DATA COLLECTION MATRIX

CRITERIA	WWW.MANANDMOLLUSC.NET	WWW.MARINESPECIES.ORG	<u>WWW.TOPSEASHELLS.COM</u>
Content inventory	Figure 1	Home (Figure 3)	Home (Figure 5)
	 Mollusk General Interest Zone 	About	TopSeashells List
	 Mollusks Internet Resources Zone 	Search taxa	Collector's List
	Mollusk Kid's Snail Zone	Taxon tree	Landsnails
	Teacher's Zone	Literature	Auction
	Malacology Zone	Checklist	Identification
	Pet Zone	Specimens	Vertical menu:
	Bottom Menu	Match taxa	Member log-in
	• Site Map	Editors	Latest shells
	Search this Site	Statistics	Information
	Edible Molluscs Data Base	Webservice	Search for shells
	What's New	Photogallery	
	Site History	Info downloads	
	Contact Me	• Log in	
Content evaluation			
	The web site has good general	This is a web site focused 100% in the	Dedicated to collectors, not a
	information about mollusks and their	taxonomical description of species,	scientific web site. It doesn't show
	taxonomy. Is made in a general public	made for scientists, including other	identification keys and lacks of
	language, with a page for children	taxa, not only mollusks. It doesn't	taxonomical reviews and strictness
	and other for pets, which makes it	have taxonomical identification keys.	There is a local distribution map for
	kind of family web site for shells	The database is very big, though it	the few species listed (Figure 6),
	lovers that want to teach their	doesn't contain all mollusks species; I	though the scientific name is not
	children, or for children that had	tried a couple of names but couldn't	displayed. Information is very poor
	became shell fans. It has many links	find them. Once the species is	about taxonomy, ecology and
	for all types of information about	located it shows a very complete	biogeography. The photographs are
	mollusks. However, its scientific	taxonomic information (Figure 5) and	not good. Not links for authors or
	content is very low, no taxonomic	links to a world distribution map and	sources of information. It has an
	keys or species descriptions.	details in ecology, distribution and	auction section that makes the site
		authors.	interesting for collectors.
Navigation	Is somehow organized in different	Shows a historical record of the links	There is a vertical navigation bar th
	compartments, but the organization	clicked on the top, which makes it	doesn't have relation with the top
	is not clear (Figure 2). The vertical	easy to go back at any point of the	horizontal, which makes it confusir

CRITERIA	WWW.MANANDMOLLUSC.NET scrolling could have been avoided with a vertical navigation bar, and this makes it not fun to navigate.	WWW.MARINESPECIES.ORG taxonomic tree. It is an organized and easy to navigate web site.	WWW.TOPSEASHELLS.COM at first. After the first clicks, the navigation turns good.
Functionality	The web site is accessible to everybody, and free. It doesn't have much functionality in terms of transactions or downloading, it is only an informational web site that shows links to other web sites where the collectors can buy shells or make other kinds of transactions.	The web site is good for scientists that already have a scientific name for the shell. In doing so, the functionality is pretty good. However, it doesn't offer a clue to find out the name of a species. It doesn't offer a link to authors, even though the bibliographic database seems to have a big number of inputs.	In the purpose of identifying shells the functionality is very poor. The bid section is probably the main point of interest in the web site.
Visual Design	Layout is very simple, not very nice, easy to read but lack of horizontal use of the page, being everything shown on the vertical direction, which makes it necessary to roll up and down in trying to find the contents.	Simple and nice. However, it lacks of photographs, maps or videos that give an immediate visual idea of the species. The user has to use the links to find photographs, but they are not linked to the species page.	The layout is good, it is not confusing and has organized the items throughout the screen.
Use of technology to convey message	Very low. Drawings could have been shown with a flash show, as well as the photographs. The pets site, which draw the attention of children is very plain and doesn't show videos or at least photographs at first; the user has to go to the link to see what is it about	The web site doesn't have any flash or video shows, nor sounds or any kind of interactivity. It conveys its message, but it is not the same we are pursuing.	Poor. Even to engage collectors it is not good. Lack of good photographs and technology resources to engage users into buying the shells.



Figure 1. Home page of manandmollusk.net

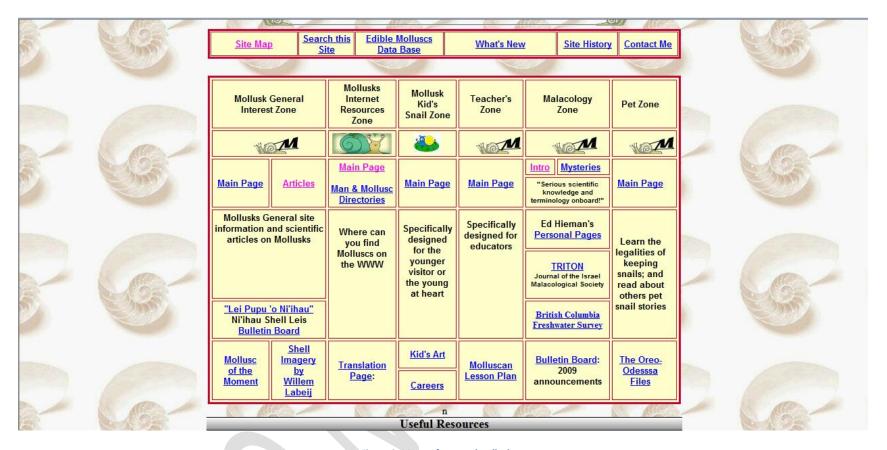


Figure 2. Menu of manandmollusks.com



Figure 3. Home page of marinespecies.org

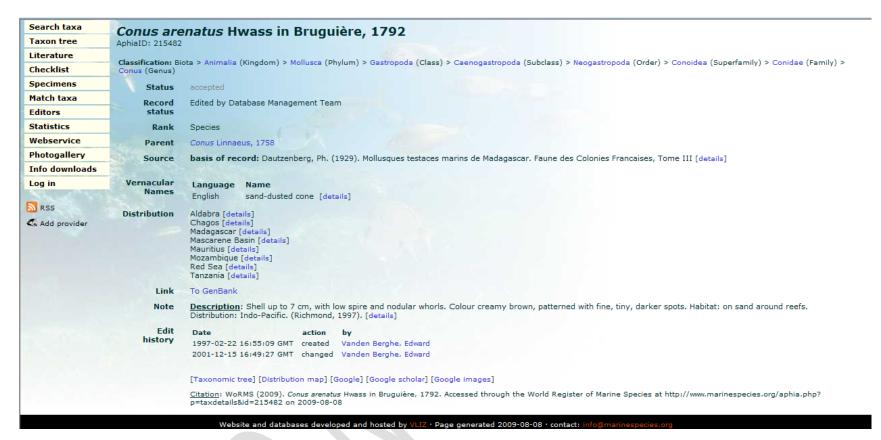


Figure 4. Species information sheet.



Figure 5. Home page of topseashells.com

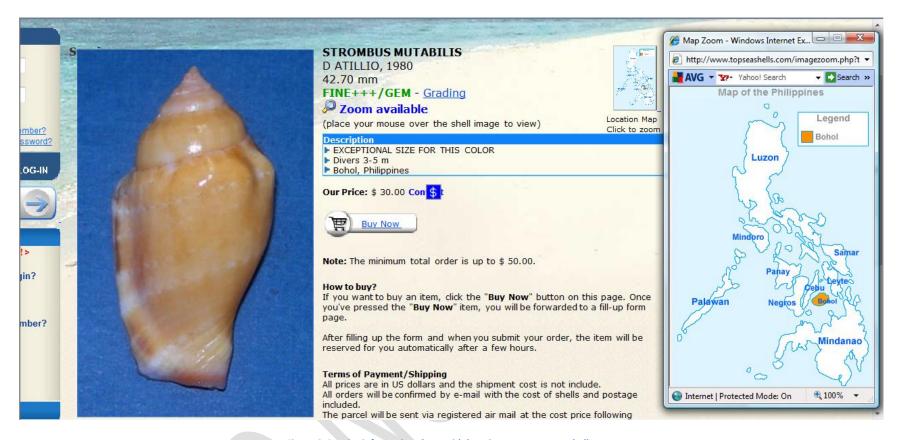


Figure 6. Species information sheet with location map at topseashells.com

