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Dear Dr. Lacombe,

Thank you for your kind letter of September 27 concerning your work on coral barnacles and requesting a copy of N&R 1976. We have long been out of reprints, but Dr. Richard Brusca at the San Diego Natural History Museum kindly gave me a copy to sent to you. It is being sent under separate cover. Hope I got your address right since, as I recall, the Instituto used to be in Rio de Janeiro.

I was interested to hear that you were looking at coral barnacles; they have gotten rather popular in recent years! It is probably important that you get in touch with Dr. Victor Zullo, since he is currently working on fossil as well as recent forms primarily from Florida and the Caribbean, and I have taken the liberty of sending him a copy of your letter.

The exciting news here is that we now have a species of Rhizolepas from S.E. Australia (the genus has not been seen since Day described it from S. Africa in 1939), and a living brachylepado-morph from a hydrothermal vent in the Lau Basin, Tonga. Re the latter, the suborder was thought to have gone extinct in the Miocene! We also have a new Lithoglyptes from Bermuda, and this has gotten me to wondering again why no acrothoracicans have turned up in Brasil. I wrote Paulo Young about it some years ago but haven't heard from him since. The one from Bermuda comes from the limestone of coral heads growing under heavy surf conditions, a habitat not often collected. Perhaps you could get a strong-swimming student using SCUBA and a chisel and hammer to take a look! Best regards,

Sincerely yours,



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