

**UPDATED LIST OF REEF FISHES AND THEIR DISTRIBUTION
ALONG THE WEST COAST OF THAILAND, ANDAMAN SEA.**

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ABSTRACT

A total of 597 species of reef fishes in 66 families are listed from the west coast of Thailand in the Andaman Sea. The list includes 120 new records resulting from recent reliable sighting, collections, or photographs. The fish fauna consists primarily of species which are widely distributed throughout the tropical Indo-and/or Indo-West-Pacific (65.3%). The remaining species are shared with the species rich subregions of the Western Pacific, or otherwise form a distinctive Indian Ocean element. The fish fauna of the Andaman Sea is not well known, and further studies are likely to result in discovery of many additional species.