

**Description of a new species of *Marphysa* Quatrefages, 1865 (Polychaeta: Eunicidae) from the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia and comparisons with species from *Marphysa* Group A from the Indo-West Pacific and Indian Ocean**

ABSTRACT

A new species of *Marphysa* Quatrefages, 1865 (Polychaeta: Eunicidae) is described from the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia and compared with species from *Marphysa* Group A from the Indo-West Pacific and Indian Ocean. The number of species known within *Marphysa* Group A has been increased, and the concept that *M. mossambica* is a widely distributed species in the Indo-Pacific is refuted. The new species is commercially important and occurs in the mangrove forest along the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia. Notes on the biology, ecology and commercial aspects of *M. moribidii* sp. nov. are presented.

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