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- Border of the disk with cirri.
 Ten cirri on each side.
 Cirri very short, body stout and opaque; mostly very big, with a vaulted back.
 Body oblong, extended, with a keel-like back, laterally compressed, *M. compressum*.
 Body disk-like.
 Body much longer than broad, flat above and below, *M. areolatum*.
 Body circular, length and breadth equal, or nearly equal.
 Central muscle-mass striking:
 Occupying the whole border of the belly; back flat, *M. radiatum*.
 A marginal zone free; back vaulted.
 Back covered with warts, *M. marginatum*.
 Back irregularly areolated, without warts, *M. lütkeni*.
 Central muscle-mass not striking.
 With a distinct hyaline marginal border.
 Parapodia small, lying in small cavities, *M. brevipes*.
 Parapodia well-developed, freely projecting, *M. pallidum*.
 A hyaline marginal border not existing.
 With five pairs of dorsal elevations, *M. testudo*.
 Back without elevations.
 Parapodia very feeble, quite close to the border, *M. carpenteri*.
 Parapodia well-developed, removed from the border.
 Cirri distinct, many times longer than broad.
 Body very big and massive, back with scattered tubercles, *M. gigas*.
 Body of insignificant size, without warts.
 Diameter of more than 9 mm.; parapodia in the first third of the radius, *M. coriaceum*.
 Scarcely half as big; parapodia in the middle between centre and border, *M. triste*.
 Cirri reduced to insignificant warts, *M. glabrum*.
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- Cirri (mostly) long; body generally a thin, transparent, delicate plate.
 Middle part of the body two-coloured, *M. pictum*.
 Middle part of the body one-coloured.
 The whole body opaque, stout, black-brown, *M. nigrescens*.
 The whole body, or at least the border, pellucid, delicate.
 With marginal fringes besides the cirri, *M. fimbriatum*.
 Without marginal fringes.
 Hind end deeply intersected, *M. excisum*.
 Hind end bordered, rounded.
 Cirri reduced to warts, *M. brevicirrum*.
 Cirri well-developed, long.
 Cirri much different in length (the first and tenth pairs often longer than the others), *M. antennatum*.
 Cirri not much different.
 Border notched, *M. crenatum*.
 Border not notched.
 Cirri ending in fine points, *M. agassizii*.