

**A NEW SPECIES OF THE GENUS *Cociella* Whitley, 1940 (SCORPAENIFORMES:  
PLATYCEPHALIDAE) FROM THE ANDAMAN SEA**

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**ABSTRACT:** The platycephalid fish, *Cociella martingomoni* sp. nov., is described on the basis of four specimens collected from the Andaman Sea, eastern Indian Ocean. *Cociella martingomoni* sp. nov. is separable from other members of the genus in having 11 second dorsal-fin soft rays, 11 anal-fin soft rays, 22–23 pectoral-fin rays,  $1 + 5 - 6 = 6 - 7$  gill rakers, a larger head (36.8–37.9% of standard length), moderate interorbital width (6.7–8.7% of head length), 4–7 suborbital spines, absence of the interopercular flap, the head and body with many small brownish spots dorsally, and the caudal fin with or without small brownish spots posterodorsally.

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