

***Natica marochiensis* (Gmelin, 1791) (Gastropoda: Naticidae) preying on *Donax striatus* Linnaeus, 1767 (Bivalvia: Donacidae) from North Brazil**

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Natica marochiensis (Gmelin, 1791) is a Brazilian naticid occurring in the north region, from Amapá to Espírito Santos States, and oceanic island as Fernando de Noronha, Trindade and Martin Vaz (Rios, 1994). This species can be found in low tide and it is known to prey on other mollusks (Martins 1996). On January/ 2005, near midnight in the municipality of Atalaia, Luis Correia, Piauí (02°51'S, 41°38'W) *N. marochiensis* was observed preying on *Donax striatus* (Linnaeus, 1767) in sandy bottoms.

Some animals were found about 20 cm inside the bottom at the end of the crawling furrow. Founding one case a *Donax* was observed being carried by a *Natica* and, after that, two naticas fighting for a *Donax*.

Picture Characteristics: Digital Machine Canon PowerShot A610, Resolution of 5 megapixels (96 dpi); automatic; Speed ISO-50.

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