

**A Bibliography on Toxic Red Tides and Shellfish Poisoning  
Related to the Indo-Pacific Region**

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**INTRODUCTION**

References to toxic red tides in the Indo-Pacific mainly concern the dinoflagellate, *Pyrodinium bahamense* var. *compressa*. The literature is small, since the organism was not discovered in the region until 1972. It is appropriate to compare this variety with the other variety of the species in the Red Sea and central America, *P. bahamense* var. *bahamense*; a separate reference list on this variety is provided.

Even more recently, the causative agent of the ciguatoxin-type poisons was found to be a benthic dinoflagellate, *Gambierdiscus toxicus*. Elements of this family of poisons are found in the Indo-Pacific in shellfish-poison type dinoflagellates, crustaceans, molluscs and fish. A selection of references on this subject is also provided.

Finally, new—for the region—red tide dinoflagellates are implicated in recent poisonings in the Gulf of Thailand. This bibliography will be enlarged to include relevant references when the species concerned have been identified.

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