

Checklist of marine bivalves and gastropods off Kollam, Kerala

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Species diversity of any region can be illustrated by means of an available checklist. It provides an overview of the species that have been recorded, and can be considered to understand the local fauna. Fortnightly surveys were carried out to collect the shell-molluscs samples during 2012 - 2014 period from the by-catch of shrimp/fish trawlers landed at Sakthikulangara-Neendakara Fishing Harbour, Kollam. Collected bivalves and gastropods included both empty shells and living animals. Collected shells were brought to the laboratory and placed in freezer for 24 hours. This would liquefy the mollusc body and allowed easy extraction with a strong jet of water. For shells with flesh, freeze-defrost-freeze for two to three cycles was done. On the final cycle, it was defrosted slowly and the shell was put in a small container filled with sand to catch any exudates from decomposition. A device with hook was used to remove animal from shell. After washing shells with water, species were identified and season and magnitude of occurrence were recorded. Species were identified by following Satyamurti (1952, 1956), Dance (1974) and Sowerby (1996). Magnitude of occurrence was indicated by Abundant (A) (>10 specimens collected), Common

(C) (7-9 specimens collected), Occasional (O) (4-6 specimens collected) and Rare (R) (< 3 specimens collected) as per Lee and Chao (2005). For estimating peak seasons for gastropods and bivalves, trawl landings data of 2007-2014 were analyzed.

Observations on the landings of shells indicated that 54 species of gastropods belonging to 27 families; 9 species of bivalves belonging to 5 families and one species of scaphopod were landed as by-catch of trawlers (Table 1). A total of 64 species belonging to 33 families of molluscan shells were collected during this period. Magnitude of occurrence studied for all molluscs landed in the landing centres showed that 38 species were abundant (A), 14 species were common (C), 8 species were occasional and 4 species were rare (R) (Fig. 1). The gastropods came first in number of species recorded and more abundant in the landing centres compared to others. Analysis of gastropods and bivalves landed by trawlers during 2007-2014 at Sakthikulangara-Neendakara Fisheries Harbours revealed that Single day trawl net (MTN) contributed more (>11-21%) landings compared to multiday trawl net (MDTN). Landings were more (>60%) in

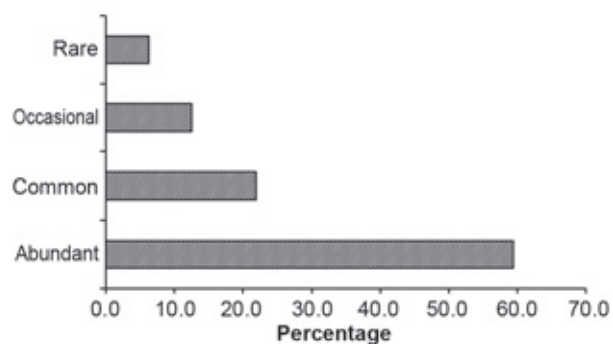


Fig. 1. Magnitude of occurrence (in %) of shell-molluscs landed in Sakthikulangara-Neendakara harbour during 2012-14

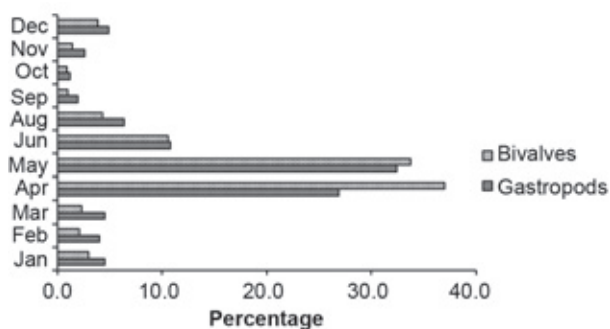


Fig. 2. Month-wise mean percentage landing of gastropods and bivalves in by-catch at Sakthikulangara - Neendakara Fisheries Harbours during 2007-2014

Table 1. Checklist of molluscs, their magnitude and season of occurrence at Sakthikulangara- Neendakara landing centres.

Species	Common name	Magnitude of occurrence	Season of occurrence
GASTROPODA			
Turritellidae			
	Turret/Screw shell		
<i>Turritella attenuata</i>		A	Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Sep, Nov
<i>Turritella duplicata</i>	Duplicate turret	C	Jan, Feb, May, Aug, Sep, Oct
Terebridae			
	Auger shell		
<i>Duplicaria duplicata</i>	Duplicate auger	O	Dec, Aug, Sep
Harpidae			
	Harp shell		
<i>Harpa major</i>	Major harp	A	Mar, Apr, May, Aug, Sep
Olividae			
	Olive shell		
<i>Agaronia gibbosa</i> (<i>Oliva gibbosa</i>)	Gibbous olive	A	Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Nov
<i>Ancilla acuminata</i>	Pointed ancilla	A	Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, April, May
Ficidae			
	Fig shell		
<i>Ficus ficus</i>	Common fig shell	A	Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov
Naticidae			
	Moon shell		
<i>Tanea lineata</i> (<i>Natica lineata</i>)	Lined moon shell	A	Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Sep
<i>Natica vitellus</i>	Calf moon shell	A	Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Sep, Nov, Dec
<i>Polinices mamilla</i> (<i>Mamilla fibrosa</i>)	Pear-shaped moon	A O	Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Sep Aug, Sep
Architectonicidae			
	Sundial shell		
<i>Architectonica perspectiva</i>	Perspective sundial	O	Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, Nov
<i>Architectonica purpurata</i>	Purpurata sundial	R	Jan
Rostellariidae			
	Tibia shell		
<i>Tibia curta</i>	Indian tibia	A	Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Sep
Cassidae			
	Helmet/Bonnet shell		
<i>Phalium glaucum</i>	Grey bonnet	A	Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Nov
<i>Semicassis bisulcata</i>	Japanese bonnet	A	Apr, May, Aug, Sep
<i>Cassis cornuta</i>	Horned helmet	R	Aug
Tonnidae			
	Tun shell		
<i>Tonna dolium</i>	Spotted tun	A	Dec, Mar, Apr, May, Aug, Sep
Muricidae			
	Rock snails		
<i>Rapana rapiformis</i> (<i>Rapana bulbosa</i>)	Turnip shell	A	Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Sep, Oct
<i>Murex trapa</i>	Rare spined murex	A	Dec, Mar, Apr, May, Aug, Sep
<i>Chicoreus virgineus</i> (<i>Murex virgineus</i>)	Virgin murex	A	Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Sep, Oct
<i>Haustellum haustellum</i> (<i>Murex haustellum</i>)	Snipe's bill murex	C	Dec, Jan, Apr, Jun, Aug, Sep
<i>Vokesimurex malabaricus</i> (<i>Murex malabaricus</i>)	Malabar murex	O	Feb, Aug, Sep, Oct
<i>Purpura bufo</i> (<i>Thais bufo</i>)	Toad purpura	A	Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Nov
Strombidae			
	Conch shell		
<i>Mirabilistrombus listeri</i> (<i>Strombus listeri</i>)	Lister's conch	C	Jan, Feb, Dec
<i>Dolomena plicata sibbaldi</i> (<i>S. plicatus sibbaldi</i>)	Pigeon conch	O	Dec, Aug, Jan, Feb

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Volutidae	Volutes shell		
<i>Harpulina lapponica loroisi</i>	Lorois's volute	C	Jan, Feb
Babyloniidae	Babylon shell		
<i>Babylonia spirata</i>	Spiral babylon	A	Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov
<i>Babylonia zeylanica</i>	Indian babylon	A	Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Sep, Nov
Melongenidae	Crown conch		
<i>Volegalea cochlidium</i>	Spiral melongena	A	Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Sep, Oct
Fascioliariidae	Spindle snails		
<i>Fusinus colus</i>	Distaff spindle	A	Jan, Feb, Apr, May, Aug, Sep, Oct
<i>Fusinus forceps</i>	Forceps spindle	A	Jan, Feb, Apr, May, Aug, Sep
Turbinellidae	chank shell		
<i>Turbinella pyrum</i> (<i>Xancus pyrum</i>)	Sacred chank	A	Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Sep, Oct
Bursidae	Frog shell		
<i>Bufonaria echinata</i> (<i>Bursa spinosa</i>)	Spiny frog shell	A	Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov
<i>Bufonaria crumena</i> (<i>Bursa crumena</i>)	Friiled frog shell	A	Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Sep, Nov
<i>Tutufa bufo</i>	Red-mouth frog shell	O	Jan, Aug
Ranellidae	Triton shell		
<i>Cymatium (Lotoria) perryi</i> (<i>C. (Lotoria) lotorium</i>)	Perry's triton	C	Apr, May, Jun, Aug
<i>Gyrineum natator</i>	Tuberculate gyre triton	C	Jan, Aug
Turridae	Turrid shell		
<i>Lophiotoma indica</i>	Indian turrid	A	Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Sep, Nov
Cypraeidae	Cowry shell		
<i>Mauritia arabica</i> (<i>Cypraea arabica</i>)	Arabian cowry	C	Aug, Sep, Oct
<i>Erronea erronea</i> (<i>Cypraea erronea</i>)	Wandering cowrie	C	Jan, Feb, Mar
Nassariidae	Nassa shell/Dog whelk		
<i>Nassarius conoidalis</i>	Cone-shaped nassa	C	Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar
<i>Nassarius olivaceus</i>	Olive nassa	A	Jan, Feb, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov
<i>Nassarius stolatus</i>		A	Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Sep, Nov
Conidae	Cone snails		
<i>Conus betulinus</i>	Betuline cone	C	Jan, Feb, Apr
<i>Conus textile</i>	Textile cone	A	Jan, May, Jun, Aug, Sep, Oct
<i>Conus milne edwardsi</i>	Glory of India cone	R	Aug
<i>Conus inscriptus</i>	Engraved cone	C	Jan, Feb, Mar
<i>Conus figulinus</i>		C	Jan, Feb, Mar, Aug
Personidae	Distorsio snails		
<i>Distorsio perdistorta</i>	Hunchback distorsio	R	Jan, Aug
Buccinidae	Whelk shell		
<i>Cantharus tranquebaricus</i>	Tranquebar goblet	A	Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Sep, Oct
Ovulidae	False cowries		
<i>Volva volva</i>	Shuttle volva	O	Jan, Feb, Mar

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Cancellariidae	Nutmeg snails		
<i>Trigonostoma</i> sp.	Scalariform nutmeg	C	Jan, Mar, Apr
Calyptraeidae	Slipper snails		
<i>Desmaulus extinctorium</i>	Conical slipper shell	A	Nov, Dec, Jan
BIVALVIA			
Donacidae	Wedge shells		
<i>Donax scortum</i>	Leather donax	A	Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Aug, sep, Nov
Arcidae	Ark shell		
<i>Trisidos tortuosa</i>	Propellor ark	A	Dec, Jan, Feb, Oct, Nov
<i>Anadara inaequalvis</i>	Inequivalve ark	A	Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Aug, sep, Oct
<i>Anadara formosa</i>		A	Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Sep, Oct
Cardiidae	Heart cockles		
<i>Vepricardium asiaticum</i>	Asiatic cockle	A	Nov, Dec, Jan, Apr, May, Jun, Aug
<i>Vepricardium coronatum</i>		C	Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Jun, Aug
Trochidae	Top shells		
<i>Clanculus</i> sp.		A	Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Aug
<i>Gibbula</i> sp.		A	Jan, Feb, Mar, May, Jun, Aug
Veneridae	Venus shell		
<i>Antigona lamellaris</i>	Lamellate venus	O	Dec, Jan, Aug
SCAPHOPODA			
Dentalidae	Tusk shells		
<i>Dentalium</i> sp.	Elephant tusk shell	A	Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Aug

[A = Abundant; C = Common, O = Occasional, R = Rare. Previously known species name is given in parenthesis]

Sakthikulangara compared to Neendakara during 2007-2014 period. Month-wise mean percentage landings of gastropods and bivalves indicated that peak seasons for gastropods and bivalves are April, May, June and August at Sakthikulangara-Neendakara Fisheries Harbours (Fig. 2).

All the identified specimens were deposited in the Designated National Repository (DNR), ICAR-CMFRI, Kochi, India. Since there are no shellcraft industries located nearby, the ornamental shell materials were transported in lorries to shellcraft industries and small scale cottage industries located at Rameswaram, Tirunelveli and Cuddalore in Tamil Nadu.