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Dear Dr. Stenzel:

In response to your inquiry, I have checked through my field notebooks from the Yale Seychelles Expedition for notes on oysters collected. Although I did not make any observations on reproductive behavior, the specimens from the expedition are all preserved in alcohol, and I am sure they could be sent to you for examination to see whether any contain brooding young.

Although I am not sure, I suspect that one or more of the specimens collected are O. hyotis. My notes give only the following information:

- Ostrea sp. Sta. 20 (Kuredu I., Fadiffolu Atoll, Maldives Is.)  
25-28 IX 1957.
- Ostrea sp. Sta. 30 (Bird I., Seychelles) 5 XI 1957.
- Ostrea cristagalli ? Sta. 32 (Anse a la Mouche, Mahe I.,  
Seychelles) 19-20 XI 1957.
- Ostrea sp. Sta. 33 (Beau Vallon, Mahe I., Seychelles) 19-20  
XI 1957.
- Ostrea sp. (few deep crenulations). Sta. 36 (Anse a la Mouche,  
Mahe I., Seychelles) 24 XI 1957. Coll. W. D. Hartman.
- Large Ostrea cristagalli ? (Many small crenulations; attached  
to dead coral). Sta. 38 (North I., Farquhar Atoll) 7 XII  
1957.

All of this material, and any other oysters collected by the Expedition, are in the Peabody Museum of Natural History, Yale University. Dr. Willard D. Hartman, Curator of Invertebrates, is in charge.

About a year ago I spent three months in the eastern Indian Ocean on an International Indian Ocean Expedition cruise. Dr. Joseph Rosewater of the U.S. National Museum was also on this cruise and collected many bivalves. He may also be able to supply you with useful information.

I thank you for the reprints you sent. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,



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