

A NEW RECORD OF *CANARIUM URCEUS* FROM THE RED SEA

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*Canarium urceus urceus* (Linnaeus, 1758), Fam. Strombidae, has been recorded only twice from the Red Sea: GULF OF AQABA, Egypt, east-coast of Sinai, Taba, leg. Y. Nagy, 1970 (Mienis, 1984: 560); RED SEA (proper): Saudi Arabia, near Jeddah (Sharabati, 1984: plt. 7, figs. 4-4a). I am not certain whether the specimen figured as *Strombus* cf. *urceus* form *ustulatus* (Sharabati, 1884: plt. 7, fig. 5) belongs in reality to *Canarium urceus urceus*. Due to this small number of records it has been included in the recently published checklist of Red Sea Molluscs as a species in need of confirmation (Dekker & Orlin, 2000: 21).

To my surprise I found another specimen from the Gulf of Aqaba among the shells collected by Mrs. Ora Kerman on the beach of Elat, Israel, between 1960 and 1970 (TAU/1). It is a well preserved shell measuring 58 x 34 mm (height x width).

According to these data *Canarium urceus urceus* has now been collected at three different localities in the Red Sea. Interestingly it is also known from three beached shells only from eastern Arabia (Bosch et al., 1995: 61, Fig. 201). Nevertheless it remains doubtful whether viable populations occur in the waters of the Arabian peninsula. The finds in the Arabian region are widely separated from the range indicated for this species by Abbott (1960: 66, Plt. 43): Eastern Indian Ocean & Western Pacific Ocean.

Samenvatting: Een nieuwe vermelding van *Canarium urceus* van de Rode Zee. In materiaal dat op het strand van Elat, Israel, werd verzameld door Mevr. O. Kerman gedurende de jaren 1960-1970, trof de schrijver een goed exemplaar aan van *Canarium urceus urceus*. Deze soort is nu uit de Rode Zee bekend van drie vindplaatsen: Elat, Israel; Taba, Egypte en Jeddah, Saudi Arabië. Het blijft echter nog steeds de vraag of deze soort werkelijk in de Rode Zee leeft.

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