

Conus tmetus Tomlin

Flawless beautiful specimen, perfect apex and natura
outer lip.

The milk-chocolate, melanistic form has always been
saught after by collectors for its elegance.

This form is endemic to Solomones and Vanuatu, at a
diving depth. The problem is rhe scarcity of divers in
loco,

hence supply is nowadays quite hard.

Remarks: was *C.pilkeyi* Petuch. When it was discovered
consppecificity with its juvenile form
(*C. tmetus*) the oldest name took back priority.

**Marau Sound, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, 1995,
49 mm GEM**

0 auction at 40 \$, April 2016



