

A PRELIMINARY LIST OF LAND CRABS (CRUSTACEA: DECAPODA)  
FROM KOH SIMILAN, ANDAMAN SEA, INCLUDING EIGHT  
SPECIES NEW TO THAILAND

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ABSTRACT

Eleven species of decapod crustacean land crabs belonging to families Coenobitidae (Decapoda : Anomura), Ocypodidae, Grapsidae and Gecarcinidae (Decapoda : Brachyura) were collected from Koh Similan, Similan Islands, Andaman Sea. The land crabs were found in habitats typical of them in relation to their terrestrial adaptations. Species are recorded for the first time on the island, and eight are new to the fauna of Thailand.