

**Lepidochitona monterosatoi Kaas & Van Belle, 1981,
a new species for Jugoslavia**

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In 1979 Mr. G. Gulden (Westmaas) kindly donated 22 specimens of chitons to the author; this sample was collected by Mr. Gulden on 3.VIII.1976 near Murter, Dalmatia, Jugoslavia, on rocks dredged at a depth of 10-20 m.

The material consists of one specimen of *Ischnochiton rissoi* (Payraudeau, 1826), 16 specimens of *Chiton olivaceus* Spengler, 1797, four specimens of *Acanthochitona fascicularis* (L., 1767), and one specimen of a species of *Lepidochitona*, which proved difficult to identify.

After the publication of the revision of the genus *Lepidochitona* Gray, 1821, by Kaas & Van Belle (1981) it became clear that this specimen belongs to the newly described species *L. monterosatoi* Kaas & Van Belle, 1981. As none of the four localities given by the original authors is situated in Jugoslavia, I came to the conclusion that *L. monterosatoi* is new for the Jugoslavian fauna. The record of this species in Jugoslavia nicely fills the gap in the distribution between the Tuscan Archipelago, Tyrrhenian Sea, Italy, and Torba, southern Aegean coast, Turkey.

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