

**A NEW SPECIES OF MUDSKIPPER (GOBIIDAE: OXUDERCINAE)
FROM SOUTHERN THAILAND**

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ABSTRACT

A new species of mudskipper, *Periophthalmus walailakae* is described from the mangrove areas of Ranong and Phang-nga Provinces in Southern Thailand. It can be distinguished from other species of *Periophthalmus* in the combination of the following characters: pelvic fins with prominent frenum and completely joined to form a disk; first dorsal fin brownish red with a white margin, posterior edge of the fin rounded; trunk with dark brown and pale yellow spots. *Ps. walailakae* closely resembles *Periophthalmodon schlosseri* (Pallas) in appearance, but it differs in having only 1 row of teeth in the upper jaw.