

# Some Triassic Trigoniids from Peru

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## Introduction

In the occasion of the geological and palaeontological reconnaissance survey on the Mesozoic group of Los Andes Cordillera, Central Peru, MAEDA and KAWABE visited Museo de Historia Natural "Javier Prado", Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima, Peru in 1979. MORALES, one of the writers, collected systematically trigonian specimens from many localities of the Mesozoic group in the Peruvian Los Andes Cordillera. In the Peruvian Los Andes Cordillera including Cerro de Pasco area, the Triassic marine strata having the trend of NW—SE along the axis of Los Andes Cordillera is broadly distributed. Molluscan fossils from the Triassic System in Peru have been studied by several authors such as STEINMANN (1929), KÖRNER (1937), COX (1949), BOIT (1966), KOBAYASHI and TAMURA (1968) and MAEDA et al. (1981). This article is a report on some Late Triassic trigoniids from the Chambara Formation, lower part of the Pucara Group, in the Cerro de Pasco area, Central Peru. It emphasizes, in particular, on the similarity between these fossils studied herein and the trigonian faunas described by STEINMANN (1929) and so forth, and also on the occurrence of Late Triassic *Frenguelliella* which associated with Late Triassic Minetrigoniinae.

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## Systematic Description

Family Trigoniidae LAMARCK, 1819

Genus *Perugonia* KOBAYASHI and TAMURA, 1968

*Perugonia lissoni* (STEINMANN)

Plate 1, Figures 1-5.

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1929. *Myophoria lissoni* STEINMANN, *Geologie von Perú*, s.58, figs. 57A—B.

1968. *Perugonia lissoni* (STEINMANN) : KOBAYASHI and TAMURA, *Cont. Geol. Pal. Southeast Asia*, LX, pp.112-113, figs.1-4.

*Description* : — Shell rather large, subquadrate, nearly as long as high, well convex ; convexity attaining the maximum on disk at about one-third the height from umbo ; test thick. Postero-dorsal margin long, concave, nearly parallel to ventral margin, sloping into the posterior margin with an obtuse angle ; posterior margin fairly long, feebly truncated, gradually bent forward into the ventral margin ; ventral margin fairly long, arched ; anterior margin gently rounded. Umbo more or less large, located anteriorly, somewhat projected above the hinge-margin ; beak opisthogyrus, incurved. Escutcheon carina distinct, tuberculated ; marginal carina arcuated and tuberculated ; escutcheon narrow, smooth, arranged fine growth lines ; area fairly large, divided by delicate median depression ; disk ornamented with about 9 or 10 radial ribs which become nodes, intersected with concentric lines ; anterior part lacking in radial rib, but provided with many distinct concentric costae which are strong as interspace in width. 3 of radial ribs including marginal carina in posterior part fairly weak and denticulate.

*Measurements* : — Broken two specimens selected from the collection were measured in mm as follows :

Rg. Number	Valve	Length	Height	Width
Rg.N.22733 A	Right, Left	81	76	37+
Rg.N.22733 C	Right	65+	72+	45+

*Remarks* : — Several imperfect specimens which are rather well-preserved, and calcareous by the diagenesis, were kept in the collection. With regard to the ornamentation of the surface of this species, the radial ribs are tuberculated at intersection with concentric lines as pointed out by KOBAYASHI and TAMURA (1968). The specimens at hand resemble most closely to STEINMANN's form illustrated in Fig.57 (A and B) of his description in 1929, but they slightly differ from the latter by the characteristics of radial ribs near the marginal carina. Namely in the posterior part of the disk the present specimens have fairly weak radial ribs as shown in Figs.1, 2 and 4 on plate 1. Nevertheless, none of these minor differences seems to have a value for specific distinction. It is emphasized that the similarity of the ornamentation in the anterior part between the present specimens and STEINMANN's form.

*Occurrence* : — Pucara Group, Cerro de Pasco, Peru.

*Repository* : — Rg.N.22733 A, B, C and D., Museo de Historia Natural "Javier Prado", Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima, Peru.

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*Perugonia jaworskii* (STEINMANN)

Plate 2, Figures 1, 3, 4 and 5.

1929. *Myophoria jaworskii* STEINMANN, *Geologie von Perú*, s.58, figs. 55 A-B.

1966. *Myophoria jaworskii* STEINMANN: BOIT, *Pub. Mus. Hist. Nat. "Javier Prado"*, Ser. C, *Geol.*, no.11, p.8, pl.1,figs.1 and 2; pl.3, fig.1.

*Description*: — Shell small, subquadrate, somewhat longer than high, well convex, convexity attaining the maximum on disk at about one-third the height from umbo; test rather thick. Postero-dorsal margin fairly long, scarcely curved near the beak, gently sloping into the posterior margin; posterior margin more or less long, rapidly bent forward into the ventral margin with an acute angle; ventral margin long, arched, gradually going over into the well rounded anterior margin; antero-dorsal margin convex. Umbo comparatively large, located at about one-fourth from the anterior extremity; beak opisthogyrrous, incurved, fairly elevated above the hinge margin. Escutcheon carina distinct, tuberculated; marginal carina rather obscure, but gently curved; escutcheon narrow, depressed; area broad, provided with fine growth lines and shallow median furrow; disk ornamented with about 9 radial tuberculated ribs, posterior two of them fairly weak, radial rib in the anterior part of disk lacking or obscured. Several remarkable concentric costae seen in the umbonal region.

*Measurements*: — 4 specimens, including fairly broken materials, are measured in mm as listed below:

Rg. Number	Valve	Length	Height	Width
Rg.N.22040 (1)	Right, Left	28	24	18
Rg.N.22040 (2)	Left	33	25+	8
Rg.N.22040 (3)	Right	31+	24+	9
Rg.N.40104	Right, Left	35	37	23

*Remarks*: — Several specimens including imperfect one were found in the collection. The specimens at hand closely resemble to the figures of *Myophoria jaworskii* given by STEINMANN (1929) from the Upper Triassic System in the Piso Carniano area, Cerro Uliachi, near Cerro de Pasco, Central Peru in the characteristics such as the costation on the disk, fairly weak costation near marginal carina, feeble marginal carina and width of the area. This species is also related to *Perugonia lissoni* (STEINMANN) in the essential characteristics as pointed out by KOBAYASHI and TAMURA (1968), but they differ each other in features of the radial ribs near marginal carina and the outline of shell. In the ontogenetic view point, it is one of the remarkable characteristics that in the immature stage the concentric costae run on the surface from the anterior part to posterior one, but in the adult stage the costae become rather large nodes, intersecting with radial ribs.

*Occurrence*: — Pucara Group, Cerro de Pasco, Peru.

*Repository*: — Rg.N.22040 (1), (2), (3), (4) and Rg.N.40104. Museo de Historia

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Genus *Maoritrigonia* FLEMING, 1962

*Maoritrigonia* (?) sp. indet.

Plate 2, Figures 2 a-b.

*Remarks* : — The present specimen is only imperfect one, lacking in umbonal, anterior, ventral and posterior portions. With regard to the ornamtation on the disk and distinct marginal carina, this species is similar to *Myophoria baertli* figured on plate II by Boit as new species in 1966 from Colquijirca, Cerro de Pasco area, but it cannot coincide with the latter, because the present species lacks in the posterior and umbonal portions. On the other hand Boit's form, i.e., *Myophoria baertli* (1966) has the crenulated typical trigonian hinge structure as shown in figures 2 and 3 on plate III. Therefore this specimen is included to Trigoniidae instead of Myophoriidae. It is a remarkable fact that the present species much resembles the figures of *Myophoria pascoensis* STEINMANN given by L. R. Cox in 1949 from the Upper Triassic deposits in the Cerro de Pasco area, Central Peru, but they cannot coincide each other, because the present species is fairly imperfect in preservation.

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**Explanation of Plate 1**

*Perugonia lissoni* (STEINMANN)

Fig.1: Right valve.	Rg.N. 22733 A
Fig.2: Left valve.	Rg.N. 22733 B
Fig.3: Anterior view of two valves.	Rg.N. 22733 C
Fig.4: Right valve.	Rg.N. 22733 C
Fig.5: Anterior view of two valves.	Rg.N. 22733 D

All figures are natural size.

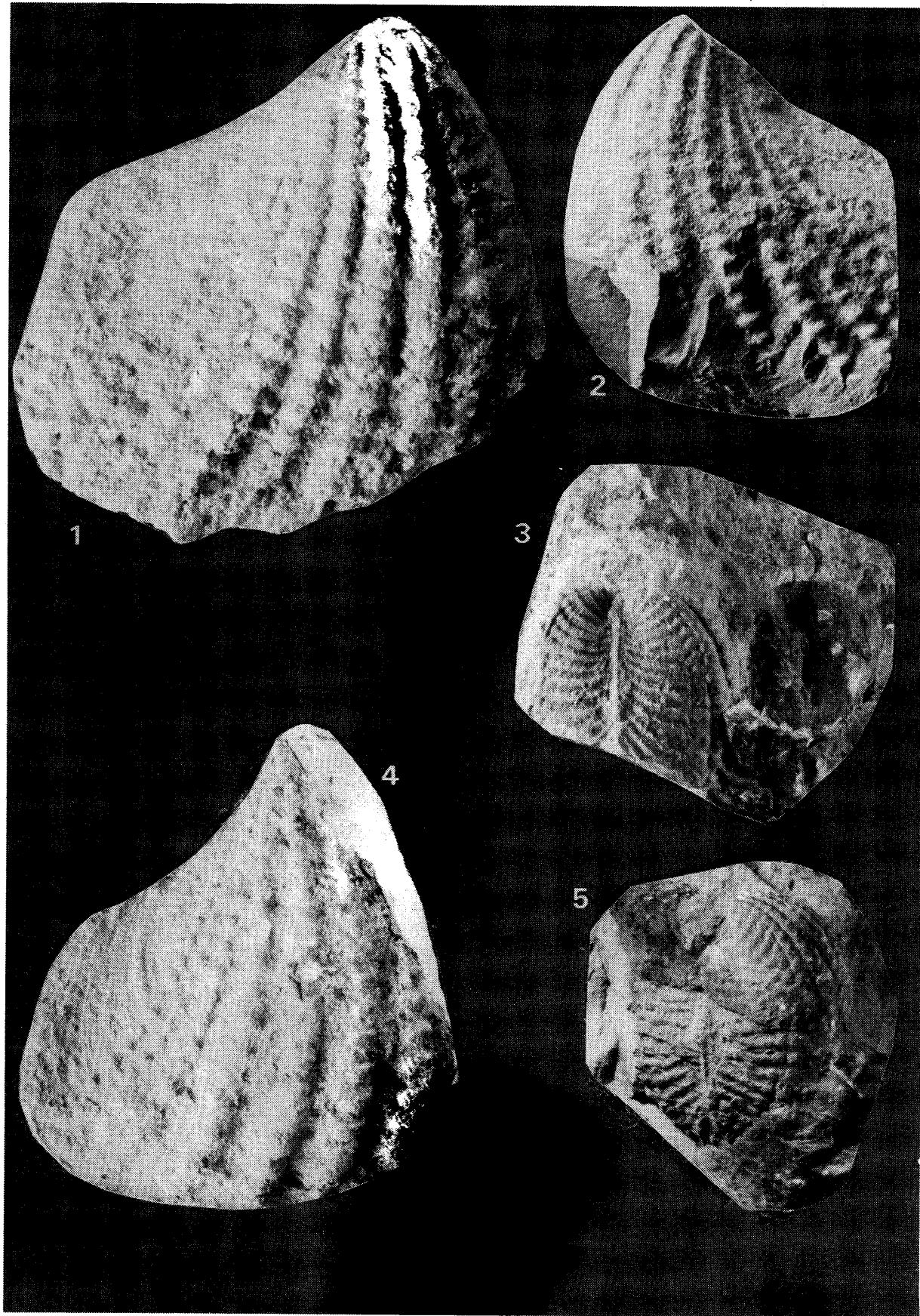
Localities: Chambara Formation, Pucara Group, Cerro de Pasco, Peru.

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Plate 1



**Explanation of Plate 2**

*Perugonia jaworskii* (STEINMANN)

Fig.1 a : Right valve.	Rg.N.22040 (1)	×1.2
Fig.1 b : Left valve.	Rg.N.22040 (1)	×1.2
Fig.1 c : Areal view of two valves.	Rg.N.22040 (1)	×1.2
Fig.1 d : Anterior view of two valves.	Rg.N.22040 (1)	×1.2
Fig.1 e : Posterior view of left valve.	Rg.N.22040 (1)	×1.5
Fig.3 : Left valve.	Rg.N.2240 (2)	×1.2
Fig.4 a : Left valve.	Rg.N.40104	×1.2
Fig.4 b : Right valve.	Rg.N.40104	×1.2
Fig.4 c : Anterior view of two valves.	Rg.N.40104	×1.5
Fig.4 d : Umbonal view of two valves.	Rg.N.40104	×1.5
Fig.5 : Right valve.	Rg.N.22040 (3)	×1.2

*Maoritrigonia* (?) sp.

Fig.2 a : Left valve.	Rg.N.22040 (4)	×1.2
Fig.2 b : Areal view of left valve.	Rg.N.22040 (4)	×1.2

Localities: Pucara Group, Cerro de Pasco area, Peru

Collector: B. Boit

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Plate 2

