

Foreword

Since 1980, we have been engaged in the field and laboratory studies on a "living fossil" species *Nautilus pompilius* LINNAEUS inhabiting the Philippines and Fiji. The processes of our studies and the reports on them are listed below.

The Philippines :

- 1980 Preliminary survey
- 1981 Field study (main investigation)
[HAYASAKA *et al.*, 1982]¹
- 1982 Laboratory study
[HAYASAKA, 1983]²

Fiji :

- 1981 Preliminary survey
[HAYASAKA and SHINOMIYA, 1982; HAYASAKA *et al.*, 1984]³
- 1982 Preliminary survey
[TSUKAHARA and ONO, 1983]⁴
- 1983 Field study (main investigation)
- 1984 Laboratory study
[HAYASAKA, 1985]⁵
- 1986 Field study (2nd operation in Fiji)

The field study carried out in 1986 was the second operation in Fiji (Figs. 1 and 2). For the past one year (fiscal year 1987), we have been engaged in the laboratory works on *Nautilus* and its associated fauna based on the data obtained through the field works performed in 1986.

In this volume we report the processes and the results of field and laboratory studies performed in 1986 and 1987.

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