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**FIRST RECORDS OF *CONUS COELINAE* (CROSSE, 1858) IN THE PHILIPPINES**

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In 1978, Walls recorded *Conus coelinae* from the Philippines, but the figures he gives definitely show *Conus kintoki* Habe & Kosuge, 1970. Another book figuring true *Conus coelinae* and mentioning “Philippines”, next to Hawaii and New Caledonia, is the Compendium (Abbott & Dance, 1982).

In our opinion the Hawaiian shells are a valid subspecies: *Conus coelinae spiceri* (Bartsch & Rehder, 1943). They are larger than shells from New Caledonia and most often lack the purple around the siphonal canal.

Philippine fisherman brought us two specimen of *Conus coelinae*: one came via Zamboanga – a source of shells that are found between Zamboanga and the extreme southern end of the Philippines, the Tawi-Tawi. Another shell arrived one year later with better data: Balabac, an Island on the south of Palawan.

This means a large range extension to the north for this *Conus*.

Both shells are figured here: they are quite dark coloured but apart from that, all other conchological characteristics are the same as in the New Caledonian species.

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*Conus coelinae* H. Crosse, 1858

1. 82.7 mm. Philippines. Palawan. Balabac Island.
2. 54.3 mm. Philippines. Zamboanga. Between 20-40 m deep.

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