

## NEW SPECIES OF RADIOLARIA FROM THE ISLAND OF BUTON, SOUTH EAST SULAWESI

*(Spesies Baru Radiolaria dari Pulau Buton, Sulawesi Tenggara)*

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### ABSTRAK

Soeka (1991) melaporkan 30 spesies baru radiolaria, 3 genus baru, dan beberapa spesies yang tidak dapat dideterminasi dari Formasi Tobelo, Pulau Buton, Sulawesi Tenggara. Di antara spesies yang belum dideterminasi diusulkan sebagai spesies baru dan disampikan dalam tulisan ini, sebagai berikut: 1. *Actinomma panujui* Soeka, sp. nov.; 2. *Orbiculiforma eocenica* Soeka; 3. *Spongotrochus kholiqi* Soeka, sp. nov.; 4. *Spongotrochus buskamali* Soeka, sp. nov.; 5. *Spongotrochus iskandari* Soeka, sp. nov.; 6. *Sethodiscus (Sethodiscinus) imami* Soeka, sp. nov.; 7. *Lichnocanoma rasantyoi* Soeka, sp. nov.; dan 8. *Sethocapsa transitoria* Soeka.

### ABSTRACT

Soeka (1991) reported 30 new species of radiolarians, 3 new genera, and several undetermined species from the Tobelo Formation, Buton Island, South East Sulawesi. Among the undetermined species are proposed as new species and presented in this report. Those new species are: 1. *Actinomma panujui* Soeka, sp. nov.; 2. *Orbiculiforma eocenica* Soeka; 3. *Spongotrochus kholiqi* Soeka, sp. nov.; 4. *Spongotrochus buskamali* Soeka, sp. nov.; 5. *Spongotrochus iskandari* Soeka, sp. nov.; 6. *Sethodiscus (Sethodiscinus) imami* Soeka, sp. nov.; 7. *Lichnocanoma rasantyoi* Soeka, sp. nov.; and 8. *Sethocapsa transitoria* Soeka.

**Keyword:** Radiolaria, New taxa, Tobelo, Buton, Soeka Soemoenar.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

Buton Island located in the Southeastern arm of South Sulawesi (Figure 1). Before 1991, radiolarian faunas from the Island of Buton had not been studied. Soeka, 1991 pioneered study of Jurassic (Pliensbachian-Toarcian) and Cretaceous (Valanginian) to Paleogene (Eocene-Oligocene) radiolarians.

The Jurassic samples are collected from Ogena Formation, whereas the Cretaceous-Paleogene samples were collected from Tobelo Formation.

In 1991 Soeka proposed 1 subfamily Spongocanthinae Soeka, 3 genera i.e. *Butonastrum* Soeka, *Paraxitus* Soeka and *Discoconocaryomma* Soeka. Moreover 30 new species of radiolarians had been

found, and several undetermined species were reported. Those 30 species are:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01. <i>Butonastrum perkinsi</i> Soeka</li> <li>02. <i>Triacticus tumidus</i> Soeka</li> <li>03. <i>Zanola deweveri</i> Soeka</li> <li>04. <i>Zanola riedeli</i> Soeka</li> <li>05. <i>Praeconocaryomma sutrismani</i> Soeka</li> <li>06. <i>Sphaerostylus lukmani</i> Soeka</li> <li>07. <i>Orbiculiforma eocenica</i> Soeka</li> <li>08. <i>O. pseudolawreynsis</i> Soeka</li> <li>09. <i>O. hasjimi</i> Soeka</li> <li>10. <i>O. pseudomaxima</i> Soeka</li> <li>11. <i>O. vargae</i> Soeka</li> <li>12. <i>Paronaella extrema</i> Soeka</li> <li>13. <i>P. wrighti</i> Soeka</li> <li>14. <i>Emiluvina centraspinosa</i> Soeka</li> <li>15. <i>Archaeospongoprnum bonai</i> Soeka</li> <li>16. <i>A. cooki</i> Soeka</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17. <i>Discoconocaryomma mudjitoi</i> Soeka</li> <li>18. <i>Ristola sanfilippoe</i> Soeka</li> <li>19. <i>R. bluefordae</i> Soeka</li> <li>20. <i>R. nakasekoi</i> Soeka</li> <li>21. <i>Sethocapsa conoidea</i> Soeka</li> <li>22. <i>S. leiostracoides</i> Soeka</li> <li>23. <i>S. transitoria</i> Soeka</li> <li>24. <i>Syringocapsa martini</i> Soeka</li> <li>25. <i>Cryptamphorella hispida</i> Soeka</li> <li>26. <i>Novixitus carriei</i> Soeka</li> <li>27. <i>N. wahjudii</i> Soeka</li> <li>28. <i>Paraxitus wartonoi</i> Soeka</li> <li>29. <i>P. subijantoi</i> Soeka</li> <li>30. <i>Katroma zambellii</i> Soeka</li> </ul> |
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On the basis of those undetermined species, this recent paper presents some of them as new species which belong to Suborder Spumellariina and Suborder Nassellariina that represent Cretaceous and Paleogene (Eocene-Oligocene) ages.

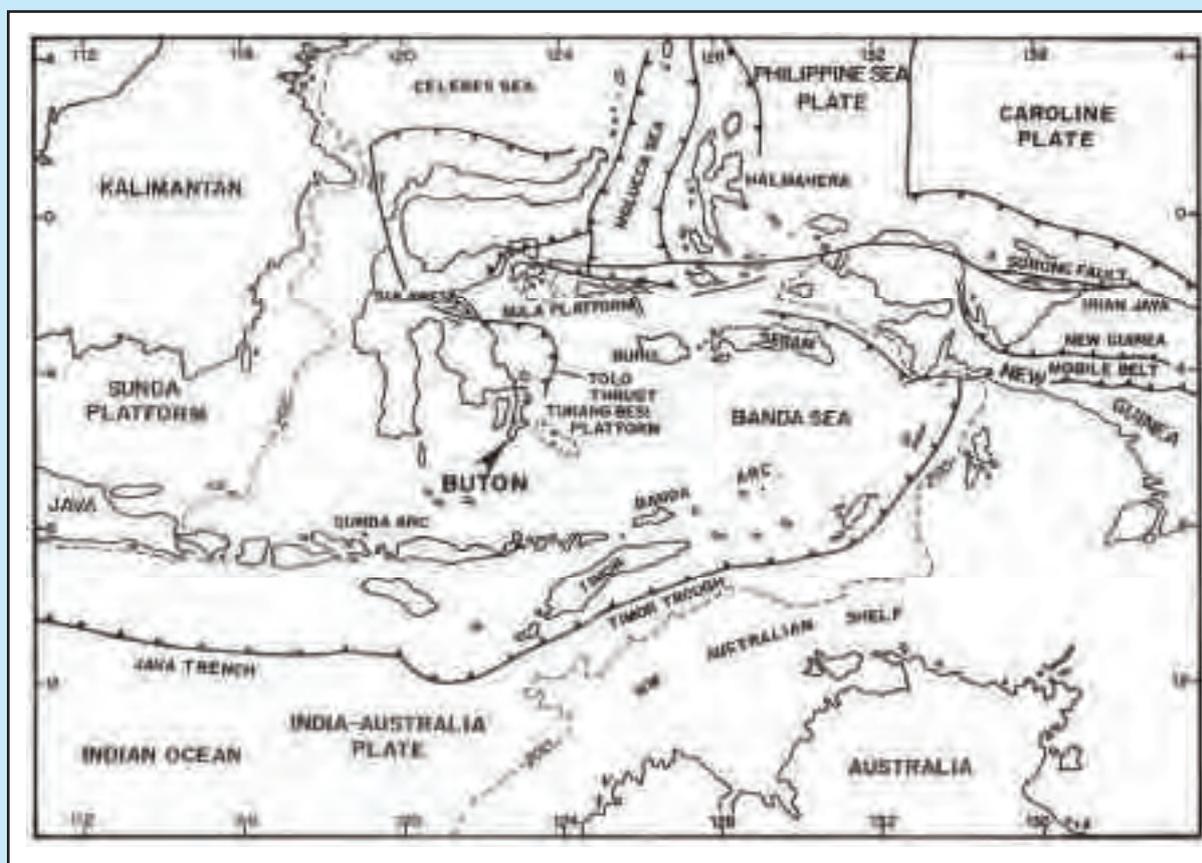


Figure 1  
Geographic setting and tectonic features of eastern Indonesia (Smith, 1983).

Buton Island is part of Sula-Buton Province comprises terranes of Australian origin situated in or adjacent to eastern Sulawesi. The Sula-Buton Province is bounded to the west by the Western Sulawesi volcanic arc province and metamorphic-ophiolite belt of SE Sulawesi province (Figure 2).

Buton Island is primarily a westward-directed fold-thrust belt composed of Australian continental sediments imbricated with non-Australian Ophiolitic material. The imbricated sequences consist of ophiolite, metamorphic rocks and sediments of Australian affinity which range as young as Upper Oligocene, are grouped together as the Wolio Complex (Smith, 1983). These are overlain by syn to post orogenic sediments of Miocene-Recent age. It consists of a pre-Neogene carbonate sequences overlain by Neogene sediments (essentially marine sediments) and Quaternary reef limestones (Figure 3). Buton and Muna Islands are separated by the Buton Strait contains thick sequence of Neogene strata of more than 3000 m thick (Figure 3).

The new proposed species taken from Waulala River Traverse South Buton and Tobelo River Traverse North Buton. Waulala section contain Ogena and Tobelo Formations (Figure 4) while Tobelo River (Figure 5) dominated by Tobelo Formation as locality type. The lithology of the Ogena Formation consists of well-bedded limestones, grey to light brown in colour. At the Ogena River area this formation consists of light grey, well-bedded, locally bituminous and impregnated by asphalt.

Lithology of Tobelo Formation consists of fine-grained, pink to rose-coloured limestone (calclutite), usually unbedded, very hard, rich in planktic microfossils such as radiolarians, calcareous nanofossils, and foraminifers. Brownish red chert nodules are sometimes present in the formation; their sizes reach up to 55 cm in diameter. This formation is deposited within bathyal environment (Figure 3).

Radiolarian faunas indicate that there is no Paleocene age within Tobelo Formation. It is likely due to condensed section, deep sea erosion, or no deposition; condensed section is the most likely.

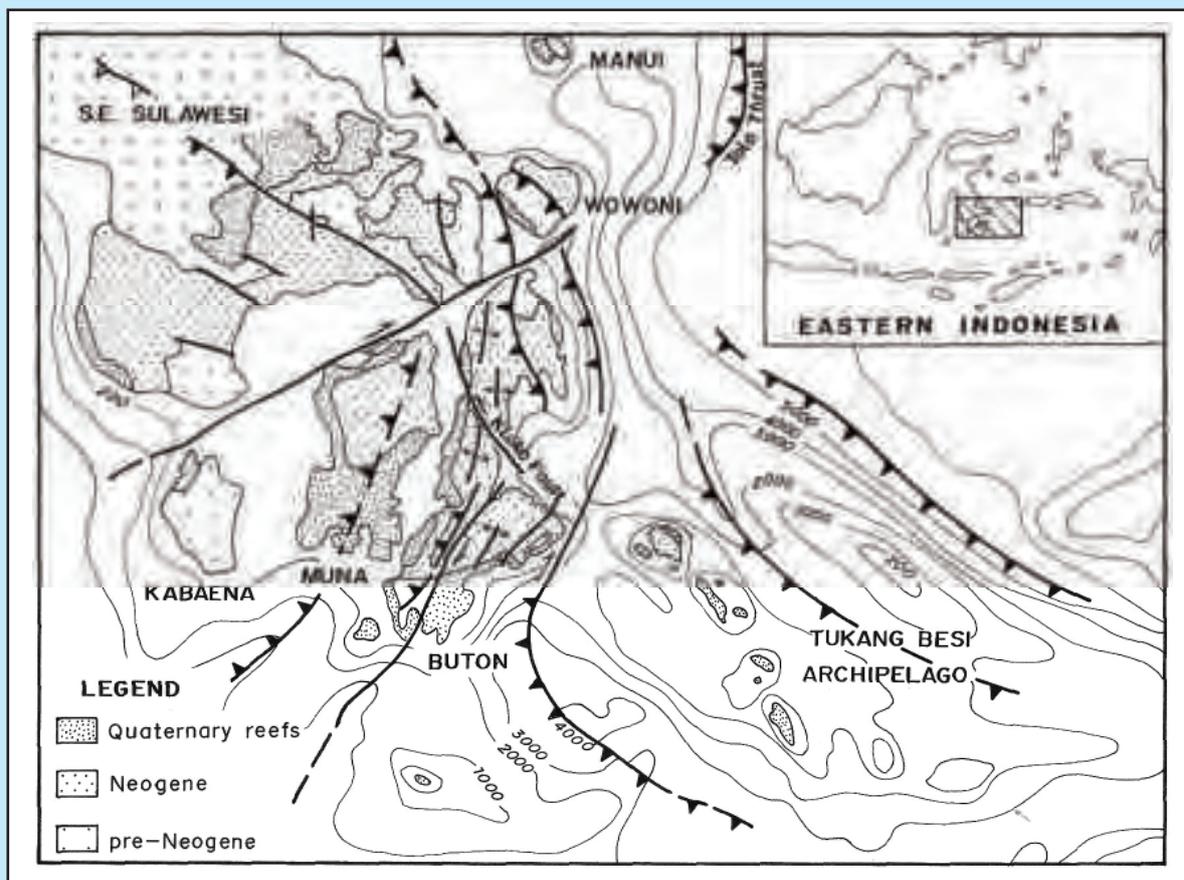


Figure 2  
Schematic tectonic configuration of Buton and adjacent areas (modified from Van Marle, 1989).



## II. METHODOLOGY

Sedimentary rocks that crop out in the Waulala and Tobelo Rivers was sampled and prepared in the Laboratory using preparation technique follows that of Sanfilippo et al. (1971). The residue was tested morphology of each new species, either internal features or external features, are determined on the basis of combined Scanning Electron Micrograph (SEM) and Transmitted Light Micrograph (TLM) methods; however, only TLM features are presented in this paper.

## III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The new proposed species belong to taxonomy: Phylum Protozoa Goldfuss; Subphylum Sarcodina; Class Actinopoda Calkins; Subclass Radiolaria Muller; Order Polycystida Ehrenberg, emend, Riedel, 1967 and Suborder Spumellariina and Suborder Nassellariina.

### A. Spumellarians

Spumellarians is radiolaria which consists only one cyrtid (segment), with varies in shape and size; several shapes such as circular, triangle, quadrangle, and elongate. Stratigraphically this suborder appears for the first time at Cambrian (Early Paleozoic) and still alive until the Holocene (Recent).

#### 1. *Actinomma panujui* Soeka, sp. nov. (Pl. 2, fig. 9) 1991. *Actinomma* sp. 2 Soeka.

Test subglobular in outline with three concentric lattice shells, bearing 12 radial spines. Pores large, rounded to subrounded, bigger than inter pore bars, more than 12 pores at the equatorial plane. Spines long, three-bladed with shallow grooves, sharp tips, maximum test diameter 124  $\mu$ .

The new species is named for Drs. Panuju, MT, microfossils expert, Head of Exploration Division LEMIGAS for his kind cooperation to finish up LEMIGAS-PERTAMINA Joint Evaluation Study Report, Cepu Field (2005). Holotype Soeka Collection BRC 4A8.(3.5), from sample WL 40, Tobelo Formation, Waulala River area, South Buton, Early Cretaceous (Valanginian).

#### 2. *Orbiculiforma eocenica* Soeka. (Pl. 2, fig. 10) 1991. *Orbiculiforma eocenica* Soeka, sp. nov.

Spongy test, circular to subcircular in outline, with relatively shallow central cavity, 3 spines, triangular in cross section, with 3 alternating ridges and grooves, sharp tips, arranged asymmetrically.

Meshwork massive, pores rounded, Test diameter (excluding spines) 299/150  $\mu$ , central cavity diameter 125/90  $\mu$ .

This new species is common within sample TB 13, from Tobelo Formation, Tobelo River area, Eocene of North Buton. Holotype Soeka Collection BRC 2C12 (8.9).

#### 3. *Paronaella wrighti* Soeka, (Pl. 2, fig.4).

1991. *Paronaella wrighti* Soeka, sp. nov., Three armed spongy test (sometimes with interbrachial veil), with inter-arm angle approximately 120 degree. Rays flat, dissimilar in length, approximately similar in width and shape. The distal end of each arm terminated with a prominent, conical central single spine flanked by two conical, short spines. Those spines are circular in cross section. Surface of each arm with four parallel rows of pores with weak longitudinal beams and transverse bars; pore rows do not join in the central area. Pores circular to elliptical in outline, if elliptical, the long axis of pores always parallel to the longitudinal beams.

*Paronaella wrighti* Soeka is distinguished from *Paronaella solanoensis* Pessagno by having flatter test with four rows of each arm. This species is abundant within sample WL 40 from Tobelo formation, Waulala River area, South Buton, Early Cretaceous (Valanginian).

The new species is named for Prof. Anthony J. Wright of the Geology Department, the University of Wollongong, Australia for his kind supervision during preparation of the PhD. dissertation.

#### 4. *Spongotrochus kholiqi* Soeka, sp. nov. (Pl. 1, fig.7) 1991. *Spongotrochus* sp 6 Soeka

Spongy, 130  $\mu$  test with a single medullary shell, disc-shaped in general view, surface smooth, bearing radial spines. Pores well distributed, uniform, circular to elliptical in form, 8-10 pores on the radius of test, 16 three bladed radial spines.

*Spongotrochus kholiqi* is distinguished from *Spongotrochus* sp. 3 by having 16 radial spines rather than 15, and larger pores marginally. This species is rare within sample WL 40. Because the specimen is not well cleaned, lacking marginal spines, the character of radial spines is unknown. This new species is named for Drs. Abdul Kholiq, foraminiferal paleontologist from LEMIGAS who gave a good cooperation to finish up and as co-author of scientific contribution entitled *The Indonesian Cenozoic Planktic Foraminifers: their Classification and*

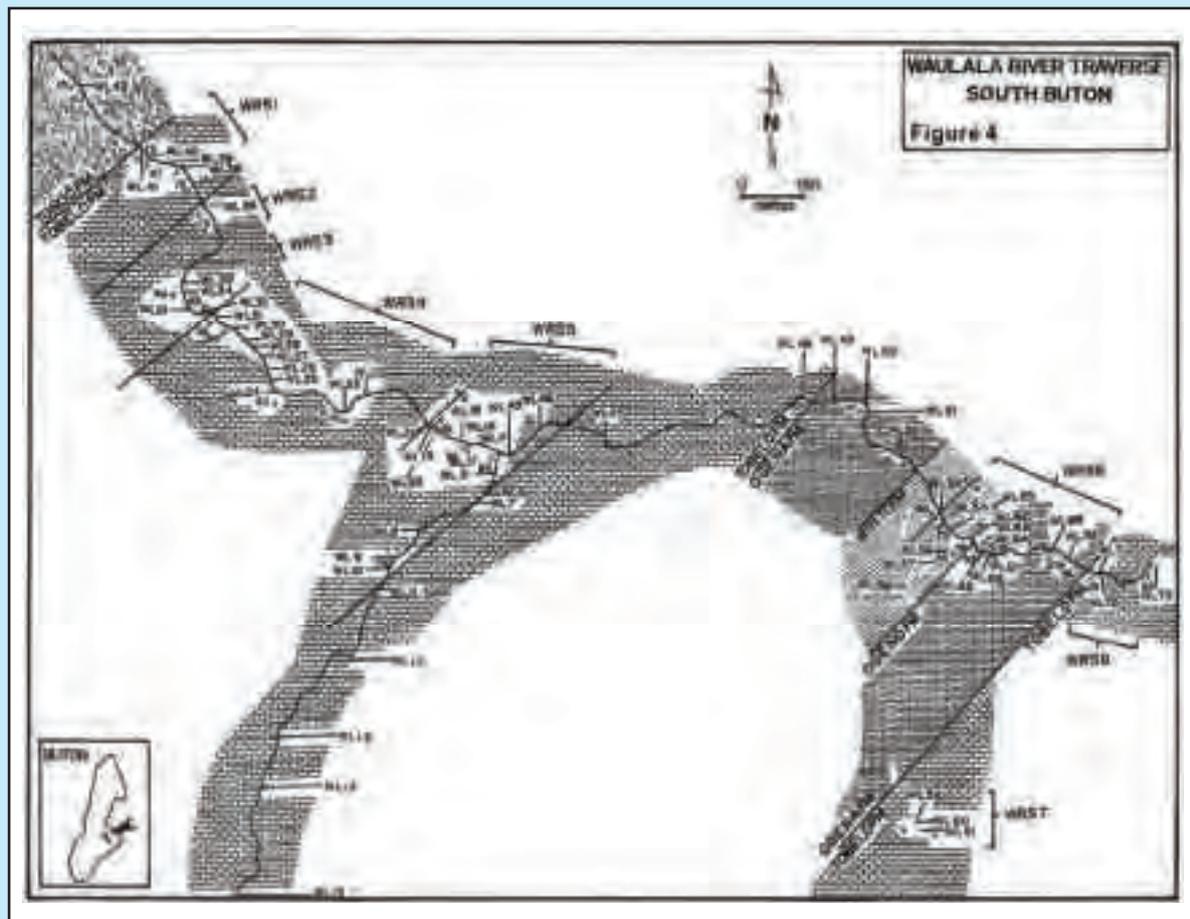


Figure 4  
Waulala river traverse south Buton.

*Occurrences (1997)*. Holotype Soeka Collection BRC 10B9 (16.9); sample WL 40 of the Early Cretaceous (Valanginian) Tobelo Formation, South Buton.

**5. *Spongotrochus buskamali* Soeka, sp. nov. (Pl. 2, fig. 2) 1991. *Spongotrochus* sp. 4 Soeka**

Test spongy, circular discoidal with marginal radial spines, Meshwork very fine, pores irregular in size and form, Radial spines fall into 2 groups based on size and form. The first type is large, long, three-bladed with ridges and grooves, sharp tips. The second one is smaller, elongate, imperforate, circular in cross section, sharp tips. The bladed spines are always bigger than unbladed spines.

*Spongotrochus buskamali* is easily distinguished from other *Spongotrochus* by having two kinds of radial spines (bladed and unbladed) rather than only one kind of bladed radial spines. The maximum diameter is 150  $\mu$ .

This species is named for Ir. Buskamal, microfossil expert from LEMIGAS for his kind cooperation within the group Holotype Soeka Collection BRC 3E11 (16.4), sample WL 40 from Waulala River area, South Buton, Early Cretaceous (Valanginian).

**6. *Spongotrochus iskandari* Soeka, sp. nov. (Pl. 2, fig. 6) 1991. *Spongotrochus* sp. 2. Soeka**

Test spongy, circular to discoidal in general view, with radial marginal spines, Meshwork fine, with circular or subcircular to irregular pores. Four prominent radial spines perpendicular to another one, long, imperforate, sharp tips, circular in cross section.

Only two specimens are found in the study area but their preservation is good. The average length of maximum diameter is 111  $\mu$ ; the average length of radial spines is 68  $\mu$ . The new species is named for Ir. Iskandar from Stratigraphy Group

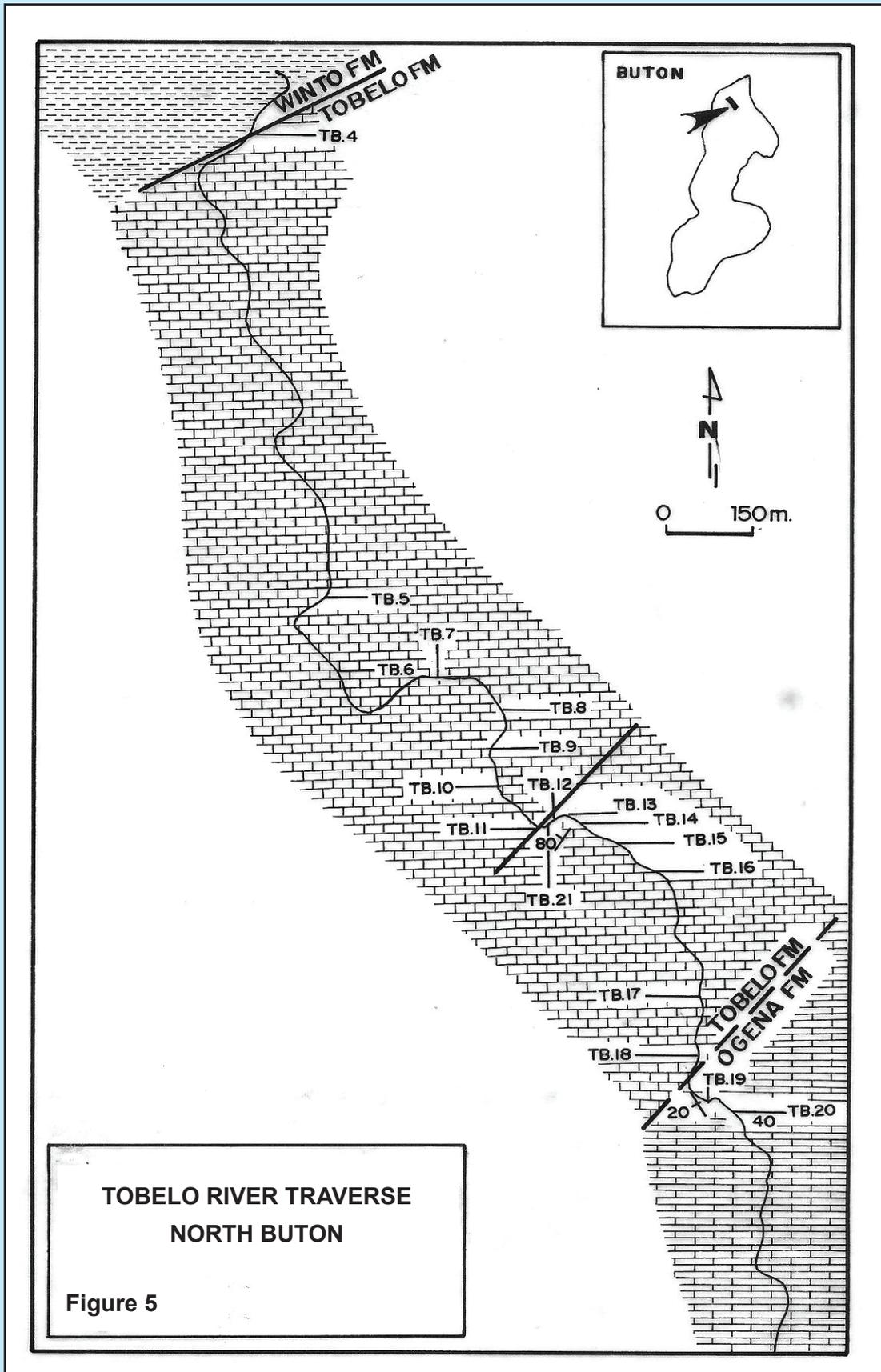


Figure 5  
Tobelo river traverse north Buton.

of LEMIGAS for his good cooperation within the group. Holotype Soeka Collection BRC 3E7 (14.6), BRC 3E8 (14.8), sample WL 40, from Tobelo Formation, Waulala River area, South Buton, Early Cretaceous (Valanginian).

**7. *Sethodiscinus (Sethodiscinus) imami* Soeka, sp. nov. (Pl. 1, fig. 2) 1991. *Sethodiscinus* sp. 2, Soeka**

Test simple, disc-shaped in general view, with single medullary shell, lacking marginal spines and equatorial girdle. Pores uniform in shape and size, circular with hexagonal pore frames. This new species is named for Drs. Imam Prayitno, nannofossil expert, head of Stratigraphy Group, LEMIGAS for his kind cooperation and communication within the group. *Sethodiscinus (Sethodiscinus) imami* differs from *Sethodiscinus (Sethodiscinus)* sp. 1 by having disc-shaped rather than flat to weakly disc-shaped. Holotype Soeka Collection BRC 8C1 (4.5), BRC BC2 (4.6) from sample WL 35, Tobelo Formation, Waulala River Area, South Buton, Oligocene.

**B. Nassellarians**

Nassellariina is radiolaria which their tests consists of 2, 3 or more segments (multi cyrtids) that are named as cephalis, thorax, abdomen, and post abdominal segment. Cephalis bears imperforate apical horn. Stratigraphically this suborder ranges from Triassic (Mesozoic) up to Holocene.

**1. *Lichnocanoma rasantyo* Soeka, sp. nov. (Pl. 2, fig. 1) 1991. *Lihnocanoma* sp. 1, Soeka, Pl. 2, fig. 1.**

Test lattice, broadly conical, bell-shaped; 2 segments (cephalis and thorax); collar stricture sharp. Cephalis subspherical, very short (not more than 0.2% length of the test), imperforate, slightly asymmetrical, its basal diameter greater than its altitudes, with a short apical conical horn; base as wide as long, not porous. Thorax dome-shaped, its greatest diameter at or near the middle of thorax, symmetrical, with well-spaced, subspherical pores. Three basal feet, bladed, equidistant, strong, divergent, convex outwardly. Basal mouth rounded, wide, open. Horn length 18  $\mu$ , cephalis length 23  $\mu$ , cephalis width 29  $\mu$ ; thorax length 76  $\mu$ , width 94  $\mu$ , basal feet average 218  $\mu$ .

Holotype Soeka Collection BRC 7B11 (27.6); sample TB 21 from Tobelo River, North Buton, Eocene. The new species is named for Ir. Tri Bambang Sukmo Rasantyo, MT, palynology expert,

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**2. *Sethocapsa transitoria* Soeka (Pl. 2, fig. 7) 1991. *Sethocapsa transitoria* Soeka, sp. nov.**

Test of four segments (cephalis, thorax, abdomen, and post abdominal segment), pyramidal in outline, globular terminal segment lacks basal aperture; strictures not well-developed, development of first to second segment, and the second to third segment is gradual, whereas the development of third to last segment is abrupt. Cephalis is smallest segment, poreless, circular in transverse section, bears apical horn, sharp, circular in transvers section. Thorax circular in transverse section, bears very small pores, circular to elliptical in forms, Abdomen perforate, without nodes. The biggest terminal segment globular, bears rounded to subrounded pores, without pore frames. Spines sturdy, elliptical in transverse section, sometimes with shallow grooves.

The average total length 218 microns, length of proximal part (cephalis + thorax + abdomen) 100  $\mu$ , diameter terminal part 106  $\mu$ ; segment width 136  $\mu$ .

Holotype Soeka Collection BRC 2A3 (23.9) from sample WL 40, Waulala River, South Buton, Valanginian.

**3. *Alievium helenae* Schaaf (Plate 2, figure 11)**

**4. *Amphicraspedym prolixum* Sanfilipo and Riedel (Plate 2, figure 8)**

**5. *Heliodiscus* cf. *H. heliastericus* Clark and Campbell (Plate 1. figure 1)**

**6. *Lithociclya angusta* (Riedel) (Plate 1, figure 5-7)**

**7. *Lithocyclia aristotelis* (Ehrenberg) ((Plate 1, figure 8-9)**

**8. *Spongattractus pachystilus* (Ehrenberg) (Plate 2, figure 1-2)**

**C. Spumellarians *Incertae Sedis***

**1. *Butonastrum* Soeka 1991. *Butonastrum* Soeka, gen. nov.**

**Type species:** *Butonastrum perkinsi* Soeka

Four-armed test with or without single central spine at each arm. Central area without medullary

Plate 1

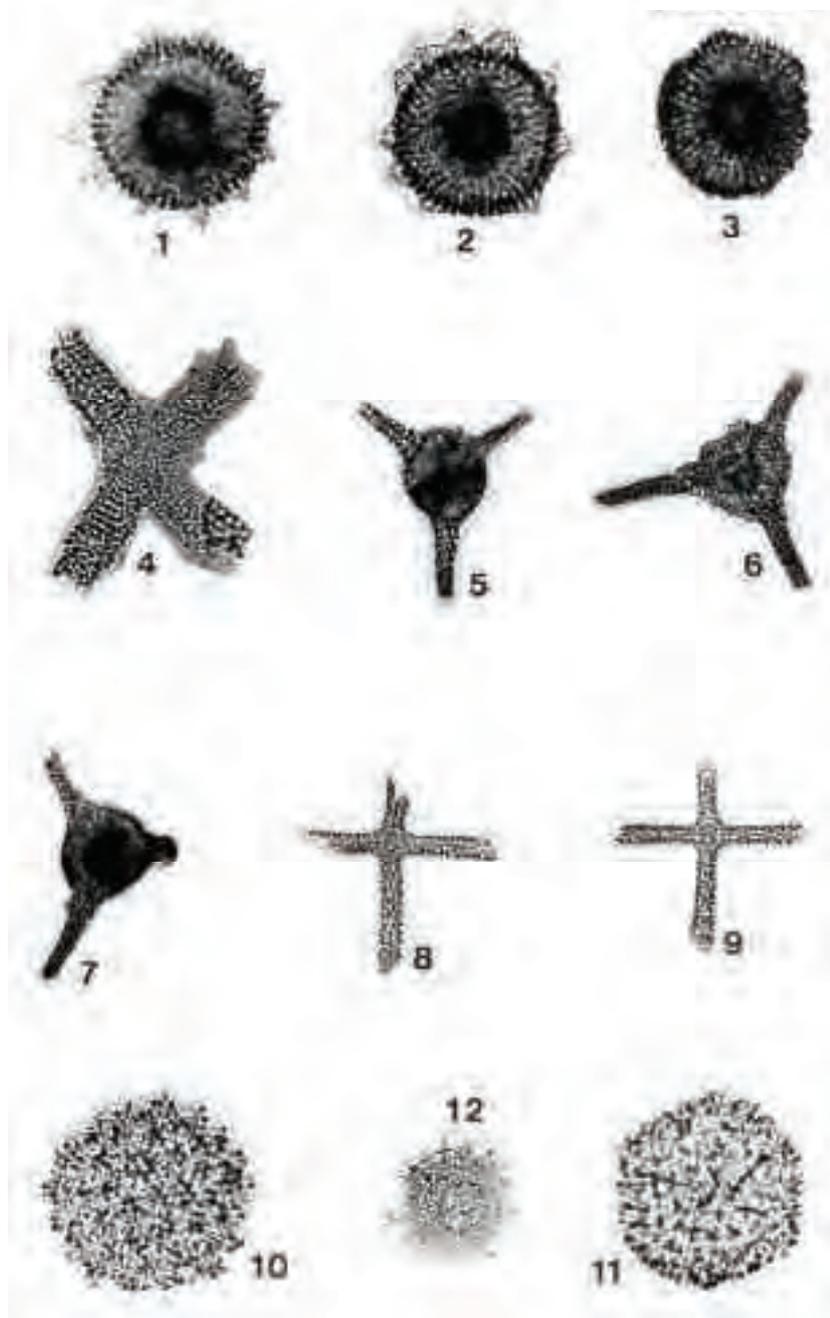


Plate 1

Figs. 1-2. *Heliodiscus* cf. *H. heliasticus* Clark and Campbell

Fig. 3. *Sethodiscinus* (*Sethodiscinus*) *inami* Soeka, sp. nov.

Fig. 4. *Butonastrum perkinsi* Soeka

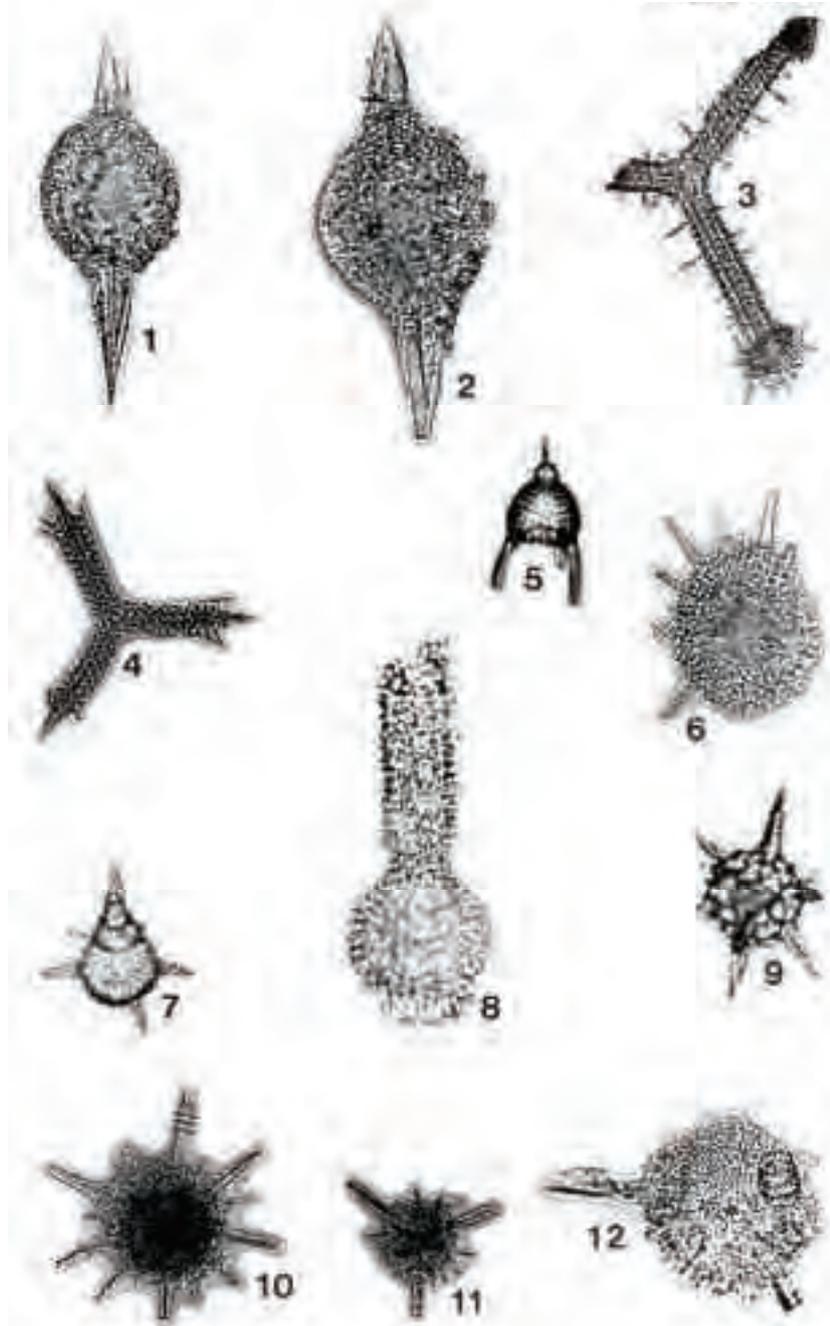
Figs. 5-7. *Lithocyclia angusta* (Riedel)

Figs. 8-9. *Lithocyclia aristotelis* (Ehrenberg)

Figs. 10-11. *Discoconocaryomma mudjitoi* Soeka

Fig. 12. *Songotrochus kholiqi* Soeka, sp. nov.

**Plate 2**



**Plate 2**

1-2. *Songatractus pachystylus* (Ehrenberg)

3. *Tritrabs ewingi* (Pessagno)

4. *Paronaella wrighti* Soeka

5. *Lychnocanoma rasantyo* Soeka, sp. nov.

6. *Songotrochus iskandari* Soeka, sp. nov.

7. *Sethocapsa trasitoria* Soeka, sp. nov.

8. *Amphicraspedum prolixum* Sanfilippo and Riedel

9. *Actinoma panujui* Soeka, sp. nov.

10. *Songotrochus buskamali* Soeka, sp. nov.

11. *Allevium helenai* Schaaf

12. *Orbiculiforma eocenica* Soeka

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shell. Arm cylindrical, elongate, circular to subcircular in cross section. Surface of rays with linear to sublinear arrangement of pores.

This new monospecific genus is distinguished from *Hagiastrum* by lacking medullary shell, longitudinal beam and traverse bar; and from *Staulastrum* Haeckel, 1887 by lacking a central simple chamber which is surrounded by concentric rings. *Butonastrum* differs from *Crucidiscus* by having a smaller central area and longer porous arms.

**2. *Butonastrum perkinsi* Soeka, (Pl. 1, fig. 3) 1991.**  
*Butonastrum perkinsi* Soeka, gen. et sp. nov.

Test lattice, four armed, with single central spine at each arm. Central area without medullary shell. Arms cylindrical, elongate, composed of 6 pore rows with linear to sublinear arrangement. Pores rounded, elliptical to quadrangular; if elliptical or quadrangular parallel to the long axis of the arm. Central spine short, cylindrical, imperforate; the average length of arms (without spines) 81,75  $\mu$ . The central spines are mostly broken.

Holotype (Soeka Collection BRC 6B6 (2.5) from the Eocene Tobelo Formation, Waulala River, North Buton; sample TB13. The name of this new species is dedicated to Mr. Max Perkin from geology department, the University of Wollongong in honor of his good cooperation during my study at the university. This new species is common in the sample TB 13 of North Buton and preservation is good.

**3. *Discoconocaryomma* Soeka, 1991. *Discoconocaryomma* Soeka, gen. nov.**

**Type species:** *Discoconocaryomma mudjitoi* Soeka.

Latticed spumellarians, disc-shaped in general view, without medullary shells, lacking radial spines. SEM indicates surface of the test bears mammae, each mamma having one pore situated at the top of the mamma and encircled by other pores; pores regular, of similar size, rounded to subrounded.

This new genus is distinguished from *Praeconocaryomma* Pessagno by having a disc-shaped rather than globular test; and differs from *Cenodiscus* by having mammae. The genus can not be placed in the Praeconocaryommidae since the test is discoidal without medullary shells; moreover it can not be placed in the Cenodiscinae since the test possesses mammae.

**4. *Discoconocaryomma mudjitoi* Soeka (Pl. 1, figure 6) 1991. *Discoconocaryomma mudjitoi* Soeka, gen. et sp. nov.**

Transmitted Light Micrograph indicates disc-shaped, latticed, lacking both medullary shells and radial spines. Scanning Electron Micrograph indicates test bears mammae, moderately high in relief; each mamma bears 7 circular to subcircular pores. One pore is situated at the top of each mamma, and encircled by 6 pores. Pores regular, nearly similar in size, without well-developed hexagonal pore frames. Average diameter of the test 222  $\mu$ , test thickness 157  $\mu$ .

This new species is abundant within Cretaceous and Eocene samples and preservation is good. The name of the new species is dedicated to Dr. Ir. Mudjito of LEMIGAS in honor of contribution to the understanding of pre-Tertiary geology of the island.

Holotype Soeka collection BRC 984 (19.1); sample WL 30, from Early Cretaceous to Oligocene of Tobelo Formation, Waulala River, South Buton.

#### IV. CONCLUSIONS

Based on those undetermined species, there are some new species which belong to Suborder Spumellariina and Suborder Nassellariina that represent Cretaceous and Paleogene (Eocene-Oligocene) ages. Those new species are: 1. *Actinomma panujui* Soeka; sp. nov.; 2. *Orbiculiforma eocenica* Soeka; 3. *Spongostrochus kholiqi* Soeka, sp. nov.; 4. *Spongostrochus buskamali* Soeka, sp. nov.; 5. *Spongostrochus iskandari* Soeka, sp. nov.; 6. *Sethodiscus (Sethodiscinus) imami* Soeka, sp. nov.; 7. *Lichnocanoma rasantyoii* Soeka, sp. nov.; 8. *Sethocapsa transitoria* Soeka.

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