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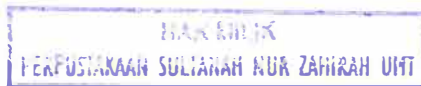
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## ABSTRACT

Fatty acid compositions in the tissues of the gastropoda *Telescopium telescopium* and *Brotia binodasa* collected from Setiu wetland were compared with those organic particle in sediment in order to assess the gastropoda diet. In both species, the suspended mangrove detritus was high as indicated by the mean percentage of Palmatic acid (16:0), Heptadecanoic acid (17:0) The contribution of this marker in the *Telescopium telescopium* and *Brotia binodasa* are 41% and 47% respectively of total fatty acid concentration. SEM (Scanning electron microscope) analysis of sediment also shows that organic matter such as pyrite framboid occur in great amount in both station. These results indicate that mangrove detritus play a significant role in the gastropoda diet. The mean concentration of diatoms markers Eicosapentaenoic acid (20:5 $\omega$ 3) in both gastropoda tissues ranged from 0.6744  $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$  and 2.7259  $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$  suggested that diatoms contribute significantly to gastropoda diet beside detritus. SEM analyses also indicate the abundant of diatoms in the sediment of the gastropoda. The relative contribution by macroalgae markers (PUFAs 18:2 $\omega$ 6 and 18:3 $\omega$ 3) and dinoflagellates (PUFAs 22:6 $\omega$ 3) markers are very in gastropoda tissues ranged from 2% to 4.3%, suggesting that considerable macroalgae and dinoflagellates are not the major diet of gastropoda. Overall *Telescopium telescopium* and *Brotia binodasa* consumed same food resources but the level of most food sources was significantly higher in *Brotia binodasa* which was 10.225  $\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$  more higher compared to *Telescopium telescopium*.