

# Hercules Club Mud Whelk

*Pyrazus ebeninus*



## Adaptation to environment

- Very hard shell provides excellent protection
- Can withdraw into shell and close its 'operculum' (shell door) to seal in moisture or avoid enemies.

## Feeding relationships

Where do I live?  Mangrove Shore

### What do I eat?

- Detritus: crawls through mud leaving a trail as it goes; undigested mud and sediment pass through gut.

### What eats me?

- Birds
- Octopus, stingrays.

- To 9 cm
- Elongated, thick-shelled snail with horny operculum
- Common on mudflats near mangaroves.