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***Cochlodina (Procochlodina) kuesteri kuesteri* (Rossmässler, 1836) (Gastropoda Clausiliidae).** Italian endemic species, present in Sardinia and in Gorgona Island (Tuscan Archipelago). In Italy it belongs to the same subgenus *C. bidens* (Linnaeus, 1758) = *incisa* Kuster, 1876, endemic, with limited distribution to Liguria and Emilian Apennines, while a similar is reported in Corsica: *C. meisneriana* (Shuttleworth, 1843). *Cochlodina kuesteri* is present in almost all Sardinia with several populations showing high variability in morphology and shell colour. Populations living in North-Sardinia are referred to as a different subspecies: *C. kuesteri sassariensis* Nordsieck, 1969. The specimen illustrated in the cover photo belongs to the population present in Posada (Nuoro), in the northeast of Sardinia, characterized by a shell blackish-gray in colour with robust and evident ribs on the surface. *Cochlodina kuesteri* is xeroresistant and calcicolous; it lives on calcareous rocks and under stones in stony soils, sometimes even found on ruins and old walls.

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