

Strombus gibberulus gibbosus (Röding) from the Galapagos Islands

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During a short visit to the Rijksmuseum of Natural History, Leiden, Holland, in September 1974, I had the opportunity to take a look at the relatively large amount of unidentified material of the family Strombidae. To my surprise I found among others a fine specimen of Strombus (Gibberulus) gibberulus gibbosus (Röding, 1798) from the Galapagos Islands. This specimen had been collected by Mr. J.H.C. Walenkamp, on December 5th, 1972, on the beach of Bahia Conway, Isla Santa Cruz (Indefatigable), Galapagos Islands. It is an empty, but perfect and very fresh specimen.

It is the first time that this taxon is mentioned from the Eastern Pacific. Up till now its most eastern record was from the Tuamotu islands (Abbott, 1960: 144). If it is really living near Isla Santa Cruz then this record means an important extension of the known range of Strombus gibberulus gibbosus.

Even if this Strombus has to be considered an occasional migrant, it may be added to the list of other Indo-Pacific taxa which have been reported up till now from the Galapagos Islands (Hertlein & Strong, 1955; Emerson & Old jr., 1965).

Another Strombus species: Strombus (Lentigo) granulatus Swainson, 1822, was already known from the Galapagos Islands (Hertlein & Strong, 1955). The latter, however, is a typical species from the Eastern Pacific.

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