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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

$^{\circ}\text{C}$	-	Celsius
cm	-	centimeter
ml	-	milliliter
mm	-	milimeter
PDA	-	potato dextrose agar
PDB	-	potato dextrose broth
SWA	-	sea water agar
UMT	-	Universiti Malaysia Terengganu.

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ABSTRACT

Mangrove is one of the most productive plants that produce natural products. However, it is not known whether they are produced by the plant themselves or by the microorganism associated with them. In this study, fungi associated with *Sonneratia caseolaris* were isolated and identified based on their morphology using the microscope. The sampling site of the mangrove is in the zone 1, UMT. In order to isolate the fungi, fragments of leaves, roots and branches were cultured using two techniques, direct plating and damp incubation technique. Slide cultures technique was used in the identification process. In direct plating technique, two ascomycetes, 13 deuteromycetes and one from basidiomycete had been isolated. On the other hand, in damp incubation technique, only two from ascomycetes and 17 deuteromycetes have been identified. In both techniques, three marine fungi and 32 terrestrial fungi have been obtained. One isolates, *Carbosphaerella leptosphaerioides* was selected to test any antibacterial activity, however none was observed. Other fungal isolates can be used further to investigate any productions of bioactive compounds by these fungi.

**PEMENCILAN DAN IDENTIFIKASI FUNGI YANG BERASOSIASI
DENGAN *Sonneratia caseolaris* DI UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA TERENGGANU
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ABSTRAK

Paya bakau merupakan salah satu tumbuhan yang sangat produktif, dimana iaanya dapat menghasilkan produk semulajadi. Walaubagaimana pun, tidak diketahui sama ada produk tersebut di hasilkan oleh pokok itu sendiri atau mikroorganisma yang berasosiasi dengan pokok tersebut. Dalam kajian ini, fungi yang berasosiasi pada *Sonneratia caseolaris* telah dipencil dan dikenalpasti menggunakan mikroskop. Lokasi paya bakau untuk kajian terletak di zon 1, UMT. Untuk memencarkan fungi, bahagian daun, akar dan batang telah dikulturkan menggunakan dua teknik, ‘direct plating’ dan ‘damp incubation’. Teknik ‘slide culture’ telah digunakan untuk proses identifikasi. Untuk teknik ‘direct plating’, sebanyak dua ascomycetes, 13 deuteromycetes dan satu dari basidiomycete dapat dipencarkan. Untuk teknik ‘damp incubation’, hanya dua dari ascomycetes dan 17 dari deuteromycetes berjaya dipencarkan. Untuk kedua-dua teknik, tiga fungi marin dan 32 fungi daratan telah dipencarkan. *Carbosphaerella leptosphaeroides* dipilih untuk diuji aktiviti antibakteria, walaubagaimana pun, tiada sebarang aktiviti ditunjukkan. Penciran fungi yang lain boleh digunakan untuk dikaji sebarang penghasilan bahan bioaktif oleh fungi tersebut.