DISTRIBUTION AND ABUNDANCE OF INTERTIDAL NEMATODES AT PANTAI DALIT AND TANJUNG LIPAT

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ABSTRACT

DISTRIBUTION AND ABUNDANCE OF INTERTIDAL NEMATODES AT PANTAI DALIT AND TANJUNG LIPAT

Nematodes are meiofaunal that can be found in all substrates, sediments, climatic zones and water depths. The objectives of the study are to determine the distribution and abundance of intertidal nematodes at Pantai Dalit and Tanjung Lipat. The sample was taken at high tide, mid tide and low tide at five transects for three times at each respective sampling site and was taken to the laboratory for preservation and counting of nematodes individuals. The distribution of the nematodes at Pantai Dalit and Tanjung Lipat are of regular distribution by comparing its mean and variance. The abundance of nematodes at Pantai Dalit ranging from 1 individual to 6 individuals of nematodes whereas the abundance of nematodes at Tanjung Lipat ranging from 0 individual to 4 individuals when calculating individual of nematode was carried out. There is difference of abundance of nematodes at Pantai Dalit and Tanjung Lipat by using two way ANOVA. Therefore from the statistical analysis, the abundance of nematodes are differ from Tanjung Lipat and Pantai Dalit. The relationship between the abundance of nematode and the environmental parameter has a weak positive relationship where it shows that the environmental parameter does not give a huge impact on their abundance.