

**TAXONOMIC STATUS OF *CHICOREUS RAMOSUS*  
FROM THE SOUTHEAST COAST OF INDIA**

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**ABSTRACT**

This paper describes the taxonomic status, historical recapitulation, classification and synonymy of *Chicoreus ramosus* collected from the Gulf of Mannar. In *Chicoreus* as in *Murex* sp. there is a problem of identifying the type species. Montfort (1810) designated *C. ramosus* as synonymous with *Murex ramosus* (Linnaeus, 1758) and his illustration of the shell was based on *Murex brevifrons* (Lamarck).