

## An elusive *Conus* from the Philippines

I have recently got this specimen, 39.7 mm, from Jolo Island, Sulu Sea, Philippines. Shell moderate solid (RW = 0.17), conical (RD = 0.56, PMD = 0.84) with straight sides, slightly convex at basal third, adapically convex. Shoulder subangulate. Spire of moderate height, outline straight. Sutural ramps flat. Last whorl with weak spiral ribs at base and finer elevations above. Ground colour solid brown with interrupted dark spiral lines and dots. Two faint bands are visible at centre and at base.

Postnuclear sutural ramps of yellowish salmon colour; late sutural ramps matching the colour of the last whorl with radial yellowish streaks. Protoconch pink. Aperture bluish white with a collabral brown margin. Many features of this specimen drive to *Conus magus* but I'm not certain of that. The last word is to the readers of *The Conus Collector*.

P.S. In my opinion it is *Conus magus* (January 2008)



*Conus species*



Spiral dot-line pattern



Spire