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## ABSTRACT

This is a study on a few invertebrates as the intermediate hosts of fish helminth parasites. The invertebrates chosen were the clams (Meretrix meretrix, Meretrix lusoria, Donax sp., Donax faba, Mactra liacea and Mactra pusilla), the crabs (Matuta sp. and Ocypode sp.), the jellyfish (Siphonophora and leptomedusae), the gastropods (Polinices didyma, Nerita sp. and Neritina sp.), the limpets, the copepods (Calanoid), the arrow worm (Sagitta enflata) and the cephalopod (Loligo sp.)

Plerocercoids were found in most of the invertebrates examined. Matuta sp. was found to be heavily infested by 2 types of plerocercoids identified as Polypocephalus sp. Mactra liacea and Mactra pusilla were also found to be heavily infested with plerocercoids. Hemiuroid metacercaria was found in the leptomedusae, Cercaria longicaudata in Meretrix lusoria, Echinocephalus sp. in Meretrix lusoria and Meretrix meretrix and a rhabditoid nematode in Ocypode sp.

Food relationship of the hosts plays an important role in the dissemination of the parasites. Life cycles of the parasites based on food relationship of hosts are discussed.

## ABSTRAK

Ini merupakan satu kajian mengenai beberapa invertebrat yang menjadi perumah perantaraan endoparasit ikan. Invertebrat yang dipilih dalam kajian ialah pelecypoda (Meretrix meretrix, Meretrix lusoria, Donax sp., Donax faba, Mactra liacea dan Mactra pusilla), ketam (Matuta sp. dan Ocypode sp.), obor-obor (Siphonophora dan leptomedusae), gastropod (Polinices didyma, Nerita sp. dan Neritina sp.), limpet, copepod (Calanoida), chaetognath (Sagitta enflata) dan sotong (Loligo sp.).

Banyak pleroserkoid telah dijumpai dalam kebanyakan invertebrat yang diperiksa. Matuta sp. telah dijangkiti oleh 2 jenis pleroserkoid iaitu Polypocephalus sp. Mactra liacea dan Mactra pusilla juga didapati mendapat serangan pleroserkoid yang teruk. Metaserkaria (Hemiuridae) telah dijumpai dalam leptomedusae, Cercaria longicaudata dalam Meretrix lusoria, Echinocephalus sp. dalam Meretrix lusoria dan Meretrix meretrix dan nematod dari famili Rhabditidae dijumpai dalam Ocypode sp.

Kitaran hidup parasit-parasit ini telah dibincangkan berdasarkan pertalian makanan di antara perumah-perumah.