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Taxonomic and phylogenetic studies on coastal marine and brackish-water calanoid copepods in the tropical Indo-West Pacific, especially in territorial waters of Thailand

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Marine calanoid copepods are important prey organisms for fish juveniles, but have not been sufficiently studied in Thailand waters. I have found a new and first recorded species in the waters. Thailand is bordered by the Indian and West-Pacific Oceans. Hence I have examined genetic differences in some predominant calanoids between these two regions, and detected highly divergent populations in these waters, corresponding to sibling/cryptic species. These discoveries suggest that calanoids broadly occurring the Indo-West Pacific region should be reconsidered at genetic levels.

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