

## Polychaetes of the Commander Islands

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For the first time, data are obtained on the polychaete fauna from the upper shelf zone of the Commander Islands. The material was collected in August-September 1986, mainly by SCUBA at depths of 3 to 30 m, from hard substrata. Earlier records on polychaetes from the intertidal zone have been revised. 89 species from 25 families and 59 genera have been found, 15 of them new for the fauna of the Commander Islands and 3 new for science. Data on the synonymy, ecology and distribution are given.