

A NEW SPECIES OF NAMANEREIDINAE: *NAMALYCASTIS GLASBYI* SP. NOV.
FROM INDIAN WATERS¹

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A new species of the Genera *Namalycastis*, Subfamily Namanereidinae, Family Nereidae, is being described here. Collections from Gorai creek, Mumbai, included Nereid worms previously undescribed. *Namalycastis indica* is a species of *Namalycastis* recorded most frequently from India. Subsequently *N. fauvlei* has been described from Indian waters. In addition to this *N. abiuma* species group has also been observed though not recorded. As *N. indica* and *N. abiuma* resemble each other, there has been some confusion with regards to their occurrence from the different areas studied. The present study records the occurrence of a new species *Namalycastis glasbyi*; a key is being provided to help distinguish the different species of *Namalycastis* occurring in Indian waters.

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