

**SHELL MORPHOLOGY OF *CHICOREUS TORREFACTUS* (SOWERBY, 1841)  
FROM PHUKET ISLAND, SOUTH THAILAND**

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**ABSTRACT**

Shells of the muricid gastropod *Chicoreus torrefactus* (Sowerby,1841) are described in detail. The shells display pronounced variations in shape, thickness and colour, especially of the outer lip edge. Meristic analysis of the shells did not reveal significant differences between shells from different biotopes . A gradual transition in the variation of shell characters indicates that delicate and solid shells only represent intraspecific variation, presumably caused by environmental factors.