

**SHORT COMMUNICATION**

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**ON A RARE NUDIBRANCH, *THORDISA CROSSLANDI* ELIOT (MOLLUSCA :  
DORIDIDAE) FROM THE WEST COAST OF INDIA**

While studying the molluscs of Gujarat Coast, the authors came across with a rare nudibranch, *Thordisa crosslandi* Eliot collected in 1953 from Porbandar beach. There was no previous report of this species from west coast of India. Hence it is thought worthwhile to present the distribution and other details of this rare nudibranch.

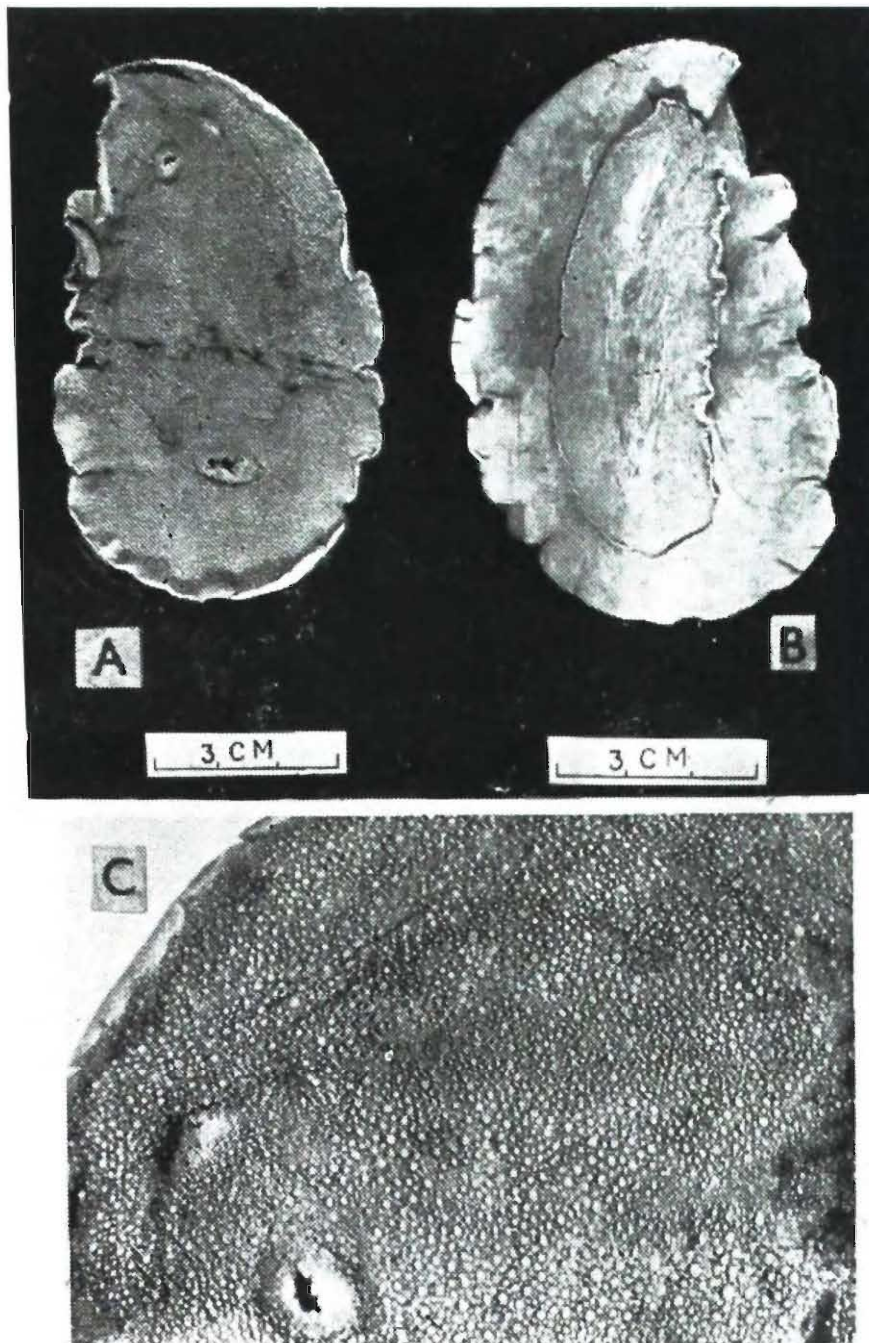
The genus *Thordisa* Bergh 1877 includes about 15 species recorded from different localities in the Indo-Pacific region. However, in Indian waters the genus is represented by two species viz. *T. villosa* (Alder & Hancock

1866) and *T. crosslandi* Eliot 1903 which hitherto were known only from Gulf of Mannar on the east coast of India. The present record fills the gap in the distribution of this species in the Indo/West Pacific.

*Thordisa crosslandi* (Pl. IV) can be easily distinguished from *T. villosa* by its relatively enormous size, deeper and brighter colouration, and by its more strongly developed and elongately conical dorsal tentacles. The presence of a labial armature also distinguishes it from *T. villosa*. (Satyamurti, 1952)

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(A—C) *Thordisa crosslandi* Eliot : A—Dorsal view ; B—Ventral view ; C—Anterior part