



The Diversity of Mollusks (Bivalves and Gastropods) in the Intertidal Zone of Mutun Coastal, Padang Cermin, Lampung

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Abstract

The Mutun Coast has a diversity of biota types. Biota that is often found includes the phylum molluscs (classes Bivalves and Gastropods). The aim of this research is to determine the diversity of molluscs (Bivalves and Gastropods) on the Mutun Coast of Lampung. This research was carried out on 5-7 February 2021. The data collection method at both stations used the belt transect method using purposive sampling. Station I has a fine sand substrate, while station II has a coarse sand substrate. Based on the research conducted, 26 individuals were found consisting of 7 families, namely 6 families of the Gastropods class (Trochidae, Strombidae, Cerithiidae, Muricidae, Potamididae and Pisanidae) and 1 family of the Bivalves class, namely the Mactridae family. The diversity value at station I is included in the medium category while at station II is included in the low category. The evenness value at station I is included in the high category, while at station II it is included in the low category. The dominance value at station I is included in the medium category, while at station II it is included in the medium category. Based on data analysis, it can be concluded that the Mutun Coast has a suitable habitat for mollusks and is also supported by abiotic parameter conditions.

Keywords: Bivalves; diversity; Gastropods; intertidal zone; mutun coastal

INTRODUCTION

Mutun Beach is a tidal area which has a large area with varied substrates (Meiridho *et al.*, 2018). In general, coastal areas contain a wide variety of Bivalves (shellfish) and Gastropods (relatives of snails) which belong to the Phylum Molluscs. (Tabugo *et al.*, 2013). Molluscs are soft-bodied animals, without segments, and are covered in a shell called a *shell*. Oyster, mussels, shell, And the like are included in the Bivalves Class. The body *laterally compresses* (flattens on one side) and surrounded shell Which started from the secret Which own two part Which called valve. Class Bivalves does not own head And radula (Baharuddin *et al.*, 2019). The Bivalves class is included in the Mollusca Phylum and generally live in the intertidal zone (Flores-Garza *et al.*, 2012). Class Gastropods usually found in beach area. Apart from that Class Gastropods Also spread wide in peak mountains, river, lake, mainland, And coastal areas until depth certain (Nelwan *et al.*, 2017).

There are around 100,000 types of Mollusca phylum that still survive. Meanwhile, 35,000 are in the form of fossils (Fadilla *et al.*, 2022). Their slow movements make molluscs relatively settled at the bottom

of the water and is often used as a biological guide (indicator) of water quality (Kane *et al.*., 2016; Moraitis *et al.*, 2018) . Therefore, molluscs are one of the basic animal groups that play an important role in aquatic ecosystems, namely as primary consumers (Herbivores) and secondary consumers (Carnivores) (Casoli *et al.*, 2019) . Another important role is to help the mechanical decomposition process of organic material through its feeding activity (Fortunato, 2015) . However, there are also molluscs that are dangerous because they contain poison, such as the Conoidea superfamily (Olivera *et al.*, 2014) .

The abundance and distribution of molluscs in a body of water is determined by the abiotic and biotic environment and their tolerance to each of these environmental factors. The environmental factors in question include temperature, DO, pH, salinity and CO₂ (Fortunato, 2015) . Meanwhile, apart from being influenced by environmental factors, the distribution pattern of organisms is also influenced by the level of socialization of an organism in a population, interactions with other species, and the availability of resources (Neves *et al.*, 2013; Martins *et al.* , 2014) . Research on the diversity of molluscs in the coastal intertidal zone is also widespread. The intertidal zone is a transition zone for marine biota habitat and a source of life for marine biota. This zone is a coastal area located between the highest tide and the lowest tide.

Kennish, (2016), this zone is also a strategic area for observing changes in the marine environment. Therefore, monitoring the condition of organism diversity in this zone is important. This research shows that the diversity of bivalves and gastropods is low at Tanjung Rising Beach, Bangka Belitung (Fatonah *et al.*., 2023). Apart from that, Cibuaya Beach, Ujung Genteng has a moderate level of diversity in the Bivalves class (Putri *et al.* , 2023) , as well as the highest diversity of mollusks on the rocky sand substrate at Menganti Beach, Central Java (Ratih *et al.*., 2021). However, unfortunately, there is no data on the diversity of molluscs on Mutun Beach, Lampung. Therefore, this research needs to be carried out with the aim of determining the diversity of Mollusks (Bivalves and Gastropods Classes) in the intertidal zone of Mutun Beach, Lampung.

METHOD

This research was carried out from 5-7 February 2021 at low tide. Mollusk data collection was carried out in the intertidal zone of Mutun Beach, Padang Cermin District, Pesawaran Regency, Lampung. Mutun Beach is about 9 km from the city center of Bandar Lampung. Mutun Beach has astronomical coordinates -5.511776o South Latitude and 105.256446 East Longitude. (Figure 1).



Figure 1. Research sites

In this research, the tool used is a camera cellphone, meter, *tally sheet* , refractrometer, universal indicator, thermometer, raffia rope, stationery (ruler, pencil, and paper), plastic, used plastic bottles, and an identification book that refers to the book *The Living Marine Resources of the Eastern Central Atlantic* (Carpenter & De Angelis, 2016) and *The Living Marine Resources of the Western Central Pacific* (Carpenter & Niem, 1998) as well as a website in the form of WoRMS (*Word Register of Marine Species*). Meanwhile, in this research, the material used was distilled water. The systematics of mollusk sampling

uses a *purposive sampling technique* using the *belt transect method* which can be seen in figure 2.

According to Ilyas, (2022) The *belt transect* method aims to describe the population condition of an organism, the number of individuals and colonies, as well as the number of species and their distribution. The characteristics of these organisms are that they have various relative sizes or a certain maximum size, one of which is like invertebrates. The *belt transect* design , a combination of line and quadrant transects, is implemented extending 100 meters in a perpendicular position from the lowest tidal limit to the coastline of the intertidal zone of Mutun Beach. This transect is spread over 2 observation station locations . Substrates were found from station I (fine sand substrate) and station II (coarse sand substrate) . On each transect, a quadrant frame of 5 plots is placed, with each plot measuring 1 x 1 m² and the distance between plots is 3 m. So the total at the 2 observation stations is 10 sampling plots. This transect was designed using raffia rope, wooden stakes and measuring tape as in Figure 2.

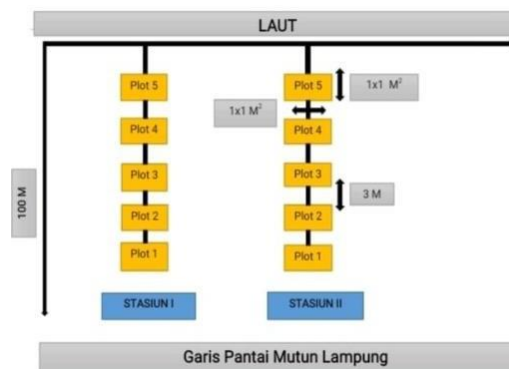


Figure 2. Research sampling design

Mollusca samples (Bivalves and Gastropods) were taken in the morning and evening. The morning starts at 09.00-11.00 WIB and the afternoon starts at 14.00-15.00 WIB simultaneously at both station I and station II. Sampling was carried out in 2 repetitions on the following day with the time period for sampling samples based on the condition of the waters at low tide with conditions from morning to evening , this was done because the water receding interval was around 4-6 hours, not only that but it was longer. The basic thing is that the risk that occurs at night is quite large. This research done during 3 days , next with calculation of the number of individuals found on each plot sampling. Apart from being recorded in the observation table, the data obtained is also documented using a camera.

Abiotic parameter data collection at each research station includes temperature, depth, pH, salinity and current strength. Temperature data was collected using a thermometer, depth using a meter, pH using a universal indicator, salinity using a refractometer, and current strength using a rope tied to a ping pong ball then thrown against the current and calculating the time to return to its original position, according to (Patty *et al.*, 2021) , measuring abiotic parameters aims to determine the physico- chemical conditions of water ecosystems related to the environment and environmental conditions that support water biota. The specimens obtained were placed in a jar previously filled with sea water . The jar is then labeled with a description containing the sample number, date taken, location, habitat, and notes on the color of the sample. Specimens are identified by looking at the characteristics of shell shape, shell width, shell length, shell color, apex, whorl, body whorl, siphonal canal, spire, suture, aperture, and columella. Next , it is adapted to relevant books and references as follows: "The Living Marine Resources of the Western Central Pacific. Volume 1." Carpenter, KE & Volker, HN in 1998 and "The Living Marine Resources of the Eastern Central Atlantic. Volume 2." by Carpenter, KE & Nicoletta, DA in 2016 as well as supporting references to the WoRMS Word Register of Marine Species Database in 2020.

The data obtained after observation is analyzed to determine the species diversity index . Species diversity was analyzed using the Shannon-Wiener formula to determine the diversity of the number of species found . The diversity index is calculated using the formula (Magurran, 1988).

$$H' = - \sum P_i \ln P_i, P_i = \frac{n_i}{N}$$

Information:

H' = Diversity Index
 P_i = Relative Abundance of Species
 n_i = Number of Individuals of a Type
 N = Total Number of Individuals

With Diversity Criteria (Krebs, 1985)

H' ≤ 1 = Low Diversity
 1 < H' ≤ 3 = Medium Diversity
 H' > 3 = High Diversity

The species evenness index in a habitat is calculated using the evenness formula (E) (Magurran, 1988)

$$E = \frac{H'}{\ln S}$$

Information:

E = Evenness index
 H' = Diversity index
 LnS = Number of species with an E value ranging from 0-1

The value of E according to Hidayat *et al.*, (2017) can be concluded as follows:

E ≤ 0.4 = Low population evenness
 0.4 < E ≤ 0.6 = Moderate population evenness
 E > 0.6 = High population evenness

A high dominance value indicates that there is a dominant species in the community, the dominance index value used by Simpson (Magurran, 1988). With the following formula, namely:

$$D = \sum \frac{[n_i]^2 N}{N}$$

Information:

D = Dominance index
 n_i = Number of individuals of each type
 N = Total number of individuals

The value of D according to Wirabumi, (2017) can be concluded as follows:

0 < D ≤ 0.50 = Low dominance
 0.50 < D ≤ 0.75 = Moderate dominance
 0.75 < D ≤ 1.00 = High dominance

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Based on the results of research that has been carried out, it was found that there were 7 families of mollusks, 8 types and 26 individuals. The results of the observations are in Table 1. At station I, 6 families of the Gastropods class were found with a total of 10 individuals, namely 1 *Trochus maculatus*, 2 *Canarium erythrinum*, 3 *Rhinoclavis vertagus*, 1 *Homolopoma nana*, 1 *Cytharomorula grayi*, 1 *Claremontiella nodulosa*, 1 *Aplus dorbingyi*. The Bivalves class consists of 1 family with 11 individuals, namely *Spisula solidissima*. Meanwhile, at station II, 1 family of the Gastropod class was found with 1 individual including *Rhinoclavis vertagus*. and the Bivalves class is 1 family with 4 individuals, namely *Spisula solidissima*.

Table 1. Mollusk identification results (Bivalves and Gastropods classes)

| Class | Order | Family | Species | Station | | Amount (Σ) |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|---------|------|------------------------|
| | | | | St 1 | St 2 | |
| Gastropods | Archaeogastropod | Trochidae | <i>Trochus maculatus</i> | 1 | - | 1 |
| | Mesogastropoda | Cerithidae | <i>Rhinoclavis vertagus</i> | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| | Mesogastropoda | Colloniidae | <i>Homolopoma nana</i> | 1 | - | 1 |
| | Mesogastropoda | Strombidae | <i>Eritrean canary</i> | 2 | - | 2 |
| | Neogastropoda | Muricidae | <i>Claremontiella nodulosa</i> | 1 | - | 1 |
| | Neogastropoda | Muricidae | <i>Cytharomorula grayi</i> | 1 | - | 1 |
| | Neogastropods | Pisaniidae | <i>Aplus dorbingyi</i> | 1 | - | 1 |
| Bivalves | Eulamellibranchia | Mactridae | <i>Spisula solidissima</i> | 11 | 4 | 15 |
| Amount | | | | | | 26 |

Note: - (Not found)

Based on data obtained from the Bivalves and Gastropods classes, the calculation of the species diversity index value can be seen in Table 2.

Table 2. Mollusk species diversity index (Bivalves and Gastropods classes)

| Station | Biology Index | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|------|----------|------|-----------|
| | H' | Category | E | Category | D | Category |
| I | 1.44 | Currently | 0.72 | Tall | 0.57 | Currently |
| II | 0.86 | Low | 0.10 | Low | 0.35 | Currently |

Information:

H' = Diversity Index

E = Evenness Index

D = Dominance Index

From the results of Phylum's research Molluscs found at station I with fine sandy substrates, Class Gastropods include *Trochus maculatus*, *Canarium erythrinum*, *Rhinoclavis vertagus*, *Homolopoma nana*, *Cytharomorula grayi*, *Claremontiella nodulosa*, and *Aplus dorbingyi*. and the Class Bivalvia found is the Mactridae family, namely *Spisula solidissima*. The results of research at station I showed that species from the Class Bivalves, namely the Mactridae Family, were more commonly found (11 individuals) than Class Gastropods (10 individuals). This is in accordance with Hamli *et al.* (2012), stated that the Bivalves class can grow and develop in habitats with substrates such as sand, because they have special physiological tools to adapt to sandy bottom water environments. This is also related to the ability of the substrate to capture organic material needed by species from the Bivalves Class as a food source (Alexander & Cappenberg, 2006). These specimens in the research area were found mostly buried in sand or mud. This is in accordance with Samson & Kasale, (2020), which states that the Bivalves class is generally found in waters with fine sand and muddy substrates and immerses itself in the substrate.

From the research results of the Mollusk Phylum found at station II, the Gastropods Class contains the Cerithiidae Family and the Bivalves Class contains the Mactridae Family. The results of research at station II showed that only a small number of Mollusks were found. The Cerithiidae family has 1 individual and the Mactridae family has 4 individuals. The number of molluscs found at station II was less in type compared to the number of mollusks found at station I. The family that dominated at station II was of the Mactridae family, namely the species *Spisula solidissima*, this is influenced by the aquatic environment and substrate. According to (Fryganiotis *et al.*, 2013) *Spisula solidissima* prefers habitats with fine sandy bottom substrates to muddy sediments on the bottom surface of the substrate, this is related to the behavior of the biota, whether it is to obtain food with a *filter feeder*, which is obtained by pumping water through

the mantle cavity so that it obtains the necessary particles. is in the water (Riniatsih, 2010) .

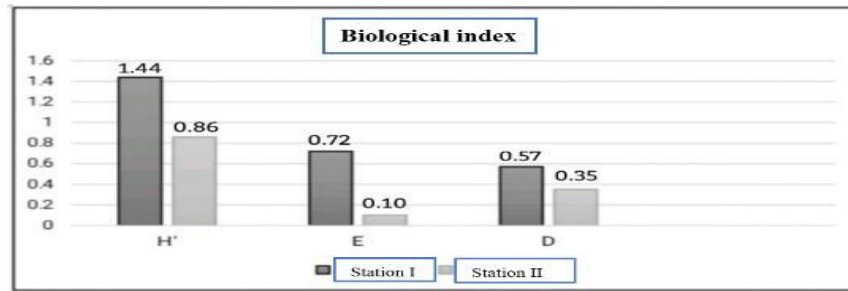


Figure 3. Mollusk species diversity index (Bivalves and Gastropods classes)

The mollusk diversity index at station I is 1.44 which is included in the medium category, while at station II it is 0.86 which is included in the low category. The diversity index at station II is lower than station I due to differences in the substrate of the two stations. According to Mainassy (2017) stated that food quality is very low in many coarse sand habitats, so it can inhibit the growth of molluscs and can also cause the number of mollusks in coarse sand habitats to be lower than the number of mollusks in fine sand substrates. This is also in line with the opinion of Shalihah *et al.*, (2017) , that Mollusks can grow and develop on substrates such as fine sand, because Molluscs have special physiological tools to adapt to aquatic environments with fine sandy substrates and sandy substrates containing organic material which is a source of nutrition for Molluscs (Fatonah *et al.* , 2023) .

The evenness index (E) value at station I is 0.72 which is included in the high category, indicating that the mollusk species at station I are evenly distributed, while at station II the value is 0.1 which indicates low evenness. Meanwhile, the dominance index (D) value which is classified as moderate at both stations is 0.57 at station I and 0.35 at station II. This shows that the evenness between species is relatively the same and some dominate in that habitat (Marinho & Arruda, 2021) . This is in accordance with the theory, the dominance of certain species, namely the low diversity value is caused by many species being found in one community, but their distribution is uneven (Ratih *et al.* , 2021) . The results of measuring abiotic parameters at the research location, namely temperature, pH, salinity and current strength, can be seen in Table 3.

Table 3. Results of measuring abiotic parameters at the research location

| No | Parameter | Time | Station | | Average |
|----|--------------------------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|
| | | | I | II | |
| 1. | Temperature (° C) | Morning | 27 | 27.2 | 27 |
| | | Afternoon | 26 | 26.5 | |
| 2. | pH | Morning | 6 | 6.3 | 6 |
| | | Afternoon | 6 | 6.3 | |
| 3. | Salinity (‰) | Morning | 28.5 | 30.2 | 29 |
| | | Afternoon | 28.5 | 30.2 | |
| 4. | Current strength(cm/sec) | Morning | 0.0580 | 0.0595 | 0.074 |
| | | Afternoon | 0.0820 | 0.0822 | |
| 5. | Depth (cm) | Morning | 48 | 34.5 | 50 |
| | | Afternoon | 60 | 55.3 | |

As for the calculation of abiotic parameters, the results of temperature measurements in both stations are 26 - 27 ° C. Meanwhile temperature Which in accordance For life Phylum Molluscs range between 28-31°C (Kisman *et al.* , 2016) . Limit temperature highest Which Still can tolerated by animal sea is 35°C And if the temperature pass limit 35°C animal Those in the sea can feel stress (Lestari *et al.* , 2020). Meanwhile, the pH value obtained at the research location shows the optimal value, namely 6. According to the Decree of the Minister of Environment No. 51 of 2004 that a good pH value for marine

biota ranges from 6.5 - 8.5, if the value obtained is close to 5 then it is not good for marine biota (Sengkey *et al.*, 2014). Then the second measurement of salinity The observation location is around 28.5 – 30.2 ‰ which is still included in salinity worthy. According to Marpaung *et al.*, (2014) that mark salinity For macrozoobenthos life that is range 15-35‰. The current speed at both stations is 0.0590 m/s. Speedcurrent for mollusk life ranges from 0.3 -0.39 m/s (Andri *et al.*, 2012) . Macroenthos will difficult For grow And reproduce when the current speed is high (Iswanti *et al.*, 2012) .

Apart from the dynamics of biotic and abiotic conditions at the station, the low number of mollusks found can also be caused by several factors, including the impact of disturbance caused by humans, because the location is used for marine tourism such as *banana boats* , *swimming*, *diving* and other activities. High levels of anthropogenic pollutants can cause loss of biodiversity, especially mollusk species found in the coastal waters of Mutun Beach (Supratman *et al.*, 2019) . It is hoped that the results of this research can provide input for environmental conservation efforts for the Mutun Beach ecosystem. Apart from that, these results will also be more useful if presented in an attractive format as learning media or source material for PBL (*Problem Based Learning*) or CBL (*Case Based Learning*) (Mahesa *et al.* , 2023) , learning media such as *e-leaflets* (Puspitasari, 2023) , *android based e-handout* (Angraini *et al.* , 2022) , *e-booklet* (Elina *et al.*, 2022) or as material in environmental research (Pratiwi *et al.* , 2023) has proven to be effective as an interesting learning material.

CONCLUSION

From the results of the research that has been carried out, it can be concluded that the Station I area has a moderate level of mollusk diversity, a high level of evenness, and a moderate level of dominance. Then at station II the level of mollusk diversity was low, the level of evenness was low and the level of dominance was medium. Abiotic parameters have good values for both Bivalves and Gastropods habitats. Therefore, Mutun Padang Cermin Lampung Beach still has a supportive environment for its marine ecosystem. The hope is that this research data can be an initial input or reference for agencies related to marine ecosystem conservation for its preservation and sustainability in the future. This research is useful for national researchers, especially as a reference for further research

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