

**STUDIES ON PLANKTON, PRIMARY PRODUCTION AND
FISH IN THE INNER BRUNEI BAY**

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INTRODUCTION

The Brunei Bay is a relatively shallow enclosed water area (Figure 1), approx. 45 x 45 km in size. Depth figures normally range between 30 and 40 meters. The bay is influenced by a number of rivers which discharge into the area, the largest being Padas in the north and Limbang in the south. The annual mean flow of Padas is estimated at 200 m³ per sec and the maximum over 1550. The rivers contribute with large quantities of sediment into the bay, and this sediment is covering the seabed and cause turbidity of the water. The total amounts of suspended solids brought to Brunei Bay from the river Padas has been measured at 2000—3000 tos per day or about 1 million ton per year. The vegetation in the area north, east and south of Brunei Bay consists of primary and secondary rain forest, rubber plantations and other crop, and mangrove swamps. In 1982-1983 large areas of tropical forest on Borneo was affected by fire. It has been estimated that, in East Kalimantan only, some 3,5 million hectares of forest were destroyed. The fires also affected close to 1 million hectares of tropical vegetation in western Sabah (MALINGREAU *et al* 1985) and it seems probable that there have been indirect effects also in the marine environment due to these fires.

An area in the eastern central portion, the Gunong Lumako Forest Reserve, is since the last 5 years subject to extensive forestry operations involving systematic clear-cutting and plantation. This area is also being industrialized, involving for example the construction of a wood—, pulp- and papermill complex, the construction of an ocean harbor and various other infrastructures. The study reported here was carried out in 1984 and 1985 to provide some basic information on the marine ecosystems of the inner Brunei Bay. The present results cover studies of the diversity and abundance of the plankton, primary production, and fish fauna of the inner Brunei Bay. A separate report covers the state of the coral reefs in the area (LINDEN *et al*, 1988), and another report various physico-chemical parameters of the water and sediment (in preparation). The only plankton study available from Brunei Bay is the result of a preliminary study of the species composition of zooplankton carried out by MOHAMED *et al* (1984). Also with regard to the South China Sea in general, few studies have been reported. However, some baseline work has been carried out in the Straits of Malacca and along the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia (CHUA & CHONG 1973, CHU A1984).

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In the present study qualitative and semi-quantitative samples of phyto— and zooplankton were collected in Brunei Bay during November-December 1984 and April 1985. In addition, the amount of chlorophyll a was determined and the primary productivity was studied using the ^{14}C technique.

No previous results of scientific investigations of the fish fauna of Brunei Bay are available. However, a checklist of marine fishes of West Sabah, based on collection made in March 1974, have been published by CHUA & CHAW (1978). In order to study the fish fauna of the area in Brunei Bay a number of fishing efforts using survey nets and a beach seine net were conducted in November—December 1984.

METHODS

Phytoplankton were sampled using a standard phytoplankton net (mesh size : 50 μm , diameter : 15 cm). One vertical haul from the sea bed to the surface was taken at each station. The samples were preserved in neutralized 4% formaldehyde solution. Qualitative and semi-quantitative analysis were carried out using an inverted microscope.

For the determination of chlorophyll a samples of 500 ml of sea water collected at the surface and in the deep water were filtered through 0.45 μ fibreglass filters in the field. The filters were stored in a freezer until they were analyzed for chlorophyll a according to standard methods.

Primary production was measured using ^{14}C -technique according to standard methods. Water samples were incubated in glass flasks for 3 to 5 hours at 5 different depths (usually 0.5, 5, 8, 12 m and 0.5 m above the bottom). Dark bottles were incubated at 0.5 m and at the largest depth. Four μCi of carrier free $\text{NaH}^{14}\text{CO}_3$ were added to all bottles. After incubation the samples were acidified and the samples were aerated for 20 minutes. Ten ml of the samples were transferred to scintillation vials and counted in instagel (Packard Instruments) in an Intertechnique SL 40 liquid scintillation counter. The uptake of carbon was calculated according to GARGAS (1975).

Samples of zooplankton were obtained by vertical net hauls from bottom to surface, using a Unesco WP-2 net with 90 μm mesh size. The samples were preserved in 4% formaldehyde solution. Counting and determination of groups were performed using an inverted microscope.

For fish sampling standard survey nets of 36 m length, 1.5 m height, divided into 12 sections, each with a length of 3 m with mesh size varying from 1/2 to 3 inches were used. Ten nets were utilized each time. Fishing was carried out in the day during 2 1/2 to 5 hours, or through the night during 13 hours. The stations are shown in Figure 2.

For nearshore fishing a beach seine net measuring 28.8 m in length and 1.5 m in height with a mesh size of 6 mm was used. At each station 4 to 7 shootings of the net were conducted, each covering an area of approx. 2.500 m^2 . At each occasion the shootings were carried out around noon and the stations are shown in Figure 2.

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Phytoplankton

At least 78 species of phytoplankton were recorded during the two sampling periods. The results are shown in Table 1. In November—December some 71 species were obtained, while in April some 48 species were recorded. Also with regard to abundance, higher figures were noted in November—December compared to April. The dominating genera in November—December were diatoms such as *Bacteriastrium*, *Chaetoceros* and *Rhizosolenia*. These are large organisms which occurred in high abundance. In April these genera were also noted but, with few exceptions, much less abundant than five months earlier. Instead blue-green algae (*Oscillatoria*) dominated all samples collected in April. This group was only found occasionally during November—December.

Hence, larger species diversity and abundance were recorded in November—December compared to April. The situation in April could indicate that lower concentrations of nutrients were available, resulting in lower phytoplankton activity. These observations were confirmed in the studies of chlorophyll and primary production (see below).

The results of the chlorophyll a analysis, shown in Table 2, indicate two to three times higher figures during November—December compared to April. These results are in agreement with the results of the studies of the species diversity and abundance reported above.

The primary production measured as C^{14} -uptake was 3 times higher in November—December compared to April (Table 3). If a 12 hr daylight period is assumed, the autumn value is on average slightly over 550 mg C m day⁻¹, and the spring value slightly over 150 mg C. Assuming that the year is divided into autumn and spring production, the integrated production on the whole year may be calculated as 100—150 g C m⁻². Such figures are in general in accordance with what would be expected from coastal tropical areas. RYTHER (1969) reports values in that range. However, the difference in primary production between autumn and spring, may seem remarkable for a tropical area. This difference is possibly at least partly determined by the loss of nutrients and differences in turbidity due to land run-off. The annual precipitation in the area approaches 4000 millimeter/year, and the most pronounced rainy period is October to January.

Zooplankton

The results of the studies of the zooplankton population are shown in Tables 4 and 5. Generally the most common group is crustaceans with copepods frequently being abundant. Shrimp larvae were recorded in most samples. Tunicates and chaetognates appeared to be slightly more common in April compared to November—December. Otherwise no obvious differences could be observed between the two sampling periods.

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Fish

The results of the fishing using survey nets are shown in Tables 6 to 10. In total some 54 species were caught (Table 6). The largest number of species and total weight were obtained when fishing was carried out through the night (although it should be remembered that at this occasion fishing was carried out two to three times longer than during the day). The most abundant groups (total number) were sardins (Clupeidae), ponyfish (Leiognathidae) and catfish (Ariidae). Some species were obtained during the night only; such as catfish, snook (Centropomidae) and croakers (Scianidae). Triggerfish (Balistidae) were caught during daylight only. By weight the most important groups were catfish, sardins and herrings, therapons (Teraponidae), spadefish (Ephippidae) and rays (Rajidae).

The results of the sampling using theseine net are shown in Tables 11 to 15. Some 42 species were caught using the beach sein (Table 11). The most common groups were juveniles of mullets (Mugilidae), snooks, and silversides (Atherinidae). By weight the most important groups were tongue fish (Cynoglossidae) and flounder (Bothidae).

Despite the relatively limited effort, the study indicate that the Sipitang area is inhabited by a diverse fish fauna. Many of the approximately 240 species reported by CHUA and CHAW (1978) for West Sabah occured in the area. Several of the species obtained in the present study are of high commercial importance (jacks) and cavalla had a retail price of 6.50 to 7.30 Ringgit* kg⁻¹ in Sipitang in 1983; the corresponding figure for mackerel was 5.60 to 7.20 Ringgit kg⁻¹). In addition it is also clear from the shallow water samplings .that these areas function as nursery and feeding areas for juveniles of commercially important species. Studies similar to the present one were carried out on the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia (TAN, 1984). Although the methods used were not exactly the same as those used in the present study, the results indicate that much larger number of specie^ and larger quantities of young fish were obtained in the present study compared to what was found in the study at Peninsular Malaysia.

In conclusion, the present study has provided some basic information on the marine ecosystem of Brunei Bay. The investigation has shown a large variation in plankton diversity, biomass and productivity during the year. In November—December more species were present, the chlorophyll content was higher and the primary productivity higher than during April. This difference is likely to be at least partly related to the increased flush-out of nutrients from land during the rainy season. Furthermore the study has shown a rich fauna of fish in a relatively limited area.

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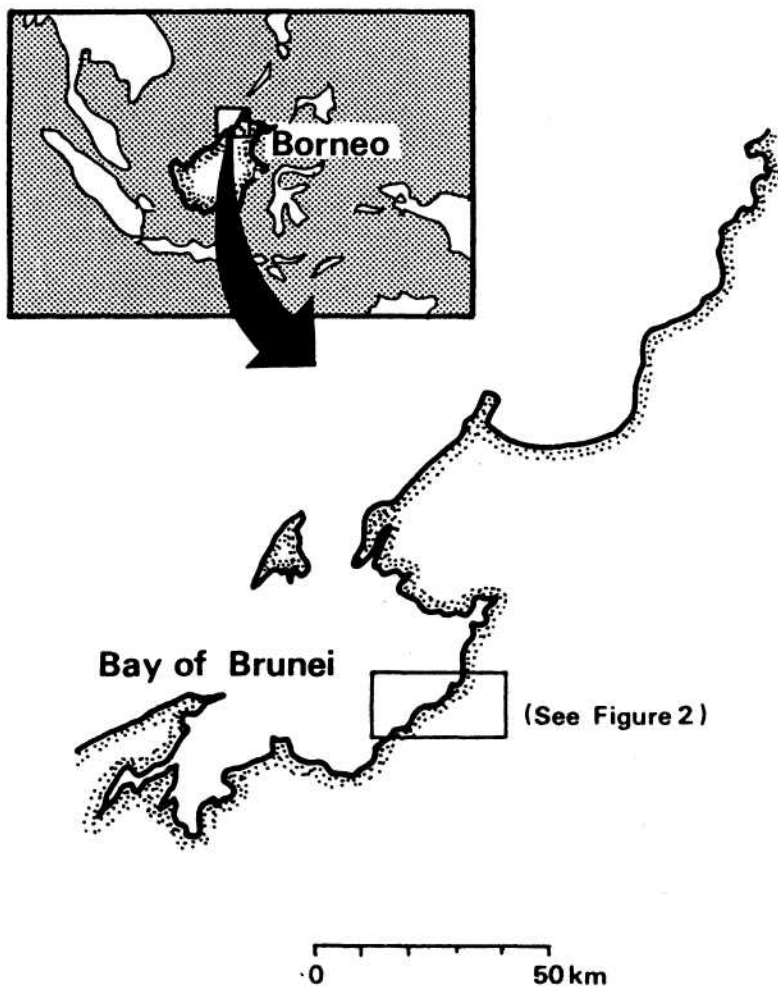


Figure 1. Location of Brunei Bay

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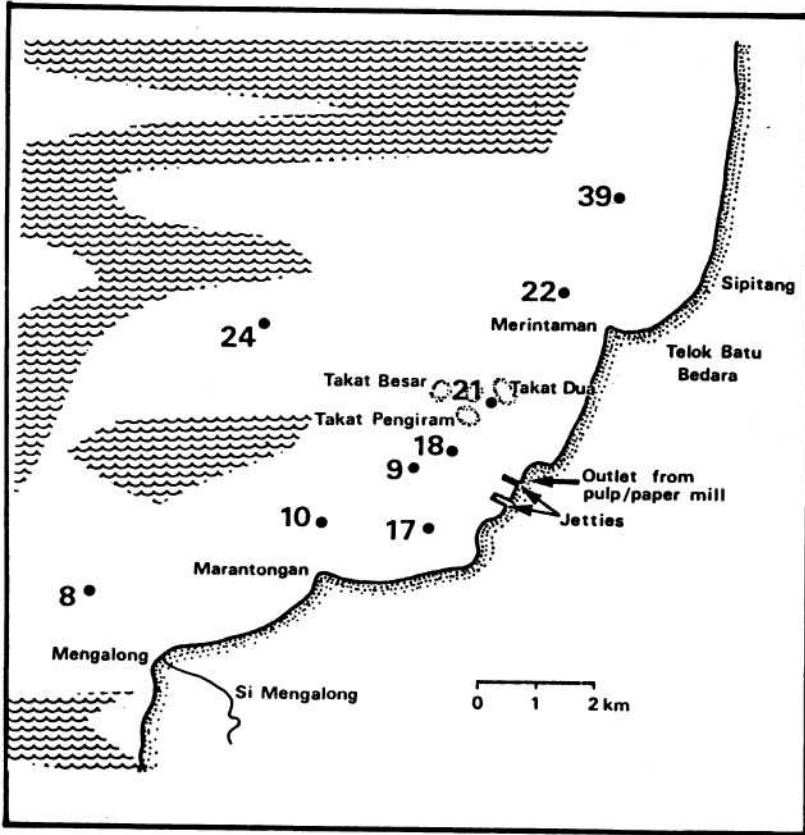


Figure 2. Location of station in The Brunei Bay

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Tabel 1. Phytoplankton caught in Brunei Bay in November-December 1984 and April 1985.

		2 = abundant						3 = very abundant			
1 = occasional		N									
		November-December 1984						April 1985			
DIATOM	Station :	16	10	17	22	9	21	22	18	39	22
<i>Asterionella glacialis</i>		-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
<i>Asteromphalus flabellatus</i>		-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Bacteriastrium comosum</i>		2	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>hyalinum</i>		3	3	-	3	2	1	-	1	-	-
<i>varians</i>		3	-	3	3	-	2	2	-	-	1
<i>Biddulphi sinensis</i>		1	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1
<i>Cerataulina pelagica</i>		1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
<i>Chaetorecos affinis</i>		2	2	2	2	1	1	-	1	1	1
<i>borealis</i>		-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
<i>brevis</i>		1	1	-	-	-	2	3	-	1	1
<i>coarctatus</i>		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
<i>compressus</i>		-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
<i>constrictus</i>		-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>curvisetus</i>		1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
<i>diadema</i>		1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-
<i>didymus v. anglica</i>		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>distans</i>		2	2	-	2	2	1	-	-	1	1
<i>lorenzianum</i>		1	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>paradoxum</i>		2	2	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
<i>peruvianum</i>		1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
<i>pseudocurvisetus</i>		-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Climacodium frauenfeldianum</i>		-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<i>Corethron criophilum</i>		1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Coscinodiscus spp.</i>		-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
<i>Ditylum sol</i>		-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	1
<i>Eucampia zodiacus</i>		-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Guinardia flaccida</i>		-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	1
<i>Hemiaulus hauckii</i>		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
<i>Lauderia borealis</i>		-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
<i>Leptocylindrus danicus</i>		1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
<i>mediterraneus</i>		1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
<i>Nitzschia closterium</i>		-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
<i>longissima</i>		-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>serata</i>		-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
<i>spp.</i>		-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
<i>Rhizosolenia alata v. indica</i>		-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
<i>bergonii</i>		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>calcar-avis</i>		1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
<i>formosa</i>		-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>fragillissima</i>		1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
<i>imbricata</i>		-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
<i>ghuketensis</i>		-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>robusta</i>		-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>stolterfothii</i>		-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1

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<i>Schroderella delicatula</i>	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Skeletonema costatum</i>	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-
<i>Thalassionema nitzschioides</i>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1
<i>Thalassiosira</i> spp.	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	1
<i>Thalassiothrix longissima</i>	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
DINOFLAGELLATES									
<i>Ceratium breve</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
<i>furca</i>	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1
<i>fuscus</i>	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	1
<i>macroceros</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
<i>massiliense</i>	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	1
<i>trichoceros</i>	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1
<i>tripos</i>	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1
<i>Dinophysis caudata</i> forma <i>pedunculatum</i>	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	1
<i>miles</i> forma <i>indica</i>	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1
<i>rotundata</i>	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
<i>Gonyaulax</i> spp.	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1
<i>Gymnodinium</i> spp.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
<i>Ornithocercus magnificus</i>	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1
<i>Prorocentrum compressum</i>	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
<i>micans</i>	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
<i>rostratum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
<i>Protoperidinium claudicans</i>	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1
<i>diabolus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
<i>divergens</i>	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
<i>globulus</i>	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
<i>leonis</i>	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>oceanicum</i>	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
<i>sphaericum</i>	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
spp.	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	1
<i>Pyrophacus horologicum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
SILICOFLAGELLATES									
<i>Dictyocha fibula</i>	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CYANOPHYTA									
<i>Oscillatoria</i> spp.	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3

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Table 2. Determination of chlorophyll a in water samples from Brunei Bay.

Date	Station	Depth (m)	Chlorophyll A (microgram)
22/11 (1984)	18	0.5	0.76
22/11	18	5	0.53
22/11	18	15	0.66
26/11	21	0.5	0.37
26/11	21	15	0.85
26/11	22	0.5	0.95
26/11	22	15	0.60
30/11	39	0.5	0.89
30/11	39	15	0.16
7/12	18	0.5	0.97
7/12	18	15	0.68
19/4 (1985)	18	0.5	0.21
19/4	18	17.5	0.26
19/4	24	0.5	0.33
19/4	24	10	0.39
19/4	24	20	0.21
20/4	39	0.5	0.25
20/4	39	5	0.26
20/4	39	16	0.25
21/4	22	0.5	0.16
21/4	22	16	0.31
21/4	18	0.5	0.12
21/4	18	17	0.43

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Table 3. Primary production in Brunei Bay 1984 and 1985

Date	Production : mg C m ⁻² hr ⁻¹	Station
1984 Nov 22	42,36	18
Dec 7	50,69	18
Nov 26	53,31	21
Nov 26	50,25	22
Nov 30	36,47	39
	mean : 47,02	
1985 April 19	15,58	18
April 21	13,21	18
April 21	19,39	22
April 18	12,40	22
April 19	17,60	24
	mean : 15,64	

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Table 4. Zooplankton caught in Brunei Bay in November–December 1984

x = single specimen; xx = occasional; xxx = abundant; xxxx = very abundant

	Station :						
	8	9	10	17	18	21	22
PROTOZOA							
Tintinnids	x						x
METAZOA							
Hydrozoa							
Hydroidea			x	x	x	x	
Siphonophora	x	x	x	x			
Chaetognatha	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx
Mollusca							
Bivalvia			xx	xx	x	x	x
Gastropoda	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Echinodermata	x			xx	x		xx
Tunicata							
Appendiculariae	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx		xx
Doliolida				x	xx		xx
Polychaeta	x	x	x	xx	xx	x	xx
Nemertini							
Pilidium larvae					x		x
Bryozoa							
Cyphonautes larvae							
Brachiopoda			x				x
Crustacea							
Cirripedia	xx		x	xx		x	xx
Ostracoda	x	xx	xx	xx	x	xxx	xx
Cladocera	x	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx	xx
Copepoda							
Calanoids	xxx	xx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
Cyclopoids	xxx	xx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xx	xxx
Harpacticoids	xx	x	xx	xxx	xx	xx	xx
Decapoda							
Prawn larvae	x	xx	xx	xx	x	xx	xx
Crab larvae	x		xx	x	x	x	x

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Table 5. Zooplankton caught in Brunei Bay in April 1985.

x = single specimen; xx = occasional; xxx = abundant; xxxx = very abundant

	Station :			
	18	22	22	39
PROTOZOA		18/4	21/4	
Tintinnids		x		
METAZOA				
Hydrozoa				
Hydroidea				
Siphonophora	x	xx		
Chaetognatha	xxx	xxx	xxx	xx
Mollusca				
Bivalvia	x	x	xx	
Gastropoda		x	x	
Echinodermata		x	xx	
Tunicata				
Appendiculariae	xxx	xxx	xxx	xx
Doliolida	x		xx	
Polychaeta	x	xx	xx	x
Nemertini				
Pillidium larvae		x		
Bryozoa				
Cyphonautes larvae		x		
Brachiopoda				
Crustacea				
Cirripedia		x		xx
Ostracoda	xx	x	xx	xx
Cladocera	x			
Copepoda				
Calanoids	xxx	xxx	xxx	xx
Cyclopoids	xxx	xxx	xxx	xx
Harpacticoids	xxx	xx	xx	xx
Decapoda				
Prawn larvae		x	x	x
Crab larvae				

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Table 6. Ust of fish species caught using survey net in the coastal area of Sipitang, November-December 1984.

Ariidae

Arius doriae

A. sagor

Balistidae

BaJistes stellatus

Bothidae

Pseudorhombus javanicus .

P. malayanus

P. oilgodon

Carangidae

Alectis ciliaris

Caranx ignobilis

Caranx

Carangoides praeuctus

C uii

Carangoides

Scomberomorus tol

Selaroides leptolepis

Centropomidae

Ambassis kopsii A.

urotaenia

Clupeidae

Anotontostoma chacunda

Sardinella fimbriata S.

melanura Sardinella

Cynoglossidae

Cynoglossus

Dasyatidae

Himantura. 1

Himantura 2

Ephippidae

Drepane punctata

Eugraulidae

Eugraulis kammalensis

E. mystax

Stolephorus heterolobus

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Table 6. (continued)

Gerreidae

Genes abbreviatus
G. filamentosus
G. kapas
G. punctatus

Leiognathidae

Gazza minuta
Leiognathus bindus
L. elongates
L. leuciscus
L. lineolatus *L. ruconius*
L. splendent
L. sp. (cf. daura)

Lutjanidae

Chelon dussumieri

Mullidae

Upeneus moluccensis U.
sulphureus

Nemipteridae

Nemipterus japonicus
N. peronil

Rajidae

Raja sp.

Sciacnidae

Pseudoscianidae doldado

Scorpaenidae

Parascorpaena picta

Serranidae

Epinephelus merra
E. sexfasciatus

Soleidae

Pardachims pavoninus

Teraponidae

Terapon puta

Trichiuridae

Trichiurus lepturus

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Table 7. Fish species, number of individuals (A) and total weight in grams (B) for each species, caught by survey nets at 2 m depth 400 m NW of Tg Merintaman. Fishing was carried out during 13 hrs in the night, November 1984.

	(A)	(B)
Ariidae		
<i>Arius doriae</i>		
<i>A sagor</i>	25	2252
Bothidae		
<i>Pseudorhombus oilgodon</i>	1	150
Carangidae		
<i>Carangoides praeustus</i>	3	160
<i>C uii</i>	2	100
<i>Scomberomorus tol</i>	4	91
Centropomidae		
<i>Ambassis (Chanda) kopsii</i>	2	12
<i>A. urotaenia</i>	3	30
Clupeidae		
<i>Anatontostoma (Dorosoma) chacunda</i>	24	312
<i>Sardinella fimbriata</i>	185	2220
<i>Sardinella</i>	3	168
Cynoglossidae		
<i>Cynoglossus sp.</i>	2	68
Centropomidae		
<i>Himanturasp. 1</i>	3	330
<i>Himantura</i>	1	102
Eugraulidae		
<i>Eugraulis (Thryssa) kammalensis</i>		
<i>E. mystax</i>	10	150
<i>Stolephorus heterolobus</i>	5	50
Ephippidae		
<i>Drepane punctata</i>	5	150
Gerridae		
<i>Gerres abbreviatus</i>	10	445
Leiognathidae		
<i>Gazzaminuta</i>	49	500
<i>Leiognathus elongatus</i>	13	65

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Mugilidae		
<i>Chelon dussumieri</i>	3	78
Sciaenida		
<i>Pseudosciaena soldado</i>	17	875
Scorpaenidae		
<i>Parascorpaena picta</i>	1	48
Serranidae		
<i>Epinephelus merra</i>	2	145
Soleidae		
<i>Pardachirus pavoninus</i>	1	24
Trichiuridae		
<i>Trichiurus lepturus</i>	3	600

Table 8. Fish species, number of individuals (A) and total weight in grams (B) for each species, caught by survey nets during 4 hrs at 17.5 m depth 400 m E of jetties. November 1984. Fishing was carried out during day time.

Family and species	(A)	(B)
Carangidae		
<i>Carangoides uii</i>	1	56
Clupeidae		
<i>Sardinella fimbriata</i>	4	50
<i>S. melanura</i>	1	8
Dasyatidae		
<i>Himantura</i> sp. 3	1	170
Drepanidae		
<i>Drepane punctata</i>	1	160
Eugraulidae		
<i>Stolephorus heterolobus</i>	3	8
Gerridae		
<i>Gerres filamentosus</i>	1	24
Leiognathidae		
<i>Leiognathus bindus</i>	3	8

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<i>L. elngoatus</i>	5	52
<i>L. leuciscus</i>	1	15
<i>L. lineolatus</i>	2	11
<i>L. ruconius</i>	20	126
<i>L. splendens</i>	4	10
Mullidae		
<i>Upeneus sulphureus</i>	2	32
Nemipteridae		
<i>Nemipterus japonicus</i>	3	292
Serranidae		
<i>Epinephelus sexfasciatus</i>	1	24

Table 9. Fish species, number of individuals (A) and total weight in grams (B) for each species, caught by survey nets at 15 m depth at Takat Dua Darat, 2 km SE of Tg. Merintaman. Fishing was carried out during 3.5 hrs at day time in November 1984.

	(A)	(B)
Balistidae		
<i>Aleutera monoceros</i>	1	400
Carangidae		
<i>Alectis ciliaris</i>	1	300
Ephippidae		
<i>Drepane punctata</i>	2	750
Lutjanidae		
<i>Lutjanus sanguineus</i>	1	130
Nemipteridae		
<i>Nemipterus japonicus</i>	1	49
<i>N. peronii</i>	1	5
Rajidae		
<i>Raja</i> sp.	2	700
Teraponidae		
<i>Terapon puta</i>	700	1050

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Table 10. Fish species, number of individuals (A) and total weight (B) for each species caught by survey nets during 2.5 hrs at 10 m depth 500 m SE of Tg Merinta man. November 1984. Fishing was carried out during day time.

Family and species	(A)	(B)
Balistidae		
<i>Balistes stellatus</i>	2	190
Bothidae		
<i>Pseudorhombus javanicus</i>	1	75
<i>P. malayanus</i>	1	190
Carangidae		
<i>Caranx ignobilis</i>	1	190
<i>Caranx</i>	1	104
<i>Carangoides</i>	1	100
<i>Selaroides leptolepis</i>	3	61
Clupeidae		
<i>Sardinella fimbriata</i>	1	13
<i>Sardinella</i>	1	10
Ephippidae		
<i>Drepane punctata</i>	2	544
Gerridae		
<i>Gerres abbreviatus</i>	1	43
<i>G. filamentosus</i>	2	118
<i>G. kapas</i>	4	95
<i>G. punctatus</i>	2	52
Leiognathidae		
<i>Leiognathus splendens</i>	3	11
<i>L. sp. leuciscus</i>	1	22
<i>L. sp. (cf. daura)</i>	1	6
Lutjanidae		
<i>Lutjanus sp.</i>	1	56
Mullidae		
<i>Upeneus moluccensis</i>	1	20

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Table 11. List of fish species caught using beach sein net in the coastal area of Sipitang.
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Apogonidae

Apogon cf. *fasciatus*

Gen. et. sp. indet.

Ariidae

Arius sp.

Atherinidae

Atherina sp. 1

Atherina

Atherina

Belonidae

Tylosurus crocodilus

T. strongylurus

Bothidae

Pseudorhombus javanicus

Callionymidae

Repomucenus sagitta

Carangidae

Carangoides praeustus

Gen. et. sp. indet.

Centropomidae

Ambassis kopsii

A. urotaenia

Cynoglossidae

Arelia bilineata

Cynoglossus bilineatus

Cynoglossus

Paraplagusia bilineata

P. blochii

Eugraulidae

Stolephorus heterolobus

S. indicus

S. tri

Gerreidae

Gerres macracanthus

Gerres

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Gobiidae		
	<i>Acentrogobius bontil</i>	
	<i>Acentrogobius</i>	
	<i>Favonigobius reichei</i>	
Hemirhamphidae		
	<i>Hyporhamphus gaimardi</i>	
	<i>Zenarchopterus</i>	
Leiognathidae		
	<i>Leiognathus equulus L.</i>	
	<i>fasciatus Leiognathus</i>	
	<i>Gazza minuta</i>	
Mugilidae		
	<i>Chelon vaiigiensis</i>	
	<i>Mugil sp.</i>	
Nemipteridae		
	<i>Nemipterus peronil</i>	
Platycephalidae		
	<i>Platycephalus bataviensis</i>	
Sillaginidae		
	<i>Sillago japonica</i>	
	<i>S. maculata</i>	
Teraponidae		
	<i>Terapon jarbua</i>	
Tetraodontidae		
	<i>Sphoeroides honckenii</i>	
	<i>Tetraodon patoca</i>	

Table 12. Fish species, number of individuals (A) and the total weight in grams (B), caught using a sein net in the shallow water outside the mangroves 300 m W of the mouth of Si Marantongan. Four shootings of the net was conducted at day time, November 1984.

	(A)	(B)
Ariidae		
<i>Arius sp.</i> (juv)	1	4

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Atherinidae		
<i>Atherina</i> sp. 3	1	5
Centropomidae		
<i>Ambassis kopsii</i>	5	25
Gobiidae		
<i>Favonigobius reichei</i>	3	6
Hemirhamphidae		
<i>Zenarchopterus</i> sp.	4	21
Mugilidae		
<i>Chelon vaigiensis</i>	20	38
Nemipteridae		
<i>Nemipterus peronii</i>	1	3
Tetraodontidae		
<i>Tetraodon patoca</i>	1	8
Leiognathidae		
<i>Leiognathus fasciatus</i>	5	28

Table 13. Fish species, number of individuals (A) and the total weight in grams (B), caught using a sein net on the beach 1.4 km NW of the jetties. Five shootings of the net was conducted at day time, November 1984.

	(A)	(B)
Centropomidae		
<i>Ambassis urotaenia</i> (juv)	50	45
Cynoglossidae		
<i>Paraplagusia bilineata</i>	1	5
Atherinidae		
<i>Atherina</i> sp 1	40	60
Eugraulidae		
<i>Stolephorus indicus</i>	12	15
Gerreidae		
<i>Gerres</i> sp. (juv)	55	25
Hemirhamphidae		
<i>Hyporhamphus gaimardi</i>	9	10
Leiognathidae		
<i>Leiognathus</i> sp.	1	5

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Mugilidae

<i>Chelon vaigiensis</i> (juv)	60	75
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Table 14. Fish species, number of individuals (A) and the total weight in grams (B), caught using a sein net on the beach 1 km S of Tg Merintaman. Seven shot-ings of the net was conducted at day time, November 1984.

	(A)	(B)
Belonidae		
<i>Tylosurus strongylurus</i>	14	146
Bothidae		
<i>Pseudorhombus javanicus</i>	2	232
Centropomidae		
<i>Ambassis urotaenia</i>	1	10
Cynoglossidae		
<i>Arelia bilineata</i>	3	7
<i>Cynoglossus bilineatus</i>	3	340
<i>Cynoglossus</i>	4	18
<i>Paraplagusia bilineata</i>	9	51
<i>P. blochii</i>	3	49
Eugraulidae		
<i>Stolephorus tri</i>	24	106
Gerreidae		
<i>Gerres</i> sp. (juv)	25	35
Leiognathidae		
<i>Leiognathus equulus</i>	1	10
<i>Gazza minuta</i>	1	5
Mugilidae		
<i>Chelon vaigiensis</i>	15	38
Sillaginidae		
<i>Sillago japonica</i>	35	210
Teraponidae		
<i>Terapon jarbua</i>	1	26
Tetraodontidae		
<i>Sphoeroides honckenii</i>	4	22

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Table 15. Fish species, number of individuals (A) and the total weight in grams (B), caught using a sein net in the shallow water outside the mangroves in Telok Batu Bedara in the mouth of Si Merintaman. Seven shootings of the net was conducted at day time, November 1984.

	(A)	(B)
Apogonidae		
<i>Apogon</i> cf. <i>fasciatus</i>	1	5
Gen. et. sp. indet.	1	4
Atherinidae		
<i>Atherina</i> sp. 1	1	2
<i>Atherina</i>	1	4
Belonidae		
<i>Tylosurus crocodilus</i>	1	20
<i>T. strongylurus</i>	1	20
Carangidae		
<i>Carangoides praeustus</i>	2	6
Gen. et. sp. indet. (juv)	4	4
Centropomidae		
<i>Ambassis kopsii</i>	1	2
Cynolossidae		
<i>Arella bilineata</i>	1	4
Eugraulidae		
<i>Stolephorus heterolobus</i>	5	7
Gerreidae		
<i>Gerres macracanthus</i>	2	4
Gobiidae		
<i>Acentrogobius bontii</i>	3	5
<i>Acentrogobius</i>	1	1
<i>Favonigobius reichei</i>	4	4
Leiognathidae		
<i>Leiognathus</i> sp. (juv)	1	1
Mugilidae		
<i>Chelon vaigiensis</i>	1	2
<i>Mugil</i> sp. (juv)	33	35

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Platycephalidae	1	10
<i>Platycephalus bataviensis</i>		
Sillaginidae	3	26
<i>Sillago maculata</i>		
Teraponidae	1	11
Terapon jarbua		
