

**TAXONOMIC ACCOUNT OF COMMERCIAL AND EDIBLE MOLLUSCS,
EXCLUDING CEPHALOPODS, OF THAILAND**

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ABSTRACT

Marketing of molluscs was surveyed in 22 coastal provinces of Thailand in 1994. Brackish and marine groups comprised 48 species while 4 species were from freshwater. Three marine species: green mussel *Perna viridis* (L., 1758), bloody clam *Anadara granosa* (L., 1758) and short-necked clam *Paphia undulata* (Born, 1778) were economically important and found in all markets. Venerid clams (Veneridae) comprised 13 edible species. Oysters, ivory shell *Babylonia arrnlati* (Link, 1807) and shipwreck *Bactronopiwirus tlzoracites* (Gould, 1856) were sold at high prices, about 80-120 baht/kg. Markets for the latter 2 species were only in eastern Thailand. The pond or river snail, *Filopaludina (Siamopaludina) martensi marteni* (Frauenfeld, 1865) was the most common freshwater species. Diagnosis, illustrations and distribution of the molluscs are presented.