Order ECHINOIDEA

Family ECHINOMETRIDAE

19. Echinometra mathaei (de Blainville)


20. Echinostrephus molaris (de Blainville)

*Material*: Vijaya Nagar, 25.01.2003, one spec.

*Remark*: The species is newly recorded from Nicobar group of islands.

Order CLYPEASTEROIDA

Family ARACHNOIDIDAE

21. Arachnoides placenta (Linnaeus)

*Material*: Campbell Bay, 12.01.2003, three specs.

*Remark*: The species is newly recorded from Nicobar group of islands.

Class HOLOTHUROIDEA

Order ASPIDOCHIROTIDA

Family HOLOTHURIIDAE

22. Actinopyga echinites (Jaeger)


*Remark*: The species is newly recorded from Nicobar group of islands.

23. Holothuria (Acanthotrapeza) pyxis Selenka


*Remark*: The species is newly recorded from Nicobar group of islands.

24. Holothuria (Lessonothuria) pardalis Selenka

25. Holothuria (Metriotyla) scabra Jaeger


Remark: The species is newly recorded from Nicobar group of islands.

26. Holothuria (Microthele) nobilis (Selenka)

Material: Vijaya Nagar, 24.01.2001, two specs.

Remark: The species is newly recorded from Nicobar group of islands.

27. Holothuria (Platyperona) difficilis Semper

Material: Near Prem Bahadur Nalla, 02.02.2001, two specs.

28. Holothuria (Thymiosycia) arenicola Semper

Material: Near Dillon Nalla, 06.01.2001, two specs.

29. Holothuria (Thymiosycia) hilla Lesson


Remark: The species is newly recorded from Nicobar group of islands.

Family LABIDODEMATIDAE

30. Labidodemas rugosum (Ludwig)

Material: Near Magar Nalla, 05.01.2001, three specs.

Remark: The species is newly recorded from Nicobar group of islands.

Family STICHOPODIDAE

31. Stichopus variegatus Semper


Order DENDROCHIROTIDA

Family PHYLLOPHORIDAE

32. Afrocucumis africana (Semper)

Material: Near Magar Nalla, 23.01.2001, two specs.

Remark: The species is newly recorded from Nicobar group of islands.
Order APODIDA
Family SYNAPTIDAE
33. Synapta maculata (Sluiter)


SUMMARY

Recent collections from the Great Nicobar Island consisted of 33 species of echinoderms including seven species of Asteroidea, eight species of Ophiuroidea, six species of Echinoidea and 12 species of Holothuroidea. Of these, only six species, namely Dactylosaster cylindricus (Asteroidea), Ophiocoma dentata, Ophiocoma erinaceus, Ophiocoma scolopendrina, Ophiomastix annulosa (Ophiuroidea), and Echinometra mathaei (Echinoidea), are among the 18 species known from earlier reports. The total number of echinoderm species is 45. The 33 species collected recently have been briefly reported with details of localities. Some of these are recorded for the first time from Nicobar group of islands.

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