

A NEW SPECIES IN THE OPHIOCOMID GENUS *OPHIOCOMA*
(ECHINODERMATA: OPHIUROIDEA) FROM THE WEST COAST
OF THAILAND, ANDAMAN SEA.

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ABSTRACT

Two specimens of the ophiocomid from off Similan Islands in the Andaman Sea, Indian ocean, were described as *Ophiocoma similanensis* new species. It stands apart from all other species in the genus by virtue of its general lack of disc granulation and colour pattern. Ecological notes, description and figures are present.