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Dear Dr. Menzel:

Thank you for your letter of 7 September. Your results on Crassostrea and Saccostrea being genetically incompatible were anticipated to some extent by Galtsoff, P. S., and Smith, R. O., 1932, Stimulation of spawning etc.: Science, v. 76, no. 1973, p. 371-372.

I remember Sewell Hopkins with a lot of gratitude. He secured a gratis copy of Baughman's out-of-print annotated oyster bibliography for me. I would have had many more difficulties had I not had access to that book. Ostrea margaritacea Lamarck (genus Striostrea Vialov, 1936) has been studied by Korringa, P., 1956, Oyster culture in South Africa: Republic of South Africa, Department of Commerce and Industries, Division of Fisheries, Investigational Report No. 20, The Government Printer Pretoria. There is also a short note by Ranson, Gilbert, 1949, Note sur trois especes Lamarckiennes d'Ostreides: Mus. Nat. d'Histoire Naturelle (Paris) Bull., ser. 2, v. 21, p. 251-253. And Ranson, Gilbert, 1951, Observations morphologiques, biologiques et. sur une espee d'huitre de Madagascar et d'Afrique du Sud: Gryphaea margaritacea (Imk.): Ist. Oceanograph. (Monaco) Bull., No. 983. You might be able to obtain live specimens from the Knysna Oyster Company (PTY.) Limited, 6 Long Street, Knysna, C. P., Republic of South Africa. The director is H. P. Thesen. He does write nice letters and has been helpful to me.

You might try to obtain some of the oysters from the west coast of Mexico through people who live in California.

Please keep me informed and good luck to you.

Sincerely,

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