

Conchs (Strombidae)



Conchs are a group of large, marine snails that are found in the tropical and subtropical waters of the Western Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea. They belong to the family Strombidae, which includes several different species of snails with colorful, spiral-shaped shells.

Conchs are typically large snails, with shells that can reach up to 30 cm (12 inches) in length. They have a thick, muscular foot that they use to move slowly along the ocean floor, and they are equipped with a long, retractable tentacles and a rasping tongue called a radula, which they use to feed on algae and other small organisms.

Conchs are popular food sources in many tropical countries, and their shells are also used for decorative purposes. In some areas, conchs are over-exploited and are at risk of becoming endangered. It is important to protect these animals and their habitats in order to ensure their continued survival.