

Update on the species composition and distribution of sergestid Shrimps (*Acetes* spp.) in Malaysian waters.

ABSTRACT

Five species of sergestid shrimps viz., *Acetes indicus*, *Acetes japonicus*, *Acetes intermedius*, *Acetes vulgaris* and *Acetes serrulatus* were identified from the different coastal region of Peninsular Malaysia and East Malaysia. *Acetes indicus* was recorded from the coastal waters of Klebang Besar in the state of Malacca and also in Kuala Gula Perak. The widely distributed shrimp *A. japonicus* was identified from the coastal waters of Klebang Besar (Malacca), Kuala Gula (Perak), Bagan Ajam (Pulau Pinang), Kuala Sala (Kedah) and Sungai Berembang (Perlis). *Acetes intermedius* was collected from the coastal waters of Klebang Besar (Malacca), Seberang Takir (Terengganu) and Bintulu (Sarawak). *Acetes vulgaris* and *A. serrulatus* were restricted to the coastal waters of Pontian and Kukup in southwestern Johor.

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