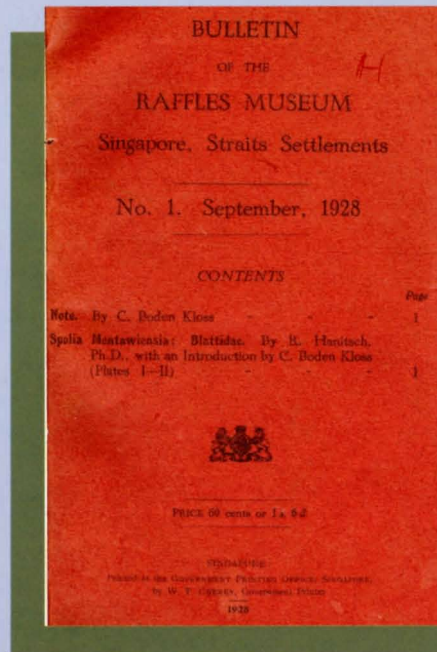


## Bibliography of the Raffles Bulletin of Zoology

Articles from The Raffles Bulletin of Zoology volumes 1 - 52 (1928-2004) are now available for download as pdf files. From 2003 (Vol. 51 onwards), the pdfs were commercially produced and are of a higher quality. From 2005 onwards, the Raffles Bulletin of Zoology will be solely an online publication.

A subject and author index, now available only for issues between 1928-1993, is currently being updated, and eventually the abstracts for all articles will be added to this webpage as well. This material has been released under a Creative Commons License which essentially allows users free access for education and research.

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## The Scientific Results of Ex Anambas (2002)

In 2002, the Workshop on Managing Potential Conflicts in the South China Sea initiated ExAnambas. Organized on behalf of the authorities of the South China Sea by the Indonesian Institute of Sciences and the Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research, it successfully fulfilled the political objectives underlying the mission (see Newsletter No. 3).

The initial results have been published as the 130-page "Scientific Results of the Anambas Expedition 2002" in The Raffles Bulletin of Zoology, Supplement No. 11 (2004), describing the expedition and list the non-flowering and flowering plants; polychaete worms and selected groups of molluscs, crustaceans, aquatic insects, echinoderms and fishes. New species are described and checklists are included. The articles can be downloaded from the Ex Anambas website.

URL: <http://rmbr.nus.edu.sg/exanambas>

## Raffles Museum News

**Raffles Museum news**  
Research and education at the Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research, Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science, National University of Singapore.

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**The mermaid of Chennai hoax**

Category: education

"Mermaid or Man-made?" By Sandra Leong, The Sunday Times, 27 Feb 2005.

In an article about Urban legends, visiting researcher Bella Gall and Peter Ng get roped in to unravel a hoax email.

[Note: In Urban Legend circles, this is an old email hoax that has been circulating at least since October 2003. This variant which suggests the creature was washed up after the Indian Ocean tsunami of Dec 2004 is recent.

See About.com's Urban Legends and Folklore for the full explanation and photos.

Last month another hoax was discussed.

**Mermaid or Man-made?**

A dead mermaid was washed onto a Chennai beach after the Dec 26 tsunami. True or false? THE plight of desperate sailors must have been a terrible one. Legend has it that in the 17th and 18th centuries, seamen on long and treacherous voyages became so sea-starved that they started seeing beautiful half-human, half-fish creatures that beckoned amid the sea spray.

These mermaids or merman - depending on their gender - were also documented by 17th century naturalists like Dutchman Georg Eberhard Rumphius in books like The Curiosity Cabinet Of Amboins.

Among his factual drawings of the flora and fauna of Indonesia - Rumphius' pet region - was a

The Raffles Museum has been blogging! The museum news page was converted into a weblog since June 2004 to allow updates to be quickly and easily posted to the internet. Check the page for the latest news about research, visiting scientists, expeditions, interesting specimens, public talks, volunteer activities, resources on the internet, and other local and international news.

Well illustrated with photos, it on occasion features articles and amusing cartoons from around the world!

URL: <http://rmbr.nus.edu.sg/news/index.php>

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