

*Watersipora subovoidea* sensu Harmer. Tilbrook, Hayward & Gordon, 2001, p.75, fig.18F.

*WATERSIPORA SUBOVOIDEA SENSU HARMER*

(Fig. 18F)

*Dakaria subovoidea* (d'Orbigny) Harmer, 1957 (in part): 1022, pl. 69, fig. 12.

*Watersipora subovoidea*: Dumont, 1981: 636.

'*Watersipora subovoidea*' sensu Harmer: Soule & Soule, 1976: 308, pl. 3, figs 4–6; Winston & Heimberg, 1986: 17, figs 35–37.

#### Remarks

There has been much discussion about the taxonomic status of this genus and species attributed to it, *Watersipora subovoidea* in particular (e.g., Ryland, 1974; Soule & Soule, 1976; Winston & Heimberg, 1986; Gordon, 1989b; Soule *et al.*, 1995). All species attributed to *Watersipora* need to be reviewed before any synonymies can be resolved.

#### Distribution

*Watersipora subovoidea* has been recorded from the Red Sea and Indonesia, but the true extent of its geographical range will remain unclear until the genus has been reviewed and revised (Winston & Heimberg, 1986). Iridescent black dried colonies were found on a shell at Vila Waterfront, Erakor Lagoon, Efate.

