

GASTROPODS AND BIVALVES FROM THAILAND; WITH TAXONOMIC
NOTES AND NEW RECORDS

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ABSTRACT

About 700 species of molluscs were collected from material washed ashore in front of the Phuket Marine Biological Center (PMBC), the Andaman Sea, when a typhoon hit Thailand in May 1986. The molluscs came from a subtidal habitat with rock, abundant corals, and patches of sand. The collection was supplemented with other shells from the Andaman Sea and the Gulf of Thailand and the whole material was examined during the 8th TMMP Workshop, 1997. Most of the species were well known components of the molluscan fauna of Thailand, but 38 species, 16 genera and 4 families of gastropods were new records for the west coast. Among the bivalves, 21 species and 13 genera were new records for the west coast, while 6 species and 1 genus were new records for the east coast. We present a check list of these species and 10 previously recorded synonyms.