

Echinoderm fauna of the lembeh strait, north sulawesi : inventory and distribution review / Supono, David John William Lane, Susetiono

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ABSTRACT

Indonesia is particularly rich in Echinoderms and North Sulawesi lies at the geographic centre of this biodiverse marine realm. While further studies on Sulawesi Echinodermata are required in order to obtain full understanding of current biodiversity status, preliminary SCUBA and intertidal surveys in early 2012 in the vicinity of the Lembah Island, a region little explored previously, recorded a total of 76 species of 4 classes (Asteroidea, Ophiuroidea, Echinoidea and Holothuroidea) from shallow waters (0-40 m) at 36 sites (sea grass, coral rubble and reef). The class Crinoidea is not reported here. A review of Echinoderm literature for North Sulawesi noted that there are 114 species belonging to 5 classes of Echinodermata.