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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

°C = degree celsius

cm = centimeter

g = gram

μm = micron meter

St = standard length

W = weight

Fig. = figure

% = percentage

‰ = part per thousand

DO = dissolved oxygen

sp. = species

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ABSTRAK

Sejumlah enam puluh sampel ikan (*Megalops cyprinoides*) telah ditangkap dari kawasan air bakau di KUSTEM pada musim hujan (Julai – Oktober, 2003) and musim kering (Disember, 2003) dengan setiap musim masing-masing tiga puluh sampel ikan. Sampel ikan telah diperiksa untuk menentukan prevalen dan min keamatan parasit yang dijumpai. Sebanyak lapan spesies telah dijumpai sepanjang kajian: dua spesies dari kumpulan trematode (*Allocreadium* sp. dan *Macradenina* sp.), tiga spesies dari kumpulan nematode (*Camallanus* sp., *Contracaecum* sp. dan *Philometra* sp.), dua spesies dari kumpulan cestode and satu spesies dari kumpulan arachnida. Tahap jangkitan untuk *Megalops cyprinoides* semasa musim hujan adalah jauh lebih tinggi berbanding dengan musim kering ($P < 0.05$). Tahap jangkitan parasit bagi musim hujan adalah lebih kurang 4 kali lebih daripada musim kering. Terdapat perhubungan rapat di antara saiz ikan dengan tahap jangkitan parasitnya bagi kedua-dua musim itu, iaitu jangkitan parasit pada ikan sampel akan bertambah jika saiz ikan bertambah.

ABSTRACT

A total of sixty specimens of the fish samples (*Megalops cyprinoides*) were collected from KUSTEM's brackish waters during non-monsoon season (July – October, 2003) and monsoon season (December, 2003 – January, 2004) with thirty specimens per season. The fish samples were examined with the reference to the prevalence and mean intensity of the parasites found. A total of 8 species of parasites were discovered throughout the study: two species were trematode (*Allocreadium* sp. and *Macradenina* sp.), three species were nematode (*Camallanus* sp., *Contracaecum* sp. and *Philometra* sp.), two species were cestode and one species of arachnida. From the stations being sampled, infestation levels for *Megalops cyprinoides* during monsoon season were significantly higher ($P < 0.05$) than during non-monsoon season, with the number of parasitic infestation being 4 times higher than those in the non-monsoon season. There was also a significant correlation between the host size and its infection levels for both seasons, which showed an increase of infection with increase in fish size.