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ABSTRACT

A training course and workshop in taxonomy, biology and ecology of echinoderms was carried through at the Phuket Marine Biological Center during 9-28 February 1987. The training course from 9-14 February was attended by 10 participants from the Department of Fisheries and the Universities of Thailand. The workshop from 16-28 February had 3 participants from the Department of Fisheries and 3 from the Universities.

The present paper summarizes the background and objectives of the training course and workshop. Lectures and practical work in the laboratory are reviewed in the form of a diary. Before the course was closed participants called attention to the following matters:

Key to identification of Thai echinoderms should be made. Their biology and ecology should be emphasized. More edible species should be surveyed. The proper procedure in the manufacture of trepang should be studied and marketing promoted. Aquaculture should be tried.