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# Seasonal diversity of Zooplankton in Bembla river of District Yavatmal, Maharashtra, India

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#### ABSTRACT

The Present study deals with the seasonal diversity of zooplankton in Bembla river district Yavatmal. Samples were collected from two regions of the river khadaksawanga and Babhulgaon region during the period of one year durinf September, 2016 to August 2017 at the interval of each and every season of per month. The specimens were assessed to study seasonal diversity. The samples belongs to Protozoa, Rotifers, Dadocera, Nematada, Branchiopoda were reported. Out of this studied zooplankton the diversity of Protozoans and Rotifers were dominant. This seasonal study reveals the variations in zooplankton and it was maximum in summer and minimum in rainy and winter season.

Keywords: Zooplankton, Diversity, Bembla River, Yavatmal district.

## INTRODUCTION

Planktons are the assemblage of microscopic plants and animal they are minute and free floating organism in the water. Zooplankton occupies intermediate position in food web and mediates the transfer of energy from lower to higher trophic level (Water, 1977, Khare, 2005). The study of zooplankton is ecological important parameter to evaluation the quality of water. Most of the research carried out in this field (Altaff, 2019, Pawar, 2019, 2018, Dekate and Baviskar, 2016, Pradhan, 2014, Vasanth et al., 2013, Shaikh et al. 2012, Kadam et al. 2014, Belkode and Sitre, 2016, Santosh Kumar Singh, 2017). Zooplankton acts as main sources of food for many fishes and plays an important role in early detection and monitoring the pollution of water. The study of zooplankton has been a fascinating subject for a long time. In the last two decades much attention has been paid in tropical countries towards the study of biology, ecology and toxicology of zooplankton due to their important role in the rapidly emerging concepts in environmental management like Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), bio indication of pollution and biological monitoring (Salve and Hiware, 2010). Zooplankton is good indicators of the changes in water quality because they are strongly affected by environmental conditions and respond quickly to changes in water quality. Zooplankton is the intermediate link between phytoplankton

and fish. Hence qualitative and quantitative studies of zooplankton are of great importance in Reservoir water body.

## **MATERIAL AND METHODS**

Yavatmal district lies in the south-western part of the wardha. The districtlies between 19.26'and 20.42' north latitudes and 77.18' and 79.9 east - longitudes. The Bembla basin in the northern parts of Babhulgoan tehsil. The samples were collected from khadaksawanga to Babhulgaon region. Investigations were carried out during September 2016 to August 2017. Samples were collected monthly from fresh water by using plankton net and collected samples were shifted into the 1 liter plastic bottles. The collected samples were allowed to centrifuge to concentrate and made up to 100ml after removing the surface water in the centrifuge tube. The populations of plankton present in the centrifuge tube were transfer to other bottle and preserved in Lugol's Iodine solution of further investigation (Sabitakumara, 2018). Take a drop of well mixed water by slightly shaking on a clean slide place the cover (Ship on it under the proper magnification slides were) observed and the samples were identified with the help of relevant literature (Batish, 1992).

## **RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

The sampling site shows seasonal diversity in the zooplankton according to their nutrient. The zooplankton in the area studied reveals 18 species and 09 genera of various groups Protozoa (4 Species of 2 genera), Rotifers (8 speciaes 3 genera) cladocera (2 species genera), Nematoda (2 species l genera), Branchiopoda (2 speciaes2 genera). The protozoans and rotifiers are dominant than other reported planktons. Some genera act as bioindicators of organic pollution. The seasonal diversity reveals variation in plankton it was maximum in summer and minimum in rainy and winter season. Primary production is responsible for increasing the population density of zooplanktons in summer season. Normally monsoon is associated with lower densities due to its dilution effect and decreased photosynthetic activities by primary production. Similar results were reported by Salve and Hiware (2010) in Wanprakalpa reservoir of Nagapur. The abundance of some zooplankton in the aquatic food web has been reported to indicate eutrophication (Halbach et al., 1983). Sharma and Diwan, (1993) studied plankton dynamics of Yeshwant Sagar reservoir in which the Cladocera showed maximum density in June. In summer season the absence of inflow of the water brings stability to the water body. The availability of food is more due to production of organic matter and decomposition Kiran *et al.* (2007).

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