

TERRESTRIAL MOLLUSCS FROM TAKARKORI (LIBYAN SAHARA)

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Abstract: The shells of the Takarkori Wadi (Central Sahara, South Libya) are attributed to *Xerotricha hoggarensis* and *Zootecus insularis* and appear to be present in the middle-to-low levels of the deposit in a rock shelter which overlooks the wadi. They are also present in some funeral tumuli situated on the wadi bottom and on the first terrace on the side of the wadi. The systematic position of *X. hoggarensis* is analyzed and previous attributions to the genus *Helicella* and *Theba* are dropped. The collection points in the Algerian and Libyan Sahara of recent specimens of both species are listed, together with some notes on the habitats and their geographic diffusion.

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