habe, 1944
      : kishûbekkôtamagai, [S], rare, St. 9
  Family Naticidae
    Glossaulax didyma (Roding, 1798)
      : tsumetagai, [T], common, Sts. 9, 10, 18
    Tanea sagittata (Menke, 1843)
      : haginotsuyugai, [S], rare, St. 9
    Cryptonatica janthostomoides (Kuroda & Habe, 1949)
      : ezotamagai, [T], common, Sts. 8, 13, 16, 18
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Family Eratoidae

Proterato tomlini Schilder, 1933

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: shinzakurogai, [S], rare, St. 13
  Family Ranellidae
    Fusitriton oregonensis (Redfield, 1848)
      : ayabora, [N], very common, Sts. 2, 8, 13, 18
  Family Tonnidae
    Tonna luteostoma (Küster, 1857)
      : yatsushirogai, [T], common, Sts. 13, 16
Order Neogastropoda
  Family Muricidae
    Rapana bezoar (Linnaeus, 1767)
      : chirimenbora, [T], common, Sts. 3, 11
    Rapana venosa (Valenchiennes, 1846)
      : akanishi, [T], restricted, St. 5
    Boreotrophon candelabrum (Reeve, 1848)
      : tsunooriiregai, [T], common, Sts. 8, 13, 16
    Ceratostoma burnetti (A. Adams & Reeve, 1850)
      : hiregai, [T], common, Sts. 2, 3
    Ceratostoma fournieri (Crosse, 1861)
       : isobashôgai, [S], rare, St. 10
    Ocenebra inornatam (Dunker, 1860)
       : oouyôrakugai, [T], restricted, Sts. 8, 16
    Thais (Reishia) bronni (Dunker, 1860)
      : reishigai, [T], restricted, St. 11
    Thais (Reishia) clavigera (Küster, 1858)
       : ibonishi, [T], very common, Sts. 1, 3, 9
    Nucella freycineti heyseana (Dunker, 1882)
       : chijimibora, [N], common, Sts. 1, 3, 9
  Family Buccinidae
     Japelion pericochlion (Schrenck, 1865)
       : nejibora, [N], restricted, St. 19
     Neptunea intersculpta (Sowerby, 1899)
       : ezoboramodoki, [N], restricted, St. 15
    Neptunea arthritica (Bernardi, 1858)
       : himeezobora, [N], restricted, St. 19
     Nassaria (Microfusus) acutispirata (Sowerby, 1913)
       : himenishi, [S], rare, St. 8
     Siphonalia spadicea (Reeve, 1847)
       : mayutsukurigai, [T], common, Sts. 8, 10, 13, 16
     Kelletia lischkei Kuroda, 1938
       : migakibora, [S], restricted, St. 14
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Searlesia fuscolabiata (Smith, 1875)

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: ezoisonina (tobaisonina), [N], common, Sts. 8, 13, 16
   Volutharpa ampullacea perryi (Jay, 1855)
      : mosusogai, [T], very common, Sts. 2, 4
    Buccinum isaotakii Kira, 1959
      : shiraitomakibai, [N], rare, St. 18
 Family Nassariidae
    Nassarius (Niotha) livescens (Philippi, 1849)
      : mushirogai, [T], common, Sts. 4, 5
    Nassarius (Niotha) festivus (Powys, 1833)
      : aramushirogai, [T], common, Sts. 4, 10
    Nassarius (Hima) multigranosus (Dunker, 1847)
      : himemushirogai, [T], common, Sts. 3, 5
    Nassarius (Hima) praematuratus (Kuroda & Habe in Habe, 1960)
      : kinubora, [T], rare, St. 13
    Nassarius (Zeuxis) castus (Gould, 1850)
      : hanamushirogai, [S], common, Sts. 5, 8
 Family Columbellidae
    Pyrene (Mitrella) bicincta (Gould, 1860)
      : mugigai, [T], common, Sts. 4, 8, 13
    Pyrene (Mitrella) burchardi (Dunker, 1877)
      : kôdakamatsumushigai, [T], common, Sts. 8, 13
 Family Fasciolariidae
    Fusinus perplexus (A. Adams, 1864)
      : naganishi, [T], rare, St. 16
 Family Olividae
    Olivella japonica Pilsbry, 1895
      : hotarugai, [T], common, Sts. 5, 8
 Family Volutidae
    Fulgoraria (Musashia) provostiana (Crosse, 1878)
      : oohitachiobigai, [N], restricted, St. 13
 Family Turridae
    Inquisitor jeffreysi (Smith, 1875)
      : momijibora, [T], common, Sts. 8, 13, 16, 18
    Suavodrillia declivis (Martens, 1880)
      : togarikudamakigai, [T], restricted, St. 16
    Clathurella (Etremopa) subauriformis (Smith, 1879)
      : nunomeshajikugai, [T], restricted, St. 13
  Family Terebridae
    Terebra (Brevimyurella) japonica (Smith, 1873)
      : himetokusagai, [T], common, Sts. 13, 16
Order Heterogastropoda
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Family Epitoniidae
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Amaea thielei (De Boury, 1913)

: kurin-itokakegai, [S], rare, St. 13

Subclass OPISTHOBRANCHIA

Order Entemotaeniata

Family Pyramidellidae

Syrnola virgo (A. Adams, 1860)

: migakikuchikiregai, [T], restricted, St. 15

Leucotina dianae (A. Adams, 1855)

: makimonogai, [S], rare, St. 16

Order Cephalaspidea

Family Ringiculidae

Ringicula (Ringiculina) doliaris Gould, 1860

: mameurashimagai, [S], common, Sts. 10, 16

Microglyphis japonicus (Habe, 1952)

: warabemameurashimagai, [S], rare, St. 18

Family Retusidae

Rhizorus radiola (A. Adams, 1862)

: aomorimamehigai, [N], rare, St. 16

Family Atyidae

Liloa porcellana (Gould, 1859)

: kaikogaidamashi, [S], rare, St. 10

Family Philinidae

Philine argentata Gould, 1859

: kisewatagai, [T], very common, Sts. 8, 10, 13

Order Anaspidea

Family Aplysiidae

Aplysia (Pruvotaplysia) parvula Mörch, 1863

: kuroheriamefurashi, [T], restricted, Sts. 9, 11

Aplysia (Varria) kurodai (Baba, 1937)

: amefurashi, [T], common, Sts. 1, 5, 9, 11

Aplysia (Aplysia) juliana Quoy & Gaimard, 1832

: amakusaamefurashi, [T], common, Sts. 9, 11

Order Notaspidea

Family Pleurobranchaeidae

Pleurobranchaea japonica Thiele, 1925

: umifukurô, [T], restricted, St. 10

Order Doridacea

Family Dorididae

Chromodoris orientalis Rudman, 1983

: shiroumiushi, [T], restricted, Sts. 3, 7

Homoiodoris japonica Bergh, 1881

: yamatoumiushi, [T], common, Sts. 7, 9, 10

Family Dendrodorididae

Dendrodoris arborescens (Collingwood, 1881)

: kuroshitanashiumiushi, [S], restricted, St. 7

Order Aeolidacea

Family Facelinidae

Facelinella quadrilineata (Baba, 1930)

: yotsusujiminoumiushi, [N], rare, St. 3

Family Aeolidiidae

Aeolidiella indica Bergh, 1888

: minoumiushi, [T], restricted, Sts. 3, 9

Subclass PULMONATA

Order Basommatophora

Family Shiphonariidae

Shiphonaria (Sacculosiphonaria) japonica (Donovan, 1834)

: karamatsugai, [T], common, Sts. 3, 13, 16

Kyushu. Relative species abundance in the bay is divided into four categories: very common, always found in large parts of the bay and relatively abundant; common, always found at some sites, but not abundant; restricted, somtimes collected in restricted areas, but small in number; and rare, collected only once in the study. Because the study combined data from various surveys that differed in their purposes and sampling methods, the definitions are approximate.

The gastropods collected in Onagawa Bay were categorized into 105 species in 77 genera and 39 families. This is the first record for Lamellaria kiiensis (Lamellariidae) and Proterato tomline (Eratoidae) from the area north of the Boso Peninsula. Tegula (Omphalius) rusticus and T. (O.) pfeifferi (Trochidae) are both common in rocky intertidal zones of the bay. The former is found chiefly in the inner part of the bay, the latter near the bay mouth. Although these two generally have different habitats, they partly overlap each other in the central part of the bay. Fisheries in the bay use only six gastropod species: Haliotis discus hannai (Haliotiidae), Tegula argyrostoma, T. rusticus, and T. pfeifferi (Trochidae), Ceratostoma burnetti (Muricidae), and Volutharpa ampullacea perryi (Buccinidae).

Table 2 shows the numbers of species for each relative abundance category. The bay has a high percentage of gastropod species found widely along the coast of Japan: type T accounted for 61.9% of the total number of species. The proportion of southern species (19.0%) to the total was equal to that of northern

Table 2.	Number of species in each relative abundance category	y.
N	merals in parentheses denote percentage relative	
	to the total number of species.	

Relative abundance category	Southern species [S]	$\begin{array}{c} \text{Commonly found} \\ [T] \end{array}$	Northern species $[N]$
very common	1 (1.0)	13 (12.4)	2 (1.9)
common	3 (2.9)	30 (28.6)	9 (8.6)
restricted	6 (5.7)	18 (17.1)	6 (5.7)
rare	10 (9.5)	4 (3.8)	3 (2.9)
total	20 (19.0)	65 (61.9)	20 (19.0)

species. This species composition is also found in the bivalve fanua of the bay²⁾, which may reflect the mixing of warm and cold currents.

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