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SYSTEMATIC DESCRIPTIONS

Suborder **Podocopina** Sars, 1866

Superfamily **Cytheracea** Baird, 1850

Family **Loxococonchidae** Sars, 1925

Genus *Touroconcha* Ishizaki & Gunther, 1976

Touroconcha lapidiscola (Hartmann, 1959)

(Pl. 1, figs 1–6; Pl. 2, fig. 3)

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