

CONSERVATION BIOLOGY OF COBITID FISH *LEPIDOCEPHALUS GUNTEA* (HAMILTON-BUCHANAN): LENGTH-WEIGHT RELATIONSHIP AS HEALTH INDICATOR

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ABSTRACT

Present study is conducted as a part of research project on the conservation biology of a less populated species *Lepidocephalus guntea*. Length-weight relationship and relative condition factor were used as health indicators. It was concluded that higher values of regression coefficient (2.174) and RCF (>1.0) indicated a good health of fish in Mandal river.

Key words- Conservation, *Lepidocephalus*, Length-weight relationship, RCF.

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