

A NEW GOBY, *CRYPTOCENTRUS CROCATUS*, WITH DESCRIPTIONS OF  
OTHER SPECIES OF THE GENUS FROM THAILAND  
(PISCES : GOBIIDAE)

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, a new species of goby, *Cryptocentrus crocatus* of the family Gobiidae is described from a single fresh specimen from the Gulf of Thailand. The combination of the remarkable orange colour pattern and the very long pelvic fins, together with the comparatively high spinous dorsal fin, will readily distinguished it from all other known species of the genus. The species *C. callopterus* Smith is redescribed from new material. *C. fontanesii* (Bleeker) and *C. pavoninoides* (Bleeker) are recorded here from Thailand for the first time from two and one specimens respectively, whereas a specimen of *C. gymnocephalus* (Bleeker) represents the second occurrence of the species in Thai waters. *C. wehrleri* Fowler is recognised as a junior synonym of *C. cyanotaenia* (Bleeker). This study raises the number of species of *Cryptocentrus* in Thai waters to 9. A key to the species of the genus known from Thailand is included.