WANTED

Large scaphopods bearing a solitary ahermatypic scleractinian coral (Heterocyathus or Heteropsammia) attached to the thinner (posterior) end of the shell.

Most likely to bear the Heterocyathus or Heteropsammia coral is the large species Fissidentalium (Pictodentalium) vernedei (Sow., 1860) that occurs in East Asia (China Sea, Japan, ...) in rather shallow water (depth below 100 m) and the shell of which attains a length of 10 cm (and even more) and an anterior aperture diameter of ca. 10 mm. Possible the coral may occur, too, on other large scaphopod species from the same geographical area, such as Fissidentalium (Pictodentalium) formosum (A. Adams & Reeve, 1850). The coral attached to the posterior end of the shell may be up to 10 mm in height and in diameter. Thereby its presence is easy to detect.

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