

THE DISTRIBUTION AND VARIATION OF TAR ON BEACHES ALONG THE ANDAMAN SEA COAST OF THAILAND

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ABSTRACT

Heavy deposition of tar generally occurred during the south-west monsoon period. The major type of tar was fresh tar (free from sand) which was washed ashore from an offshore source. Most of the tar deposition was between MLWN-MHWS. Variation in deposition depends upon coastal topography, coastal circulation and distance from shore. Deposition appeared to decline from 1977/78 to 1980/81.