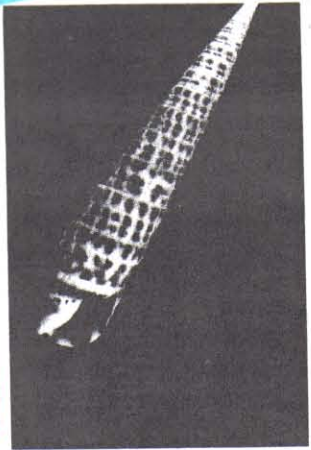


ARGOSYIA
OLSSON 1971
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1521a. *Terebra argosyia* Olsson, 1971. Length, 77.4 mm; diameter, 15 mm.
Isla La Plata, Ecuador. NK 6672



Ecuadorian Auger (4") 10 cm
Terebra argosyia Olsson, 1971.
Off Ecuador in moderately
deep water. Holotype illustra-
ted.

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~~1521a ARGOSYIA??~~



TEREBRA ARGOSYIA
(Olsson, 1971) 64
mm. - Ecuador. In ac-
qua relativamente
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140. *Terebra argosyia* Olsson, 1971

(Pl. 35, fig. 140)

1971 *Terebra argosyia* Olsson, Stud. Trop. American Moll.
p. 41, figs. 28-30; 1982 Abbott & Dance, Compendium
of Seashells p. 277, holotype fig'd; 1984 Aubry, Tere-
bridae pl. 7.

Description: Size to 71 mm; color cream with 3
rows of brown spots per whorl, 4 on body whorl;
outline of whorls almost straight; protoconch
unknown; subsutural band faintly noded, defined
by deep groove on early and middle whorls,
becoming progressively weaker; followed by a
second, weaker band; axial ribs strong on early
whorls, becoming progressively obsolete; ma-
ture whorls divided into 3 slightly convex bands
separated by spiral grooves; body whorl with 3
rows of brown dots and a somewhat broad brown
band anterior to the periphery; aperture quad-
rate; columella recurved, with 2 plications;
siphonal fasciole with heavy striations.

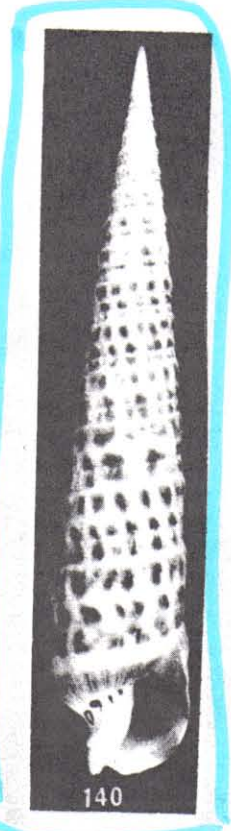
Type locality: "St. 72, Isla La Plata, Ecuador,
37 m."

Distribution: Ecuador; to 37 m.

Type: Holotype USNM no. 701160; 71.0 x 14.5
mm.

Discussion: This rare species has a flatter out-
line and a groove below the subsutural groove
which divides the remainder of the whorl in half,
distinguishing it from the other large Panamic
terebrids.

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140, *T. argosyia* Olsson. **Holo-**
type National Museum of Natural History, Washington No.
USNM-701160; 71.0 mm.

Terebra argosvia, Olsson, 1971

(Fig 101) 42

→ Descrizione originale:

1971, Studies in Tropical American Mollusks;

The shell is fairly large, stout, nearly straight sided, tapering uniformly to a minute, needle-sharp apex. Whorls are numerous, about 20 on the type, with a tripartite sculpture most marked on the spire but persistent over the whole surface. The sculpture consists of a rather large, axially noded, convex cord bordering the suture and, below, a more or less depressed zone divided by a groove into two subsidiary bands. The columella has two sharp plaits. Color pattern on the spire whorls between the sutures consists of two bands of brown spots or flammules on a white or yellow base. On the body whorl, a fourth much larger and more heavily colored band encircles the base.

Measurements - Length 71.4 mm, diameter 15.0 mm; holotype.

→ Locus typicus:

Isla La Plata, Ecuador

→ Olotipo: USNM N° 70 11 50

Lunghezza: fino 74 mm.

È specie rara. Un solo esemplare, fra quelli da noi studiati si avvicina alle dimensioni (misurato in lunghezza 6.5 mm, dell'olotipo)

Proviene dall'Ecuador ma la località precise del suo ritrovamento è sconosciuta -

Alcuni dealers ci hanno procurato esemplari di "diceriumi" molto inferiori (Fig 102) 43 intorno ai 40 mm di lunghezza, provenienti da Cebeco Island, West-Panama, dragati a 120 ft in latidre, che, a nostro avviso, per molti caratteri cauchigliani ~~sono~~ ~~molto~~ ~~simili~~ ~~alle~~ ~~specie~~ ~~accortati~~ a *T. lingualis* ~~Thoms~~, 1844 (Fig 103) 43

Un'altro esemplare da un esemplare, proviene da San Carlos Bay, Sonora, Mexico e seppure danneggiato è da classificarsi certamente come *T. argosvia*. Possiede, infatti, quei caratteri cauchigliani che distinguono quest'ultima dalle altre *Terebra* Panamensi che formano ~~una~~ ~~serie~~ ~~complessiva~~ - il suo areale di distribuzione ~~è~~ ~~allora~~ ~~notevolmente~~ ~~verso~~ ~~Nord~~ -