

La Conchiglia

The Shell



Something unusual

Cypraeovula sp. cf. *castanea*

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This unusual crabbed 37mm specimen was taken from a crayfish trap at 150m off Port Alfred, South Africa. The dorsal aspect resembles *C. castanea*, while the margins and base are much more callous and the extremities are more developed than in typical *castanea*. This feature is reminiscent of *C. fuscodentata*. The teeth are much finer than in *C. castanea*, and longer, extending across the labrum. The columellar margin is coarsely spotted, which is

sometimes seen in *C. castanea* as well. Another unique specimen from South Africa which shows how little we actually know about the Cypraeidae from this part of the world.

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