

MID-CRETACEOUS AMMONITES FROM THE COASTAL CHAIN OF SYRIA

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Occurrences of Cretaceous ammonites from the the northern part of the Coastal Chain (As Sahilyeh Mountains) of Syria were described by Dubertret (1937), Schatsky (1966) and Mouty & Saint-Marc (1982). The ammonite faunas indicate Albian, Middle and Upper Cenomanian and Lower Turonian. The Albian is represented by the Engonoceratidae. *Engonoceras gracile* (Douvillé) was described by Douvillé occurring from the Moghara Massif (Sinai) towards the east of Suez, associated with Lower Albian *Douvilleiceras mammillatum* (Schlotheim). The Cenomanian is represented by *Eucalycoceras* from the Acanthoceratidae and *Euomphaloceras* from the Euomphaloceratidae both indicating the Upper Cenomanian. *Vascoceras* abundant in the southern part of the Near East is recorded for the first time from Syria indicating the Turonian.