

## A review of the Gekkonid genus *Cyrtodactylus* Gray, 1827 (Sauria: Gekkonidae) in the Andaman and Nicobar archipelago with the description of two new species from the Nicobar Islands

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### ABSTRACT

A comprehensive review of members of the gekkonid genus *Cyrtodactylus* Gray, 1827 from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands was undertaken to assess the true diversity of the genus in this region. Samples collected across different islands within the archipelago show significant and consistent morphological variation associated with the region of origin. Detailed redescriptions are presented for the two known species *Cyrtodactylus rubidus* and *C. adleri*. Two new species *C. nicobaricus* sp. nov. and *C. camortensis* sp. nov. are described from the northern and central group of islands of the Nicobar archipelago based on morphological distinction and geographic separation from the above two named species from this archipelago. Information on geographic distribution, natural history and conservation status for all of these species are presented.

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