

266. *Terebra reunionensis*  
Bratcher & Cernohorsky, 1985  
(Pl. 68, fig. 266)

1985 *Terebra reunionensis* Bratcher & Cernohorsky, Nautilus 99(4):93, fig. 3.

**Description:** Shell to 14 mm, slender; color light brownish beige; protoconch of 3 conical embryonic whorls; outline of whorls flat; no subsutural band; axial ribs faintly curved, about equal to interspaces, extending from suture to suture, about 18 on penultimate whorl; spiral cords in interspaces numerous, about 10 on penultimate whorl, lightly crossing ribs, fading below periphery of body whorl; aperture elongate; columella slightly curved.

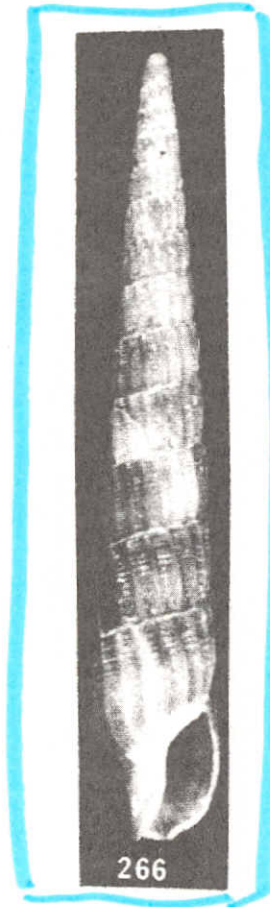
**Type locality:** Reunion Island, Indian Ocean (21°05'S, 55°12'E), in depths of 170-225 m.

**Distribution:** Reunion Island, Indian Ocean, in depths of 110 to 225 m.

**Type:** Holotype, MNHNP; 13.2 × 2.2 mm.

**Discussion:** This is the most slender of the small Indo-Pacific terebrids. *Terebra contracta* (E. A. Smith, 1873) may be separated from this species by its brown aperture and columella, its turrated outline and more elongate body whorl.

There is little variation in the three specimens of this species except that the spiral cords on one specimen are missing from the anterior third of the last three whorls only. U. 266 - 1216



266. Holotype of *T. reunionensis* Bratcher & Cernohorsky, Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle Paris; 13.2 mm.

*Terebra reunionensis*

Bratcher &amp; Cernohorsky, sp. nov.

(Fig. 3)

*Diagnosis:* A small slender brown terebrid with no subsutural band and with numerous thin riblets.

*Description:* Shell small, slender, with 18 whorls in the teleoconch; protoconch of 3 conical whorls; outline of whorls flat; no subsutural band; axial ribs faintly curved, equal to the width of the interspaces, extending from suture to suture, 18 on penultimate whorl; spiral threads in interspaces numerous, 10 on penultimate whorl, lightly crossing ribs, fading below periphery of body whorl; aperture elongate; columella slightly curved; color light brownish beige.

*Dimensions:* Holotype 13.2 × 2.2 mm; paratypes 13.6 × 2.5 mm and 12.7 × 2.5 mm.

*Type Locality:* Reunion Island, Indian Ocean (21°05'S, 55°12'E), in depths of 170-225 m.

*Type Material:* Holotype and one paratype in the MNHNP; one paratype in the Bratcher coll.

*Distribution:* Reunion Island, Indian Ocean, in depths of 110 to 225 m.

*Discussion:* This is one of the most slender of the small Indo-Pacific terebrids. *Terebra contracta* (E. A. Smith, 1873) may be separated from this species by its brown aperture and columella, its turrated outline and more elongate body whorl.

There is little variation in the three specimens of this species which were collected from two localities at Reunion, except that the spiral threads on one specimen are missing from the anterior third of the last three whorls only.



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3, *Terebra reunionensis* Bratcher & Cernohorsky, new species.

Holotype MNHNP. 13.2 × 2.2 mm.