

Monetaria annulus (Linnaeus, C., 1758) from Tunisia?

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From Tunisia we receive continuous reports of new alien species, species that have been introduced from other oceans and find the right environment in which grow and reproduce. These alien species are also referred to a certain curiosity and sometimes a signal to researcher about the environmental changes taking place in the Mediterranean Sea.

When i looking Publications for anything else I come across a small note / scientific report published at the following link:

http://www.ciesm.org/online/archives/abstracts/pdf/38/PG_00435.pdf

which indicates the presence and the discovery of four specimens of *Monetaria annulus* (Linnaeus, C., 1758) running in dredging a stretch of sea between the shores of the archipelago Kerkenna North until you get off Tripoli.

now say that their presence confirms the presence of the species is too early and find a sporadic but as I report and you should know.

Perhaps other researchers / enthusiasts reading these two lines in the near future will also be highlighting the discovery of other specimens, or the lack of other examples relegating this note of curiosity or misjudgment.

But whereas the authors state that according to bathymetric features, preservation of the shells and other factors, which places the subject of the discovery have proved already colonized by other alien species, since the area provides a suitable environment for considerations of substrate

, temperature, etc. ...

a hope that a new species has arrived and environment are not minimal.

We conclude by asking that, if others make findings report it so that we can make a more complete picture of the matter.

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