

Shell Evaluations

Please note!

Before submitting a request for possible resale or transfer of your collection to the Society, please note that our Society members are serious collectors, and have very specific needs when it comes to selection of shells. In addition, many shells that seem desirable to non-collectors have very little to no monetary worth or collectability to serious collectors.

Below are examples of such shells:

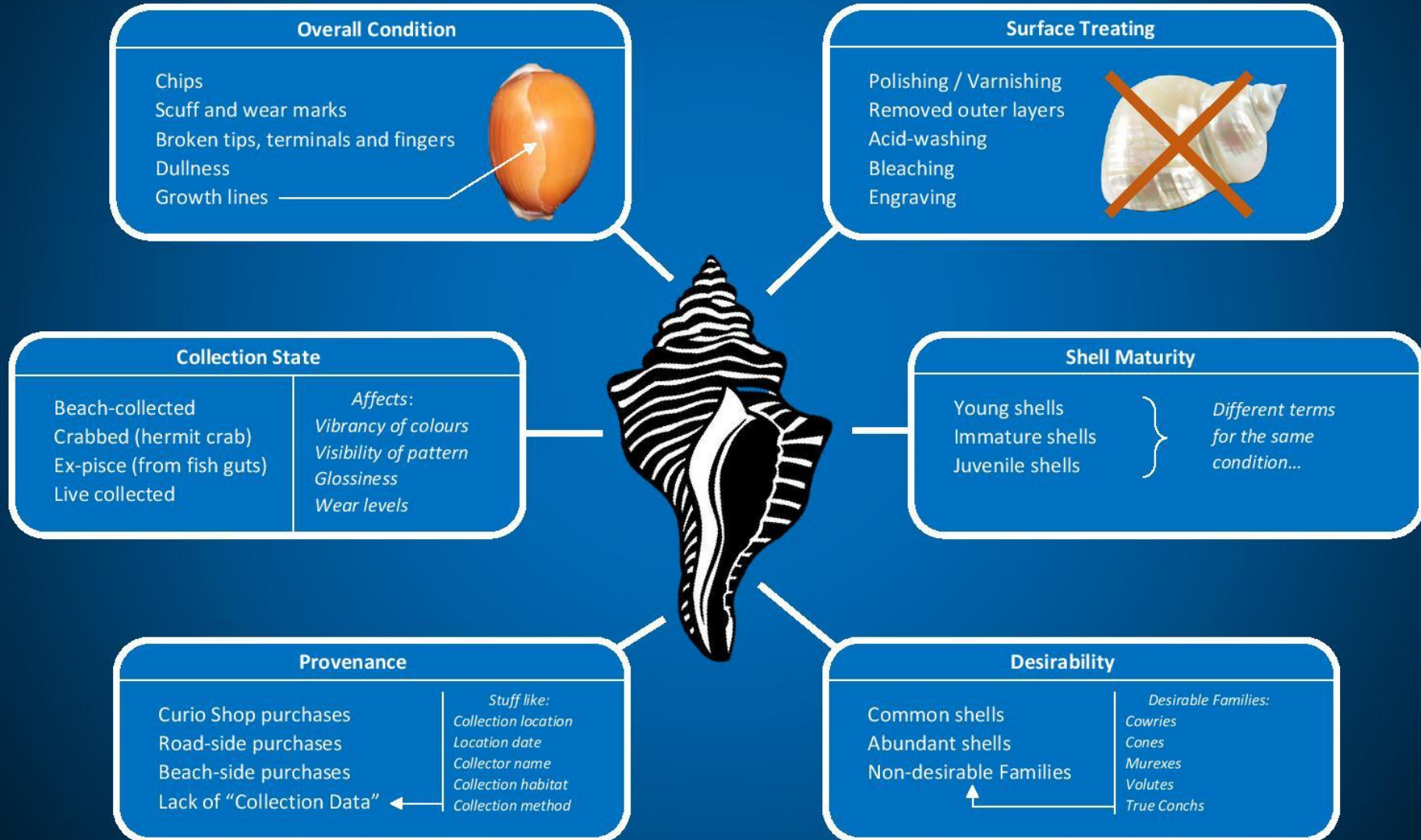


We understand that all collections carry sentimental value, no matter the specimens, condition or monetary value of the shells, but this alone does not constitute sufficient reason to garner interest from the collectors within the Society.

The image below is an Infographic that will explain what we typically consider when evaluating shells or collections. Evaluations are usually done by the Committee and most serious of buyers within the Society.

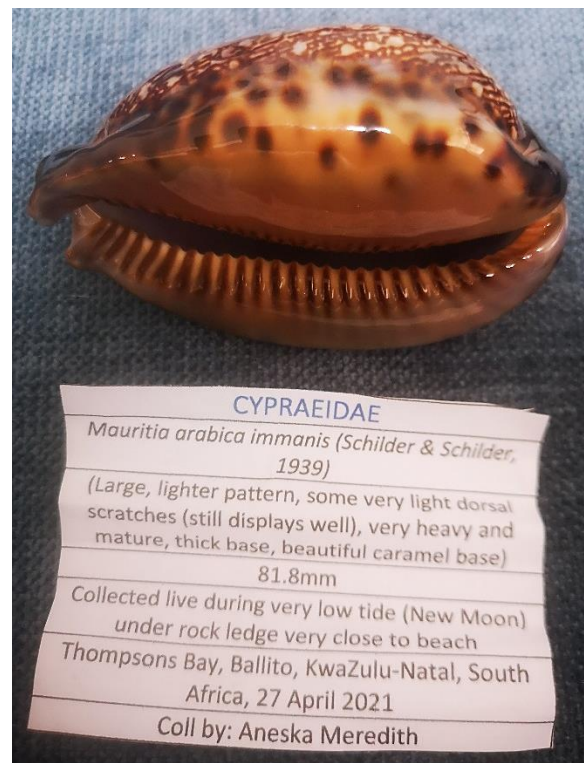
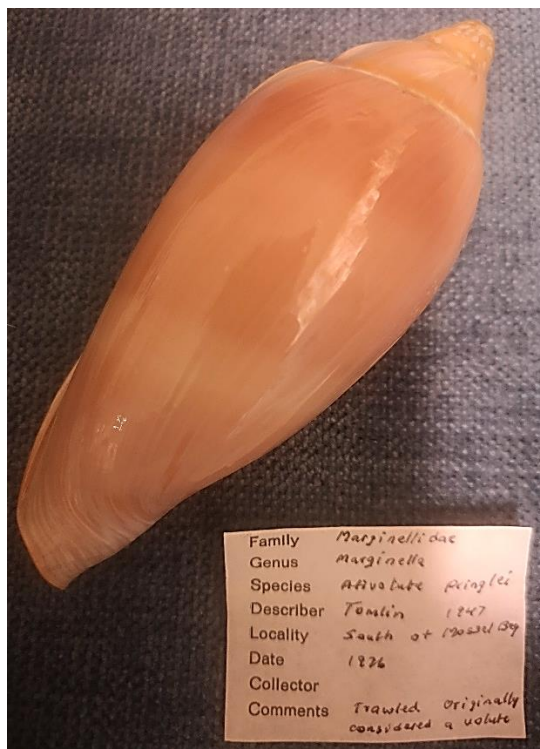
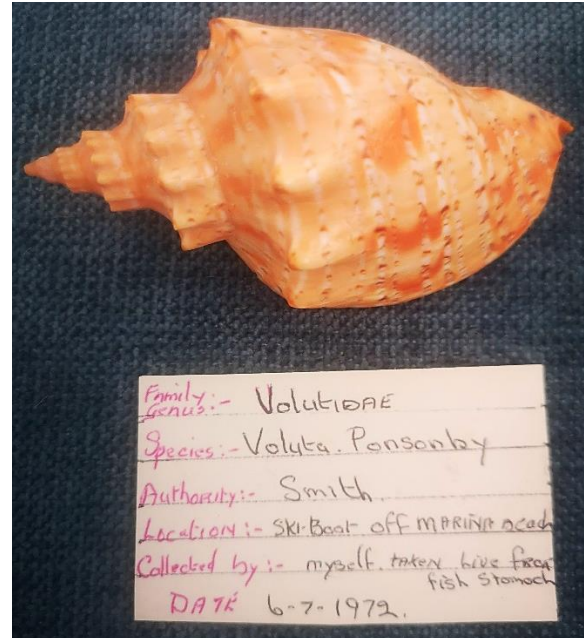
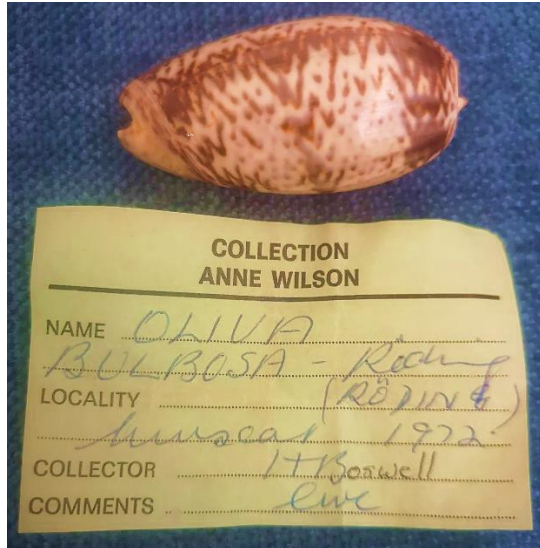
The Conchological Society of South Africa – Guide to Shell Valuation

Various attributes can REDUCE the value of a shell:



Examples of Provenance

Below are examples of shells accompanied by Provenance, also known as *data labels* or *collection data*. Provenance is vital for serious collectors; in some instances, a hand-written data label may be worth more than the shell itself:



If you have reviewed your collection in light of the above, and believe it will not meet our standards, you could try to market on general e-commerce websites including Gumtree, Facebook Marketplace or Bob Shop.

Nevertheless, we will always consider offers, and will certainly help with shell identification and valuation as far as possible. If you would still like us to take a look, then complete the Form below and hit "Send it!" and we will get back to you.