

Occurrence of *Pteria* in inshore waters of Calicut



Aquarium showing the live specimens of adult (left) and spat (right) of *Pteria avicular* attached to the seafan

Pteria avicular (Holten, 1802), popularly known as pearlwing shell comprising adults (TL-48.94 mm, HL-73.63 mm and thickness- 18.51 mm) and spats attached to flower type gorgonids (*Leptogorgia sp*) were collected from the mussel bed off the south beach, Calicut on 1-5-2011. The depth of the mussel bed is 3.5 - 4.0 m. As per the available information the maximum size recorded for this species is 13.0 cm. This species can be used for pearl production. The live specimens of adult as well as the spat are being maintained in the marine research aquarium of Calicut.

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