

European marine Mollusca: notes on less well-known species
IV. *Vasconiella jeffreysiana* (P. Fischer, 1873)

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Very recently Cornet (1982) published an interesting paper about *Vasconiella jeffreysiana* (P. Fischer, 1873). In this article the anatomy of this curious bivalve is described for the first time. After study of the (two) syntypes of an other imperfectly known species, *Scintilla crispata* (P. Fischer, 1873), from the Jeffreys collection in the U.S. National Museum for Natural History in Washington (USNM) [sample no. 170651] Cornet concludes that this name is based upon the left valve of *V. jeffreysiana* and so is to be considered a synonym.

Thanks to the kind cooperation of Dr. J. Rosewater (USNM) I could also study these syntypes and I agree entirely with Cornet's conclusion. However, there was an other sample of relevance too [sample no. 170652]. This sample is mentioned by Warén (1980: 46). The label with this sample reads: "*Lepton lepisma* Montr. = *Scacchia crispata* Folin (Algiers, Joly)". As the original description of *L. lepisma* by Monterosato (1878: 314) was based on a valve from Algiers, found by Joly, we may safely assume that the single valve no. 170652 indeed represents *L. lepisma* Monterosato, 1878. This valve also turned out to be the left valve of *V. jeffreysiana* thus corroborating a suggestion I made earlier, see Van Aartsen (1975).

Due to the remarkable dissimilarity of the two valves the right valve of *V. jeffreysiana* has been described twice under the synonymous names of *Scintilla crispata* (P. Fischer, 1873) and again as *Lepton lepisma* Monterosato, 1878, contrary to the suggestion by Kisch (1958: 22). Although the names *V. jeffreysiana* and *S. crispata* were published simultaneously by Fischer (1873: 83), I agree with Cornet to use the first name only for this species.

Several notes on the distribution of *V. jeffreysiana* have recently appeared in Dutch malacological literature, viz. Bruggeman-Nannenga (1975), Mienis (1975, 1976), Verduin (1975), Dekker (1975), and Van Aartsen (1975). From these notes it turns out that loose valves have been found on the French Atlantic coast as far north as Plage de l'Aber, Kerfany les Pins and Quiberon. Thus the distribution in fact appears to be much wider than that established by Cornet (1982: 37).

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