Fish diversity and Topography of Thodga reservoir Dist Latur (MS), India

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ABSTRACT

The Thodga reservoir is located at village Thodga and 5 km from Ahmedpur. The reservoir is constructed on the tributary of the river Manjra and river finally joins to the river Godawari. The reservoir is constructed in the year 1994 for irrigation purpose. Fisherman of *Ahmedpur Matsya Vyavsayik Sahakari Sanstha Ltd.* Ahmedpur use this reservoir for fishery activity.

The Lattitude and Longitude of the area 18°-42`-30`` and 76°-58`-32``. Minimum water spread area is 108.31 ha. And average water spread area is 65.5 ha. Catchment area is 40.7589 sq. km. The average rainfall is 754mm. The fish diversity and topography is described in the text.

Key words-Fish diversity, topography

INTRODUCTION

India has vast and varied fishery resources (Marine and Inland) The inland resources includes east and west flowing rivers,reservoirs,canals,lakes, ponds etc. The total length of the rivers and canals is 0.17 million km and catchment area is 3.12 million sq. km which supports higly diverse fish fauna. The estuaries of ourcountry having 2.7 million ha water spread area whuich are considered as an important source for fish and prawn seeds. The reservoirs which are basically constructed for irrigation and power generation are well suited for the capture and culture fisheries. The estimated area of reservoir in the country is 2.1 million ha. (GOI 1996).

Maharashtra state has both the marine and inland water resources to meet the need of the fishery. The inland water area is available in the form of reservoirs, lakes, ponds and rivers near about 3.3 lacs ha. Fresh water spread area and 1200 ha. Brakish water area is available for fish and shrimp culture [1]

Number of minor, medium and major reservoirs are constructed on river Godawari and its tributary in marathwada. The total water spread is 76912 ha. The district wise water spread area is as Aurangabad 39777ha.,Beed 18844 ha., Parbhani 11832 ha, Nanded 6469 ha.[2]. Inland fishery resources of Latur district includes reservoirs, tanks, ponds, rivers etc. Riverine system of latur district includes Manjara, Terna, Tawarja, Dharni, Manyar which are tributaries of Godawari river.

METHODOLOGY

For the study of fish biodiversity fishes were collected from local fisherman and fisherman of *Ahmedpur Matsya Vyavsayik Sahakari Sanstha Ltd.* Ahmedpur. Every month and identified as per the guide lines given by jayram K.C. [3] and Jhingran V.G. [4]

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The fallowing species are available in the reservoir and described in the text.

Fish diversity-

Class-Pisces

Sub class-Teleostomi

Order-Siluriformes

Family-Bagridae

Species-Mystus Seenghala

Species-Wallago Attu

Order-Osteoglosiformes

Family-Notopteridae

Species-Notopterus Notopterus

Order-Channiformes-

Family-Channidae

Species-Channa Punctatus

Species-Channa Marulius

Order-Mastacembalus

Family-Mastacembeli

Species-Mastacembalus Armatus

Order-Cypriniformes

Family-Cyprinidae

Species-Catla Catla

Species-Cirrhinus Mrigala

Species-Labeo Rohita

Topography of Thodga Reservoir

Lattitude -18°-42`-30``

Longitude - 76°-58`-32``

Average Rain fall-754mm

Dependable rainfall at 50% C.L. 754 mm of mansoon rainfall

Catchment area at site-11. 90 sq.km. Intercepted -2884 sq. km free

Nature of catchment area-Average

Depth of dam-15mm Yield per sq. mile-19.5516 mcft

Total yield at site-5.6387mm3

Capacity at sill-0.513 mm³

Length of the earthen dam-1006m

Maximum height of earthern dam-18.83mm

Maximum flood discharge as per Ingils formula-680.01

Cum/Sqc

Flood lift over weir-1.50m

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Length of weir-187m

Standard Level of Project

Sill level-501.25

F.T.L.-50880m

M.W.L.-510.30mm

T.R.L.-512.30mm

B.R.L.-500.78m

T.H.C.-510.80mm

Top width-4.50m

CONCLUSION-

The observation on fish and fisheries of Thodga reservoir reveals that the reservoir is suitable for fish culture, productivity can be increased by changing species combination and introduction of exotic carps in the reservoir.

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