

***Murexsul zezae* n. sp. del Pliocene Italiano (Gastropoda: Muricidae)**

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Riassunto

È descritta una nuova specie di Muricidae, *Murexsul zezae* n. sp., su materiale proveniente da sedimenti del Pliocene inferiore affioranti in Liguria e Toscana. *Murexsul zezae* n. sp. è simile ad alcune specie del Miocene e Pliocene europeo e del Mediterraneo attuale, con le quali viene confrontata.

Abstract

Murexsul zezae n. sp. is described from the Early Pliocene (Zanclean) of Italy, based on 23 specimens from three localities in Liguria and Tuscany. Main shell characters of the new species are the biconical profile with six axial ribs on the last whorl. The spiral cords (IP-P1-P2-P3-P4-P5-P6-ADP-MP-ABP) and the internal denticles (D1-D5) were identified according to the method described by Merle (2001). The most similar species are *Murex revolutus* Bellardi, 1873 and *Murex cirratus* Bellardi, 1873 from the Miocene of the Piedmont. *Murexsul zezae* n. sp. is compared with other Neogene and Recent species from the European-Mediterranean area.

Parole chiave

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