

Basic Detail Report



Shell

Medium

Calcium carbonate

Description

This large shell is an example of the queen conch, known as *Aliger gigas* of the family Strobidae, a type of large sea snail. The queen conch is native to the waters around the Gulf of Mexican and the Caribbean, and is harvested for its meat as well as for souvenirs and decorative crafts.

This shell retains portions of its original slightly iridescent interior surface, while the exterior rough surface is darkened by age and handling. The shell's original upper pointed crest was deliberately removed.

Dimensions

5 × 9 in. (12.7 × 22.9 cm)