

296 fathoms. At one of them (Haul 23) an egg nidus of the typical form (Dell 1956A, p. 44, figs. 64, 65) was collected.

LOCALITIES:

Haul 23—23 miles N.E. of Poor Knights Islands, 296–276 fathoms, 11.11.1962.

Haul 31—17 miles N.E. of Cavalli Islands, 260 fathoms, 22.11.1962.

Genus GALEODEA Link

1807. Besch. Rostock Samml. (3), p. 113.

Type species (monotypy) *Buccinum echinophorium* Linnaeus, Recent, Mediterranean.

Galeodea trigancae Dell. Pl. 1, fig. 7.

1953. *Galeodea trigancae* Dell, Rec. Dominion Mus. 2, p. 51, figs. 1–4.

1956. *Galeodea trigancae* Dell, Dominion Mus. Bull. 18, p. 85, figs. 116–118.

A single specimen of this variable species from Haul 28 extends the range considerably to the north.

LOCALITY:

Haul 28—23 miles N. of Poor Knights, 312–320 fathoms, 20.11.1962.

Genus AENEATOR Finlay

1927. Trans. N.Z. Inst., 57, p. 414.

Type species (original designation) *Verconella marshalli* Murdoch, Pleistocene, New Zealand.

Subgenus ELLICEA Finlay

1928. (in Marwick) Trans. N.Z. Inst., 58, p. 432.

Type species (original designation) *Siphonalia orbita* Hutton, Pliocene, New Zealand.

The writer (Dell, 1956B, pp. 98, 99) has discussed *Aeneator* and *Ellicea* and concluded that the relationship between them can hardly be given more rank than subgeneric. A new deep water species from northern New Zealand supplies further evidence for this view because although spiral sculpture is still dominant (the only major morphological distinguishing character of *Ellicea*), the general appearance is close to *Aeneator*, and it is approaching a species of this genus very closely.

Aeneator (Ellicea) benthicolus n. sp. Pl. 1, figs. 5, 6.

Shell of medium size, elongate, fusiform. Protoconch of $2\frac{1}{4}$ bulbous smooth whorls followed by about a third of a whorl over which low broad axials are developed. Early whorls strongly shouldered about the middle, sculptured with broad, moderately strong raised oblique axials, both the shoulder and the strong axial sculpture becoming obsolete over antepenultimate whorl and practically lacking on penultimate and body whorls. Spiral sculpture of low but crisp cords crossing the axials on early whorls and becoming the dominant sculpture on later whorls, 5–6 spirals on the penultimate, some 18 to 22 over the body whorl and base, and extending obliquely across the canal in reduced form. Body whorl evenly convex, base gently concave. Aperture elongate-ovate, produced below into a moderate canal, twisted to the left. Inner lip spread as a thin glaze across the body whorl. Outer lip thin, with a wide, gentle, even sinus. Colour chalky white in dead shells, orange yellow shading to white in live specimens.

	Height mm	Diam. mm	Spirals on Penultimate
Haul 33 (Holotype)	52.3	23.7	6
Haul 25 (Paratype)	45.9	19.2	6
Haul 5 (Paratype)	35.2	15.3	5
Haul 20	44.0	18.1	10
Haul 23 (Paratype)	30.4	13.6	5

LOCALITIES:

Haul 33—17 miles N.E. of Cavalli Islands, 260 fathoms, 23.11.1962 (Holotype).