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**Supplementary table 1:** Taxon coverage (lots) of mollusc collections where data are available

Collection	Gastropoda	Bivalvia	Cephalopoda	Scaphopoda	Polyplacophora	Not specified
KZNM	80 600	26 600	74	887	799	
SAM	16 667	3603	5174	165	390	2537
ELM	19 096	2828	66	39	218	
AMG	2650	843	0	0	0	
WLSM	775	130				
SAIAB	0	0	1051	0	0	
PEM	0	0	1363	0	0	

**Supplementary table 2:** Preparations of specimens in mollusc collections (lots)

Collection	Dry shells	Fluid and preservative	Tissue samples <sup>‡</sup>	Radulae	Egg masses
NMSA	±137 500	12 458 ethanol	2160	254	
SAM <sup>†</sup>	16 002	17 978 ethanol	0		
ELM	18 673	4142 ethanol	0	42	22
DNSM	5147	0	0	0	0
AMG	300	3255 ethanol	0		
SAIAB	0	1051			
PEM	0	1363 propanol	0	0	0
BDSM	2000	0	0	0	0
MMK	1250	0	0	0	0
WLSM	905	0	0	0	0

<sup>†</sup>Some lots contain dry shells and preserved specimens; hence the total number of preparations is greater than the number of catalogued lots.

<sup>‡</sup>Sequences have been obtained from collection specimens preserved in 70–75% ethanol, but this column refers to dedicated tissue samples in absolute ethanol.