

**DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF *UROTEUTHIS (PHOTOLOLIGO)*
FROM THE MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL**

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ABSTRACT: A new species of bioluminescent loliginid is described from the Mozambique Channel. The animals mature at a small size (mantle length 61 and 83 mm in males and females respectively) and are apparently close to *Uroteuthis pickfordae* from Indonesia. They differ consistently, however, in details of sucker dentition, hectocotylus morphology (relative length of modified distal part of arm 35–65% AL IV, 13–16 pairs of proximal suckers, proximal papillae elongate conical) and relative fin, arm and club lengths (39–46%, 19–41% and 18–28% ML, respectively). The presence in the holotype and paratype of *U. pickfordae* of light organs on the ink sac, and its affiliation with *Uroteuthis (Photololigo)*, is confirmed.
