

**A NEW RECORD OF THE LAND CRAB, *Epigrapsus politus* Heller, 1862  
(DECAPODA: GECARCINIDAE) FROM THAILAND, WITH EXPANDED DISTRIBUTION  
OF *Tuerkayana magnum* (Ng and Shih, 2014) IN PANWA CAPE, PHUKET,  
SOUTHWESTERN THAILAND**

**Rueangrit Promdam<sup>1\*</sup> and Charatsee Aungtonya<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>*Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Natural History Museum, Prince of Songkla University  
Hat Yai, Songkhla, 90110, Thailand*

<sup>2</sup>*Reference Collection, Phuket Marine Biological Center, Mueang Phuket District, Phuket 83000, Thailand*

*\*Corresponding author: rueangrit.p@psu.ac.th*

---

**ABSTRACT:** A single specimen of the land crab, *Epigrapsus politus* Heller, 1862, collected by hand from the supralittoral zone nearing the cliff of Panwa Cape, Phuket in February 2009, is recorded for the first time in Thailand. The present report is also the first record of the genus in Thailand. Thai Gecarcinidae is now composed of 6 species belonging to four genera. In addition, one of three sympatric taxa of this family from Panwa Cape, a single specimen of *Tuerkayana magnum* (Ng and Shih, 2014), shows expanded distribution from Similan Islands, Tachai Island and Surin Islands, Phang-nga Province and Lee Pae Island, Satun Province to Phuket Island.

**Keywords:** land crab, new record, Phuket, Andaman Sea, Thailand

---