THE SEPIIDAE (CEPHALOPODA) OF THAILAND

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ABSTRACT: Three genera and ten species of sepiid cuttlefishes are reported from the Gulf of Thailand and the Andaman Sea. They are: Sepiella inermis (Férussac & d’Orbigny, 1835); Metasepia tullbergi (Appellöf 1886); Sepia pharaonis Ehrenberg, 1831; Sepia aculeata d’Orbigny, 1848; Sepia lycidas Gray, 1849; Sepia brevimana Steenstrup, 1875; Sepia recurvirostra Steenstrup, 1875; Sepia kibiensis Hoyle, 1885; Sepia arabica Massy, 1916; and Sepia prashadi Winckworth, 1936. Metasepia tullbergi, Sepia lycidas and Sepia kibiensis are restricted to the Gulf of Thailand, South China Sea while Sepia arabica and Sepia prashadi are represented only in the Andaman Sea. Diagnoses and a provisional key to the identification of these cuttlefishes are included. A discussion on recorded sepiids in Thai waters by various authors is also provided.