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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

No.	Number
Kg	Kilogram
G	Gram
Cm	Centimeter
F%	Frequency of occurrence
N%	Percentage by number
W%	Percentage by weight
IRI	Index of relative importance
TL	Total length
e	Empty
g	Gorged
W	Weight
L	Length

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ABSTRACT

This study is conducted to gather data on the food preferences of grouper species of Pulau Bidong which is located off the shore of Kuala Terengganu, east coast of peninsular Malaysia. Two sampling sessions have been conducted in September 2006 and March 2007 using the sling spear and fishing with hook and lines to obtain samples. Thirty two individuals of four species (*Ephinephelus areolatus*, *Cephalopolis cyanostigma*, *Cephalopolis boenak* and *Cephalopolis Formosa*) were obtained. *C.formosa* was excluded from analysis because of insignificant number of individuals obtained. The size of the samples ranges from 12cm to 32.7cm. All the three species have significant length and weight relationships. The stomach contents of these fishes were examined and qualitative and quantitative analysis was done to understand the preference and importance of prey of the three species. The three species of grouper consume a wide range of prey with fish dominating the prey items. The highest occurring family of fish prey is of the family Apogonidae. Other important food items include shrimps and crabs.