

**THE THAI-DANISH BIOSHELF SURVEYS (1996–1998) OFF
WESTERN THAILAND, PART OF THE ANDAMAN SEA**

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ABSTRACT

The crustacean material available for the International Crustacean Workshop, held at the Phuket Marine Biological Center in 1998, was collected under the BIOSHELF Project. In this interim report, we aim to give a general background of the BIOSHELF surveys off the western Thailand part of the Andaman Sea, during 1996–1998. A preliminary report on the BIOSHELF surveys (1996–2000) (Aungtonya *et al.*, 2000), referred in part of the general background of the project. The original plan for the BIOSHELF surveys 1996–1998 was referred and discussed. The itinerary of the cruises in 1996–1998 is presented in accordance with the preliminary report.