

**DESCRIPTION OF THAI TYPE OF BIGFIN REEF SQUID, *SEPIOTEUTHIS LESSONIANA*,
HATCHLING WITH NOTE ON COMPARISON TO JAPANESE TYPES**

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ABSTRACT: Morphological characters of hatchlings of the Thai type of bigfin reef squid, *Sepioteuthis lessoniana*, are described. Hatchlings of the Thai type of bigfin reef squid have a muscular and cylindrical mantle, of an elongate bell-shape with a round blunt end. Fins are broad, round, almost circular in outline and subterminal. The head is squarish in outline, flattened dorso-ventrally. The chromatophores are scattered on the dorsal and ventral side of the mantle. Morphological characters of three Japanese types of *Sepioteuthis lessoniana*, the quacking type, red type and white type are compared. Notable differences are the numbers of chromatophores on mantle and fins as well as the numbers of series of chromatophores on the arms and tentacles. Numbers of chromatophores of the quacking type are larger than the other types (at the same size). Besides, the quacking type has 2 rows on Arm IV while the others have only 1 row.
