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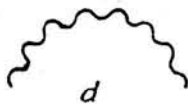
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*Terebra thielei* Barnard

Off Algoa Bay, to 155 metres depth  
5,25 x 2,25 mm

Colour: Buff KENSLEY 93 1216

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*Terebra thielei* n. sp.

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? 1925. Thiele. *D. Tiefsee Exp.*, xvii, p. 256, pl. 41 (29), fig. 17. (*Terebra* sp., part).

Four specimens, 4-6.5 mm. in length, with 3 or 4 postnatal whorls; 11 axial ribs on 1st whorl, increasing to 14-15 (16), the ribs are broadly rounded with narrower intervals, contrasting with the narrowly rounded ribs and wide intervals of *capensis*; no spiral groove or spiral striae.

33° 50' S., 25° 48' E. (depth?), and Algoa Bay, 155 metres (Thiele).

Algoa Bay, 67 fathoms, 4 dead specimens (S. Afr. Mus. A.8657, P.F. Coll.).

One specimen 5.25 x 2.25 mm., one 5.25 x 2 mm., one fragment 4 mm. long, one with 4 postnatal whorls 6.5 mm. long. All four appear to be conspecific, although the two complete specimens differ in proportionate width.

Thiele had one specimen from both of the above localities, and also a third from Gt. Fish Bay, Angola; but I am inclined to query the identity of the latter.

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*Terebra thielei* Barnard, 1958, Ann. S. African Mus. 44 (4): 80. Although there are four specimens in the type lot, it is impossible to determine the species. Two of the specimens are fragments of the apex portions, the largest being the first four and a half whorls of the teleoconch. Of the other two, the larger and more complete has only four teleoconch whorls. None had developed the mature sculpture, aperture shape, or outline, and all are in such poor condition that there is no indication of their color. It is possible that they are specimens of *kowiensis* Turton or *planecosta* Barnard.

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