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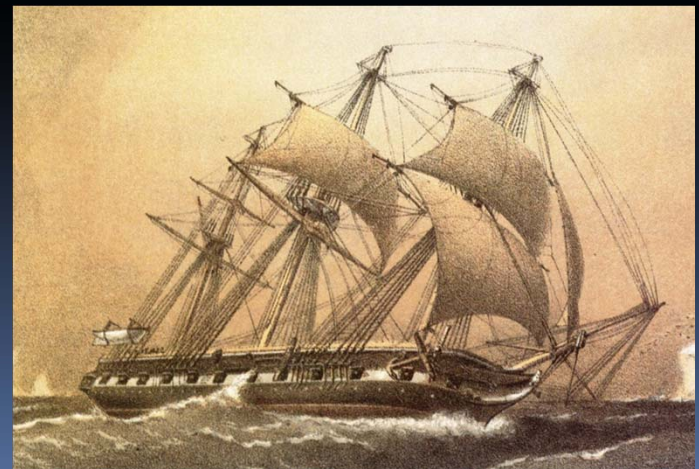
# Introduction

- A few historic deep-sea Pacific cruises and mollusk publications
- Recent Pacific deep-sea mollusk publications
- Best identification tools
- A few collecting suggestions
- What we might find in the CCFZ



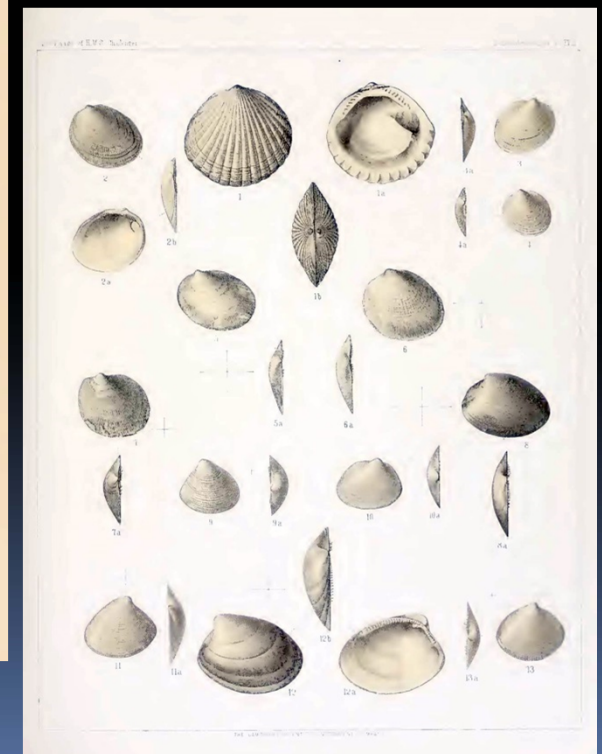
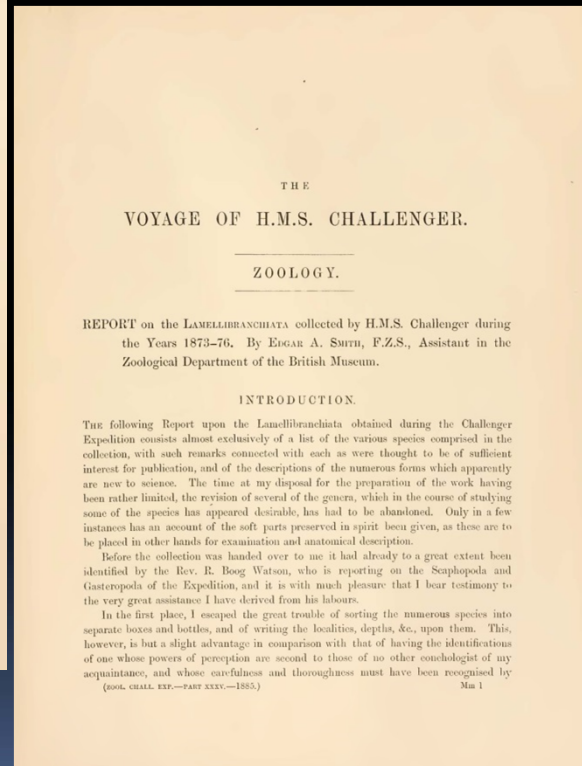
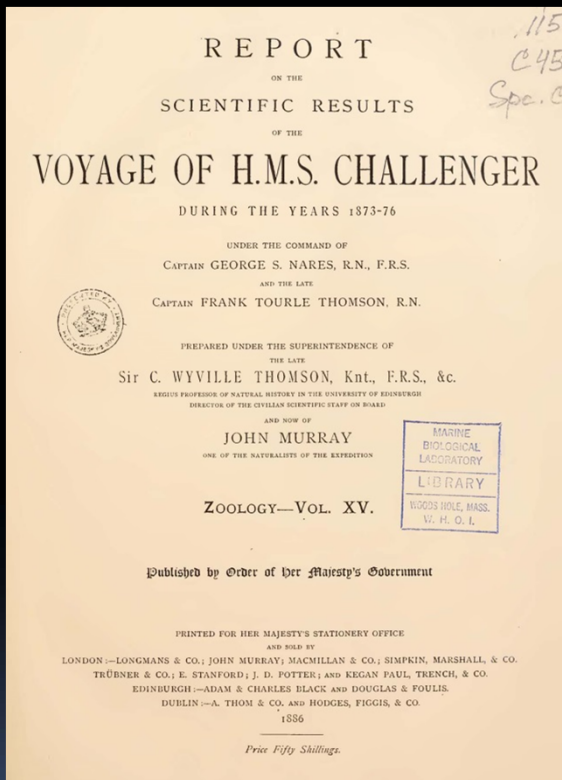
# Pacific deep-sea expeditions

- HMS Challenger
  - 1872-1876
  - First expedition to focus on deep-sea (to 8,184 m!)
  - Over 4,700 new species collected



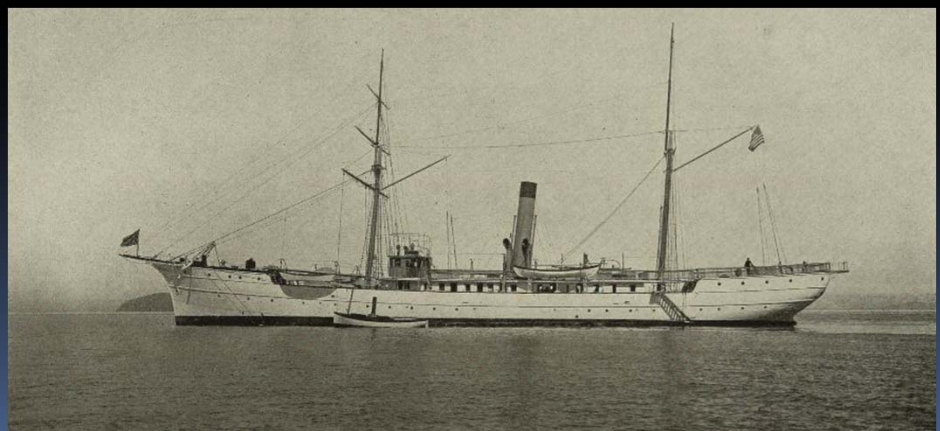
# Pacific deep-sea expeditions

- HMS Challenger publications on mollusks



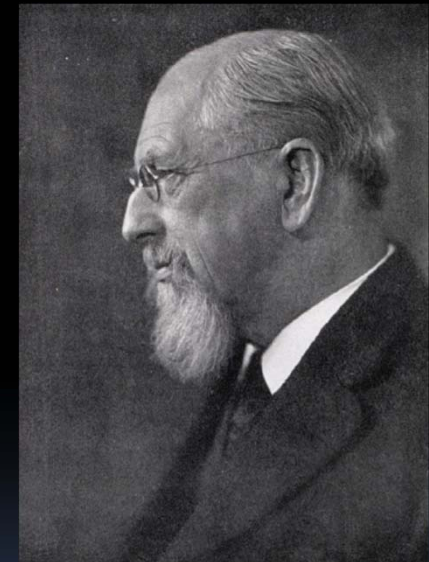
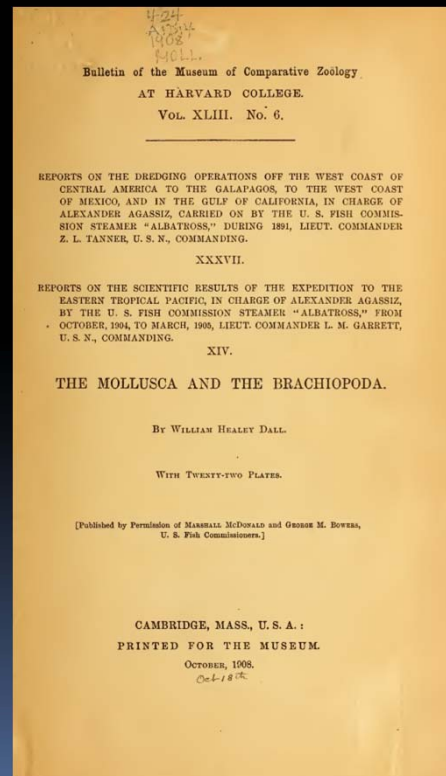
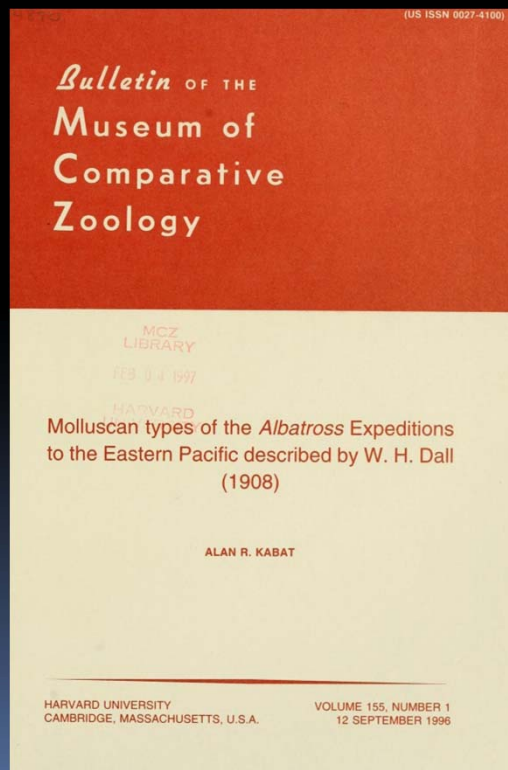
# Pacific deep-sea expeditions

- Pacific Expeditions of *USFC Steamer Albatross*
  - Several cruises from 1891-1905
  - Led by Alexander Agassiz of Harvard
  - Collected down to 7,500 m!



# Pacific deep-sea expeditions

- *Albatross* mollusks primarily described by W.H. Dall – 218 new species in 1908



# Pacific deep-sea expeditions



- *Galathea II* Expedition – 1950-1952
  - Express goal to study the ocean > 4,000 m



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  **GALATHEA REPORT**  
Scientific Results of The Danish Deep-Sea Expedition  
Round the World 1950-52  
ISSUED BY THE GALATHEA COMMITTEE  
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- The majority of the direct scientific results based on material collected during the Galathea 2 Expedition have been published in the *Galathea Report* series (1956 to the present), comprising more than 4,000 pages in 20 volumes. On these webpages the contents of all papers published in the series are available as searchable pdf-documents. For more information, please contact Associate Professor/Curator, Ph. D. Danny Ekby-Jacobsen or Curatorial Assistant: Majken Thiem Jensen
- The specimens from Galathea II, described in Galathea Report have been indexed by DanBIF ([www.danbif.dk](http://www.danbif.dk)) and are searchable via GBIF ([www.gbif.org](http://www.gbif.org)). A list of taxa can be seen here.

**Guestbook** (Illustration by Hakon Melkhe)  
The Galathea 2 expedition also had representative obligations in the harbours it visited. It therefore brought a guestbook in which more than 3000 people have signed their names, even some with their fingerprint. [Background information about the Galathea 2 Expedition](#) Latest update: september 23rd 2007

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# Pacific deep-sea expeditions

- *Galathea Reports on mollusks by Knudsen*



THE BATHYAL AND ABYSSAL XYLOPHAGA  
(PHOLADIDAE, BIVALVIA)  
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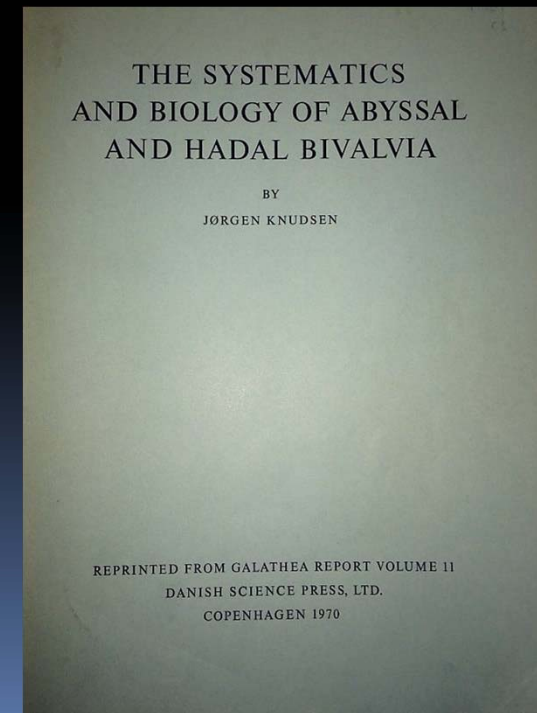
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A. INTRODUCTION

The bivalve material collected by the *Galathea* Expedition contains 17 species of the wood boring genus *Xylophaga*, all of them apparently new to science. They were all obtained at depths below 400 meters. In addition to the material collected by the *Galathea*, four previously described species have been included in the present study: *X. praestans* E. A. Smith, *X. indica* E. A. Smith, *X. tomlini* Prasad and *X. sp.* mentioned by Pilsener (1911).

author. This resulted in a considerable number of specimens being found. Although the soft parts had already dried up prior to examination, the shells, including the accessory plates, were in most cases, in very good condition.

It might seem astonishing that the *Galathea* collection contained such a large number of species of *Xylophaga*, that the number of known species is more than doubled. This is certainly not because





# Pacific deep-sea expeditions

- French Tropical Deep-sea Benthos Expeditions
  - Primarily South Pacific
  - 1970's to present

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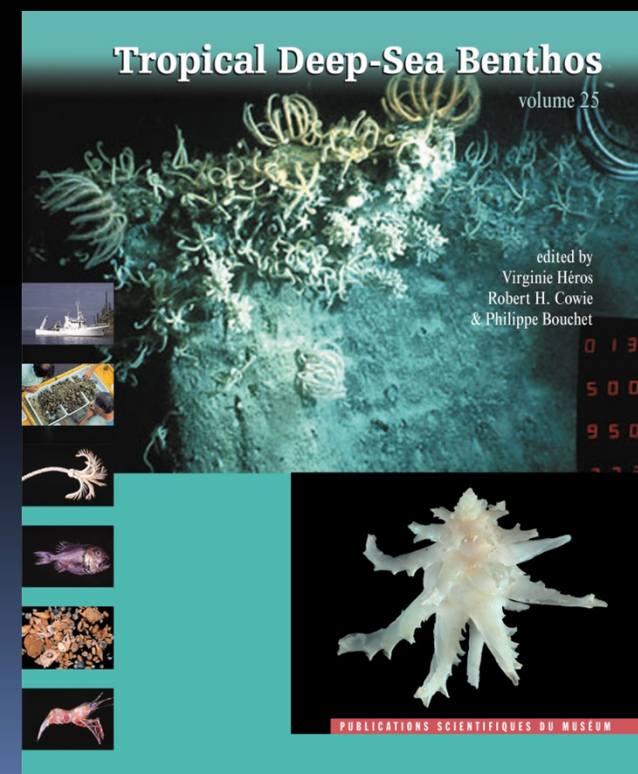
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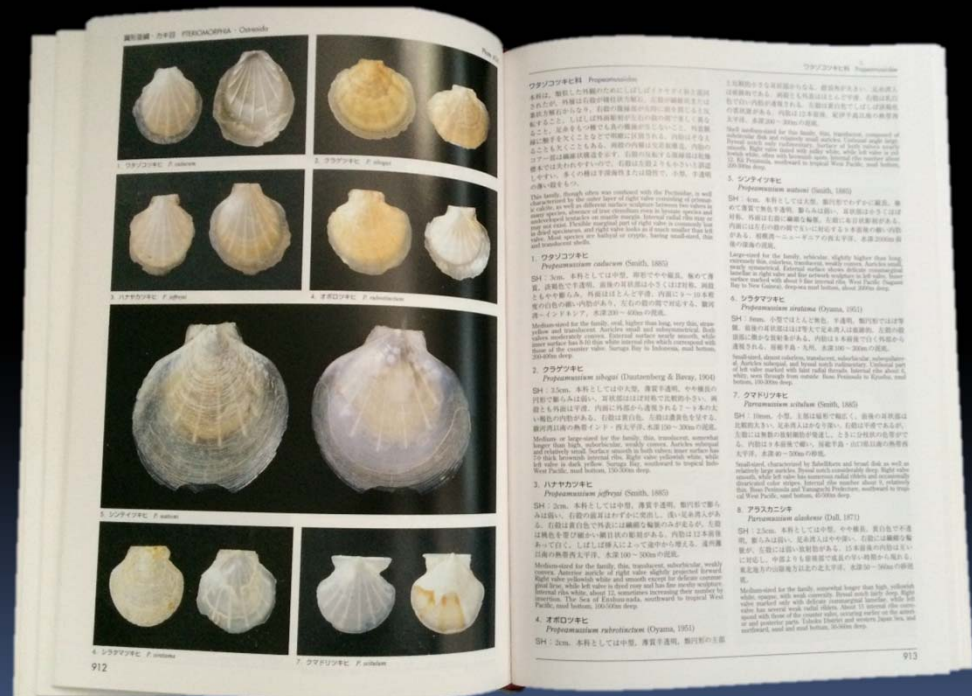
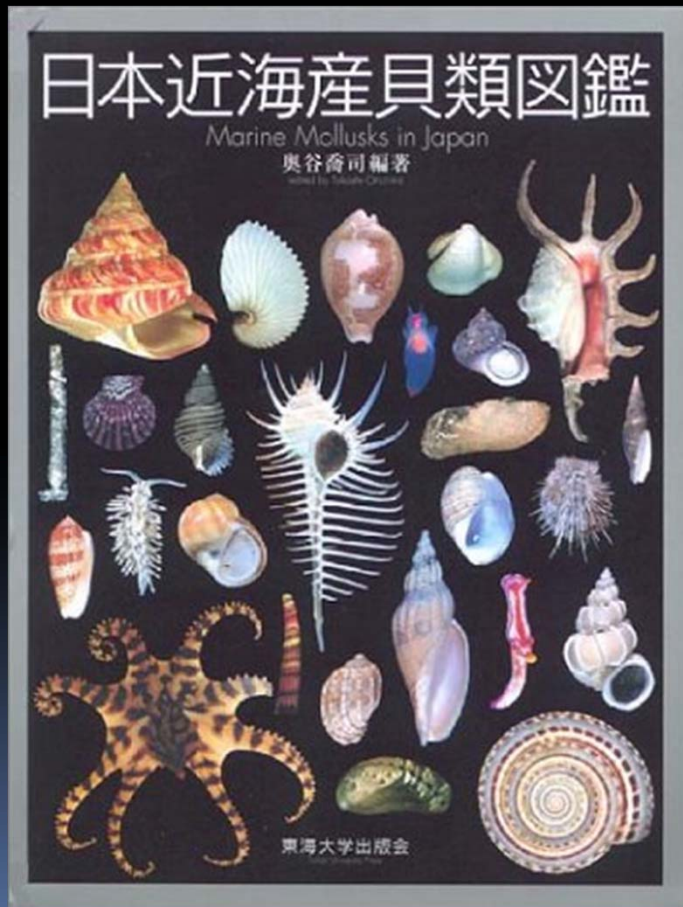
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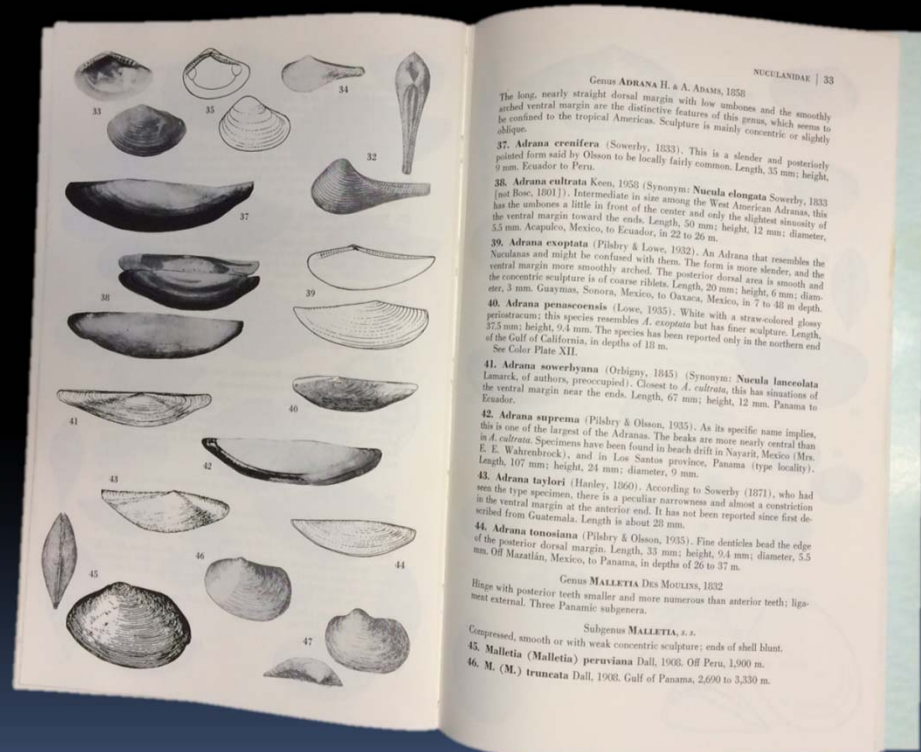
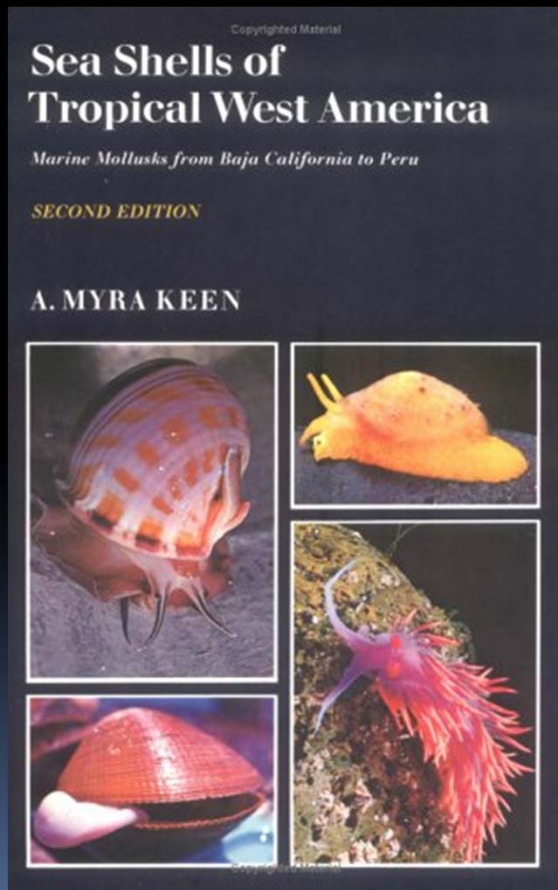
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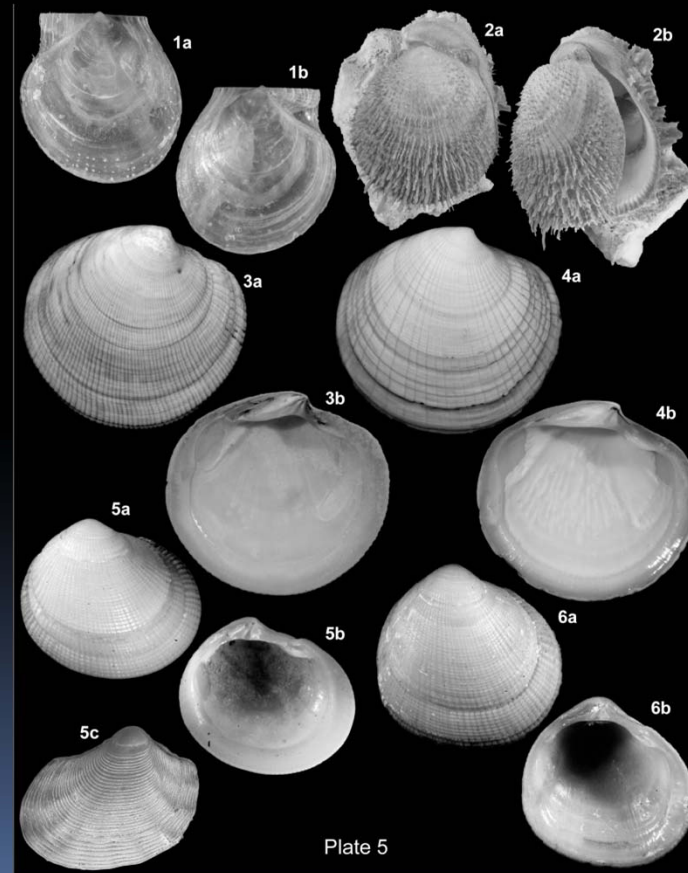
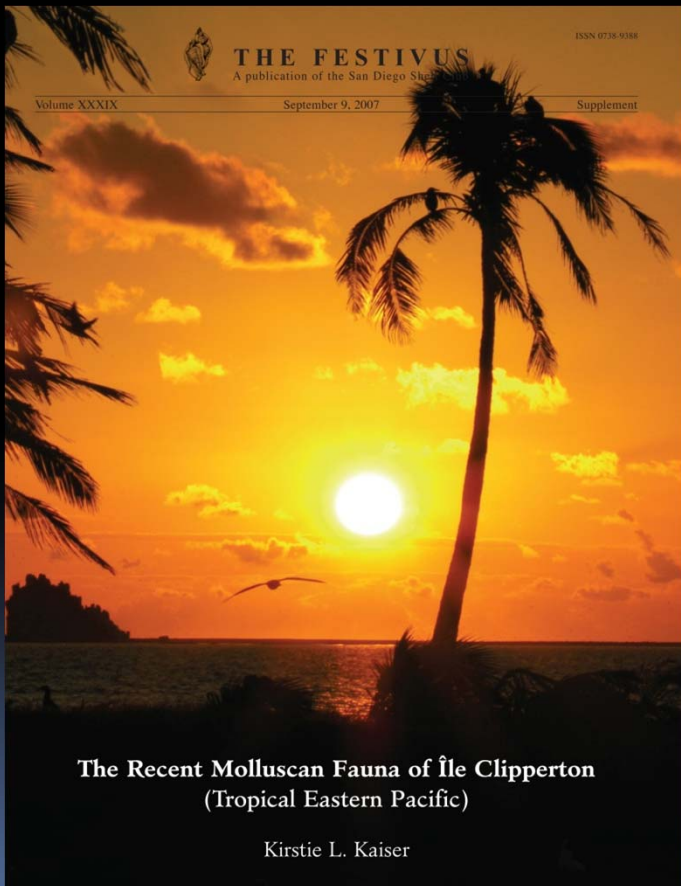
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- Eastern Pacific Mollusca – Keen, 1971



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## ■ Eastern Pacific Bivalvia – Knudsen, 1970

### THE SYSTEMATICS AND BIOLOGY OF ABYSSAL AND HADAL BIVALVIA

BY  
JØRGEN KNUDSEN

Distribution: Known only from off W. Africa,  
2600 m depth, 2.8°C.

Type: ZMUC.  
Type locality: "Galathea" St. 99.

#### CUSPIDARIDAE Dall, 1886

In this family numerous species are without a specifically distinctive shell sculpture and frequently are similar in the outline of the shell. In view of this, Knudsen (1967), in dealing with eight hadal species of the family from the Indian Ocean, included an examination of the soft parts of three species. It was found that particularly the distal part of the siphon and the septum provided apparently good distinctive characters. In the present study the soft parts of 11 species have been studied. The study corroborated the assumption of the previous paper. In particular the shape of the siphonal tentacles varied from one species to another, and the two siphonal openings were specifically very distinctive. In a number of the species examined the inhalant opening had a row of papillae, differing widely in shape and arrangement from one species to another. The great variation in the morphology of the septum in the Cuspidaridae was observed previously, e.g., by Pilsbry (1911) and Knudsen (1967) who figured the gross morphology of several species. In the present study observations were made on details of the muscular system, which was found to be most complicated and at the same time extremely variable from one species to another. A detailed study of this is outside the scope of the present work, but since apparently good specific characters could be obtained from the anatomy of the septum, I have figured the anterior left insertion of the septum in all available species.

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Fig. 91. *Myosera mediana* n. sp. SHO St. 128. Type. Exterior of left valve. KO.

#### *Myosera mediana* n. sp.

Type: SHO St. 128.

1964 *Myosera gervilli*, PAKKIK, p. 87, pl. 9, Fig. 18  
Material: SHO cruise St. 128, E. Pacific, off Mexico (14° 28' N, 95° 09' W), 3520-3557 m, 18 Nov. 1958. Gear: Deep diving dredge. Bottom: silty clay. Bottom temp.: 1.9°C. - 1 specimen.

#### Diagnosis:

A species of *Myosera* having the broad and rounded posterior projection separated by a single umbonal-ventral keel on each side. The sculpture consists of distinct sharp ridges on the anterior part of the shell, interrupted by a striation covering also the posterior projection. The exhalant siphon is short with all three dorsal tentacles mutually connected by a web provided with small globular projections. The anterior septal retractor is tripartite, the two median parts are united anteriorly.

#### Description:

The shell is equilateral and thin, the umbo is rounded and the posterior projection is rather short and broad. The antero-dorsal edge is slightly convex, while the postero-dorsal edge is slightly concave. The posterior projection is separated from the rest of the shell by a single rounded, but prominent umbonal-ventral ridge on each valve. Posteriorly of the ridge a shallow depression runs from the umbo towards the postero-ventral edge. The postero-ventral edge is slightly concave. In dorsal view the posterior projection is concave in outline. The shell is white except at the periphery and most of the posterior projection, where the periostracum has a light brown color. The concentric sculpture consists of sharp, widely spaced ribs on the anterior

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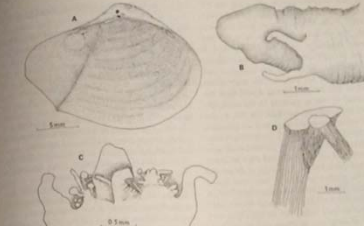


Fig. 92. *Myosera mediana* n. sp. SHO St. 128. Type. A, anterior of left valve; B, inhalant siphon, lateral view; C, exhalant siphon and siphonal tentacles, dorsal view; D, anterior left insertion of septum.

part of the shell as far as the umbonal-ventral ridge; in addition the interstices between the ribs have a rather coarse concentric striation which crosses the ridge and continues on the posterior projection. The resillum is well developed, the resillifer elongate-rectangular. No hinge teeth are present. The concentric ribs are distinctly seen on the interior surface and a sulcus corresponds to the umbonal-ventral ridge already referred to. The posterior adductor scar is distinct, almost circular, and anterior to this the scar of the posterior septal retractor can be seen. The anterior adductor scar is very distinct, coarse and less than half the size of the posterior scar. The soft parts: the pedal opening is large, extending posteriorly to the region of the septal retractor. The siphon are surrounded by the siphonal sheath which distally consists of longitudinally striated periostracum, and proximally of the culter papillae along the edge. The inhalant siphon is stout and thick-walled with a simple opening. The four tentacles originate about midway between the base and the tip. The exhalant siphon is much smaller than the inhalant one. Its three tentacles are dorsal and united by a common web which projects somewhat laterally to the tentacles. The edge of the web is provided with irregular projections, some of which have globular distal ends. The septum is very muscular and without any lateral sinuses. The anterior septal retractor is divided into three portions, the median two being united at the insertion, while the lateral one remains separate. The posterior septal retractors remain undivided. The septum has four pairs of septal pores. The foot is very small and the foot retractors are very delicate.

Measurements and proportions:  
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#### Remarks:

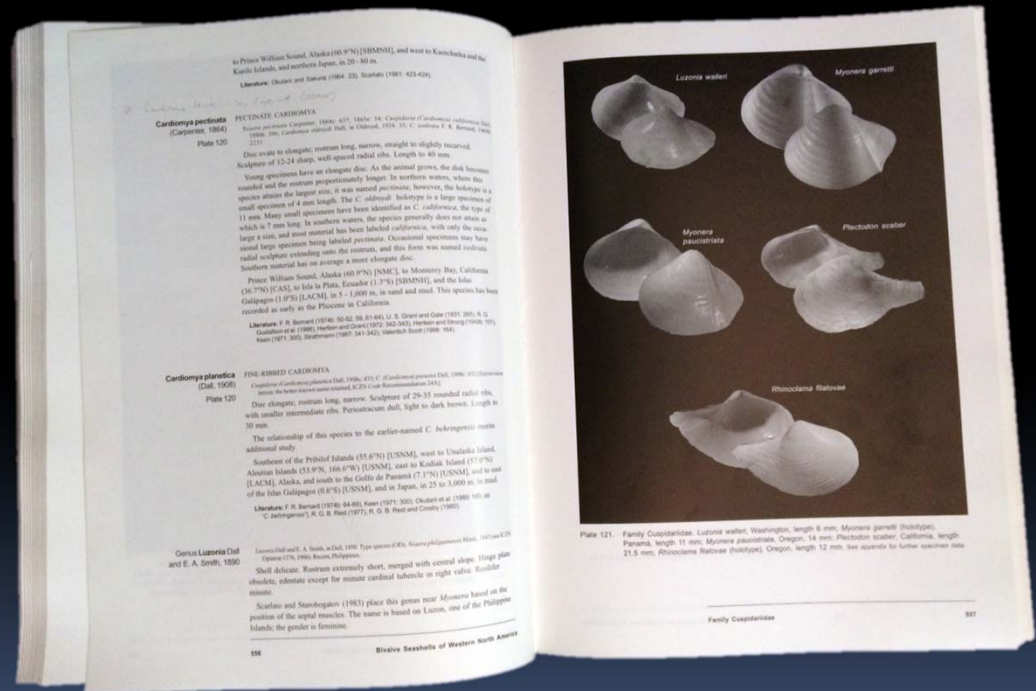
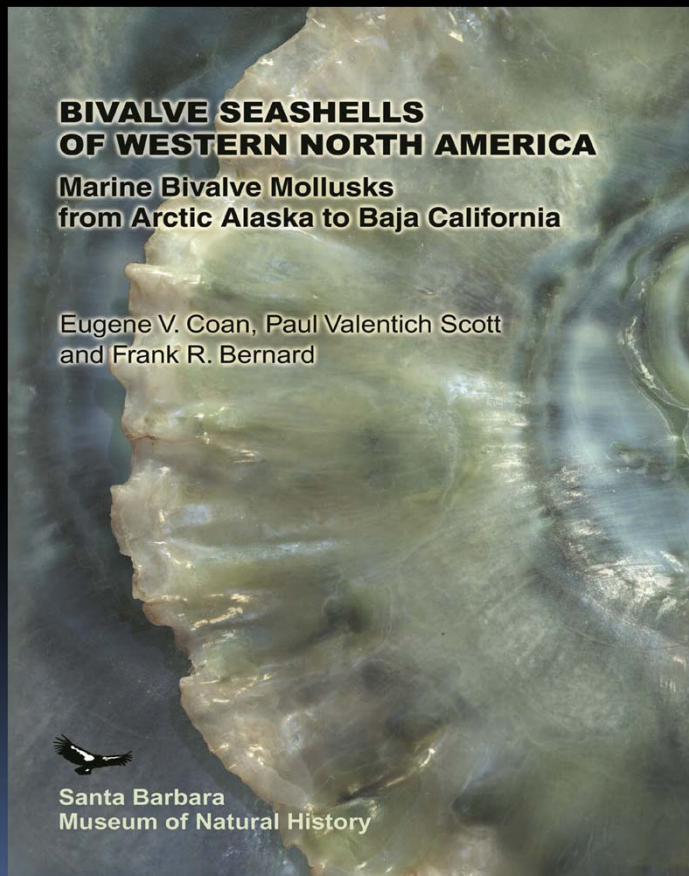
*Myosera mediana* seems to be closely related to *M. gervilli* Dall and the specimen was actually assigned to that species by PAKKIK (1964). *M. gervilli* was described by DALL (1908, p. 434, pl. 5, fig. 4) from "Albatross" St. 3300, Gulf of Panama, 1645 m, and is only known from the type locality. The type is stout and thick-walled with a simple opening. The four tentacles originate about midway between the base and the tip. It is with dry soft parts. *M. mediana* is similar in many respects to *M. gervilli*, but the posterior projection of *M. mediana* is much larger than in *M. gervilli*.

DALL (1908) mentions that in *M. gervilli* the right

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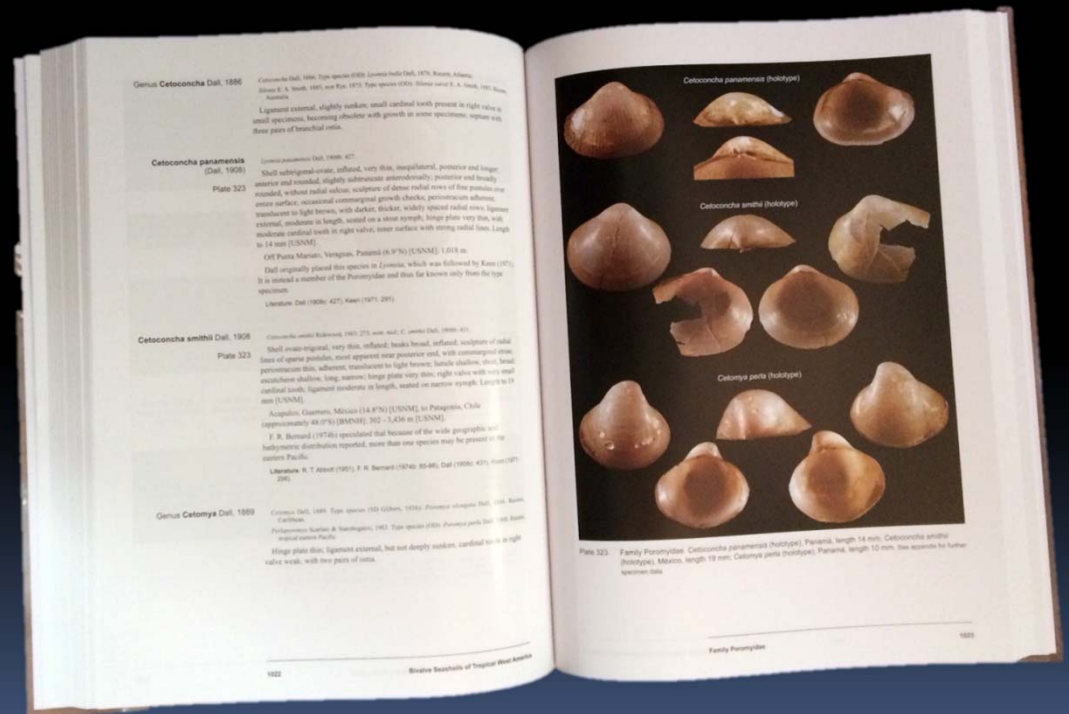
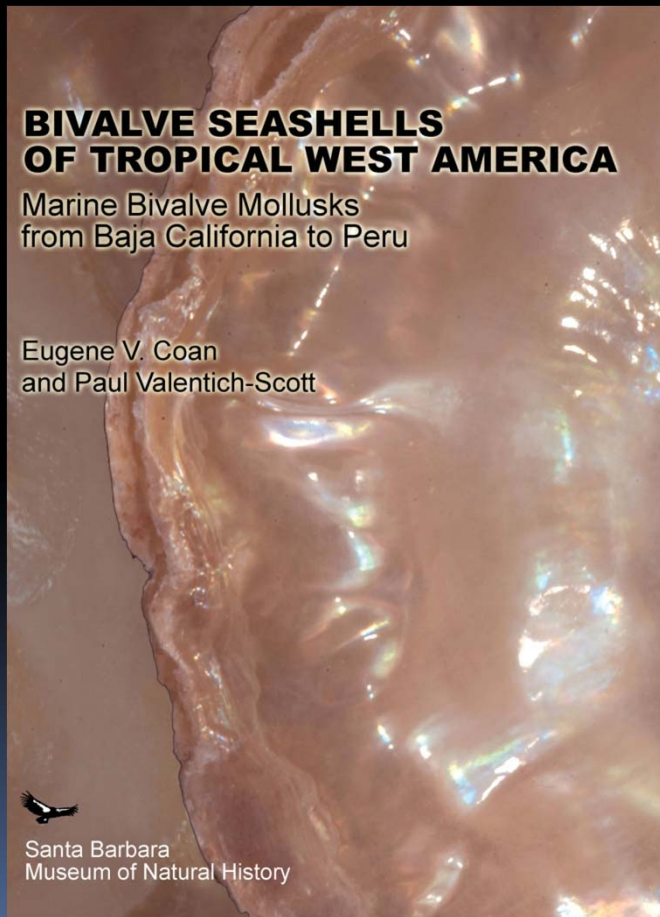
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- Eastern Pacific Bivalvia – Coan et al., 2000



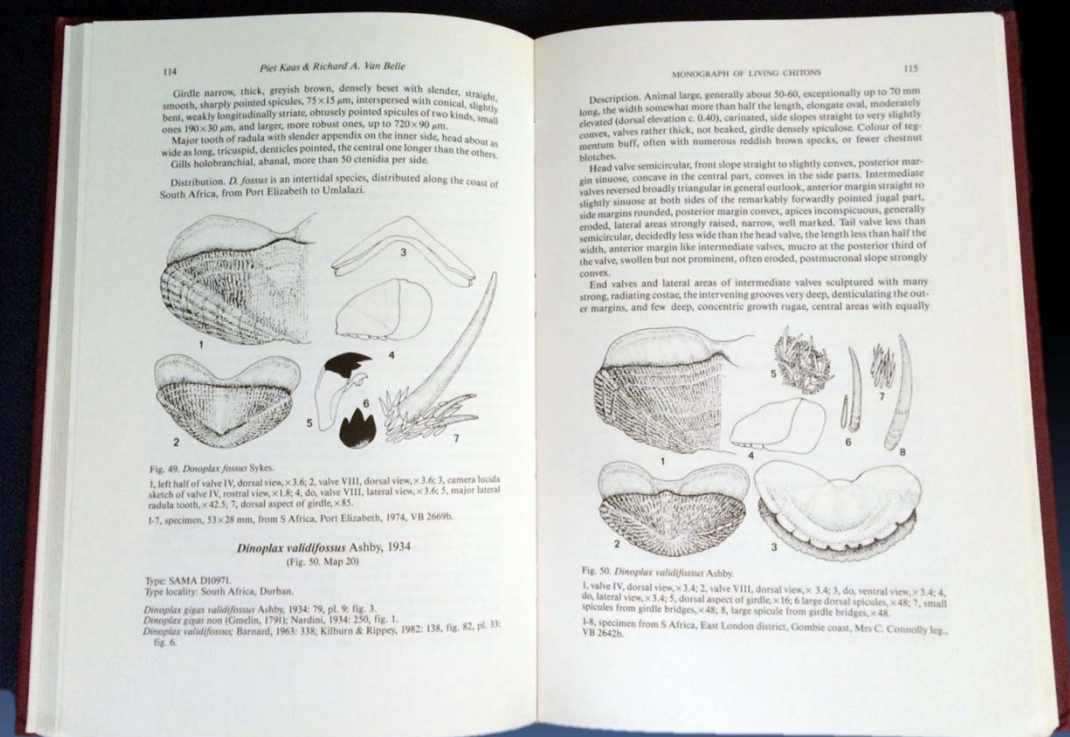
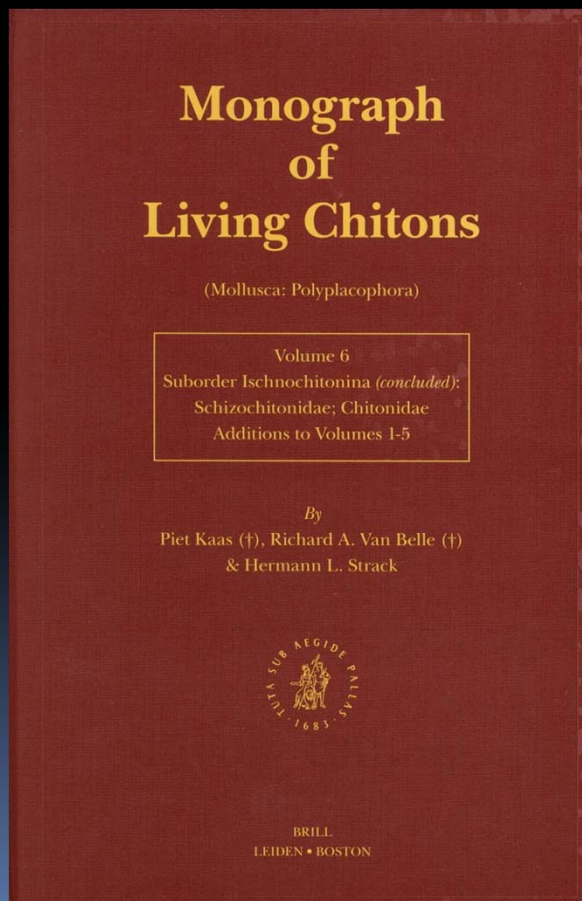
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- Polyplacophora – Monograph of Living Chitons – Kass & Van Belle 1980's-1990's +2006





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## ■ Polyplacophora – Sirenko 2008

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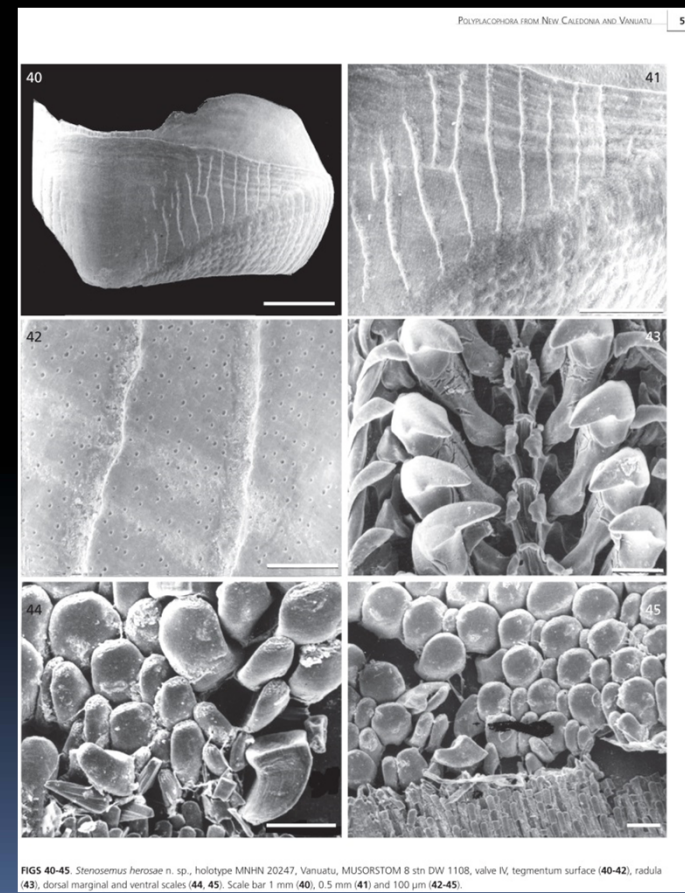
**Bathyal chitons (Mollusca, Polyplacophora)  
from off New Caledonia and Vanuatu:  
families Callochitonidae, Ischnochitonidae and Loricidae**

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**ABSTRACT**  
Study of deep-water chitons from around New Caledonia and Vanuatu has revealed 35 species, of which 25 species were identified to species and 10 only to genus. This article includes 7 new records for this area of which 4 are described as new species: *Ischnochiton crassus* Kaas, 1985, *Stenosemus robustus* Kaas, 1991, *S. herosae* n. sp., *Connexochiton discernibilis* Kaas, 1991, *Loricella vanbellei* n. sp., *L. cernissei* n. sp. and *L. dellangeloi* n. sp. In addition, *Vermichiton vermiculus* Kaas, 1991 is reviewed. Based on available biogeographic data it is proposed that *Loricella* originated off South Australia during the Oligocene, in a time of global cooling. Later, *Loricella* extended its range north up to Taiwan and east to Tonga, most likely remaining in the bathyal zone. These new discoveries add to the already high diversity and high proportion of endemics known from this region, and a speculative interpretation of these patterns is offered in conclusion.

**RÉSUMÉ**  
Chitons (Mollusca, Polyplacophora) de l'étage bathyal de Nouvelle-Calédonie et du Vanuatu : les familles Callochitonidae, Ischnochitonidae et Loricidae.  
L'étude des chitons de l'étage bathyal de Nouvelle-Calédonie et du Vanuatu montre la présence de 35 espèces, dont 10 ne sont encore identifiées qu'au niveau générique. Dans le présent travail, sept espèces, dont quatre nouvelles, sont signalées pour la première fois dans la région : *Ischnochiton crassus* Kaas, 1985, *Stenosemus robustus* Kaas, 1991, *S. herosae* n. sp., *Connexochiton discernibilis* Kaas, 1991, *Loricella vanbellei* n. sp., *L. cernissei* n. sp. et *L. dellangeloi* n. sp. La description de *Vermichiton vermiculus* Kaas, 1991 est révisée. À partir des données biogéographiques disponibles, il est proposé un scénario faisant remonter l'origine de *Loricella* à l'Oligocène du Sud de l'Australie, à une période de refroidissement général. Plus tard, *Loricella* aurait étendu son aire de distribution jusqu'à Taiwan au nord et Tonga à l'est, en restant vraisemblablement confinée aux profondeurs bathyales. Les nouvelles découvertes signalées ici augmentent encore la richesse et le niveau d'endémisme élevés de la région du Pacifique sud-ouest, et une interprétation spéculative de cette situation est proposée en conclusion.

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## ■ Aplacophora – Scheltema 1998

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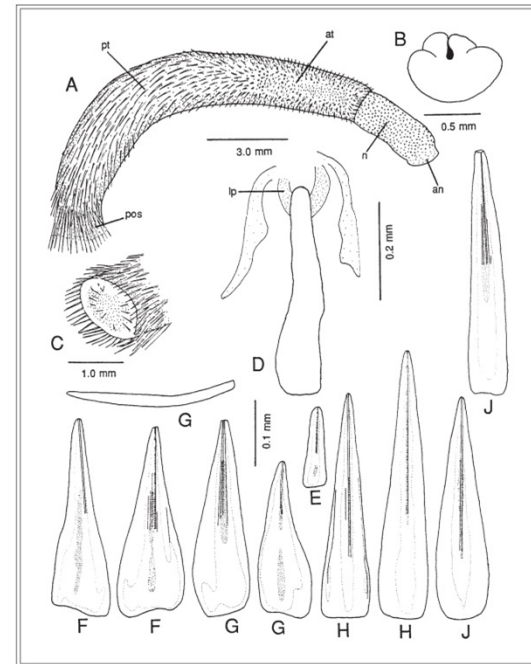
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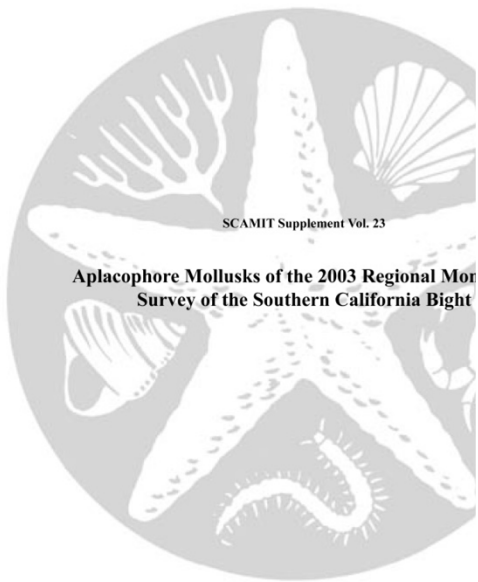
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**Figure 2.9.** *Chaetoderma californicum* Heath: A, specimen from Santa Maria Basin (USNM); B, oral shield of A; C, posterior of A; D, radula reconstructed from holotype sections (CAS); E, G, J, spicules of specimen A, from neck (E), anterior trunk at constriction (G, lateral view above), and mid-posterior trunk (J); F, H, spicules from anterior (F) and posterior (H) trunk of holotype.

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- Aplacophora – Barwick & Cadien, 2005



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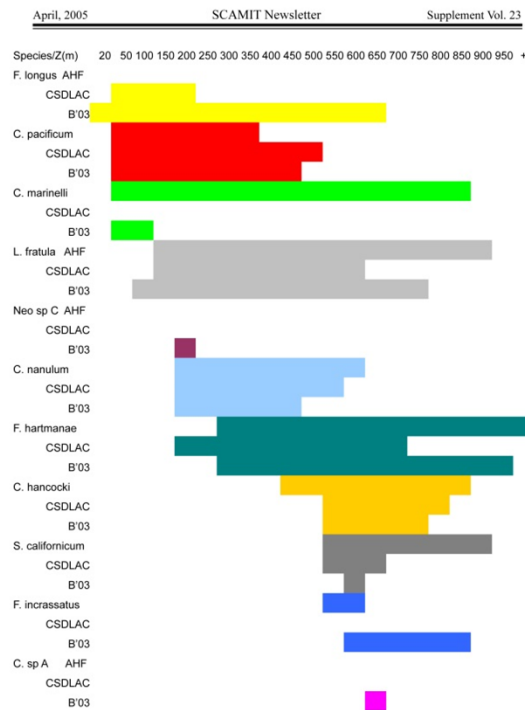
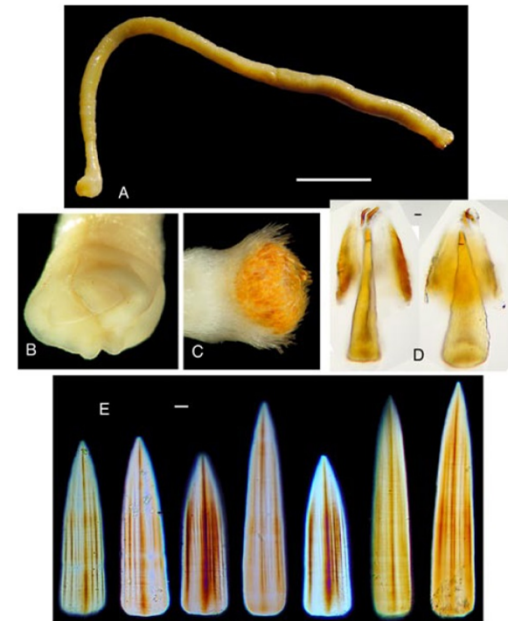


Figure 2. Species bathymetric range from AHF, CSDLAC, and B'03 collections

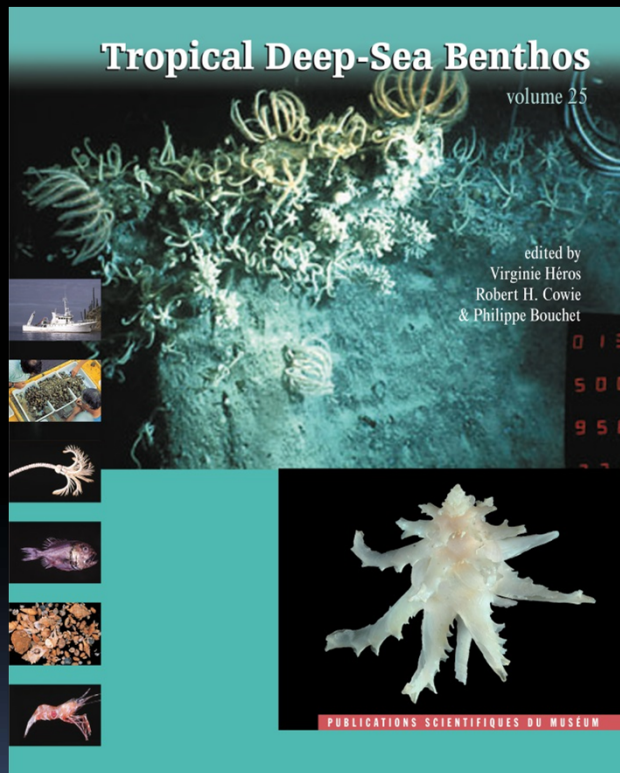
*Chaetoderma elegans* Scheltema 1998  
Mollusca, Caudofoveata: Family Chaetodermidae SCAMIT Supplement Vol. 23



*Chaetoderma elegans* Scheltema 1998: A. Whole animal, lateral view (scale bar 5mm) B. Anterior view C. Lateral posterior view D. Radula frontal and lateral views E. Spicules from mid-anterior trunk (scale bars 0.01mm) (CSD Sta. E2(2), 8JUL03, 97m)

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## ■ Scaphopoda



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### New species and new records of scaphopods from New Caledonia

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ABSTRACT

Previous work that recorded 75 species of Scaphopoda in New Caledonian waters is augmented with study of new material from several expeditions. The number of species in the region is increased to 113. Of the 40 additional taxa, 28 are described as new, 7 are new records and 5 remain unidentified. Material from New Caledonia previously identified as *Antalis phaneron* (Dall, 1895) is now determined as *A. albatrossae* n. sp., material previously identified as *Compressostalium wadimonstorum* (Boissacum, 1906) is now determined as *C. clathratum* (Martens, 1883); *Epiphon virgata* (Healey, 1923), formerly treated as a synonym of *Dentalium subretectum* Jeffreys, 1883, is revalidated; material previously identified as *Entalium varifera* (Smith, 1895) is now determined as *E. derisivata* Lamprell & Healy, 1998; *Fossilidentalium nanuerosorum* (Boissacum, 1906), previously synonymized with *F. sheplandi* (Janssoneau, 1894), is revalidated and the material previously reported from New Caledonia as the latter in fact belongs to the former. New synonymy: *Epiphon janssonei* Lamprell & Healy, 1998 is synonymized with *Gadiloua insidua* (Smith, 1894); *Dentalium subretectum* Jeffreys, 1883 and *D. incertum* André, 1899 are synonymized with *Larvidentalium thurstoni* (Linné, 1757); *Larvidentalium arndti* Lamprell & Healy, 1998 is synonymized with *L. andrichi* Scarabino, 1993; *Bathophilus sinuatus* Lamprell & Healy, 1998 and *E. stantii* Lamprell & Healy, 1998 are synonymized with *Selenophilus arandus* Chikilov, 1983. New records from the New Caledonian region: *Spiradentalium thurstoni* (Healey, 1923); *Fossilidentalium wadimonstorum* (Linné, 1757); *Larvidentalium (L.) sumneri* (Dall, 1907); *Gadiloua pachyloma* (Boissacum, 1906); *Larvidentalium thurstoni* (Linné, 1757); *Larvidentalium (L.) sumneri* (Dall, 1904); *Megastalium medicaria* (Boissacum, 1906).

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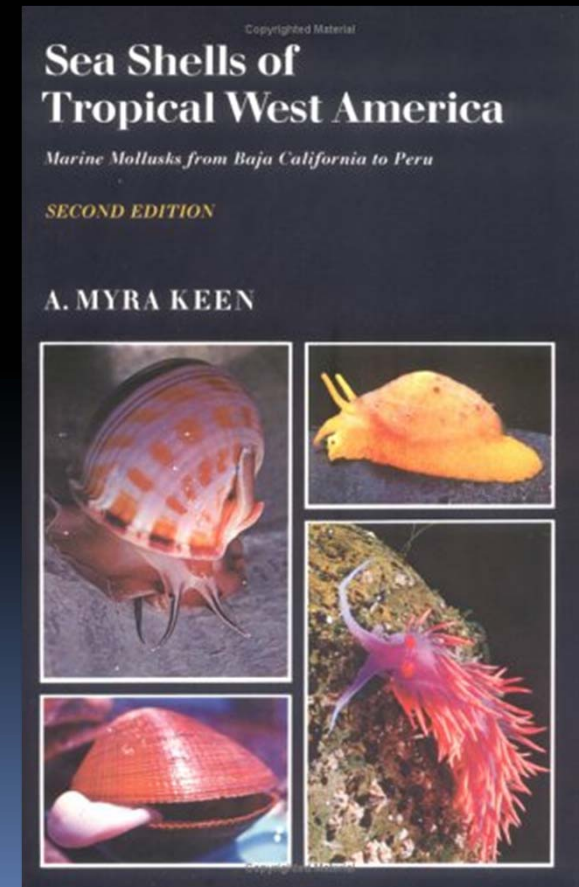
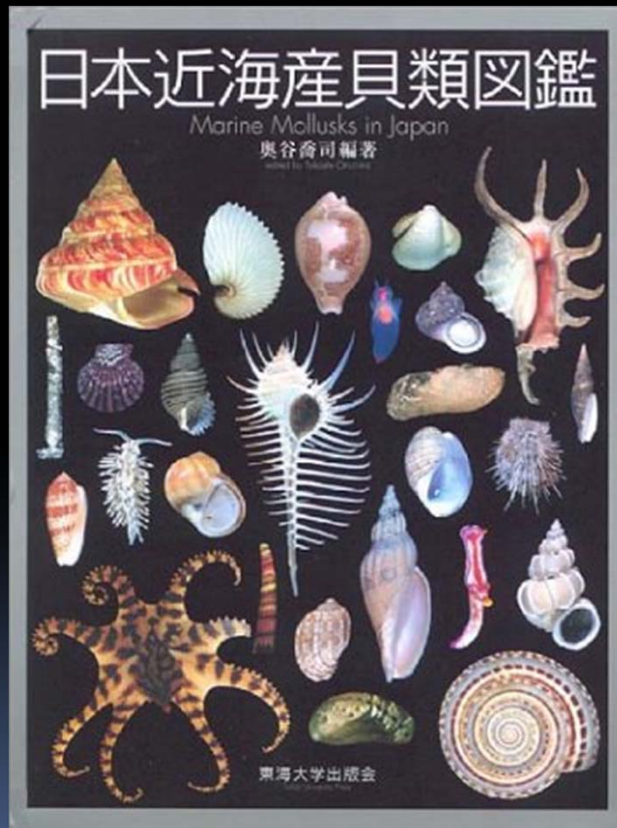
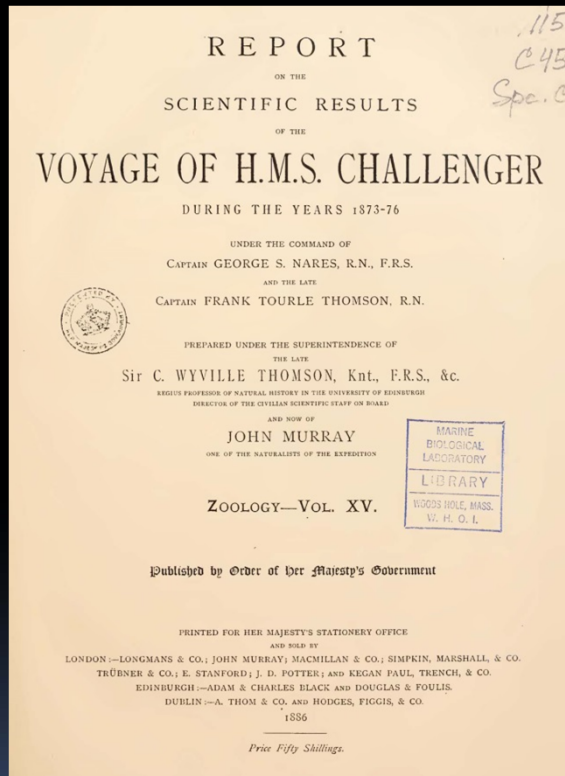
Nouvelles espèces et nouvelles occurrences de scaphopodes de la Nouvelle-Calédonie.  
 Au terme d'un précédent travail (Scarabino 1995) sur les scaphopodes du Pacifique tropical, 75 espèces étaient connues de la région néo-calédonienne. L'exploration de la région s'est poursuivie par de nouvelles expéditions, qui portent maintenant à 113 le nombre d'espèces de scaphopodes recensées localement. Sur les 40 espèces additionnelles, 28 sont des espèces nouvelles pour la science, 7 étaient déjà connues ailleurs mais sont signalées de Nouvelle-Calédonie pour la première fois, et 5 autres restent en nomenclature

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# Pacific Mollusca Monographs

- Gastropoda



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## ■ Gastropoda – McLean, 1996

### TAXONOMIC ATLAS OF THE BENTHIC FAUNA OF THE SANTA MARIA BASIN AND WESTERN SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL

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#### I. THE PROSOBRANCHIA

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#### Introduction

The Subclass Prosobranchia, also known as Streptoneura, is used here in its traditional sense, although it is now understood to be a paraphyletic group, rather than one that is monophyletic and includes all of its descendants. As used here it includes the recently recognized suborder Patellogastropoda and the recently recognized suborder Vetigastropoda (Patellogastropoda and Vetigastropoda are part of the old suborder Archaeogastropoda), and the suborders Mesogastropoda and Neogastropoda (which together are also known as Caenogastropoda). These are the gastropods in which the effect of torsion is retained in the adult members—the mantle cavity retains its anterior position. The gill is a typical ctenidium, for the most part biplicate in Patellogastropoda and Vetigastropoda, and monoplicate in Caenogastropoda. Most members, including all that are treated here, have external shells.

Some families that have previously been treated as prosobranchs, including the families Pyramidellidae, Architectonicidae, and Rissoidae, are now considered primitive members of the Heterobranchia along with the more derived groups Opisthobranchia and Pulmonata; the latter two groups are united as Euthyneura (see Gosliner, Chapter 2).

Gastropod classification is currently in a state of flux and is likely to remain unsettled for some time. A traditional classification was outlined by Vaught (1989), but changes based on cladistic analysis of anatomical characters have been proposed by recent authors, including Haszprunar (1988, 1993) and Ponder and Warén (1988). Further modifications are anticipated. A detailed treatment of phylogeny and classification is omitted here because this work is intended primarily as an identification manual.

Prosobranch gastropods represent the largest group of marine mollusks; in numbers of species they surpass those of all other groups combined. Species can usually be identified on shell characters alone. The morphology of the radula differs among species in some families, providing additional characters for species differentiation; in other families it may be useful only at the family level.

#### Laboratory Methods

Identification of shelled gastropods is possible without using specialized techniques for relaxation or preservation, although the methods described by Gosliner in Chapter 2 of this volume are equally applicable and should be used for purposes other than identification of species. Small-shelled specimens can be fixed intact in 75% ethyl alcohol or 10% buffered formalin for 24 hours, followed by washing and transfer to 75% ethyl alcohol. The entire bodies of larger specimens cannot be fixed unless the shell is cracked in a vice, in order enable the fixative to penetrate through the early coils of the shell. Shells are best preserved in a dry state; even those kept in buffered alcohol will suffer corrosion after a number of years. Specimens previously fixed in formalin or alcohol can be washed and dried; the initial fixation allows the tissues to dry without decomposition. The radula (and to some extent, other organs) can still be studied at a later date by rehydrating the specimen, followed by preparation using conventional methods.

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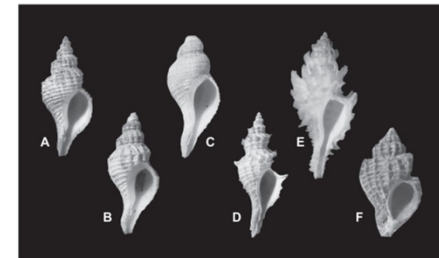


Figure 1.19. Muricidae. A. *Scabrotrochum multizoni* (Kobelt and Klüster, 1879): 265-274 m, SE of Santa Catalina Island, California (LACM 40-146.6); height 21.5 mm. B. *Scabrotrochum corrutensis* (Arnold, 1903): 270 m, off San Clemente Island, California (LACM 150961); height 21.5 mm. C. *Scabrotrochum lanio* (Dall, 1919): 366-375 m, off SE end of San Nicolas Island, California (LACM 77-132.4); height 22.9 mm. D. *Scabrotrochum grovei* McLean, new species: 79-140 m, off NE side of Santa Catalina Island, California (CAS 074962); height 28.1 mm. E. *Scabrotrochum curki* McLean, new species: 213 m, off Monterey, Monterey County, California (LACM 2774, holotype); height 43.4 mm. F. *Oxanotrochus pinto* (Dall, 1903): 91 m, off Avalon, Santa Catalina Island, California (USNM 109306, holotype); height 14.2 mm.

**Description.** Shell white, medium-sized; spire high but suture not deeply impressed, whorls shouldered, canal moderately long. Axial ribs 13-15; spiral cords two on early whorls, with relatively few on body whorl, interspaces of same width; cords finely imbricate, producing cancellations on crossing axial sculpture. Length 20-33 mm.

**Type Locality and Type Specimens.** San Pedro, Los Angeles County, California, Pleistocene. Holotype: USNM 162545.

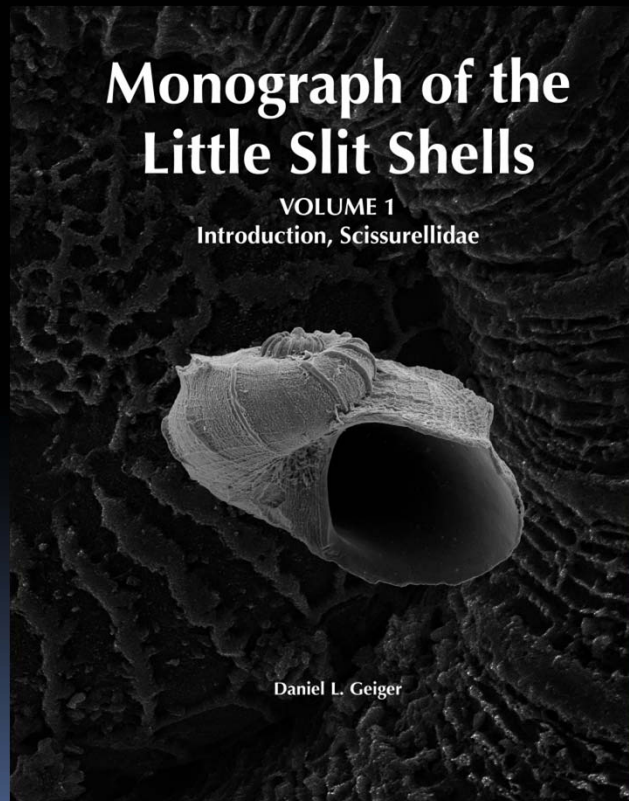
**Distribution.** Santa Rosa Island (34°N) to San Diego, California (33°N).

**Habitat.** Rocky bottoms, 110-270 m.

**Remarks.** *Scabrotrochum corrutensis* was based on Pleistocene material and the name has been ignored in the literature. Here it is introduced for a species living offshore in southern California. As noted in the synonymy above, Myers and D'Attilio (1980) figured a specimen of this species identified as *Nipponotrochus scintus* [see comparisons under *Scabrotrochum grovei* below].

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- Gastropoda – Geiger, 2012



**Type locality.** Red Sea near Makaur and other localities (OD). Restricted to Suez, at the head of Gulf of Suez [Egypt, 29.967°N, 32.550°E] (Yaron, 1983).

**Etymology.** Reticulatus, Latin for with net, referring to the netlike surface sculpture.

**Description.** Shell medium size (to 1.2 mm), trochiform inflated. Protoconch of 0.75 whorl, embryonic cap with reticulate sculpture, remainder with fine axials, and finer spiral on outer portion, apertural vaxis connected to embryonic cap, apertural margin sinuoid. Teleoconch I of 1.125 whorls, convex, with approximately 17–25 axials, interstices with very fine irregular axials, early portion without spirals, later portion

with approximately 5 spiral lines between suture and position of selenizone; intersection of axials and spirals raised to sharp points. Teleoconch II of 1.125 whorls, suture moderately impressed. Shoulder convex, with approximately 38 axial cords on body whorl, with 3–4 more distinct spiral cords in central half of shoulder, being as strong as axials, intersections of spirals and axials raised to sharp points. Base with same density of axials, approximately eight spirals, decreasing in strength from cords below selenizone to periumbilical lines, elevated points at intersection between axials and spirals decreasing in strength from selenizone to umbilicus. Umbilicus open, at angle to base, bordered by spiral cord, walls straight, smooth. Selenizone above periphery, with low levels of moderate strength, slit open, margins parallel. Aperture wide, oblique, roof overhanging.

**Operculum** (Fig. 176A–B) corneous, thin, not covering entire aperture, multiplical, central nucleus.

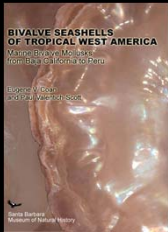
Figure 176. *Scissurella reticulata*. A–C, 10–18 m, Hurgada, Egypt, 27.283°N, 33.783°E (USNM 719212, 9). Scale bars shell = 1 mm. Scale bars protoconch = 100 µm

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Figure 177. *Scissurella reticulata*. Radula. 10–18 m, Hurgada, Egypt, 27.283°N, 33.783°E (USNM 719212, 9). A, Central field with lateral teeth 5 showing smooth outer cutting edge. B, Rachidian tooth and lateral teeth 1–3. C, Hook-shaped lateral tooth 4, lateral tooth 5 showing serrated inner cutting edge, and marginal teeth. D, Full length of outer marginal teeth. Scale bars A–C = 20 µm. Scale bar D = 200 µm

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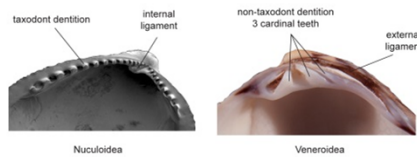


## KEY TO SUPERFAMILIES

The following is a key to the superfamilies of bivalves covered in this book. It is "artificial" in the sense that phylogenetically meaningful characters are not necessarily selected; instead, features were selected to best aid in identification process. It is specifically for the bivalves that occur in the tropical eastern Pacific and will not necessarily work for bivalves of the same superfamilies occurring in other regions. Several superfamilies have to be keyed out two or more times. In most cases, there is a dichotomous choice; however, in some cases, more than two choices are presented.

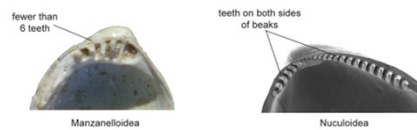
Parentheses ( ) indicate the previous step in the key.

- 1 Hinge with taxodont dentition (reduced to a few teeth in some)..... 2  
 Hinge with other than taxodont dentition, or without teeth..... 8



- 2 (1) Ligament internal, not visible externally ..... 3  
 Ligament mostly or entirely external ..... 5

- 3 (2) Hinge teeth 6 or fewer, entirely or mostly on one side of beaks .....  
 .....Manzanelloidea  
 Hinge teeth more than 8, and on both sides of beaks ..... 4



- 4 (3) Shell very iridescent interiorly ..... Nuculoidea  
 Shell porcelaneous (or slightly iridescent) ..... Nuculanoidea (part)



- 5 (2) Sculpture commarginal, not crenulate within ..... Nuculanoidea (part)  
 Sculpture radial and/or crenulate within ..... 6



- 6 (5) Ligament in chevron-shaped or vertical grooves ..... Arcoidea  
 Ligament in a triangular pit under beaks ..... 7

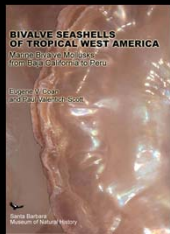


- 7 (6) Shape subquadrate ..... Arcoidea (part)  
 Shell subovate or ovate-elongate ..... Limosoidea (part)





# Pacific Mollusca Identification



## Species Characteristics of the Family Cardiidae

Taxa	Shell shape	Radial ribs	Posterior / Anterior ends	External color
<i>Trachycardium consors</i>		30-34, covered by horse-shoe-shaped imbricate scales	posterodorsal radial ribs raised, lamellar	buff, pink, to yellow; rusty brown patches or bands
<i>Trachycardium senticosum</i>		32-40, covered by short spatulate scales	scales most prominent on ends	white, with red and purple blotches
<i>Trachycardium procerum</i>		22-23, very heavy, covered by weak crossbars (in some)	radial ribs more flattened on anterior and posterior ends	white, with brown flecks (in some)
<i>Trachycardium belcheri</i>		23-25, with sawtoothed crests	sawtooth crests most prominent on posterior end	white to light yellow, with orange or pink sections
<i>Acroterigma pristipleura</i>		31-41, flat centrally	posterior rib tops with nodes	white to yellow, with red-brown blotches
<i>Papyridea aspersa</i>		43-50, high, rounded	posterior end with strong spines	white, with red blotches



horse-shoe-shaped imbricate scales

short spatulate spines

weak crossbars

sawtooth crests

## Species Characteristics of the Family Cardiidae - continued

Taxa	Shell shape	Radial ribs	Posterior / Anterior ends	External color
<i>Papyridea crockeri</i>		43-48, low, rounded	posterior end with small spines	cream, mottled with rosy red, and yellow zones
<i>Papyridea mantaensis</i>		33-40, heavy, trigonal	posterior end with moderate spines	cream, with orange mottling (especially near beaks)
<i>Americardia biangulata</i>		26-28, broad, flat, with weak crossbars	posterior end set off by sharp keel	yellow to tan, sometimes variegated with brown
<i>Americardia planicostata</i>		30-33, with numerous, fine, closely spaced crossbars	angle between central and posterior slope sharper than <i>Americardia biangulata</i>	cream to brown, with brown blotches
<i>Trigoniocardia granifera</i>		16, nodose, triangular	posterior end with more closely spaced radial ribs	white to light tan
<i>Trigoniocardia obovale</i>		18-22, crossbars on crests	posterior slope with finer, more closely spaced radial ribs	white



low rounded radial ribs




heavy trigonal radial ribs



low flat radial ribs

# Pacific Mollusca Identification

Taxa	Shell shape	Radial ribs	Posterior / Anterior ends	External color
<i>Trachycardium consors</i>		30-34, covered by horseshoe-shaped imbricate scales	posterodorsal radial ribs raised, lamellar	buff, pink, to yellow; rusty brown patches or bands



horseshoe-shaped imbricate scales



short spathate spines

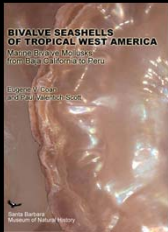


weak crossbars



sawtooth crests

# Pacific Mollusca Identification



## *Nucula* (*Nucula*) *profundorum* E. A. Smith, 1885

Plate 12

Differing from the western South American *Nucula* (*N.*) *pisum* G. B. Sowerby I, 1833, in having fewer posterior teeth and a more ventrally projecting resilifer (concerning the latter: Villarroel & Stuardo, 1998: 129-131).

Literature: Gemmill et al. (1987: 15-16), Hertlein & Strong (1940: 380), Keen (1971: 26), Olson (1961: 55).

*Nucula profundorum* E. A. Smith, 1885: 229; *N. chrysocoma* Dall, 1908b: 370; *N. chrysocoma*, *unct.*, *nom. noll.*; *N. darella* Dall, 1916c: 394.

Shell ovate-trigonal, inflated, thick; periostracum adherent, very shiny, light yellow to medium brown; prodissoconch large, white; sculpture of fine radial striae, differentiated more by color rather than prominence, and commarginal growth checks; lunule and escutcheon present, but indistinct; inner ventral margin weakly crenulate; resilifer small, not projecting; anterior teeth about 7-10, posterior about 6. Length to 5 mm [USNM].

Mid-North Pacific (36.2°N, 178.0°E) [BMNH], and Cascadia Abyssal Plain, Oregon, USA (48°N) [LACM], off Acapulco, Guerrero, México (16.9°N) [USNM], to Peru (6.9°S) [USNM]; 734 - 4,134 m [SIO].

Literature: Coan et al. (2000: 73), Hertlein & Strong (1940: 385, as *N. chrysocoma*), Keen (1971: 26, as *N. "chrysocorne"*), Rokop (1979, as *N. darella*).

## Subgenus *Lamellinucula* Schenck, 1944

*Lamellinucula* Schenck, 1944. Type species (OD) *Nucula tamatavica* Odhner, 1943, = *N. rugosa* Odhner, 1919, *non* Hecke, 1858. Recent, Madagascar.

Anterodorsal margin with wrinkled transverse ridges; sculpture generally of distinct commarginal ribs and radial striae; umbones prominent; inner ventral shell margin deeply crenulate; resilifer small, narrow, oblique.

This subgenus is close to *Nucula*, *s.s.*, the most conspicuous difference being the more prominent commarginal sculpture. Cosmopolitan and known from the Paleocene.

## *Nucula* (*Lamellinucula*) *carlottensis* Dall, 1897

Plate 13

*Nucula carlottensis* Dall, 1897a: 6; *N. charlottensis* Dall, in Oldroyd, 1924b: 5, *non* van; *N. (L.) keenei* F. R. Bernard, 1983a: 253; *N. (L.) tohachi* F. R. Bernard, 1983a: 255.

Shell of moderate size, ovate-trigonal, inflated, moderate in thickness; beaks broad, more than three-fourths of shell length from anterior end; posterior end rounded to subtruncate; periostracum adherent, shiny to silky, yellow to dark brown; prodissoconch large, white, frequently eroded; sculpture cancellate, with heavy, irregular commarginal ribs, overlain by fine radial ribs especially evident in interspaces; lunule and escutcheon very shallow, indistinct, with growth striae only; inner ventral margin finely crenulate; resilifer of moderate size, projecting anteriorly; anterior teeth about 11-13, posterior about 8-9. Length to 8 mm [LACM].

Queen Charlotte Islands, British Columbia, Canada (51.4°N) [USNM], to Acapulco, Guerrero, México (16.9°N) [USNM]; 104 - 2,000 m [SBMNH; Coan et al., 2000].

Literature: Coan et al. (2000: 74), Valentinich Scott (1998: 109).

## *Nucula* (*Lamellinucula*) *exigua* G. B. Sowerby I, 1833

Plate 13

*Nucula exigua* G. B. Sowerby I, 1833a: fig. 24 (Feb.); G. B. Sowerby I, 1833c: 198 (13 March); *N. pugtensis* A. Adams, 1856: 51; *N. suprastrata* R. Arnold, 1903: 96, *ex* P. P. Carpenter ms.

Shell small, subtrigonal, inflated, moderate in thickness; beaks narrow, terminal at truncate posterior end; periostracum thin, adherent, shiny to silky, iridescent in some; prodissoconch indistinct, moderate size; sculpture cancellate, with heavy, wavy, closely spaced commarginal ribs, overlain by fine radial ribs; lunule and escutcheon slightly impressed, with strong sculpture; inner ventral margin moderately crenulate,

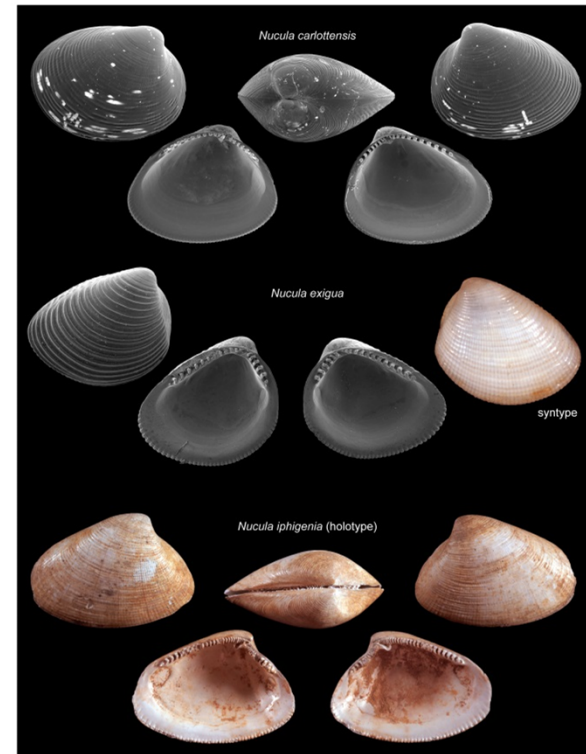


Plate 13. Family Nuculidae. *Nucula carlottensis*, USA, Washington, length 4 mm; *Nucula exigua*, (right photo, syntype), West Columbia, length 4 mm, (left and center SEM photos), México, length 2 mm; *Nucula iphigenia* (holotype), Panamá, length 24 mm. See appendix for further specimen data.

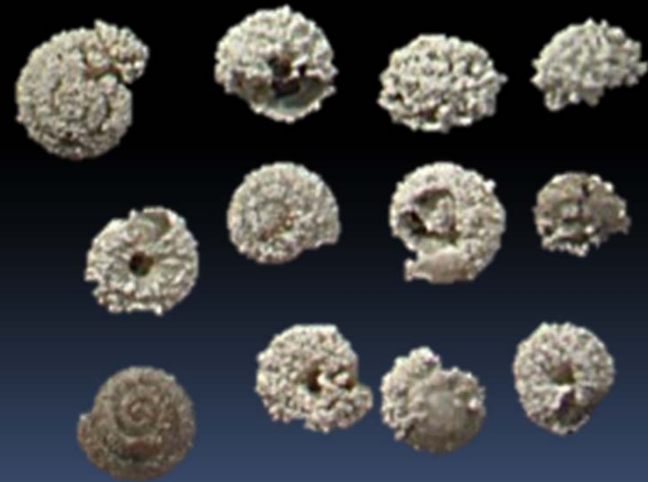
# Pacific Mollusca Collecting

- Sieve gently. Don't smash the shells!!



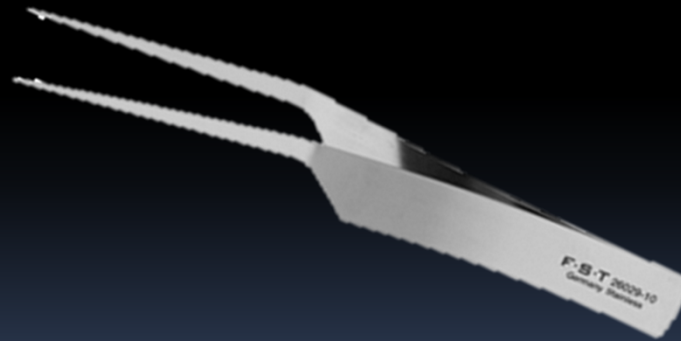
# Pacific Mollusca Collecting

- Formalin destroys shells!!
- Remove from formalin as soon as possible
- Transfer to EtOH in 3-4 days if possible



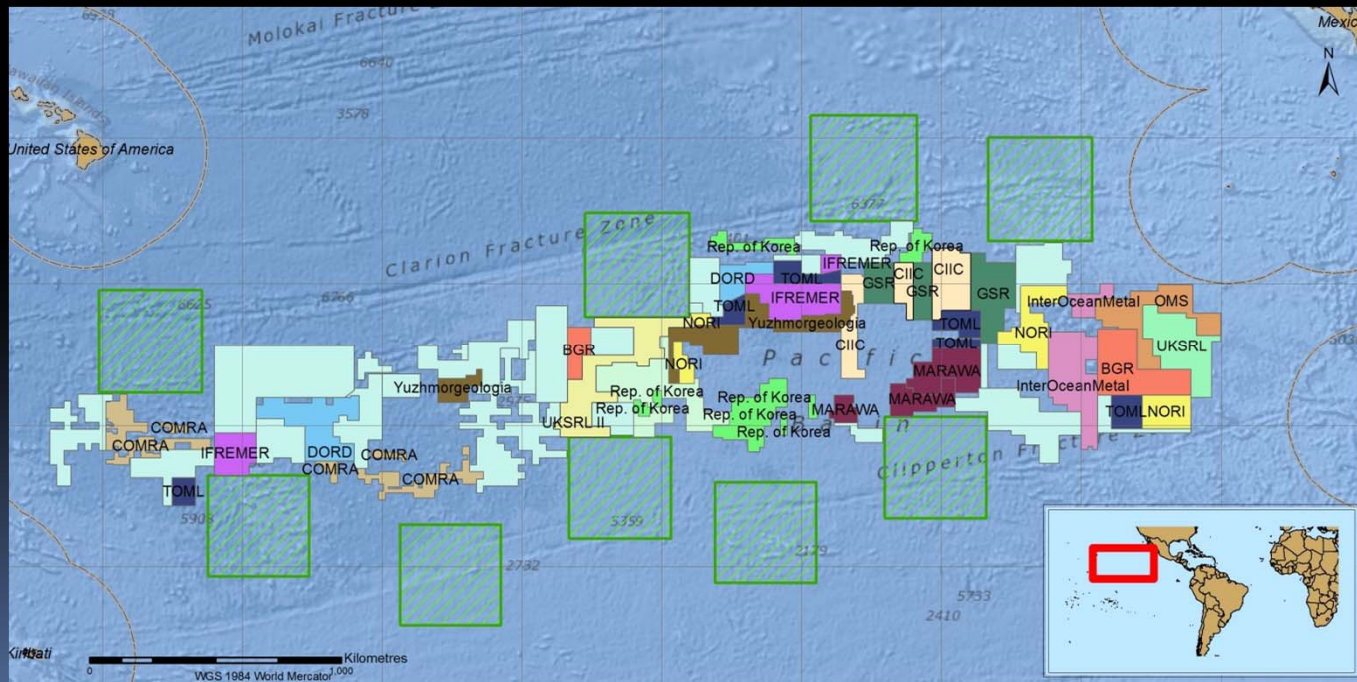
# Pacific Mollusca Sorting

- To keep from damaging fragile shells
  - Use soft forceps
  - <http://www.finescience.com>



# Bivalve mollusks in the CCFZ

- Bivalves virtually undocumented in region
- Potentially many new species
- Quick looks at some bivalve families



# Bivalve mollusks in the CCFZ

## "Taxodonts"

Nuculids



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Limopsids



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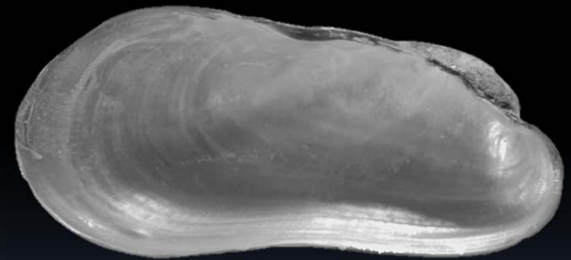
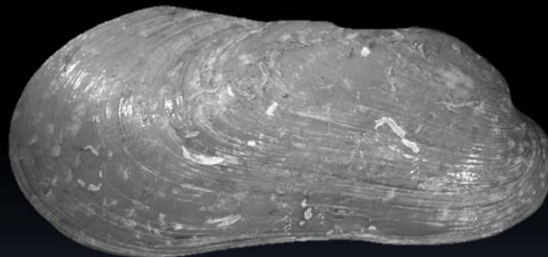
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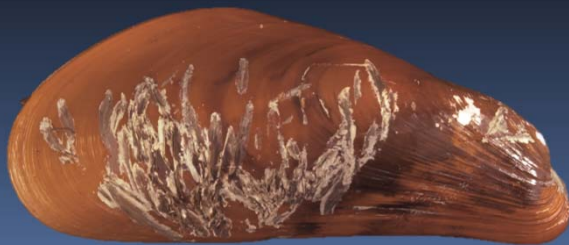
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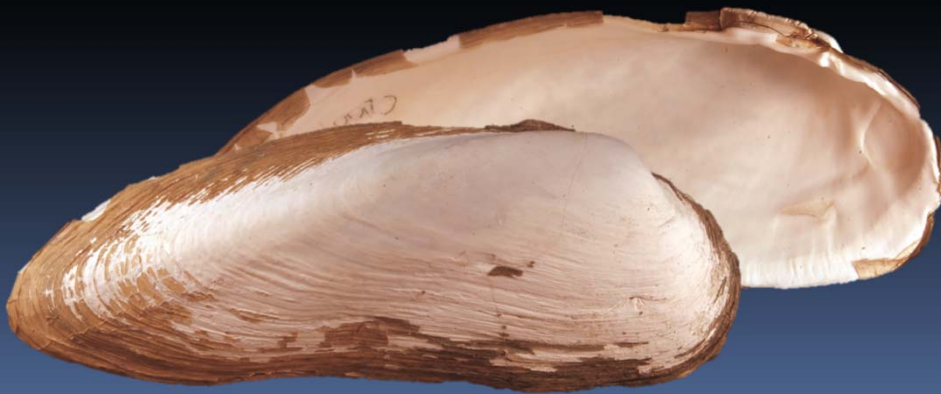


# Bivalve mollusks in the CCFZ

Glass Scallops



Vesicomyids



# Bivalve mollusks in the CCFZ

- Anomalodesmataceans



# Summary

- The historic literature still important
- Bivalves moderately well documented
- Much still to learn on other molluscan groups
- Don't crush the shells
- Don't dissolve the shells in formalin
- Many, many possible new species
- SBMNH is happy to archive your specimens



# Questions?



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