



## **OFFER: 1 TO 200**

On 22 February 2018, Conchology Inc, send out the first email with a “SET”. It was the start of the now well-known daily “OFFER” emails the customers and members receive in their mailboxes.

Guido Poppe writes daily an often interesting description on a specific shell or family or special locality. In the beginning the texts were short and to the point. But as time progressed, the texts became more elaborate with many interesting tidbits of information.

Fast forward 2 years and on May 15. The 500th offer was send out. To celebrate, we decided to bundle the emails and produce free eBooks for you.

We wish you "happy conchological reading".

Guido and Philippe Poppe



## OFFER 1 ANGARIIDAE

Angariidae are a popular family. Here a fine set of shallow water species, with one living a little deeper: the *nodosa*. Form "*laciniata*" are *delphinus* with longer than usual spines.





## **OFFER 2 BUCCINIDAE**

Worldwide BUCCINIDAE, a set with some hard to get species from vintage stocks, fresh Philippine material and good sizes.





## OFFER 3 COSTELLARIIDAE

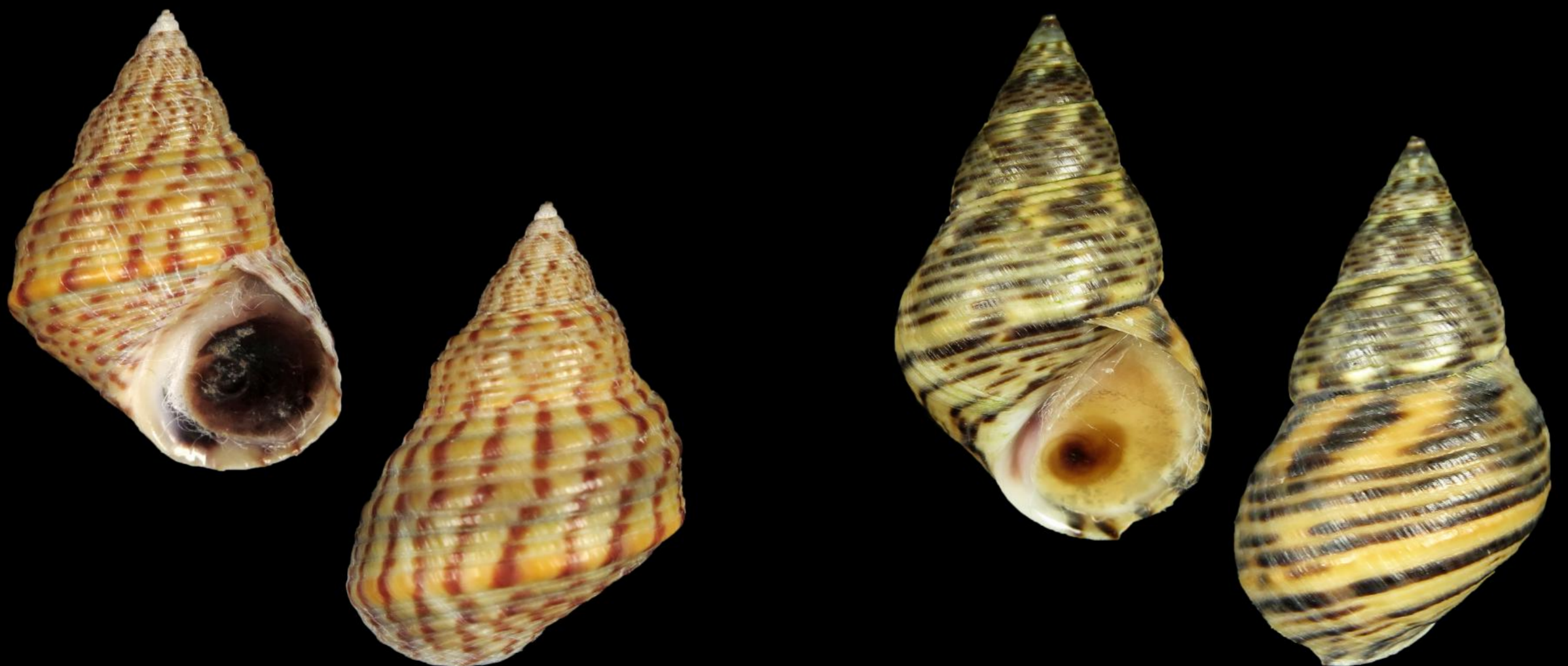
From Indonesia and Papua New Guinea, both interesting and seldom seen localities, from a vintage European collection. A few very rare items in here.





## OFFER 4 CAMBUHAT RIVER

Collected by Guido & Sheila in the Cambuhat river (north Bohol), cleaned most in the Japanese style, for scientific collections, some ultra interesting pieces in there.





## OFFER 5 BRITTANY 1

Freshly arrived from Brittany, France, an interesting choice of selected common and uncommon shallow water species, from the intertidal to about 40 m.





## **OFFER 6 BRITTANY 2**

Freshly arrived from Brittany, France, an interesting choice of selected common and uncommon shallow water species, from the intertidal to about 40 m.





## **OFFER 7 *SPONDYLUS ALBIBARBATUS***

A wonderful central Indo-Pacific shallow water species that grows quite big. Almost always white with a dark or pale brown umbo, often with no pattern. Variable.







## OFFER 8 *SPONDYLUS ANACANTHUS*

Is a rather small *Spondylus*, found from a few meters to about 30 m deep under coral slabs or stones, often on scallops. *F. sanguineus* has some red, *f. flabellum* has short spines.





## **OFFER 9 *SPONDYLUS ASPERRIMUS***

An uncommon *Spondylus* of the subtidal zone, usually with one flat valve and very short spines. Often inside dead bivalves.





## OFFER 10 *Spondylus barbatus*

We think the large majority of real barbatus are only from Japan. Few have been found outside only. Typical no spines near the umbo, and several broad ones near the periphery only. Not easy to get. Holotype shown in Higo, Callomon & Goto, 2001.





## **OFFER 11 *Spondylus butleri***

Is a large species, which lives from Japan to Thailand and the Philippines. Variable with short orange, brown or reddish solid spines. Sometimes very attractive.





## OFFER 12 THE *SPONDYLUS RUBICUNDUS* CF.

A shallow water *Spondylus* from the Visayas, probably undescribed, close to the *S. sinensis* but definitely different. Also close to *rubicundus* but that species has a dark reddish holotype. Uppermost interesting for any *Spondylus* collector. Uncommon.





## OFFER 13 FRESH WATER

A fine selection of the more famous fresh water mollusks from the showrooms of Conchology, Inc. that we put now online. For the lovers of famous and aesthetic species.





## OFFER 14 TERRESTRIAL

A fine selection of the more famous terrestrial mollusks from the showrooms of Conchology, Inc. that we put now online. For the lovers of famous and aesthetic species.





## OFFER 15 MAJOR DOOR SNAILS

A fine selection of the more spectacular *CLAUSILIIDAE* - Door snails - from the showrooms of Conchology, Inc. that we now put online. For the lovers of extraordinary and/or aesthetic species.







## OFFER 16 FROM OUR SHOWROOMS

A chosen selection of the more spectacular land snails from the showrooms of Conchology, Inc. that we now put online. For the lovers of extraordinary and/or aesthetic species. This is the second such set, out of 3.





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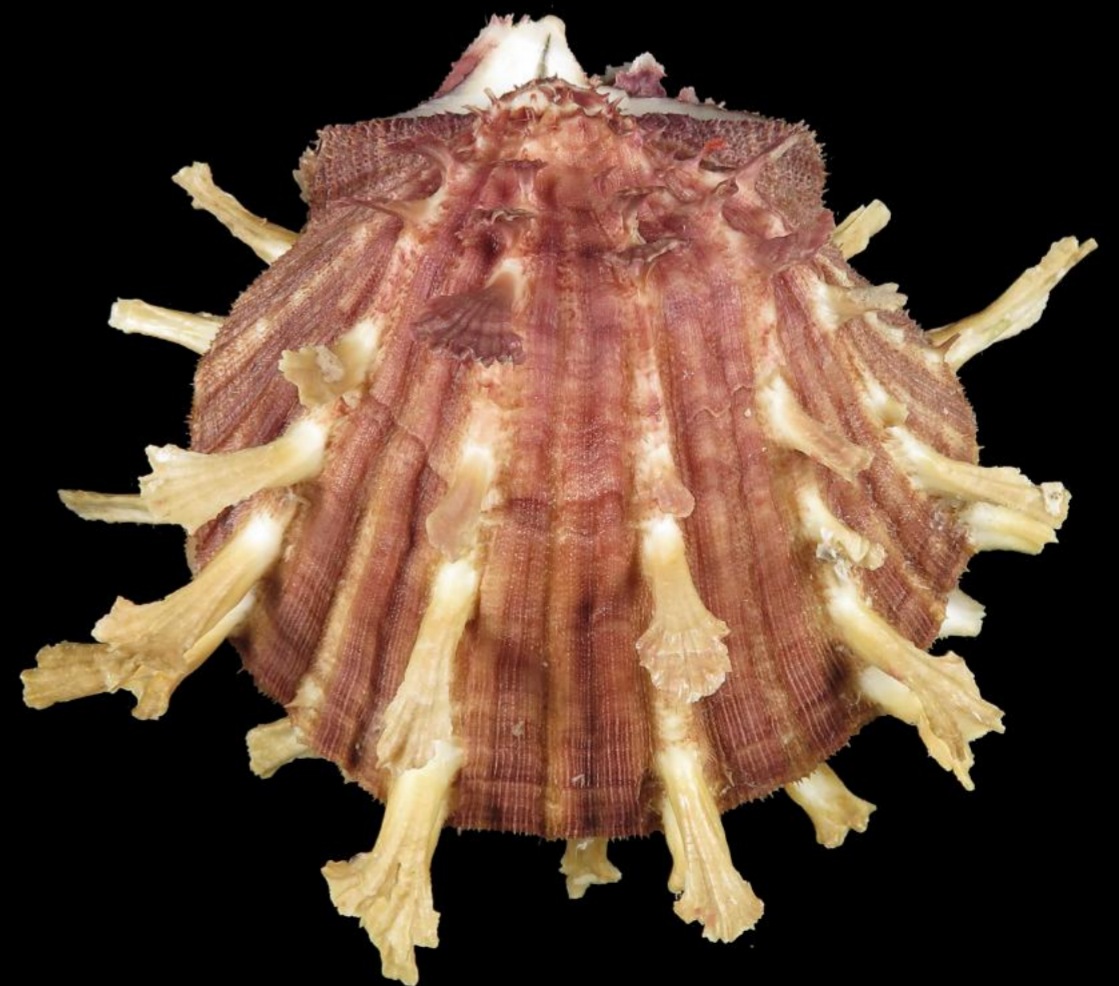
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## OFFER 18 THE *SPONDYLUS FOLIACEUS*

From my study collection of *Spondylus*, now put online. A fine set of the variable *S. foliaceus*, including the orange variant "*croceus*". Many have been dived by ourselves. This species lives from a few meters to deep, but is most common around 15 m in the Visayas.





## OFFER 19 MEDITERRANEAN *SPONDYLUS*

A few Mediterranean Spondylus from my former study collection. Some very good sizes in the *gaederopus* that made a come back after decades of diseases. Also *S. groschi*.





## OFFER 20 THE *IMPERIAL SPONDYLUS*

A fine selection of *Spondylus imperialis*, light in weight as this is a mud species and the spines help to avoid sinking in the substrate. Beautiful and in several famous books for the particular aesthetics.





## OFFER 21 THE SECRETIVE "*LAMARCKI*"

A set of shallow water *Spondylus*: the *lamarcki*. Not easy to get, quite spectacular, always somewhat rough. There are a few we think are hybrids with *varius*, found in the same area occasionally. Interesting material for specialized collections.





## OFFER 22 NEW LIOTIIDAE

Our Taiwanese conchologists described a set of new LIOTIIDAE from this region. A fine set of these is now offered here online. Prices are based on the number of pieces we got over the years. Happy shopping and congratulations to Huang, Chen & Lin with their nice publication in the Taiwanese Bulletin.





## OFFER 23 THE *SPONDYLUS CANDIDUS*

A set of *Spondylus candidus* from my study collection, first time offered here. The *candidus* is a fascinating shallow water species with few or very short spines, typically with a white zone around the umbo, but exceptions on this rule are not uncommon.







## OFFER 24 THE CANICEPS MAITA

The first time we can offer this rare land snail from old stocks from Mindoro collecting. We refer to Bartsch his Tree snails of *Cochlostyla* of Mindoro from 1938 where he explains the type lost the top whorls. He also clearly distinguishes this particular large *Chrysallis* from other subspecies. Very local.





## OFFER 25 *TEREBRA TAGAROA*

Named after Sheila by Yves Terryn, this splendid large Terebrid from deep water. The contrast of the white columella with the dark shell is amazing. Here a set demonstrating the stability of the species, and they are from many localities: Balut, Olango, Mactan, Bohol and Aliguay.





## OFFER 26 THE *NICOBARICUS*

This *Spondylus* is characterized by multiple short spines on an umbo which is white with radiating rows of black dots. Okutani introduced the old name "*ciliatus*" from Sowerby for the long spined pieces, but the drawings of Sowerby do not have the black spots. A curiosity.





## OFFER 27 THE *SETIGER*

This *Spondylus* is characterized by a rather big size, heavy valves with variable spines, elongate triangular shape. At present this is likely a collective name for several species. Setiger are rather common below 18 m on sandy bottoms with big current where they sit in clusters in holes made by their own weight, in the bottom. Excellent for color sets and clusters.





## OFFER 28 PARATYPES IN COSTELLARIIDAE

From our stocks, the paratypes of *geronimae* - a species not found for years by now, a single paratype of "*gloriae*", named after the former Philippine president, and two rare paratypes for each of the *monsecourorum* and *poppei* Costellariids. Prestigious in any collection.





## OFFER 29 PARATYPES IN MITRIDAE

From our stocks, the paratypes of quite some different MITRIDAE, here offered for the first time. For collectors that like prestigious and historical pieces in their collections.





## OFFER 30 PARATYPES IN CUSPIDARIIDAE, FASCIOLARIIDAE AND NASSARIIDAE

From our stocks, the paratypes of *tomricei*, *williami* and *gyroscopoides*. Especially the *tomricei* are scarce with only 2 shells for the markets. Prestigious in any collection.





## **OFFER 31 PARATYPES IN TROCHACEAN AND TURRID FAMILIES**

From our stocks, never before offered paratypes of a variety of species in the above mentioned groups. For the lovers of historical shells.







## **OFFER 32 THE *SPONDYLUS SWINNENI***

A very characteristic species with usually dark spots around the umbo, a red-brown color and short spines. Formerly quite hard to get and expensive, but now affordable and well defined. Here a splendid set with all variations, from small to large.





## OFFER 33 HARPIDAE

A variety of Philippine Harps, with *major* of two interesting areas: the central Visayas and the Zamboanga region. Both known for their special colors. Some nice color forms in the other Harps.





## OFFER 34 *NASSARIUS TIARULA*

Is an uncommon species that lives from Baja California south to Panama. Photos are few in the literature, but there are half a dozen drawings. Robin and Abbott & Dance are the only photos, apart from a living shell in Keen (1971). She writes this is the Panamic representative of the Californian *Nassarius tegula*.





## OFFER 35 *NASSARIUS VERSICOLOR*

A very variable species which therefore got lots of synonyms (*rufocincta*, *glauca*, *proxima*, *striata* etc...) Lives from Magdalena Bay and the Baja south to Peru and from the intertidal to 46 m. Only occasionally seen in the markets, here a set from the Rice collection, field collected about half a century ago.





## OFFER 36 *CONUS TESSULATUS*

The central Indo-Pacific form of the tessulatus with a very well sustained coloration, much more red when compared to far west Indian Ocean shells that should have a form name (or vice versa). The red *tessulatus* of Olango and Caubian lives in coralline algae fields starting at 18 m deep. They emerge some nights and can then be collected in quantity. Here a fine set with variation. One of the most beautiful tropical *Conus* at a very moderate pricing. The *tessulatus* is definitely one of my favorites.





## OFFER 37 *CONUS GENERALIS*

A breathtaking set of highly selected *generalis*, all better than average specimens and some with truly spectacular patterns and color combinations. This species likes the muddy sand where corals change into sandy areas. While the *generalis* can already be collected at 5 meters in the Visayas, most shells dwell much deeper, and we occasionally dive these jewels at around 20 m.





## OFFER 38 COSTELLARIIDAE

A set of mainly Indo-Pacific Costellariids from the Philippines, New Guinea, Seychelles a.o. Some very interesting forms, a few truly rare ones. For experts in this now popular family with many intriguing shapes and colors. This is the first set of 2 more to come soon.





## OFFER 39 COSTELLARIIDAE

Second batch of newly offered COSTELLARIIDAE, containing some very interesting specimens and seldom seen species. All material is Indo-Pacific.







## OFFER 40 DIFFERENT MITRIDAE

A new set of MITRIDAE, Containing the curious *carbonacea* in the shape of a *Conus* - a case of mimetism - and some rarities.





## OFFER 41 THE *TESCHI* FROM POWELL

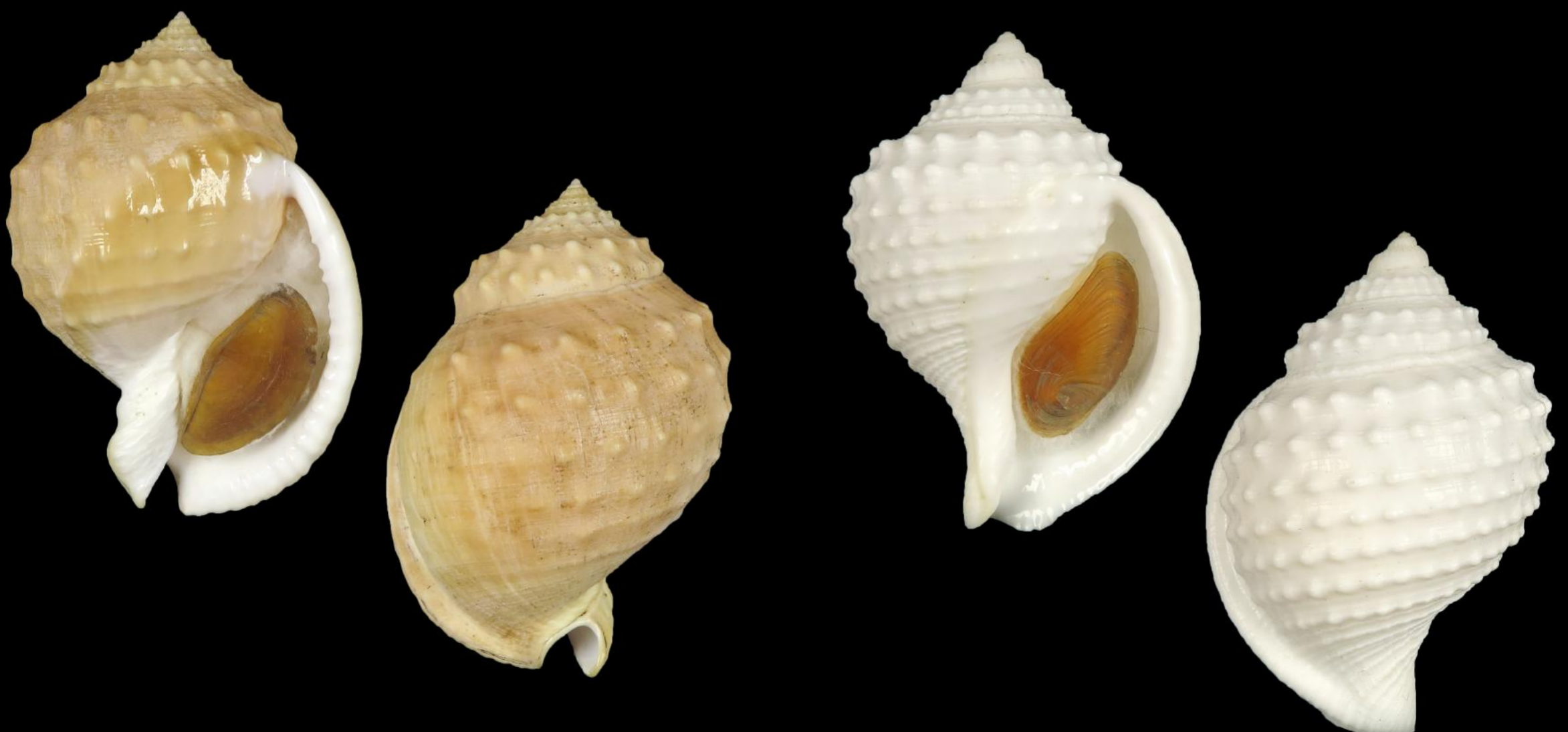
"*teschi*" is known in books as *Ptychosyrinx timorensis teschi* and is an elegant deep water Turrid described from Borneo and known from Indonesia, now found in the Pratas Sea. The modern name is *Gemmula teschi*, a valid species. You can see the holotype on the site of the Smithsonian museum.





## OFFER 42 SOUTH CHINA SEA CASSIDS

A beautiful set of CASSIDAE from the very deep zones of the South China Sea, some with and some without PERIO. Including a few beauties of the rare *Oocorys leejungi*.





## OFFER 43 THE *CLYPEASTER VIRESCENS*

Is a deep water irregular urchin, seldom seen in collections. Here the test with the yellow-brown spines and skin. The *virescens* lives from Japan south to East Australia and New Zealand, it is not known from the Indian Ocean or the plain Pacific. The depth explains the scarce appearance in collections.





## OFFER 44 THE CAVE CHAUVET

A northern population of the *cespitum*, which is mainly a Spanish species that also lives in the south of France and the northwest of Italy, including Corsica and Sardinia. These shells are from the Pont d'Arc, myself and Sheila collected them near the "Cave Chauvet". I am a big fan of the neolithic period and these snails are from a spot which was inhabited already 45000 years ago.





## OFFER 45 JAPANESE MASTERPIECES

The genus *Euhadra* is the finest asset of the Japanese landsnail fauna. These snails are big, delicate yet solid and have the most refined palette of colors. Some are sinistral. Any advanced set of *Euhadra* - there are many species - is a conchological dream. Here a few specimens that arrived recently.





## OFFER 46 THE *CONUS SAMIAE*

A wonderful set of freshly fished *samiae* from Sogod. This Conus was a late discovery because of the great depth it lives in. da Motta was an excellent Conologist and this is definitely one of the more attractive species he described. A special charm and sometimes not on the market for years. Lives in aggregations, so when one is found, there are usually more, as it is the case at present.





## OFFER 47 PHILIPPINE *CONUS*

A diversified set of newly arrived *Conus* from the Philippines. Some very common, some very rare. There is for all tastes. Half a dozen of pieces not to miss by experts. Will be followed by another equal number of shells by the set of tomorrow.







## OFFER 48 PHILIPPINE *CONUS*

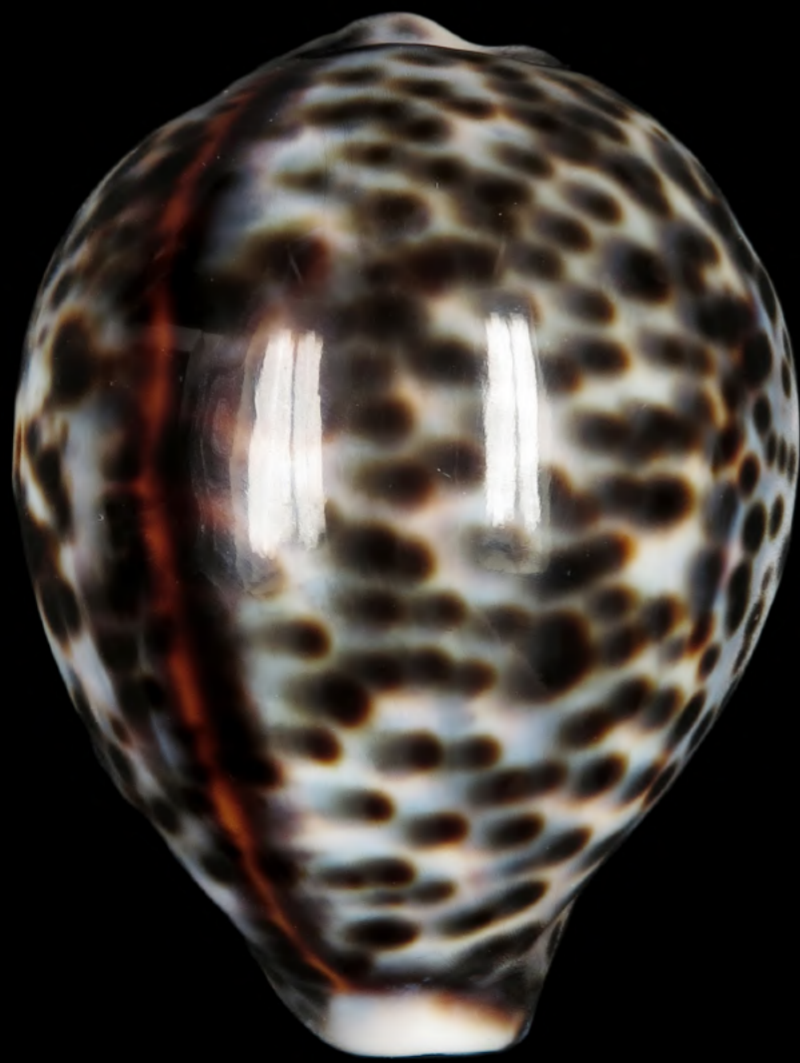
The suite from set 47 of yesterday. This fine set are merely common species, but a considerable part of these have been chosen out of many for their special colors, sizes and/or superb patterns. An occasion to play around with marvels without being ruined. Philippine *Conus* are an endless love story for the collector of amazingly beautiful seashells.





## OFFER 49 THE PHILIPPINE TIGER COWRIES

Are extremely variable. Out of the thousands fished every year, here a fine selection of the better colors found in the quantities. Some are amazing, all are reasonably priced regarding rarity of pattern. A few are unique. The Philippine *tigris* is now called "*tigris pardalis*".





## OFFER 50 THE PHILIPPINE *MAPPA*

Now called "*mappa mappa*" with the pink ones "*f. panerythra*". All the newly purchased pieces here offered are better than average, a few really outstanding. Look at the amazing variation.





## OFFER 51 AUSTRALIAN *CASSIS* FROM DEEP WATER

We got fresh supply from the very deep giant form of the *nipponica* from Rowley Shoals, which lives together with the typical Australian form of *carnosa* with multiple "knobs". This type of *nipponica* is to be seen in the literature by Kreipl (1997), Wilson (1993) and Robin (2008). The rarer Australian *carnosa*, different from the ones more north has been shown only by Parth (2000 in La Conchiglia) and Wilson (1993).





## OFFER 52 THE "*CONTROVERSA*"

A Hawaiian form of the *isabella*, not often seen in collections, characterized by a slightly more elongate shape with short labral teeth. More on this in Lorenz who recognizes the form and wonders if this may be a geographical race.





## OFFER 53 PHILIPPINE COWRIES

That we could select lately out of the new catches from a fairly good number of fishermen. Some pieces are quite amazing, others are very well sized or particularly colored or shaped. All are from relatively shallow water. This is the first batch out of two: others follow tomorrow.





## OFFER 54 PHILIPPINE COWRIES

The suite from the set of Wednesday with a nice series of highly selected rather common species in often seldom seen nice sizes, colors and shapes. All are Philippine shallow water species.





## **OFFER 55 PHILIPPINE NATICIDS**

A fine set of newly arrived Naticids and we added a few from old stocks that never went online for determination problems. In the group of large solid shallow waters determinations are not definite. We have to revise our homepage on this level, but first we have to find our way in the uppermost confusing published material. Anyhow, all shells shown here are selected out of many and valuable additions to collections.

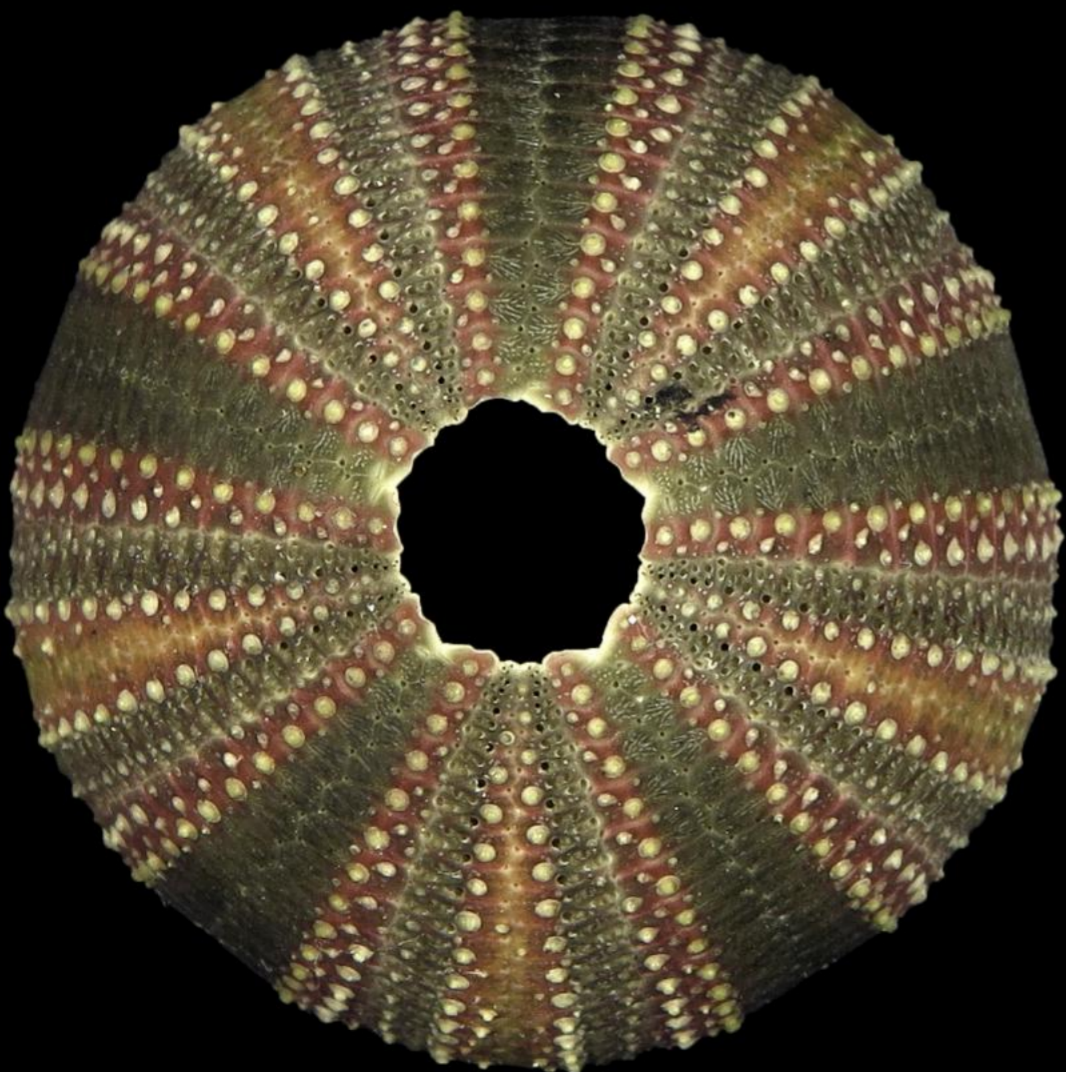






## OFFER 56 SEA URCHINS

A fine set of rather common - except a few - Echinoids from the Philippines. Most are very well cleaned, many with the apical system very well preserved. Some ensembles like the *gratilla* are variable from white to purple, with stripes or not. This is fragile material, we can replace broken ones for free, but will charge postage fee in case of replacement.





## OFFER 57 THE *JENNERIA*

This iconic species is placed in the OVULIDAE but deserves in my humble opinion a family on itself. It is different from anything else known to be alive. The shells are variable, slender, broad, dark, pale and the like. A series is advised and if you scrutinize these treasures with a lens you will not get tired fast. Amongst the most beautiful creatures on the planet.





## OFFER 58 *OLIVA*

A first set out of two of *Oliva*, mostly Philippine, but also some American ones and a few other localities worldwide. I want to remark that there has not been any proper supply of the *parkinsoni* for years by now. The ones here offered I bought from old stocks in Europe! This species is rather deep, I dived only one myself, almost at 40 meters in a sand patch on Mactan Island... happy shopping in these affordable beautiful shells. Most determinations are correct, but some may be doubtful and need more scrutiny and study.





## OFFER 59 *OLIVA*

A second set out of two of *Oliva*, mostly Philippine, but also some American ones and a few other localities worldwide. The suite from yesterday. Happy shopping in these affordable beautiful shells. Most determinations are correct, but some may be doubtful and need more scrutiny and study.





## OFFER 60 KEFALONIAN CLAUSILIIDS

Kefalonia (also spelled Cephalonia) is a central Greek Island situated in the Ionian Sea, a little far offshore Patras. It is mountainous and has an amazing set of *Clausilia*, not often seen in collections. Here a first selection of these not so easy to obtain *Clausilia* from the famous genus *Albinaria*, followed by a second selection tomorrow.





## OFFER 61 THE SECOND BATCH OF KEFALONIAN CLAUSILIIDS

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## OFFER 62 *ALBINARIA* FROM SAMOS

Samos is a small Greek Island situated very close to the Turkish coast. We here offer two endemic *Albinaria* from this remote place. They are not often seen in private collections.





## OFFER 63 NEWLY NAMED SPECIES

A first set of newly named species in the latest Visaya, by Poppe, Tagaro & Goto. Two more sets will follow after this one, you can reserve these exclusive shells in your shopping basket in the meantime. It concerns either normal specimens or paratypes. Usually paratypes are slightly more expensive, as they bring a lot of prestige to the ensemble of your collection. Prices are according to the number of shells we got in a given species. None of these species are truly common, that is the main reason why they were not described earlier.







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## OFFER 65 NEWLY NAMED SPECIES

A third set of newly named species in the latest Visaya, by Poppe, Tagaro & Goto. It concerns either normal specimens or paratypes. Usually paratypes are slightly more expensive, as they bring a lot of prestige to the ensemble of your collection. Prices are according to the number of shells we got in a given species. None of these species are truly common, that is the main reason why they were not described earlier.





## OFFER 66 NEWLY NAMED SPECIES

A fourth set of newly named species in the latest Visaya, by Stahlschmidt, Poppe & Tagaro. It concerns either normal specimens or paratypes. Usually paratypes are slightly more expensive, as they bring a lot of prestige to the ensemble of your collection. Prices are according to the number of shells we got in a given species. None of these species are truly common, that is the main reason why they were not described earlier.





## OFFER 67 NEWLY NAMED SPECIES

A 5th set of newly named species in the latest Visaya, by Stahlschmidt, Poppe & Tagaro. It concerns either normal specimens or paratypes. Usually paratypes are slightly more expensive, as they bring a lot of prestige to the ensemble of your collection. Prices are according to the number of shells we got in a given species. None of these species are truly common, that is the main reason why they were not described earlier.





## OFFER 68 NEWLY NAMED SPECIES

A 6th set of newly named species in the latest Visaya, by Stahlschmidt, Poppe & Tagaro. It concerns either normal specimens or paratypes. Usually paratypes are slightly more expensive, as they bring a lot of prestige to the ensemble of your collection. Prices are according to the number of shells we got in a given species. None of these species are truly common, that is the main reason why they were not described earlier.





## OFFER 69 NEWLY NAMED SPECIES

A 7th and last set of newly named species in the latest Visaya, by Stahlschmidt, Poppe & Tagaro. It concerns either normal specimens or paratypes. Usually paratypes are slightly more expensive, as they bring a lot of prestige to the ensemble of your collection. Prices are according to the number of shells we got in a given species. None of these species are truly common, that is the main reason why they were not described earlier.





## OFFER 70 *CEPAEA NEMORALIS*

*Cepaea nemoralis albescens fuscolabiata*, an uncommon form of this common and very striking species. The *fuscolabiata*, pale brown lipped *nemoralis*, are not often seen.





## OFFER 71 CLAUSILIIDAE FROM AUSTRIA

A fine selection of Austrian Door snails, many of these of the less common species, and in general in highly selected condition.







## **OFFER 72 CLAUSILIIDAE FROM GREECE**

A fine selection of a few of the many Greek Door snails, several of these of the less common species, and in general in highly selected condition.





## OFFER 73 CLAUSILIIDAE FROM ITALY

A fine selection of a few Italian Door snails, several of these of the less common species, and in general in highly selected condition. I personally was seldom successful in finding members of this lovely family in Italy, to my great frustration.





## **OFFER 74 CLAUSILIIDAE from MACEDONIA, GREECE**

Macedonia is the northern area of Greece, less popular in visitors than the Aegean Islands and the Athens region, and therefore, many of its snails are less seen in collections. Here a selection of fine common and uncommon Door snails from that area.





## **OFFER 75 CLAUSILIIDAE from SLOVENIA**

Slovenia is basically squeezed between Austria in the north and Croatia in the south. It is a modern country, but has quite some forests. And they are rich in snails, but these are not so easy to find. I collected only a couple of days in the west of Slovenia decades ago and found the snails hard to find, but uppermost interesting.





## OFFER 76 CLAUSILIIDAE from YUGOSLAVIA First Set

That vast country has a wide range of Door snails. Most of them are local species, quite common when on the right place, but the problem is to find that place. Many are beautiful, some spectacular such as the *Medora macascarensis*. I collected this species decades ago on the rocks of the Macarska area, and in old literature the species is still spelled "*macarscarensis*".





## OFFER 77 CLAUSILIIDAE from YUGOSLAVIA Second Set

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## OFFER 78 INDONESIAN *AMPHIDROMUS*

A first nice set of Indonesian species. Considered "The cowries among the land snails", the mainly Southeast Asian genus *Amphidromus* shows an amazing diversity of uppermost colorful shells, well sized and most of the time with either glassy or silky gloss. The *Amphidromus* are, in general, tree snails and many are difficult to detect in nature. A revival of *Amphidromus* enthusiasts among young Asian collectors brought to light quite some new species recently, even in southern China!





## OFFER 79 INDONESIAN *AMPHIDROMUS*

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## OFFER 80 INDONESIAN *AMPHIDROMUS*

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## OFFER 81 PHILIPPINE, SINGAPORIAN AND VIETNAMESE AMPHIDROMUS

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## OFFER 82 STROMBIDAE

A fine selection of new arrivals of Philippine STROMBIDAE from the shallows. Most of these live within the 25 m deep zone and most have been snorkeled by fishermen. The variation within species is tremendous and so is the occurrence of FREAK shells, some of them uppermost interesting.





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A fine selection of new arrivals of Philippine and a few Florida Strombidae from the shallows. Most of these live within the 25 m deep zone and most have been snorkeled by fishermen. The variation within species is tremendous and so is the occurrence of FREAK shells, some of them uppermost interesting.





## **OFFER 84 DIFFERENT TURRIDAE FAMILY MEMBERS, Batch 1**

Most from the Philippines, mixed with some international ones. This set contains some true rarities.





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## **OFFER 85 DIFFERENT TURRIDAE FAMILY MEMBERS, Batch 2**

Most from the Philippines, mixed with some international ones. This set contains some true rarities.





**OFFER 86 *Cepaea nemoralis*, a favorite among land snail collectors. First batch out of two.**

Here some common and rare forms, all selected on quality already. The shells may look slightly different in reality as these are hard to photograph correctly because of the thin shells. Especially the pale lip forms are rare.





## **OFFER 87 *Cepaea nemoralis*, a favorite among land snail collectors. Second and last batch out of two.**

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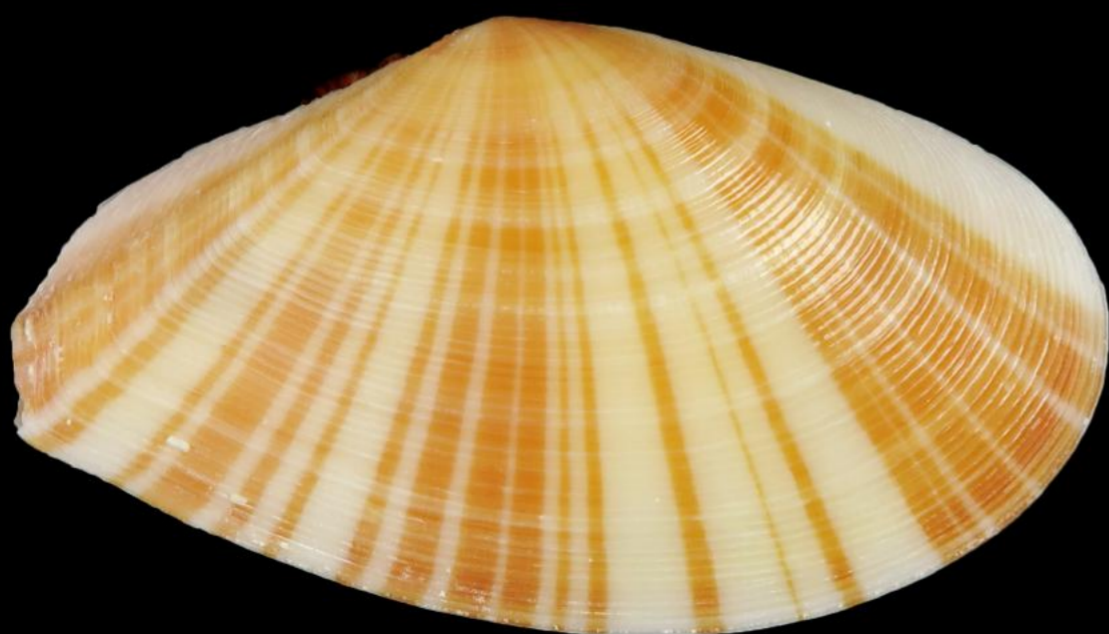






## OFFER 88 TELLINIDAE

Newly arrived Tellinids. This is a favorite family among the lovers of bivalves, despite the tremendous complicate number of small species. This set is not only Philippine, and there are a few very ultra red *incarnata* from Europe, a seldom seen coloration when bright. Also some prestigious Philippine ones: one example is the rare *plicatus*.





## OFFER 89 PHILIPPINE COWRIES

A newly encoded set of Philippine cowries. Most are common, some uncommon such as the *testudinaria bulla* stage and the *beatricae*. There is no supply of *beatricae* any longer, so these are interesting pieces.





## OFFER 90 LAND SNAILS FROM SOUTHERN FRANCE

Me and Sheila roaming around in that area in October 2017, all self collected, most common, few interesting ones.





## OFFER 91 PARATYPES OF THE JUJUBINUS ESCONDIDUS

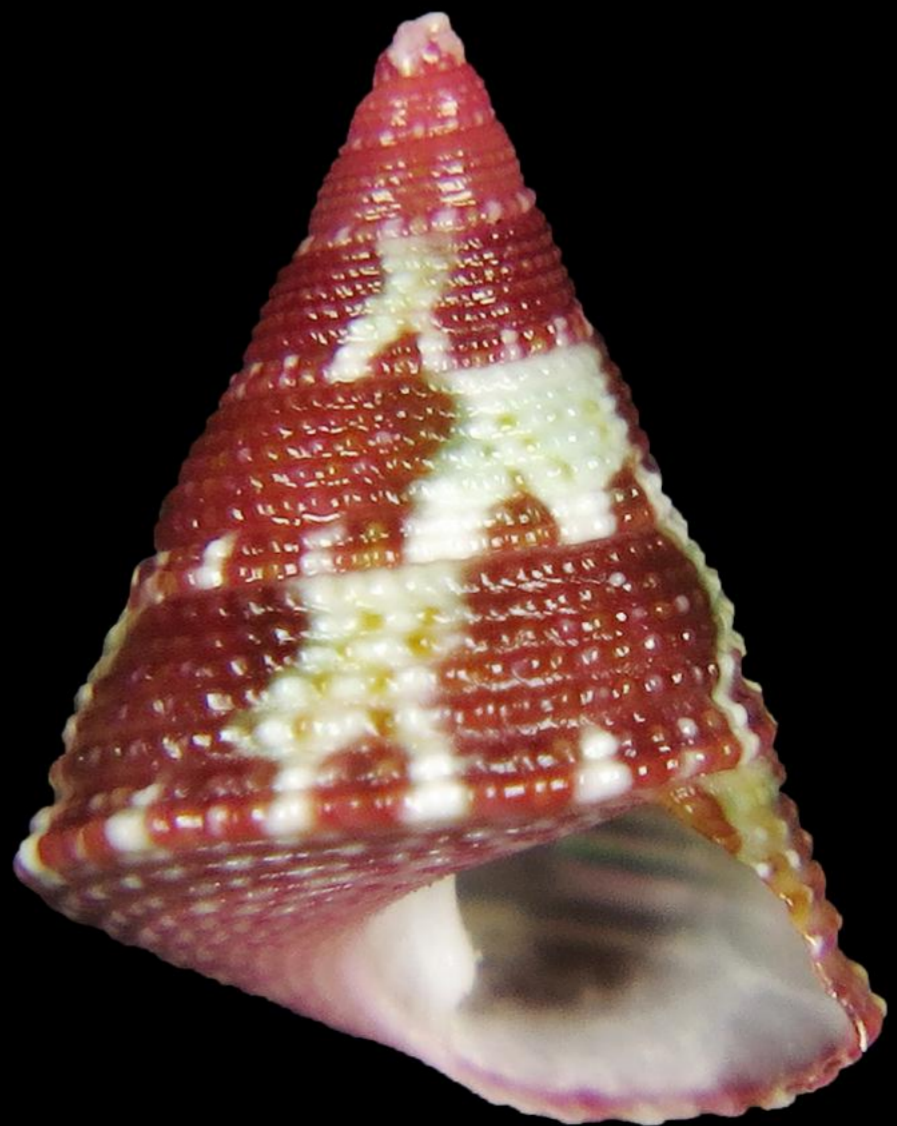
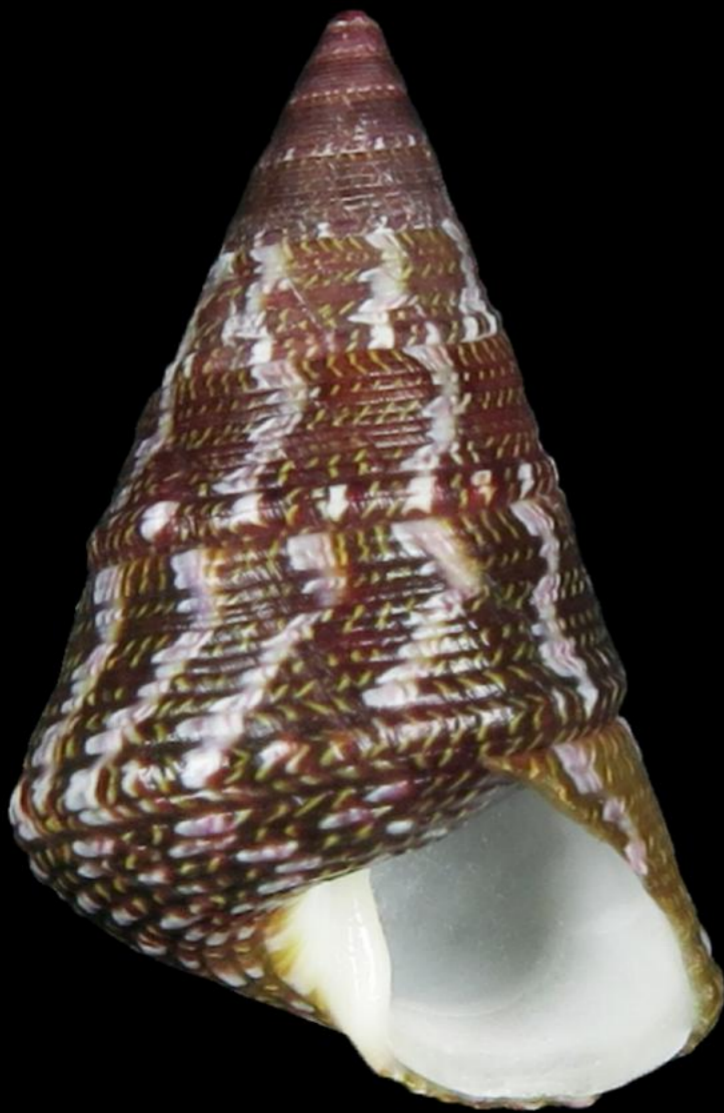
This species is variable but yet easy to recognize. Before its description there were many in collections under a large diversity of shell names. The name means “The hidden *Jujubinus*”, as it was hiding under these synonyms. Prestigious for any collection.





## OFFER 92 PHILIPPINE *JUJUBINUS*

A selection of Indo-Pacific *Jujubinus* from the Philippines, including scarce paratypes of the magnificent *Jujubinus geographicus*, a once common but now already more difficult to get species. Also a few beautiful to very beautiful *gilberti*.





## OFFER 93 *ANGARIA POPPEI*

A set of variable *ANGARIA POPPEI* from Masbate. This species was confused for a century with *A. delphinus*, although, at that time much rarer. This *Angaria* lives mainly at depths below 20 meters where as a diver you can spot it sitting between gravel, mainly shell gravel. Yet, the red color is not visible at that depth any longer: the shells look entirely black when spotted by the diver without light in daytime. Only the regularity from the "crown of spines" makes them visible. They like strong currents.





## OFFER 94 *CEPAEA HORTENSIS*

Different types of banding, a few very rare ones, all selected. *Hortensis* is less common than *nemoralis* in Flanders, Belgium, and has usually a white lip and is slightly smaller. Differences in shape with *nemoralis* are subtle.





## **OFFER 95 *FRENULINA SANGUINOLENTA***

Definitely one of the most beautiful Brachiopods still alive. These are not bivalve molluscs, but a separate animal group. For newcomers: most known Brachiopods are fossils, the group was once very rich in species worldwide and some could grow quite big. Today still many alive, but most are white. They are an interesting subject for study.







## OFFER 96 CORCULUM CARDISSA

A set of different variants in the *CORCULUM CARDISSA*. This wonderful species grows algae in the shell, which it then feeds on. For this purpose the shells turn themselves to the sunlight as the day goes. An amazing beautiful species, very variable. Some think the different color forms are different species.





## **OFFER 97 *CONUS GENERALIS***

A highly variable species, quite common at 15-25 m in the Visayas, where they hunt in coarse sand bottoms. Here a set containing some fabulous colors. All are selected out of many and worth to be added to collections. This species needs a drawer full in order to be conveniently documented.





## OFFER 98 The *quadrasi* from CADARAMAN ISLAND

This Island is very near the coast of northeast Balabac and is still covered with native forest for the major part of its territory today. The *Amphidromus* are mainly white and yellow *quadrasi*, but a small part are dark colored, here called the "*dubius*". Most of the Cadaraman *dubius* are brown in base color, which is rather rare.





## OFFER 99 THE *PSEUDOFUSINUS*

And as the name clearly indicates, this species looks like a *Fusinus* but it is not. This slender *Afer* is strangely enough absent from the international literature. You can see the holotype online in the MNHN, Paris website. Robin (2008) figured one piece and Ardovini & Cossignani (2004) showed 3. I have no further info. The scarcity of this beautiful shell may explain that.





## OFFER 100 *CEPAEA NEMORALIS*

First batch out of two. Highly selected on quality the *nemoralis* with some rare forms, all beautiful. This is the most common *Cepaea* in Flanders, Belgium, where *hortensis* is not so often seen. This species adapted perfectly to densely populated areas with houses all over.





## OFFER 101 *CEPAEA NEMORALIS*

Second and last batch out of two. Highly selected on quality the nemoralis with some rare forms, all beautiful. This is the most common *Cepaea* in Flanders, Belgium, where *hortensis* is not so often seen. This species adapted perfectly to densely populated areas with houses all over.





## OFFER 102 THE DWARF *MAGNIFICA*

I kept these apart to describe as a subspecies, but as my research in the subject went, I found some "intermediary" sizes, which do not fully justify a separation. But in the absolute this more eastern and slightly more southern population is much smaller than most of the classic *magnifica*. This beautiful *Helicophanta* is not very common, and I collected only a single piece myself when running the rainforest where this animal lives. For the lovers of amazing land snails.





## OFFER 103 THE *CHAUVETIA BRUNNEA*

This cute small species belongs to the family BUCCINIDAE, and is in this related to big species such as our *Neptunea* and *Buccinum undatum* in Europe. Usually one sees only very eroded pieces, but the selection here is much better and on top of that comes from the Atlantic coast of Europe, while the majority of the material seen is from the Mediterranean. Resemble the Savelli & All (2003) dark brown figure 330.







## OFFER 104 THE *CHAUVETIA SONI*

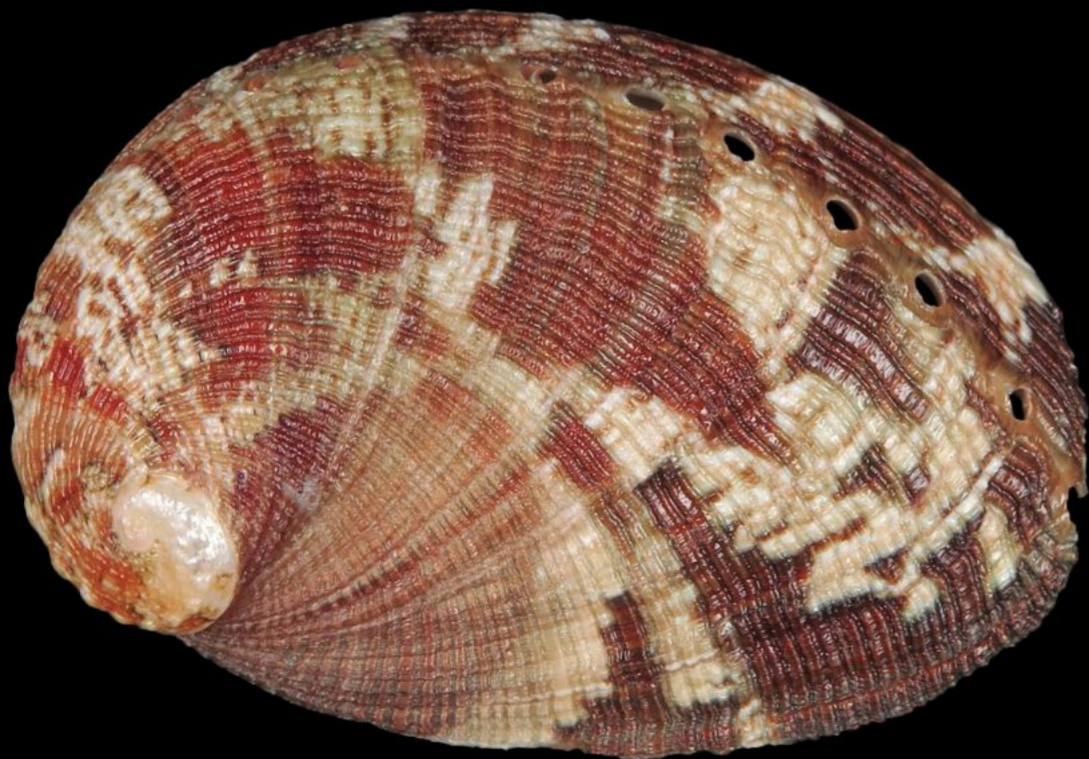
From the same genus as the earlier shown "*brunnea*", but much rarer and virtually absent from both collections and the literature this West African very beautiful species called "*soni*". There are few figures in the literature: Fischer & All showed 4 poor quality photos in the Journal in 1942. Nickles (1950) gave a drawing, and there exists one color photo before this presentation: in Ardovini & Cossignai 2004. These are dead collected but nice specimens, highly selected out of many.





## **OFFER 105 THE *SUPERTEXTA***

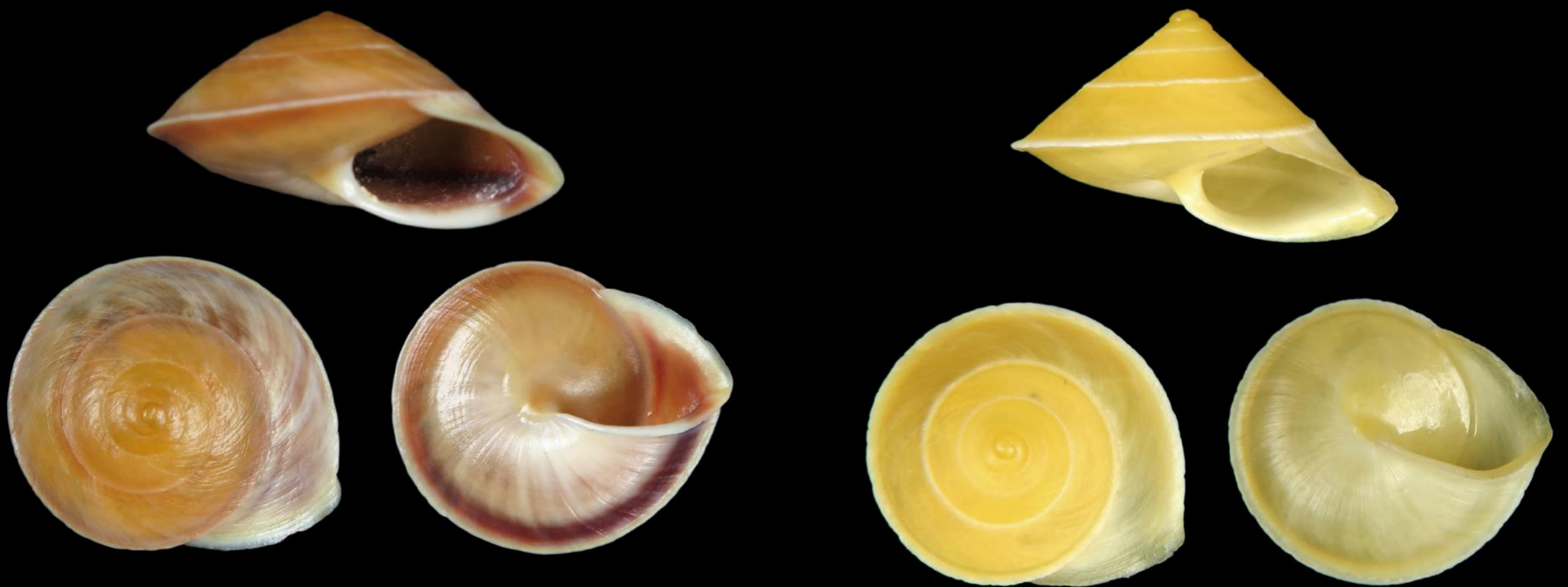
This problematic Abalone is not often seen. We now received this fine set of pieces from Wakayama, a little more north along the Japanese coast than usual for this species. Also reported from south Korea. These shells correspond quite well with Geiger & Owen.





## OFFER 106 PHILIPPINE HELICINIDS

A fine set of HELICINIDS from the Philippines. Includes a hitherto unknown *Geophorus* from northern Mindanao, close to *acutus*, but with very slightly more globose spire. Interesting color forms and all are beautiful.





## **OFFER 107 THE "*CRIBRARIA*" COWRY**

A spectacular set of the best *cribraria* we could purchase in the past months. Some have tremendously rare select colors, others are of a considerable size combined with nice patterns and/or shapes. One of the most beloved species.





## OFFER 108 GREEK LANDSNAILS

A series of land snails from Greece, in general less common or rare species, some quite spectacular and seldom seen in collections. Greece has a fantastic land snail fauna, to the delight of collectors and the curious.





## OFFER 109 PHILIPPINE *CONUS*

A set of different Philippine *Conus* that we could purchase from fisherfolk lately. Some are quite uncommon and seldom fished today.





## OFFER 110 THE “TIGER COWRIES”

A fine set of Tigers that we selected out of many the past months. Many spectacular and rare patterns, a few young ones. There is one *schilderiana* and also one “*tigris tigris*”. Very much sought after today and the delight of many collectors.





## **OFFER 111 Spectacular "*Opisthostoma*" from Southeast Asia**

One of the most amazing groups of land snails, the minuscule but overwhelmingly beautiful and strange *Opisthostoma* from Southeast Asia. All of them are hard to find, all of them are worth being in museums. Here some of the strangest pieces on the planet.







## OFFER 112 INDONESIAN DIPLOMMATINIDS

True "Diplommatinids" from Indonesia. Shapes are classic, quality is outstanding. Dextral and sinistral species. The "*Carinaspinosa*" resembles species from the far away Philippines.





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## **OFFER 115 THE "*BERINII*" FROM AFRICA**

This is a rather large subspecies of the classic and very beautiful "*punctata*", with a range confined to the east African coast. This subspecies comes sporadically to the market. Here a nice set from famous "Nungwi village". Variable as one can see.





## **OFFER 116 DIPLOMMATINIDS FROM MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA**

A spectacular set of a few species of the greatest beauty. These species are often endemic on only a few square meters and are incredibly difficult to find. They are the delight of many collectors, especially since photography allows us to truly enjoy our collections.





## OFFER 117 A FEW EUROPEAN ENIDS

The not so easy to get *macedonica* and *concolora* and the common but beautiful *Jaminea quadridens*. Fascinating snails, usually found in a mixture of earth and rocks.





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## **OFFER 120 THE *CASMARIA PONDEROSA***

This cute little *Cassis* is a real aesthetic marvel and on top of that a tactile shell, pleasing to pick up and feel on the fingertips the silky smooth shell. Comes in a variety of colors and is uncommon everywhere. In the Philippines: when one is VERY LUCKY, you will see one in the early night without moon and without current, on a clear sand bottom. A lot of conditions together.





## OFFER 121 THE PRESTIGIOUS *CONUS FLOCCATUS* - NOW "*TEXTILIA FLOCCATA*"

Divers found about 30 specimens recently, and we were lucky to get first choice, so we could pick out the 11 gem shells without growth marks or scars. Three of them belong to the exquisite *magdalenae* from Kiener, one of my very preferred *Conus*. All are stunning and the colors are variable.





## OFFER 122 THE "*BASILANENSIS*" FROM THE ZAMBOANGA AREA

In the Philippines, the *Amphidromus* genus enters from the south and goes up on the left along Palawan, on the right over Mindanao to Bohol, Leyte to end in Samar. The *basilanensis* is one of the first species encountered there. These shells are from pre WWII stocks, not found in recent years.





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## OFFER 124 PHILIPPINE *CONUS*

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## OFFER 125 THE "KITTELI" FROM SUMATRA

A late discovery is this spectacularly shaped *Plectostoma* from Sumatra, named I presume after the German collector Kittel by the Dutch expert Wim Maassen. The last whorl takes an unexpected "fold" to depart in another direction.





## OFFER 126 THE "*CHLORIS*" FROM THE ZAMBOANGA AREA

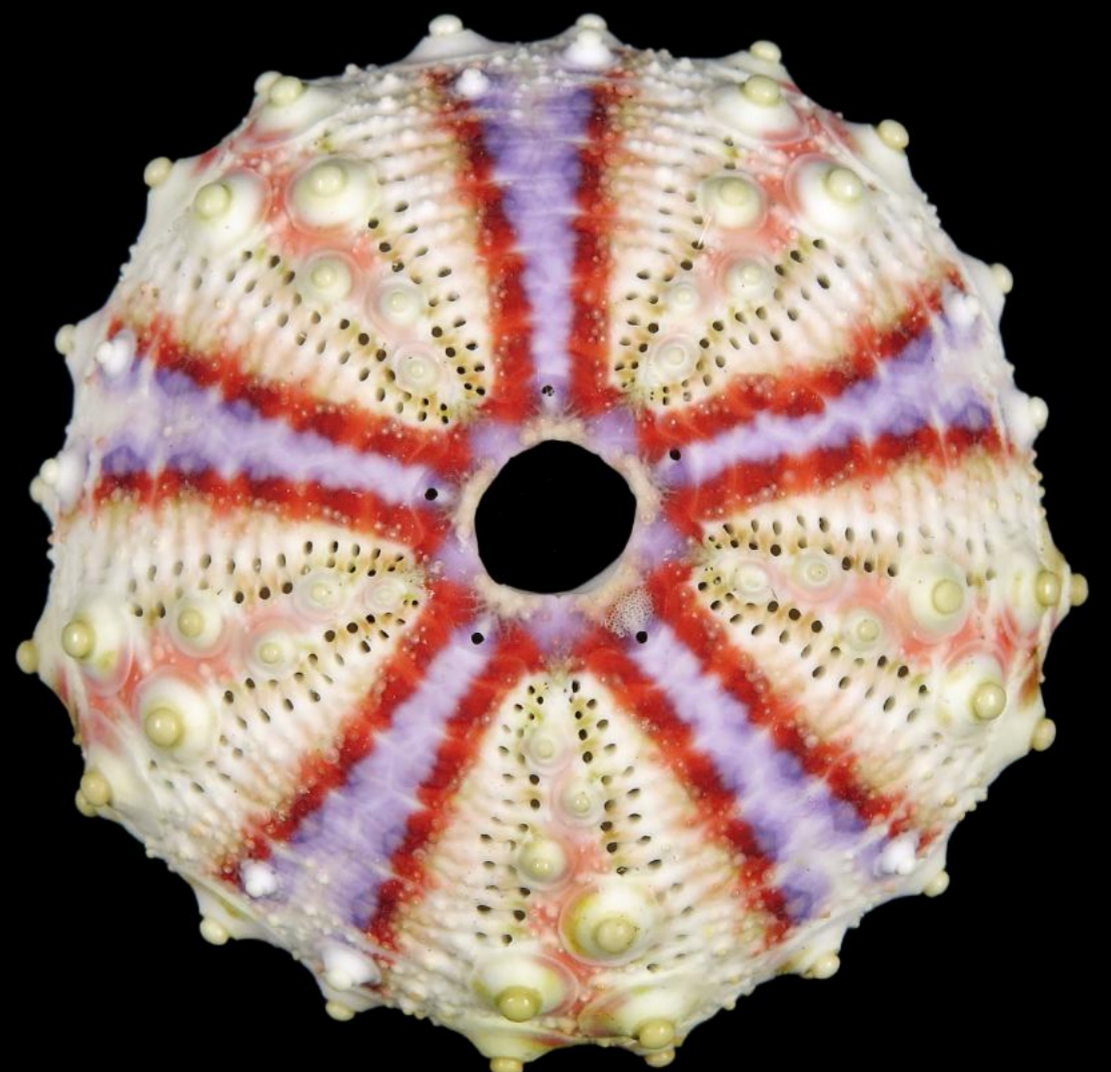
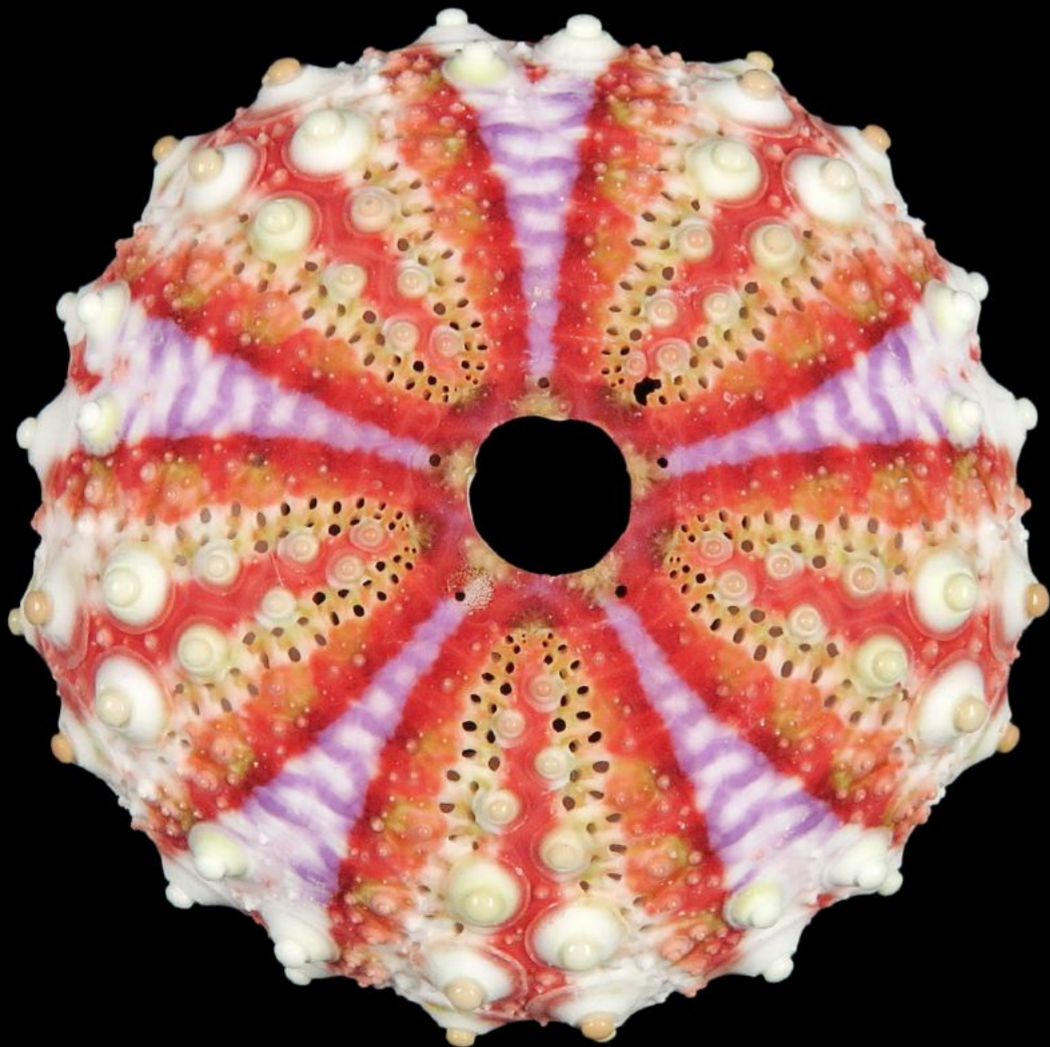
In the Philippines, the *Amphidromus* genus enters from the south and goes up on the left along Palawan, on the right over Mindanao to Bohol, Leyte to end in Samar. The *chloris* is, next to the *basilanensis*, one of the first species encountered there. These shells are from pre WWII stocks, not found in recent years.





## OFFER 127 PHILIPPINE ARBACIIDS

Superb colors in the deep water Philippine Arbaciids. The nomenclature of this group is very confusing, the literature also, nothing is properly defined and illustrated in modern literature. Here a beautiful set of what possibly are correct determinations, but I think it is also possible these are constant variations in one species, the *granulatus*. Anyhow: pure beauty from the sea.







## OFFER 128 A SPLENDID *LITTORARIA* FROM KAUSWAGAN, OLANGO ISLAND

When one spends dangerous times between snakes in the Philippine mangroves of Olango, you will occasionally find brightly colored *Littoraria: pallescens*, and some other species. The sometimes bright yellow, orange or red *pallescens* lives only in the central Indo Pacific: from the Philippines south to Papua, Singapore and the Moluccas.





## OFFER 129 *LIGUUS* FROM CUBA

We now got a fine set of Cuban *Liguus* to the delight of many collectors. Here a selection of some of the not so easy to get forms. The colors are often bright . These are amongst the most searched after land snails. Prestigious for any collection.





## **OFFER 130 STREPTAXIDAE FROM THAILAND, INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA**

These snails mainly hunt other snails and are fascinating. Some feed exclusively on *Clausilia* as I witnessed in Vietnam. Most have attractive shapes and are pure wonders of nature.





## OFFER 131 CUBAN CERIONS

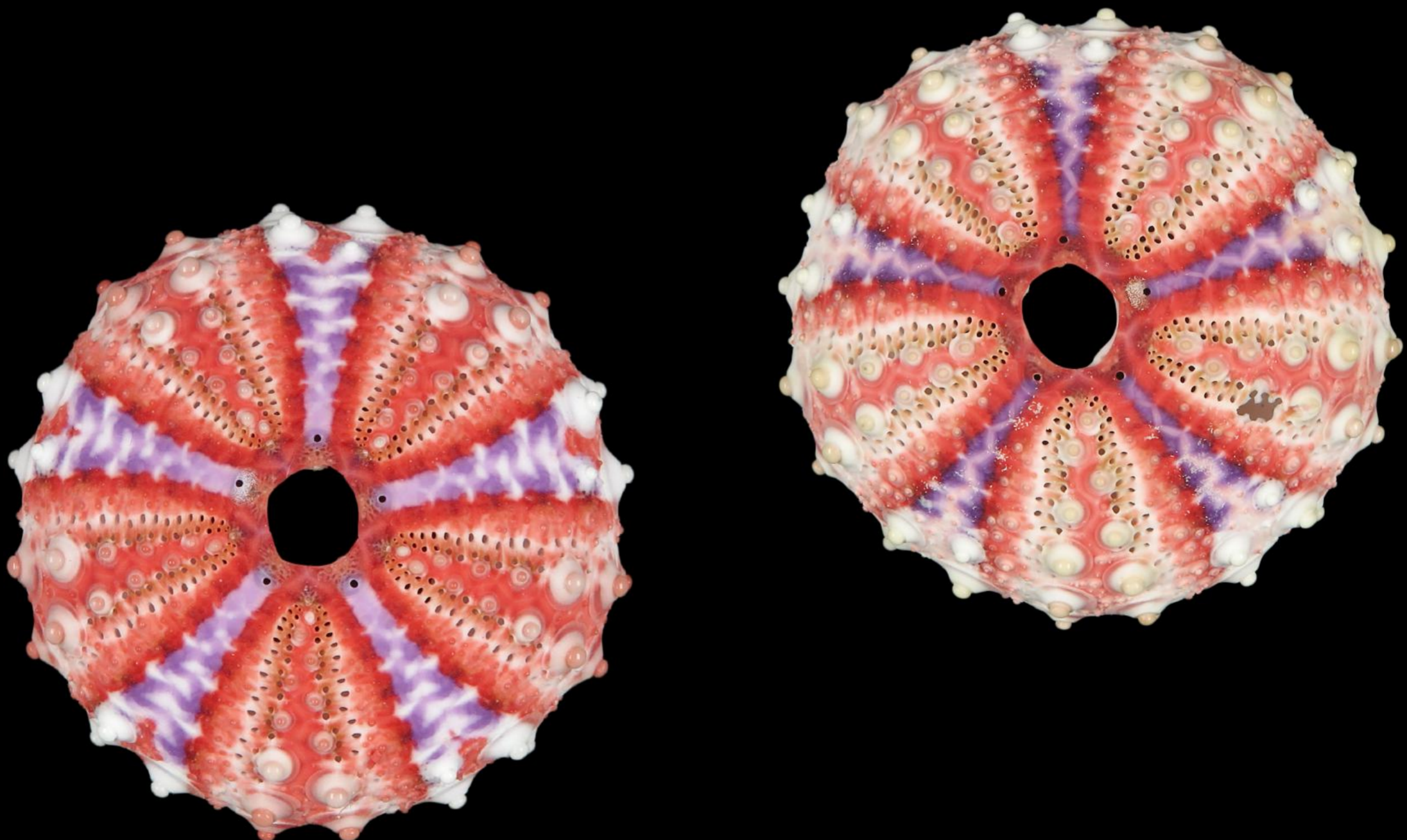
Cuba is rich in *Cerion*, an attractive genus with rather large sized land snails that love to live near the sea. Dunes with short grasses and trees are their playing grounds. There are dozens and dozens of species and variants throughout the northern Caribbean. Here a set from Cuba with some of the most impressive species in the genus.





## **OFFER 132 *COELOPLEURUS MACULATUS* BIG SIZE**

The *Coelopleurus* from the Visayan area are amazingly varied and grow occasionally large. Only one out of 30 pieces reaches reaches over 40 mm. Here a fine selection of ultra beautiful, often very dark red and blue jewels. The best.





## OFFER 133 BELOVED *CRIBRARIA* COWRIES

A few fisherman from Nocnocan Island now discovered a spot containing quite some spectacular colors and sizes in the *cribraria*, after the tiger cowry the most loved of the porcelain snails. Here a fine set of different colors and sizes up to 37 mm which were very rare until recently. They are still uncommon now and we do not know how long this fishing will last. 38 and especially 39 mm and up remain exclusive rarities, with likely less than 50 pieces in collections worldwide which is VERY RARE in cowries.





## OFFER 134 THE BAT VOLUTES

A fine selection of newly acquired *vespertilio* from the Philippines. This very variable species does not stop to surprise us with shapes and colors.





## **OFFER 135 EUROPEAN VERTIGINIDS: *ANGUSTIOR*, *SUBSTRIATA* AND *MOULINSIANA***

All three are classics, the *moulinsiana* revealed itself not endangered at all, although it was at one moment thought to be extinct. Proper research revealed the presence in Germany by the many thousands. It is considered a relict species from the last glaciation.







## OFFER 136 *OLIVA UNDATELLA*

The Ecuador form of *Oliva undatella*, which is placed in the genus *Oliva*, while I frankly think that the subgenus *Strephonella* should be elevated to the genus level to host this special cute species. Here 4 clear cut variants which we got from Manabi Province, Ecuador. The white ones are uncommon.





## **OFFER 137 *BITHYNELLA CHARPENTIERI***

There are many many species of *Bithynella* and the like in Europe, virtually all are very local and hard to find. Many live partially underground and or in springs. This determination is most likely correct, but there is a chance it should be another name. In such case we change later on the homepage in the correct name. A sample of this set has been sent to experts for further study.





## OFFER 138 DIFFERENT VOLUTES

A set of Volutes: most from collections, many not collected for decades in nature. A noble family and a prestigious part in any ensemble of shells.





## **OFFER 139 CUBAN CERIONIDS**

The Cerions are classic land snails from the Caribbean, living usually not far from the sea.

Bushes and grasses near dunes are their preferred zones. Cuba has amongst the most spectacular Cerions, occasionally of BIG sizes. Here a few of these with more typical ones.

All are endemic of Cuba.





## OFFER 140 GREEK CLAUSILIIDAE

Greece is extremely rich in Mediterranean Clausiliids - the family explodes there in a great diversity of types. Here a few, collected by ourselves earlier this year.





## OFFER 141 *TENAGODUS ANGUINUS*

A fine set of rather large and one small *T. anguinus* with intact or almost intact first whorls, selected out of many. This species lives embedded in large sponges collected occasionally at great depth. The sponges are usually black and the Tenagodes are entwined in each other, rendering their extraction difficult without breaking them. Getting scarcer as tangle netting resumes.





## OFFER 142 SPONDYLIDAE FROM THE PHILIPPINES

A set of varied *Spondylus*, from the shallow *Spondylus spectrum* to the quite deep *regius*. Most are well chosen, some are not spectacular as these *regius*, which can be good fill ins for missing colors in a standard collection, but not suitable for the exceptional sets. The two *foliaceus* however, are both perfect for any collection, including the ones looking for the better quality. A choice selection.





## OFFER 143 CUBAN HELICINIDS

This family of operculate land snails is widespread but likes especially Islands. Cuba hosts some of the most spectacular species, some are major beauties and all are well sized and curious. Here a nice selection.







## OFFER 144 VARIED *LAMBIS* SPECIES

A set of mostly freshly fished *Lambis* from the Philippines, but including also two pieces of the famous *violacea*. The latter has been caught in quantity 3 years ago, but almost all are by now absorbed in collections. There is an interesting selection in the *crocata*, including long spines pieces, always a pleasure, and some curious young pieces from the *millepeda*.  
These I picked up myself on the bottom: sought after.





## **OFFER 145 THE NEW BORN *PASCULA PHILPOPPEI***

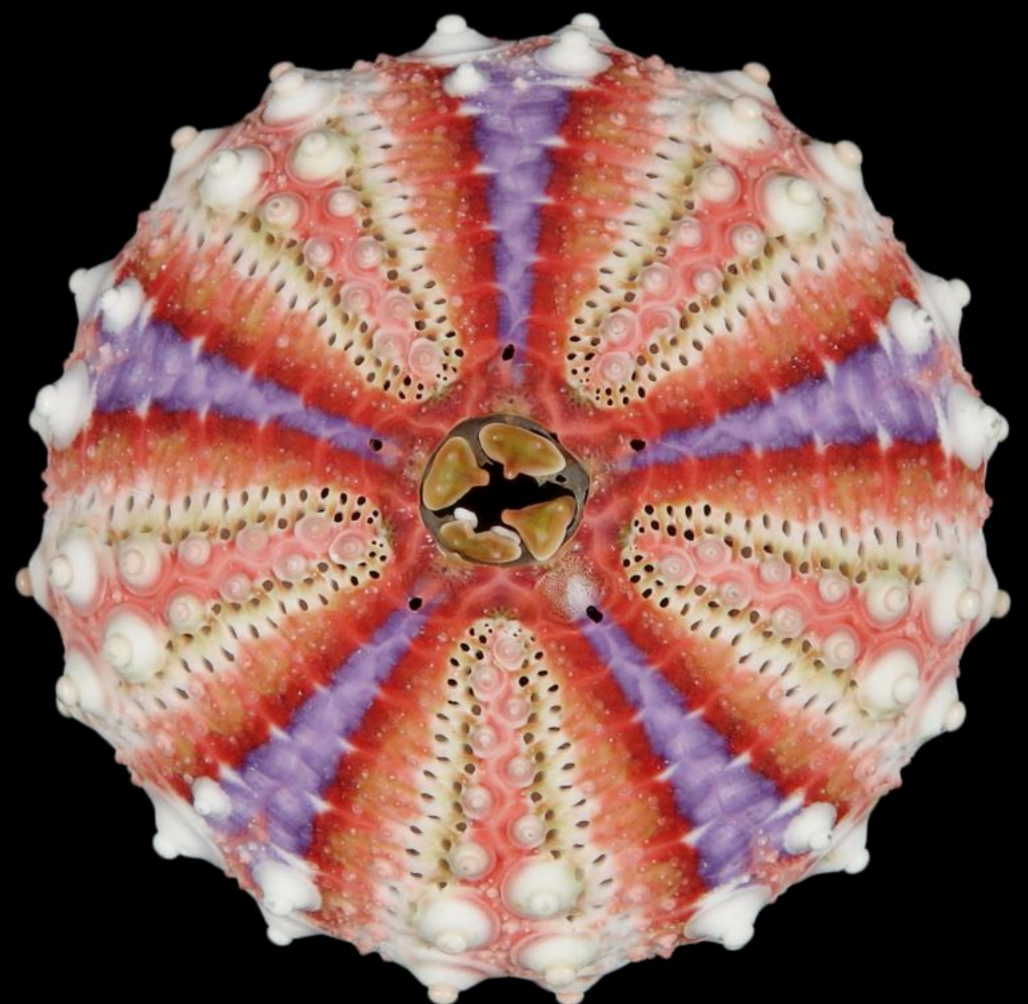
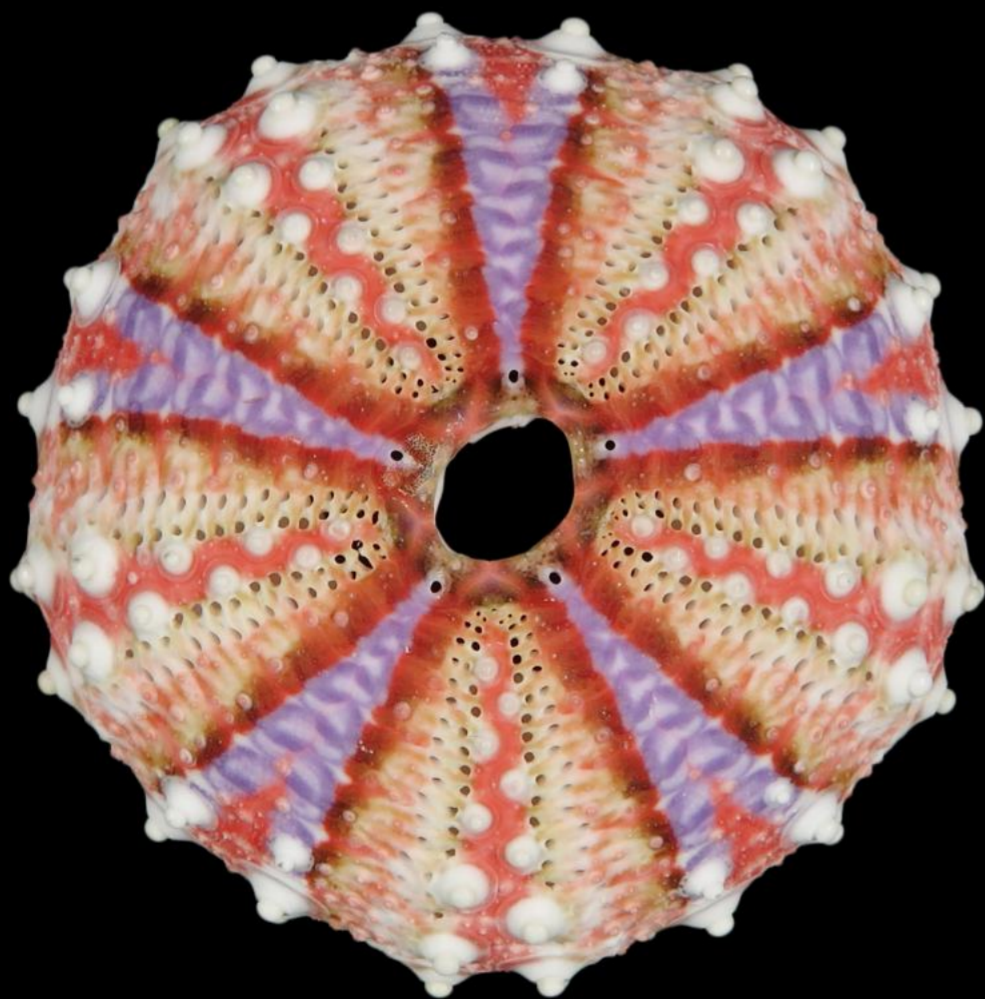
Thanks to Roland Houart, with who we have a close collaboration for almost half a century, the genus *Pascula* got an 8th member: *P. philpoppei*. It is one out of 4 *Pascula* now known from the Philippines and it lives north to Japan. It is a stunningly beautiful broad species with multiple round spiral ribs. To be called very uncommon, even rare, from where the late discovery.





## OFFER 146 COELOPLEURUS GRANULATUS

Looks like the little brother of the *maculatus*, but the coloration is different: the radiating lines are more compressed, especially to the center, usually filled with strong blue and most, but not all, have a greenish shine between the different reds and whites. A great and quite variable *Coelopleurus*. From very deep. Over 40 mm are rare.





## OFFER 147 NEW MANGELIIDS

Named by Stahlschmidt & Tardy in *Miscellanea Malacologia* 7(6) a few days ago. It concerns 5 Philippines new species of *Pseudorhaphitoma*, a beautiful genus of slender beauties with sometimes intricate sculptures: *chocolata*, *jeantardyi*, *poppei*, *ornata* and *jamesnacei*. *Jamesnacei* and *chocolata* are reasonably common, although both are known from I think less than 150 pieces. *Poppei* is very rare and *jeantardyi* and *ornata* are highly uncommon. We live exciting times full of discovery!





## OFFER 148 EUROPEAN HYGROMIIDS

This family hosts a fair number of species which were often placed in *HELICIDAE* before. The Hygromiids are widespread in Europe, but they develop several endemic species and subspecies in the Balearic Islands. Here a selection of these rather hard to get species, seldom seen in collections.





## OFFER 149 ROMANIAN CLAUSILIIDS

Romania is a treasure house when it comes to CLAUSILIIDAE. Most have been collected by the pupils of the late Grossu, professor in biology at a university in the capital. He put at work his folks for 40 years all over the country. I crossed Romania myself and found hardly half a dozen species in a week: most are ultra rare and very endemic, often confined to one small part of a valley. Here a nice selection.





## OFFER 150 UROCOPTIDS FROM CUBA

The UROCOPTIDS are classics from the Caribbean, but especially on Cuba one finds unbelievable shapes and spectacular sculptures. They replace in the Caribbean the Clausiliids from the Eurasian stretch of land. Great shells to have a few of and here two of the most beautiful species.





## OFFER 151 *ENAETA CUMINGII*

A highly selected set of *Enaeta cumingii*, a typical Panama shallow water Volute of which we see almost never recent material. Belongs to the pretty group of sometimes difficult to get *Enaeta*. There are only 2 Pacific *Enaeta*: *barnesii* and *cumingii*. All others are Caribbean or Atlantic South America.







## OFFER 152 THE BEAUTIFUL "*AURELIAE*"

Here a highly selected set of beautiful "*aureliae*" from Balabac Island. We auctioned two more specimen from this lot not so long ago, and we got only 11 pieces this time. The confusing thing is that the same fisherfolk caught two typical *stolida* together with these, so, in the future, the aureliae may even prove to be a valid species. See and wait for the experts.





## OFFER 153 BEAUTIFUL *EUPLEURA NITIDA*

When we talk about "selected shells", then we mean that we sort out usually many to get a few very nice ones left. This is very true in the case of *nitida*. We sorted out hundreds to arrive at the present selection of 21 "excellent" grand beauties. This is prime choice. We also got 50 very acceptable ones at half the price of the marvels here offered. These are all from the Rice collection and collected decades ago. We recleaned all.





## OFFER 154 SPECIAL *CLANCULUS PUNICEUS*

Two pieces from Madagascar, and about a dozen from Zanzibar, from an old stock of East African shells lost in Cebu. All are unusual colors and patterns, taken out of thousands of “typical” *puniceus*. They are precious as this species is not very variable.





## OFFER 155 FASCINATING *DUBIA*

Here a little more than a dozen freshly arrived dubia with operculum and with periostracum, all pieces of beauty from fine+ to gem. This species is fascinating: lives out of fresh water, in plants and trees nearby, and we observed them up to 6 m high in the trees. Shells descend to the water to put eggs in capsules. The floating larvae out of the eggs go to the sea with the current and will only settle in rivermouths. The young snails then climb up the rivers and start their life and reproduction again. That's how this species is found on many Islands.... but nowhere easy to find.





## OFFER 156 THE “AMERICAN” *HAEMASTOMA*

A common species in the Mediterranean and west Africa - I dived a dozen myself in Greece only months ago - but seldom seen in nice quality. Either they are the American “*floridana*” or the European “*haemastoma s.s.*”. This is a set of large and highly selected pieces that are attractive, even this species always looks a little rough. With operculum and from the Rice collection. Better than usual.





## OFFER 157 PHILIPPINE DEEP WATER CONIDAE

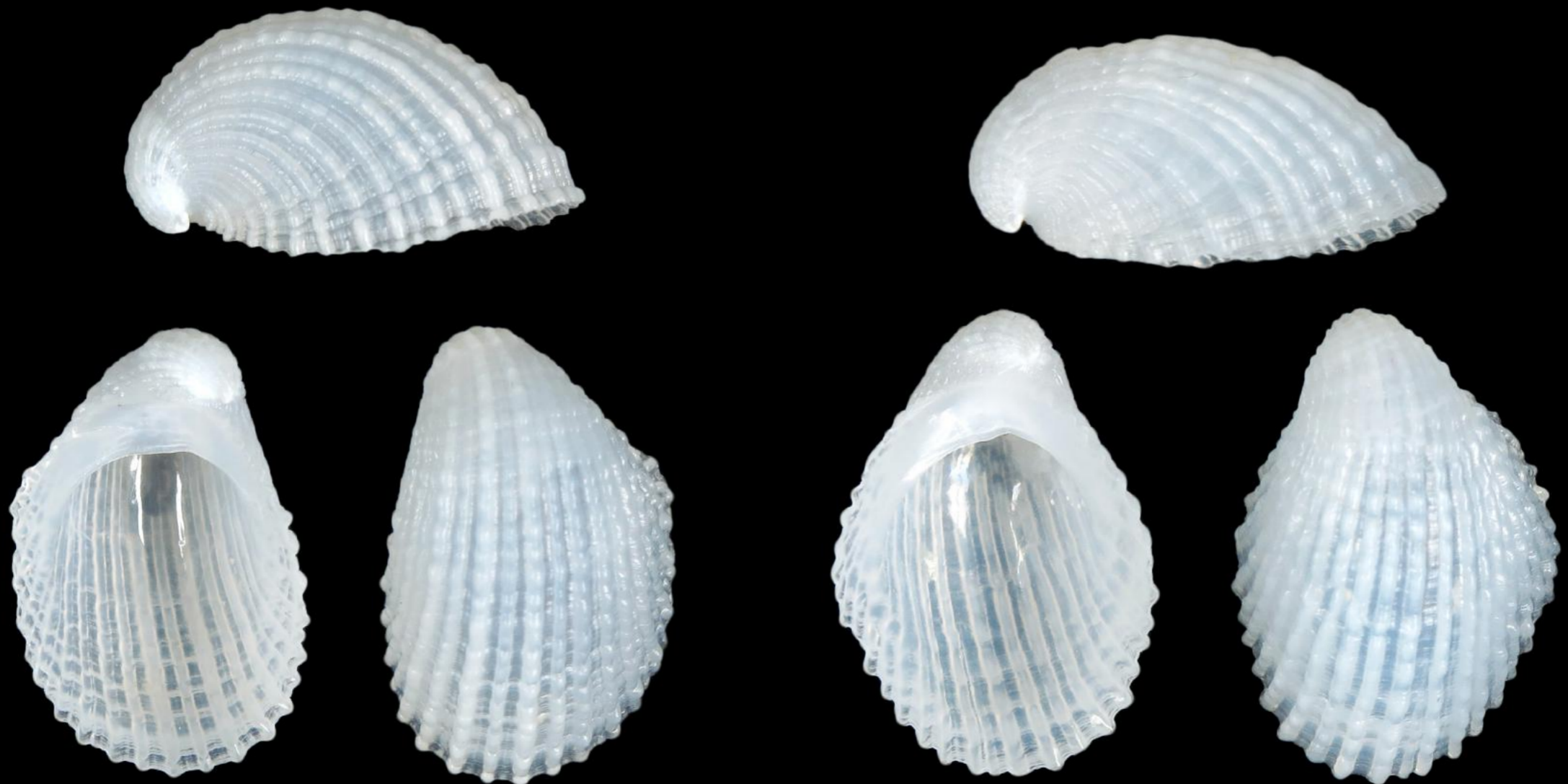
A fine set of *Conus* from deep water, most of the Mactan/Olango channel. Great *geeraertsi* and *gattegnoi*, valid species, to be reestablished soon. Also a few rare rogmartini in excellent condition and fresh from Balut.





## OFFER 158 TRANSLUSCENT *THYCA CRYSTALLINA*

The "crystal" *Thyca*, because of the transluscent condition, lives on the underside of the blue starfish *Linckia*. There they suck the blood of the starfish, a voracious animal itself, living from bivalves and other innocent bottom dwelling sea creatures. A parasite, which is not without charms. Here a selection of well sized pieces. Hard to see on the starfish as the animal is blue also.





## **OFFER 159 ELEGANT *RUFILIRATA* MITERS**

We sold out 45 pieces and never expected to get more of this seldom offered species. Luckily we found the 14 pieces here offered in a box of the Rice collection. They were collected almost 50 years ago, but are still good looking and fresh. From northern Bohol. Fisherfolk in the Philippines never supply us with this species any longer.







## **OFFER 160 PHILIPPINE STROMBIDAE**

Most are common species, excellent to fill in missing colors, some interesting freaks and the like. The Caubian and Mactan material most often dived by Guido & Sheila on their weekly excursions to stay fit.





## OFFER 161 THE *ELEGANT CARINIFER*

This large Melongenid is all at once a rarity in the Philippines. We handled 170 pieces but we have no supply any longer after this small set we now put online. For the lovers of special well sized tropical shells.





## OFFER 162 A MAGNIFICENT CYCLOPHORID

From the genus *Alycaeus*. This species, found on Marabon Island, resembles several other colored *Alycaeus* from southeast Asia, but it is definitely closest to the *roebeleni* from Thailand. However, later studies may prove it different - regarding also the big distance from the type locality. From where we join cf. - conform - to the name.





## OFFER 163 THE NOW VALID SPECIES *STUHLMANNI*

Lives in both the lakes Edward and Albert, but it may later prove to be two different species. Mandahl Barth and Van Damme (1984 both) thought it was a subspecies of *aegyptiaca*, but this is no longer accepted. The Red List treats the species as near threatened, but hundreds are found in fishermen's nets along the lakes... few doublets but many single valves. Almost 50 lots known in museums, most from Lake Albert. Interesting nice Unionid.





**OFFER 164 A BEAUTIFUL NAME: *CLEOPATRA PIROTHI***

Mandal-Barth (1954) shows two drawings of this species, respectively from Butiaba and Kibiro on Lake Albert. Rare in collections.





## **OFFER 165 THE *MUTELA ROSTRATA***

Is a freshwater mussel of the beautiful family IRIDINIDAE. It is a widespread African *Mutela*, not without charm. Many pieces in museums worldwide, but as far as we could check only 4 known before from Lake Albert. Great addition to any collection. We got only 18 pieces.





## OFFER 166 *LANISTES CARINATUS*

The *LANISTES CARINATUS* is seldom seen. These are a premiere as photos in color: the species has been shown in black and white in Thiele (1932) and by a drawing in Mandahl-Barth (1954).





## **OFFER 167 THE *SPEKIA ZONATA***

This wonderful snail lives on rocks in the shallows of Lake Tanganyika. It lives there by the millions, exactly as *Littorina* do in Europe, they graze the hard substrates. But they are freshwater. The shape is wonderful: from the top hard to distinguish from either some Trochids or Littorinids, but the base is flattened. A fascinating lake survivor. Here some highly selected pieces, from fine to gem.







## OFFER 168 PHILIPPINE *ARGONAUTA HIANS*

A fresh set of Philippine *Argonauta hians*, a species that always sells out fast, as people love the Argonauts. In the Philippines the fishermen always catch the *hians* to eat the octopuses. Especially in Ormoc Bay they are looked at as a delicacy. However, because of their fragile nature, the fisherfolk does not keep very often the shells. We succeeded with one of the fishermen, and he brought dark and pale shells, knobbed and smooth ones. For you to choose from.





## OFFER 169 THE *CORALLIOPHILA FEARNLEYI*

In the literature in *Babelomurex*, but now in WORMS in *Coralliophila*, I think justified. This species is a Coral killing presence, here and there seen in the shallows, to relatively deep already. Most shells are eroded, but in the Visayas we get the nice spiny ones as here offered. *Fearnleyi* is uncommon.





## OFFER 170 MADAGASCAR *ANCILLA* SPECIES

Here a selection of 3 East African *Ancilla* from Madagascar. All are late discoveries, *adelphe* dates from 1981, but *atimovatae* is from 2016, described only 2 years ago. The *giaquintoii* was described between in, in the year 2006, in Visaya. All attractive items.





## **OFFER 171 *BURSA AFFINIS***

Finally recognized in WORMS as a valid species, the *affinis* was for decades looked at as a form of the even more common *granularis*. We are satisfied with this recognition of the *affinis*, which is a regular encounter for divers in the Visayas. The 6 shells here offered are new to the lists, but we have about another dozen online.





## OFFER 172 *CONUS SULCOCASTANEUS*

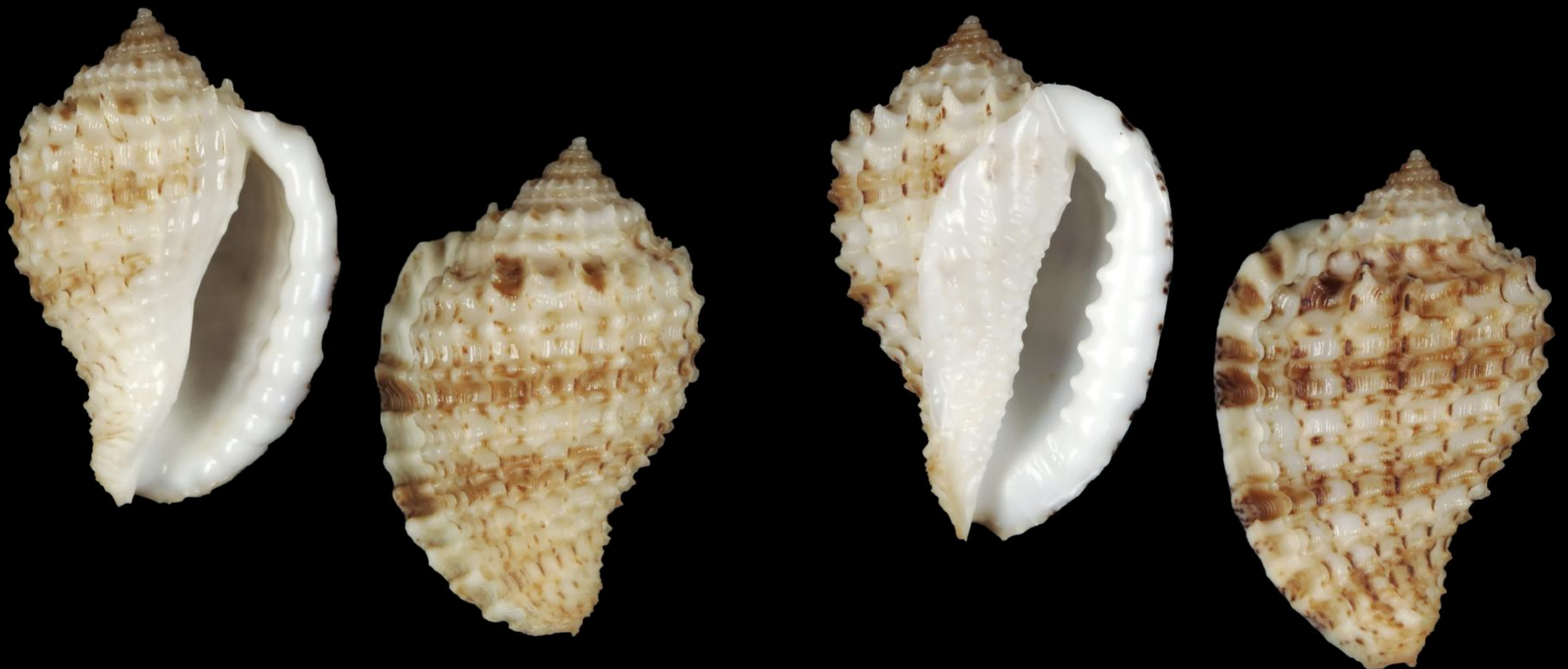
The *Conus sulcocastaneus* is a deep water species of great beauty with a fantastic patina. It lives about everywhere from the central Philippines down to Balut, as long as one goes deep enough with the nets. Here a selection of particularly dark and beautiful pieces. It is a very beloved species by collectors and there is a slight variation in base colors, but the dark ones as shown here are the most attractive ones.





## **OFFER 173 THE *MORUM WATANABEI***

This Harp lives deep and is particularly common around Aliguay Island. Elsewhere, it is rather scarce, even rare. This species has strong teeth in the outer lip, but a few pieces are taken once in a while without teeth, I suspect they are young. A good collection should contain both, as this is an interesting curiosity and nice for coffee table talk.





## **OFFER 174 THE *NASSARIUS CAMELUS***

Probably the name refers to "Camel", the classic animal which also has a bump on the back, exactly as this species. A sand and mud rider with a big attractive white callus around the aperture, but from more deep than most species and not easy to find yourself.





## OFFER 175 THE *NASSARIUS CONSPERSUS*

Is a species I cherish as in my memory it is linked to a series of exploration trips in the Canaries during my very young years. I snorkeled hundreds in the icy cold waters of the Canaries. Most of the ones here offered date back from that time, and most were taken with hermit crabs. But in this offer the truly bad quality is sorted away already. Before, called "*pfeifferi*", and I think that most collectors preferred that name. But *N. conspersus* seems to be the more correct nomination.







## OFFER 176 THE BRACTECHLAMYS VEXILLUM

From the CAUBIAN REEF. When health and weather allow, Sheila and myself venture for dives near the house. When the tide is low, we can not cross the Caubian Reef, so we dive on its borders which is only half an hour by boat from our living room. The water is very clear there, and the bottom is varied as one goes deeper. While for years, not one *vexillum* was living there, this species appeared a few years ago and is now disappearing once more.

These animals live mainly in the 10 m zone in strong current on sand with short green algae. They are amazing. Cleaned ourselves and much better in quality than what one can usually get.





## **OFFER 177 THE *MADREPORARUM* SCALLOP**

This is a curious species, and the ugly duck in the family, together with a few other species, as most scallops are attractive and beautiful. But its irregular shape and dull coloration has something. Not easy to find, the species lives hidden under coral blocks and stones and debris. We found only a few ourselves. A must have for scallop lovers.





## OFFER 178 THE *GLADYSIAE* SCALLOP

This species was a grand rarity until a few years ago. But dredgings in Surigao brought to light several hundred. Apparently, on the coral bottoms there, around 80 m deep, the *gladysiae* is common. Unfortunately, for diverse reasons, there is no dredging there any longer: since more than 2 years already. The stocks are going down fast, and we now have only about 80 pieces left. An opportunity not to miss as it is unlikely the dredging will start again in this area.





## OFFER 179 THE *NICOBARICUS*

Is a Ranellid which is found all over the planet. However, in most areas it is rare. In the Philippines, the species can be called "Uncommon" but some fishermen know where superb pieces are to be found. Here a selection of these "better than ever" *nicobaricus*.





## OFFER 180 THE *HEPATICA*

Is a very beautiful species. Its tactile qualities are great: the shells are smooth and solid with a nice patina. The colors are stunning. Unfortunately, our long time friend, and the only supplier of this species, passed away last year. His name was "Jesus" and he was the one behind the Philippine *mariae*, *childreni*, *ventriculus*, *hepatica* and half a dozen more Samar species. They all will become hard to get now, as we will have to rely on the supply of "old collection" material.





## **OFFER 181 *TANGANYICIA RUFOFILOSA***

Is a very seldom seen freshwater species, endemic to Lake Tanganyika. Well documented with a nice drawing in the Journal de Conchyliologie in 1881 by Crosse, one year after the description. Further shown In Pilsbry & Bequart (1927) and Extensive in Leloup (1953) with multiple drawings showing variation in shape. Also variable in pattern. Interesting freshwater mollusk. We got only 9 this time and sold 3 pieces in 2014.





## OFFER 182 THE *CASPIAN CERASTODERMA GLAUCUM*

Possibly an undescribed species, possibly one of the many forms of *glaucum*. Anyhow an extremely difficult to get item, living in a salinity which is about one third of sea water. The Caspian Sea is usually deep. These shells have been taken shallow, in 1.5 mm but 40 km offshore from the coast of Kazakhstan. More interesting than that, lake species seldom come.





## **OFFER 183 *HABROMORULA SPINOSA***

Is a species you can find yourself when snorkeling on the algae beds between 3 and 15 m or when scuba diving in the Visayas. However, each piece will take you half an hour cleaning, and to find one in the quality as the shells offered here is a small miracle. So, this is a great opportunity.







## OFFER 184 SOUTH AMERICAN ATLANTIC TROPHON

In 1996 I was roaming around in Argentina and collected the shells here offered myself, at low tides. The *geversianus* is different on each spot, and here a small set of Cabo San Pablo pieces, a difficult to reach place. They are less rough and more refined compared to the Ushaia material. *Plicatus* from Valdes are picked out of many, as most seen on the mussel beds at low tide are almost smooth.





## **OFFER 185 THE *CYCLOPE NERITEA***

Is a very common species in the Mediterranean. For some reason, the species is most often seen dead collected in collections. But when you know the correct beaches, you can find them alive, gliding by the hundreds on flat solid sand beds in calm bays. Here a set I collected myself with great pleasure in 2001, on the sand flats in the middle of the sea in San Carlos de la Rapita.





## OFFER 186 *RETICUNASSA VISAYAENSIS*

Until recently, many of the Philippine NASSARIIDAE were sold under "Meganames", these are species names used by the post war lumpers for a multitude of species. Molecular studies now prove the many different "forms" often, but not always, to be different species. Hidden in other species, this *incrassata* like Indo Pacific species has been named as valid, and the authors chose the beautiful name "*visayaensis*", after the Islands we explored most. The pattern is occasionally very beautiful, with horizontal lines all over.





## **OFFER 187 *NATICARIUS STERCUSMUSCARUM***

The former "*MILLEPUNCTATUS*" of authors, which, in my humble opinion, was a more appropriate name for this stunning species which is large and solid and endemic to the Mediterranean. In WORMS forgotten in the synonymy of *stercusmuscarum* but indicated separately as a synonym. This species is eaten in Spain, but good sets are not easy to get despite that. Taken by offshore fishermen.





## OFFER 188 THE *NOTOCOCHLIA VENUSTULA*

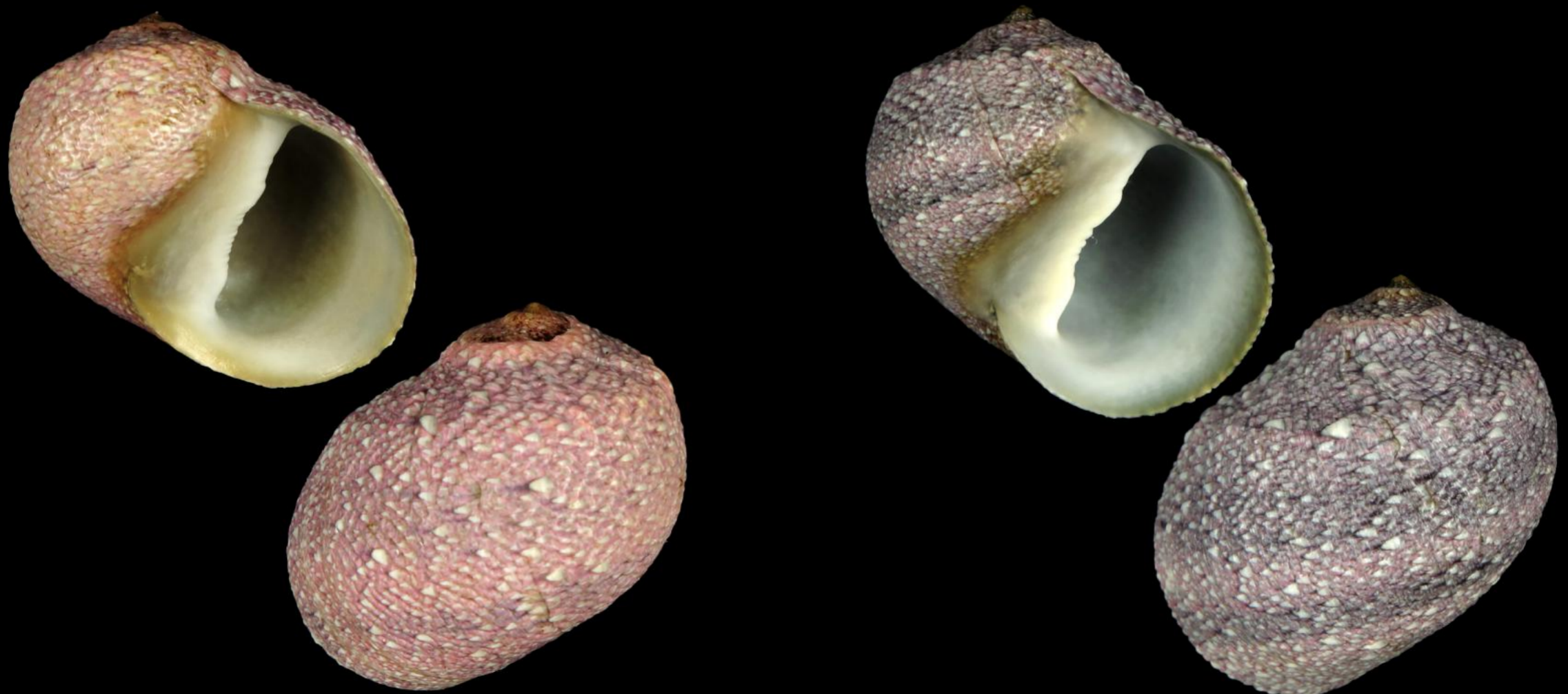
Is a curious little *Natica*, which you can find alive when walking with a torch at low tide in the early night on exposed algae fields. Occasionally you will meet a colony of active *venustula* crawling around, although it may take you twenty nights and a little luck to see this. A beautiful but rather small Naticid.





## OFFER 189 THE *CLITHON SQUARROSUM*

Is intriguing because of the shell which looks as covered by a rough snake skin. These specimen we dived ourselves in the ice cold water coming from the mountains. The *squarrosum*, which I always found attractive but a little strange, is one of the many Nerites which reproduces in the streams, the larvae go floating in the sea and settle at the mouth of other streams. As they fall on the bottom they start crawling upstreams to start a new cycle when big.





## OFFER 190 THE *NERITINA PETITII*

Is one of the magnificent large freshwater Nerites with a big orange tinted mouth and sometimes fantastic patterns on the dorsum. Well sized and rare everywhere. These pieces we collected together with the *squarrosus* from an early offer and they have the same life-cycle in freshwater and seawater mixed. This is why you can find them in both books on sea mollusks and freshwater mollusks. Great pleasure to have these and to explain this wonder of nature cycle to friends.





## OFFER 191 THE *SCUTELLAstra OPTIMA*

Is one out of about 50 species of REAL LIMPETS, the PATELLIDAE, and it is one of the most difficult species to obtain. I collected only a dozen myself in all these years in the Philippines and scrutinizing thousands of rocks. We now got a fine set found on Bantayan Island, north of Cebu. What I call, an opportunity to get a real rarity for a reasonable - low - price.







## OFFER 192 THE *PALLIOLUM TIGERINUM*

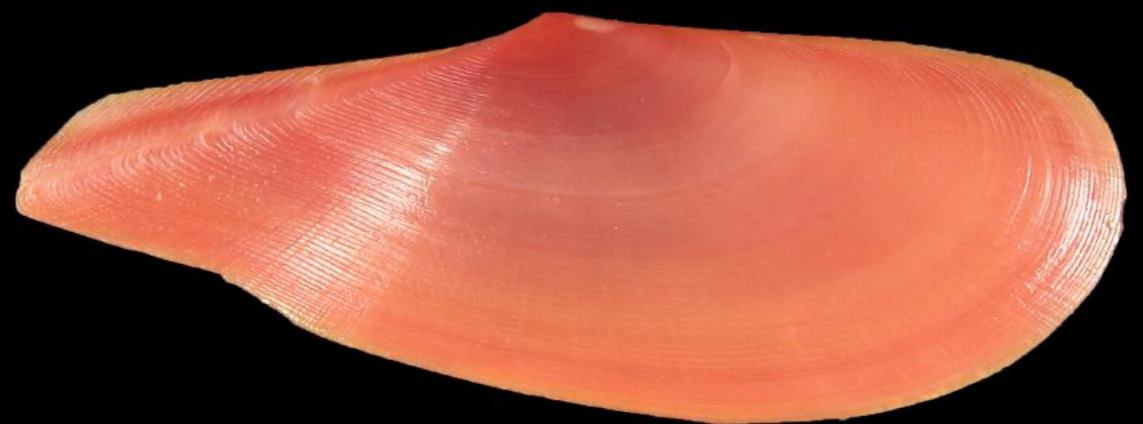
Is a classic for Belgian collectors, who love the species. However, getting one for the collection is not that easy, as the species is most often taken by fishermen only. I dived less than a dozen pieces myself, but this was in the north of Norway, the Lofoten Islands, and they were not of the form "*laevis*", which is smooth shelled or with hardly visible ribs, and big. The *laevis* was only once taken in quantity on a few trips in 1983. Collectors in Belgium have tremendous color sets, which they will not depart with. Here a set of classic colors, but we can already be happy to be able to offer these. In all books on British and north European shells, but not an easy one.





## OFFER 193 THE *PHARAONELLA AUREA*

Is our former "*P. ROSTRATA*". Due to a mistake of Spengler and some others, for centuries, the *aurea* from Perry was called *rostrata* from Linnaeus. The real *rostrata* from Linnaeus is the heavy and more sculptured whitish Tellinid from Sri Lanka. But not depending on the name, we here have one of the most beautiful Tellinids of the world, and now getting scarce as little new supply reaches us. Comes in red and yellowish, very rare whitish.





## OFFER 194 THE *LABROLINEATA* FROM THE SOLOMONS

Out of the Rice collections, a great set of unusually small and square *labrolineata*, tending to the form *helenae*. Very hard to get at present as there are no commercial shell collectors there any longer. An opportunity.





## OFFER 195 THE *GEOPHORUS ACUTUS*

Is a beautiful Helicinid from the rocks in native forests on several Islands of the central Philippines. There are subspecies: *G. acutus acutus* is from Cebu, with red in the pattern and smooth whorls. *G. acutus intermedius* from the same Islands is all yellow and higher spired, *G. acutus peracutus* is from Tablas Island. Not common, also not ultra rare.





## OFFER 196 THE *ACAIVUS* FROM SRI LANKA

From the collection of Tom Rice, a nice set of 17 *Acavus haemastoma*, different color forms, some very rare today. Collected more than half a century ago, we recleaned and the shells are like collected yesterday. For the experts in land snails and the lovers of the Sri Lanka *Acavus: haemastoma* lives mainly in the south of the Island on the underside of big leaves, occasionally on the stems of trees in dense vegetation.





## **OFFER 197 THE *OHRIDOHORATIA CARINATA***

Is a shallow water species living in big Lake Ohrid, and it lives only there. The Lake Ohrid (from where the genus name) harbors more than 200 endemic species, is 358 square km in size and is 300 m deep on its deepest. The *O. carinata* has a superb shape.





## OFFER 198 THE *DINARICA POUZOLZII*

Is one of my very preferred large European landsnails. In my young years I was wandering around 3 weeks in the former Yugoslavia and found at least 30 pieces without holes: none got the periostracum, all were dead. Still I was puzzled and it took me years at that time to find out they were "*pouzolzii*". This is the second time I got some with periostracum, and again, one very beautiful one. We auctioned a perfect dark one not so long ago, it went for 155 euro.





## OFFER 199 FORMER YUGOSLAVIAN *HELICIGONA*

Different species of this magnificent genus. Many of these are very endemic and hard to find in the field. Reasonable quality is the more rare. The one I truly loved to find in my early years was "*setosa*". The hairy periostracum is just amazing. For the lovers of uncommon and rare land snails.







## OFFER 200 HYGROMIIDS FROM CRETE

Here a first batch of this rich European family that counts some very nice Mediterranean species. Crete is particularly rich in *Metafruticicola*, and the beautiful "*pellita*" is just irresistible.





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