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LIST OF SYMBOLS

α	-	Alpha
$C_6H_{12}O_6$	-	Glucose
CO_2	-	Carbon dioxide
g	-	Gram
H_2S	-	Hydrogen sulphide
H_2O	-	Water molecule
km	-	Kilometre
L	-	Liter
m	-	Meter
mL	-	Millilitre
mm	-	Millimetre
mg	-	Milligram
O_2	-	Oxygen
O	-	Absent
No./mL	-	Number per millilitre
No./L	-	Number per liter
<	-	Less than
ppt	-	Parts per thousand
μm	-	Micrometer
$\mu mol m^{-2} s^{-1}$	-	Micromole per meter per second
X	-	Present

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ABSTRACT

Phytoplankton is a wandering micro-organism that moved by current that functions as aquatic food chain and primary producer. A study was done in Setiu Wetlands where 12 stations were established during non-monsoon (6 September 2003), intermediate monsoon (9 October 2003) and monsoon season (3 December 2003). The water samples were obtained from approximately 0.5 – 1.0 meter deep. Water (42 L) was filtered using by a 20 μm nanoplankton net. The phytoplankton was preserved with Lugol's iodine. The total number of phytoplankton was counted and identified using Lackey's drop. All the data was calculated using Shannon diversity index, Evenness index, correlation and regression. The species richness in Station 5 was the highest during three seasons. Species richness in station 10 and station 8 during non-monsoon, intermediate monsoon and monsoon season was lower. Station 5 had the highest diversity during non-monsoon and monsoon season while station 11 was the highest during intermediate monsoon. The lowest diversity was in station 10 during non-monsoon and monsoon season. The lowest diversity during intermediate monsoon was station 3. *Chaetoceros*, *Rhizosolenia*, *Bacteriastrum* and *Peridinium* were the most dominant in Setiu Wetlands during non-monsoon while *Anabaena* was dominant during intermediate monsoon. *Cyclotella* and *Fragilaria* were the most dominant during monsoon season. The salinity (ppt) had no correlation with diversity index during the three seasons. In non-monsoon, there was a correlation between No./L of phytoplankton with salinity (ppt) while there was no correlation during intermediate and monsoon season. Other physical factors contribute or effect the growth of phytoplankton besides salinity (ppt).

ABSTRAK

Fitoplankton adalah mikroorganisma yang terampai digerakkan oleh arus. Fitoplankton berfungsi sebagai produktiviti primer dan rantaian makanan. Penyampelan dilakukan di Tanah Lembap Setiu di mana 12 stesyen diplotkan semasa musim bukan monsun (6 Sept. 2003), peralihan monsun (9 Okt. 2003) dan monsun (3 Dec. 2003). Sampel air (42 L) diambil dan ditapis menggunakan jaring nannoplankton (20 μm) sedalam 0.5-1.0 m. Lugol's iodine digunakan untuk mengawet sampel tersebut. Kaedah Lackey drop digunakan untuk bilangan dan identifikasi fitoplankton. Data dianalisis menggunakan indeks diversiti Shannon, indeks kesamarataan, korelasi dan regresi. Spesies kekayaan di Stesyen 5 menunjukkan kelimpahan yang tinggi ditiga musim. Spesies kekayaan di Stesyen 10 dan 8 menunjukkan kelimpahan yang rendah pada semua musim. Stesyen 5 menunjukkan diversiti yang tinggi semasa bukan monsun dan monsun. Sementara Stesyen 11 mempunyai diversiti yang meningkat semasa peralihan monsun. Stesyen 10 pula mempunyai diversiti yang rendah semasa bukan monsun dan musim monsun. Sementara itu, Stesyen 3 juga mempunyai kadar diversiti rendah semasa peralihan monsun. *Chaetoceros*, *Rhizosolenia*, *Bacteriastrum* dan *Peridinium* adalah dominan di Tanah Lembap Setiu semasa bukan monsun. Manakala *Anabaena* dominan semasa peralihan monsun. *Cyclotella* dan *Fragilaria* dominan semasa monsun. Daripada analisis statistik, tiada hubungkait saliniti (ppt) dengan indeks diversiti pada semua musim. Ada hubungkait semasa bukan monsun di antara saliniti dan No./L fitoplankton. Manakala tiada hubungkait semasa peralihan monsun dan musim monsun disebabkan faktor fizikal yang lain mempengaruhi pertumbuhan fitoplankton selain saliniti (ppt).