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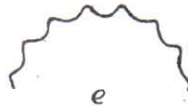
Protoconch 2 whorls, alt. and diam. 0.5 mm., smooth. Very fine spiral striae in the intervals between ribs, c. 10 on early whorls, becoming fewer and irregularly spaced on later whorls.

Still Bay, dead shells common (S. Afr. Mus. Muir Coll.).

Off Cape St. Blaize, 37 fathoms, 1 dead (S. Afr. Mus. P.F. Coll.).

The record from Karachi (1901. Melvill and Standen. *Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond.*, ii, p. 428) is probably a misidentification.

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CAPENSIS (2)

SMITH, EA. 1873

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121. *Terebra capensis* E. A. Smith, 1873)

(Pl. 32, fig. 121)

(Color pl. D, fig. 24)

1873 *Myurella capensis* E. A. Smith, Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist. ser. 4 11:269. 1959 *Terebra capensis* (E. A. Smith), Barnard, Ann. S. African Mus. 44(4):79, fig. 1e.

1984 *Duplicaria capensis* E. A. Smith, Aubry, Terebridae pl. 9.

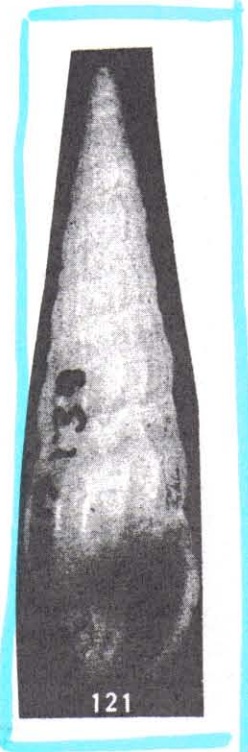
**Description:** Shell to 17 mm; color pale buff with darker subsutural, peripheral, and basal bands; outline of whorls convex; protoconch of 1½ to 2 whorls; subsutural band and groove absent, but darker coloration and change in angle of ribs give the appearance of a band; axial ribs slightly wider than interspaces; spiral grooves numerous and fine on fresh specimens; aperture quadrate; columella straight.

**Type locality:** "Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope, South Africa."

**Distribution:** South Africa.

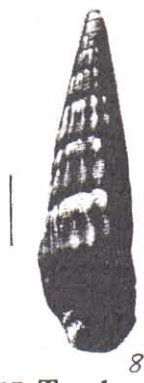
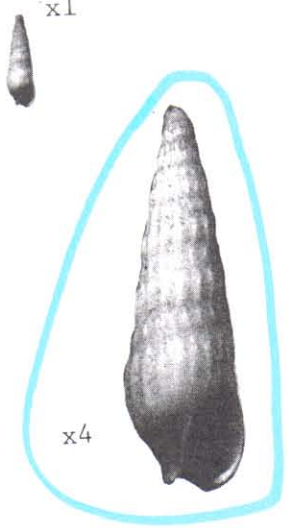
**Type:** Lectotype BM(NH) no. 1979139; 17.0 × 4.7 mm.

**Discussion:** The shell of this species has the appearance of carved from ivory with caramel-colored stain beneath the sutures and periphery. Even worn specimens tend to retain that soft ivory-like sheen. It is a delicate looking little shell.



B-121-116 121, *Terebra capensis* (E. A. Smith). Lectotype British Museum (N.H.) No. 1979139; 17.0 mm.

CAPENSIS ♂  
E.A. SMITH 1873  
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87. *Terebra capensis*, Sm. 9.0 juv.

87 *Terebra capensis*, Smith, 1873. c. 15. S.A.

Very common. When fresh they show 2 dark spiral bands, 1 below the suture and the other just above, the latter being interrupted by the axial rays. There are also very fine spiral lines. I attach a photo of a small one, size 9 mm. (Pl. II). TUREW 1932 p 11

47. *capensis*, *Myurella* - E. A. SMITH, 1873, A. M. N. H., 11: 269. Hab. Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope. Size: 19x5 mm. Holotype: 17.0 mm; syntypes: 14.1 mm, 12.7 mm 11.6 mm, 9.2 mm, and 9.0 mm. C69



393. *Terebra capensis* Smith 1873 False Bay to Mossel Bay. Endemic. Axial ribs interrupted on each whorl by a darker subsutural band. Cream with one or more buff bands per whorl. RICHARDS 1981 p 73

White with faint brownish line below the subsutural nodules; base also brownish; to approx. 19 mm. (BMNH type collection)

*Terebra capensis* E.A. Smith SOUTH AFRICA SW

TEREBRA CAPENSIS Sm.

I. Karachi. 3 to 7 fathoms, stones and mud. 07 4 56 1901 p 418

4.—*Terebra capensis* Smith. 1873

*T. (Myurella) capensis* E. A. Smith, Ann. and Mag. N.H., xi., 1873, p. 269.

*T. (Myurella) capensis* Sowerby, Marine Shells of South Africa, 1892, p. 24, pl. iv., fig. 88.

Hab.: P.G., Henjam Island; Charbar. I., Karachi.

A small, rather insignificant species, considered a *Myurella* by its author, 16 mm. in length, longitudinally closely ribbed, smoothish, particularly as regards the base of the body-whorl. We have not seen specimens from this region, but understand that Mr. Smith confirmed the naming. Assuming this to be correct, a great extension of range is thus exhibited, for the type came from Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

It may possibly be a subspecies or variety of *T. nassoides* Hinds, which has never, however, been considered a *Myurella*, but more akin to *Mazatlaniana*. MASTB 1917 p 205

*Duplicaria capensis* (E.A. Smith, 1873) [Pl. 28, 12]

Shell small, narrow, whorls convex; axial ribs strong and curved, indented a third of the distance below each suture by a shallow spiral concavity; spiral striae numerous and fine. Whitish, posterior groove and base pale orange-brown, sometimes with a central band or row of marks of this colour. Maximum length 31 mm, but attains only about 14 mm in Cape waters.

RANGE: False Bay to Durban.

NOTES: A common beach shell, not yet taken alive, but referred to *Duplicaria* on account of its similarity to the next species. Natal specimens not only attain a much greater size than normal, but have less convex whorls, weaker ribs and a rather more flaring aperture. KENNEDY 1933 p 214



12 *Duplicaria capensis*, 15 mm (p. 118)

*capensis* (*Myurella*), E. A. Smith. Ann. Mag. N. H., 1873, xi, p. 269, . . . . . 39 TUREW 1932

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*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 KENNEDY 1933 p 214



*Myurella capensis*.

*M. testa parva, subulata, albida, zona angusta dilute fusca infra suturam, et altera ad anfractuum bases costis albidis interrupta, et anfr. ultimi basi fuscescens; anfr. 9-10, superne constricti, inferne convexiusculi, costis validis, leviter flexuosis et obliquis (in anfr. ultimo circiter 14 versus basim obsolete) instructi, spiraliter exilissime striati, superne paululum infra suturam sulco obsolete depressi; columella subrecta, vix contorta.*  
Long. 19 mill., diam. 5.

Hab. Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope.

This species is chiefly remarkable on account of the brownish depression a little below the sutural line, which gives the outline of the whorls a somewhat constricted appearance in that part. The last whorl, besides the brownish depression, has a faint band of the same colour around the middle, conspicuous only between the ribs, and the base also brownish. SMITH 1873 p 269

TEREBRA CAPENSIS, E. A. Smith, pl. 4, fig. 88; Ann. and Mag. Nat. Hist. 1873, vol. xi. p. 269.—Port Elizabeth.