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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

BF Brown filamentous

CA Coralline Algae

CR Coral Rubble

DC Dead Coral

Ep Epiphytes

GF Green Filamentous

LC Life Coral

RBG Red Blue-Green Algae

RCK Rocks

S Sand

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ABSTRACT

A total of 31 species of seaweeds from 22 genera and 14 families were collected and recorded from Penang island, Redang Marine Park in the state of Terengganu. The Chlorophyta (green algae) formed the dominant group represented by 14 species from 10 genera followed by Rhodophyta (red algae) and Heterokontophyta, class Phaeophyceae (brown algae) with 14 species and 3 species, respectively. Three specimens from division Rhodophyta were unidentified. This study was mainly done in five selected stations which were located at two different areas. Stations 1 to 4 were at the back beach of the Penang island while station 5 was located at the front beach of the same island. Seaweed distribution was studied by using a 100-metre transect line where the presence of seaweeds were observed. Most seaweeds found were smaller in size and grew abundantly on sandy-corally substrates. The dominant seaweeds of Penang island were the Chlorophytes *Acetabularia*, *Boodlea*, *Caulerpa*; the Rhodophytes *Acetabularia*, *Polysiphonia* and the Phaeophyceaen *Lobophora* and *Padina*.

ABSTRAK

TAJUK : PENGENALPASTIAN DAN TABURAN RUMPAI LAUT DI PULAU PENANG, TAMAN LAUT REDANG, TERENGGANU

Sebanyak 31 spesies rumpai laut daripada 22 genus dan 14 famili telah dikumpul dan direkod dari Pulau Penang, Redang Taman Laut di negeri Terengganu. Rumpai laut daripada divisi Chlorophyta (alga hijau) merupakan kumpulan yang terbesar dengan jumlah 14 spesis daripada 10 genera diikuti dengan divisi Rhodophyta (alga merah) dan juga dengan divisi Heterokontophyta, kelas Phaeophyceae (alga perang) masing-masing diwakili oleh 14 spesis dan 3 spesis. Terdapat 3 spesimen dari divisi Rhodophyta tidak dapat dikenalpasti. Kajian dibuat di lima stesen berlainan di dua kawasan yang berbeza. Stesen 1 hingga 4 adalah di bahagian pantai belakang manakala stesen 5 pula terletak di bahagian pantai hadapan pulau tersebut. Kaedah yang digunakan dalam menentukan taburan umum rumpai laut adalah dengan menggunakan 100 meter tali transek dimana kehadiran rumpai laut dicatatkan. Kebanyakan tumbuhan yang dijumpai adalah yang bersaiz kecil sahaja dimana terdapat di kawasan pasir dan terumbu karang. Antara rumpai laut yang dominan di perairan Pulau Penang adalah dari divisi Chlorophyta seperti *Acetabularia, Boodlea, Caulerpa*; divisi Rhodophyta *Acanthophora, Polysiphonia* dan divisi Heterokontophyta *Lobophora* dan *Padina*.