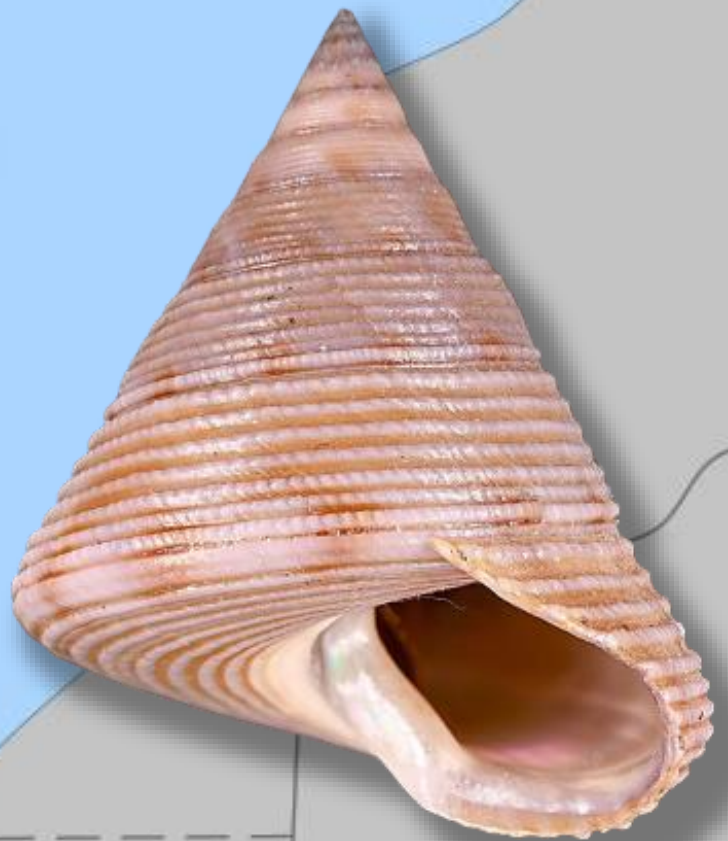


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# A case of stolen identity: *Calliostoma lithocolletum*, and the description of a new species from the Canary Islands

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**Keywords:** Mollusca, Gastropoda, CALLIOSTOMATIDAE, *Calliostoma lithocolletum*, *Calliostoma simulatum* sp. nov., Canary Islands, eastern Atlantic.

**Abstract:** *Calliostoma lithocolletum* Dautzenberg, 1925 is only known from the holotype. Due to apparent careless control of the original description and the holotype, the name *C. lithocolletum* has been attributed by Nordsieck & García-Talavera (1979) to a species with different characteristics and colour. In the last decennia the mistake was taken over by subsequent authors, creating a chaos in the difficult study of eastern Atlantic calliostomatids. In this paper, the confused species from the Canary Islands is compared with the original species and described as *Calliostoma simulatum*.

## Abbreviations:

**CFN:** Private collection of Frank Nolf  
(Oostende, Belgium)  
**CSH:** Private collection Steve Hubrecht  
(Koksijde, Belgium)  
**D.:** Diameter  
**H.:** Height  
**MOM:** Musée Océanographique de Monaco  
**P:** primary cord  
**RBINS:** Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (Brussels, Belgium)  
**S:** secondary cord

**Introduction:** CALLIOSTOMATIDAE is a rather small family, with an estimated 250 species of medium size. Species are unusual among vetigastropods in that they are carnivores, eating sessile invertebrates, predominantly cnidarians, especially hydroids, but also sponges or tunicates and decaying flesh of dead animals (carrion). Calliostomatids are found from shallow to deep-water depths and occur in all oceans, ranging from the polar to the tropic latitudes. The systematics of this group, particularly at the level of subfamily

relationships, are still in need of revision. Shells are conical to circular with straight or with typical slightly curved sides. Protoconch honeycomb pattern. Basis flat or slightly swollen, with or without an umbilicus, aperture oblique forming a rounded square, outer lip not thickened. Columella without teeth, straight or slightly concave, becomes thicker downwards and meets the lower lip in an oblique angle. The head of the animal shows a quite long incomplete tube (pseudoproboscis). Cephalic tentacles elongate, tapered, papillate, well developed eyes on swellings at their outer base in all species. Sexes separate.

The specific diversity of trochoideans and particularly Calliostomatidae species, from infralittoral and circalittoral levels of the eastern Atlantic from Mauritania to southern Angola, appears to be rather poor, compared to other marine provinces as well as to the neighbouring Lusitanian Province which shelters a higher number of trochoidean species. Moreover, there has always been little information about deep-water species of *Calliostoma* from the eastern Atlantic. The only important works are those from Dautzenberg (1889, 1925, 1927), Dautzenberg & Fischer (1896, 1897) and Locard (1897-1898). In the last decade, new information about E Atlantic Calliostomatidae was restricted to sporadic papers in magazines, in which a dozen new species were described. The present paper focuses on the wrong interpretation of the original description of *C. lithocolletum* by different authors which caused a kind of domino effect of mistakes, neglecting the true status of a species from the Canary Islands.

## Systematics:

Family CALLIOSTOMATIDAE Thiele, 1924  
(1847)

Genus *Calliostoma* Swainson, 1840

Typetaxon: *Calliostoma conulus* (Linnaeus, 1758)

Shell trochiform or turbiniform, small to moderately large (10-100 mm), umbilicate or anomphalous, internally nacreous. Protoconch sculptured with a network or threads that enclose roughly hexagonal spaces. First teleoconch whorl convex, subsequent whorls flat to convex or angulate; sculpture rarely absent, usually consisting of nodular spiral cords that multiply by intercalation and axial riblets, the axial generally restricted to earliest whorls, though in some species persistent throughout. Operculum chitinous, thin and multispiral (Marshall, 1995).

***Calliostoma simulatum* sp. nov.**

(Pl. I, figs 1-6; Pl. II, figs 7-11; Pl. III, figs 12-17; Pl. IV, figs. 18-23; Pl. V; Pl. VI; Pl. VII, fig. 24)

**Type material:**

**Holotype:** Pl. III, figs 15-17.

Off Santa Cruz de la Palma, La Palma, Canary Islands. Trawled by fishermen at a depth of 100 m. 1976.

H. 26.33 mm D. 23.90 mm.

RBINS-I.G.: 34618-MT.3989

**Paratypes 1-2:** Pl. IV, figs 18-23.

Off Santa Cruz de la Palma, La Palma, Canary Islands. Trawled by fishermen at a depth of 100 m. 1976.

Paratype 1: H. 27.25 mm D. 24.64 mm. CFN.

Pl. IV, figs 18-20.

Paratype 2: H. 29.17 mm D. 25.19 mm. CFN.

Pl. IV, figs 21-23.

**Paratypes 3-6:**

Garafía, La Palma, Canary Islands. Trawled by fishermen at a depth of 80-120 m.

Paratype 3: H. 31.11 mm D. 27.05 mm. CFN.

Pl. I, figs 4-6.

Paratype 4: H. 32.02 mm D. 27.39 mm. CFN.

Pl. II, figs 7-9.

Paratype 5: H. 28.64 mm D. 26.79 mm. CFN.

Pl. II, figs 10-11.

Paratype 6: H. 30.75 mm D. 27.86 mm. CFN.

Pl. III, figs 12-14

**Paratypes 7-12:** CFN.

**Paratype 13:** Off N Gran Canaria, Canary Islands. Trawled by fishermen at a depth of 100-150 m. 29.1 mm. CSH. Pl. I, figs 1-3.

**Description:**

Shell trochiform, moderately small and thick (20-30 mm), slightly higher than wide. Protoconch dark, first whorls distinctly granulated, teleoconch with 9 straight whorls, last whorl slightly convex in larger specimens. Periphery rounded, sutures incised, sculpture almost with 7 strong (eventually 5) granulated main ridges with very few weaker secondary ridges. Whorls 3-6 often have the tendency to be eroded and are mostly devoid of dense,

whitish and delicate granulations. Base almost flat, sculptured with 9-10 (occasionally 7 or 11) distant standing, flat spiral cords. No umbilicus, umbilical area slightly hollowed and surrounded by a thick white callus. Columella oblique with an obscure dentition below, broadly nacreous. Aperture inside smooth, nacreous. Edge sharp, with a brownish pearly interior.

Basic colour dirty brown or greyish purple, sometimes reddish with an indistinct flame pattern of brown blotches, especially in the lower part of each whorl. Spiral cords and ridges on the base creamy white in contrast with the dark background colour. Sometimes scaly in the vicinity of the columellar edge.

Operculum corneous, circular, multispiral and light brown.

**Measurements:** from 20 to 32 mm.

**Type locality:** Off Santa Cruz de la Palma, La Palma, Canary Islands. Trawled by fishermen at a depth of 100 m. 1976.

**Distribution:** restricted to La Palma, Gran Canaria and Tenerife (Canary Islands).

**Etymology:** The name '*simulatum*' refers to the counterfeiting character of this species which has been confused with *C. lithocolletum* after the misinterpretation of figures and texts by subsequent authors in the literature of the past fifty years, who pretended to deal with the real Dautzenberg species.

**Discussion:**

Comparison with other related species:

- ***Calliostoma lithocolletum* Dautzenberg, 1925**

(Pl. VIII; Pl. IX, figs 27-32; Pl. X, figs 33-35)

Once the name '*C. lithocolletum*' was designated to the new species from the Canary Islands [(Nordsieck & García-Talavera, 1979) (Pl. V), several authors (Nordsieck, 1982; Vilvens & Swinnen, 2003; Hernandez et al., 2011 (Pl. VI); Alf et al., 2020 (Pl. VII, fig. 24)] used the wrong name without checking the original text and holotype from Dautzenberg (1925). These authors used images of the new species, except Beck et al. (2006) (Pl. VII, fig 25) who figured a juvenile specimen of *Calliostoma gubbiolii* Nofroni, 1984 instead of the real *C. lithocolletum*. Only van Aartsen et al. (1984) referred to the holotype in the MOM and figured the correct image.

As the new species has nearly always been confused with *Calliostoma lithocolletum* Dautzenberg, 1925, we reproduce here a free translation of the original French description:



'Shell shiny, solid, imperforate, trochiform, composed of ten flat whorls crossed by decurrent cords composed of regular, fine and numerous granulations. These cords are five in number on the penultimate whorl and seven on the last whorl. The granulations of the two upper rows are a little stronger than those of the others, which gives the whorls a slightly stepped appearance. Last whorl angular at the periphery. Base slightly convex and provided with a dozen flattened concentric cords. Aperture subquadrangular and provided at the interior and on the columellar area by a thick brilliant mother-of-pearl layer. Edge of mouth sharp. Operculum horny, thin, circular, multispiral with a central nucleus.

Colour sandy, pale rose (**"coloration fauve rosé clair"**). The granulations of the two superior rows are slightly paler than the background, creating a pearly appearance. The rows on the base are scattered by small, nearly visible dots.

The species looks like *Calliostoma zizyphinum*, but the shell surface is covered by numerous granulations giving the rows the arrangement of small pearls.'

Type locality: Seine Seamount, off Madeira. 33°47' N/ 14°21' W. Trawled at a depth of 185 m. 26 July 1905. Station 2034 of Campagne Alice 2. 1 live caught specimen.

H. 24 mm, D. 22 mm.

Images of the original illustrations and photographs of the holotype are found on Plates VIII, IX & X.

The holotype appears to be nearly completely white, except for the first whorls, and subsequent authors were misled by Dautzenberg's expression '*coloration fauve rosé clair*', terms he often used in the description of variations.

The new species superficially looks like *C. lithocolletum* regarding outline and general ornamentation of the cords, but this is actually a rust-coloured shell and no white specimens are known.

Dautzenberg's species clearly differs from the new species by the following characteristics:

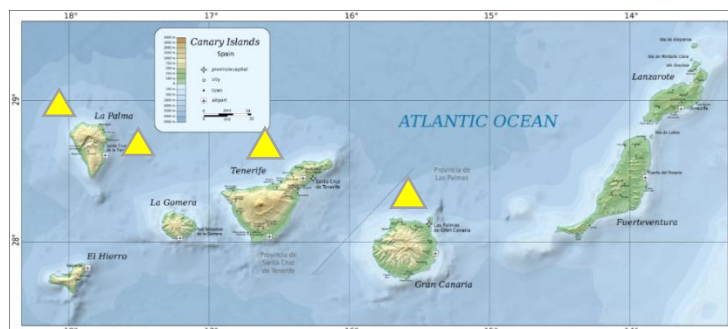
- 10 flat collapsed whorls instead of 9;
- the decurrent cords are all composed of regular, fine and numerous beads;
- the rather stepped outline of whorls;
- the less conical outline, caused by the more depressed whorls;
- the last whorl being angular at the periphery;
- base with 12 flattened concentric cords, instead of 9-10;
- the tiny knob at the columellar area;
- the creamy white colour of the shell.

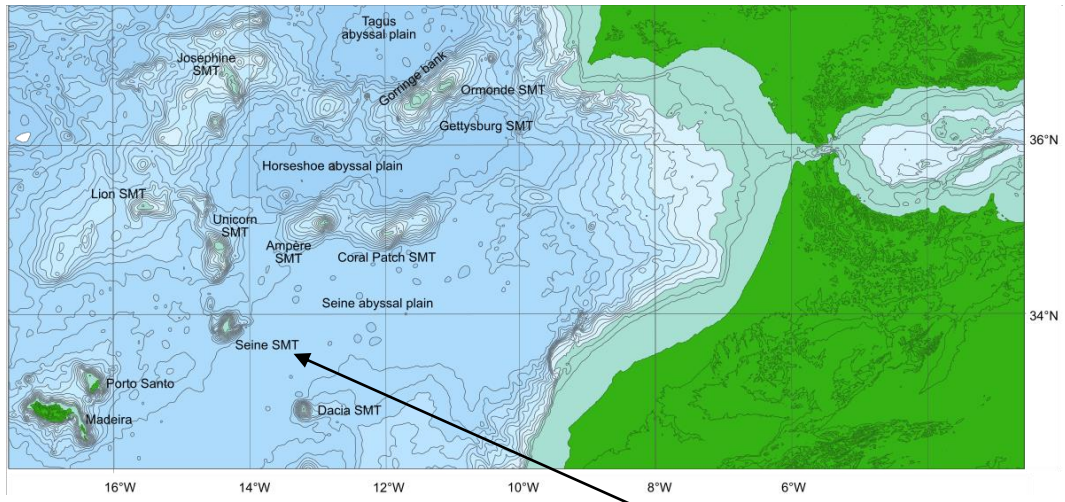
- ***Calliostoma delonguevilleae* Vilvens & Swinnen, 2017** (Pl. VII, fig. 26). This species closely resembles *C. simulatum* regarding outline and colour, but the cords are smooth and devoid of beads. A number of 5 spiral cords on each whorl and 6 on the base. The distance between the cords is larger than the cords themselves. Colour yellowish orange with obscure darker flames.

- ***Calliostoma zizyphinum* (Linnaeus, 1758)**. Vilvens (2019) considered the present species erroneously as a form of *C. zizyphinum* (L., 1758). The latter and especially the form usually referred to as *conuloides* (Lamarck, 1822) has about 12 narrow spiral cords on the base with deeper grooves between them. Whorls possess 4-5 primary spiral cords and several secondary cords. These ridges are sharper, without granulation and the shoulder is very prominent and more angular. *C. zizyphinum* is extremely variable in every population in contrast with the constant characteristics of *C. simulatum*.

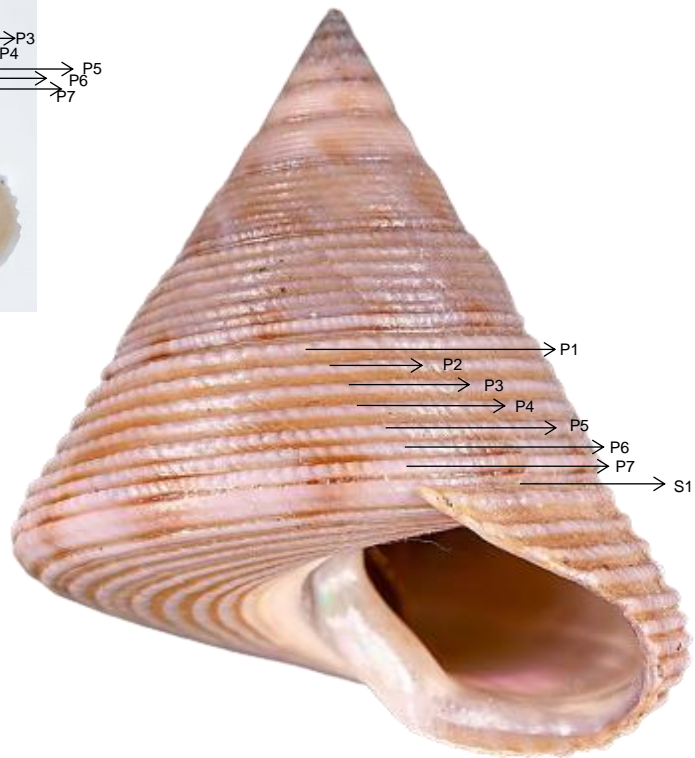
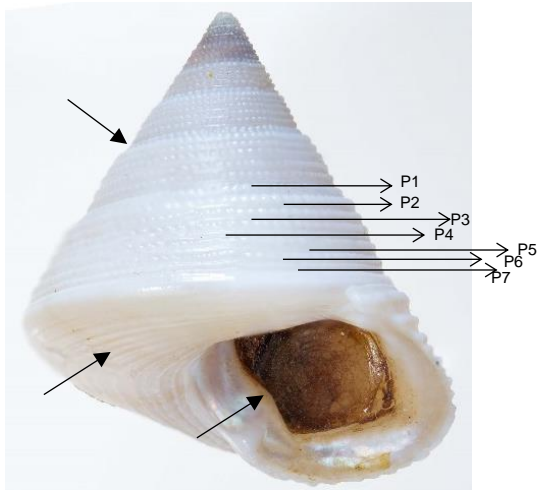
**Conclusion:** The new species has definitely nothing to do with *C. lithocolletum*, from which it differs by all the enumerated characteristics and has to be regarded as a forgotten species validated in this paper.

Geographic distribution of  
*Calliostoma simulatum* sp. nov.





Geographic location of *Calliostoma lithocolletum* Dautzenberg, 1925



**Text fig. 1:** Key to standard calliostomatid spiral cord numbers on the last whorl of *Calliostoma lithocolletum* and *Calliostoma* sp. nov.  
 P = primary spiral cord, S = secondary spiral cord  
 At the left: *C. lithocolletum*; at the right: *Calliostoma simulatum* sp. nov.

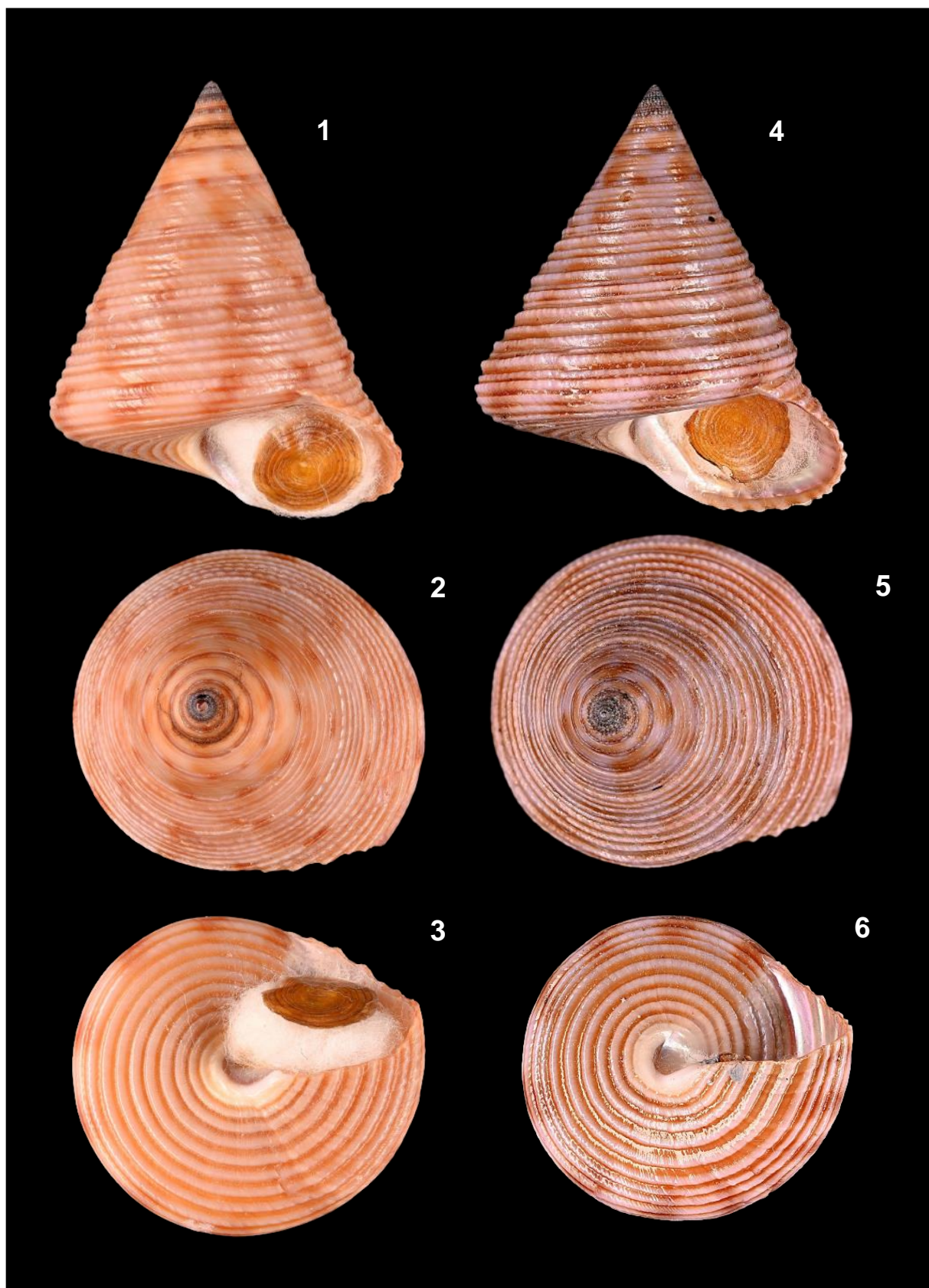
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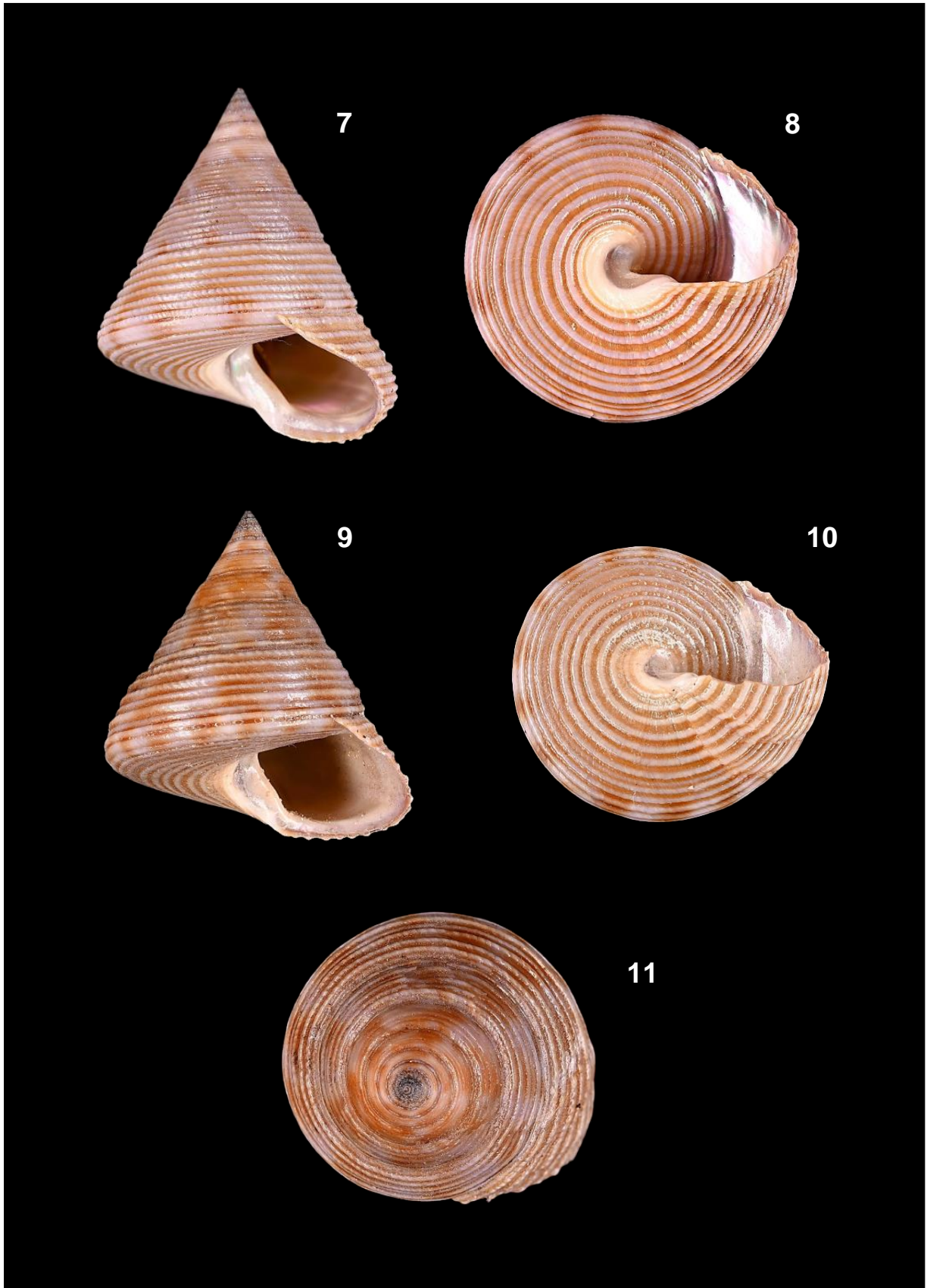
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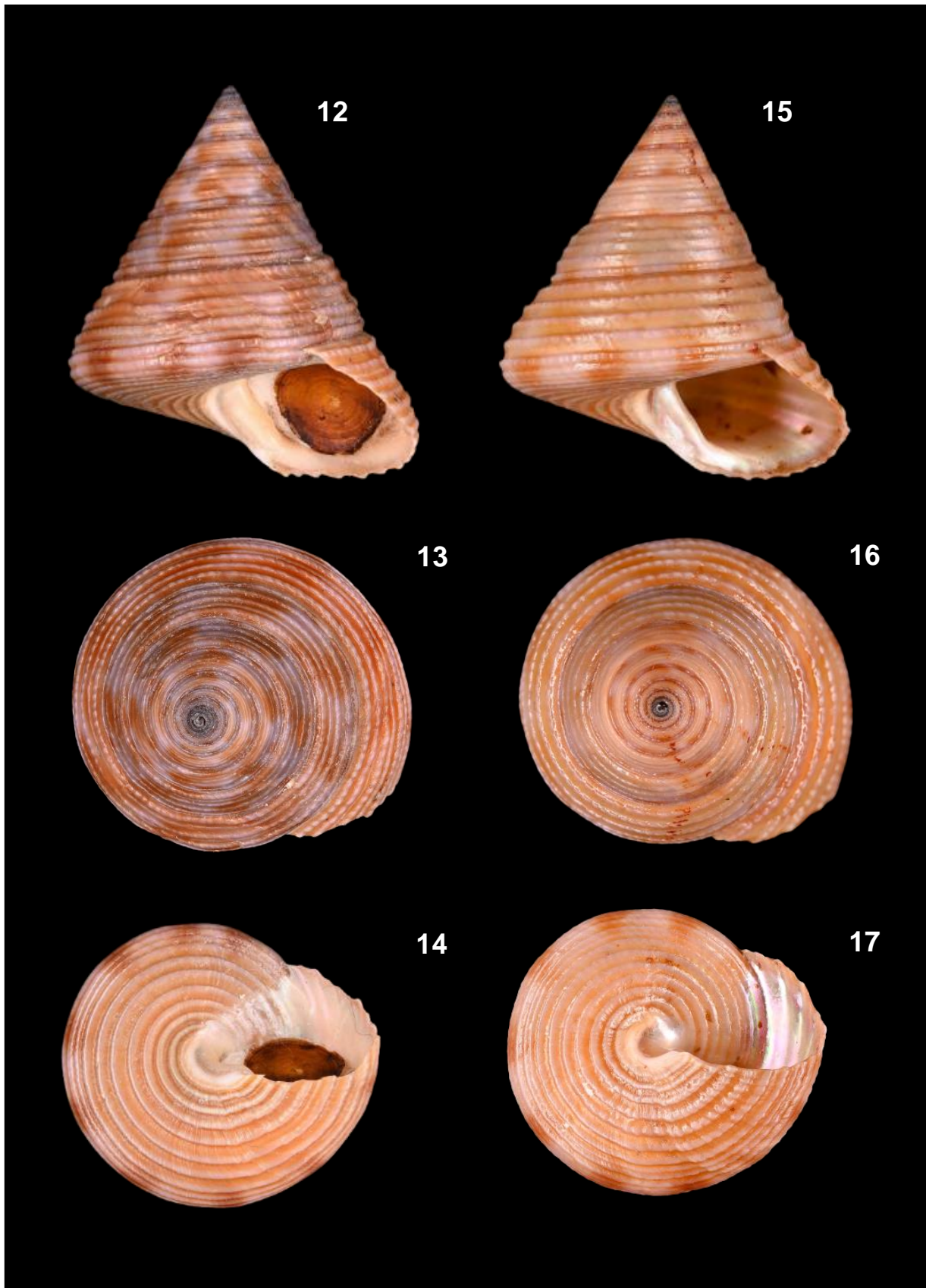


**Pl. I.** Figs 1-6. *Calliostoma simulatum* sp. nov.; 1-3: N of Tenerife, Canary Islands. Trawled by fishermen at a depth of 250 m. July 1993. H. 16.8 mm. CSH. Paratype 13; 4-6: Garafía, La Palma, Canary Islands. Trawled by fishermen at 80-120 m. H. 31.11 mm D. 27.05 mm. CFN. Paratype 3.



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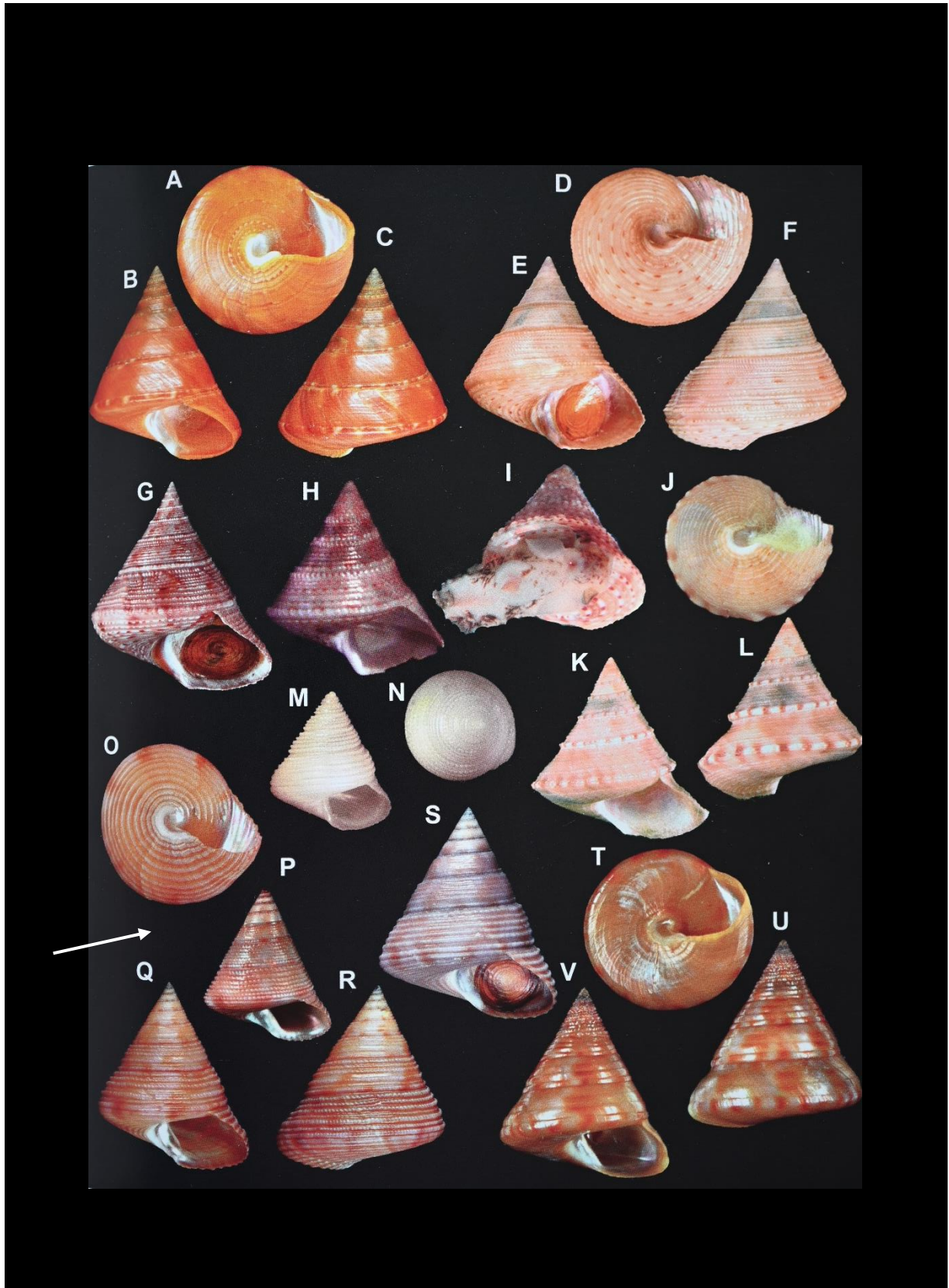
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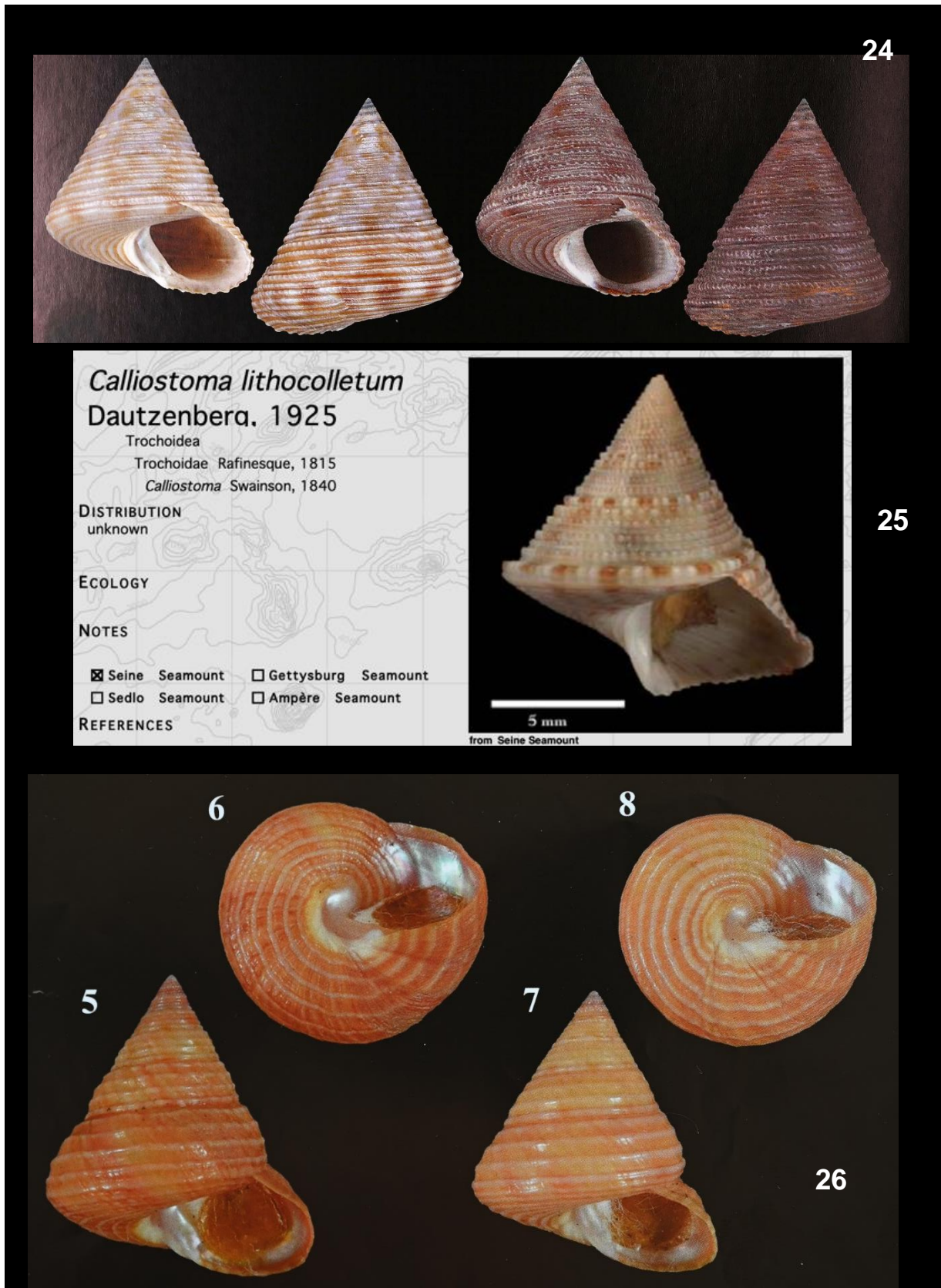


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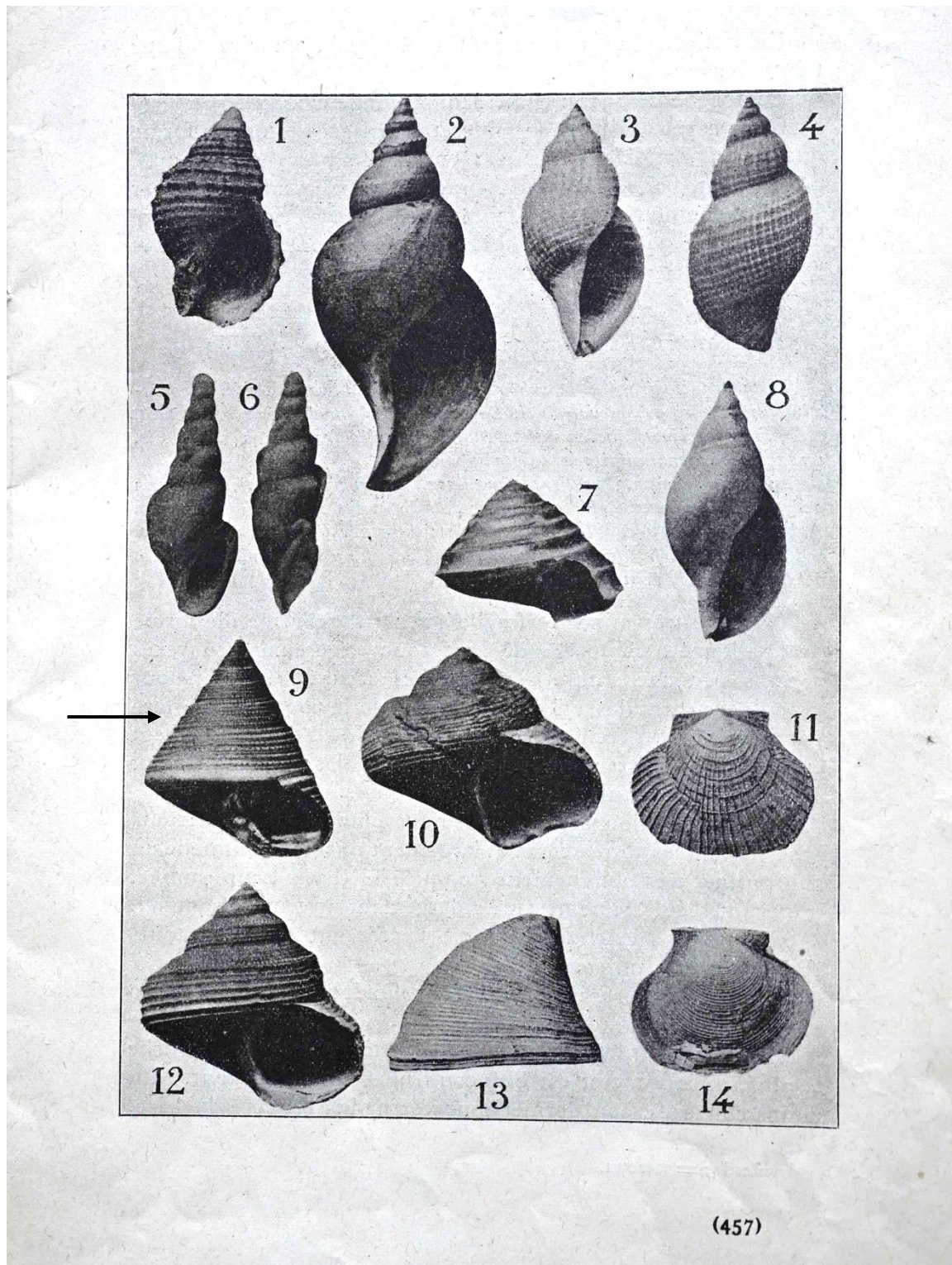


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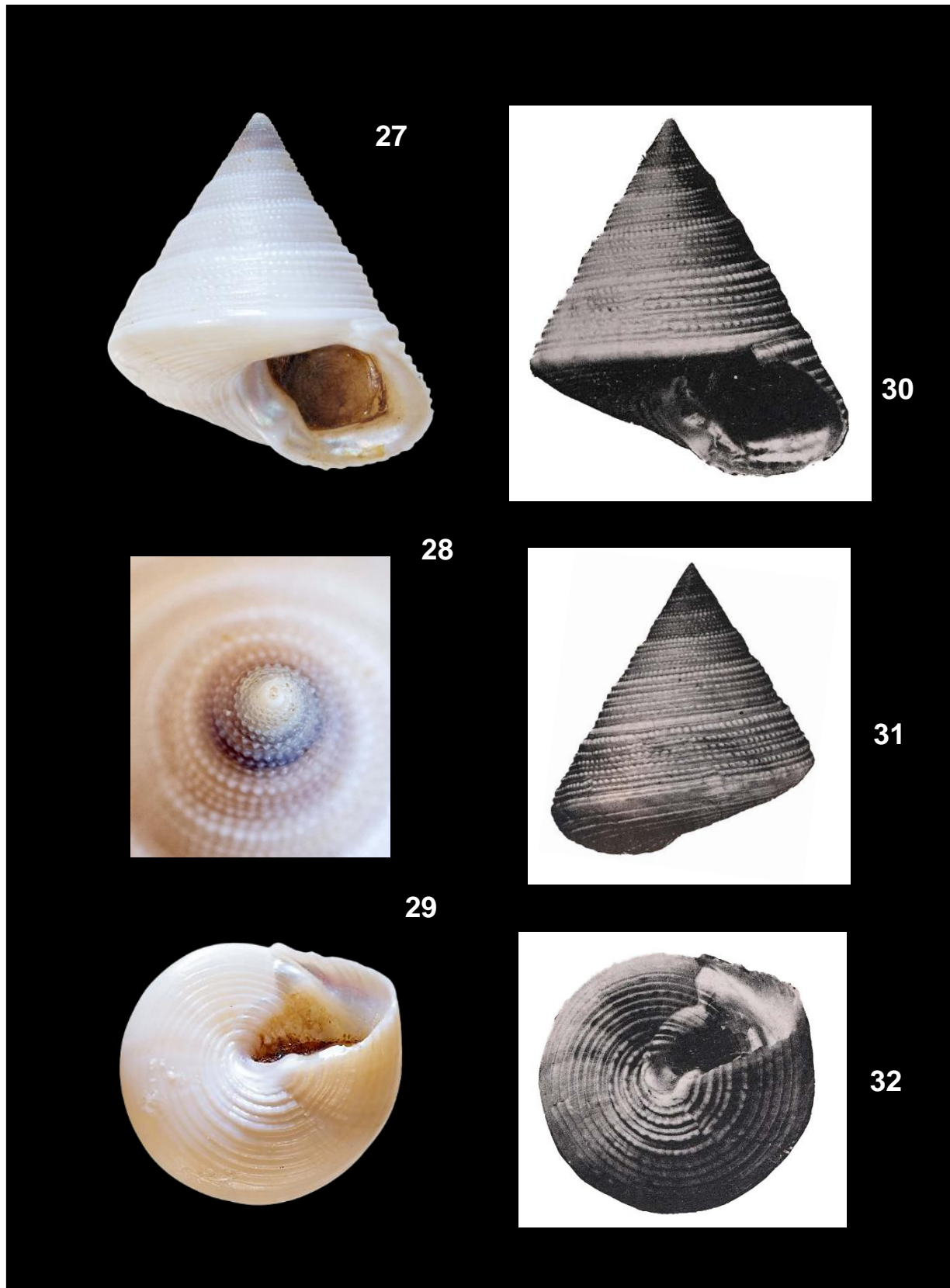
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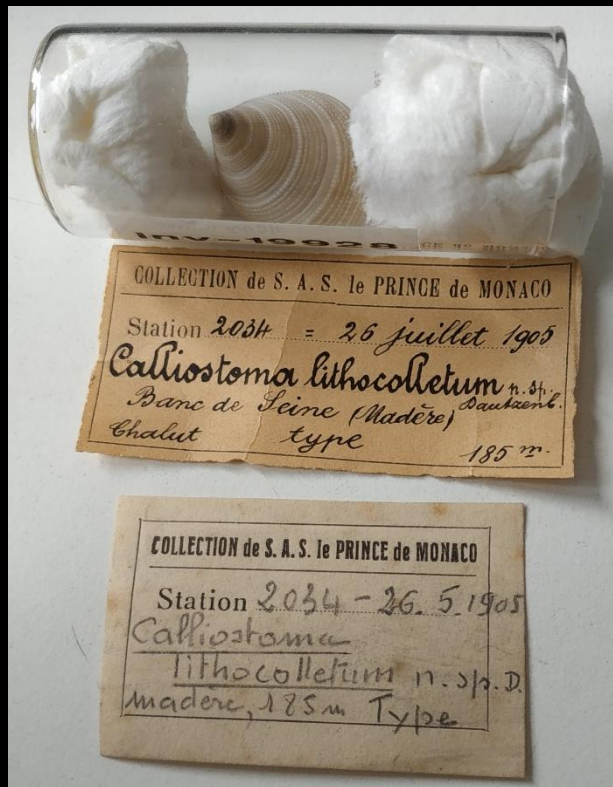


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**PI. IX.** Figs 27-32: *Calliostoma lithocolletum* Dautzenberg, 1925; 27-29: Holotype. MOM; figs 30-32: Dautzenberg, Ph., 1927. Mollusques provenant des campagnes scientifiques du prince Albert I<sup>er</sup> de Monaco dans l'Océan Atlantique et le Golfe de Gascogne. *Résultats des campagnes scientifiques accomplies sur son yacht par Albert I<sup>er</sup> prince souverain de Monaco. LXXII: Pl. 6, figs 24-26.*

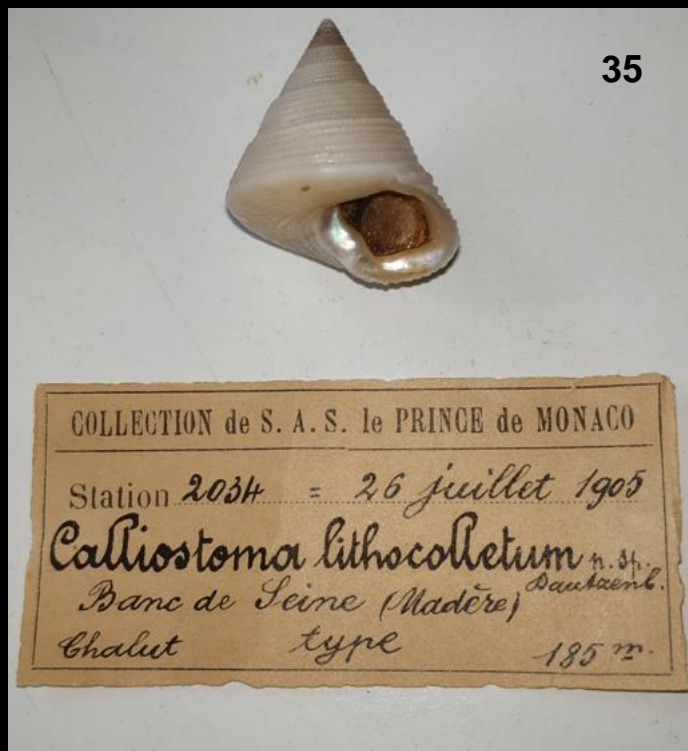


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Pl. X. Figs. 33-35: *Calliostoma lithocolletum* Dautzenberg, 1925. Holotype. MOM.

# A tiny new *Calliostoma* species from Senegal

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**Keywords:** Mollusca, Gastropoda, CALLIOSTOMATIDAE, *Calliostoma pini* sp. nov., Senegal, eastern Atlantic.

**Abstract:** At the end of the past century a dozen specimens of a small *Calliostoma* species were offered for sale by the late Marcel Pin (Dakar, Senegal) as *C. dubium* (Philippi, 1844). In fact, that shell was very different from '*C. dubium*' [(synonym of *C. conulus* (L., 1758))] and it revealed to be a new species, described as *Calliostoma pini* in this paper.

## Abbreviations:

**CFN:** Private collection of Frank Nolf  
(Oostende, Belgium)

**CSH:** Private collection Steve Hubrecht  
(Koksijde, Belgium)

**D.:** Diameter

**H.:** Height

**RBINS:** Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (Brussels, Belgium)

## Introduction:

The family Calliostomatidae is well represented in all world seas from tropical waters to polar seas and this with about 450 recent species. The eastern Atlantic is less endowed with only some 30 species but with more than 140 recorded names and a nomenclatural chaos.

Within the East Atlantic, Lusitanian and Mediterranean seas have primarily the highest variety of species, admittedly several very rare and only known from the holotype and few specimens.

The Tropical West African Province covers fewer species. A few Lusitanian *Calliostoma* species reach the northern part of the West African Province, mainly the Peninsula of Cap Vert in Senegal.

Senegal is one of the better sampled countries for molluscs in the West African region together with the Cape Verde Peninsula. The Dakar area with a varied shoreline and relatively calm coastal water is probably the best studied

region in tropical West Africa. The Bay of Gorée yields a great diversity of species.

The late Marcel Pin (1936-1998) of Dakar (Senegal) was an amateur collector/shell dealer. He collected large quantities of material during the 1989's and early 1990's, mostly from his own dredgings in the Dakar region but also from shrimp boats working off the Casamance and further on to Guinea-Bissau.

One of the smaller but distinctive *Calliostoma* species brought up in reasonable numbers was called *Calliostoma dubium* (Philippi, 1844) by Marcel Pin, no doubt inspired by the popular regional guide by Maurice Nicklès who made a free interpretation of the picture of Philippi's original description of *Calliostoma dubium*. The latter name is now generally considered preoccupied and unavailable and relegated in synonymy of *Calliostoma conulus* (Linnaeus, 1758), although quite some collectors of Mediterranean shells still use the name for some forms of the *Calliostoma laugierii* (Payraudeau, 1826) complex. In any case the "*dubium*" from Marcel Pin is a very different from either Philippi's "*dubium*" or *C. conulus* and/or *C. laugierii* and is therefore here described as a new species.

## Systematics:

Family CALLIOSTOMATIDAE Thiele, 1924  
(1847)

Genus *Calliostoma* Swainson, 1840

Typetaxon: *Calliostoma conulus* (Linnaeus, 1758)

*Calliostoma pini* sp. nov.

(Pl. I, figs 1-8; Pl. II, figs 9-17)

## Type material:

**Holotype:** Pl. I, figs 7-8.

Gorée, Senegal. Dredged by fishermen at a depth of 20 m. February 1993.

H. 10.98 mm D. 9.30 mm. RBINS-I.G.: 34618-MT.3992

**Paratypes 1-5:**

Gorée, Senegal. Dredged by fishermen at a depth of 20 m. September 1993. CSH.

**Paratype 1:** H. 10.69 mm D. 8.57 mm.  
Pl. I, figs 3-6.

**Paratype 2:** H. 10.71 mm D. 8.60 mm  
Pl. II, figs 9-11.

**Paratype 3:** H. 9.09 mm D. 7.66 mm  
Pl. II, figs 12-14.

**Paratype 4:** H. 9.71 mm D. 8.14 mm  
Pl. II, figs 15-17.

**Paratype 5:** H. 11.13 mm D. 9.23 mm  
Pl. I, figs 1-3.

**Paratypes 6-7:**

Bay of Dakar, Senegal. Dredged by fishermen at a depth of 10 m. February 1993. CFN.

**Paratype 6:** H. 9.58 mm D. 9.22 mm

**Paratype 7:** H. 8.52 mm D. 8.76 mm

**Description:** Shell very small for the genus (9-12 mm, conical, rather high spired, higher than wide (average ratio H/D: 1.20), and height about 2.7 higher than aperture. Spire angle about 40°-45° with honeycomb microsculpture, followed by two spiral segments beginning with a coarse axial fold and ending with a microsculpture made by 4-5 spaced spiral cords.

Teleoconch of 7 whorls, flat sided, last whorl slightly concave, its peripheral area more rounded than in the upper teleoconch whorls. Each whorl has three primary spiral cords and the periphery is slightly carinated and rounded, creating a stepped outline. Just beneath the suture there is one secondary cord. Shallow interspaces between the ridges. Suture well defined. Whorls 1 to 4 provided with granulated cords, with many small equally spaced beads, in contrast with the last 3 whorls which are devoid of granules. Base with 10-12 flattened smooth spiral cords, completely free of beads. Half of the specimens may have a very small umbilicus half closed by a nacreous callus. The other half has an umbilical region completely closed with a white callus.

Aperture subquadrate, nacreous, parietal edge straight, columellar edge subventral, slightly sinuous.

Operculum small, subcircular, smooth, yellowish brown.

Background colour yellowish or light tan and ornamented with light brown blotches and flames scattered over the surface of the whorls. Each of the spiral cords of the base possesses a series of alternating brownish and yellowish dots.

Animal and radula unknown.

**Measurements:** H. from 9 to 11 mm, D. from 7.5 to 9.3 mm

**Type locality:** holotype and paratypes are only known from Gorée, Dakar, Senegal. Dredged from a depth of 10-20 m.

**Distribution:** This species seems to be restricted to the environment of Dakar, Senegal.

**Etymology:** The name '*pini*' is derived from the late Marcel Pin, shell dealer and author of several papers about seashells from his home town Dakar and the surrounding seas. In the eighties of the last century, he distributed many samples of the present species all over the world, but the species remained unnamed during several decades.

**Discussion:** The species is very close to the smaller calliostomatid species *Calliostoma angolense* Boyer, 2007 (6-7 mm) (= *C. fernandesi* Boyer, 2006) (Pl. V). Spiral cords are more prominent and deeper incised. *C. pini* has a characteristic stepped outline without granulate spiral cords on the last three whorls, whereas in *Calliostoma angolense* all the whorls are provided with crowded small beads.

Other similar calliostomatids from the NW African waters and the Gibraltar area are:

- *C. conulus* (Linnaeus, 1758) (Pl. III, figs 18-20): larger (10-25 mm), with smooth shiny whorls, no granulated spiral cords but sometimes with incised threads, most specimens are bright orange-brown coloured but marbled greenish specimens may also occur.

- *C. funiculatum* Ardochini, 2011 (Pl. IV, figs 27-35): more conical, the periphery ridge is rounded and not sharply carinated, the concentric spiral cords are broader than in *C. pini*.

- *C. lusitanicum* Nordsieck & Talavera, 1979 (Pl. III, figs 21-26): less conical, more pyramidal, with 8-9 flat whorls, slightly carinated at the periphery and with three spiral bands. Columella with a ridge looking as a pseudo umbilicus and a white crescent around it.

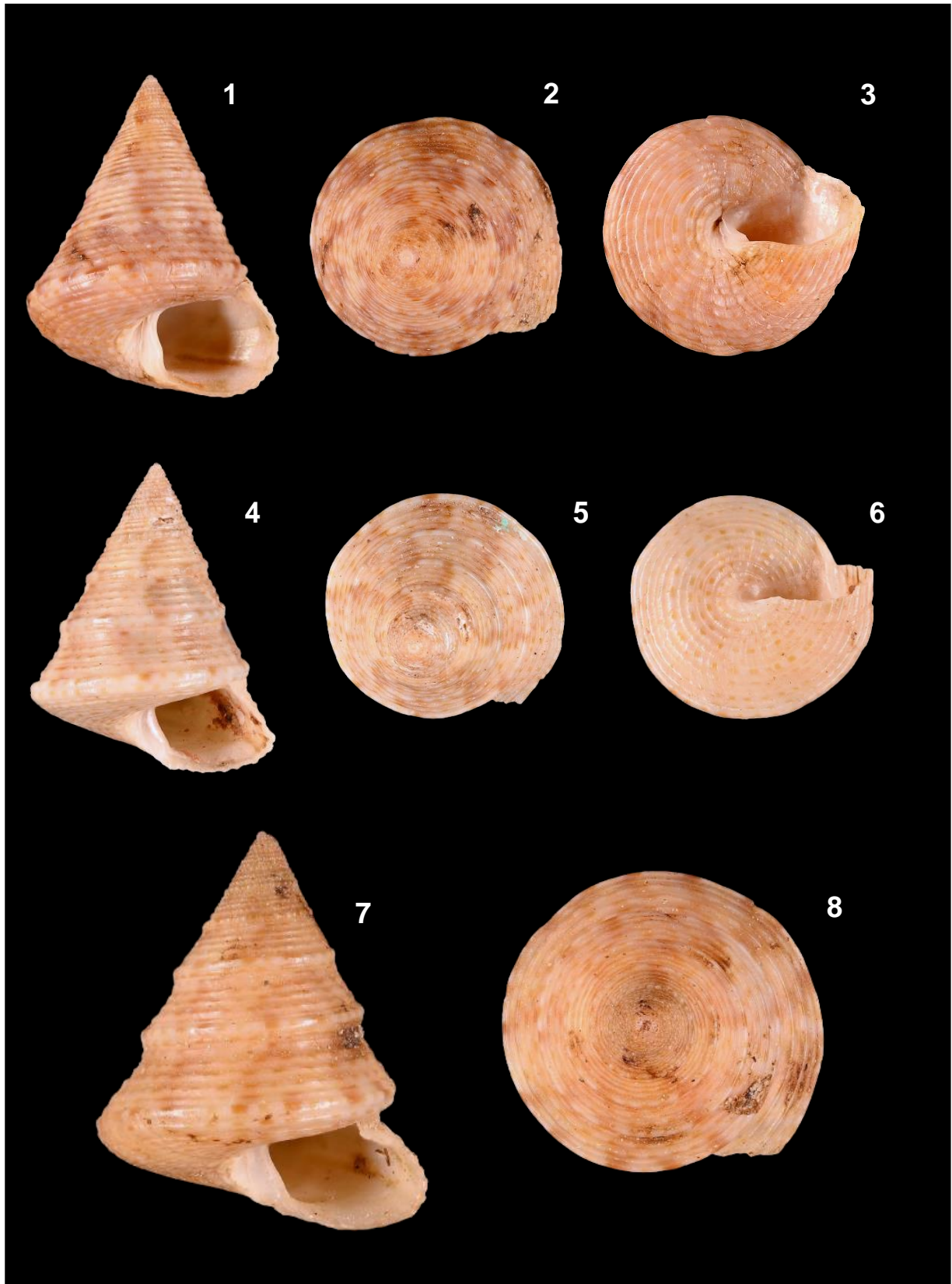
**Conclusion:** There are sufficient differences with similar species from the Lusitanian region and the West African waters to conclude *C. pini* is a valid new species.

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**Pl. I.** *Calliostoma pini* sp. nov. Gorée, Senegal. Trawled by fishermen at a depth of 20 m. February 1993; 1-3: Paratype 5. H. 11.13 mm D. 9.23 mm. CSH; 4-6: Paratype 1: H. 10.69 mm D. 8.57 mm. CSH; 7-8: **Holotype. RBINS:** H. 10.90 mm D. 9.37 mm.



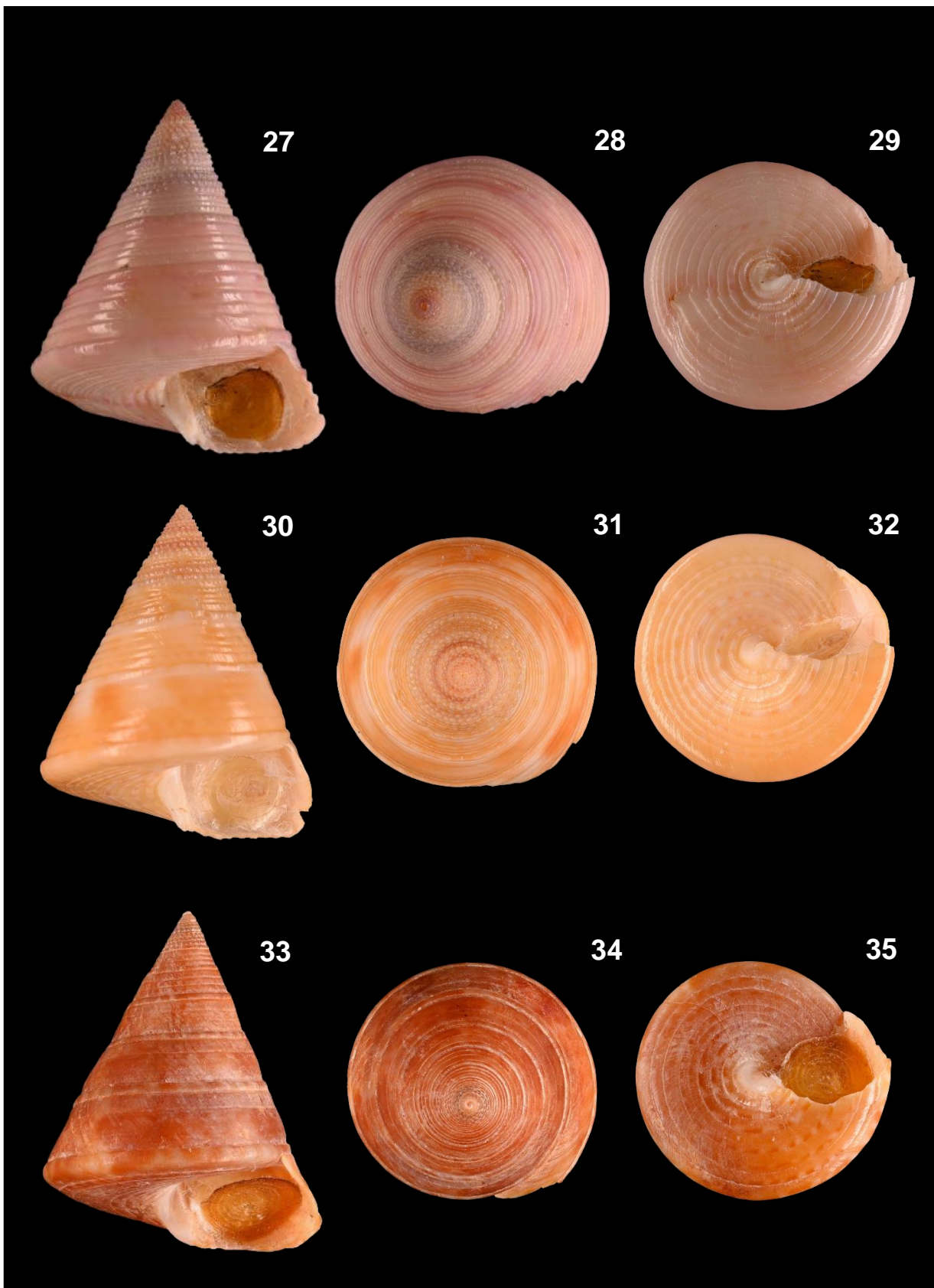
**Pl. II.** Figs 9-17: *Calliostoma pini* sp. nov. Gorée, Senegal. Trawled by fishermen at a depth of 20 m. February 1993. CSH; 9-11: Paratype 2. H. 10.71 mm D. 8.60 mm; 12-14: Paratype 3: H. 9.09 mm D. 7.66 mm; 15-17: Paratype 4. H. 9.71 mm D. 8.14 mm.





**Pl. III.** Figs 18-20: *Calliostoma conulus* (Linnaeus, 1758). Armação de Pêra, Faro, Algarve, Portugal. Under rock-on-rock platform. SCUBA-dived at a depth of 23 m. January 2000. H. 21.99 mm D. 20.07 mm. CFN; 21-26: *Calliostoma lusitanicum* F. Nordsieck & García-Talavera, 1979 (taxon inquirendum). Puerto del Carmen, Lanzarote, Canary Islands. Under rock. Dived at a depth of 10 m. CFN; 21-23: H. 7.87 mm D. 7.46 mm; 24-26: H. 10.08 mm D. 9.58 mm.





**Pl. IV.** Figs 27-35. *Calliostoma funiculatum* Ardevini, 2011. CSH; Gibraltar Strait, Morocco. In detritus of *Corallium rubrum* (Linnaeus, 1758) at a depth of 80-120 m. September 2010; 27-29: H. 15.72 mm D. 13.07 mm; 30-32: H. 14.01 mm D. 11.65 mm; 33-35: Santa Pola, Alicante Province, Spain. Dredged at a depth of 80 m. H. 11.50 D. 9.57 mm.



Figure 1. *Jujubinus fulgor* Gofas, 1991, Santa Maria Bay, Angola, 6.40 mm, FBC. Figures 2-10. *Calliostoma (Fautor) fernandesi* sp. nov., Santa Maria Bay, Angola. 2-6: holotype MNHN, 6.00 mm; 7-9: paratype n°1, 6.10 mm, F. Boyer collection; 10: protoconch of paratype n°1, width: 300 µm.  
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**PI. V.** *Calliostoma angolense* Boyer, 2007 (= *C. fernandesi* Boyer, 2006): A new *Calliostoma* species (Gastropoda: Calliostomatidae) from Angola. *Iberus*, **24**(2): figs 2-10.

# Description of a new species within the genus *Propeamussium* (Bivalvia: Propeamussiidae) from the Mississippi River Delta

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**Keywords:** Mollusca, Bivalvia, Pectinoidea, PROPEAMUSSIIDAE, *Propeamussium*, USA, Gulf of Mexico, new species.

**Abstract:** A new species of the family PROPEAMUSSIIDAE from the Gulf of Mexico is described on morphological basis and compared with congeneric species from the family in that region.

**Introduction:** Some years ago, Mr. Don Pisor from San Diego, USA showed the author four fragile *Propeamussium* specimens from Louisiana, Texas. Later on, I could manage to acquire additional specimens marked as *Propeamussium* sp., also from the Mississippi River Delta. After further study, I learned that all the material was obtained by Emilio Garcia from research dredging trips.

The delta is created as the Mississippi River deposits sediment along its banks and adjacent basins before flowing into the deep waters of the northern Gulf of Mexico. In the past 7500 years, the delta has regularly changed creating 7 different lobes. Currently, the river flows into the sea via the Balize Delta. All specimens came from mud bottom in relatively deep water. As the number of all known species in this family in the Gulf of Mexico is rather limited, distinction between congeners and the treated species was facilitated. So, it is here described as new to science.

A specimen of the new species has already been figured by Garcia & Lee as *Propeamussium* sp. (n° 52a) in an online article on the website [www.jaxshells.org](http://www.jaxshells.org).

## Abbreviations:

**AG:** Arne Ghys collection, Belgium

**Lv:** left valve

**MNHN:** Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, Paris, France

**USNM:** Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Washington DC, USA

**Rv:** right valve

**sp:** specimen

## SYSTEMATICS:

Class BIVALVIA Linnaeus, 1758

Subclass AUTOBRANCHIA Grobben, 1894

Infraclass PTERIOMORPHIA Beurlen, 1944

Order PECTINIDAE Gray, 1954

Suborder PECTININA Waller, 1978

Superfamily PECTINOIDEA Rafinesque, 1815

Family PROPEAMUSSIIDAE Abbott, 1954

Genus *Propeamussium* De Gregorio, 1884

(based on WoRMS – March 2023)

*Propeamussium simoni* sp. nov.

## Type material:

**Holotype:** (MNHN-IM-2000-38536), off Louisiana, USA - 28°29.155' N - 89°32.159' W to 28°31.870' N - 89°32.687' W, dredged alive by research vessel at 387-595 m depth on 26 August 2011, 1 sp., 13.2 x 12.4 mm.

**Paratype 1:** (AG), off Louisiana, USA, 28°29.155' N - 89°32.159' W to 28°31.870' N - 89°32.687' W, dredged alive by research vessel at 387-595 m depth on 26 August 2011, 1 sp., 16.1 x 16.5 mm.

**Paratype 2:** (AG), off Louisiana, USA 28°29.155' N - 89°32.159' W to 28°31.870' N - 89°32.687' W, dredged alive by research vessel at 387-595 m depth on 26 August 2011. 1 sp., 14.4 x 14.1 mm.

**Paratype 3:** (USNM 1522412), off Louisiana, USA -28°29.2' N - 89°32.2' W to 28°31.870' N - 89°32.687' W, dredged alive by research vessel at 387-595 m depth on 26 August 2011. 1 sp., 15.7 x 15.5 mm.

**Paratype 4:** (AG), off Southern Louisiana, USA - dredged from 550 m depth. 1 sp., 15.7 x 15.2 mm.

**Paratype 5:** (AG), off Mississippi River Delta, Louisiana, USA, Gulf of Mexico - 28°23.935' N - 89°22.508' W to 28°20.939' N - 89°20.779' W, dredged in mud bottom at 675-765 m depth by research vessel. 1 sp., 12.3 x 12.6 mm.

**Paratype 6:** (AG), off Mississippi River Delta, Louisiana, USA, Gulf of Mexico - 28°23.935' N - 89°22.508' W to 28°20.939' N - 89°20.779' W, dredged in mud bottom at 675-765 m depth by research vessel. 1 sp., 14.5 x 16.0 mm.



**Type locality:** off Mississippi River Delta, Louisiana, USA, Gulf of Mexico, 28°29.155' N - 89°32.159' W to 28°31.870' N - 89°32.687' W.

**Description:** Fragile shell of about 14 mm height. Both valves translucent, subcircular (slightly wider than high), inequivalve (left valve more convex than right valve), inequilateral (anterior part slightly bigger than posterior), anterior auricle smaller than posterior ear, umbonal angle 110°, disc gape narrow. Both valves have 8 interior ribs starting in early growth stage (2000 µm) and extending to submarginal area. The first and the last internal ribs are somewhat more pronounced compared to the other 6 ones. Resilifer rather broad triangular.

The prodissoconch of the left valve is about 170 µm long, smooth, convex and D-shaped. This smooth microsculpture continues with some delicate commarginal growth lines on both auricles and on the rest of the valve. Hinge line is straight, dorsal margin weakly lamellated near anterior and posterior margin, starting from the middle of the ear to the end of the auricle. The anterior margin of the auricle is small and almost in extension of the disc, margin of the posterior ear straight. The posterior auricle is about 1.2x bigger than the anterior one. The central part of the left valve is convex and becomes flatter near the margins.

The glossy right valve is sculptured with fine, regularly close-set commarginal lirae with granulate interstitial microsculpture and in between the lirae with fine, radial scratches. Both ears are smooth, hinge line is straight with on the anterior side some small lamellations starting from the middle to the end of the ear, no byssal notch or byssal fasciole and ctenolium absent. Right valve is slightly less convex compared to the left valve. The first 4/5 of the lower valve is opaque to whitish translucent, reaching to the end of the internal ribs, the outermost layer of simple prismatic calcite is transparent.

**Geographic distribution:** Only found in the Mississippi Delta, Louisiana, Texas, USA. The new species was dredged by Emilio Garcia on three different spots. Prolific specimens are coming from the type locality. Paratypes 5 and 6 were dredged from a mud bottom. A third locality is 28°25.812' N - 89°24.971' W to

28°24.246' N - 89°22.532' W where material was found on mud and shell hash bottom at 640-576 m depth.

**Comparison:** The most similar species from the Gulf of Mexico is *Parvamussium marmoratum* (Dall, 1881) because of the (usual) absence of a macrosculpture on the left valve. The latter is a rather variable species that belongs to another genus and differs by the internal ribbing starting at later ontogeny, generally with 10 internal ribs on both valves, absence of lateral gapes and a well-developed byssal notch. *Parvamussium pourtalesianum* (Dall, 1886) is treated as a synonym of *P. marmoratum*.

*Parvamussium cancellatum* (E.A. Smith, 1885) differs by the strong sculpture on the left valve, consisting of fine, concentric lirae crossed by commarginal lirae, more equal ears, having a top angle of 117°, being higher than long and by having more internal ribs (9-11).

*Parvamussium dalli* (E. A. Smith, 1885) from the Caribbean Sea is much larger in (adult) size (between 40-80 mm), has more elongated valves with more internal ribs and differs by having equal and small ears compared to the rest of the shell size.

**Etymology:** *Propeamussium simoni* sp. nov. is named after the author's son Simon Ghys.

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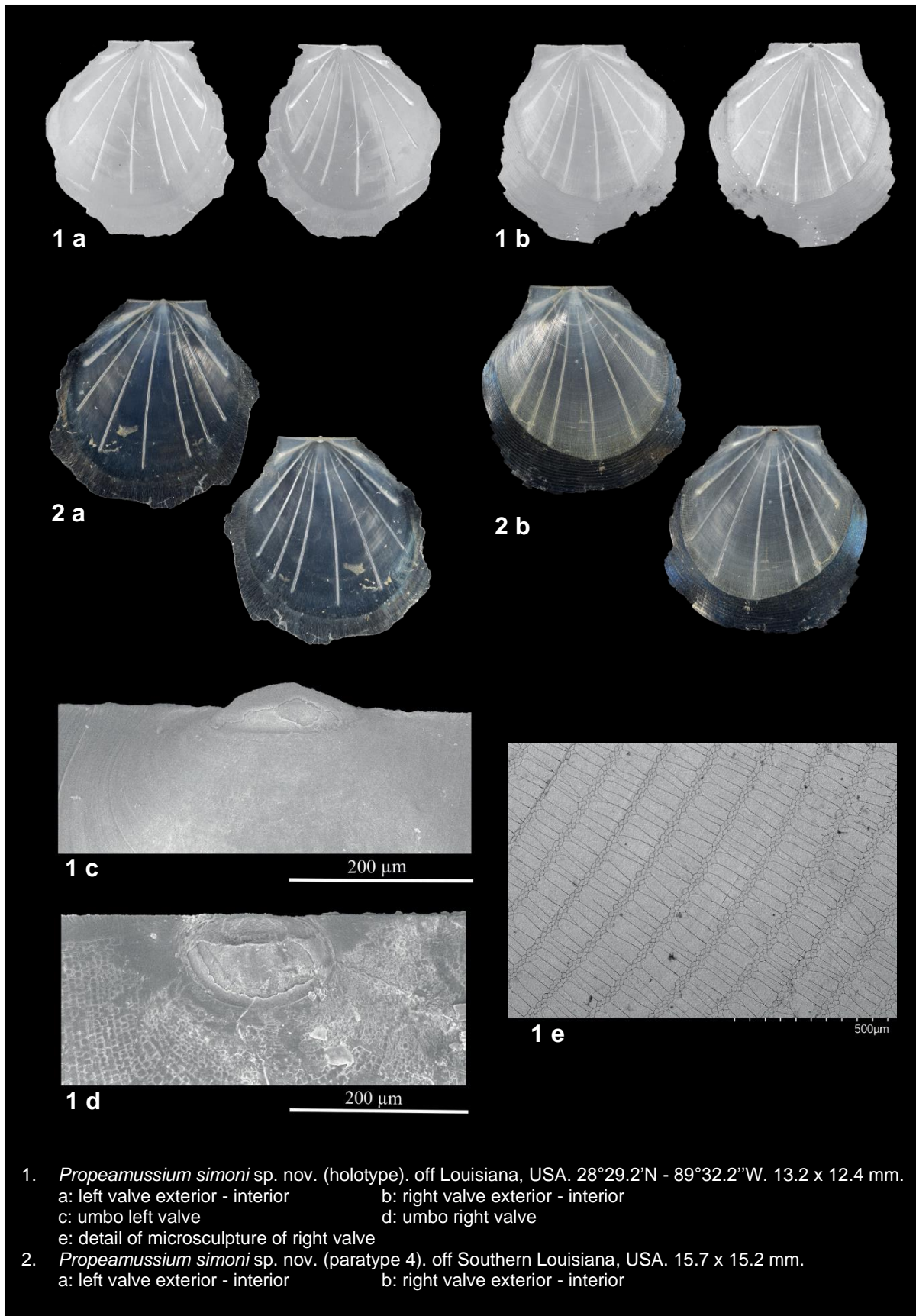


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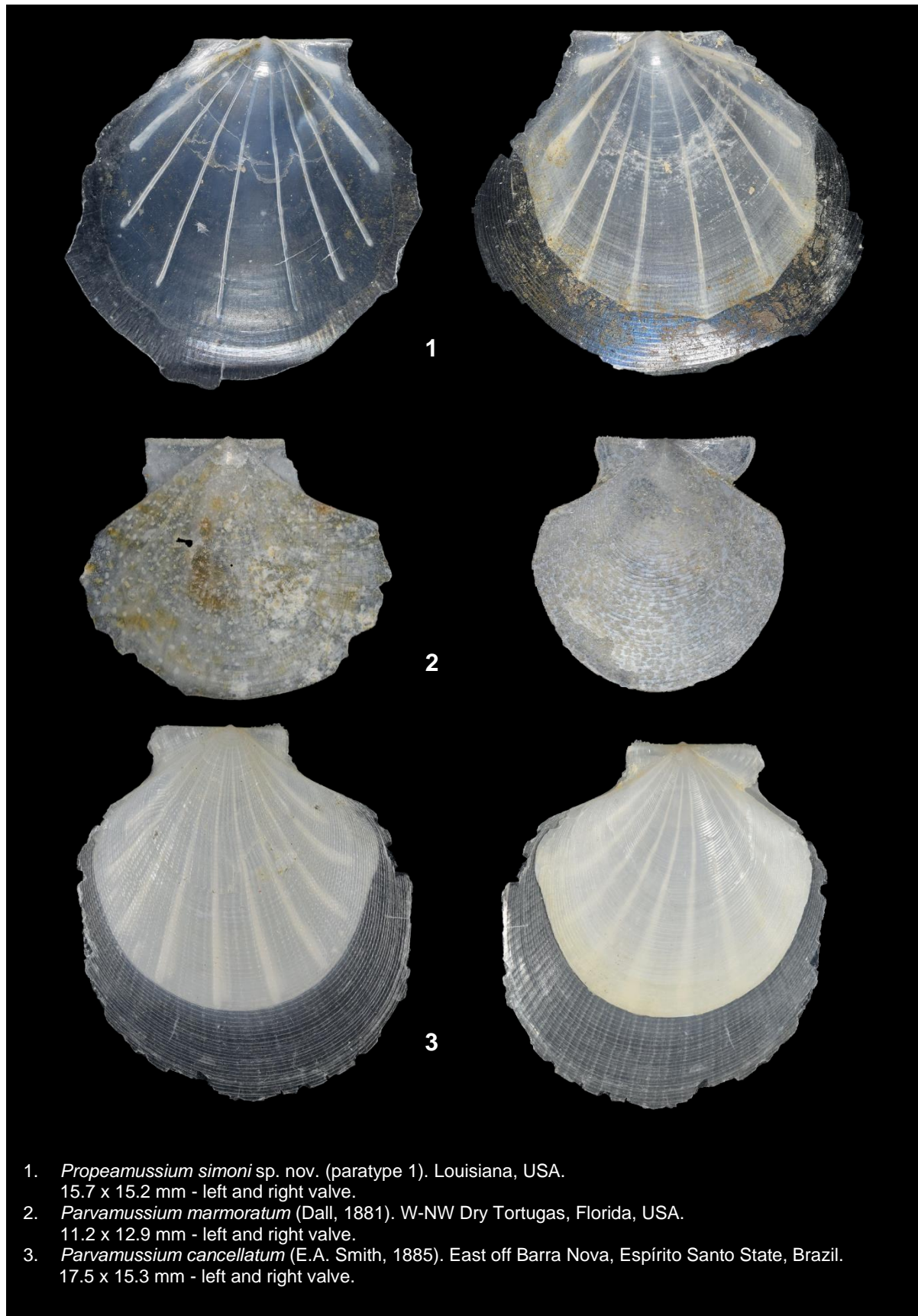
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# ***Clelandella namibiensis* (Gastropoda: Trochoidea: Trochidae: Cantharidinae), a new species from SW Africa**

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**Abstract:** *Clelandella namibiensis* sp. nov. from Namibia (SW Africa), is described in this paper and compared with similar species from the eastern Atlantic.

## **Abbreviations:**

**CFN:** Private collection of Frank Nolf  
(Oostende, Belgium)

**D.:** Diameter

**H.:** Height

**PEMARCO:** Pêche maritime du Congo

**RBINS:** Royal Belgian Institute of Natural  
Sciences (Brussels, Belgium)

**Introduction:** The first “*Calliostoma*” reported from Angolan waters was *Calliostoma fragum* (Philippi, 1848) dredged by the S.M.S. Gazelle Expedition in 1874 at a depth of 79 fathoms just south of the mouth of the Congo River. One dead specimen was found, and the species was presumably determined by Théophil Studer, the only naturalist on board of the ship. We now consider “*Trochus fragum Philippi*” to be a *Calthalotia*, in the subfamily Cantharidinae of the family Trochidae. This species was described by Philippi (1848). In neither case the type locality was mentioned, but Philippi refers to a picture on Pl. 38, fig. 4 by Küster (1837) (Pl. VII). Later on, Martens (1904) reported the presence of *Trochus fragum* from the Congo River mouth at 06°22.1' S/ 11°41' E, south of the Congo River mouth, offshore Angola by the Gazelle Expedition in the species listing, without figures and comments (Anon, 1889). Unfortunately, the occurrence of this ‘*Calliostoma fragum* Philippi’ in Angolan waters was subsequently ‘confirmed’ in several publications (a.o. Rolán, E. & Ryall, P., 1999) without extended critical study. Moreover, until today no specimens, corresponding to the figure by Küster, have been reported from West African waters. The shell represented on Pl. 38, fig. 4 rather resembles an Indo-Pacific species.

Nowadays, *C. fragum* is assumed to occur from the Red Sea across the Indian Ocean to New South Wales (Australia). Does the figure really show an Angolan or an Indo-Pacific species? Moreover, is the dead collected specimen a *Calliostoma* or a *Clelandella* species? Regardless of this questions, the figure of the ‘*Calliostoma*’ does not match any of the specimens treated in this paper, neither the material from N Angola which will be described in a subsequent article (Nolf & Hubrecht, 2022).

Hundreds of interesting shells were gathered by A. Coenye, a Belgian navigating officer of PEMARCO (Pêche maritime du Congo), when he operated off the coasts of Congo-Kinshasa and Angola in the years 1960-1973. Many of them concerned new species, described in the magazine ‘*Neptunea*’. A great part of this material was also dredged between the mouth of the Cunene river (the border between Angola and Namibia) and Cape Fria (Namibia, SW Africa), and contained a sample of seven specimens revealed to be a new species of *Clelandella*, here described.

## **Systematics:**

Superfamily: TROCHOIDEA Rafinesque, 1915  
Family: TROCHIDAE Rafinesque, 1815  
Subfamily: CANTHARIDINAE Gray, 1857  
Genus: *Clelandella* Winckworth, 1932  
Type species: *Trochus clelandi* W. Wood, 1828  
(= *Trochus miliaris* Brocchi, 1814) Pliocene, northern Italy.

The trochoid genus *Clelandella* has long been considered monotypic, with the sole species *C. miliaris* (Brocchi, 1814) known from N Norway to W Africa and into the Mediterranean Sea, where it has lived since the Pliocene period. The systematic position of “*Trochus*” *miliaris* has always been a matter of discussion. First of all, it was placed in the genus *Calliostoma* (a.o. Norman, 1893; Dautzenberg, 1927), later on in *Zizyphinus* (Calliostomatinae) (Brusina, 1866) and in the monodontine genus *Jujubinus* (Monterosato, 1884). Winckworth (1932)

proposed the subgenus *Clelandella* with *Trochus clelandi* Wood, 1828, a synonym of *T. miliaris*, as type species. Further on, Nordsieck (1968) raised *Clelandella* to the status of a genus within the Calliostomatinae. Cretella et al. (1990) submitted a lot of arguments to place *Clelandella* in the Monodontinae along with *Jujubinus*, based upon external head-foot and radular morphology. In this paper the new classification by Williams et al. (2010) is followed, as it was considered by Hickman & McLean (1990) and also by Bouchet & Rocroi (2005).

Shell conical, solid, nearly as high as broad. Whorls sculptured with beaded spiral cords; periphery of last whorl with peripheral angle, usually with a peripheral rim. Base also provided with beaded spirals. Axis imperforate or with a minute umbilicus. Aperture with nacreous surface inside and a thin sharp lip. Shell colour variable with flames or articulated pattern on the cords.

***Clelandella namibiensis* sp. nov.**

(Pl. I, Figs 1-6; Pl. II, Figs 7-12;  
Pl. III, Figs 13-18)

**Type material:**

The present material was dredged by the PEMARCO-fisheries at a depth of 275 m between the mouth of the Cunene river (18°27' S/ 12°01' E) and Cape Fria (17°15' S/ 11°45' E), Namibia, SW Africa in 1973.

**Holotype:** H. 10.95 mm D. 9.41 mm.

Pl. III, figs 13-15.

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**Paratype 1:** H. 12.11 mm D. 10.90 mm.

Pl. I figs 1-3.

**Paratype 2:** H. 10.14 mm D. 9.58 mm.

Pl. I, figs 4-6.

**Paratype 3:** H. 11.56 mm D. 11.21 mm.

Pl. II, figs 7-9.

**Paratype 4:** H. 10.82 mm D. 9.77 mm.

Pl. II, figs 10-12.

**Paratype 5:** H. 9.78 mm D. 10.31 mm.

Pl. III, figs 16-18.

**Paratype 6:** H. 13.12 mm D. 11.95 mm.

**Description:** Shell conical, as high as broad. Protoconch less than one whorl, teleoconch with 7-8 whorls. First teleoconch whorls flat, later whorls becoming slightly swollen and convex, especially in larger adult specimens. Sutures nearly visible by the presence of a secondary ridge. Whorls with beaded spiral cords, as wide as interspaces, with 6 rows of pointed granulations in the last whorl. Peripheral cord duplicate with adapical and abapical component slightly stronger developed

than the others. Some specimens may possess alternating secondary spiral threads. Base slightly convex and bearing 11-12 spiral cords. Nearly closed umbilicus with a white nacreous callus. Aperture iridescent nacreous. Shell colour salmon pink covered with red-brown flames, spiral cords with darker and paler alternating dots.

**Measurements:** from 10 to 13 mm.

**Type locality:** Between the mouth of the Cunene river and Cape Fria, Namibia.

**Etymology:** The name *Clelandella namibiensis* refers to Namibia, the only locality from which specimens are known.

**Discussion:** The new species can be compared with the following species from the E Atlantic and the Mediterranean Sea:

- ***Clelandella dautzenbergi* Gofas, 2005** (Pl. VI, Fig. 34) with an imperforate axis, canaliculated sutures, the base with 6-10 spiral cords, the stronger developed peripheral cord and the whitish background colour of the whorls covered with greenish flames.

- ***Clelandella* sp.** illustrated by Gofas (2005) (Pl. VI, Fig. 35) from Dakar, Senegal and Ivory Coast. Specimens have a convex last whorl, a more blunt periphery with larger beads and a distinct rim on large specimens. The umbilicus is closed. Examined specimens of this undescribed form or species showed intermediate features and some tended to be similar with *C. miliaris* (Brocchi, 1814). *Clelandella namibiensis* sp. nov. on the other hand, appeared to show constant characteristics in its population, but it is possible that the specimens from Senegal also belong to *C. namibiensis*.

- ***Clelandella miliaris* (Brocchi, 1814)** (Pl. IV, Figs 19-24; Pl. V, Figs 25-27): a species that occurs from the NE Atlantic, the Mediterranean Sea and NW African waters. It is smaller and has often a very thickened peripheral spiral cord and much finer granules on the spiral cords.

- ***Clelandella myriamae* Gofas, 2005** (Pl. V, Figs 28-30) and ***C. artilesi* Vilvens et al., 2011** (Pl. VI, Figs 31-33) are completely different.

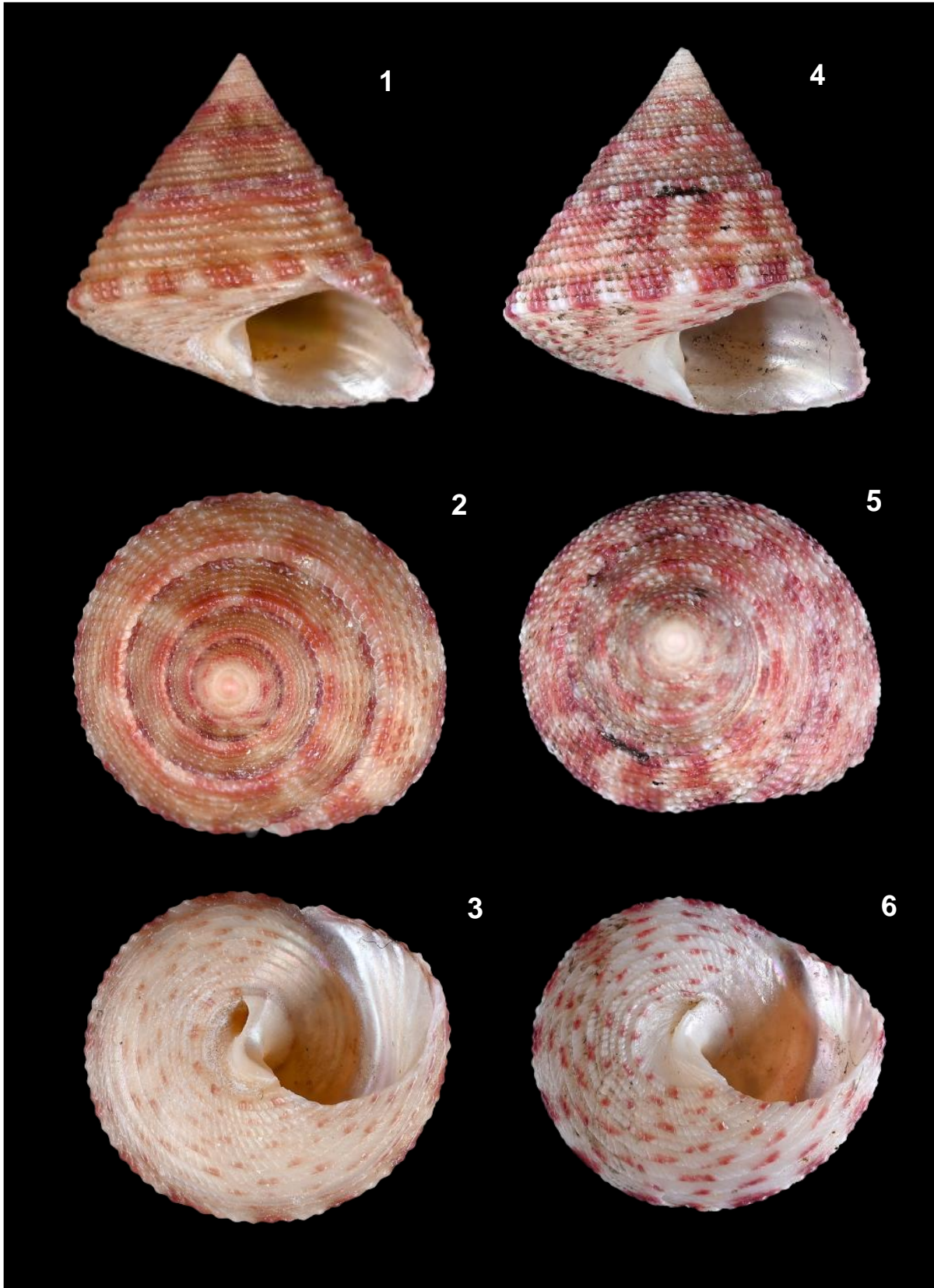
**Conclusion:** *Clelandella namibiensis* is a new species which is different from all other *Clelandella* representatives in the E Atlantic and can be considered the southernmost *Clelandella* species known to date.

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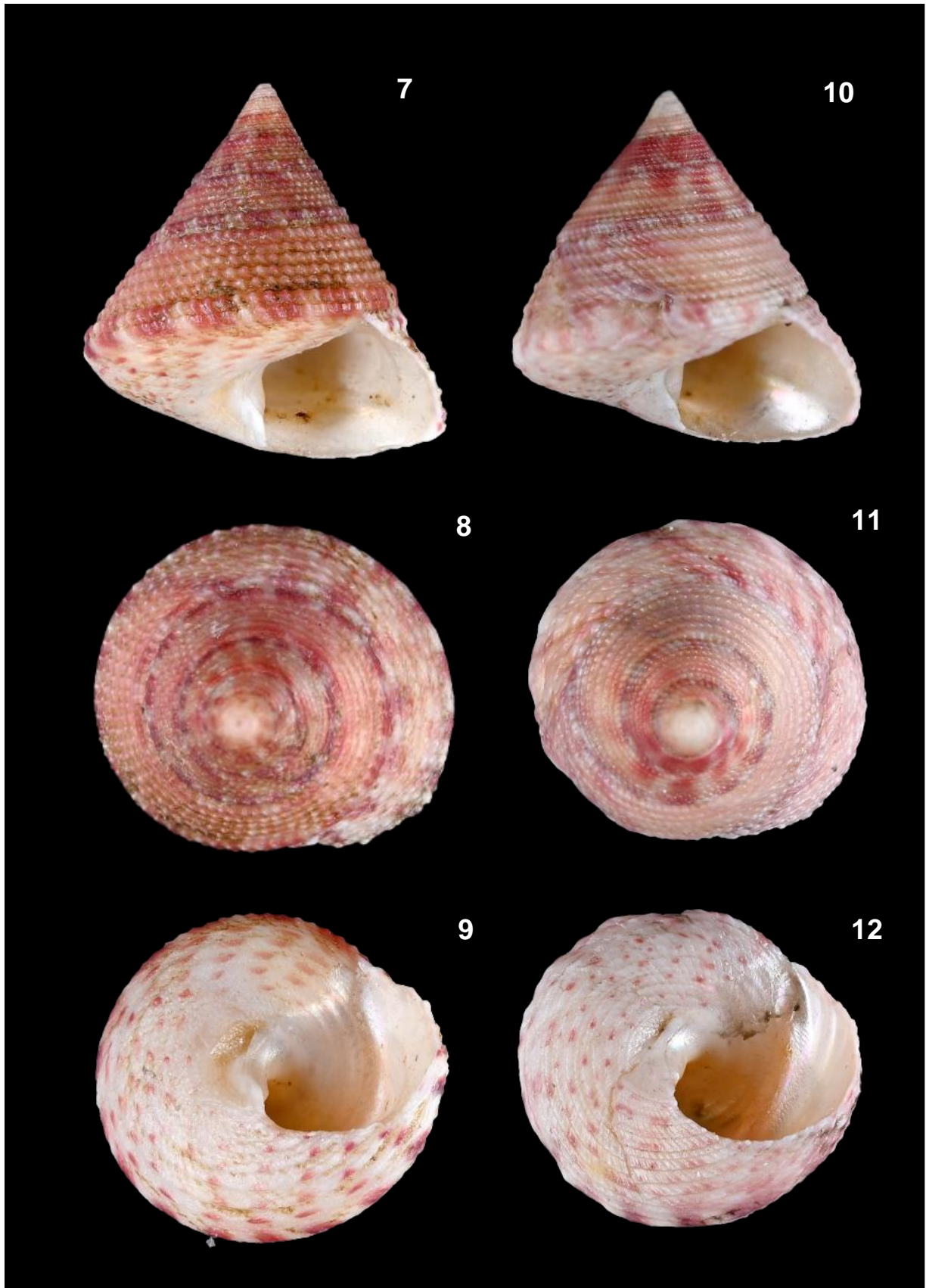
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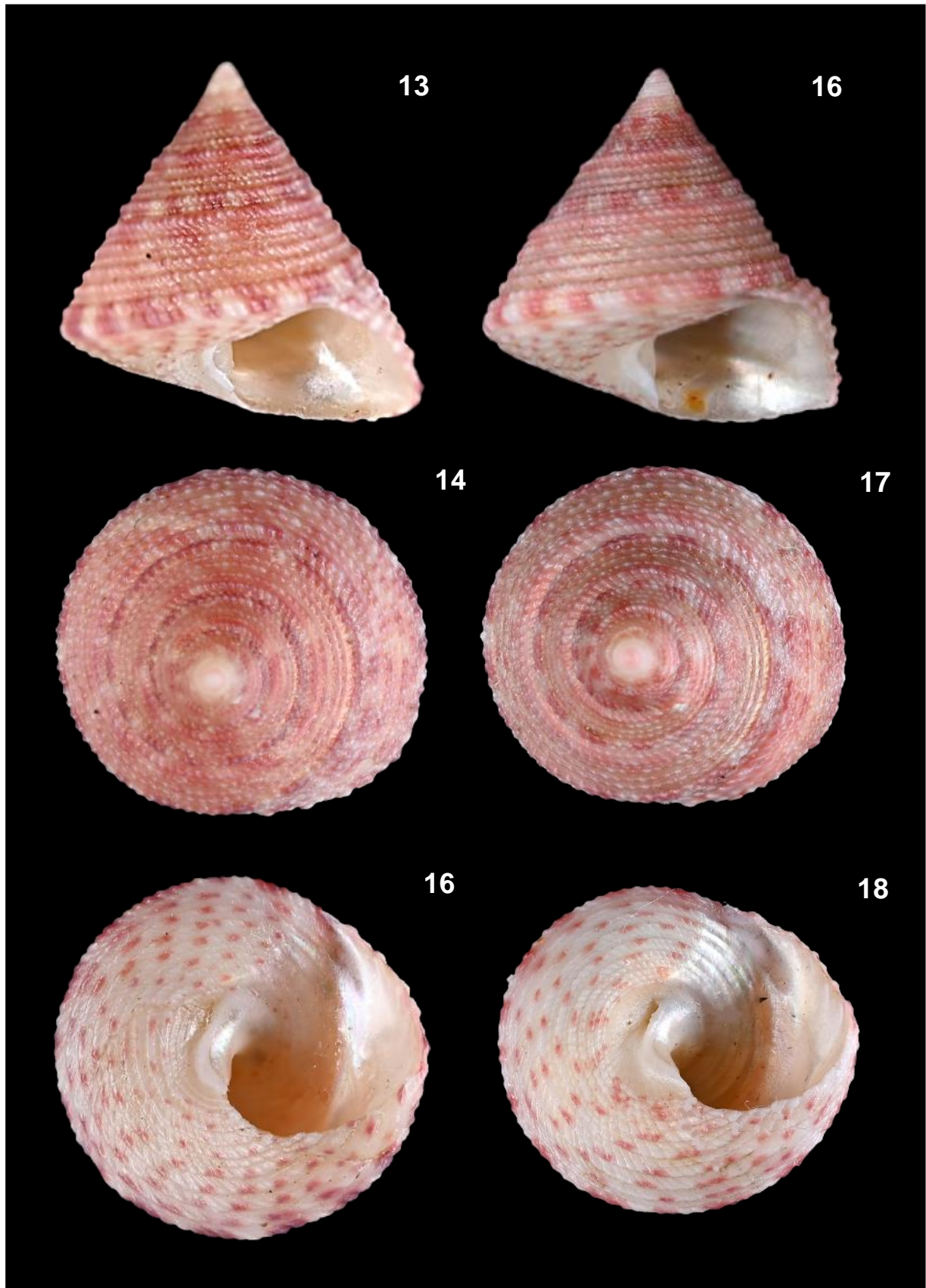


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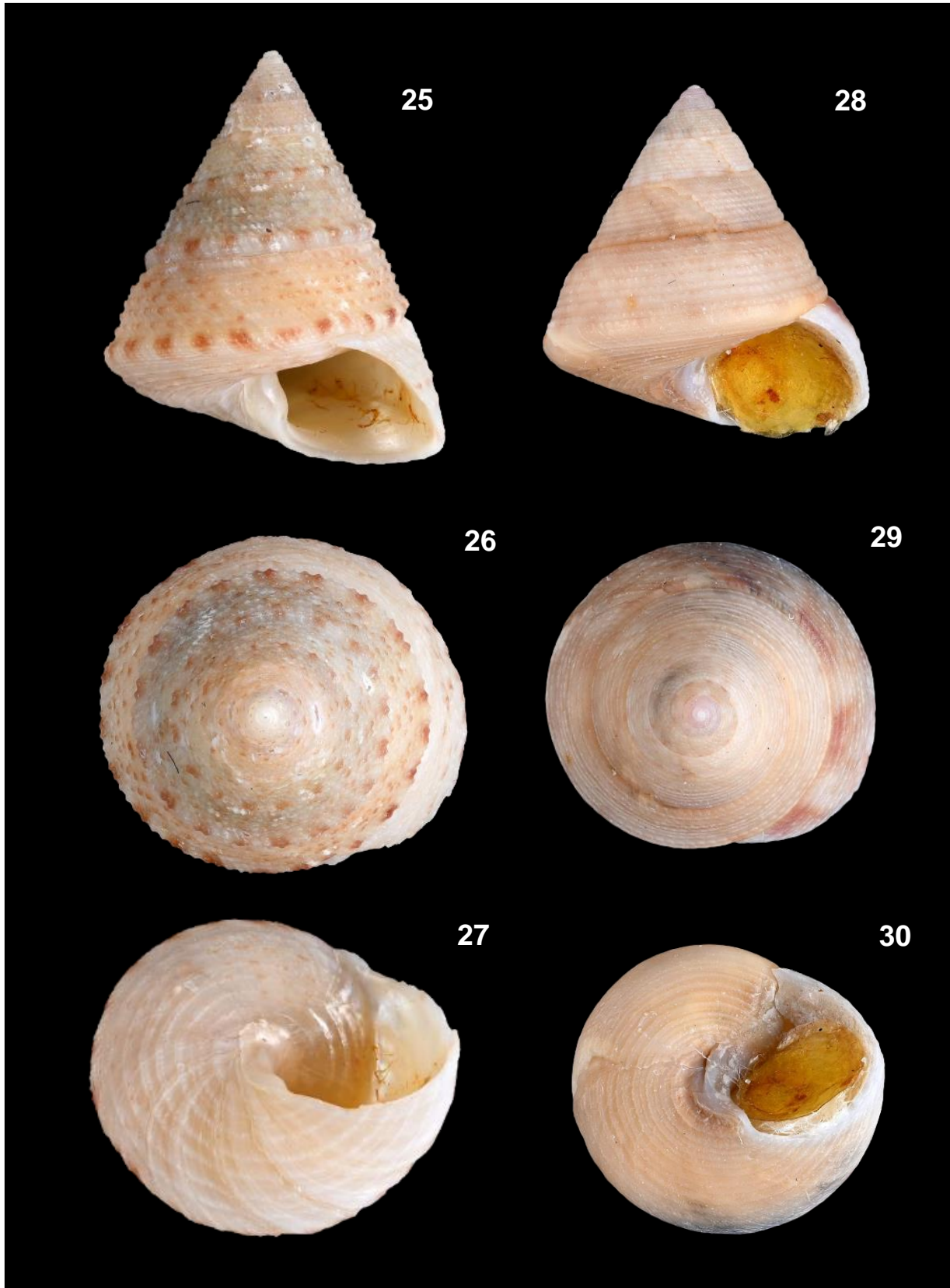


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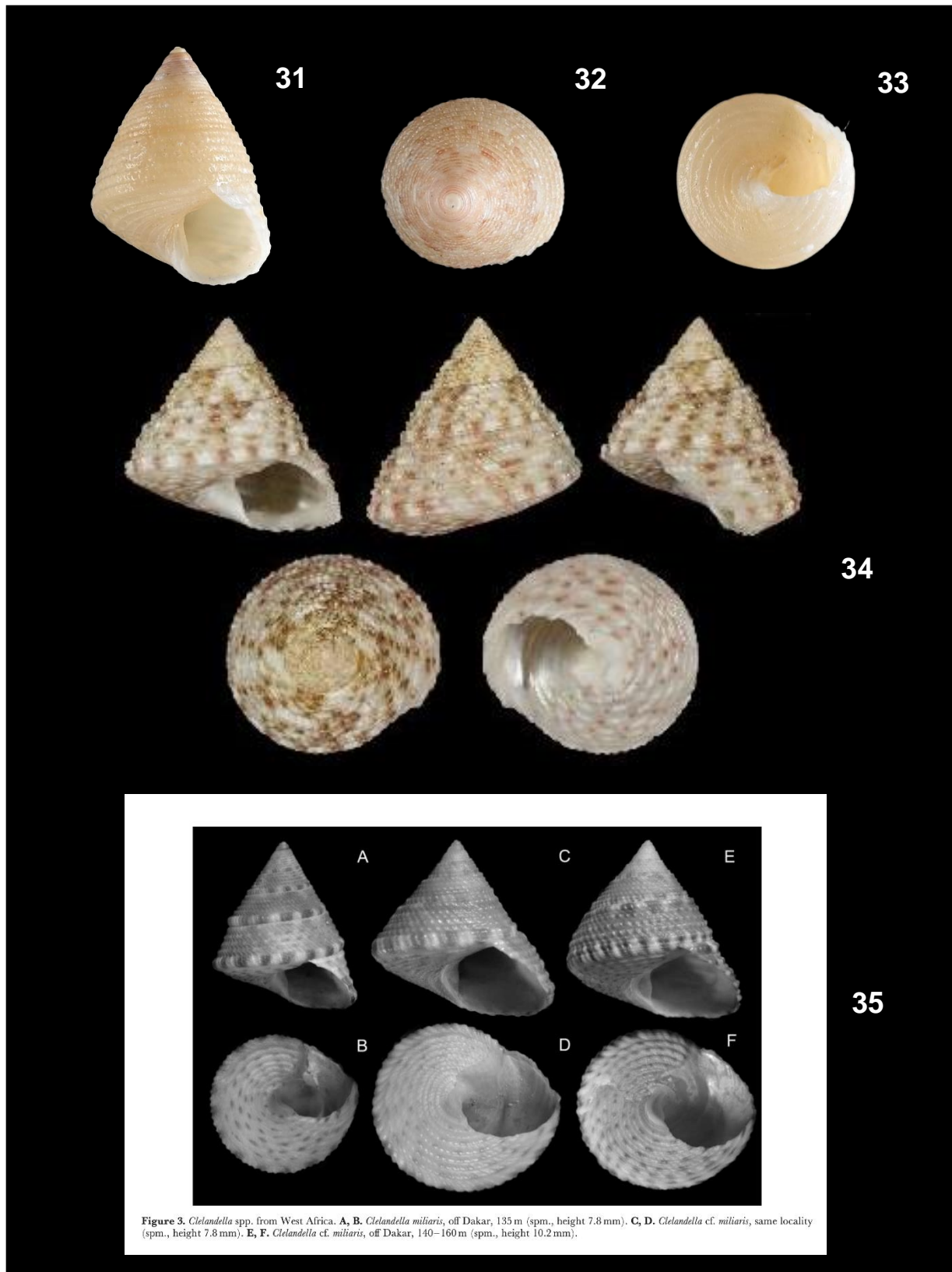




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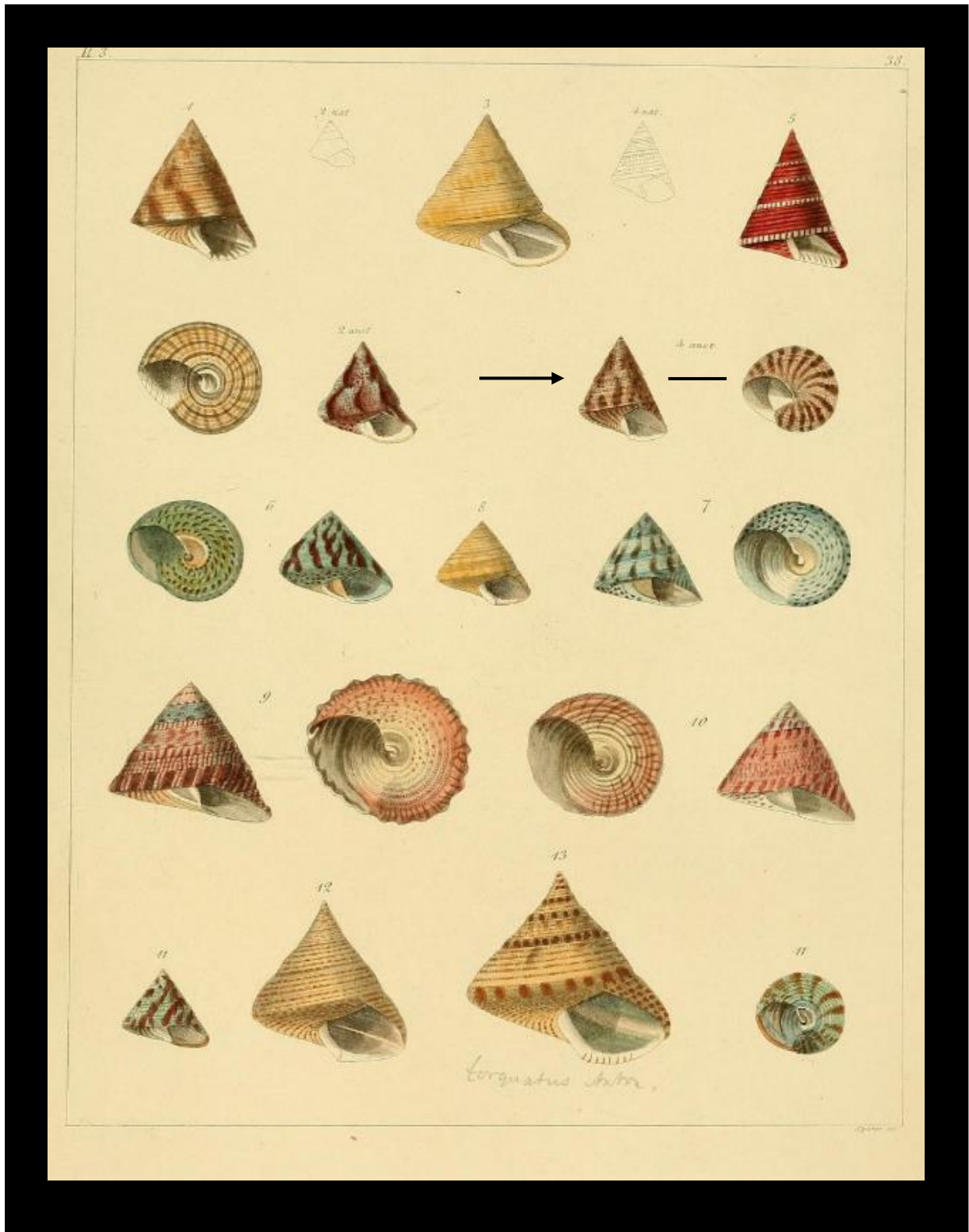


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**Pl. VI.** Figs 31-33. *Clelandella artilesi* Vilvens, Swinnen & Guerra, 2011. Off Western Sahara, Morocco. Dredged at a depth of 50-60 m. H. 5.58 mm D. 4.43 mm. CFN; 34: *Clelandella dautzenbergi* Gofas, 2005. Josephine Seamount, off South Portugal. 36°40' N/ 14°17' W. Dredged at a depth of 235-245 m. Holotype; 35: *Clelandella* sp. In: Gofas, S., 2005. Geographical differentiation in *Clelandella* (Gastropoda: Trochidae) in the Northeastern Atlantic. *Journal of Molluscan Studies*, **71**: fig. 3.





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