

**GREEN TURBO (*TURBO MARMORATUS* LINNAEUS), AN ENDANGERED
SPECIES IN THAILAND**

By Supot Chantrapornsyl

Phuket Marine Biological Center; Phuket P. O. Box 60, Phuket 83000, Thailand.

ABSTRACT

Green turbo is heavily exploited because of the high price (about 80 US dollars per kg). The snails are widely distributed in the Andaman Sea, and some islands in the Gulf of Thailand. But population sizes are small in spite of the establishment of marine national parks, and prohibition of shell export since 1989 when the CITES International Co-operation legislation was endorsed by Thailand. The biology, development, and hatchery studies of green turbo snail should be encouraged in Thailand in order to conserve the species.