

168. *Terebra panamensis* Dall, 1908

(Pl. 44, figs. a-c)

- 1908 *Terebra (Strioterebrum) panamensis* Dall, Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool. 43(6):250, pl. 5, fig. 10; 1944 M. Smith, Panam. Mar. Shells p. 36, fig. 469; 1958 Keen, Seashells Trop. W. America ed. 1:494, fig. 973.
- 1971 *Terebra panamensis* Dall, Bratcher & Burch in Keen, Seashells Trop. W. America ed. 2:692, fig. 1555; 1984 Aubry, Terebridae pl. 3.

Description: Shell to 49 mm; color yellowish beige; outline of whorls convex; protoconch of 3 whorls, usually eroded; subsutural band inconspicuous, defined by deep groove between axial cords, shallow over cords; sculpture coarsely cancellate, of evenly spaced axial cords crossed by spiral cords of equal strength, forming small round nodes at intersections; aperture quadrate; columella recurved.

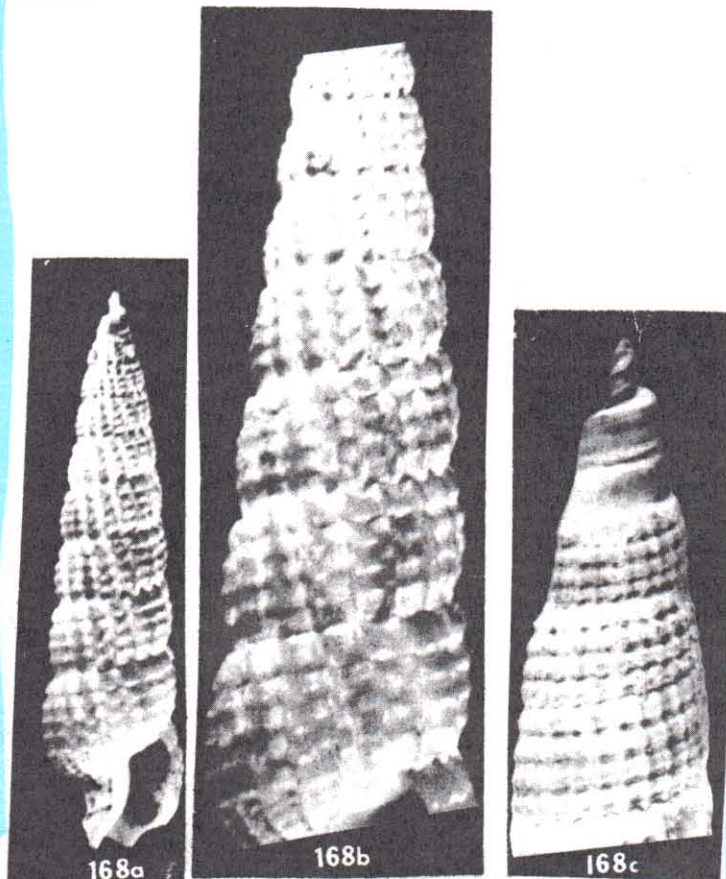
Type locality: "Gulf of Panama, 153 fms."

Distribution: From the west coast of Baja California, Mexico, to Peru; 20 to 280 m.

Type: Holotype USNM no. 123084, 22.5 × 6.0 mm.

Discussion: There is an obvious weakness in the protoconch and early whorls of the teleoconch of this species. The outer layer of shell and sculpture peels away, leaving a snaggle-tooth appearance to the apex of the shell of the holotype, paratypes, and numerous other specimens. This species may be separated from *T. shyana* (169) by its more convex whorls, coarser sculpture, lack of fulvous blotches and more obese shell.

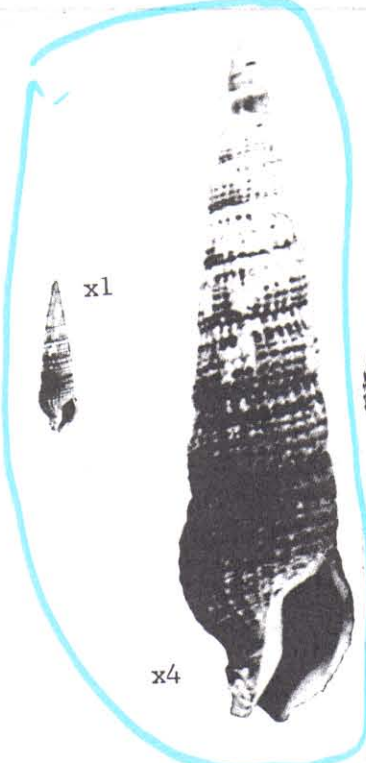
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168a-c. *T. panamensis* Dall. 168a, Holotype National Museum Natural History, Washington No. USNM-123084; 22.5 mm. 168b, Lower and middle whorls of holotype. 168c, Upper whorls of holotype.

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(Dall, 1908) 20 mm.
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1555. *Terebra panamensis* Dall, 1908. The brownish shell has convex whorls and cancellate sculpture. The shell layer containing the sculpture often erodes or breaks away in the early whorls, as in the figure, exposing the smooth underlayer. The aperture is elongate and the columella recurved, with two plications. Length, 22 mm; diameter, 6 mm. The west coast of Baja California to Panama, in depths of 88 to 280 m.

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1555. Left, Dall (1908); right, photograph courtesy J. McLean, from holotype in USNM

Shell brownish; early whorls usually somewhat eroded; to approximately 22 mm. Offshore in fairly deep water. Specimen illustrated is a paratype (USNM 678732)

Terebra panamensis Dall S.K.
BAJA CALIFORNIA-PANAMA

Terebra (Strioterebrum) panamensis DALL, n. sp.

Plate 5, figure 10.

Shell small, acute, twelve-whorled, with rather prominent sculpture and a generally brownish tint; nucleus eroded in all the specimens; subsequent whorls nearly uniformly sculptured with (on the penultimate whorl 17) sharp, narrow, equal and equidistant, slightly retractive axial ribs, separated by wider shallow interspaces, crossed by (between the sutures 3-5) spiral cords which become slightly nodulous at the intersections; the spirals are uniformly spaced except at the summit, where there are two closely adjacent which may unite as a presutural band, or remain divided like the others; at the periphery of the base is a narrower cord separated from those behind by a wider space; the suture is coiled on this keel, while the space behind it gives the effect of a channelled suture; on the base the ribs extend toward the canal, the spirals are smaller than those between the sutures, and about seven in number, but owing to the obsolescence of the ribs they are not tuberculate and form no distinct reticulations; the base is constricted above the siphonal fasciole, which is sometimes bordered by a keel, which on the adult pillar is lost in the thick callus; canal short, wide, recurved; outer lip thin, throat not lirate. Lon., 22; max. diam., 6 mm.

U. S. S. "Albatross," station 3291, Gulf of Panama, in 153 fathoms, mud, bottom temperature 55°.8 F. U. S. N. Mus., 123,084.

Also at station 2834, in 48 fathoms, mud, off the west coast of Lower California, in latitude 26° 14' N. near Ballenas Bay, bottom temperature 53°.9.

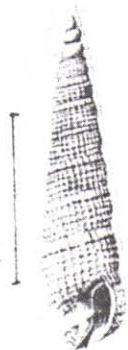
The reticulation of this species is so close and strong that the sutural band is rendered quite inconspicuous.

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469. *Terebra panamensis*

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