

Foreword

Through the field studies on the environmental background of the habitat of *Nautilus* in Tañon Strait, the Philippines (HAYASAKA *et al.*, 1982) carried out in 1980 and 1981 for one month each,¹⁾ various kinds of marine animal specimens were collected, and most of them have already been listed in our preceding paper. 13 live individuals of *Nautilus pompilius* among the 52 trapped specimens were brought from the Philippines to the four different places in Japan (Kagoshima, Matsuyama, Tokyo and Yokosuka). Most of the collected specimens other than *Nautilus* were brought to Kagoshima for further study.

For the past one year (fiscal year 1982), we could continue the laboratory studies on *Nautilus* and its associated fauna sponsored by the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture of Japan.²⁾ In the present volume, the results of studies of several different items performed by the members of our research group during that period of time are collected as the second report of our research project entitled the "Marine Ecological Studies on the Habitat of *Nautilus* in the Environs of Cebu and Negros Islands, the Philippines."

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