

A SURVEY OF THE CATCH COMPOSITION OF FYKE NETS IN THE ILOILO
RIVER

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ABSTRACT

A survey of the catch composition of fyke nets in the Iloilo River Estuary during the months of August 1999 and February 2000 show that catches are dominated by *Metapenaeus ensis* and *Glossygobius sp.* The 18 species caught are : 9 fish species, 5 shrimp species, and 4 crab species. The index of similarity 0.3 between the monthly samples is low which means that there is minimal degree of similarity between the species composition of the catches. There is no significant difference between the total catch volumes per day for the months of August 1999 and February 2000 which means that the seasons do not affect the volume of the catch.