

## Information Sheet No. 4

### How are Queen Conch Used?

- ☞ Food source
- ☞ Jewelry
- ☞ Tools
- ☞ Religious figurines
- ☞ Musical instrument
- ☞ Bait
- ☞ Material in cement. Shells were also burned and the lime was mixed with sand and water to make a mortar
- ☞ Material for knives, hooks, and tools, as well as buttons, necklaces, and earrings
- ☞ Used as a ballast in ships returning from the Caribbean
- ☞ Empty shells were used to build harbors and breakwaters.
- ☞ Early Indian tribes used shells as tools such as hammers, cups, ladles, dishes, weapons, shovels, scrapers, and more.
- ☞ 17<sup>th</sup> Century: Europeans used the shells to decorate fountains and other buildings for constructing buildings.

