

## LIVING OYSTERS IN THAILAND

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### ABSTRACT

Nine species of true oysters (Ostreoidea) are described for the fauna of Thailand. They are widely distributed in the Gulf of Thailand and Andaman Sea. The specimens were collected from various intertidal and subtidal substrates. The various species are identified based on shell morphology, and their characteristics are described and illustrated. Notes on habitat and distribution are included. The species are *Hyotissa hyotis*, *Parahyotissa* (*Parahyotissa*) *imbricata* (Gryphaeidae) and *Crassostrea belcheri*, *Crassostrea iredalei*, *Saccostrea cucullata*, *Saccostrea forskalii*, *Striostrea* (*Parastriostrea*) *mytiloides*, *Lopha cristagalli*, *Dendostrea folium* (Ostreidae).