

Mestayer (1918) summarised previous New Zealand records of the genus, most of which are probably unreliable.

This record is the first indication that members of the genus may be living in deep water off northern New Zealand, although the possibility of the shell being fossil or subfossil cannot entirely be ruled out.

DISCUSSION

The area to the north of New Zealand is noted for the number of genera and species typical of Australian seas, and to this list the genera *Spinospella* and *Fissurisepta* may now be added. However, an Indo-Pacific influence is indicated too by the presence of species of *Corculum* and *Conus*. As further collecting is carried out from deep water the distribution of a number of genera may be expected to be extended, and only then will the origins of the fauna of this region be understood correctly.

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