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LIST OF ABBREVIATION

SAFA	Saturated fatty acid
MUFA	Monounsaturated fatty acid
PUFA	Polyunsaturated fatty acid
FA	Fatty acid
ALA	Alpha-linolenic acid
ETE	Eicosatrienoic acid
DHA	Docosahexaenoic acid
EPA	Eicosapentaenoic acid
FAME	Fatty acid methyl ester
mg	milligram
ml	milliliter
mm	millimeter
g	gram
BF ₃	Boron tri-fluoride
GC	Gas chromatography
rpm	revolution per minute
L	liter
μm	micrometer

ABSTRACT

This research presented the study of plankton and fatty acid composition on coastal water Marang, Terengganu. The field sampling were conducted in two sampling stations, Station 2 and Station 1 which all plankton were collected using 200 μ m, 80 μ m and 20 μ m mesh size of plankton net. The highest density was found at Station 2 which is near to coastal water of Kuala Ibai compare to Station 1 which is 3km near to Kapas Island that has much lower density of plankton. There are about 3 phyla, 7 classes and 44 genera were identified. The highest abundance of phytoplankton is in phylum Bacillariophyta which is the main dominant species are *Rhizosolenia* sp. Another common species found in all mesh size of plankton net is *Ceratium* sp., *Oscillatoria* sp. and *Chaetoceros* sp. Zooplankton comprises of 7 phyla and 14 classes that were identified from both sampling stations. Zooplankton dominated by phylum Arthropoda which is copepod nauplius, the main contributor compared to overall group. For fatty acid concentration, the highest concentration of fatty acid is in monosaturated fatty acid (MUFA) in 15m depth of 200 μ m mesh size at Station 1. Linolenic acid (C18:3n3) is the one of polyunsaturated fatty acid (PUFA) are most dominant and represented in all mesh sizes of plankton net and both depths. Saturated fatty acid (SAFA) are dominated by is myristic acid (C14:0), palmitic acid (C16:0) and stearic acid (C18:0). Dominant MUFA is myristoleic acid (C14:1), palmitoleic acid (C16:1) and oleic acid (C18: 1n9c). PUFA are dominated by linoleic acid (C18:2n6c), linolenic acid (C18: 3n3) and docosadienoic acid (C22: 2).

Komposisi Plankton dan Asid Lemak pada Saiz Kelas yang Berlainan di Perairan Marang

ABSTRAK

Kajian ini membentangkan kajian plankton dan komposisi asid lemak di perairan pantai Marang, Terengganu. Persampelan bidang dijalankan di dua stesen persampelan, Stesen 2 dan Stesen 1 yang semua plankton telah dikumpulkan menggunakan 200 μ m, 80 μ m dan 20 μ m saiz net plankton bersih. Kepadatan tertinggi didapati di Stesen 2 yang berdekatan dengan Kuala Ibai berbanding dengan Stesen 1 yang jaraknya 3km dari Pulau Kapas yang mempunyai kepadatan plankton yang jauh lebih rendah. Terdapat kira-kira 3 Filum, 7 kelas dan 44 genera telah dikenal pasti. Kepadatan tertinggi fitoplankton adalah dalam filum Bacillariophyta dan spesies dominan utama adalah *Rhizosolenia* sp. Satu lagi spesies yang sama terdapat dalam semua saiz mesh plankton bersih *Ceratium* sp., *Oscillatoria* sp. dan *Chaetoceros* sp. Zooplankton terdiri daripada 7 Filum dan 14 kelas yang telah dikenal pasti dari kedua-dua stesen persampelan. Zooplankton didominasi oleh filum Arthropoda iaitu nauplius kopepod, penyumbang utama berbanding dengan kumpulan keseluruhan. Untuk kepekatan asid lemak, kepekatan tertinggi asid lemak adalah asid lemak monosaturated (MUFA) dalam kedalaman 15m saiz 200 μ m saiz net plankton di Stesen 1. Asid Linolenik (C18: 3n3) adalah salah satu asid lemak politaktepu (PUFA) adalah yang paling dominan dan dalam semua saiz mesh plankton bersih dan kedua-dua kedalaman. Asid lemak tepu (SAFA) dikuasai oleh asid Myristic (C14: 0), asid palmitik (C16: 0) dan asid stearik (C18: 0). Dominan MUFA adalah asid myristoleic (C14: 1), asid palmitoleic (C16: 1) dan asid oleik (C18: 1n9c). PUFA

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