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- Title page
- Abstract
- Introduction
- Methods
- Results
- Discussion
- Acknowledgements
- References
- Table captions
- Figure captions

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- Please submit the abstract and key words on a separate page.
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#### Book

Gittenberger, A., 2006. The evolutionary history of parasitic gastropods and their coral hosts in the Indo-Pacific: 1-276. — PhD Thesis, Leiden University, The Netherlands.

ICZN, 1999. International code of zoological nomenclature, ed. 4: i-xxix, 1-306. London.

Weil, A., Brown, L. & Neville, B., 1999. The wentletrap book. Guide to the recent Epitonidae of the world: 1-246. Rome.

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