



Association Française de Conchyliologie

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**COREEX N°298 – 19, Avenue du Maréchal Foch
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« RENCONTRES INTERNATIONALES DU COQUILLAGE » 2026

SHOW REGULATIONS

1 - EXHIBITORS:

To be an exhibitor, you must be a member of the AFC and up to date of your annual subscription.

Each exhibitor can be accompanied by one or more people who will help him during the duration of the exhibition (setting up, monitoring):

- Less than 4 tables = maximum 2 helpers
- Between 4 and 10 tables = maximum 4 helpers
- Beyond 10 tables = No limit

The names of the helpers must be given at the time of registration.

Under no circumstances may these helpers sell their own merchandise on the stand of the exhibitor they are accompanying. In this case, you should register separately.

2 - ORGANIZATION & CONTACTS:

This exhibition is organized by the **Association Française de Conchyliologie (A.F.C.)**.
Contacts are:

Contact Bourse: boursedeparis@xenophora.org

Registrations: Olivier IMBERT

Payments: Cédric SIMBILLE

3 - PLACE:

The Shell Show will take place in: **CENTRE CULTUREL**
Place des Martyrs de Châteaubriant
77500 CHELLES

Access:

Train: Gare de l'Est – Stop at Chelles-Gournay

RER E: Hausmann-St Lazare or Gare du Nord-Magenta – Stop at Chelles-Gournay

For more information: http://www.xenophora.org/fr/ric/ric_accueil.php

4 - DATES:

The Shell Show will be open to members of the A.F.C. and to the public:

Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 April 2026.

Control & Installation of stands: Friday 10 April from 14H00 to 17H00.

**Public opening: Saturday 11 April from 9h00 to 18h00.
Sunday 12 April from 10h00 to 16h00.**

5 - REGISTRATIONS:

Reserved to members of the A.F.C., the completed registrations will be registered in the **CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF ARRIVAL** (based on the final payment date) until completion of the available tables.

REMINDER: Registration is only completed upon receipt of full payment, including the annual fee if not already paid.

Registrations are made ONLY by filling the electronic form on the website of the association:

http://www.xenophora.org/en/ric/ric_inscription.php

Your electronic registration implies full acceptance of all the rules within this document.

The A.F.C. reserves the right to refuse any application which could disturb good order or not respect the ethics of activities.

6 - RENTAL OF TABLES:

- The price of the table (1.20 m X 0,80 m) is **45 €** for the whole duration of the show.
- Exhibitors are placed by the organizer according to the number of tables reserved and places available.
- Last-minute exhibitors will be registered only to the extent of the available places. No request for a change of place for personal convenience will be considered by the organizer. Only a permutation between two consenting exhibitors will be permitted.
- Any table not occupied on Saturday at 10:00 will be at the disposal of the organizers if the exhibitor has not warned of his delay.

7 - PAYMENT:

- **Payment of the rent of tables and annual subscription** - where appropriate - **must be paid at least 15 days before the opening of the Shell Show**, by PayPal, bank check (on a French bank only) or bank wire transfer **at the time of filling the registration form** on AFC website.

PayPal at: souscription@xenophora.org

- **This will only be considered final and confirmed if this payment is made.**
- For regulatory reasons, **cash payments on site will no longer be accepted for the payment of table rental.**

8 - RESPONSIBILITY & SECURITY:

- The objects and collections exhibited, valuables, luggage and all objects belonging to the exhibitors and the visitors remain for the duration of the Exhibition (from Friday morning to Sunday evening) under the responsibility of their owner. The organizers decline any responsibility in case of theft, breakage, degradation, or loss as well as in case of dispute with the customs or tax administrations.
- **The A.F.C. recommends to the exhibitors the subscription of a specific civil liability insurance if the value of the stock is important.**
- Outside opening hours, the building remains closed. It is under video monitoring and guarding. The A.F.C., however, recommend not to leave valuable items in the Shell-Show room for the night.
- **During opening hours, the A.F.C. recommends that you secure valuable items (locked displays, supervision by helpers, displays set back from the aisles ...).** The presence of security staff is neither intended to prevent theft nor conduct checks on individuals.
- The A.F.C. disclaims all liability when transactions are carried out outside contractual hours or outside the rooms.
- The organizers decline all civil, legal, tax and customs liability regarding the activities of exhibitors and visitors.
- Shells shows are places of exchange and conviviality. The A.F.C. reserves the right to exclude any person responsible for incivility, verbal or physical violence. Any attempt at theft or damage will be the subject of a complaint to the competent authorities.

- Exhibitors are required to clear their waste upon departure and leave a clean stand free of all equipment.

9 - FOOD AND DRINKS:

A bar with drinks, sandwiches and other snacks will be available on Saturday and Sunday.

Food trucks will be available outside for a quick lunch.

10 - SPECIES PROTECTION:

We bring to your attention the new CITES regulations in effect as of October 4, 2017 (see after Appendix 1) that may affect the shells you may offer for sale or exchange. You should note that some shells are totally prohibited for sale even with a CITES certificate. Others are allowed for sale if a CITES certificate can be provided.

Do not forget the Bern Convention which provides that many Mediterranean marine species in the are strictly protected in European waters. These include *Luria lurida*, *Erosaria spurca*, *Zonaria pyrum*, *Charonia tritonis*, *Mitra zonata*, *Tonna galea*, but others are also protected.

Exhibitors undertake to comply with the regulations in force concerning the protection of Wildlife (CITES, Berne and Washington Conventions, Ministerial Decrees of 24 April 1979 and 26 November 1992).

The A.F.C. prohibits the sale of species protected in CITES Appendices I & II, including manufactured shells.

All species of corals and gorgonians are prohibited. It is the same for all species of Tridacnidae and Nautilidae.

The AFC, during its various events, intends to strictly respect these provisions. We therefore ask you to apply them and we keep the possibility to carry out checks during our exhibitions to ensure the compliance of all exhibitors with these regulations. **Your electronic registration constitutes acceptance of these conditions. If protected species are offered on a table, the AFC will request their immediate withdrawal.**

An acceptance form for this commitment must be signed by the exhibitor when the badges are handed over.

In proven cases of fraud, following control by the A.F.C. or any other authorized organization, the exhibitor must leave the show without any compensation from the A.F.C.

11 - RULES & RECOMMENDATIONS:

- **Prices must be clearly displayed (this is a legal disposition).**
- We ask you to favor swaps.
- The sale of large numbers of copies of the same shell is prohibited.
- Items not related to molluscan shells, especially vertebrate, are prohibited (dried fish, shark jaws, sea turtles, stuffed animals, etc.)
- A few items of shellfish, jewels, echinoderms, and crustaceans are allowed on the tables but shall remain limited.
- Fake or repaired seashells must be clearly indicated by an appropriate label to the visitors.
- Exposed items should be, if possible, labeled (name, size, quality, geographical origin).

12 - THE FRENCH OFFICE FOR BIODIVERSITY:

The French Office for Biodiversity is a public establishment of the State, created by law no. 2019-773 of July 24, 2019, which contributes, regarding terrestrial, aquatic and marine environments, to the monitoring, preservation, the management, and restoration of biodiversity as well as the balanced and sustainable management of water in coordination with the national policy to combat global warming.

It contributes to the exercise of the administrative and judicial police relating to water, natural areas, species, hunting and fishing, and health police in connection with wildlife. In terms of the judicial police, he can, through the environmental inspectors, under the control of the public prosecutor, conduct investigations from the observation of the offense to the referral of the defendant to court, without having to relinquish jurisdiction in favor of a generalist judicial police officer.

Appendix 1

	Annex I	Annex II
PHYLUM MOLLUSCA		
CLASSE BIVALVIA		
Mytilidae		<i>Lithophaga lithophaga</i>
VENEROIDA		
Tridacnidae		Tridacnidae spp.
CLASSE CEPHALOPODA		
NAUTILIDA		
Nautilidae		Nautilidae spp.
CLASSE GASTROPODA		
MESOGASTROPODA		
Strombidae		<i>Strombus gigas</i>
STYLOMMATOPHORA		
Achatinellidae	<i>Achatinella</i> spp.	
Camaenidae		<i>Papustyla pulcherrima</i>
Cepolidae	<i>Polymita</i> spp.	
PHYLUM CNIDARIA		
ANTIPATHARIA Coraux noirs		<i>Antipatharia</i> spp.
HELIOPORACEA		
Helioporidae Corail bleu		Helioporidae spp. (Inclut seulement l'espèce <i>Heliopora coerulea</i>)
SCLERACTINIA Coraux durs		<i>Scleractinia</i> spp.
STOLONIFERA		
Tubiporidae Orgues-de-mer		Tubiporidae ssp.
CLASSE HYDROZOA		
MILLEPORINA		
Milleporidae Coraux de feu		Milleporidae spp.
STYLASTERINA		
Stylasteridae		Stylasteridae spp.

Annex I: **Sales totally forbidden for those species in Annex I**

Annex II: **Sales possible with a CITES certificate for species in Annex II**

Abbreviation «spp.» is used to denote all species of a higher taxon.