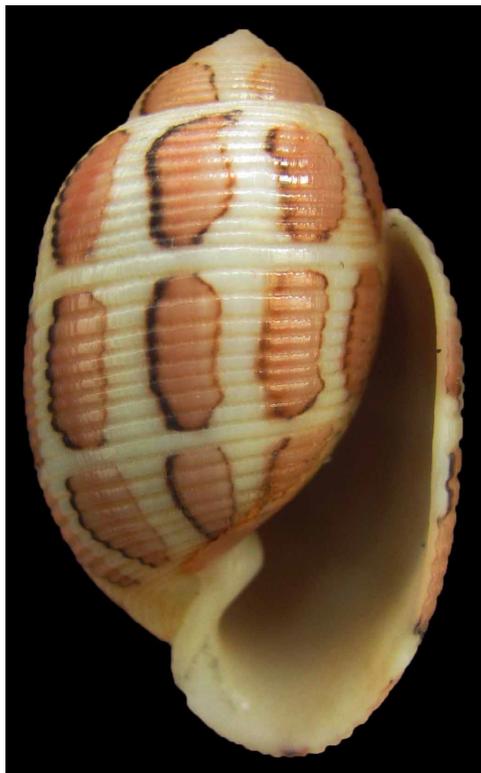


North Carolina Shell Club
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Two very special shells





Lot 48

Eloise's Acteon

Acteon eloisae Abbott, 1973

Masira Island, Oman 25 mm

Collected by the Bosch family

Donated by Harold Brown

Eloise's Acteon, never a plentiful shell in the market place, is increasingly scarce to collectors. There are laws concerning trade in the shells outside of Oman. However the only recorded locality of their occurrence is the vicinity of Masira Island, Oman. The Sultan of Oman bans the export of shells from his country. Dr. Donald Bosch and his wife Eloise had a special relationship with the Sultan and were allowed to export Oman shells to worldwide collectors. Many of those shells were virtually unknown to the Western world before the Bosch family brought them out of Oman. This is one of those shells. With the passing of the Donald and Eloise the chance of new specimens making it into the international market is slim. Specimens are increasingly difficult to obtain and must come out of existing collections. No reports of new specimens have been recorded being found in recent years by people living within Oman further reducing the chance of adding an example to one's collection. Thus here we present a rare opportunity to bid on this most precious and arguably one of the most recognizable of the Oman shells.



Lot 57

Manus Green Papuina

Papuina (Papustyla) pulcherrima Rensch, 1931

Central Manus Is., Papua New Guinea

Donated by Vicky Wall

This species is banned from import and or export by the United States. There are no restrictions on the trade of the shells already within USA. The only way to add one of these striking shells to your collection is to get a chance to acquire one that has come out of pre-ban collection such as this specimen.

Note: Deforestation for agriculture, timber harvesting and or mining pose greater risks to a species survival that lives in the canopy of large rain forest trees.