

Minicryphaeus cf. minimus (Morzadec, 2001 as *Pseudocryphaeus*) (TH245)

Minicryphaeus → Phacopida → Phacopina → Acastoidae → Acastidae → Asteropyginae

Provenance : Morocco; "Tafraoute" (= south-western tip of the Djebel Mrakib)

Formation : ?Ihandar Fm

Age : Lower Devonian, Pragian

Details : Complete specimen, sold to me with two name tags; the first being "Asteropyginae nov. sp." (which was in my opinion, at the time, the most valid) and the somewhat fantasmic "*Asteropyge griphina*", which is a pure fantasmic concoction, but understandable : this is an asteropygine (as is the genus ***Asteropyge***), and "*griphina*" is the original way the Moroccan workers usually call ***Minicryphaeus minimus***, to which his specimen actually resembles best. HOWEVER...even if the measurements of this specimen concur with that of ***M. minimus***, the rostrum (that cephalic protuberance...the snout spine, if you like) is a lot slimmer than in ***minimus***, and shorter too. Also, the librigenal spine is slightly longer than in either ***M. minimus*** (reported from Djebel Oufatene – which IS in the vicinity) and ***M. sarirus*** (from the somewhat farther removed Djebel Issoumour). First image below : I'm not in the habit of letting know how much I paid for my trilos, but here I had no choice (old photographs). Just for the record : this does not resemble *M. quaterspinosus* either

Bought on : 25/11/2016

Bought at : Comblain-au-Pont

Event : Non-fair purchase & my B-Day



