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First record of gastropod *Hexaplex trunculus* (L., 1758) in the north Black Sea

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Первая находка брюхоногого моллюска *Hexaplex trunculus* (L., 1758) в северной части Черного моря

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A specimen of very common and well-known Mediterranean muricid species *Hexaplex trunculus* (L., 1758) was

found in the Northern Black Sea, at the shore of Crimea Peninsula in August, 2002 by one of the authors [D. Frolov].

An alive mollusc was collected at the west end of Aloushta town (Southern coast of Crimea Peninsula). It was found in daytime approximately in 20-30 m off coast line, at 4-6 m deep, in a small (approx. 0.5 m deep) cavity under large stone, on the sand. Animal moved actively by sand along the stone. Bottom characters: sand with gravel and large stones (approx. 1 to 3 m in diameter) arranged in groups of 15-20 pieces.

The shell of the mollusc is 45 mm in height (Fig.1), typical for the species. A hole at dorsal side of penultimate whorl (Fig.1 B) was made when shell was cleaned.

This species was recorded for the Black Sea by Kobelt

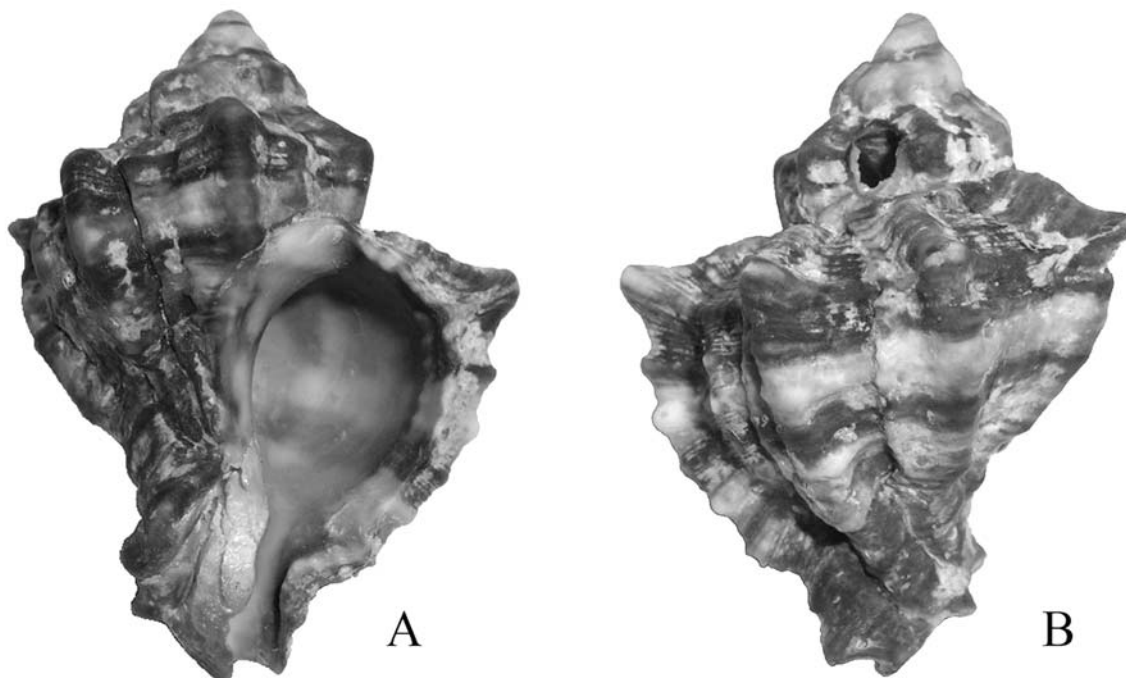


FIG. 1. *Hexaplex trunculus* (L., 1758) collected near Aloushta, Crimea Peninsula, North Black Sea. H = 45 mm. A — ventral view, B — dorsal view.

РИС. 1. *Hexaplex trunculus* (L., 1758) собранный в районе Алушты, Крым, Черное море. H = 45 мм. А — вид с вентральной стороны, В — вид с дорсальной стороны.