body whorl. Outer lip a little quadangularly expanded with the thickened edge almost parallel to the columella, posteriorly forms a round ended projection extending almost on the level of the suture above the penultimate whorl; anterior canal well developed, stromboid notch very deep and u-shaped. The head bears long and muscular eye peduncles; each peduncle giving rise to a fairly long tentacle a little below its distal end. Eyes are well developed and have colorful irises. Foot is narrow, very muscular bearing the operculum. Operculum is curved, almost crescent shaped, brown; serrated on one of the margins: proboscis is long and thin; penis open grooved and long; the conch moves or jumps with a leaping motion.

The shells are of great ornamental value and highly priced due to their rarity. Decorative items are made from the shells and are sold as curio items. The occurrence of shells and live specimens of *M. listeri* has been observed in the trawl by-catch landed in the Vishakhapatnam Fishing Harbor in recent months and therefore it may be assumed that a very small stock of *M. listeri* has probably established itself off Visakhapatnam. It is possible that the Visakhapatnam coast provides a natural habitat (sandy-mud substratum) for *M. listeri*, along with many other gastropod species occurring in the bed. This is a new distributional record for the species.

**Observations on the unusually heavy landings of oil sardine at Karwar**

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Oil sardine (*Sardinella longiceps*) forms one of the most important pelagic resource landed along the Karnataka coast. The annual oil sardine landings during the year 2013-2014 was 9522 tonnes (t) in Uttarkannada district of Karnataka. Baithkol is the major mechanised landing centre here. At Karwar, oil sardine landing is generally observed from August to May and the peak season is from October to March. During 2014, soon after the Monsoon Fishing Ban period, the oil sardine fishery by the purse seine boats started on the first of August, 2014. On 13th October 2014, unusual heavy landings of oil sardine by purseseiners was observed at Baithkol landing centre. The heavy landings started from morning 11 00 hrs and continued upto 18 00 hrs on that day. About 35 purse-seiners landed catch ranging from 5 to 6 t per boat with the total catch landed during the day being 193 t. The total length of oil sardine landed ranged from 15 to 17 cm. The entire catch was iced, loaded in trucks and transported to Mangaluru and other states also. The auction rate of the fish ranged from ₹ 360 to ₹ 420 per basket of 30 kg.