

Sea-Shells

OF SOUTHERN AFRICA • GASTROPODS

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Family TEREBRIDAE

The long and slender auger shells are a tropical group, usually found inhabiting sandy sea bottoms. Like the cones, they possess a poison gland and harpoon-like radula teeth. The shell aperture is narrow, the horny operculum claw-shaped with an apical nucleus. The columella usually has one or two low pleats. Several of the South African species have been described from shells only; their generic position is thus open to doubt.

859

Diplomeriza fictilis (Hinds)

Natal

13,6 x 4 mm

Colour: Grey-brown, or buff-brown, inner aperture dark brown with a broad white band

860

Terebra affinis Gray

Delagoa Bay, Moçambique

26,2 x 6,8 mm

Colour: Buff, with faint brown axial streaks

861

Terebra apicincta (Sowerby)

Agulhas Bank to Natal

21,9 x 4,8 mm

Colour: Chestnut-brown, with pale subsutural and basal band, apex grey-brown

862

Terebra capensis Smith

False Bay to Mossel Bay, to 80 metres depth

14,2 x 4 mm

Colour: Pale buff ground colour, with darker subsutural, peripheral, and basal bands

863

Terebra casta Hinds

Moçambique

24 x 5,2 mm

Colour: Creamy white

864

Terebra casta var. ***natalensis*** Smith

Natal

23,3 x 5,1 mm

Colour: Subsutural and mid-whorl buff band, rest of whorl dark brown, occasionally interrupted by buff streaks, apex dark brown

There is very little difference between this species and *T. apicincta*

865

Terebra cingulifera Lamarck

Inhaca Island, Moçambique

54 x 7,7 mm

Colour: Fawn-buff, with upper portion of whorls slightly paler

866

Terebra circinata Deshayes

Delagoa Bay, Moçambique

67,5 x 11 mm

Colour: Salmon-pink

867

Terebra dimidiata Linnaeus

Delagoa Bay, Moçambique

125 x 21,5 mm

Colour: White, with subsutural, mid-whorl, and basal series of large orange-brown square areas

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Terebra diversa Smith

False Bay, Pondoland coast to Moçambique

28 x 4,9 mm

Colour: Fawn-brown, subsutural band white with regularly spaced brown spots, also a white basal band

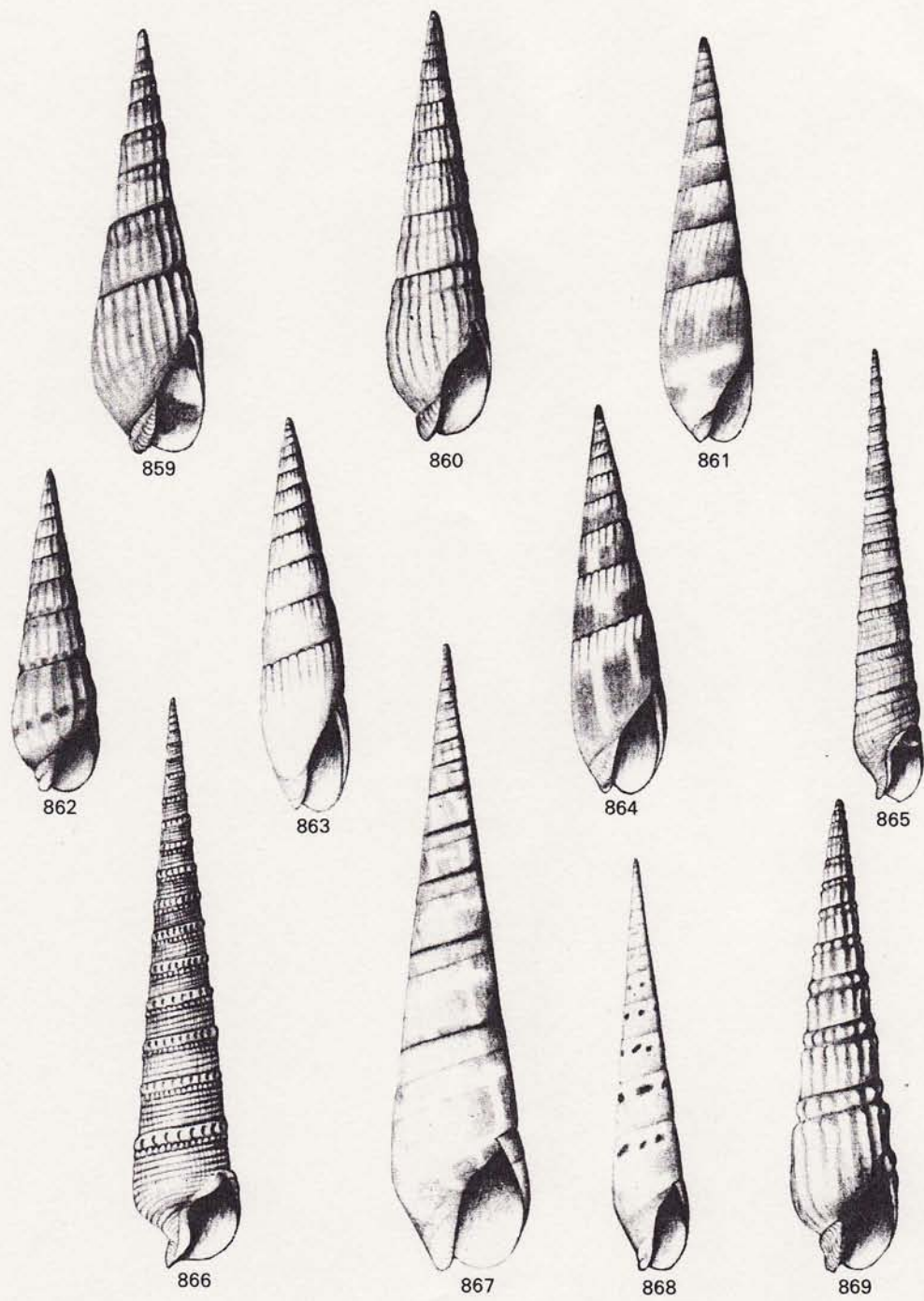
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Terebra evoluta Deshayes

Natal to Moçambique

36 x 7,6 mm

Colour: Buff to brown, with slightly paler subsutural area



870

Terebra laevigata Gray

Natal
40,5 x 6,2 mm
Colour: Creamy yellow to orange

871

Terebra lightfooti Smith

Saldanha Bay to Agulhas Bank, to 180 metres depth
14,3 x 4 mm
Colour: Cream-buff

872

Terebra loisae Smith

Natal
25,8 x 5,9 mm
Colour: Creamy white to pale orange-brown, with darker axial streaks and subsutural spots

873

Terebra longiscata Deshayes

Off Natal, Zululand, to 100 metres depth
21 x 5 mm
Colour: Buff-brown, with slightly paler subsutural band

874

Terebra myuros Lamarck

Natal, Zululand, to 100 metres depth
65 x 9 mm (apex damaged)
Colour: Creamy white, with broad dark brown axial streaks

875

Terebra nebulosa Sowerby

Inhaca Island, Moçambique
53 x 10,6 mm
Colour: Pink-buff, with irregular sometimes indistinct orange axial streaks

876

Terebra planecosta Barnard

Mossel Bay, East London, to 230 metres depth
8,6 x 2,5 mm
Colour: Pale buff, with faint darker band on upper half of whorls

877

Terebra spectabilis Hinds

Natal, Zululand, to 100 metres depth
31,5 x 6,8 mm
Colour: Cream-buff with faint brown axial streaks

878

Terebra straminea Gray

Zululand, to 100 metres depth
72 x 10,9 mm
Colour: Pink-buff

879

Terebra suspensa Smith

Still Bay
20 x 4,1 mm
Colour: Creamy white, with subsutural brown spots and faint axial streaks

880

Terebra thielei Barnard

Off Algoa Bay, to 155 metres depth
5,25 x 2,25 mm
Colour: Buff

