

## Appendix 7

### The Shell Assemblage at Monte Albán by Project

Proyecto Especial de Monte Albán 1992–94 (non-shell-working areas)						
Genus	Broken shell	Worked shell	Unmodified whole shell	Unfinished ornament	Finished ornament	Total
<b>Bivalves</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>976</b>
<i>Anadara</i>	2	2	–	–	–	4
<i>Barbatia</i> (?)	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Chama</i>	139	19	59	1	4	222
<i>Chama</i> (?)	31	–	–	1	–	32
<i>Donax</i>	5	–	2	–	–	7
<i>Donax</i> (?)	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Glycymeris</i>	–	–	–	–	2	2
<i>Glycymeris</i> (?)	–	–	–	–	1	1
<i>Lophocardium</i> (?)	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Lucina</i>	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Mactrellona</i>	1	–	–	–	–	1
nacreous/ <i>Pinctada</i>	93	77	–	55	118	343
<i>Ostrea</i>	–	–	2	–	–	2
<i>Ostrea</i> (?)	1	–	–	–	–	1
pelecypod UID	40	6	–	1	3	50
<i>Periglypta</i>	–	1	–	–	–	1
<i>Pinctada</i>	14	19	–	16	108	157
<i>Pinctada</i> (?)	10	16	–	15	15	56
<i>Pitar</i>	1	–	1	–	–	2
<i>Polymesoda</i> (?)	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Protothaca</i>	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Pteria</i> (?)	1	–	–	1	–	2
<i>Sanguinolaria</i>	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Spondylus</i>	30	12	–	9	17	68
<i>Spondylus</i> (?)	5	2	–	1	2	10
<i>Spondylus/Chama</i>	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Tellina</i>	2	–	–	–	–	2
<i>Tellina</i> (?)	1	1	–	–	–	2
<i>Tivela</i>	–	–	–	–	1	1
<i>Tivela</i> (?)	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Trachycardium</i>	1	–	–	–	–	1
<b>Bivalve (freshwater)</b>	–	<b>1</b>	–	–	–	<b>1</b>
<i>Margaritifera</i>	–	1	–	–	–	1
<b>Gastropods</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>499</b>
<i>Acmaea</i>	–	1	3	–	–	4
<i>Acmaea</i> (?)	1	–	1	–	–	2
<i>Agaronia</i>	1	1	–	–	3	5
<i>Agaronia</i> (?)	1	–	–	1	1	3
<i>Agaronia/Oliva</i>	–	1	–	–	1	2

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Genus	Broken shell	Worked shell	Unmodified whole shell	Unfinished ornament	Finished ornament	Total
<i>Agaronia/Olivella</i>	–	–	–	–	1	1
<i>Astraea</i>	3	–	–	–	–	3
<i>Astraea</i> (?)	1	1	–	–	–	2
<i>Cassis</i> (?)	2	–	–	–	–	2
<i>Cerithidea</i>	–	–	1	–	2	3
<i>Cerithidea</i> (?)	–	–	1	–	–	1
<i>Cerithium</i>	1	–	2	–	–	3
<i>Conus</i>	1	2	–	3	1	7
<i>Conus</i> (?)	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Conus/Oliva</i>	–	1	–	–	–	1
<i>Crepidula</i>	–	–	1	–	–	1
<i>Crucibulum</i>	2	–	3	–	–	5
<i>Cymatium</i>	2	–	–	–	–	2
<i>Cypraea</i>	7	–	–	1	1	9
<i>Diodora</i>	–	–	1	–	1	2
<i>Diodora</i> (?)	–	–	1	–	–	1
<i>Engina</i>	–	–	–	–	1	1
<i>Fissurella</i>	2	–	5	–	3	10
<i>Fissurella</i> (?)	1	–	–	–	1	2
<i>Fossarus</i>	–	–	1	–	–	1
<i>Fusinus</i>	–	1	–	–	–	1
gastropod UID	61	14	–	18	35	128
<i>Haliotis</i>	–	2	–	–	–	2
<i>Hexaplex</i> (?)	–	–	–	–	1	1
<i>Jenneria</i>	1	–	–	–	1	2
<i>Latirus</i>	1	–	2	–	1	4
<i>limpet</i> (?)	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Littorina</i>	–	–	1	–	–	1
<i>Malea</i>	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Marginella</i>	–	–	3	–	15	18
<i>Mitrella</i>	1	–	1	–	8	10
<i>Mitrella</i> (?)	–	–	–	–	1	1
<i>Morum</i>	1	–	–	–	4	5
<i>Muricanthus</i>	2	–	–	–	–	2
<i>Nassarius</i>	–	–	1	–	–	1
<i>Natica</i> (?)	–	–	–	–	1	1
<i>Nerita</i>	–	–	–	1	–	1
<i>Neritina</i>	–	–	6	–	1	7
<i>Oliva</i>	26	7	2	7	37	79
<i>Oliva</i> (?)	4	–	–	–	3	7
<i>Olivella</i>	4	1	3	–	58	66
<i>Olivella</i> (?)	3	–	–	–	1	4
<i>Patella</i>	–	1	–	1	–	2
<i>Patella</i> (?)	–	–	–	2	1	3
<i>Persicula</i>	–	–	–	–	2	2
<i>Petalocochus</i>	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Planaxis</i>	–	–	1	–	–	1
<i>Pyrene</i>	3	–	1	–	4	8

Genus	Broken shell	Worked shell	Unmodified whole shell	Unfinished ornament	Finished ornament	Total
<i>Siphonaria</i> (?)	–	–	1	–	–	1
<i>Strombus</i>	–	3	1	5	–	9
<i>Strombus</i> (?)	–	1	–	–	–	1
<i>Tegula</i>	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Terebra</i> (?)	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Thais</i>	2	–	1	1	1	5
<i>Trivia</i>	2	–	–	–	–	2
<i>Turritella</i>	20	–	17	1	7	45
<b>UID</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>1710</b>
<b>Proyecto Especial de Monte Albán 1992–94 (shell-working area on west side of North Platform)</b>						
Genus	Broken shell	Worked shell	Unmodified whole shell	Unfinished ornament	Finished ornament	Total
<b>Bivalves</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>1548</b>
<i>Anadara</i>	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Chama</i>	12	–	1	1	–	14
<i>Chama</i> (?)	1	–	–	–	–	1
nacreous/ <i>Pinctada</i>	592	603	–	67	56	1318
<i>Ostrea</i>	2	–	–	–	–	2
pelecypod UID	8	3	–	–	2	13
<i>Pinctada</i>	7	115	–	9	1	132
<i>Pinctada</i> (?)	30	17	–	11	2	60
<i>Spondylus</i>	1	1	–	–	2	4
<i>Spondylus</i> (?)	2	–	–	–	–	2
<i>Ventricolaria</i>	–	1	–	–	–	1
<b>Gastropods</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>86</b>
<i>Acmaea</i>	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Agaronia</i>	–	–	–	–	1	1
<i>Astraea</i>	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Cerithidea</i>	–	–	1	–	–	1
<i>Cerithium</i>	–	–	–	1	–	1
<i>Conus</i>	–	–	–	–	1	1
<i>Fissurella</i>	–	–	–	–	1	1
gastropod UID	19	11	–	3	4	37
<i>Haliotis</i>	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Haliotis</i> (?)	2	–	–	–	–	2
<i>Hexaplex</i> (?)	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Latirus</i>	–	–	1	–	–	1
limpet UID	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Malea</i>	–	1	–	–	–	1
<i>Malea</i> (?)	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Marginella</i>	1	–	–	–	1	2
<i>Mitrella</i>	–	–	–	–	2	2
<i>Mitrella</i> (?)	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Morum</i>	–	–	–	–	1	1
<i>Nassarius</i>	–	–	1	–	–	1
<i>Oliva</i>	1	–	–	–	2	3

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Genus	Broken shell	Worked shell	Unmodified whole shell	Unfinished ornament	Finished ornament	Total
<i>Olivella</i>	–	–	1	–	9	10
<i>Olivella</i> (?)	–	–	–	–	1	1
<i>Patella</i>	–	1	–	–	1	2
<i>Petalocochus</i> (?)	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Pyrene</i>	–	–	–	–	1	1
<i>Strombus</i>	1	–	–	1	–	2
<i>Turritella</i>	3	–	3	–	1	7
<b>UID</b>	<b>6</b>	–	–	–	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>1641</b>
Proyecto Monte Albán 1972–73						
Genus	Broken shell	Worked shell	Unmodified whole shell	Unfinished ornament	Finished ornament	Total
<b>Bivalves</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>63</b>
<i>Chama</i>	1	–	–	–	–	1
nacreous/ <i>Pinctada</i>	2	4	–	6	12	24
<i>Pinctada</i>	–	–	1	5	6	12
<i>Pinctada</i> (?)	–	1	–	5	18	24
<i>Spondylus</i>	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Tagelus</i> (?)	1	–	–	–	–	1
<b>Bivalves (freshwater)</b>	–	–	<b>1</b>	–	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<i>Margaritifera</i> (?)	–	–	1	–	1	2
<b>Gastropods</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>
<i>Agaronia</i>	–	–	–	–	1	1
<i>Cypraea</i>	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Haliotis</i>	–	1	–	–	–	1
<i>Malea</i> (?)	–	–	–	–	1	1
<i>Mitrella</i>	–	–	–	–	1	1
<i>Oliva</i>	–	–	–	–	2	2
<i>Oliva</i> (?)	–	–	–	1	–	1
<i>Olivella</i>	–	–	–	–	4	4
<i>Patella</i>	–	–	1	–	–	1
<i>Strombus</i>	–	–	–	–	1	1
<i>Turritella</i>	–	–	1	–	–	1
<b>Scaphopods</b>	–	–	–	–	1	1
<i>Dentalium</i>	–	–	–	–	1	1
<b>UID</b>	–	–	–	<b>1</b>	–	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>82</b>
Proyecto Salvamento Carretera de Acceso a Monte Albán 1991						
Genus	Broken shell	Worked shell	Unmodified whole shell	Unfinished ornament	Finished ornament	Total
<b>Bivalves</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>209</b>
<i>Arca</i>	–	–	1	–	–	1
<i>Chama</i>	12	2	4	–	–	18
<i>Chama</i> (?)	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Choromytilus</i> (?)	–	–	1	–	–	1
<i>Dosinia</i> (?)	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Macoma</i> (?)	–	–	1	–	–	1
nacreous/ <i>Pinctada</i>	61	15	–	11	31	118
pelecypod UID	4	–	6	1	–	11

Genus	Broken shell	Worked shell	Unmodified whole shell	Unfinished ornament	Finished ornament	Total
<i>Pinctada</i>	9	6	–	4	10	29
<i>Pinctada</i> (?)	3	10	–	1	3	17
<i>Pitar</i> (?)	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Polymesoda</i> (?)	–	–	1	–	–	1
<i>Pteria</i> (?)	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Spondylus</i>	1	2	–	–	2	5
<i>Spondylus</i> (?)	1	–	–	–	1	2
<i>Tivela</i>	1	–	–	–	–	1
<b>Gastropods</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>127</b>
<i>Acmaea</i>	3	–	1	–	1	5
<i>Agaronia</i> (?)	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Anachis</i>	–	–	–	–	1	1
<i>Astraea</i>	1	–	1	–	–	2
<i>Cassis</i>	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Cassis</i> (?)	–	1	–	–	–	1
<i>Cerithidea</i>	–	–	2	–	–	2
<i>Conus</i>	–	1	–	1	1	3
<i>Cypraea</i>	3	–	–	–	–	3
<i>Distorsio/Bursa/ Cymatium</i>	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Ficus</i>	–	–	–	1	–	1
gastropod UID	8	7	–	1	11	27
<i>Haliotis</i>	1	–	–	1	–	2
<i>Janthina</i>	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Lamellaria</i>	–	–	1	–	–	1
<i>Latirus</i>	–	–	1	–	–	1
<i>Marginella</i>	–	–	–	–	13	13
<i>Mitrella</i>	1	–	–	–	3	4
<i>Natica</i>	1	–	–	–	–	1
<i>Nerita</i>	–	–	–	–	2	2
<i>Oliva</i>	4	–	–	–	9	13
<i>Oliva</i> (?)	–	–	–	1	–	1
<i>Olivella</i>	–	–	1	–	15	16
<i>Patella</i>	–	1	–	–	–	1
<i>Strombus</i> (?)	–	1	–	–	–	1
<i>Tegula</i> (?)	–	–	1	–	–	1
<i>Thais</i>	–	–	–	–	4	4
<i>Turritella</i>	5	–	12	–	–	17
<b>UID</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>386</b>



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