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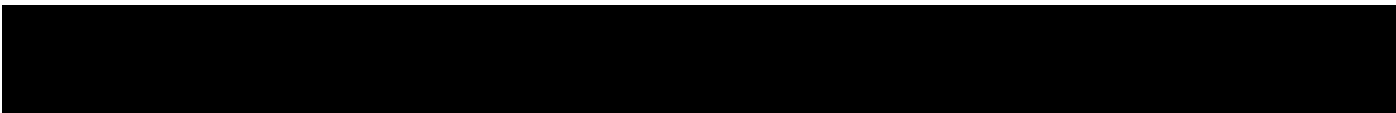
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Class *GASTROPODA*

Family *CASSIDAE* Swainson, 1832

Subfamily *CASSINAE* Beu, 1981

Genus *Galeodea* Link, 1807

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Galeodea marginalb Yamamoto & Sakurai,
1977

While studying the central Indo-Pacific *CASSIDAE* of the Segers collection, our attention was drawn to a specimen of *Galeodea* not figured in the recent monograph on the family by Kurt Kreipl.

Library research revealed this shell to correspond with the figure of the holotype of *Galeodea marginalba* Yamamoto & Sakurai, 1977 as figured by Higo, Callomon & Goto (2001)

The shell measures 68.6 mm in length and the maximum width is 41.8 mm. The very upper protoconch is gone.

The specimen was dredged in the Taiwan Channel at a depth of 120 m.

The shell is solid, spire high, angulate, raised with nodulous whorls and a very deep wavy suture, aperture wide, outer lip faintly denticulate on its side with a strongly developed tooth at the opposite of the single columellar tooth. Sculpture consisting of densely set fine spiral ribs. Last whorl consists of 4 heavily nodulous spiral cords and a very faint lower

one. The parietal-columellar shield is narrow and faintly granulose on the lower part. Shell cream yellow and a white columella.

The shell has an ovate form, is relatively heavy, no previous varices, anterior canal is produced and slightly upturned, the outer lip weakly dentate and a narrow parietal-columellar shield, which leads us to conclude that the shell belongs to the genus *Galeodeas*. s. The shells of the genus *Echinophoria* have a more globose form and are much lighter. The shell is in its general appearance closely related to *G. echinophorella* Habe, 1961 and

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Galeodea marginalba Yamamoto & Sakurai, 1977



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