

***ELAPHOGNATHIA KORACHAENSIS* SP. NOV., A NEW GNATHIID SPECIES
(CRUSTACEA, ISOPODA) FROM THAILAND**

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ABSTRACT

Elaphognathia korachaensis sp. nov. is described from Thailand. The species was collected from coral rubble and sponges from the intertidal to 8 m depth. The species is most similar to *E. forceps* (Holdich and Harrison, 1980) from eastern Australia in having a narrow excavation on the frontal margin of the cephalosome and stout mandibles with an indication of a dentate blade. *E. korachaensis* differs from *E. forceps* in lacking lobi laterales on pereonite 6 and in the general shape of the pereopods, which have numerous lateral projections on the anterior face and ventral margin of the carpus, merus and ischium.