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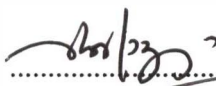


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ABSTRACT

Some of the pathogenic bacteria in freshwater fish can cause disease in human hence the identification of bacteria from fish will help to prevent contamination in human. Bacteria from fish also could be a potential indicator for environmental pollution and play important roles in the maintenance of water quality. The aims of this study are to isolate the bacteria from freshwater fish, *Rasbora notura* and to identify and characterize the bacteria isolates. Gram-staining and seven biochemical tests were carried out in these study including oxidase, catalase, MR, VP, starch hydrolysis, TSI and SIM. 91 bacteria isolates were successfully isolated from *R. notura* but only 14 different species of bacteria isolates have been identified up to genus and species level which were *Megasphaera* sp., *Veillonella* sp., *Aeromonas* sp., *Bacillus* sp., *Neisseria* sp., *Staphylococcus* sp., *Micrococcus* sp., *Pseudomonas* sp., *Corynebacterium kutscheri*, *Corynebacterium xerosis*, *Enterbacter aerogenes*, *Enterbacter intermedius*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and *Serratia liquefaciens*. Gram-negative bacteria were dominant in *R. notura* and in agreement with previous study which almost 90 percent of Gram-negative bacteria were dominant in freshwater animals. The dominance of *Megasphaera* sp. and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* in this study indicates that fecal contamination was occurring in Paya Sungai Udang.

**Pengecaman dan Pengcirian Bakteria daripada Ikan Air Tawar,
*Rasbora notura***

ABSTRAK

Sesetengah daripada patogenik bakteria dalam ikan air tawar boleh mendatangkan penyakit kepada manusia, oleh itu mengenalpasti bakteria daripada ikan akan membantu untuk menghalang jangkitan pada manusia. Bakteria daripada ikan juga boleh menjadi petunjuk kepada pencemaran alam sekitar dan memainkan peranan penting dalam penyelenggaraan kualiti air. Tujuan kajian ini dijalankan adalah untuk memencilkan bakteria daripada ikan air tawar, *Rasbora notura* dan untuk mengenalpasti dan mencirikan pemencilan bakteria. Pewarnaan-Gram and ujian biokimia telah dijalankan di dalam kajian ini termasuklah oksidase, katalase, MR, VP, hidrolisis kanji, TSI dan SIM. 91 pencilan bakteria telah berjaya di pencilkan daripada *R. notura* tetapi hanya 14 spesies pencilan bakteria sahaja yang dapat dikenalpasti sehingga ke tahap genus dan spesies seperti *Megasphaera* sp., *Veillonella* sp., *Aeromonas* sp., *Bacillus* sp., *Neisseria* sp., *Staphylococcus* sp., *Micrococcus* sp., *Pseudomonas* sp., *Corynebacterium kutscheri*, *Corynebacterium xerosis*, *Enterbacter aerogenes*, *Enterbacter intermedius*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae* dan *Serratia liquefaciens*. Bakteria Gram-negatif merupakan dominan di dalam *R. notura* dan selaras dengan kajian sebelum ini iaitu hampir 90 peratus bakteria Gram-negatif dominan di dalam haiwan air tawar. Penguasaan bakteria *Megasphaera* sp. dan *Klebsiella pneumoniae* dalam kajian ini menunjukkan bahawa pencemaran bahan buangan (tinja) sedang berlaku di kawasan Paya Sungai Udang.