

Note on a Starfish from Christmas Island, Indian Ocean

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Neoferdina cumingii (Gray).

Ferdina cumingii Gray, Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist., 6, 1840, p. 283.

Neoferdina cumingii Livingstone, Australian Zoologist, 6, part 4, Feb. 1931, p. 307, pl. 21, figs. 1-3; pl. 23, figs. 1, 2.

The occurrence of this species at Christmas Island, Indian Ocean, apparently clears up the question of type-locality. The original description as well as the label carried by the types in the British Museum, give "West Coast of Colombia." The collector, H. CUMING, is known to have collected extensively in the Philippine Islands, as pointed out by H. L. CLARK¹. Since *Ferdina* has never been taken on the west coast of the Americas, Clark's doubt was certainly justified; and the present specimen confirms his belief that the home of the species is in the East Indies. Livingstone's excellent enlarged figures of the type leave no doubt in my mind that the Christmas Island specimen is really *cumingii*.

The greater radius is 19 mm.; the lesser 6.5 mm.; breadth of ray at base, 6.5 mm.