

MANGROVE PLANTS, SEA GRASSES AND BENTHIC ALGAE AT SURIN ISLANDS, WEST COAST OF THAILAND

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ABSTRACT

A collection of marine plants was made in April during an expedition to Surin Islands. Algae were collected by scuba diving down to a depth of 30 meters. The list of algae is only tentative. A total of 39 species of benthic algae were identified. Two Cyanophyceae, 14 Rhodophyceae, 4 Phaeopyceae and 19 Chlorophyceae. Further 2 species of seagrasses and 7 species of mangrove trees were recorded. Of the 39 recorded algae species 13 are new to Thailand.