

# Impact of pH, Temperature, and Zinc on Lymnaea's Species

## Abstract

Ponds are classified into two forms according to their nature. They are divided into seasonal and perennial water bodies. They showed rich fauna of Lymnaea species viz *Ly. lutiola*, *Ly. auricularia*, *Ly. accuminata*. Katratal and Gangasagar ponds were selected for our study. pH, Temperature of water, Zinc trace elements showed some relationship with Lymnaea species.

**Keywords:** Atomic absorption spectrophotometer, Seasonal, Perennial Pond.

## Introduction

*Lymnaea lutiola* is not very particular about its habitat. It is often found in temporary water bodies, which dry up in summer and its hides over the unfavorable condition by burying itself in the mud. It is also found in water that has a salinity of 0.3 mg/l. (Subbarao et al. 1985). This snail is intermediate host of some parasites of cattle, dog, pig. *Lymnaea accuminata* is a species of fresh water snail aquatic gastropod mollusc in the family of Lymnaeidae. Guthe et al (1977) found *Ly. stagnalis* infected with digenetic trematodes were more vulnerable than infected snails to toxicity from Zinc at 24°C and 75 ppm. Harshwardhan et al (2007) studied the effect of aquatic snail reproduction by various abiotic factors significantly reduced the reproduction of *Lymnaea accuminata* (M. Coeverdassier et al studied the bioconcentrations and the individual effect on life history traits of *Ly. Stagnalis* and *Ly. Palustris* exposed to increasing Cd. concentration for 4 weeks in controlled condition.) Fresh water snails were found in seasonal water bodies were dried in summer season. According to condition of weather water bodies divided into 2 forms Perennial and Seasonal. Present study based on two types of pond seasonal is Katratal and Perennial pond is Gangasagar. Both pond shows snail fauna viz *Ly. lutiola*, *Ly. accuminata*, *Ly. auricularia*. Metals are released from natural sources. The impact of metals viz. Zn, Cu, Pb, Ni. on the environment is an increasing problem worldwide. The impact of metals on aquatic ecosystem is still considered to be a major threat to organisms health due to their potential bioaccumulation and toxicity to many organisms. Although metals are usually considered as pollutants. It is important to recognize that they are natural substances. Zinc, for example, is an essential component of at least 150 enzymes. Cu is essential for the normal function of cytochrome oxidase, Iron is part of the hemoglobin in R.B.C. Zinc sensitivity of freshwater snails *Ly. lutiola* in relation to seasonal variation to temperature (Khangroo, Ray 1985)

## Materials and Methods

**Collection of snails:-** During a period extending from September 2000-2001 February, snails were randomly collected from both ponds of Jabalpur area. Katratal was seasonal pond and Gangasagar pond was perennial in nature. Katratal dried in summer and winter season. Only during rainy season Katratal filled with water while Gangasagar filled with water whole year. The snails were collected in plastic bags with pond water. Temperature and pH were estimated in field condition during the study.

## Identification of snails

The collected snails were washed thoroughly and cleaned from mud debris and citrates. Snails were classified according to shell morphology. Identification of snails done by hand book of fresh water mollusk key. (Subbarao N.V. 1989). Water parameters viz temperature recorded by water thermometer. pH observed by pH meter in laboratory. Zinc measured by Absorption Spectrophotometer.

## Result and Discussion

*Lymnaea auricularia* showed maximum number at 6.5 pH, temperature was 24°C, and Zinc was observed 11.54 U/L in seasonal pond Katratal, *Ly. lutiola* showed maximum number in February 2001 at 6.8 pH. Temperature 23rd and Zinc was 14.06 U/L. *Lym. accuminata* showed



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maximum number at 7.1pH. Temperature was 20 c and Zinc was 15.03 U/L in the month of October 2001 in seasonal katratral pond water.

In Gangasagar pond *Lymnaea auricularia*, *Ly. lutiola*, *Ly. accuminata*. Showed maximum fauna in September 2001 at 8.3pH, 17c temperature, 11.96u/l. Zinc.

### Conclusion

Below 20c temperature is suitable for rich fauna of *Lymnaea auricularia*, *Ly. lutiola*.

*Ly. accuminata* in perennial pond water and also showed high pH and low temperature responsible maximum fauna of three species. Zinc ranges from 11 to 15 u/l is suitable for rich species of *Lymnaea auricularia*, *Ly. lutiola*, *Ly. accuminata* in perennial and seasonal water body. In seasonal pond water low pH and above 20 c temp is suitable for *Lymnaea* species.

### Gangasagar Pond Water Study

snails	month	Number of snails	Tem.	pH	Zinc
<i>Ly. auricularia</i>	Sept. 2001	200	17	8.3	11.96U/L
<i>Ly. accuminata</i>	Sept. 2001	80	17	8.3	11.96U/L
<i>Ly. lutiola</i>	Sept. 2001	120	17	8.3	11.96 U/L

### Katratral Pond Water Study

<i>Ly. auricularia</i>	Sept 2001	196	24	6.5	11.54U/L
<i>Ly. accuminata</i>	October 2001	177	20	7.1	15.03U/L
<i>Ly. lutiola</i>	February 2001	96	23	6.8	14.06U/L

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