

**PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE STUDIES ON CEPHALOPOD DIVERSITY
IN TROPICAL WEST PACIFIC**

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Abstract: The history and present status of studies on Tropical West Pacific cephalopods have been reviewed. The loliginids in this region contain multiple species-complexes or exhibit remarkable polymorphism. Some 34 species of shallow-water octopuses have hitherto been identified from the Tropical West Pacific, but many more unsolved species are existing there. The future intensive and rapid promotion of alpha-taxonomy of the Tropical West Pacific cephalopods is recommended.
