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KARYOTYPES OF MARINE MOLLUSCS IN FAMILY HALIOTIDAE FOUND IN THAILAND

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ABSTRACT Karyotypes of gastropods in the family Haliotidae found in Thai water, *Haliotis asinina*, *Haliotis ovina*, and *Haliotis varia*, were studied. Diploid chromosome numbers of these three abalone species were the same, 32. Two types of chromosomes (i.e., metacentric and submetacentric) were found in *H. asinina* and *H. varia*, and in *H. ovina*, additional telocentric chromosomes were found. The numbers of metacentric and submetacentric chromosomes were 20 and 12 for *H. asinina* and were both 16 for *H. varia*. The number of metacentric, submetacentric, and telocentric chromosomes for *H. ovina* were 18, 12, and 2, respectively. On the basis of the observed karyotypes, it is clear that *H. ovina* can be differentiated from *H. asinina* and *H. varia*. Because of the inconsistency of differentiation between metacentric and submetacentric chromosomes, further studies with other techniques such as fluorescence staining are required for species differentiation between *H. asinina* and *H. varia*.

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