

**EFFECTS OF *MORINGA OLEIFERA* (MALUNGGAY) LEAF CRUDE  
EXTRACT ON DIAZINON INDUCED TOXICITY IN *CLARIAS GARIEPINUS*  
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## ABSTRACT

Diazinon ultimately finds their way into aquatic habitats such as rivers, lakes and ponds, and has been found to be highly toxic in aquatic organisms specifically to fishes. Malunggay is a plant that is widely cultivated in the Philippines, which is well-known for its benefits in providing different vitamins, minerals and as an antioxidant, in order to further explore the different uses of Malunggay, a test was done if it could remediate the harmful effects of diazinon to fishes.

After treating with T<sub>1</sub> and T<sub>2</sub> there are no significant changes in the physical attributes of the *Clarias gariepinus* (African Catfish). The *Clarias gariepinus* (African Catfish) damage was observable only in its internal parts, namely; the liver and the gills. Behavioral changes are seen upon applying T<sub>1</sub> and T<sub>2</sub> to *Clarias gariepinus* (African Catfish) such as the swimming pattern and breathing pattern. Histopathological changes in the gills and liver has recovered from the exposure to diazinon where among the two treatments ,T<sub>2</sub> shows most effective as observed in the histopathological examinations.T<sub>2</sub> shows full recovery as seen in the tissues of the gills and liver.

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