

Table 1 Some comparative characteristics for *R. venosa* mature specimens of the investigated areas (according Figure 1) and other regions after the following authors: Black Sea, Turkey [Saglam and Duzgunes, 2014], Agigea coast, Romania [Micu et al., 2009], Uruguayan Rio de la Plata coastal zone [Lanfranconi et al, 2009], Chesapeake Bay, USA [Mann et al., 2006]. SL – shell length (mm), W – whelk total wet weight (g), TW - whelk wet tissue weight (g), Imposex, (% of total specimens), ND – no data

Region (No)	Depth (m)	SL (mm)	W (g)	TW (g)	Imposex, %
Round bay (1)	3–6	43–77.5	12–126.9	2.5–31.5	0
Blue Bay (2)	4–6	42.5–79.5	8.0–69.0	2.0–20	0
Theophan cap (3)	4–6	55–82.5	29–106	9–44	0
Laspi Bay (4)	4–6	43–66.5	15–40	2.0–10	0
Turkey	20	?–95.8	?–122.8	?–50.22	0
Uruguay	1.5	57.3–81.2	41.1–91.1	ND	0
Romania	4–5	58.69–96.88	ND	ND	11.19
Chesapeake Bay	ND	71–174	ND	>150 (average)	26