

**SHELLS OF EAST SINAI, AN ILLUSTRATED LIST**  
**FAMILY MACTRIDAE**

Heiman E.L. \*) & Mienis H.K. \*\*)

**Abstract:** Six species belonging to the family Mactridae known to occur in the waters of East Sinai are illustrated.

**Key words:** Mollusca, Bivalvia, Mactridae, Red Sea, East Sinai, distribution

Six species belonging to the family Mactridae and found in the waters of East Sinai are listed in the table and illustrated below. The three species belonging to the genus *Mactra* are shallow water species. The *Mactrinula* and *Mactrotoma* species are only known from dredgings.

genus	species	authors	size (mm)	notes
<i>Lutraria</i>	<i>australis</i>	Deshayes, 1855	72	Oliver: pl. 28 fig. 6
<i>Mactra</i>	<i>achatina</i>	Holten, 1802	46	Oliver :pl. 27 fig. 2
<i>Mactra</i>	<i>lilacea</i>	(Lamarck, 1818)	39	Oliver :pl. 27 fig. 3-4
<i>Mactra</i>	<i>olorina</i>	Philippi, 1846	55	Oliver :pl. 27 fig. 2
<i>Mactrinula</i>	sp.		21.6	
<i>Mactrotoma</i>	<i>ovulina</i>	(Lamarck, 1818)	23.3	

**Reference**

Oliver, P.G., 1992. Bivalved seashells of the Red Sea. 330 pp. Verlag Christa Hemmen, Wiesbaden & National Museum of Wales, Cardiff.

E-mail:

\*) heimel@netvision.net.il

\*\*\*) National Collections of Natural History, Dept. Zoology, Tel Aviv University, IL-69978 Tel Aviv, Israel, and National Natural History Collections, Berman Building, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, IL-91904 Jerusalem, Israel. mienis@netzer.org.il



1-2. *Lutraria australis*



3-4. *Mactra achatina*



5-6. *Mactra lilacea*



7-8. *Mactra olorina*



9-10. *Mactrimula* sp.



11-12. *Mactrotoma ovulina*