

*Thalamoporella granulata* Levinsen, 1909. Tilbrook, Hayward & Gordon, 2001, p.55.

THALAMOPORELLA GRANULATA LEVINSEN

*Thalamoporella granulata*, var. *B* Levinsen, 1909: 189, 190, pl. 6a, fig. 1a–f.

*Thalamoporella granulata*: Harmer, 1926: 297; Ryland & Hayward, 1992: 241, fig. 11a,b; Soule, Soule & Chaney, 1992: 48, figs 66–68.

*Remarks*

Levinsen (1909) reported three varieties of *Thalamoporella granulata*, denoting the species now regarded as *T. granulata sensu stricto* as var. *B*, from the Torres Straits. The other two varieties were also given full specific status by Harmer (1926), such that var. *A* is now regarded as *T. stapifera* Levinsen, 1909 and var. *C* as *T. tubifera* Levinsen, 1909.

Although not found in our material from Vanuatu, it was found at three sites in Mele Bay, Efate, by Soule, Soule & Chaney (1992). With their records and that of Ryland & Hayward (1992), this species has a very wide distribution within the Indo–West Pacific, having been recorded from the Seychelles, Indonesia, the Philippines, Great Barrier Reef, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji, Tonga, and from the Pliocene of Taiwan.