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Dear Dr. Stenzel,

Dr. H. Lemche has forwarded your letter of September 27 concerning certain species of Oysters to me.

I think I have found a suitable shell of *O. edulis* in our collection, which I will send you in a couple of days.

As to the presence of the other species of oysters mentioned in your letter, I can inform you, that some years ago our whole collection was sent to Dr. Ranson, Paris for study. Thus the names under which they appear in our collection are those given by Ranson. A smaller part of the collection has not been studied by Ranson, owing to the relative disorder of the collection prevailing at that time, besides we have several samples, which have been added since. - During my perusal of the collection, I found, that only *O. cochlear* and *O. hyotis* were present. The remaining species mentioned in your letter are apparently lacking, unless they appear under different names. The material, which has proper labels as listed below, but besides we have many old samples with are unlabelled or labels without exact locality, such as "Pacific" etc.

O. hyotis:

Alcohol material:

54°47' S. 106°14' E., depth: 55 m, stone & sponges. Th. Mortensen leg, 27.VII.1922.
23°08' N. 117°30' E., depth: 45 m, Formosa Strait, Capt. Suensen leg. Jan. 1912.

Dry material:

"Atlantide" specimens, see Nicklès.

Sunda Strait, about 40 m, Corneliusen leg. 1874.

Koh Kran, Thailand, about 55 m, Th. Mortensen leg 1899-1900.

Singapore, shallow water, Sv. Gad leg.

Java, about 18 m depth. Andrea leg (Pos.: 4° 8' S. 106° 35' E.)

Banda - depth unknown. June 1922, Th. Mortensen. One very large specimen.

Ceylon. no other data available. Specimen very old, probably 18th century.

S. Croix, W. Indies, Koch leg. no other data.

O. cochlear:

Alcohol material:

32°21' N. 128°41' E., about 200 m depth, rocks & green coral sand. E. Pagh leg. 8.VII.1928.

34°08' N. 129°32' E., about 120 m dept, from cable. Coll. by the Great Nordic Telegraph Comp. April 28, 1930.

32°15' N. 128°20' E., depth: about 190 m, H. Christiansen leg. 17.IV.1926.

Las Palmas, Canary Is. depth: 150-160 m, hard bottom. Th. Mortensen leg. 25.III.1930.

Dry material:

Palermo, Mediterranean, Monterosato leg.

Sciaccia ? Mediterranean ? Monterosato leg.

33°12' 39" N. 129°35' 25" E., depth: about 110 m. bottom temp. 16 C. Coll. by the Great Nordic Telegraph Comp. 9.V.1931.

32°0' 40" N. 126°34' 50" E., depth: about 110 m, bottom temp.: 14.5 C, Col. by the Great Nordic Telegraph Comp. 17.IV.1933.

Guinea. ~~Salicopengler~~ 18th. century specimen.

Algier

"Atlantide" specimens see Nicklès.

hope that the above information will be useful for your purpose,

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

J. Knudsen