

Hastula mera (Hinds, 1844). Do not confuse it with the West African *H. lepida* Hinds, 1843. The Hawaiian form of *H. mera* closely resembles it.

Hastula mera (Hinds, 1844)

(Plate 54. Figure 405.)

SHELL: Creamy-white, ornamented with a white band at sutures and occasionally small brown spots; whorls number 9-10, protoconch is dark brown. Sculptured with 18-27 angulate axial ribs, interstices smooth. presutural groove is absent.

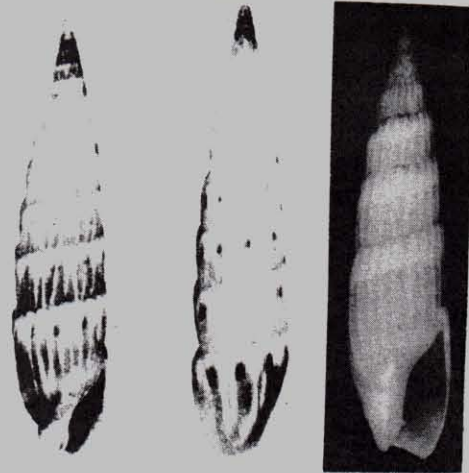
SIZE: $\frac{1}{2}$ to one inch.

DISTRIBUTION: Tropical Pacific. Uncommon.

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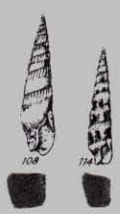
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Hastula mera

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Terebra mera. *Ter. testâ subcylindraceo-subulatâ, lævigatâ, nitidâ, albidâ, vel pallidè rufo latè fasciatâ; anfractibus subplanulatis, supernè plicis parvis numerosis obliquis, infrâ evanidis; aperturâ parvâ, elongatâ; columellâ subtruncatâ. Axis $7\frac{1}{2}$ lin.*
Hab. Straits of Malacca, in seventeen fathoms.
Cab. Belcher.

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HASTULA MERA (Hinds, 1844) 32 mm. - Nuova Ebride, Indo-Pacific. Hawaiian Islands. Length 60 mm. in albula.

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102. *T. MERA.* (pl. xlv. f. 108, 114.) *Hinds*, l. c. p. 158.

Testâ subcylindraceo-subulatâ, lævigatâ, nitidâ, albidâ, vel pallidè rufo latè fasciatâ; anfractibus subplanulatis, integris, supernè plicis parvis numerosis obliquis, infrâ evanidis; aperturâ parvâ, elongatâ; columellâ subtruncatâ; canali mediocri.

Its milk-white surface is lightly ornamented with a broad band of dull rose colour. The folds are numerous and oblique, the shell is highly polished.

Straits of Malacca; in seventeen fathoms, mud.

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Tera (*Terebra*), *Hinds*. Proc. Zool. Soc., 1843, p. 158.

= *T. hastata*, *Gmelin*, var. *albula*, 1844-45 . . . 34

54. *Terebra MERA*, *Hinds*.

Terebra mera, *Hinds*, *Thes. Conch.* p. 184. no. 102. pl. 45. f. 108, 114.

Hab. Détroit de Malacca.

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94, 95. *Terebra mera*, *Hinds* (= *hastata*, var.). *Thes. Conch.*, f. 108, 114,

mera *Hinds*
hastata var
T. mera *Hinds*
hastata var

TRAYON 1885

1. *T. mera*, *Hinds*, variety of *T. hastata*, *Gmelin*. xv 1840

7. *Terebra* (*Hastula*) *MERA* *Hinds*. W. Pac., esp. Sol. Avg. 20-25mm. UC. E 4 21

PLATE 8, TOP LEFT

*stula mera*¹ (*Hinds*), 1843

gth: 16 mm.

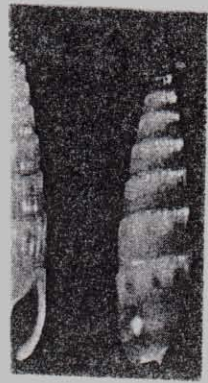
tribution: Hawaii and Tropical Pacific

itat: Deep water (rare)

hell small, narrow and shiny; color pale rose; sculp-
ire of low, straight, longitudinal ribs which disappear
low periphery of last whorl, 19 such ribs on body
horl of a shell 16 mm. in length; posterior portion of
bs white, producing white presutural bands on which
e widely spaced, pale brown dots.

143. *Terebra mera* *Hinds*, Proc. Zool. Soc., p. 158.

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A. *Hastula mera*, length 16 mm.



13. *Hastula mera* (*Hinds*, 1844)

19.3mm, 19.4mm; Batangas.

Shell small, glossy, with a tall spire and sculptured with numerous weak, closely-set axial riblets, becoming obsolete on the body whorl; colour dark grey, protoconch purple, followed by 1 or 2 white coloured whorls, remaining whorls with a brown-and-white spotted subsutural band; reaches 20mm; said to be conspecific with the extremely variable *H. albula* (fig. 10).

DISTRIBUTION: Sporadically found throughout the Philippines.

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Hastula mera (*Hinds*, 1844). Fig. 126 A. (Synonym: *Terebra bacillus* *Deshayes*, 1859.) Length, 17 mm; diameter, 3.5 mm. *Shell:* slender; almost smooth, suture crimped; glossy, fawn spirally banded with white and with a spiral of brown spots. *Spire:* protoconch of about one and one-half inflated whorls; teleoconch of 10 straight-sided whorls; suture oblique, impressed, microscopically crimped. *Sculpture:* smooth except for occasional obsolete axial folds extending from the crimped suture. *Aperture:* narrowly ovate; columella nearly straight. *Color:* glossy, pale fawn, spirally banded with white below the suture and with a spiral of angular chestnut brown spots at the base of the white spiral.

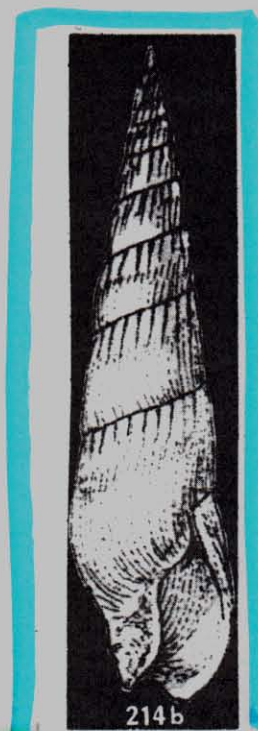
These delicate, little terebrids are uncommon, found at depths of less than a meter in fine sand and dredged at depths to 60 m.

H. mera was described from the Strait of Malacca, and *T. bacillus* from the Hawaiian Islands.

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214b.
Type-figure of *T. mera* Hinds, from Sowerby, 1844, pl.45.
fig.108.

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