

BATHYNOMUS LOWRYI SP. NOV. (CRUSTACEA: ISOPODA: CIROLANIDAE), THE FIRST RECORD OF THE 'GIANT' MARINE ISOPOD GENUS, FROM THAILAND WATERS

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ABSTRACT: The cirrolanid isopod genus *Bathynomus* Milne Edwards, 1879 is reported for the first time from the Andaman Sea, Thailand. *Bathynomus lowryi* sp. nov. is described and illustrated. The new species, 29.5 cm in size, belongs to the group of large (or 'giant') species and is characterised by its large size, the posterior margin of the pleotelson provided with 7 large cylindrical upturned spines and 2 small lateral spines and the uropodal exopod having marginal setae on two-thirds of the length. *Bathynomus lowryi* sp. nov. is known only from the type locality.
