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#### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

g/m<sup>2</sup> gram per meter square
CHI Coral Health Index

UVC Underwater Visual Census

ET10 Ekor Tebu Island with 10m Depth
ET3 Ekor Tebu Island with 3m Depth

PL10 Lima Island with 10m Depth
PL3 Lima Island with 3m Depth

PP10 Paku Besar Island with 10m Depth
PP3 Paku Besar Island with 3m Depth

S Total Number of Species

N Total Number of Individuals
d Species Richness (Margaleff's)
J' Species Evenness (Pielou's)

H' Shannon Index of Species Diversity

PK10 Karah Island with 10m Depth
PK3 Karah Island with 3m Depth

PB10 Bidong Island with 10m Depth
PB3 Bidong Island with 3m Depth

PG10 Galeria Bidong Island with 10m Depth
PG3 Galeria Bidong Island with 3m Depth

S Total Number of Species

% Percentage/Percent

SE Standard Error

cm centimetre

m meter

LWR Length Weight Relationship

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#### **ABSTRACT**

A research regarding the estimation of biomass of coral reef fishes particularly in Redang and Bidong Island by method of underwater visual census. Estimation refers to estimating the length of fish and its amount, in-situ as accurate as possible with the help of proven method from past research. After recording the data of length and abundance, the data was integrated to biomass and CHI by length weight relationship. Diversity was also done to show species richness, diversity and evenness. CHI was also conducted to show the healthiness of coral reef base on biomass of the fishes. Results of biomass, diversity and CHI were successfully obtained in this research.

#### **ABSTRAK**

Satu kajian mengenai anggaran biomas ikan terumbu karang terutamanya di Pulau Redang dan Pulau Bidong dengan kaedah bancian visual di bawah air. Anggaran merujuk kepada penganggaran panjang ikan dan jumlah ikan, *in-situ* setepat mungkin dengan bantuan kaedah yang terbukti daripada kajian yang lepas. Selepas merekodkan data panjang ikan dan kelimpahan ikan, data di integrasikan kepada biomas dan CHI oleh hubungan panjang-berat-badan. Kepelbagaian spesis juga dilakukan untuk menunjukkan kekayaan spesies, kepelbagaian dan kesamarataan ikan. CHI juga telah dijalankan untuk menunjukkan kesihatan terumbu karang melalui biomas daripada ikan. Keputusan biomass, kepelbagaian spesis dan CHI telah berjaya diperolehi dalam kajian ini.