

**ON THREE NEW SPECIES OF OCELLATE OCTOPUSES
(CEPHALOPODA: OCTOPODA) FROM THAI WATERS**

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ABSTRACT

Ocellate octopuses are shallow-water cephalopod species characterized by the presence of a pair of dark false eye-spots (or ocelli) on the arm crown over the bases of second and third arms, one below each eye. Three new species of ocellate octopuses are reported from Thai territorial waters, both in the Gulf of Thailand (Pacific Ocean) and the Andaman Sea (Indian Ocean). The species are *Octopus rex*, *Octopus neglectus* and *Octopus siamensis* spp. nov. Morphological descriptions are provided, along with details of known distributions, life history and commercial exploitation.