

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 kobiensis* Hoyle, 1885; *Sepia arabica* Massy, 1916; and *Sepia prashadi* Winckworth, 1936. *Metasepia tullbergi*, *Sepia lycidas* and *Sepia kobiensis* 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.
