

Nuculana pontonia (Dall, 1890)

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Synonymy:

Leda pontonia Dall, 1890

Diagnostic characters:

1. Shell short, inflated, length to 18 mm.
2. Sculpture of very fine, low concentric riblets which become obsolete on the central slope.
3. Rostrum short, sharply pointed, not recurved.
4. Periostracum dull to silky.
5. Escutcheon very wide, deep.

Related species / character differences:

Nuculana pontonia is closest to *N. taphria*, but the smooth central slope and non-recurved rostrum of the former easily separates these species.

Depth range: 1,150 - 3,000 meters

Distribution: Santa Maria Basin, California to the Gulf of Panama.

