

Two New Species of *Quadrisegmentum* (Phtisicidae: Amphipoda: Crustacea) from the Central Indo-Pacific, with Notes on the Type Species *Q. triangulum* Hirayama, 1988

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ABSTRACT. Two new species of *Quadrisegmentum* (Phtisicidae: Amphipoda: Crustacea) are described from the Central Indo-Pacific. The new species *Quadrisegmentum atauru* sp. nov., is described from the Wetar Basin, Timor-Leste in the Lesser Sunda Region of the Western Coral Triangle. The new species name *Q. yirrgay* sp. nov., is established for material from Ashmore Reef in Queensland and Papua New Guinea originally reported under the name *Q. triangulum* Hirayama, 1998 (Guerra-García 2003, 2006; Guerra-García & Lowry 2009). Study of the type material of *Quadrisegmentum triangulum* described from Ashmore Reef in the Timor Sea, Western Australia confirms the absence of projections on pereonite 2, which prompted reassessment of subsequent identifications. Records of *Q. triangulum* are now limited to the type locality only. An updated key to the four known species of *Quadrisegmentum* is provided.

KEYWORDS: *Quadrisegmentum*; new species; Phtisicidae; Amphipoda; Crustacea; taxonomy

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Much work remains to be done on the marine amphipod fauna of the Central Indo-Pacific. In the Western Coral Triangle where the species diversity of coral is the highest in the world (Veron *et al.*, 2009), 28 caprellid species from 21 genera have been reported from shallow-waters in the Indonesian Archipelago (Mayer, 1903; McCain & Steinberg, 1970; Krapp-Schickel & Guerra-García, 2005; Scinto *et al.*, 2008). In the Eastern Coral Triangle and Northeast

Australian Shelf (Spalding *et al.*, 2007), three previous studies documented 19 species and 15 genera from these two regions combine (Guerra-García, 2003, 2006; Lowry & Guerra-García, 2009).

The genus *Quadrisegmentum* was established by Hirayama, 1988 to account for one species, *Q. triangulum*, collected from Ashmore Reef in the Timor Sea. Research by Guerra-García (2006) described a second species of

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