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ABSTRACT

A survey of macrobenthic and fish communities in Pulau Karah (5° 38.8 'N, 103° 04'E) was carried out at 2 stations on the Eastern side of Pulau Karah. The macrobenthic composition was studied using the Line Intercept Transect method, while fish assemblage was surveyed using the Roving Diver Technique. From these two methods, percentage of major benthic life forms and various species of fish were recorded to show the general composition and distribution of macrobenthic life forms and fish species on the reefs of Pulau Karah. The overall live coral for the 2 sampling stations is 94.19%. This indicates that the coral reef on the Eastern side of Pulau Karah is in a very good health, and deriving from this information, the reefs around Pulau Karah can be said to be in good conditions. The 2 major type of life forms found in this survey were the branching type coral, *Acropora formosa* (41.87%) as the most abundant, and the foliose type coral, *Montipora sp.* (36.98%). The reefs in Station 2 support a rich fish assemblage; with more numbers of species (20 species) if compared to Station 1 (16 species) although the numbers of individuals were lower in Station 2. The most abundant fish species was *Chromis ternatensis* (61.92%) with the highest percentage was recorded in Station 1 (63.52%). Five other species which frequently sighted were *Pomacentrus moluccensis* (7.78%), *Lutjanus vitta* (6.57%), *Pomacentrus brachialis* (5.47%), *Abudefduf septemfasciatus* (5.23%), and *Amphiprion ocellaris* (4.26%).