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FAUNA OF INDIA CHECKLIST



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Introduction: Decapoda is an economically important and highly diverse order of the subphylum Crustacea and they are available in various ecosystems like marine, freshwater, brackish water, mangrove and even terrestrial environment. The infra order Anomura is a morphologically diverse group of decapod crustaceans, which includes squat lobsters, yeti lobsters, porcelain crabs, mole crabs, king crabs, hairy stone crabs, hermit crabs and coconut crabs. As far as the anomuran crabs are concerned commendable systematic studies were carried out by Heller (1865) Wood-Mason and Alcock (1891), Alcock and Anderson (1894, 1899), Alcock (1901, 1905) and Borradaile (1904) which is followed by several other workers. The checklists published by the recent workers on Indian Anomuran crabs (Prakash *et*

al. 2013; Trivedi and Vachhrajani, 2017, Pati, 2020) forms a baseline information to trace various literatures related to the Indian Anomuran crabs. Recently Tiwari *et al.* (2024), added six species of squat lobsters from Andaman, Kerala and Tamilnadu, of which five are new to science; Mitra *et al.* (2024) described a porcelain crab from West Bengal.

Global diversity: This infraorder includes around 3300 valid species belonging to 242 genera and 23 families, globally (Patel *et al.*, 2022)

Diversity in India: Around 246 species of anomurans belonging to 65 genera, 15 families and four suborders recorded from India.

Diversity in States (Table)

Sl.No.	State/Union Territory	No. Species	No. Endemic Species
1.	Andhra Pradesh	40	
2.	Gujarat	35	
3.	Goa	22	
4.	Karnataka	20	
5.	Kerala	88	
6.	Maharashtra	19	
7.	Odisha	28	
8.	Tamil Nadu	93	
9.	West Bengal	19	
10.	Andaman & Nicobar	78	
11.	Lakshadweep	30	
12.	Puducherry	15	

Endemism: 51 species are endemic to India and a maximum endemism is observed in Andaman & Nicobar Islands -46 species.

Habitat: They inhabit marine, freshwater, brackish water, mangrove and even terrestrial environment.



Ecological Significance: They are all an important component of benthic community and play a significant role in the food chain.

Human Significance: They are used as fish bait and pets by the human beings.

Threatened species: The coconut crab *Birgus latro* (Linnaeus, 1767) is considered as a vulnerable species.

Protected Species as per WPA (2022):

Anomurans are not listed under any schedules of Wildlife Protection Act (2022).

Species under CITES: Anomuran crabs are not listed under any appendices of CITES.

Invasive alien species: No Anomuran species are reported to be invasive in Indian waters.

Gap areas: Though several works are undertaken on Anomuran crabs, still it needs further study.

Systematic list:

Subphylum CRUSTACEA

Superclass MULTICRUSTACEA

Class MALACOSTRACA

Superorder EUCARIDA

Order DECAPODA

Suborder PLEOCYEMATA

Infraorder ANOMURA

Superfamily CHIROSTYLOIDEA Ortmann, 1892

Family CHIROSTYLIDAE Ortmann, 1892

Genus *Gastroptychus* Caullery, 1896

1. *Gastroptychus valdiviae* (Balss, 1913)

Genus *Uroptychus* Henderson, 1888

2. *Uroptychus australis* (Henderson, 1885)
3. *Uroptychus bacillimanus* Alcock & Anderson, 1899
4. *Uroptychus cavirostris* Alcock & Anderson, 1899
5. *Uroptychus fusimanus* Alcock & Anderson, 1899
6. *Uroptychus indicus* Alcock, 1901
7. *Uroptychus nigricapillis* Alcock, 1901
8. *Uroptychus nitidus* (A. Milne Edwards, 1880)
9. *Uroptychus sampadae* Padate, Tiwari, Cubelio & Takeda, 2020

Genus *Heteroptychus* Baba, 2018

10. *Heteroptychus scambus* (Benedict, 1902)

Family EUMUNIDIDAE A. Milne-Edwards & Bouvier, 1900

Genus *Eumunida* Smith, 1883

11. *Eumunida funambulus* Gordon, 1930
12. *Eumunida multispina* Komai, Chakraborty, Paramasivam and Gidda, 2019

Family STERNOSTYLIDAE Baba, Ah Yong & Schnabel, 2018

Genus *Sternostylus* Baba, Ah Yong & Schnabel, 2018

13. *Sternostylus hendersoni* (Alcock & Anderson, 1899)
14. *Sternostylus investigatoris* (Alcock & Anderson, 1899)

Superfamily GALATHEOIDEA Samouelle, 1819

Family GALATHEIDAE Samouelle, 1819

Genus *Allogalathea* Baba, 1969

15. *Allogalathea babai* Cabezas *et al.* 2011
16. *Allogalathea elegans* (Adams & White, 1848)



Genus *Allomunida* Baba, 1988

17. *Allomunida magnicheles* Baba, 1988

Genus *Galathea* Fabricius, 1793

18. *Galathea bharata* Tiwari, Padate, Cubelio & Osawa, 2024
19. *Galathea kalingasagara* Tiwari, Padate, Cubelio & Osawa, 2024
20. *Galathea nicobarica* Tiwari, padate, Cubelio & Osawa, 2022
21. *Galathea quadrangularis* Tiwari, Padate, Cubelio & Osawa, 2024
22. *Galathea tirmiziae* Tiwari, padate, Cubelio & Osawa, 2022

Genus *Nanogalathea* Tirmizi & Javed, 1980

23. *Nanogalathea longispina* Tiwari, Padate, Cubelio & Osawa, 2024

Family MUNIDIDAE Ah Yong, Baba, Macpherson & Poore, 2010

Genus *Agononida* Baba & de Saint Laurent, 1996

24. *Agononida eminens* (Baba, 1988)
25. *Agononida indocerta* Poore & Andreakis, 2012

Genus *Garymunida* Macpherson & Baba in Machordom, Ah Yong, Andreakis, Baba, Buckley, Garcia-Jimenez, McCallum, Rodriguez-Flores & Macpherson, 2022

26. *Garymunida prolixa* (Alcock, 1894)

Genus *Gonionida* Macpherson & Baba in Machordom, Ah Yong, Andreakis, Baba, Buckley, Garcia-Jimenez, McCallum, Rodriguez-Flores & Macpherson, 2022

27. *Gonionida andamanica* (Alcock, 1894)
28. *Gonionida comorina* (Alcock & Anderson, 1899)
29. *Gonionida compacta* (Macpherson, 1997)
30. *Gonionida microps* (Alcock, 1894)

Genus *Grimothea* Leach, 1820

31. *Grimothea krishaha* Tiwari, Padate & Cubelio, 2023

Genus *Leptonida* Macpherson & Babain Machordom, Ah Yong, Andreakis, Baba, Buckley, Garcia-Jimenez, McCallum, Rodriguez-Flores & Macpherson, 2022

32. *Leptonida vigiliarum* (Alcock, 1901)

Genus *Paramunida* Baba, 1988

33. *Paramunida bineeshi* Macpherson, Chan, Kumar & Rodriguez-Flores, 2020
34. *Paramunida travancorica* Tiwari, Padate, Cubelio & Osawa, 2022
35. *Paramunida tricarinata* (Alcock, 1894)

Genus *Raymunida* Macpherson & Machordom, 2000

36. *Raymunida shraddhanandi* Tiwari, Padate, Cubelio & Osawa, 2022
37. *Raymunida vittata* Macpherson, 2009

Genus *Sadayoshia* Baba, 1969

38. *Sadayoshia brevirostrum* Tiwari, Padate, Cubelio & Osawa, 2024

Genus *Trapezionida* Macpherson & Baba in Machordom, Ah Yong, Andreakis, Baba, Buckley, Garcia-Jimenez, McCallum, Rodriguez-Flores & Macpherson, 2022

39. *Trapezionida aequispina* Tiwari, Padate & Cubelio, 2023
40. *Trapezionida bharuchai* Tiwari, Padate & Cubelio, 2023
41. *Trapezionida latior* (Baba, 2005)
42. *Trapezionida oritea* (Macpherson & Baba, 1993)
43. *Trapezionida samudrika* Tiwari, Padate, Cubelio & Osawa, 2022

Family MUNIDOPSIDAE Ortmann, 1898

Genus *Galacantha* A. Milne Edwards, 1880

44. *Galacantha bellis* Henderson, 1885
45. *Galacantha rostrata* A. Milne Edwards, 1880
46. *Galacantha spinosa* A. Milne Edwards, 1880
47. *Galacantha trachynotus* Anderson, 1896

Genus *Munidopsis* Whiteaves, 1874

48. *Munidopsis arietina* Alcock & Anderson, 1894
49. *Munidopsis bengala* Tiwari, Padate, Cubelio & Osawa, 2022



50. *Munidopsis bhavasagara* Tiwari, Padate, Cubelio & Osawa, 2022
51. *Munidopsis centrina* Alcock & Anderson, 1894
52. *Munidopsis ceratophthalma* Alcock, 1901
53. *Munidopsis cylindrophthalma* (Alcock, 1894)
54. *Munidopsis dasypus* Alcock, 1894
55. *Munidopsis edwardsii* (Wood-Mason, 1891)
56. *Munidopsis goodridgii* Alcock & Anderson, 1899
57. *Munidopsis granosa* Alcock, 1901
58. *Munidopsis hemingi* Alcock & Anderson, 1899
59. *Munidopsis iridis* Alcock & Anderson, 1899
60. *Munidopsis kadal* Tiwari, Padate, Cubelio & Osawa, 2022
61. *Munidopsis levis* (Alcock & Anderson, 1894)
62. *Munidopsis moresbyi* Alcock & Anderson, 1899
63. *Munidopsis nitida* (A. Milne Edwards, 1880)
64. *Munidopsis orcina* McArdle, 1901
65. *Munidopsis pallida* Alcock, 1894
66. *Munidopsis poseidonia* Alcock & Anderson, 1894
67. *Munidopsis regia* Alcock & Anderson, 1894
68. *Munidopsis scobina* Alcock, 1894
69. *Munidopsis serricornis* (Lovén, 1852)
70. *Munidopsis spinipes* MacGilchrist, 1905
71. *Munidopsis stylirostris* Wood-Mason, 1891
72. *Munidopsis trachypus* Alcock & Anderson, 1894
73. *Munidopsis trifida* Henderson, 1885 –
74. *Munidopsis unguifera* Alcock & Anderson, 1894
75. *Munidopsis wardeni* Anderson, 1896
- Genus **Shinkaia** Baba & Williams, 1998
76. *Shinkaia crosnieri* Baba & Williams, 1998
- Family PORCELLANIDAE Haworth, 1825
- Genus **Aliaporcellana** Nakasone & Miyake, 1969
77. *Aliaporcellana pygmaea* (De Man, 1902)
- Genus **Ancylocheles** Haig, 1978
78. *Ancylocheles gravelei* (Sankolli, 1963)
79. *Ancylocheles peterngi* Trivedi, Osawa & Vachhrajani, 2017
- Genus **Enosteoides** Johnson, 1970
80. *Enosteoides ornatus* (Stimpson, 1858)
- Genus **Lissoporcellana** Haig, 1978
81. *Lissoporcellana quadrilobata* (Miers, 1884)
- Genus **Neopetrolisthes** Miyake, 1937
82. *Neopetrolisthes maculatus* (H. Milne Edwards, 1837)
83. *Neopetrolisthes spinatus* Osawa & Fujita, 2001
- Genus **Pachycheles** Stimpson, 1858
84. *Pachycheles natalensis* (Krauss, 1843)
85. *Pachycheles pisoides* (Heller, 1865)
86. *Pachycheles sculptus* (H. Milne Edwards, 1837)
87. *Pachycheles tomentosus* Henderson, 1893
- Genus **Petrolisthes** Stimpson, 1858
88. *Petrolisthes boscii* (Audouin, 1826)
89. *Petrolisthes coccineus* (Owen, 1839)
90. *Petrolisthes hastatus* Stimpson, 1858
91. *Petrolisthes lamarckii* (Leach, 1821)
92. *Petrolisthes militaris* (Heller, 1862)
93. *Petrolisthes moluccensis* (de Man, 1888)



94. *Petrolisthes ornatus* Paulson, 1875
95. *Petrolisthes rufescens* (Heller, 1861)
96. *Petrolisthes teres* Melin, 1939
97. *Petrolisthes tomentosus* (Dana, 1852)
- Genus **Pisidia** Leach, 1820
98. *Pisidia dehaanii* (Krauss, 1843)
99. *Pisidia gordonii* (Johnson, 1970)
100. *Pisidia serratifrons* (Simpson, 1858)
- Genus **Polyonyx** Stimpson, 1858
101. *Polyonyx biunguiculatus* (Dana, 1852)
102. *Polyonyx hendersoni* Southwell, 1909
103. *Polyonyx loimicola* Sankolli, 1965
104. *Polyonyx obesulus* Miers, 1884
105. *Polyonyx splendidus* Sankolli, 1966
- Genus **Porcellanella** White, 1851
106. *Porcellanella haigae* Sankarankutty, 1963
107. *Porcellanella triloba* White, 1851
- Genus **Pseudoporcellanella** Sankarankutty, 1962
108. *Pseudoporcellanella manoliensis* Sankarankutty, 1962
- Genus **Raphidopus** Stimpson, 1858
109. *Raphidopus dhritiae* Mitra, Chowdhury & Bose, 2024
110. *Raphidopus indicus* Henderson, 1893
- Superfamily HIPPOIDEA Latreille, 1825
- Family ALBUNEIDAE Stimpson, 1858
- Subfamily ALBUNINAE Stimpson, 1858
- Genus **Albunea** Weber, 1795
111. *Albunea groeningi* Boyko, 2002
112. *Albunea occulta* Boyko, 2002
113. *Albunea symmysta* (Linnaeus, 1758)
114. *Albunea thurstoni* Henderson, 1893
- Family HIPPIDAE Latreille, 1825
- Genus **Emerita** Scopoli, 1777
115. *Emerita emeritus* (Linnaeus, 1767)
116. *Emerita holthuisi* Sankolli, 1965
- Genus **Hippa** Fabricius, 1787
117. *Hippa adactyla* Fabricius, 1787
118. *Hippa indica* Haig, Murugan & Balakrishnan Nair, 1986
119. *Hippa marmorata* (Hombron & Jacquinot, 1846)
- Genus **Mastigochirus** Miers, 1878
120. *Mastigochirus quadrilobatus* Miers, 1878
- Superfamily PAGURAOIDEA Latreille, 1802
- Superfamily PAGUROIDEA Latreille, 1802
- Family COENOBITIDAE Dana, 1851
- Genus **Birgus** Leach, 1816
121. *Birgus latro* (Linnaeus, 1767)
- Genus **Coenobita** Latreille, 1829
122. *Coenobita brevipennis* Dana, 1852
123. *Coenobita cavipes* Stimpson, 1858
124. *Coenobita clypeatus* (Fabricius, 1787)
125. *Coenobita compressus* H. Milne Edwards, 1837
126. *Coenobita perlatus* H. Milne Edwards, 1837
127. *Coenobita rugosus* H. Milne Edwards, 1837
128. *Coenobita violascens* Heller, 1862



Family DIOGENIDAE Ortmann, 1892

Genus *Aniculus* Dana, 1852

129. *Aniculus aniculus* (Fabricius, 1787)

130. *Aniculus erythraeus* Forest, 1984

131. *Aniculus ursus* (Olivier, 1812)

Genus *Areopaguristes* Rahayu & McLaughlin, 2010

132. *Areopaguristes perspicax* (Nobili, 1906)

Genus *Bathynarius* Forest, 1989

133. *Bathynarius albicinctus* (Alcock, 1905)

Genus *Calcinus* Dana, 1851

134. *Calcinus elegans* (H. Milne Edwards, 1836)

135. *Calcinus gaimardii* (H. Milne Edwards, 1848)

136. *Calcinus laevimanus* (Randall, 1840)

137. *Calcinus latens* (Randall, 1840)

138. *Calcinus morgani* Rahayu & Forest, 1999

Genus *Ciliopagurus* Forest, 1995

139. *Ciliopagurus grandis* Komai, Reshmi & Biju Kumar, 2012

140. *Ciliopagurus krempfi* (Forest, 1952)

141. *Ciliopagurus liui* Forest, 1995

142. *Ciliopagurus strigatus* (Herbst, 1804)

143. *Ciliopagurus tenebrarum* (Alcock, 1905)

144. *Ciliopagurus tricolor* Forest, 1995

Genus *Clibanarius* Dana, 1851

145. *Clibanarius aequabilis* (Dana, 1851)

146. *Clibanarius arethusa* de Man, 1888

147. *Clibanarius clibanarius* (Herbst, 1791)

148. *Clibanarius corallinus* (H. Milne Edwards, 1848)

149. *Clibanarius eurysternus* (Hilgendorf, 1879)

150. *Clibanarius humilis* (Dana, 1851)

151. *Clibanarius infraspinatus* (Hilgendorf, 1869)

152. *Clibanarius longitarsus* (De Haan, 1849)

153. *Clibanarius merguiensis* de Man, 1888

154. *Clibanarius nathi* Chopra & Das, 1940

155. *Clibanarius olivaceus* Henderson, 1915

156. *Clibanarius padavensis* de Man, 1888

157. *Clibanarius rhabdodactylus* Forest, 1953

158. *Clibanarius rutilus* Rahayu, 1999

159. *Clibanarius signatus* Heller, 1861

160. *Clibanarius striolatus* Dana, 1852

161. *Clibanarius virescens* (Krauss, 1843)

162. *Clibanarius zebra* (Dana, 1851)

Genus *Dardanus* Paulson, 1875

163. *Dardanus deformis* (H. Milne Edwards, 1836)

164. *Dardanus gemmatus* (H. Milne Edwards, 1848)

165. *Dardanus guttatus* (Olivier, 1812)

166. *Dardanus hessii* (Miers, 1884)

167. *Dardanus imbricatus* (H. Milne Edwards, 1848)

168. *Dardanus lagopodes* (Forskål, 1775)

169. *Dardanus megistos* (Herbst, 1804)

170. *Dardanus pedunculatus* (Herbst, 1804)

171. *Dardanus scutellatus* (H. Milne Edwards, 1848)

172. *Dardanus setifer* (H. Milne Edwards, 1836)

173. *Dardanus sinistripes* (Stimpson, 1859)



174. *Dardanus tinctor* (Forskål, 1775)
 175. *Dardanus vulnerans* (Thallwitz, 1892)
 176. *Dardanus woodmasoni* (Alcock, 1905)
- Genus **Diogenes** Dana, 1851
177. *Diogenes alias* McLaughlin & Holthuis, 2001
 178. *Diogenes avarus* Heller, 1865
 179. *Diogenes bicristimanus* Alcock, 1905
 180. *Diogenes canaliculatus* Komai, Reshmi & Biju Kumar, 2013
 181. *Diogenes chhpagari* Trivedi, Osawa & Vachhrajani, 2016
 182. *Diogenes costatus* Henderson, 1893
 183. *Diogenes custos* (Fabricius, 1798)
 184. *Diogenes dubius* (Herbst, 1804)
 185. *Diogenes fasciatus* Rahayu & Forest, 1995
 186. *Diogenes investigatoris* Alcock, 1905
 187. *Diogenes jousseaumei* (Bouvier, 1897)
 188. *Diogenes karwarensis* Nayak & Neelakantan, 1989
 189. *Diogenes klaasi* Rahayu & Forest, 1995
 190. *Diogenes lophochir* Morgan, 1989
 191. *Diogenes macLaughlinae* Nayak & Neelakantan, 1985
 192. *Diogenes manaarensis* (Henderson, 1893)
 193. *Diogenes merguiensis* de Man, 1888
 194. *Diogenes miles* (Fabricius, 1787)
 195. *Diogenes pallescens* Whitelegge, 1897
 196. *Diogenes planimanus* Henderson, 1893
 197. *Diogenes rectimanus* Miers, 1884
 198. *Diogenes spongicola* Komai, Ravinesh & Biju Kumar, 2018
 199. *Diogenes violaceus* Henderson, 1893
 200. *Diogenes waltirensis* Kamalaveni, 1950

Genus **Paguristes** Dana, 1851

201. *Paguristes balanophilus* Alcock, 1905
202. *Paguristes calvus* Alcock, 1905
203. *Paguristes ciliatus* Heller, 1862
204. *Paguristes incommitatus* Alcock, 1905
205. *Paguristes longirostris* Dana, 1851
206. *Paguristes luculentus* Komai, Reshmi & Biju Kumar, 2015
207. *Paguristes miyakei* Forest & McLaughlin, 1998
208. *Paguristes mundus* Alcock, 1905
209. *Paguristes puniceus* Henderson, 1896

Genus **Paguropsis** Henderson, 1888

210. *Paguropsis andersoni* (Alcock, 1899)

Genus **Pseudopaguristes** McLaughlin, 2002

211. *Pseudopaguristes hians* (Henderson, 1888)

Family LITHODIDAE Samouelle, 1819

Subfamily LITHODINAE Samouelle, 1819

Genus **Neolithodes** A. Milne-Edwards & Bouvier, 1894

212. *Neolithodes agassizii* (Smith, 1882)
213. *Neolithodes indicus* Padate, Cubelio & Takeda, 2020

Genus **Paralomis** White 1856

214. *Paralomis ceres* Macpherson, 1989
215. *Paralomis indica* Alcock & Anderson, 1899
216. *Paralomis investigatoris* Alcock & Anderson, 1899

Family PAGURIDAE Latreille, 1802

Genus **Michelopagurus** McLaughlin, 1997



217. *Michelopagurus limatulus* (Henderson, 1888)
Genus **Nematopagurus** A. Milne-Edwards & Bouvier, 1892
218. *Nematopagurus indicus* Alcock, 1905
219. *Nematopagurus scutellichelis* Alcock, 1905
220. *Nematopagurus squamichelis* Alcock, 1905
Genus **Pagurixus** Melin, 1939
221. *Pagurixus anceps* (Forest, 1954)
Genus **Pagurus** Fabricius, 1775
222. *Pagurus carpofoaminatus* (Alcock, 1905)
223. *Pagurus cavicarpus* (Paulson, 1875)
224. *Pagurus hirtimanus* (Miers, 1880)
225. *Pagurus indicus* Sarojini & Nagabhushanam, 1972
226. *Pagurus investigatoris* (Alcock, 1905)
227. *Pagurus kulkarnii* Sankolli, 1961
228. *Pagurus pergranulatus* (Henderson, 1896)
229. *Pagurus pitagsaleei* McLaughlin, 2002
230. *Pagurus spinossior* Komai, Reshmi & Biju Kumar, 2013
Genus **Pylopaguropsis** Alcock, 1905
231. *Pylopaguropsis magnimanus* (Henderson, 1896)
232. *Pylopaguropsis zebra* (Henderson, 1893)
Genus **Spiropagurus** Stimpson, 1858
233. *Spiropagurus lophomeris* Alcock, 1905
234. *Spiropagurus profundorum* Alcock, 1905
235. *Spiropagurus spinosicarpis* Alcock, 1905
236. *Spiropagurus spiriger* (De Haan, 1849)
Genus **Tomopaguropsis** Alcock, 1905
237. *Tomopaguropsis lanata* Alcock, 1905
Family PARAPAGURIDAE Smith, 1882
Genus **Oncopagurus** Lemaitre, 1996
238. *Oncopagurus indicus* (Alcock, 1905)
239. *Oncopagurus monstrosus* (Alcock, 1894)
240. *Oncopagurus minutus* (Henderson, 1896)
Genus **Parapagurus** Smith, 1879
241. *Parapagurus abyssorum* (Filhol, 1885)
242. *Parapagurus pilosimanus* Smith, 1879
Genus **Sympagurus** Smith, 1883
243. *Sympagurus andersoni* (Henderson, 1896)
Family PYLOCHELIDAE Spence Bate, 1888
Subfamily PYLOCHELINAE Spence Bate, 1888
Genus **Bathycheles** Forest, 1987
244. *Bathycheles macgilchristi* (Alcock, 1905)
Genus **Xylocheles** Forest, 1987
245. *Xylocheles miersi* (Alcock & Anderson, 1899)
Subfamily TRIZOCHELINAE Forest, 1987
Genus **Parapylocheles** Alcock, 1901
246. *Parapylocheles scorio* (Alcock, 1894)





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