Species: *Rictaxis punctocaelatus*
Authority: (Carpenter, 1864)
Common Synonyms: *Acteon punctocaelatus* (Carpenter, 1864); *Tornatella punctocaelata* Carpenter, 1864

**Illustrations:**
- a from Smith and Carlton (1975)
- b from Gosliner (1996)
- c from Rehder (1981)

**Characters:**
- Translucent white with alternating black bands (a and c); juvenile with uniformly white shell (b)
- Spire moderately elevated, about one third shell length (a); whorls convex, with deeply incised suture (a and c)
- Body whorl with numerous rows of fine punctations (a and c)
- Aperature wide, elongate, pointed above, rounded below (a and c)
- Columella strongly twisted
- Nuclear whorl, smooth, rounded, tilted (b)
- Radula well developed

**Additional Information:**
- SIZE: 10-16 mm
- DISTRIBUTION: Ketchikan, Alaska to Magdalena Bay, Baja California
- HABITAT: Low tide to 100 m; mud and sand flats; usually in protected areas, rarely along open coast

**Similar Species:**
Prominent black and white bands are distinctive and separate this species from other members of the family.

**Comments:**
Rictaxis punctocaelatus (continued)

References:


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Revision History: