

**Indo-Pacific migrants into the Mediterranean. 6¹ *Monotigma fulva* (A. Adams, 1853)
(Gastropoda, Opisthobranchia, Pyramidellidae)**

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Some years ago Van Aartsen & Hori (2006) demonstrated that *Monotigma* has priority over *Monotygmia*, and that the migrant species once incorrectly called *Monotygmia fulva* (A. Adams, 1853) was not that species but should be called *Monotigma lauta* (A. Adams, 1853). At the same time a lectotype of the real *M. fulva* was designated, viz. the specimen figured by Higo et al. (2001: 135, fig. G 4699). The species *M. fulva* was not known from the Mediterranean at that time.

Recently, Mr M. Recevik found three specimens of a *Monotigma* species by scuba-diving at 23 m depth in the Marmara Sea, along the Turkish westcoast at Adaköy. Although somewhat similar to *M. lauta*, these specimens were not white, as *M. lauta* is, but rather brownish for the greater part of the shells. Their dimensions are clearly larger (18.7, 18.6 and 16.7 mm) than the usual shell height of 8-10 mm for Mediterranean *M. lauta*. The interstices between the spiral ribs show very fine and densely placed axial riblets, which are thickened growthlines, that may be barely perceptible. This is in contrast to the rather coarse riblets found in *M. lauta* but corresponding exactly with the sculpture of *M. fulva* (see figs 1 and 2).

Therefore we can now ascertain the presence of also the real *M. fulva* in the Mediterranean. Two of the specimens mentioned will be placed in the Can Geyran Seashell Center, Istanbul, Turkey, whereas the third specimen (fig.2) is in the private collection of the author [AD31086].

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Figs 1-2. *Monotigma* spec. 1, *M. fulva* (A. Adams, 1853), specimen from Adaköy, AD31086 (colln Van Aartsen), actual height 16.7 mm; 2, *M. lauta* (A. Adams, 1853), specimen from Viransehir (Mersin, Turkish southcoast), AD28547 (colln van Aartsen), actual height 8.1 mm.