

Deep Water Mitrid From Philippines Needs an Identity

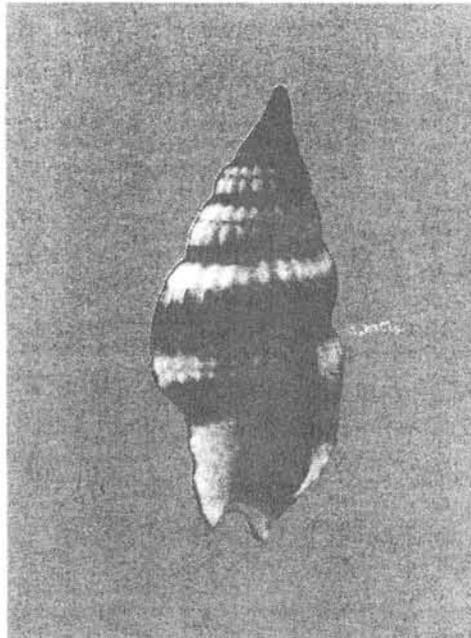


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CEBU — I dredged the costellariid figured here in 90 fathoms off Bohol, in the Central Philippines, some time ago and had half forgotten it until I saw Maxwell Marrow's "Notes and Observations on the Costellariidae" in HSN July 1984. At this writing, the shell has not been identified to my satisfaction.

It seems to be a *Costellaria* sp. and probably is close to *C. diutenerum* (Hervier). The colors, not apparent in the photo, are shades of red, orange and brown on a shiny, pure white base.

Unlike *C. diutenerum*, however, on the two penultimate whorls of this shell the orange of the spiral grooves cutting the longitudinal ribs appears only on the ribs themselves, leaving an interrupted line. On the earlier whorls the coloration, more accentuated, shows also in the interstices of the ribs, making a dense and continuous line.

I have shown photos of the shell to several experts in the field. No one has identified it with any confidence.

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NOTES ON HAWAII'S TEREBRA:

Does *T. triseriata* Really Live Here?

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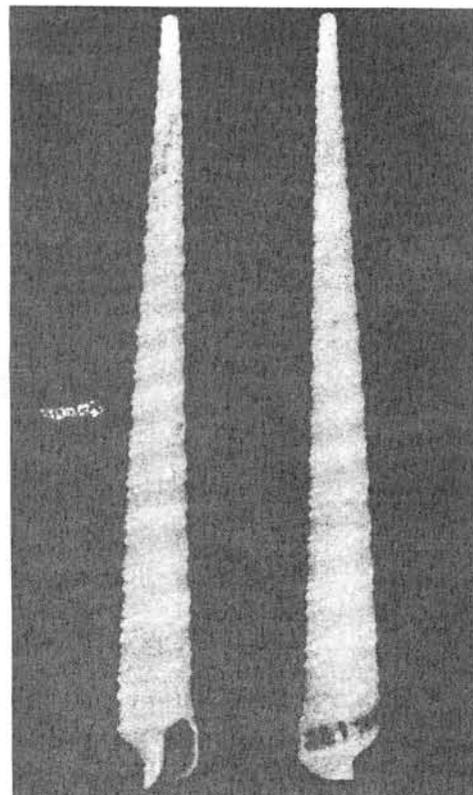
Dr. E. Alison Kay's encyclopedic *Hawaiian Marine Shells* (1979) recorded *Terebra triseriata* Gray as having been found in Hawaii (p. 403), but without a figure.

Dr. Carl Christensen, HMS past president and head of the Division of Invertebrates at Honolulu's B.P. Bishop Museum, recently helped me arrange to photograph what is apparently the only known Hawaii specimen in the museum collection. The data tag indicates it was collected off Keehi Lagoon entrance, Honolulu in August 1959 by the late Mrs. Mariel King's private research vessel *Pele* in approximately 50 meters of water. The specimen is 55mm long.

Is *T. triseriata* a bona fide Hawaii species? There is considerable doubt that it is.

Extensive small-boat dredging in the Keehi Lagoon area at depths between 50 and 200 meters by HMS members John Earle and Andy Adams from 1974 to 1977 failed to bring up even fragments. Other near-shore efforts seem to have been similarly unproductive. Records of the material dredged by Japanese research vessels in waters around Hawaii, including the often productive western end of the Hawaiian Chain, apparently do not mention *T. triseriata*.

Although *T. triseriata* is moderately rare throughout the tropical Indo-Pacific, as far as I can determine there is no other record of the species from Hawaii. Its existence here still should be considered unconfirmed.



T. triseriata

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