

**FIRST RECORDS OF LYSIANASSOID AMPHIPODS (CRUSTACEA)
FROM THE ANDAMAN SEA**

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ABSTRACT

This paper reports on the first records of lysianassoid amphipods from the Andaman Sea. The new family Amaryllididae is established for the genera *Amaryllis*, *Erikus*, *Bathyamaryllis*, *Pseudamaryllis* and *Vijaya*. *Vijaya tenuipes* Walker, 1904, a species not known since its original description from Sri Lankan material, is redescribed from specimens collected in the eastern Andaman Sea. The genus *Lepidepecreum* (Lysianassidae) is rediagnosed and problem areas in the genus are discussed. Four new species of *Lepidepecreum* are described, two from the Andaman Sea and two from Japanese waters. *Orchomenella lukini* Budnikova, 1999 is transferred to *Lepidepecreum*.