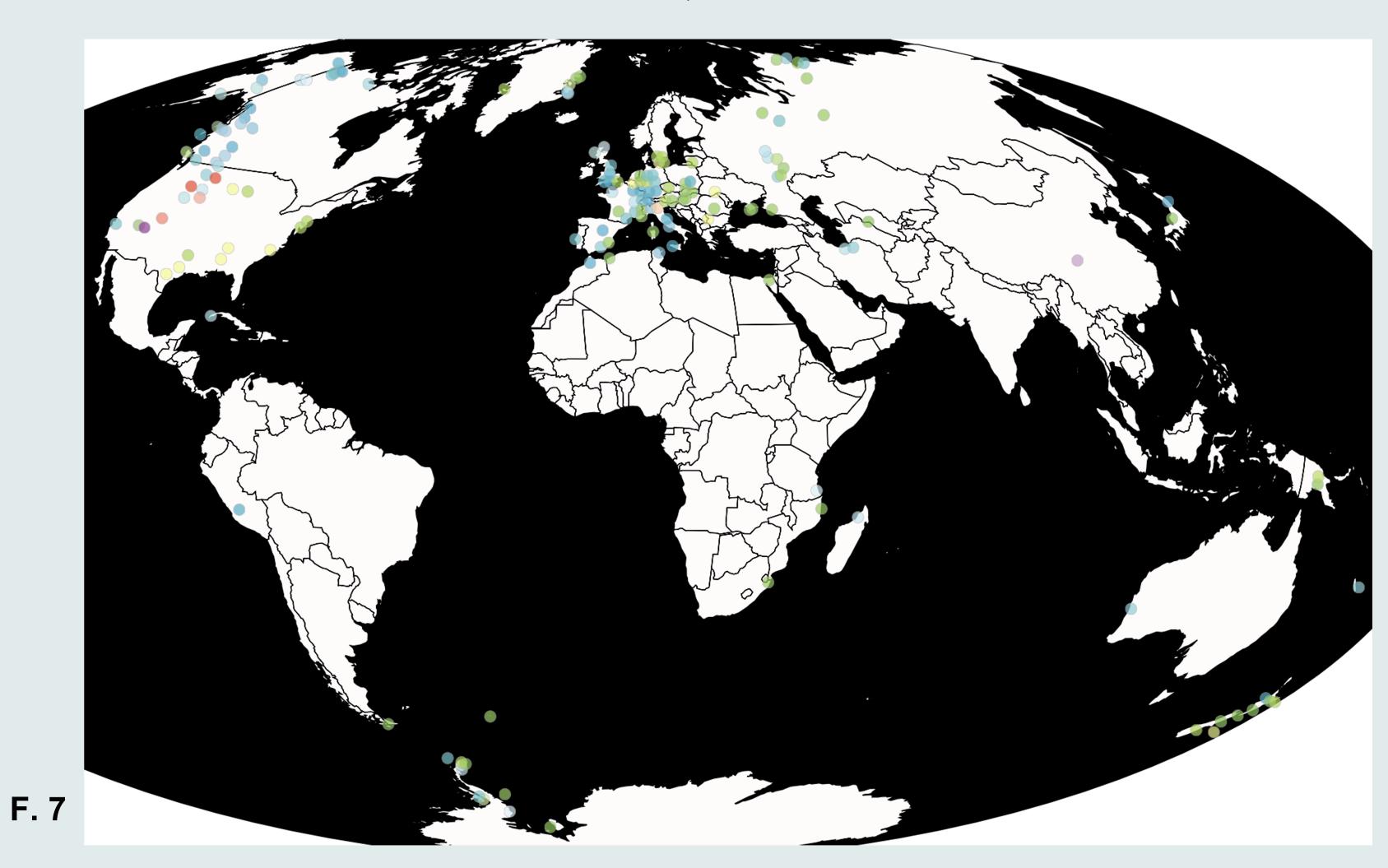
Belemnitida Display Taxon, Mesozoic



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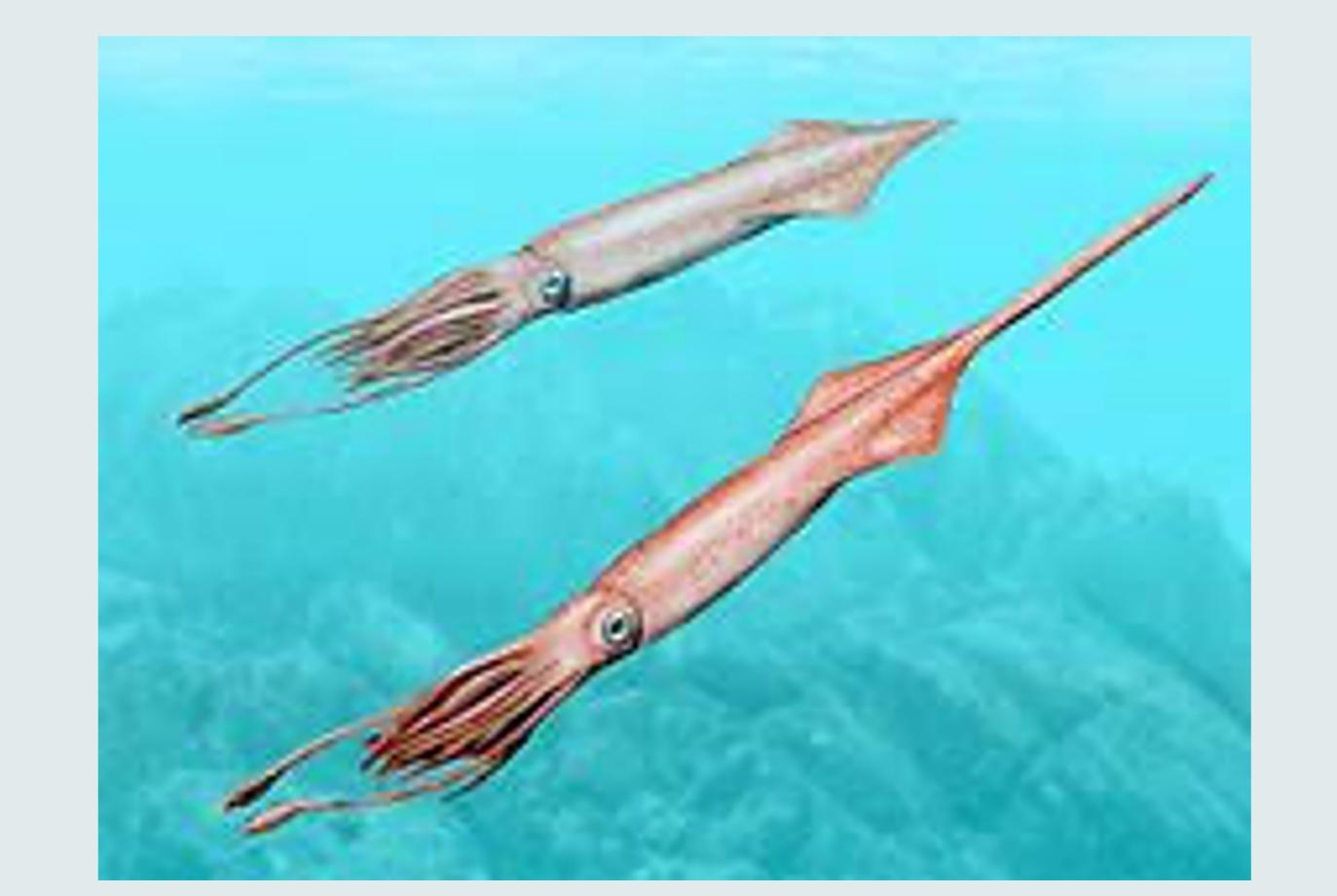
Fossil Info

This diagram depicts the rostrum morphology from the different species of belemnites. Unlike modern squids, the belemnites have a rostrum which is a hard internal skeleton. (3)

CROSS-SECTION

Quadrate

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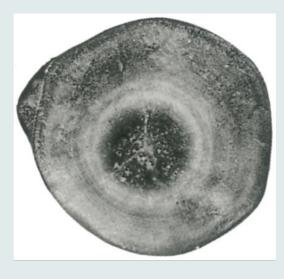


Body

A Belemnite is the central part of the internal skeleton of a squid-like animal (1).



In this rostrum, there is a coneshaped cavity, the alveolus (1).



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F. 2

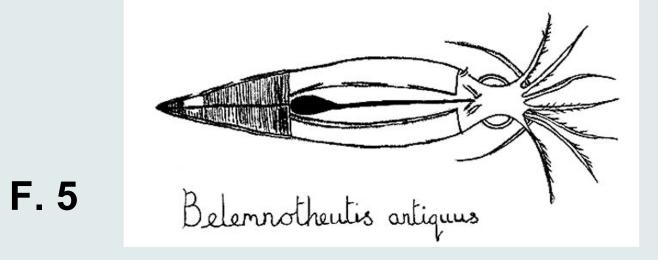
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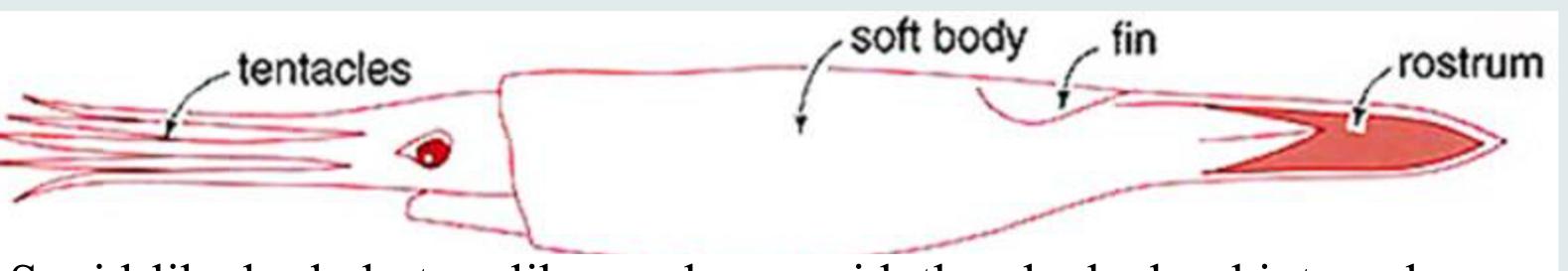
Rings represent the growth of the animal, likely over months (3)



Pictured is chitin arm hooks. Belemnites had ten tentacles, each equipped with 30—50 pairs of hooks (3)



Ink sacs similar to octopus and other cephalopods were found (3)



Squid-like body but, unlike modern squid, they had a hard internal skeleton (3)