

A new fossil *Natica* from the Netherlands

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Natica (Natica) bevelandensis nov. spec. ¹⁾

Description. — Shell solid, higher than broad, whorls about four. Spire rather high, the last whorl fastened to the periphery of the penultimate without overlapping, suture distinct. Altitude of the aperture about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the total altitude. Umbilicus wide, more or less crescent-shaped, callus hardly covering its upper angle. There is a delicate funiculus in the umbilicus, beginning at the basal angle of the callus. Parietal callus narrow. Remains of coloured spots are visible in paratype 1.

Measurements. — Alt. 2.2 cm, diam. 1.9 cm (holotype)

Alt. 2.5 cm, diam. 2.2 cm (paratype 1)

Alt. 2.5 cm, diam. 2.1 cm (paratype 2)

Type material. — Holotype in collection L. P. POUDEROYEN, Rotterdam; paratype 1 in collection N. P. W. BALKE, Rotterdam; paratype 2 in Rijksmuseum van Natuurlijke Historie, Leiden. All the specimens come from the shell beds in the Westerschelde near Ellewoutsdijk; their presumable age is Plio-Pleistocene.

Discussion. — The general shape of this new species reminds of that of *Polinices exvarians* (Sacco), from which it differs, however, by the characters of the umbilicus. *Natica multipunctata* S. V. Wood, *N. tigrina* Defr., and *N. crassa* Nyst are similar as to the umbilicus, but have a different general shape. The Miocene *N. neglecta* Mayer seems to be the nearest related species, but it constantly differs from *N. bevelandensis* by the shorter distance between the upper angle of the aperture and the inferior border of the columellar callus.

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¹⁾ The species is figured on pl. 9 fig. 97 in the same part of the present volume of this journal.