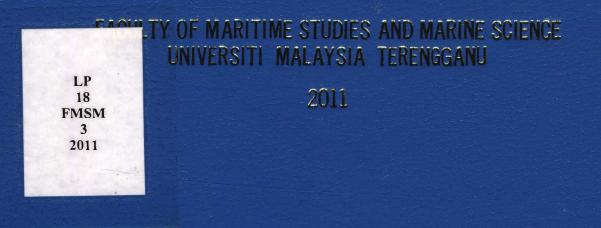
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

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°C	-	Celsius
L	÷	liter
ppt	-	part per thousand
%	-	percent
ст	-	centimeter
<	-	less than
>	- 2	more than
ml	=0	millilitre
L	-	liter
ppt	÷.	part per thousand
%	-	percent
cm	-	centimeter

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KAJIAN TTUMBESARAN DAN KEMANDIRIAN LARVA PERINGKAT AWAL Tachypleus gigas (BELANGKAS) DENGAN DIET COPEPOD

ABSTRAK

Kajian mengenai kadar tumbesaran serta kemandirian larva Tachypleus gigas dengan diet copepod telah dijalankan di dalam makmal Aquatrop UMT. Benih diperolehi dari pantai Balok, Kuantan dimana telur yang hampir menetas iaitu pada tahap '4th embryonic moulting ' diambil dari persekitaran semulajadi. Kajian selama 25 hari ini dilakukan dengan mengasuh trilobite larva bermula dari usia 5 hari di dalam 6 bikar berasingan untuk melihat kadar pertumbuhan serta kadar memandirian larva belangkas. 3 daripadanya di berikan diet copepod dan 3 lagi diberikan artemia sebagai kawalan bagi kajian ini. Keputusan dari kajian ini menunjukkan kadar tumbesaran dan kadar kemandirian bagi larva dengan diet copepod lebih rendah berbanding larva dengan diet artemia. 85% daripada larva yang diberimakan artemia. Dari kajian ini, selain faktor kandungan nutrisi makanan hidup, keupayaan makanan hidup seperti copepod untuk mengelak pemangsa juga merupakan faktor yang perlu diambil kira dalam pemakanan peringkat larva *Tachypleus gigas*.

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