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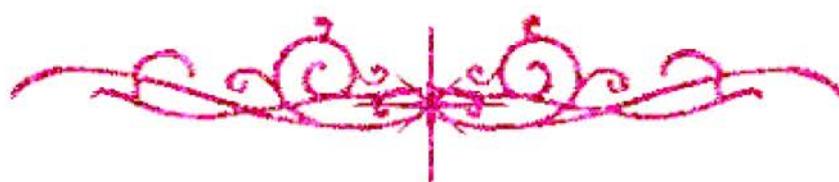


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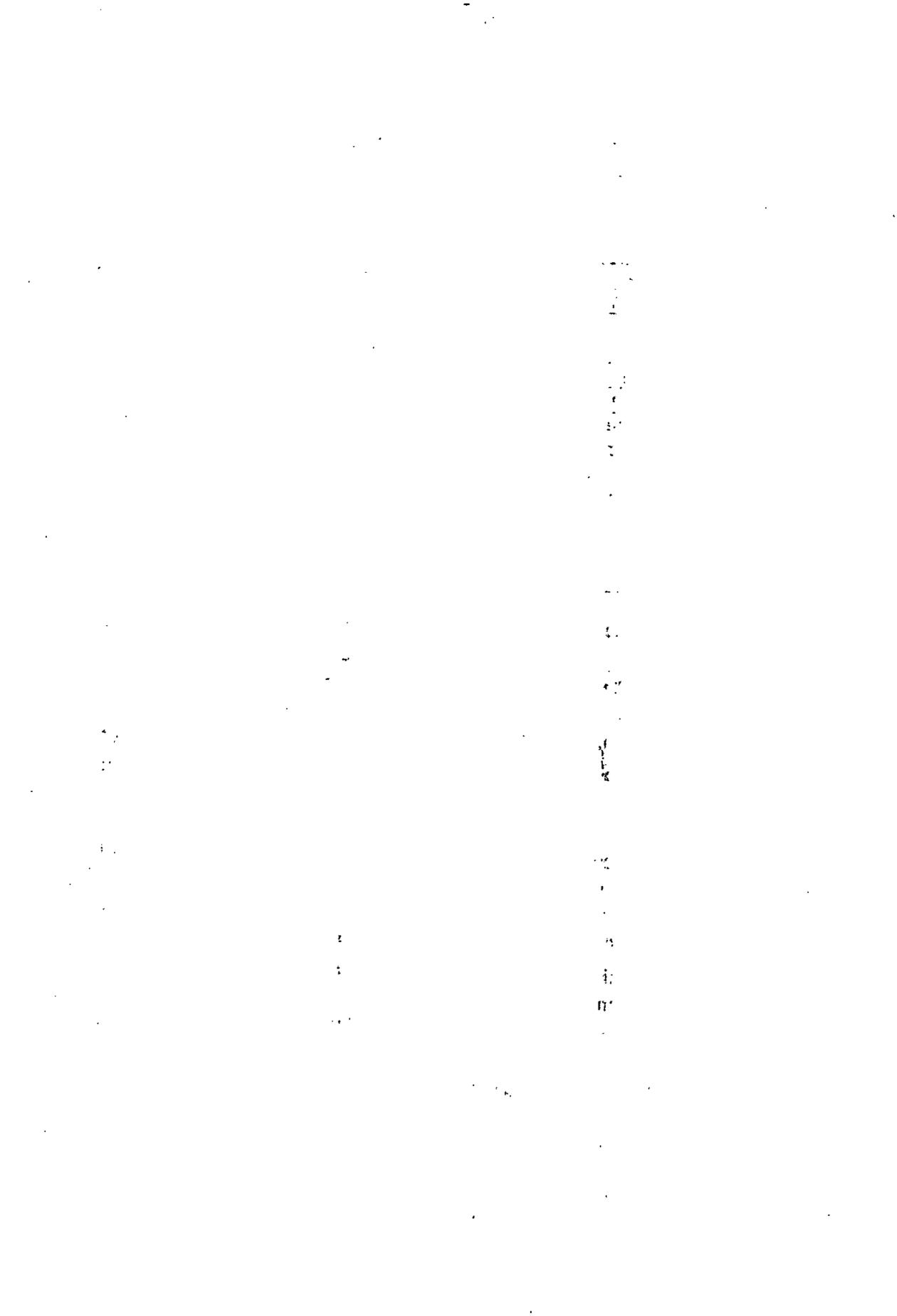
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Morphologically, two species of giant clams *Tridacna* have been recognized in the Red Sea, *T. squamosa* and *T. maxima*. Similar morphology among species makes classification difficult. For a more precise classification, we sequenced 450-nucleotide fragment of the mitochondrial 16S rDNA gene from the tissues of *Tridacna* individuals collected from eight locations in the northern Red Sea.

Our results suggest that there are three novel species of *Tridacna* in the Red Sea. Two of these species are related to *T. maxima* and one is related to *T. squamosa*. Of the two species related to *T. maxima*, one species was found in Hurghada, Marsa Ghaleb and Safaga while the other was found in Abu Zenima, Abou Galum, Dahab and Nuweiba. All three novel species were found in Ras Mohamed. Our results do not support the morphological classification that suggests the existence of only two tridacnid species, *T. maxima* and *T. squamosa* in the Red Sea.

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