Distribution of Oithona brevicornis (Copepoda: Cyclopoida) population along the Crimean Coast [Распространение популяции Oithona brevicornis (Copepoda: Cyclopoida) вдоль побережья Крыма; Росповсюдження популяції Oithona brevicornis (Copepoda: Cyclopoida) уздовж узбережжя Криму]. Invader cyclopoid Oithona brevicornis Giesbrecht, 1892 established in the ecosystem of the Sevastopol Bay since autumn, 2005 (Gubanova, Altukhov, 2007). Later, in 2006 - 2008 the species was found regularly in the samples taken at different stations inside the Sevastopol Bay and adjacent bays being the mostly abundant during October - December. However, just single individuals of the invader were found at the station outside the Sevastopol Bay in more than 40 m depth. O. brevicornis was not found at three stations in the Balaklava Bay in October, 2008. One year later in October, 2009 the species was quite abundant at the stations outside the Sevastopol Bay, inside the Balaklava Bay and at the stations near Cape Fiolent and Cape Aya. O. brevicornis was also present in the samples taken from the piers in Yevpatoria, Yalta and Feodosia (Fig. 1). Thus, we may conclude that O. brevicornis spread along the Crimean coast in autumn-winter, 2009. D.A. Altukhov, leading engineer (Institute of Biology of the Southern Seas, Sevastopol, Ukraine)

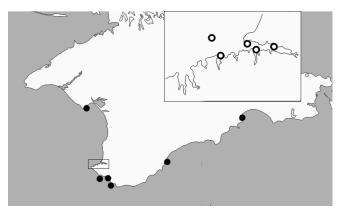


Figure 1. Distribution of *O. brevicornis* population along the Crimean Coast:

- O stations within and adjacent to the Sevastopol Bay where the species was found in 2005 2009;
- - stations where the species was found in 2009.
 Рисунок 1. Распространение популяции О. brevicornis вдоль побережья Крыма:

О - станции в Севастопольской бухте и

открытом прибрежье, на которых вид был обнаружен в 2005 – 2009 гг;

• - станции, на которых вид был обнаружен в 2009 г.