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"DIVERSITY OF GASTROPODS IN THE BORI RIVER DAM, AT TAMASWADI, TAL- PAROLA, DISTRICT JALGAON (MS), INDIA".

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ABSTRACT

reshwater Gastropods diversity and its abundance status were studied from Bori river dam, Tamaswadi, Tal-Parola, District Jalgaon. The Snails and slugs were collected during the tenure of academic year 2001-2002. The samples were collected at every month from Two different sites of Bori river dam. A total of 10 Gastropod species were recorded throughout the year, which belonged to 4 orders, 7 families and 8 genera. Maximum species were collected in winter season at both sites and the dominant order was found to be Basommatophora.

KEYWORDS: Gastropoda diversity, Bori river dam, Jalgaon.

INTRODUCTION:

Molluscs are extremely important communities among other ecological communities. They constitute the second largest invertebrate and



most successful group next only to insects, (Abbott, 1989; Bouchet, 1992). Basically all molluscs are aquatic but they move on the land and still dependent on a moist ground, in an excess of hot(summer) or cold(winter) dry climate they enter in the state of aestivation and hibernation respectively for about 2 to 3 years without any arousal. The Phylum Mollusca are classified into seven classes viz. Aplacophora, Polyplacophora, Monoplacophora, Gastropoda, Scaphopoda, Pelecypoda, and Cephalopoda. Gastropoda is the largest class having approximately 85,000 to 1,00,000 species are recorded throughout the world (Hyman, 1967;

Strong et al., 2008). The molluscan diversity all over the world of molluscan species recorded in the terrestrial ecosystem (24503) and fresh water ecosystem (8765). Out of these only 171 species of Gastropods are recorded (Punithavelu and Raghunathan, 2005). The malacofaunal check list and considerable work has been done from Abroad (Todd and Gary, 1990; Ruano, 1997). information available on molluscan species diversity in India is not in focused, hence chosen for study.

They are beneficial to man from their ancient time by both way economically and medicinally (Wosu,

2003). Like all animals, the molluscs are not considered by men to be either useful or destructive. Gastropod plays an important role in balancing the nature. The shells were used in Unani and Ayurvedic medicine system and for meditation, in the production of humus, in the control of fungi, algae, lichens and also as predators and parasites; but, in nature the molluscs are hunted and eaten by predators (Ahirrao, 2003).

In scientific studies, molluscs are important in study of drug action on heart, hormones, enzymes and antitoxinsespecially in relation to immunological hematology. These are suitable bio-indicators for some radio-active and chemical pollution in the coastal areas of water bodies. The snails and slugs are important to man because of the damage they do in agriculture, horticulture and forestry. Furthermore, they are of importance in medical and veterinary practice, since they serve as intermediate host for certain parasitic worms of man and domestic animals viz. Schistosome parasites (Ahirrao, 2003).

MATERIALS AND METHODS:

Study area:

Bori river dam is 20 km away from Parola, Tal-Parola, District-Jalgaon(MS) India. It is an earthen dam, having height of the dam above lowest foundation is 66 feet and the length is about 11040 feet. The average rainfall ranges from 77 cm to 80 cm. The major rivers passing from Parola city is the Bori and other tributaries. The average minimum temperature 10° to 12° C and maximum temperature was 42° to 45° C of the year. The longitude and the latitudes of Parola are 20.8822° N 75.1253 $^{\circ}$ E respectively.

Fig:-1. Map Showing Study area Bori river dam, Tamaswadi, near Parola, Dist-Jalgaon MS, India.



SAMPLING AND PRESERVATION:

The Molluscan species were collected from Bori river dam, Tamaswadi, Tal-Parola District-Jalgaon. All specimens were brought to the laboratory, washed thoroughly and preserved in 4% formalin. The shells were dried at room temperature, and then separated and kept in separate tray. Identification was done (Preston, 1915; Rao, 1989; Tonapi, 1980). The unidentified molluscan shells are identified and classified up to species level by Zoological survey of India, Pune, Maharashtra State, India. Data were collected at every month from April 2001 to Mar 2002.

DATA ANALYSIS:

At every month four quadrate (1 X 1m) were sampled from two different sites and the average of those were considered as abundance/rareness shown in the table no.1:

Table: 1: The Gastropoda specimens found in the Bori river dam, Tamaswadi, Parola, Dist-Jalgaon

Order	Super Family	Family	Sr No	Name of the snail	Freque./ Abund.
Meso- gastropoda		Thiaridae	1	Thiara lineata	+++
	Cerithioidea		2	Thiara tuberculata	++
		Viviparidae	3	Bellamya bengalensis	+++
Basomma- tophora			4	Indoplanorbis exustus	++
	Planorboidea	Planorbidae	5	Gyraulus sp.	++
			6	Lymnea accuminata	++
	Lymnaeoidea	Lymnaeidae	7	Lymnaea luteola	+
Stylomma- tophora	Veronicelloidea	Veronicellidae	8	Leviculis alte alte	++
		Cerrastidae	9	Cerrastus mossonianus	++
Pulmonata	Achatinoidea	Sublinidae	10	Zootecus insularis	+

Where, + = Less no. of animals found in the above collection site;

++ = Moderate number of animals;

+++ = Abundant animals are available throughout the year.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

During the study period, total 10 species were recorded from Bori dam, Tamaswadi during April 2001 to Mar 2002, which belongs to 4 orders, 7 families and 8 genera. Class Gastropoda, possesses 4 orders i.e. Basommatophora, Mesogastropoda, Stylommatophora and Pulmonata. Mesogastropoda incudes 2 families, Thiaridae and Viviparidae. Out of which the family Viviparidae has one species and Thaiaridae includes 2 species. Basommatophora with 2 families i.e. Lymnaeidae and Planorbidae have two species each. Stylommatophota has two families Veronicellidae and Cerrastidae each with single species while Order Pulmonata has only one family Sublinidae include, Zootecus insularis.

Among all these specimens Thiara lineata and Bellamya bengalensis species were abundanant throughout the year. Because the members of family Thiaridae and Viviparidae are quick colonizers, tolerant to habitat diversity and variability due to a very strong and thick shell. Many forms are parthenogenetic females capable of multiplication in a short time and Thiaridae as the most persistent and abundant macro-invertebrate family, Contreras-Arquieta (1998).

A number of workers have carried out their studies on various species of snails from different part of the country. The existence of molluscs is highly necessary because they constitute food for many aquatic organisms (Subba Rao, 1989 and 2003; Begum and Narayana, 2006). Sharma et. al., (2013) studied bottom sampling for 12 months from the banks of the stream and registered a total of 11 species of mollusca, while Patil et. al., (2016) Studied, Malacofaunal distribution, abundance and diversity of the Nakane Lake reported 13 species of molluscs, out of which 10 species are Gastropods and 3 species of Pelecypods, belongs to 4 orders and 10 families and 12 genera.

CONCLUSION:

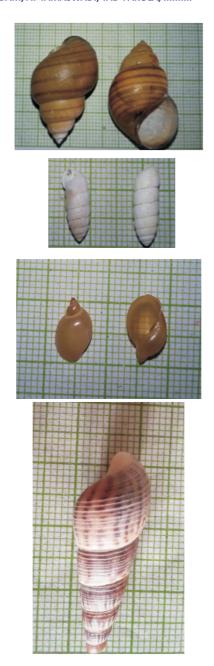
In general, the present study revealed that species abundance and diversity of molluscans species depends upon rich ecosystem of Tamaswadi dam. All recorded molluscan species are indigenous.

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