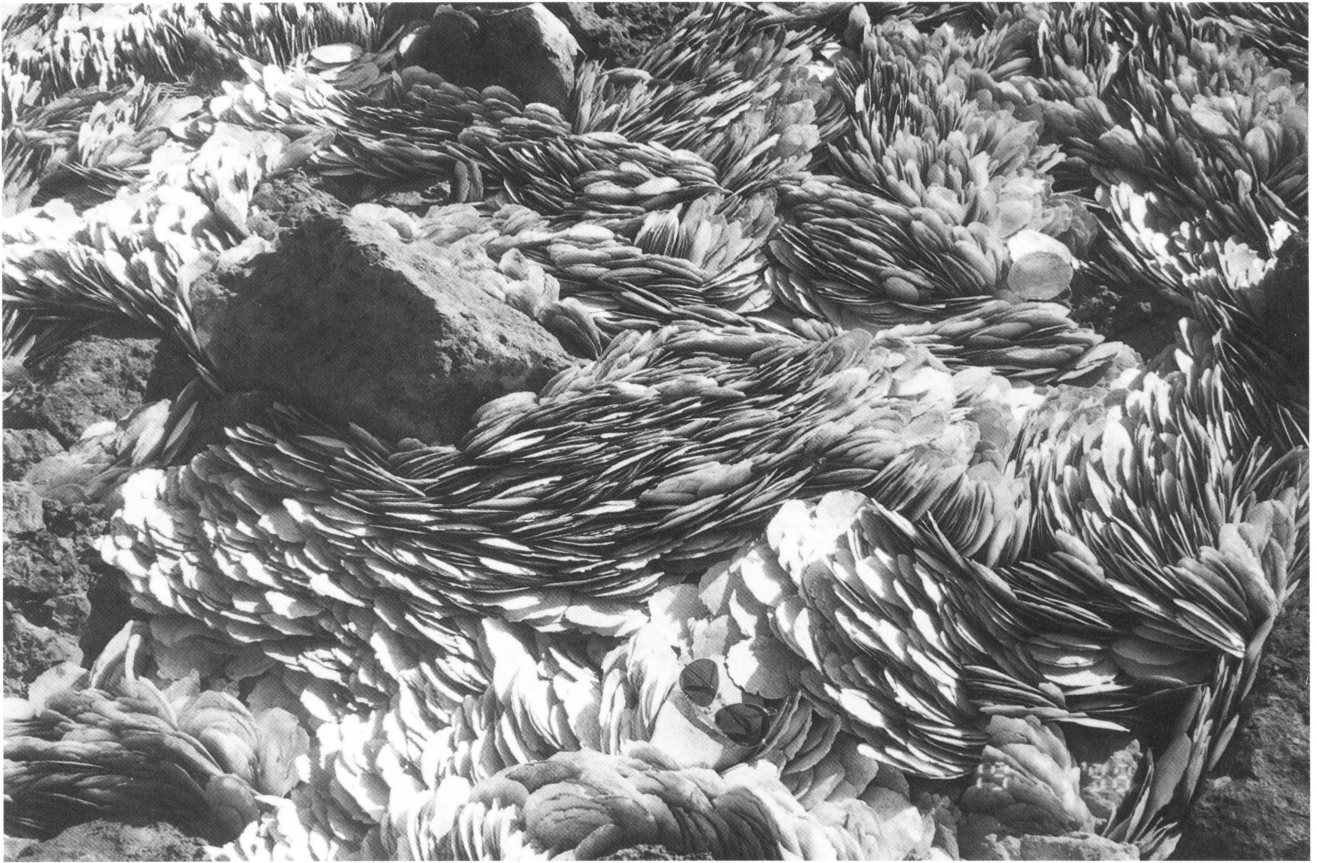


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Deposition of Oyster Shells in Concentric Pattern Around Rocks at Positra Beach, Sourashtra, Gujrat, India. Photographs taken on 19 January 1999 (Please read the date on the photograph as 99 instead of 98) during low tide period. The photographs were taken during the field work arranged by Dr. S. Ganapati, Department of Geology, M. S. University, Vadodara, as a part of UGC Refresher Course. The Positra Beach is a rocky beach with intermittent pockets of sandy stretches, located around Latitude  $22^{\circ}23'N$  and Longitude  $69^{\circ}7'E$ . The beach is almost sheltered type, as it forms the part of Okha Rann, and the rocks are mainly limestones. The peculiar and highly interesting coastal feature observed on this beach is the concentric deposition of millions of Oyster shells around the rocks (Photos 1 & 2), distributed over 100 m length of the beach. The deposition of these shells in the concentric manner, is probably taking place during backwash. The scattered rocks act as obstacles for the shells and provide site of deposition. (Photo: P. T. Hanamgond, Department of Geology, G. S. Science College, Belgaum-590 006 India)

Photo 1. Looking Northeasterly along the beach. Note the rocky beach and the concentric deposit of Oyster shells around the rocks. The sea is at the right hand side of the observer.



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Photo 2. A closer look at the concentric deposit of Oyster shells around the rocks. The sea is away from the observer.