

REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY OF *LABEO CALBASU* (HAM.) FROM RIVER GANGA AT ALLAHABAD

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ABSTRACT

Based on the macro and microscopic examination of gonads, six stages of maturity were recognized. A continuous steady growth of ova, size frequency distribution of ova and a single peak in GSI values indicated that fish spawned once in a year with a limited period of spawning (July to September). The 50% level in maturity, which has been taken to represent the mean length at which maturity was obtained, were 32.0 cm and 34.0 cm for male and female *L. calbasu* respectively. The fish population showed a ratio of 1:1.038 for male and female, which was very close to natural ratio 1:1. Fecundity ranged from 1.3 to 5.07 lacs in a total length range of 30.0 to 60.0 cm. During period of the study, it was found that *Labeo Calbasu* is reproducing successfully and it has emerged most successful fish species in the riverine environment at Allahabad.

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