

# Deep-sea squat lobster *Eumunida multispina* recorded at Sakthikulangara Fisheries Harbour



Two female specimens and one male specimen of *Eumunida multispina* Komai, Chakraborty, Paramasivam & Gidda, 2019 were recorded from Sakthikulangara Fisheries Harbour, Kollam on 07.10.2022. Total length of the female specimens ranged between 96-115 mm; carapace length (CL): 49-

59 mm; carapace width (CW): 46-54 mm; abdominal length: 47-56 mm; telson: 9-10mm and having 43.8 to 46.5 grams weigh. Male specimen measured total length (TL): 94 mm; carapace length (CL): 50 mm; carapace width (CW): 48 mm; abdominal length: 44; telson: 10 mm and weighed 46.7 g.

The present species which was originally described from India during 2019, is characterized by the presence of two pairs of prominent supraocular spines and transverse ridges on the carapace. Carapace, pleon, telson and pereopods are generally reddish orange; distal parts of mesial supraocular spines, tips of pleural spines of pleomere 2, pleural margins of pleomeres 3–6, tips of several spines on cheliped meri and dorsodistal portions of propodi of ambulatory legs white; carapace with small white spot posterolateral to base of lateral supraocular spine. Generally found in a depth range of 250-400 m.

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