

124. *Terebra tantilla* E. A. Smith, 1873

(Pl. 32, figs. 124a-c)

- 1873 *Myurella tantilla* E. A. Smith, Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist. ser. 4, 11:270.
 1873 *Myurella pumilio* E. A. Smith, Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist. 4th ser. 11:269.
 1879 *Terebra tantilla* E. A. Smith, Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond. p. 185, pl. 19, fig. 4; 1885 Tryon, Man. Conch. 7:35, pl. 11, fig. 4; 1917 Melvill & Standen, Journ. Conch. 15(7):212.
 1968 *Terebra asiatica* Ray, Indian Mus. Bull. Calcutta 3(1/2):28, text fig. 27.

Description: Shell to 11 mm, slender; color cream with a light orange-brown band below the suture and the same color on the base of the body whorl; outline of whorls moderately convex; protoconch of 3 conical whorls; subsutural band narrow, with small rounded nodes defined by a faint depression rather than a subsutural groove; axial ribs weak, curved left; interspaces, including those on band, filled with numerous fine spiral threads; aperture somewhat elongate; columella curved, with a light parietal callus.

Type locality: *T. tantilla*, "Japan," error (?); *T. pumilio*, none; *T. asiatica*, off Puri on the Orissa coast of Bay of Bengal, India."

Distribution: From the Persian Gulf to eastern India, subtidal.

Type: *T. tantilla* holotype BM(NH) no. 1873.7.5.2, 7.5 × 2.3 mm; *M. pumilio* holotype (pl. 32, fig. 124b) BM(NH) no. 1979141, 11.0 × 2.4 mm; *T. asiatica* type figure (pl. 32, fig. 124c).

Discussion: E. A. Smith (1879) was the first to recognize that *T. tantilla* and *T. pumilio* are conspecific. *T. padangensis* (126) is similar in size and color but may be separated by its extremely convex outline and by its sharper and fewer axial ribs and more translucent look. However, additional material may prove these two to be conspecific. *T. macandrewii* (125), another small species from the same area, has a broader apical angle, broader subsutural band, and brown markings which are below the subsutural band rather than on it. B-124-118

124a-c, *T. tantilla* (E. A. Smith).

124a, Holotype British Museum (N.H.) No. 1873.7.5.2.; 7.5 mm.

TEREBRA TANTILLA Sm.

I. Karachi. 3 fathoms, muddy stone bottom. 7456 1301428

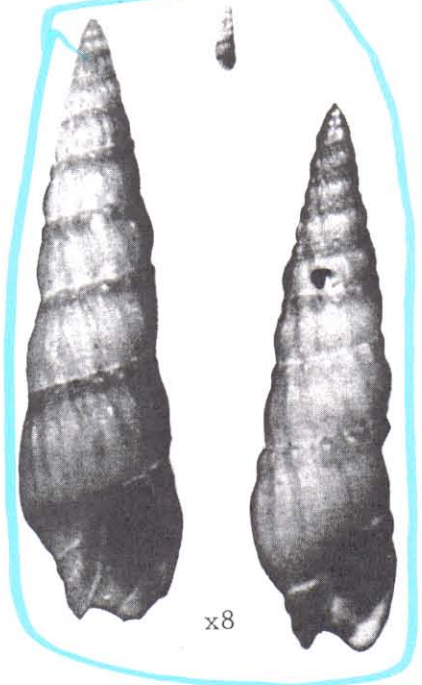
7. TEREBRA TANTILLA, Smith. (Plate XIX. fig. 4.)

Myurella tantilla, Smith, Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist. 1873, vol. xi. p. 270.

Myurella pumilio, Smith, l. c. p. 269.

Hab. Station 21. Persian Gulf (*Col. Pelly in Brit. Mus.*).

The specimens described under the name of *T. tantilla* were in bad, faded condition; and hence it was that the third band on the body-whorl escaped observation. I am now convinced of the identity of *P. tantilla* and *T. pumilio*. EA SMITH 1873 1185



Shell small; white; with pale brown subsutural and subperipheral bands; to approx. 7 mm. (BMNH type coll.)

193. *tantilla*, *Myurella* - E. A. SMITH, 1873, A. M. N. H., 11: 270. *Hab.* Japan (A. Adams). *Coll.* Cuming. *Size:* 6½ × 2½ mm. *Holotype* no. 73.7.5.2: 7.5 mm (marked with an x above the apex of the shell on the tablet). There are another 3 specimens in the type collection, ex coll. R. MacAndrew, mounted on the same tablet on the extreme right, but these are not type material. CGJ

Terebra tantilla E.A. Smith
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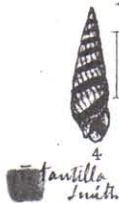
Tantilla (*Terebra*), E. A. Smith Ann. Mag. N. Hist., 1873, xi, p. 270. Proc. Zool. Soc., 185, 1879, 35

T. TANTILLA, E. A. Smith. Pl. 11, fig. 4.

Longitudinally arcuately ribbed, subtuberculate at the sutures; yellowish, with a sutural chestnut band, and another on the periphery of the last whorl. Length, 6.5 mill.

Japan.

Mr. Smith makes his *T. pumilio* (unfigured) a synonym of the above. It appears to me to be too closely related to the next species. (TEREBRA) TRUON 85 h37



tantilla (Smith) see TERENOLLA pygmaea (1295, 631) K&H 1952

4. *Terebra tantilla*, Smith. Zool. Proc., t. 19, f. 4, 1879,

25.—*Terebra tantilla* Smith.

T. tantilla E. A. Smith, Ann. and Mag. N.H., 1873, xi., p. 270.

Hab. : P.G., Henjam Island. I., Karachi, 3 fathoms, muddy stone bottom.

Very small (8 mm.), but of beautiful sculpture, resembling in extreme miniature such a species as *spectabilis* Hinds. Beneath the sutures, the longitudinal ribs, as far as the spiral sulcus, are inconspicuously noded. The whole surface is finely striate, and towards the base at the mouth entrance and over the columellar area there exists, in some specimens, a pale brown suffusion. 7456 1317 p 212

Terebra tantilla Smith.

Proc. Zool. Soc. 1879. pag. 185. Tab. 19. fig. 4.

Myurella pumilio Smith (Ann. Mag. etc. 1873. vol. 11. pag. 269.)

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Myurella tantilla.
M. testa minuta, elongata, alba, zona angusta dilute brunnea suturam infra (in anfr. ultimo duabus, altera suturam infra, altera peripheriam infra) cincta; anfr. 8, convexiusculi, superne paululum constricti, costis longitudinalibus, arcuatis, validis, superne tuberculatis (in anfr. ultimo 15 fere basi continuis), instructi, transversim inter costas concinne striati; apertura parva; columella curta, subrecta; canalis brevissimus.
Long. 6½ mill., diam. 2½.
Hab. Japan (*A. Adams*).
This is one of the smallest, if not the most minute, species in the genus. There is a slight contraction or spiral depression a little below the suture, which, traversing the ribs near their upper extremities, produces the appearance of a series of nodules; this feature, together with the small size and the style of marking, will easily define this form.
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