

**MARINE RESOURCES RESEARCH INSTITUTE
RADIOCARBON DATES IV***

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The results presented in this date list are from the same sampling program previously reported (R, 1978, v 20, p 436-440). Each sample reported herein was geologic in origin and, in most instances, represents a single shell date.

As discussed earlier (R, 1978, v 20, p 436-440), wide age ranges were found at some sites due to reworking and the incorporation of other deposits into younger ones. Not all sites had such extreme ranges, since the age range at one location was approx 800 yr as opposed to 18,000 yr.

Analytic procedures and age calculations were performed as previously reported (R, 1976, v 18, p 202-204). All ages were based on a ^{14}C half-life of 5570 years, using 0.95 NBS oxalic acid as the modern standard. Each sample was counted a minimum of 2000 min, with calculations based on sample, standard, and background statistics to $\pm 1\sigma$.

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A. South Carolina coastal samples

Charleston 1

Samples coll from tidal flat sand ca 1m above MLW (32° 39' 00" N, 79° 59' 35" W).

MRRI-216.	Shell (<i>Mercenaria</i> sp)	4420 ± 100
MRRI-217.	Shell (<i>Dinocardium robustum</i>)	5600 ± 110
MRRI-219.	Shell (<i>D robustum</i>)	6130 ± 100
MRRI-220.	Shell (<i>D robustum</i>)	8250 ± 120
MRRI-221.	Shell (<i>Mercenaria</i> sp)	4230 ± 90
MRRI-222.	Shell (<i>D robustum</i>)	18,500 ± 390
MRRI-223.	Shell (<i>Anadara brasiliana</i>)	1240 ± 100
MRRI-224.	Shell (<i>Mercenaria</i> sp)	8390 ± 160
MRRI-226.	Shell (<i>Mercenaria</i> sp)	4560 ± 140
MRRI-227.	Shell (<i>D robustum</i>)	4150 ± 130
MRRI-258.	Shell (<i>D robustum</i>)	5870 ± 130

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MRRI-261. Shell (*A brasiliana* with periostracum ligament on hinge) 4170 ± 140

MRRI-262. Shell (*A brasiliana* with periostracum ligament on hinge) 4370 ± 170

Samples coll from clay bed ca 70cm above MLW.

MRRI-254. Shell (right valve of articulated *Mercenaria* sp) 4270 ± 90

MRRI-256. Shell (left valve of MRRI-254) 4450 ± 120

Charleston 2

Samples coll from tidal flat sand ca 10 to 40cm above MLW (32° 39' 52" N, 79° 59' 35" W).

MRRI-228. Shell (left valve of articulated *Mercenaria* sp) 4310 ± 100

MRRI-229. Shell (right valve of MRRI-228) 4490 ± 100

MRRI-230. Shell (*Mercenaria* sp) 4380 ± 100

MRRI-231. Shell (*A ovalis*) 5390 ± 120

MRRI-232. Shell (*Busycon carica*) 4810 ± 110

MRRI-233. Shell (*B carica*) 17,400 ± 470

MRRI-234. Shell (*D robustum*) 6180 ± 100

MRRI-235. Shell (*B carica*) 5600 ± 110

MRRI-236. Shell (*D robustum*) 23,300 ± 560

MRRI-237. Shell (*Trachycardium egmontianum*) 4450 ± 150

Charleston 3

Samples coll from shell bed 1 to 1.5m above MLW (32° 37' 14" N, 80° 01' 53" W).

MRRI-249. Shell (*D robustum*) 2850 ± 80

MRRI-250. Shell (*D robustum*) 3730 ± 120

Samples coll from tidal flat sand 0 to 70cm above MLW.

MRRI-238. Shell (articulated *Dosinia discus*) 3660 ± 140

MRRI-239. Shell (articulated *A brasiliana*) 2920 ± 220

MRRI-240. Shell (*Mercenaria* sp) 3770 ± 80

MRRI-241. Shell (*D robustum*) 18,500 ± 440

MRRI-242. Shell (*A brasiliana*) 4240 ± 170

MRRI-243.	Shell (<i>A brasiliana</i>)	3400 ± 160
MRRI-244.	Shell (<i>B carica</i>)	3980 ± 170
MRRI-246.	Shell (<i>B carica</i>)	3630 ± 200

Folly Island, Charleston Co

Samples coll from sand bed 1 to 2m above MLW (72° 39' 38" N, 79° 57' 16" W).

MRRI-263.	Shell (left valve of articulated <i>Mercenaria</i> sp)	1230 ± 80
MRRI-274.	Shell (right valve of MRRI-263)	1670 ± 80
MRRI-275.	Shell (articulated <i>Mercenaria</i> sp)	1230 ± 70
MRRI-276.	Shell (right valve of articulated <i>Mercenaria</i> sp)	2010 ± 110
MRRI-277.	Shell (left valve of MRRI-276)	2020 ± 90

*B. Georgia coastal samples***Ossabaw Island, Bryan Co**

Samples coll from clay layer ca 1.2m above MLW (31° 46' 50" N, 81° 05' 41" W).

MRRI-264.	Shell (articulated <i>Mercenaria</i> sp in life position at top of clay bed)	2960 ± 100
MRRI-266.	Shell (left valve of articulated <i>Mercenaria</i> sp)	3030 ± 70
MRRI-267.	Shell (right valve of MRRI-266)	2890 ± 90

Sample coll from sand unit above clay layer ca 2 to 2.5m above MLW. *Comment* (FWS, Jr): sample may be reworked from lower clay layer.

MRRI-265.	Shell (articulated <i>A brasiliana</i>)	3330 ± 90
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*C. Florida coastal samples***North Captiva Island, Lee Co**

Samples coll from beach ridge sand and poorly lithified calcarenite 0 to 1m above MSL (26° 35' 50" N, 82° 13' 10" W).

MRRI-213.	Shell (<i>Busycon</i> sp)	5620 ± 160
MRRI-214.	Reef (<i>Vermetus nigricans</i> Dall)	6890 ± 140
MRRI-215.	Shell (<i>Mercenaria</i> sp)	6410 ± 120
MRRI-245.	Reef (<i>V nigricans</i> Dall)	5650 ± 120
MRRI-248.	Reef (<i>V nigricans</i> Dall)	6310 ± 130

MRRI-251.	Reef (<i>V nigricans</i> Dall)	6140 ± 110
MRRI-252.	Reef (<i>V nigricans</i> Dall)	5490 ± 120
MRRI-253.	Reef (<i>V nigricans</i> Dall)	6330 ± 110
MRRI-255.	Reef (<i>V nigricans</i> Dall)	6160 ± 100
MRRI-291.	Shell (<i>Mercenaria mercenaria</i>)	6540 ± 100
MRRI-295.	Shell (<i>Noetia ponderosa</i>)	5740 ± 200
MRRI-296.	Shell (<i>Busycon</i> sp)	4670 ± 110
MRRI-297.	Shell (<i>D robustum</i>)	5150 ± 240
MRRI-298.	Shell (<i>Mercenaria</i> sp)	4540 ± 110
MRRI-299.	Shell (<i>D robustum</i>)	7430 ± 160
MRRI-300.	Shell (<i>D robustum</i>)	5440 ± 150
MRRI-301.	Shell (<i>M mercenaria</i>)	4280 ± 90
MRRI-302.	Shell (<i>Mercenaria</i> sp)	7250 ± 290
MRRI-303.	Shell (<i>M mercenaria</i>)	6940 ± 120

La Costa Island, Lee Co, Pejuan Point

Samples coll from beach ridge with poorly lithified calcarenite 0 to 80cm above MLW (26° 37' 11" N, 82° 13' 36" W).

MRRI-257.	Shell (8 to 10 <i>Spisula raveneli</i> Conrad, some articulated, possibly in growth position)	4360 ± 120
MRRI-259.	Shell (<i>S raveneli</i> Conrad)	4440 ± 120
MRRI-260.	Shell (<i>S raveneli</i> Conrad)	4900 ± 120
MRRI-268.	Shell (<i>S raveneli</i> Conrad)	5100 ± 90
MRRI-269.	Shell (<i>Mercenaria</i> sp)	2130 ± 130
MRRI-270.	Shell (<i>S raveneli</i> Conrad)	3040 ± 80
MRRI-271.	Shell (<i>S raveneli</i> Conrad)	3370 ± 90
MRRI-272.	Shell (<i>S raveneli</i> Conrad)	3570 ± 130
MRRI-273.	Shell (<i>S raveneli</i> Conrad)	4000 ± 110
MRRI-280.	Shell (articulated <i>S raveneli</i> Conrad)	5140 ± 170
MRRI-281.	Shell (articulated <i>S raveneli</i> Conrad)	4910 ± 90
MRRI-282.	Shell (<i>S raveneli</i> Conrad)	5650 ± 120

MRRI-294. Shell (*D robustum*) 5130 ± 90

North Tip of Island

Samples coll from layer of quartz sand and shell fragments 0.5m above MSL (26° 42' 30" N, 82° 15' 00" W). *Comment* (FLK): MRRI-283, -285, and -286 were not acid etched in pretreatment.

MRRI-283. Shell (articulated *S raveneli* Conrad) 5170 ± 100

MRRI-285. Shell (articulated *S raveneli* Conrad) 5790 ± 140

MRRI-286. Shell (articulated *S raveneli* Conrad) 4850 ± 110

MRRI-287. Shell (articulated *S raveneli* Conrad) 5600 ± 170

MRRI-288. Shell (articulated *S raveneli* Conrad) 5560 ± 190

MRRI-292. Shell (articulated *S raveneli* Conrad) 4990 ± 90

MRRI-293. Shell (*D robustum*) 5400 ± 90

Gasparilla Island, Lee Co

Samples coll from drainage ditch ca 1m below ground level in spoil from ditch composed of quartz sand and shell fragments (26° 47' N, 82° 16' N).

MRRI-289. Shell (articulated *S raveneli* Conrad) 4550 ± 160

MRRI-290. Shell (articulated *S raveneli* Conrad) 4700 ± 370

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