

Centosphæra WIND & WISE, 1976

Description:

Diagnosis: Large calcareous spheres constructed of hour-glass-shaped blocks arranged in patchwork pattern. The sphere is ringed with one or more keels composed of needle-like crystals.

Description: See characteristics of type species.

Remarks:

The genus name is from the Latin *centos*, pattern, and *sphaera*. This genus differs from the genus *Thoracosphaera* in the mode of construction of the sphere wall and in the presence of large structures modifying the exterior.

Type species:

Centosphæra barbata WIND & WISE, 1976.

Author:

Wise S. W. and Wind F. H., 1976, p. 299.

Reference:

Mesozoic and Cenozoic calcareous nannofossils recovered by DSDP Leg 36 drilling on the Falkland Plateau, southwest Atlantic sector of the southern ocean. Initial Reports of the Deep Sea Drilling Project, vol. 36, pp. 269-491, 89 pls., 3 figs., 7 tbs.