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TRANGSIMANT BOUTONG PLANKTON POPULATION IN RELATION TO  
DENSITY AND BREEDING SEASON OF RAZOR SHELL GENUS *Solen* AT DON HOI  
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Ten with 3 replications of  $1 \text{ m}^2$  quadrat samples of razor shells, 6 stations of phytoplankton and 4 stations of zooplankton were collected monthly (March 1996 - February 1997) to determine the relationship of plankton population to density and breeding season of razor shells genus *Solen*.

Only two species of *Solen*; *Solen regularis* and *Solen vitreus*; were found in the study area. Mean density of *Solen regularis* population was  $4.6 \pm 3.7$  individual /  $\text{m}^2$  and *Solen vitreus* population was  $6.5 \pm 3.6$  individual /  $\text{m}^2$ . Breeding season of the former was from march to september and the latter was from march to december. Mean abundance of phytoplankton was  $95.7 \pm 135.1$  cell/ml and zooplankton was  $1.0 \times 10^9 \pm 3.4 \times 10^9$  individual /  $100 \text{ m}^3$ .

Population densities of both shells were related to abundance of phytoplankton genera especially the density of *S. vitreus* which was related to abundance of dominance genus. Population density of *S. regularis* was not related to abundance of zooplankton while *S. vitreus* was related to abundance of zooplankton groups, but not dominant group.

Breeding season of both shell population were related to abundance of phytoplankton in phylum and genus, but not dominance genus. Breeding season of *S. regularis* was not related to abundance of zooplankton while *S. vitreus* was related to abundance of zooplankton groups, not the dominant groups.

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