Study of Population and Identification of Zooplanktons in three different water samples near Amravati Region

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ABSTRACT

The word 'Plankton', originated from Greek word, 'planktons' which means drifting about in water under the action of water movement in the various functional aspects of an aquatic systems such as food chains, food web energy flow and cycling of matter, which are influenced by zooplankatons and phytoplanktons which are important biotic component of an aquatic ecosystem. They play important role in recycling the energy within their respective environment.

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INTRODUCTION

Water, the most vital abiotic factor are component is unique and fascinating for the study of it's biota. Water itself occurs in three stages (solid, liquid and gases) on earth. It acts as solvent for variety of inorganic, organic and gaseous substances. In precipitation, it becomes a mixture and acts as a limiting factor that, inturn regulates biotic diversity and biomass energy, material cycle, tropic levels and rate of succession. Water also contain biodiversity of aquatic flora and fauna. The cylic function of aquatic habitats is influenced by zooplanktons and phytoplanktons which are it's important biotic components. They recycle the energy within the respective environment. (Rajshekhar *et al.*, 2010, Sharma and Sharma, 2011; Saboor and Altaf; 1995; Vasanth *et al.*, 2011.)

In the present study, population of zooplanktons and phytoplanktons is under consideration and observe species are collected and identified from the three different water samples from the Amravati region.

MATERIAL AND METHOD

Studies on zooplankton and phytoplankton were carried out from September 20013 to May 2014. To study the population of Zooplankton and Phytoplankton and for their proper identification three different water samples were collected from Purna River, Wadali Lake and Amba Nala. Water samples were taken from each source by filtering one liter surface water through 'Planktron Net' made up of blotting silk cloth no. 20. Extreme care was taken in order to keep the water undisturbed at the time of sampling. The collected samples were preserved in 4% formalin. The preserved samples were brought to the laboratory for qualitative and quantitative analysis. "Drop Count method" was used in present study.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The qualitative and quantitative analysis of three different water samples showed the presence of following taxons.

In the Present Study the different population of Zooplanktons were observed in the different month, form September 2013 to May 2014, in three different water samples. The water Samples was Collected from Purna River (Sample 1), Wadali lake (Sample 2),

Ambanala Water (Sample 3). Over all observation state that Protozoan population is more as compared to the others and there number is increasing from September to May. The Zooplankton population is represented by rotifers, copepods, cladocerans And protozoans. The number was Lowest during winter and highest during summer. The studyindicate that temperature plays important role in the distribution of zooplankton (Akin-oriolas, 2003; Akthar *et al.*, 2007; Battish, 1992; Frenando, 1980) Ingole *et al.*, 2011 Joshep and Yamakanamardi, 2011).

Table 1: Monthly variations of zooplanktons in three waters samples in Amravati region for September 2013 to may 2014.

Zooplanktons	Sampling	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total
	station										
Rotifer	Sample 1	5	6	4	5	7	8	10	8	9	62
	Sample 2	4	5	5	8	10	11	11	12	10	77
	Sample 3	3	2	3	4	5	7	8	10	11	53
	Mean	4	4.6	4	5.6	7.3	8.6	9.6	10	10	64
Copepoda	Sample 1	4	5	8	10	12	13	15	12	14	93
	Sample 2	3	2	5	6	8	10	12	14	15	75
	Sample 3	5	6	8	9	11	12	10	12	13	86
	Mean	4	4.3	7	8.3	10.3	11.6	12.3	12.6	14	84.6
Cladocera	Sample 1	5	4	3	2	4	6	7	8	11	50
	Sample 2	5	6	7	8	11	12	10	12	13	85
	Sample 3	4	3	2	3	5	6	8	10	12	53
	Mean	4.6	4.3	4	5.4	6.6	8	8.3	10	12	62.6
Protozoa	Sample 1	6	8	7	6	8	10	11	10	10	76
	Sample 2	5	6	7	8	10	12	13	14	15	90
	Sample 3	7	9	10	12	11	12	14	15	15	105
	Mean	6	7.6	8	8.6	9.6	11.3	12.6	13	13.3	90.3

Purna River water (Sample 1); Wadali Lake water (Sample 2); Amba nala water (Sample 3)

Table 2: Annual variation in zooplankton composition form Amravati city from September 2013 to may 2014.

Zooplanktons	Number of organisms				
Rotifer	64				
Copepoda	84.6				
cladocera	62.6				
protozoa	90.3				

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