

SPECTACULAR CRUSTACEANS REVEALED BY THE PAPUA NIUGINI EXPEDITION



Crustaceans provide important food items, but in fact a small part only of the overall crustacean diversity is marketed and consumed by man. Over a period of two months in October - December 2012, the Papua Niugini expedition sampled all kinds of habitats in the Madang area and revealed a rich diversity of about 1,400 species of decapod crustaceans (i.e. shrimps, lobsters, hermit crabs and crabs). Many species were documented in colour for the first time, as shown on this poster. Also, many species were recorded from Papua New Guinea for the first time, and a number are new to science. Photos were taken from living animals in the laboratory. All animals are in natural colour.

