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ABSTRACT

This descriptive study in DLSU-Dasmarinas Lake in Dasmarinas, Cavite determined the abundance of zooplankton species during the collection in the months of July and August 2008 at four, (4) different stations.

Horizontal and vertical towing procedure were performed during the collection of zooplankton species. The physico-chemical parameters were measured such as water temperature, pH, total dissolved solids, dissolved oxygen, salinity, nitrates and phosphates. Pearson Product-Moment Correlation was applied in the determination of the correlation between the relative abundance and physico-chemical parameters.

The *Limnoncaea genuina* of the family Ergasilidae was found to be most abundant zooplankton in the lake.