

**ANNOTATED CHECKLIST OF BRACHYURA (CRUSTACEA: DECAPODA)
PRINCIPALLY OBTAINED DURING THE BIOSHELF SURVEY
OFF WESTERN THAILAND FROM 1996–1998**

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ABSTRACT

A large collection of brachyurans trawled from off the western coast of Thailand were sorted and identified. Of the 102 species, 38 appear to be new distributional records for Thailand, and a number of others are probably new to science. This highlights the poor state of knowledge of the shallow-water crustacean fauna of this part of Thailand, and of the north-eastern Indian Ocean in general.