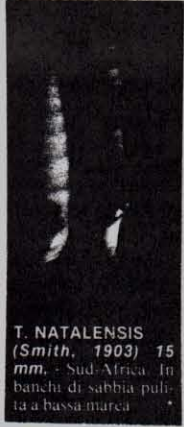


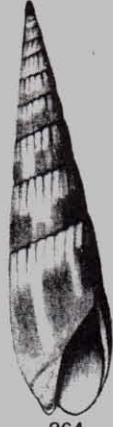
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E.A. SMITH 1903

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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* KENNELLY 73 p. 14

88 *Terebra casta natalensis*. Smith, 1903. 14. S.A.

This has different ribs from *capensis*, and a strong cord at the sutures.

Mine agrees with a shell at the British Museum. TUCKER 1932 p. 11

eam with red-brown markings; to approx. 1 mm. Compare shell shape and dark nuclear whorls with those of *H. albula* with which this little species has been confused.

Hastula natalensis (E.A. Smith)

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394. *Terebra casta natalensis* Smith 1903

Natal.

Fine axial ribs, more distinct just below the suture line. White with buff to brown banding. Tip dark brown to blue. KENNELLY 1971 p. 73



Hastula albula natalensis

(E.A. Smith, 1903)

[Pl. 28, 13]

Shell slender, with a rather flat-sided spire, outer lip straight; surface glossy, with slightly oblique, curved ribs below the suture, becoming obsolete towards the base of each whorl; spiral sculpture absent. White, unevenly blotched with reddish- or purplish-brown usually leaving a white peripheral band; apex dark purplish-brown. Maximum length 28 mm. RANGE: Eastern Transkei to Mozambique.

NOTES: Fresh specimens of this species are now difficult to find in Natal, although several decades ago it was common in Durban Bay, burrowing in low-tide banks of clean sand. In Mozambique it is gradually replaced towards the north by the more tropical *Hastula albula albula* (Menke, 1843) (synonym *Terebra casta* Hinds, 1844), which is a broader subspecies that lacks the conspicuously dark apex of *natalensis*. KENNELLY 1971 p. 118



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13 *Hastula albula natalensis*, 21 mm (p. 118)

51. *TEREBRA* (*HASTULA*) *CASTA*, nov., var. *NATALENSIS*.

Terebra casta, Hinds: Sowerby, Mar. Shells S. Afr., Appendix, p. 13.

Hab.—Umkomaas, Natal.

The specimens from Natal differ from the typical form both in colour and sculpture. They are more copiously stained with reddish brown, and the riblets are more acute, not flattened. *T. bipartita*, Deshayes, from the Sandwich Islands, which I regard as a variety of this species, has similar sharpish costæ, but is somewhat differently coloured.

SMITH 1903 p. 360 S. AFR.