

**DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF *Bembradium* (SCORPAENIFORMES: BEMBRIDAE) FROM THE ANDAMAN SEA, THAILAND**

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**ABSTRACT:** A new species of *Bembradium* (Scorpaeniformes: Bembridae) is described on the basis of a single specimen collected in 284–300 m in the Andaman Sea off Phuket, Thailand. The new species, *Bembradium magnoculum*, differs from all congeners by the following combination of characters: short and wide snout (length 79.9% eye diameter; width at anterior margin of anterior nostril 13.4% SL), large eye (13.2% SL), long upper jaw (20.1% SL), long preanus length (64.8% SL), long predorsal-fin length (41.9% SL), short second dorsal-fin base (57.1% HL), long anal-fin base (23.9% SL), short lower caudal peduncle length (25.8% HL), short pectoral fin (45.9% HL), short pelvic-fin spine (16.0% HL), small spines of similar size on nasal bone and broad dermal flap of anterior nostril.

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