

Molluscan diversity along Khar danda beach

Marine molluscs are dominant organisms of second trophic level. They are important for maintaining ecosystem. Their meat is highly nutritious and has protein and content. Hence many species are consumed as human food. Also they provide food for fishes. The shells of molluscs are in good demand in handicraft industry. In the present study it was found that some of the molluscs were dominant. Among the gastropods the dominant ones were Umbonium, Natica, Bursa and Trochus. The dominant bivalves were Katelaysia and Crassostrea.

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