

Note on New Bivalve Records for Easter Island¹

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THE EASTER ISLAND/SALA Y GOMEZ complex is an isolated island group with its own unique molluscan assemblage (Rehder 1980, Disalvo et al. 1988, Osorio and Cantuarias 1989). Osorio (1996) recently reported the first species of the bivalve genus *Isognomon* from Easter Island. The specimens reported here represent six bivalve genera and four families previously unreported from Easter Island. The bivalves, all beachworn, were collected dead on the beach at Easter Island. Species determination is difficult because of the very few specimens collected, the small size of the shells, and the fact that the shells are degraded and measurements were not always possible.

Pitar sp. (Veneridae) (SIOBIC M1443): two worn valves, one 33 mm high, the other 46 mm long.

Pitar sp. (Veneridae) (SIOBIC M1446): three worn valves, one 20 by 23 mm; the others 37 mm and 38 mm long, respectively.

Chione sp. (Veneridae) (SIOBIC M1448): one worn valve, 7 by 9 mm.

Glycymeris sp. (Glycymerididae) (SIOBIC M1444): two worn valves, one 30 by 29 mm; the other 25 by 25 mm.

Spondylus sp. (Spondylidae) (SIOBIC M1441): one worn valve, 32 mm long.

Arca sp. (Arcidae) (SIOBIC M1442): one complete set of two valves, 9 by 17 mm.

Cardium sp. (Cardiidae) (SIOBIC M1440): one

worn fragment of a single valve, measurements not determined.

Rehder (1980) reported a live specimen of *Arca angulata* King & Broderip collected in a piece of drift pumice found near the water's edge on Easter Island, but concluded that the specimen had arrived by drift from the Juan Fernández Islands and was not part of the Easter Island malacofauna. The specimens reported here may also represent transient species on Easter Island.

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