

Investigation on worm infestation in Persian Gulf

Platycephalus indicus

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Abstract

In recent years, a lot of mortalities have occurred because of the different parasitism infection. Identification of parasitic contamination in native fish also helps to prevent entree of contamination to farmed farms. Due to the importance of this problem and for the prevention of zoonotic diseases, investigation of fish parasites has great importance. The present study carried out to investigate the worms of *Platycephalus indicus* in the district of Persian Gulf (Ahvaz market). In this study, 100 pieces of *Platycephalus indicus* bought and transferred to the laboratory. After the separation of parasites from the different parts of fish, they transferred in 70% alcohol and then identified by identification keys. In this study, 90% of fish had different worm infestations. The most value of infestation regarding to *Duosphincter zancli* trematode. Identified nematodes in this study including *Capillaria sp.*, *Porrocaecum sp.* and *Hysterothylacium sp.*, that *Hysterothylacium sp.* had the greater frequency. *Serrasantis sp.* Acanthocephal and *Trypanorhyncha sp.* cestode were also observed in this fish.

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