Preliminary Survey of Gastropods and Pelecypods around Sin-ma Village, Pathein Township

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Abstract

Sin-ma village was designated as study site. The collections, of gastropods and pelecypods were made during field trips taken from 15^{th} to 16^{th} November 2005 and 7^{th} to 9^{th} April 2006. Thirty-four mollusk species under 30 genera, belonging to 23 families and 6 orders were recorded. Identification of the specimens was made based on the distinctive characters, coloration of the shell together with measurement. All the specimens were illustrated with photographs.

Key words: gastropods, pelecypods, Pathein

Introduction

Many studies had been made on mollusks collected from various parts of Myanmar. Ecological aspects and economical uses of some species from Ngapali was given by Soe Thu (1970), from Maungmagan by Soe Thu (1971) and taxonomy and distribution of Burmese Marine Gastropods from Moscos Isands was expressed by Soe Thu (1980). A checklist of mollusks from the Myeik Archepelago and Moscos Islands was given by Kyaw Myint (1971). The taxonomy and distribution of the marine bivalves of Myanmar coastal regions was given by Malar Myo Sein (1982). Systematic and Ecological Aspects of some Gastropods and Pelecepods of wet the and Chaungtha area was described by Nan Nwe Nwe Aye (1998). Preliminary study on some gastropods of Sin-ma-kyun, Ngwe-Saung Resort was described by Hla Hla Win, Yin Yin Tint, etal (2002).

However, there still remain some areas where the molluscan fauna have not yet been studied. A thorough study is essential to complete the molluscan fauna of Ayeyawady Division.

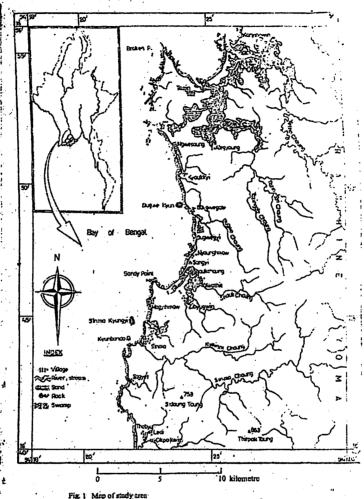
Materials and Methods

Collection of specimen was made during field trips takes on 15th to 16th November 2005 and 7th to 9th April 2006. Five to 10 samples were studied for each specimen. Identifications of the specimens was made based

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on measurement, coloration of the shell and distinctive characters according to Habe and Kosuge (1972), Easton (1960) and Shorck and Twenhofel (1953).





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Phylum	Class	Order	Family	Species
Mollusca	Gastropoda	Archaeogastropoda	Trochidae	Monodonta labio
- · ·			•	M. obtusa
,				Trochus radiata
······································			`	Tectus (Rochia)niloticus maximus
, ,			Turbinidae	Turbo argyrostomus
		Mesogastropoda	Turritellidae	Turritella carinifera
			Potamididae	Telescopium telescpium
			Xenophoridae	Stellaria solaris
			Strombidae	Strombus bulla
•				Laebistrombus canarium
				Lambis chiragra
			Cypraeidae	Cypraea arabica
			Bursidae	Bursa rana
			Cassidae	Cassis cornuta
			Tonnidae	Tonna fasciata
		· · ·		T. tessellata
,			Ficidae	Ficus gracilis
		Neogastropoda	Muricidae	Murex trapa
				Chicoreus ramosus
				Drupa brunneus
			Rapidae	Rapana venosa
			Buccinidae	Babylonia areolata
	····		Volegadae	Volegalea wardiana
	v		Olividae	Oliva erythrostoma
			Harpidae	Harpa davidis

Table 1. Systematic list of studied species (after Habe and Kosuge, 1972)

Phylum	Class	Order	Family	Species
12			Volutidae	Melo melo
	Pelecypoda	Taxodonta	Arcidae	Anadra globosa
		Anisomyaria	Ostreidae	Saxostrea mordax
		Heterodonta	Cardiidae	Cardium alternatum
				C. multispinosum
			Mactridae	Mactra cumingi
			Donacidae	Donax scrotum
			Asaphidae	Asaphis dichotoma
			Solenidae	Siliqua japonica

Gastropoda

Monodonta labio



Trochus radiata



(Apertural view)

Turbo argyrostomus





Telescopium telescopium





Monodonta obtusa (Apertural view)

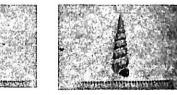


Tectus (Rochia) niloticus maximus

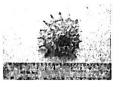




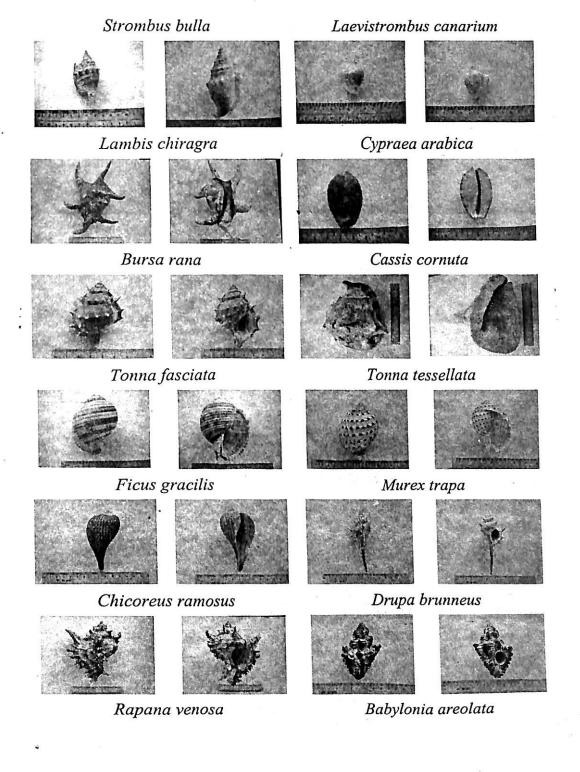
Turritella carinifera

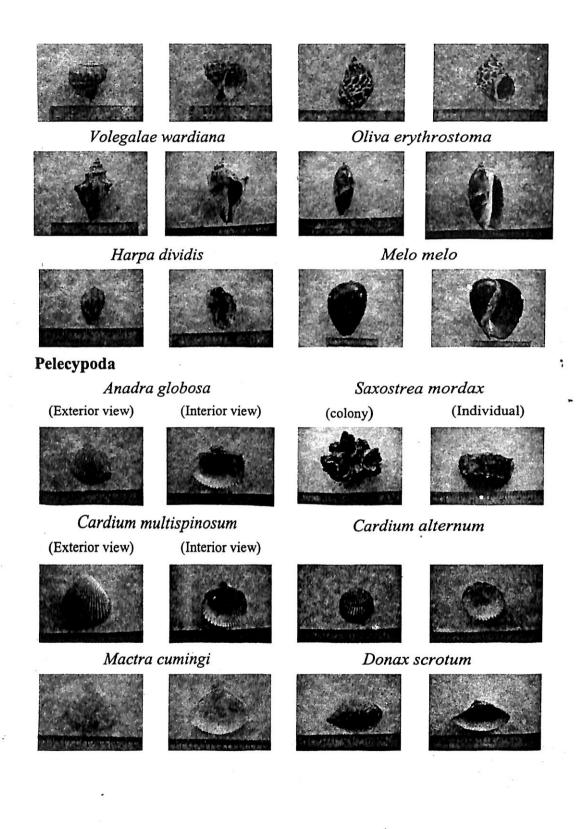


Stellaria solaris





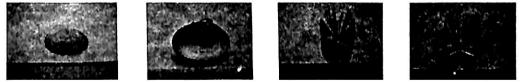






Asaphis dichotoma

Siliqua japonica



Discussion

Altogether 26 species of gastropods and eight species of pelecypods were recorded from the study area. The gastropods and pelecypods of *Theliostyla aribica, Archetectonica perspective, Strombus isabella, Polinices pyriformis, Cymatium aquatile, Phalium areola, P. glaucum, Pinctada margaritifera, Placuna placenta, Amusium pleuroneetes, Veremolpa minuta, Tridacna squamosa* and *Dosinia dunkeri* were collected in Chaungtha region (Nan New New Aye, 1996). These species were not recorded in Sin-ma area during the study period.

Although some of species are the same genus level but are the differences species in the study periods compare to the former authors, Hla Hla Win, Yin Yin Tint, etal., 2002.. They are Strombus panarius, Turritella fastalis, Turbo chrystomus. The genus of Cypraea are more commonly in Simma area (Hla Hla Win, Yin Yin Tint etal., 2002). Nereverea reiniana, Clyteomorus bifosciatus, Planaxis sp. and Retena sp, Archetectonica perspective were not found in the study periods.

The present study on the molluscan fauna of Sin-ma village comprises only those specimens collected during the short field trips taken. There still remain much more species which are known to occur but not yet collected.

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