

**THE SPECIES DESCRIBED BY LORENTZ SPENGLER IN HIS
"BESKRIVELSE OVER DETTOSKALLEDE CONCHYLIE-SLAEGT
MACTRA". A TRANSLATION INTO ENGLISH**

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ABSTRACT

Spengler (1802) described and discussed 34 species and 4 varieties of the genus *Mactra*. Twelve species were designated new species: *Mactra alata* (South America), *Mactra nitida* (Guinea), *Mactra striata* (Red Sea), *Mactra radiata* (Nicobars), *Mactra tripla* (Nicobars), *Mactra gallina* (Nicobars), *Mactra rostrata* (Guinea), *Mactra humilis* (Guinea), *Mactra depressa* (Guinea), *Mactra reticulata* (Nicobars), *Mactra anatina* (South America), *Mactra compressa* (Guinea). He also included 4 varieties: *Mactra stultorum* var. a (Guinea coast), *Mactra solida* var. a (Rhode Island of North America), *Mactra pellucida* var. a (Guinea), *Mactra oblonga* var. a (Tranquebar). The life of Spengler is summarised and discussed. Comments on Spengler's species by the Danish malacologist O.A.L. Mørch are included in annex.