

FOOD AND FEEDING HABITS OF THE FRESH WATER FISH *LABEO DERO* (HAM.)

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ABSTRACT

Knowledge of food and feeding habits of a particular fish species is highly essential for its successful culture management. The present paper deals with the studies on the food and feeding habits of *Labeo dero* (Ham). The gut contents were examined from juvenile to adult stages. Their fry and fingerlings feed mostly on plankton of which the zooplankton forms a higher percentage of food. This is a herbivore and detritivore fish.

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