

Ecology of intertidal macroalgal assemblages on the Hadramout coast of southern Yemen, an area of seasonal upwelling

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ABSTRACT: The species composition and ecology of well-developed macroalgal assemblages that occur on rocky shores of the Hadramout coast of southern Yemen were studied between January 1988 and February 1990. 163 taxa were collected. Qualitative data supported by quantitative biomass samples confirm that there is a very marked seasonal pattern in the growth of the algal species which also show a clear zonation from upper to lower intertidal. The majority of species show greatest growth during the late summer and autumn (August–September); a much smaller period of growth partly involving different species occurs in the spring (February–March), but during midsummer (May–June) no algal growth is apparent. The late summer/autumn period of maximum growth (with algal biomass typically 5 to 10 times that during spring) follows the onset of the southwest monsoon which is known to generate intense seasonal upwelling of cold nutrient-rich water along the southern Arabian coast, regarded as one of the 5 major upwelling areas within the world ocean system. Measurement of near-shore oceanographic parameters and analysis of local climatological data support the view that the dense autumn growth of intertidal algae occurs as a result of elevated nutrient levels consequent upon this upwelling. The smaller peak in growth in spring is also associated with some elevated nutrient levels, but further study is needed to determine whether this is linked to the onset of the northeast monsoon or to other seasonal factors.

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INTRODUCTION

Macroalgae-dominated rocky shores are well known from many parts of the world, and have been especially well described in temperate regions (Lewis 1964, Stephenson & Stephenson 1972, Ray 1975). In tropical regions intertidal macroalgal communities are commonly much less well developed, and through much of the Arabian peninsula, for example, the narrow littoral zone is relatively devoid of macroalgae (Basson et al. 1977, Jones et al. 1987). Recently however it has been reported that on the rocky coasts of southern Arabia, in both the Dhofar region of southern Oman (Barratt et al. 1984, 1986) and the eastern region of southern Yemen

(Banaimoon 1986, 1988a, b), dense growth of macroalgae occurs on a seasonal basis. Although these papers provide accounts of the occurrence and identification of some seaweed species found at sites in southern Yemen, and studies hitherto unpublished in the scientific literature (Barratt et al. 1984, 1986) have considered the composition and ecology of macroalgal communities in southern Oman, to date no account of the basic ecology of the intertidal macroalgae of southern Arabia or the Gulf of Aden has been published. The present paper describes the results of a study into the community structure, seasonal growth and association with environmental factors of the intertidal macroalgal assemblages found at a series of sites along the Hadramout coast of southern Yemen.

The most conspicuous aspect of the intertidal ecology of both Dhofar (Barratt et al. 1984, 1986) and Hadramout (Banaimoon 1986, in press) is that a dense

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stand of macroalgae develops during late summer and autumn, associated with the period of the southwest monsoon. Following the monsoon the algae die back, and for much of the year the intertidal zone is devoid of significant algal growth. The southwest monsoon, blowing almost parallel to the southern Arabian coast, is known to result in an area of intense upwelling in the adjacent Arabian Sea, regarded as one of the 5 major upwelling areas in the world ocean system (Currie 1964, 1992, Smith 1968, Bottero 1969, Currie et al. 1973, Bruce 1974, Smith & Bottero 1977, Savidge et al. 1990). This upwelling, which reaches maximum development during July–August (Currie 1992), results in the displacement of warm oligotrophic water by colder nutrient-rich water. During this time seawater temperatures as low as 16°C, nitrate concentrations as high as 20 µg-at. $\text{NO}_3\text{-N l}^{-1}$ and phosphate concentrations as high as 5 µg-at. $\text{PO}_4\text{-P l}^{-1}$ have been recorded in near-shore waters off the adjacent coast of southern Oman (Currie et al. 1973, Barratt et al. 1986, Savidge et al. 1990).

Seasonal growth of intertidal algae during the monsoon has also been described in parts of Sri Lanka (Svedelius 1906), India (Misra 1960), the Philippines (Kraft 1970) and Kenya (Moorjani 1979, 1982). Generally, seasonal periodicity in benthic algal growth in the tropics has been linked to increased light and temperature levels (Taylor & Bernatowicz 1969, Croley & Dawes 1970), to water movement (Gessner & Hammer

1967, Santelices 1977) or to altered levels of herbivory (McClanahan 1988). In southern Arabia however it is presumed (Barratt et al. 1986) that the occurrence of dense macroalgal growth during the southwest monsoon is principally due to elevated seawater levels of inorganic nutrients, either nitrate and/or phosphate, although there is no direct evidence yet to demonstrate this. Similarly Fujita et al. (1989) have concluded from a study of the relationship between macroalgal growth and dissolved inorganic nutrient supply in an area of seasonal upwelling in Oregon, USA, that, prior to the commencement of upwelling in April and May, growth of *Ulva rigida*, a species also found in Yemen, was probably nitrogen limited. Therefore, during the present study, oceanographic and climatological data were also collected to provide further information about factors responsible for seasonality of macroalgal growth in southern Arabia.

METHODS AND STUDY AREA

The study was undertaken between January 1988 and February 1990 at 5 locations along the coast of the Hadramout which extends 720 km between 49° 07' E and 50° 21' E, occupying the eastern part of the southern coast of Yemen (Fig. 1). This coast is irregular in form, but is dominated by a series of sandy bays of varying size separated by headlands, sometimes of a

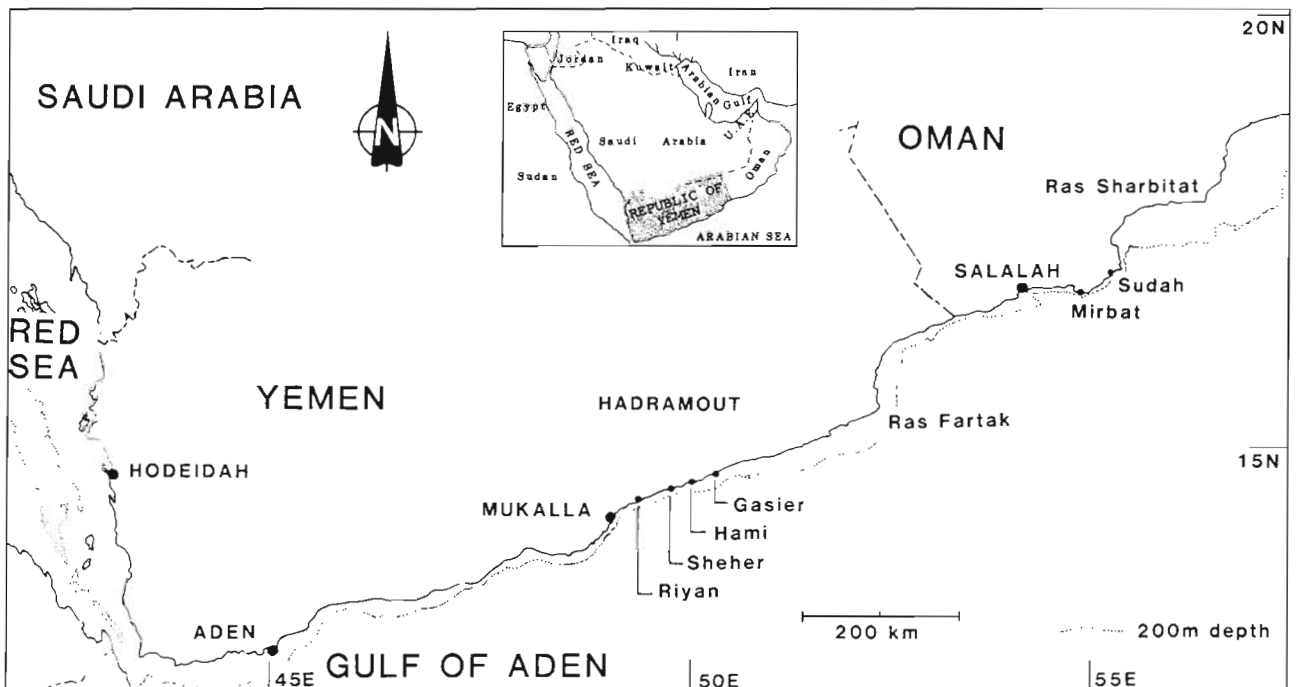


Fig. 1. Location of the 5 study sites on the Hadramout coast of southern Yemen in relation to the adjacent coast of southern Oman

considerable height, of either igneous rock or of limestone.

Macroalgal and seawater samples were collected in 5 different areas: Mukalla (Khalf), Riyan (Al Dubbah), Sheher, Hami and Gasier (Fig. 1). Names of actual sampling stations are given in parentheses; in one area, Sheher, 2 different neighbouring stations were sampled, Motalla and Hofra. Of the sites, those at Al Dubbah, Sheher and Hami consist essentially of long broad sandy beaches giving way to rough but level limestone platforms in the lower intertidal and sublittoral zones. During the winter and spring these intertidal rocky platforms tend to be covered by shorewards-moving sand, but this sand is removed seawards again by the rougher wave action that occurs during the southwest monsoon. By contrast the sites at Khalf and Gasier are on shelving irregular rocky shores composed of hard igneous rock. Profiles of each type of shore (at Khalf and at Motalla) are shown in Fig. 2.

Qualitative macroalgal samples were collected from each of 3 zones — upper, middle and lower intertidal — defined by division of the shore between extreme high water and extreme low water into 3 equal-height vertical bands. Quantitative macroalgal samples were collected during July to September 1989 and January to March 1990 at 3 of the sites: Khalf (Mukalla), Motalla (Sheher) and Hofra (Sheher). These quantitative samples were taken by clearing all macroalgae from 1 m² quadrats positioned randomly within each zone (upper, middle and lower intertidal). During each growth season (spring and autumn) 3 samples were collected from each of the 3 zones at each study site on each of 2 occasions. Samples were carefully bagged and returned to the laboratory for sorting, drying and weighing.

Seawater samples were collected in triplicate from near the shore, normally by boat. Samples were collected a minimum of 8 times over 1989 from each of the 3 main sampling stations. Temperature was recorded from a freshly collected seawater sample using a calibrated thermometer. Samples for chemical analysis were filtered through a Whatman GF/C filter and stored in acid-washed polypropylene or glass polystop bottles. Samples were kept on ice in a field cool-box pending return to the field laboratory where they were deep-frozen to -20°C. Subsequently they were transported to an analytical laboratory in Kuwait for analysis of total silicate (as an indicator of upwelling) and dissolved inorganic phosphate. Phosphate determination followed the method of Murphy & Riley (1962) and silicate determination that described in Parsons et al. (1984). Analysis for nitrate, although desirable, was not available. Some samples were lost as a result of logistic problems associated with the region.

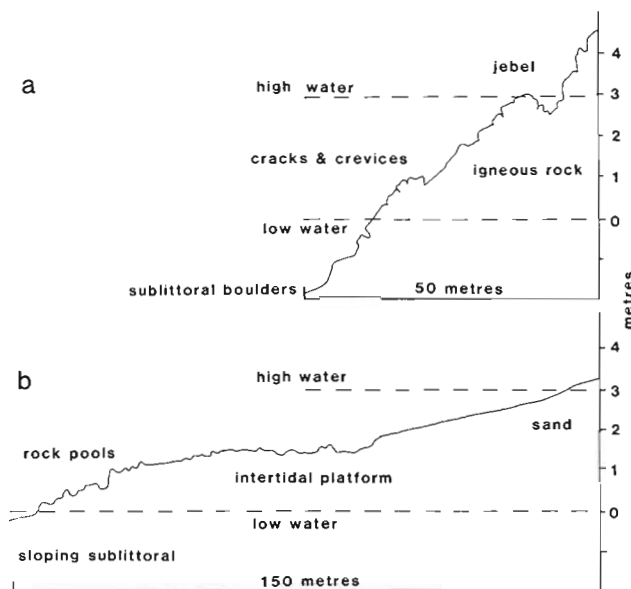


Fig. 2. Profiles of 2 of the study sites, (a) Khalf, Mukalla and (b) Motalla, Sheher, to show the contrasting form of igneous rock (as at Khalf) and limestone (as at Motalla) shores

Meteorological data were obtained from 1988 to 1990 with the assistance of the meteorological station at Riyan Airport.

RESULTS

Algal species recorded

As a result of general sample collection a total of 163 species of algae (46 Chlorophyta, 29 Phaeophyta and 88 Rhodophyta) were recorded in the rocky intertidal zone at study sites along the Hadramout coast. A full list of these species is given in the appendix which also indicates at which of the sites each species was recorded. A majority of species were recorded or abundant only during the period of the southwest monsoon (late summer and autumn). As described elsewhere (Banaimoon in press) most of these species represented new records for Yemen; 82 out of 163 are also new records for the Gulf of Aden, and 118 out of 163 are new records for Southern Arabia. In addition some appear to be previously undescribed species.

The number of species (species richness) of Chlorophyta, Phaeophyta and Rhodophyta recorded at each of the main sites is illustrated in Fig. 3. A similar pattern of variation in species richness with location along the Hadramout coast was apparent within each division; species richness increased passing east from Mukalla to Riyan to Sheher, and then declined slightly again on passing further east to Hami and then to Gasier.

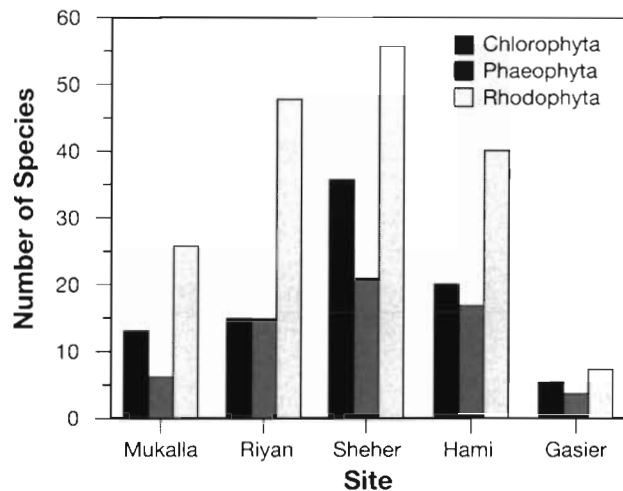


Fig. 3. Species richness (total number of species recorded) of Chlorophyta, Phaeophyta and Rhodophyta at each of the 5 study sites

Zonation

The common species (those observed at 3 or more locations within any study site) at different levels on the shore at each of the 3 main study sites, based on qualitative records, are shown in Table 1. These data support evidence of a greater species diversity at Sheher than at Mukalla (Khalf), and also indicate increasing numbers of common species lower on the shore.

The upper shore at all sites was dominated by species of *Ulva*, *Enteromorpha* and *Chaetomorpha*, together with *Dermonema frapperi* and *Porphyra vietnamensis* at Khalf (Mukalla) and *Padina* spp. at the 2 Sheher sites (Motalla and Hofra). On the mid-shore at Khalf *D. frapperi* and *P. vietnamensis* were again abundant, as were *Bryopsis pennata*, *Sarconema filiforme*, *Centrocerus clavulatum* and *Melanothamnus somalensis*. In addition to these, at the Sheher sites *Caulerpa cupressoides*, *Udotea indica*, *Laurencia papillosa*, *Dasya baillouviana* and several species of *Hypnea* and *Gracilaria* were also common or abundant, as were the 3 *Padina* species found on the upper shore.

Further species found on the lower shore at Khalf included *Caulerpa racemosa*, *Codium tomentosum*, *Spatoglossum asperum*, *Jolyra laminarioides*, *Meristotheca papulosa*, *Hypnea pannosa* and 2 species each of *Sargassum* and *Laurencia*. Other species common on the lower shore at the 2 Sheher sites included *Halimeda tuna*, *Stoechosperum marginatum*, *Cystoseira trinodis*, *Sargassum binderi*, *Sargassum latifolium*, *Galaxaura marginata*, *Gelidiella acerossa*, *Grateloupia filicina*, *Champia parvula*, *Champia globulifera* and *Polysiphonia crassicolis*.

Seasonal variation

As indicated above, at all sites the extent and growth of algal cover varied markedly during the course of the year. During the winter (November, December) only minimal amounts of intertidal algae were present. During spring (January to March) there was modest growth of some algae, but this then died away altogether, and during early summer (May, June) no intertidal algae were found. However, following the onset of the southwest monsoon (June–July) there was rapid growth of a diverse algal assemblage that reached a peak in August and September. From October this in turn died back leaving the small amounts of algae found in winter. The growth present in autumn was several times greater than that which occurred in spring, the latter also extending not as far up the shore as the growth during the autumn.

The seasonal occurrence of species which were recorded as common at 1 or more study sites is shown in Table 2. From this it can be seen that although most of the common species had their season of greatest growth during late summer and autumn, many of these species were also present in smaller amounts during spring, though often at a lower level on the shore or in the sublittoral zone. Some species however were present only in late winter and spring, most conspicuously *Sargassum binderi*, *S. latifolium* and *Cystoseira trinodis*, and in addition *Scinaia hatei* and *Coelarthrum opuntia*. By contrast other species were present at all times between August and March, disappearing completely only during the height of summer (May and June). These species, which included *Caulerpa cupressoides*, *C. racemosa* and *Halimeda tuna*, principally accounted for the small amounts of algae present during the winter, although *Ulva rigida* was also present at that time but not during the spring.

Quantitative data

The qualitative pattern of seasonal growth is confirmed by data from quantitative sampling at 3 main stations during spring and autumn periods of growth (see Fig. 4). Across the 3 stations (1 at Mukalla, 2 at Sheher) total algal biomass (measured both as wet weight and as dry weight) in the middle and lower intertidal zones was usually of the order of 5 to 10 times greater in August than in February. In the upper intertidal zone no growth was apparent during February, while in August algal biomass in the upper intertidal was comparable to or greater than algal biomass in the lower intertidal during February. At all 3 stations and in both seasons (except at Motalla in spring) both wet and dry algal biomass increased sharply moving from upper to middle to lower intertidal zone.

Table 2. Occurrence of common algae (presence indicated by +) at different times of year. Column headings indicate months (N: November; D: December; J: January; F: February; etc.)

Species	Winter			Spring			Summer			Autumn			
	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	
Chlorophyta													
<i>Enteromorpha flexuosa</i>									+		+	+	+
<i>Enteromorpha intestinalis</i>									+		+	+	+
<i>Ulva fasciata</i>									+		+	+	+
<i>Ulva lactuca</i>									+		+	+	+
<i>Ulva rigida</i>	+	+									+	+	+
<i>Chaetomorpha antennina</i>											+	+	+
<i>Chaetomorpha crassa</i>											+	+	+
<i>Cladophora prolifera</i>			+		+						+	+	+
<i>Bryopsis pennata</i>											+	+	+
<i>Caulerpa cupressoides</i>	+	+	+		+	+					+	+	+
<i>Caulerpa mexicana</i>											+	+	+
<i>Caulerpa racemosa</i>	+	+	+		+	+					+	+	+
<i>Codium tomentosum</i>			+		+						+	+	+
<i>Halimeda tuna</i>	+	+	+		+	+					+	+	+
<i>Udotea indica</i>			+		+						+	+	+
Phaeophyta													
<i>Dictyota divaricata</i>			+		+						+	+	+
<i>Padina gymnospora</i>			+		+						+	+	+
<i>Padina pavonica</i>											+	+	+
<i>Padina tetrastrumatica</i>			+		+						+	+	+
<i>Spatoglossum asperum</i>			+		+						+	+	+
<i>Stoechosperum marginatum</i>			+		+	+					+	+	+
<i>Jolya laminarioides</i>											+	+	+
<i>Cystoseira trinoidis</i>		+	+		+	+	+						
<i>Sargassum binderi</i>		+	+		+	+	+						
<i>Sargassum duplicatum</i>											+	+	+
<i>Sargassum latifolium</i>		+	+		+	+	+						
<i>Sargassopsis zanardinii</i>											+	+	+
Rhodophyta													
<i>Porphyra vietnamensis</i>											+	+	+
<i>Dermonema frappieri</i>											+	+	+
<i>Galaxaura marginata</i>			+		+						+	+	+
<i>Scinaia hatei</i>			+		+	+							
<i>Gelidiella acerosa</i>			+		+						+	+	
<i>Grateloupia filicina</i>			+		+						+	+	+
<i>Halymenia venusta</i>			+		+						+	+	
<i>Portieria hornemannii</i>			+		+						+	+	+
<i>Gracilaria canaliculata</i>			+		+						+	+	
<i>Gracilaria corticata</i>			+		+						+	+	+
<i>Gracilaria foliifera</i>			+		+	+					+	+	+
<i>Gracilaria textorii</i>											+	+	+
<i>Gracilaria verrucosa</i>			+		+	+					+	+	+
<i>Gracilariopsis lemaneiformis</i>											+	+	+
<i>Sarconema filiforme</i>			+		+	+					+	+	+
<i>Sarconema scinaoides</i>											+	+	+
<i>Meristotheca papulosa</i>			+		+						+	+	+
<i>Solieria robusta</i>			+								+	+	+
<i>Hypnea musiformis</i>			+		+	+					+	+	+
<i>Hypnea pannosa</i>											+	+	+
<i>Hypnea valentiae</i>			+		+	+					+	+	+
<i>Coelarthrum opuntia</i>			+		+								
<i>Champia globulifera</i>											+	+	
<i>Champia somalensis</i>											+	+	+
<i>Centroceras clavulatum</i>			+		+	+					+	+	+
<i>Ceramium flaccidum</i>			+		+	+					+	+	
<i>Dasya baillouviana</i>			+		+						+	+	+
<i>Chondria dasyphylla</i>			+		+						+	+	
<i>Laurencia obtusa</i>			+		+						+	+	+
<i>Laurencia papillosa</i>			+		+						+	+	+
<i>Laurencia pinnatifida</i>											+	+	+
<i>Melanothamnus somalensis</i>											+	+	+
<i>Polysiphonia crassicolis</i>			+		+						+	+	+

An analysis of variance (SPSS-X) confirms that most of these trends and differences are statistically significant. Analysis of variance in wet weight by site, season and zone shows variances due to zone and season to be highly significant ($F = 11.77$, $p < 0.0001$ and $F = 104.51$, $p < 0.001$ respectively), and variance due to site to be also significant, though less so ($F = 4.96$, $p < 0.01$). These data show a significant interaction between site and season ($F = 8.44$, $p < 0.001$) and between site and zone ($F = 4.13$, $p < 0.01$), but not, perhaps surprisingly, between zone and season ($F = 2.31$, $p > 0.1$). Using dry weight, variances with zone and season are again highly significant ($F = 10.56$, $p < 0.001$ and $F = 77.80$, $p < 0.001$ respectively), but variance with site is not significant ($F = 1.38$, $p < 0.25$). With dry weight, interaction between zone and season is just significant ($F = 3.65$, $p < 0.05$), but other interactions are not so.

Also shown in Fig. 4 are the numbers of species recorded in the quantitative samples (quadrats) at each of the 3 main study sites at each level on the shore. Species number increased going from Khalf (Mukalla) to Motalla (Sheher) to Hofra (Sheher), and also increased moving from upper shore to mid-shore to lower shore.

Table 3 shows the mean wet weights per quadrat of the principal species obtained in these quantitative samples at each level on the shore. In February, at all 3 stations, no collectable algae were present in the quadrats on the upper shore. At the same time in the middle intertidal *Sarconema filiforme* was the most widespread species. This was the only species present in the quadrats in this zone at Khalf, but at both Sheher stations *Laurencia papillosa* was more abundant, and at Hofra the greatest biomass was of *Gracilaria corticata*. On the lower shore at Khalf *S. filiforme* remained abundant but the greater biomass was of *Laurencia obtusa*. By contrast at Motalla in February the lower intertidal quadrats were dominated by *Padina* species, while at Hofra 7 species were abundant, the greatest mean biomass being of *Laurencia papillosa*, which was also abundant in the mid-shore quadrats at that site.

In August a greater growth of more species was apparent at all sites and all levels on the shore. On the upper shore *Enteromorpha intestinalis* and *Ulva fasciata* were most abundant in quadrats at Khalf, but at Motalla and Hofra these are replaced by *Enteromorpha flexuosa* and *Ulva lactuca*. In mid-shore quadrats at Khalf the greatest mean biomass was of

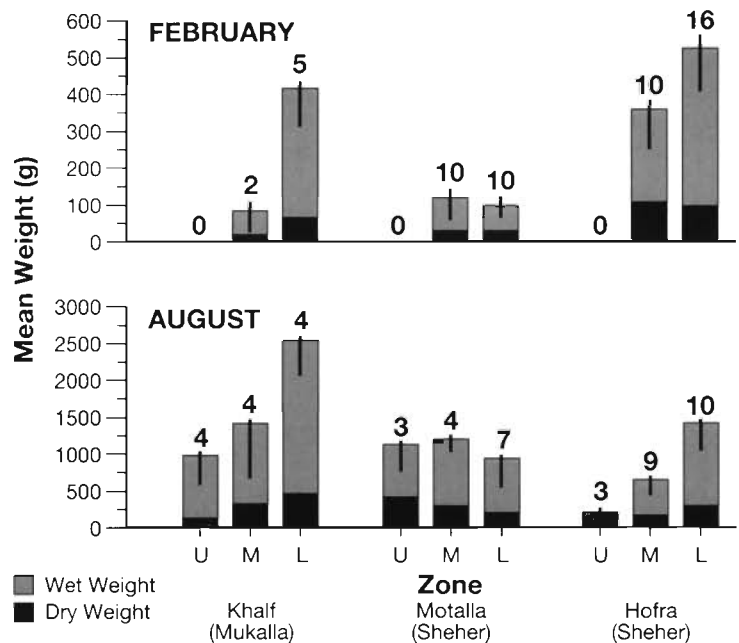


Fig. 4. Mean total biomass of macroalgae, expressed as wet weight and dry weight, collected from quadrats (1 m^2) ($n = 6$) at different levels on the shore during the northeast (February) and southwest (August) monsoons at each of 3 main stations, Mukalla (Khalf), Sheher (Motalla) and Sheher (Hofra). Error bars are the standard errors of the wet weight. Numbers above each column are the total number of species recorded in the samples. U: upper, M: mid, L: lower intertidal zone

Melanothamnus somalensis, at Motalla *Padina tetra-stromatica* and *Ulva lactuca* were most abundant, and at Hofra *Centrocerus clavulatum*, *Gracilariopsis lemaneiformis* and *Enteromorpha flexuosa*.

On the lower shore at Khalf the species most abundant in quadrats were the same as on the middle shore, together with *Centrocerus clavulatum*. By contrast, at both Sheher sites (Motalla and Hofra) *Gracilaria* species become the most abundant forms in lower shore quadrats, with other abundant species including *Padina gymnospora*, *Caulerpa racemosa*, *Laurencia papillosa* and *Halimeda tuna* at both sites, together with *Ulva lactuca* at Hofra, and *Enteromorpha flexuosa*, *Padina tetra-stromatica* and *Gracilariopsis lemaneiformis* at Motalla.

Most species recorded in the quadrats were abundant either in February or in August, but not both (Table 3). The greater number were abundant in August, i.e. during the period of the southwest monsoon, and others were abundant only in February, i.e. during the period of the northeast monsoon. Only a few species (*Laurencia papillosa*, *Padina gymnospora*, *Halimeda tuna* and *Gracilaria foliifera*) were recorded as abundant in quadrats during both spring and autumn.

Table 3. Mean biomass (wet weight) of principal macroalgal species collected from quadrats (1 m²) (n = 6) at different levels on the shore during the northeast (February) and southwest (August) monsoons at each of 3 main study stations, Khalf (Mukalla), Motalla (Sheher) and Hofra (Sheher)

Species	February						August					
	Khalf		Motalla		Hofra		Khalf		Motalla		Hofra	
	\bar{x}	SE	\bar{x}	SE	\bar{x}	SE	\bar{x}	SE	\bar{x}	SE	\bar{x}	SE
Upper shore												
<i>Ulva fasciata</i>							355.5	163.3				
<i>Ulva lactuca</i>									126.4	78.2	152	46.7
<i>Enteromorpha intestinalis</i>							525	402.8				
<i>Enteromorpha flexuosa</i>									79.2	384.9	20	12.6
<i>Dermonema frappieri</i>							60	-				
<i>Padina gymnospora</i>									48.8	31.7		
<i>Padina tetrastromatica</i>									177.6	158.3		
Middle shore												
<i>Sarconema filiforme</i>	75	70	18	15.7	75.2	39.9						
<i>Laurencia papillosa</i>			54	50.8	100	64.4						
<i>Padina</i> sp.			25.3	15.2								
<i>Gracilaria corticata</i>					166	61.6						
<i>Caulerpa cupressoides</i>	25.6	-										
<i>Caulerpa racemosa</i>					20	-						
<i>Rhodomenia</i> sp.					32	28.1						
<i>Ulva fasciata</i>							157	134.9				
<i>Ulva lactuca</i>									628	265.5		
<i>Enteromorpha flexuosa</i>											108	66.2
<i>Dermonema frappieri</i>							157	110.3				
<i>Padina gymnospora</i>											45.6	40.7
<i>Padina tetrastromatica</i>									443.2	177.7	60.8	55.9
<i>Melanothamnus somalensis</i>							895	822.1				
<i>Gracilaria textorii</i>											56.8	-
<i>Centrocerus clavulatum</i>											200	122.4
<i>Gracilariopsis lemaneiformis</i>											139.5	-
<i>Gracilaria verrucosa</i>											24	-
Lower shore												
<i>Sarconema filiforme</i>	64	50.9			85.3	39.6						
<i>Laurencia obtusa</i>	276.8	134										
<i>Laurencia papillosa</i>					167.3	30.7			124	71.9	44	31.2
<i>Codium tomentosum</i>	56	-										
<i>Padina gymnospora</i>			29.3	18.6					220	115.5	80	-
<i>Padina</i> sp.			18.66	-								
<i>Halimeda tuna</i>			45.3	-			24	-	30	-		
<i>Gracilaria corticata</i>					77.3	43.1						
<i>Rhodomenia</i> sp.					25.3	18.5						
<i>Stoechosperum marginatum</i>					23.3	-						
<i>Laurencia</i> sp.					16.6	-						
<i>Gracilaria foliifera</i>					30	-			380	318.9		
<i>Gracilaria verrucosa</i>											337.6	229.6
<i>Ulva fasciata</i>							33	-				
<i>Ulva lactuca</i>									36	22.2		
<i>Enteromorpha flexuosa</i>											195	172.5
<i>Dermonema frappieri</i>							100	-				
<i>Melanothamnus somalensis</i>							1930	769.3				
<i>Padina tetrastromatica</i>											72	-
<i>Centrocerus clavulatum</i>							155	148.4				
<i>Caulerpa racemosa</i>											124	76
<i>Gracilariopsis lemaneiformis</i>											268	263
<i>Gracilaria textorii</i>											52	-

Inorganic nutrients

The pattern of seasonal variation during 1989 in mean seawater concentrations of phosphate-phosphorus (PO₄-P) and silicate-silicon (SiO₄-Si) at the 3 main

sampling stations can be described as follows. Mean PO₄-P concentrations were of the order of 0.5 µg-at. l⁻¹ during January and February, but increased during March to over 1.75 µg-at. l⁻¹ before declining in April to less than 0.2 µg-at. l⁻¹. Highest mean levels

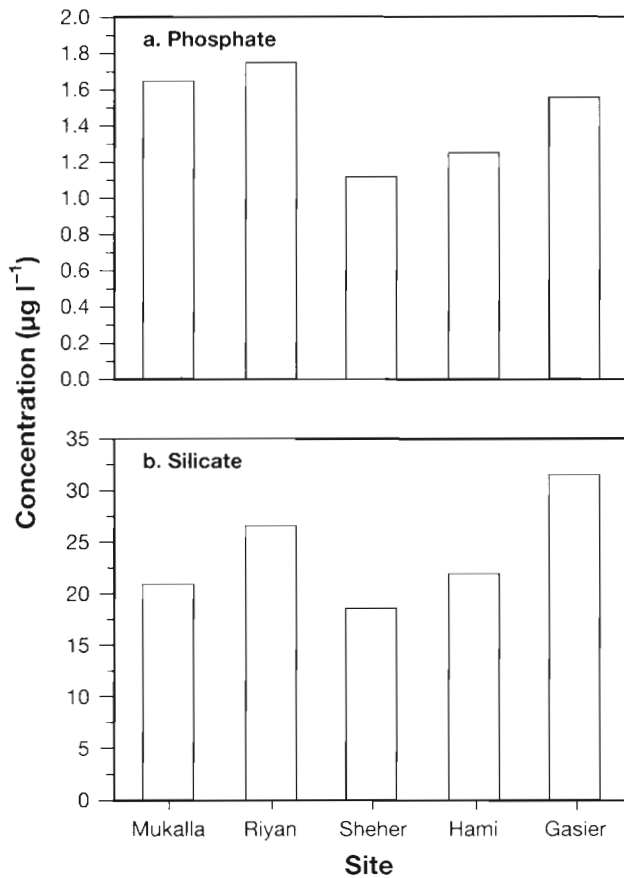


Fig. 5. Mean (a) phosphate and (b) silicate concentrations ($n = 3$) recorded near shore in each of the 5 study areas within a few days in August 1988

($2.87 \mu\text{g-at. l}^{-1}$) were recorded during July. Mean levels remained relatively high until September ($1.95 \mu\text{g-at. l}^{-1}$), after which they showed a slow decline to the low levels recorded during January and February.

Mean $\text{SiO}_4\text{-Si}$ levels show a comparable pattern with relatively low levels of 6 to $8 \mu\text{g-at. l}^{-1}$ in January–February, a first peak of almost $30 \mu\text{g-at. l}^{-1}$ in March, a second slightly smaller peak in July–August, followed by a second decline after September back to a mean level of less than $8 \mu\text{g-at. l}^{-1}$. The pattern for $\text{SiO}_4\text{-Si}$ differed from that for $\text{PO}_4\text{-P}$ principally in that the peak mean level of $\text{SiO}_4\text{-Si}$ recorded in the autumn ($23.69 \mu\text{g-at. l}^{-1}$) was lower than that recorded in spring ($29.01 \mu\text{g-at. l}^{-1}$). A comparison of mean nutrient levels recorded during spring and autumn at each of the 3 main study sites shows no consistent difference between these 3 sites.

To check for a possible geographical trend across a wider range of sites, means for samples taken within a few days of each other at all 5 study areas in August 1988 (near the centre of the upwelling period) were compared (see Fig. 5). The same trend is apparent in

both mean $\text{PO}_4\text{-P}$ and mean $\text{SiO}_4\text{-Si}$ concentration in that, going from west to east, they increased going from Mukalla to Riyan, dropped to their lowest level at Sheher, and then increased again moving further east to Hami and then to Gasier.

Surface water temperature

Variation in mean surface seawater temperature over all study sites showed a pattern essentially complementary to seasonal variation in inorganic nutrients. Lowest mean temperatures were recorded between July (24.5°C) and September (23.4°C), when highest mean phosphate levels were recorded. A second smaller drop in mean seawater temperature was recorded in February (25.8°C) when a second smaller peak in mean $\text{PO}_4\text{-P}$ level also occurred. This smaller drop in mean seawater temperature was followed by a marked increase in temperature to 28.0°C in March. The 2 highest individual seawater temperature readings during 1989 were both recorded in March (29°C), and the lowest in September (20°C), although more extreme temperatures have been recorded on other occasions. Differences in mean seawater temperatures between sites were not statistically significant.

The pattern of seasonal variation in seawater temperature is most clearly shown by a comprehensive set of readings taken at a single site (Motalla) over 1988 (see Fig. 6). Surface temperature increased to a peak of 30 to 31°C during the period April to June. This was followed by a dramatic fall to between 19 and 22°C observed during July. Following a second minimum of 21°C in September, seawater temperatures then

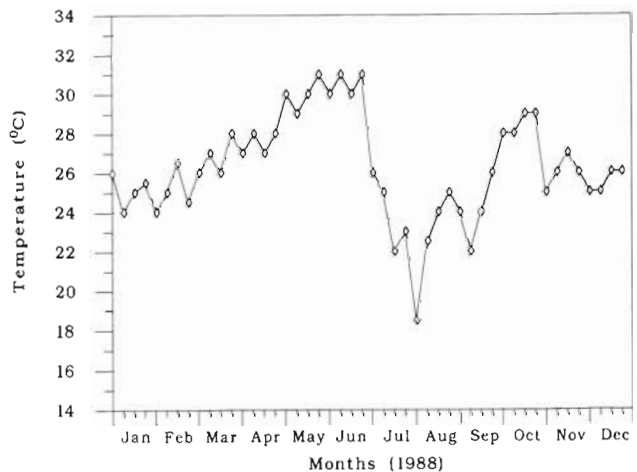


Fig. 6. Near-shore surface water temperature taken at weekly intervals throughout 1988 at Motalla, Sheher

recovered to a second maximum of 29°C in October before declining to the range of 24 to 26°C observed during the period November to February.

Climatic data

Climatological data, based on records obtained at Riyan airport, are given in Fig. 7. Mean daily air temperatures increased from a minimum in January (mean 24.2°C) to a maximum in June (mean 31.0°C) before declining again to the January level. Data on mean cloud cover showed a low but variable cover throughout the year, with small peaks in February, April and June, and a sustained low from October to January.

Records of wind strength and direction, in contrast to cloud cover records, showed a very marked annual pattern. The pattern is consistent with the annual occurrence of northeast and southwest monsoons. This is illustrated in Fig. 7 by the pattern of variation in the mean percentage of observations, month by month, in which detectable wind was from the south, southwest, or west. This varied between 1 and 8% over most of the year, but between May and July increased markedly to between 24 and 29%.

Relative humidity (Fig. 7) was moderately high throughout the year, but nevertheless showed a consistent annual pattern. There was a broad peak of 73 to 77% relative humidity from March to May, and a sharper peak of up to 79% centred on September, while minimum values of 64 to 66% occurred between November and January. The drop in relative humidity between May and September coincides with the period of winds from the south to west, i.e. with the southwest monsoon.

DISCUSSION

Although previous papers (Banaimoon 1986, 1988a, b) have described the occurrence on rocky shores at different sites in the Hadramout of many of the species reported here, the present study presents the first comprehensive account of the general ecology of intertidal macroalgal assemblages of the southern coast of Yemen. It is evident that, as on other temperate and tropical rocky shores experiencing a significant tide (Lewis 1964, Stephenson & Stephenson 1972), there is a marked zonation of species across the shore. Similar macroalgal assemblages showing a comparable zonation have been described for rocky shores on the neighbouring coast of southern Oman by Barratt et al. (1984, 1986), who also described sublittoral communities dominated in shallow water by the large fucalean alga *Sargassopsis zanardinii* (see Nizamud-

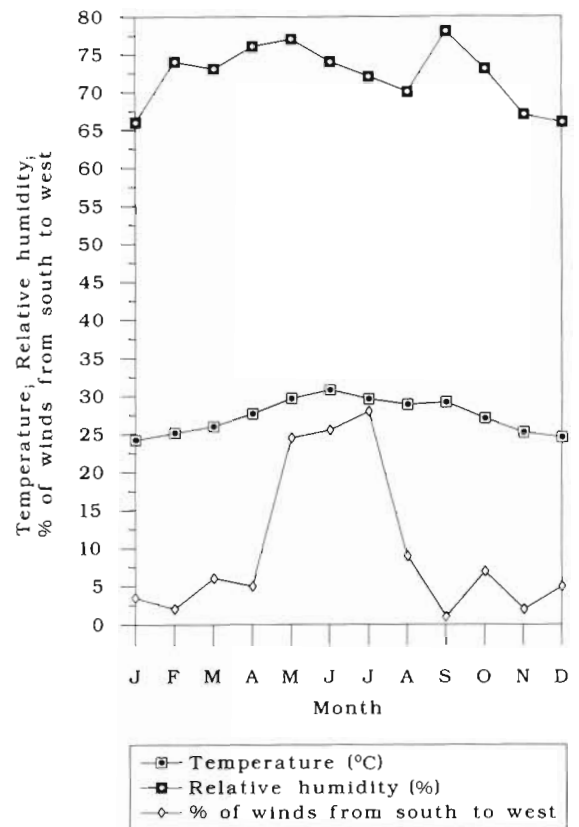


Fig. 7. Monthly variation in mean daily air temperature, mean relative humidity and mean percentage incidence of winds from the south, southwest and west combined, recorded at Riyan Airport during 1988 to 1990

din et al. 1993) and in deeper water by the kelp *Ecklonia radiata*.

The precise identification of many of the Oman species has yet to be confirmed, but it is evident that most of the species dominating the intertidal zone are the same as those reported here from Yemen. Barratt et al. (1984, 1986) described more exposed steep rocky shores as being dominated by a dense cover of *Ulva* spp. (*fasciata*?), *Enderachne binghamiae* (= *Jolyana laminarioides*), (?)*Pterosiphonia cloiophylla* (= *Melanothamnus somalensis*) and (?)*Suhria vittata*, usually occurring in that order moving from upper to lower shore, together with *Chaetomorpha* spp. and *Porphyra* sp. (*vietnamensis*?). More sheltered sites are described as being dominated by 2 species of *Ulva* (*lactuca*? *fasciata*?) and (?)*Dermonema frapperi*. Synonymy given in brackets is presumed identification with updated species names used in the present study and suggested as a result of inspection of the Oman material. All save (?)*S. vittata*, whose identity remains uncertain, correspond to species recognised here as dominant on corresponding shores in southern Yemen.

Barratt et al. (1984, 1986) also describe on limestone shores an intertidal rocky platform dominated by cushion-forming species including species of genera such as *Caulerpa*, *Dictyota*, *Gelidium*, *Hypnea*, and *Laurencia*, often accompanied by more erect forms of *Padina*, *Gracilaria*, *Galaxaura*, *Chondrococcus* and *Sargassum*. All are genera also recorded in the present study as common on rocky shores in the Hadramout.

In both southern Oman and southern Yemen the most conspicuous feature of the intertidal macroalgal assemblage is the dense and abundant growth that develops during the period of the southwest monsoon. There are no comparable biomass figures from southern Oman, but from detailed visual inspection this monsoonal growth appears generally greater in the Dhofar region of southern Oman (R. F. G. Ormond pers. obs.), and is clearly at a peak in the Mirbat and Sudah area within southern Oman (Barratt et al. 1984, 1986). Nutrient data from Oman (Savidge et al. 1986, 1990), supported by data from the present study, suggest that this dense growth during the period of the southwest monsoon is associated with the high levels of nutrients recorded at this time. Apparent differences in intertidal biomass between regions support this interpretation. Upwelling during the southwest monsoon is centred on the Arabian coast east of Ras Fartak (a little west of the south Yemen/south Oman border) and is at its most intense between Ras Mirbat and Ras Sharbitat in Oman (Currie 1992). This is the section of coast centred on Mirbat and Sudah (Fig. 1). Thus development of this intertidal algal assemblage is associated with the period of upwelling, and is greatest on that part of the coast where upwelling is most intense.

In fact data from the present Hadramout study suggest the possibility of a temporal displacement between the peak of the monsoon, which is in June and July (Fig. 7), maximum nutrient levels, which are in July and August, and densest algal growth, which is in August and September. This phasing could perhaps be understood in terms of the delay required for the southwesterly winds to generate sufficient upwelling to bring nutrient-rich water to the Hadramout coast, and the subsequent time required for growth of algae once adequate nutrients become available. A time lag between peak ambient nutrient concentrations and maximum macroalgal growth is common on temperate shores (Gagne et al. 1982, Asare & Harlin 1983, Stromgren 1986, Carlson 1991).

Also supportive of the view that nutrient supply is critical is the lack of correlation of peak algal growth with factors that have been suggested as important in influencing seasonal variation in algal growth in other non-upwelling tropical locations (Gessner & Hammer 1967, Taylor & Bernatowicz 1969, Croley & Dawes

1970, Santelices 1977, Moorjani 1979, Bryceson 1982), and which might have been suspected of being significant in the present case. The period of greatest intertidal algal development (August to September) does not correspond (Fig. 7) with minimum air temperature (December to February), maximum air temperature (May to July), highest relative humidity (September to October) or greatest cloud cover (February to June). On the other hand maximum air temperatures during May and June seem likely to be a factor leading to the complete lack of intertidal macroalgae at that time.

It is well established that, given adequate illumination, inorganic nutrient levels are the factor most normally controlling the growth of marine algae (Lapointe & Tenore 1981, Lapointe et al. 1984). Further, in an area of seasonal upwelling in Oregon, USA, Fujita et al. (1989) showed that growth of *Ulva rigida* appears to be limited by the supply of inorganic nitrogen prior to the commencement of upwelling. Thus our observations in southern Yemen are comparable with conclusions concerning the role of nutrients elsewhere. However, while inorganic nitrogen rather than phosphorus has generally been considered the limiting nutrient in temperate coastal waters (Topinka & Robbins 1976, Chapman & Craigie 1977, Hanisak 1979, Gagne et al. 1982, Gerard 1982, Davison et al. 1984) it has recently been suggested that phosphorus rather than nitrogen may be the limiting nutrient in some tropical and subtropical waters (Lapointe 1987, 1989, Lapointe et al. 1992). Whether in a tropical upwelling area such as southern Arabia growth of all or most macroalgal species is controlled by availability of inorganic nitrogen or inorganic phosphorus remains to be determined.

While maximum macroalgal biomass occurs during the autumn, the separate period of a smaller amount of growth that occurs during the spring (January to March) is also of interest. This coincides with records of nutrient levels that, while not as high as those observed in July and August during the southwest monsoon, are higher than at other times of year. This smaller peak coincides with and could be associated with the northeast monsoon. Further study is required to assess whether this spring growth is due to this wind, which may possibly generate, at least in some areas, slightly elevated nutrient levels, or whether it is due to other factors. In this context it is of interest that some of the species most conspicuous during the spring (*Sargassum binderi*, *S. latifolium*, *Cystoseira trinodis*, *Caulerpa cupressoides*, *C. racemosa* and *Halimeda tuna*) are different from those which dominate during the autumn. These species are all ones which are conspicuous throughout other parts of the western Indian Ocean where they may be able to dominate under conditions of lower nutrient maxima typically encountered elsewhere in that region.

Even within the present study area there appear to be some slight differences between sites in the amount of algal growth. Biomass is slightly greater at the western site of Mukalla, while species richness increases markedly as one moves eastwards to Hofra and Motalla. These differences might be explained in terms of small differences in intensity of upwelling, perhaps due to local differences in submarine topography, as implicated on the southern coast of Oman (Savidge et al. 1990). However a more important difference seems likely to relate to the form of the shore which is in turn due to the character of the rock of which the shore is composed, a factor also emphasised by Barratt et al. (1984, 1986). The igneous rocks at Khalf and Gasier (Fig. 2a) are steep and fissured. On the upper and mid-shore they are dominated by bivalves and gastropods which find hold or shelter among the crevices. By contrast the limestone rock at Sheher, Al-Dubbah and Hami (Fig. 2b) has been eroded to create rough intertidal platforms; these become covered by shoreward-moving sand during the calmer winter period and, probably as a result, have only small faunal populations. When uncovered by wave action during the southwest monsoon there is a greater proportion of substrate available for colonisation and grazing pressure is less than on the igneous shores. This contrasts with the situation in Dhofar

where the intertidal limestone platforms are not covered by sand during winter and a dense algal turf develops which is subject to intense grazing by echinoids and herbivorous fish (Barratt et al. 1986).

In summary, a luxuriant growth of macroalgae develops on intertidal rocks in the Hadramout region of southern Yemen during the southwest monsoon. The dominant species are similar to those reported from comparable communities in the Dhofar region of southern Oman. The evidence supports the interpretation that this growth is associated with high nutrient levels due to seasonal upwelling along the southern Arabian coast, rather than with any other oceanographic or climatic factor. During spring there is a smaller peak in algal growth involving some different species that are prevalent in other parts of the Indian Ocean region. Our observations are not incompatible with those other studies (see 'Introduction') that suggest that seasonal variation in the growth of these species in non-upwelling tropical areas may be due to factors other than nutrient supply.

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Appendix. Full list of algal species (presence indicated by +) recorded in the intertidal zone in each of the 5 study areas, Mukalla (Mk), Al-Dubbah (AD), Sheher (Sh), Hami (Hm), and Gasier (Gs), on the Hadramout coast of southern Yemen

Species	Authority	Mk	AD	Sh	Hm	Gs
Chlorophyta						
<i>Enteromorpha clathrata</i>	(Roth) Greville		+	+		
<i>Enteromorpha compressa</i>	(Linnaeus) Nees			+		
<i>Enteromorpha flexuosa</i>	(Wulfen) J. Agardh		+	+	+	
<i>Enteromorpha intestinalis</i>	(Linnaeus) Nees	+				+
<i>Ulva fasciata</i>	Delile	+				+
<i>Ulva lactuca</i>	Linnaeus		+	+	+	
<i>Ulva cf. pertusa</i>	Kjellman			+		
<i>Ulva rigida</i>	C. Agardh		+	+	+	
<i>Chaetomorpha antennina</i>	(Bory de Saint-Vincent) Kützing	+				+
<i>Chaetomorpha aerea</i>	(Dillwyn) Kützing			+		
<i>Chaetomorpha capillaris</i>	(Kützing) Borgesen			+		
<i>Chaetomorpha crassa</i>	(C. Agardh) Kützing		+	+	+	
<i>Cladophora koei</i>	Borgesen		+	+		
<i>Cladophora nitellopsis</i>	Borgesen			+	+	
<i>Cladophora prolifera</i>	(Roth) Kützing			+		
<i>Cladophora sericoides</i>	Borgesen			+		
<i>Cladophora vagabunda</i>	(Linnaeus) van den Hoek		+	+	+	
<i>Boodlea composita</i>	(Harvey) Brand			+	+	
<i>Valoniopsis pachynema</i>	(Martens) Borgesen			+		
<i>Bryopsis pennata</i>	Lamouroux	+				
<i>Bryopsis pennata</i> var. <i>lepieurii</i>	(Lamouroux) (Kützing) Collins & Hervey	+				
<i>Bryopsis pennata</i> var. <i>secunda</i>	(Lamouroux) (Harvey) Collins & Hervey	+				

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<i>Caulerpa cupressoides</i>	(Vahl) C. Agardh		+	+	+	
<i>Caulerpa cupressoides</i> var. <i>lycopodium</i>	(Vahl) C. Agardh Weber-van Bosse			+		
<i>Caulerpa fastigiata</i>	Montagne			+	+	
<i>Caulerpa racemosa</i>	(Forsskål) J. Agardh	+	+	+	+	
<i>Caulerpa racemosa</i> var. <i>peltata</i>	(Forsskål) J. Agardh (Lamouroux) Eubank		+	+	+	
<i>Caulerpa racemosa</i> var. <i>macrophysa</i>	(Forsskål) J. Agardh (Sonder ex Kützing) Taylor			+		
<i>Caulerpa racemosa</i> var. <i>turbinata</i>	(Forsskål) J. Agardh (J. Agardh) Eubank			+		
<i>Caulerpa mexicana</i>	Sonder ex Kützing		+	+	+	
<i>Caulerpa scalpelliformis</i>	(R. Brown ex Turner) C. Agardh			+	+	
<i>Caulerpa sertularioides</i>	(S. G. Gmelin) Howe		+	+	+	
<i>Caulerpa serrulata</i>	(Forsskål) J. Agardh			+		
<i>Codium elongatum</i>	Auctorum	+				
<i>Codium iyengarii</i>	Borgesen	+			+	
<i>Codium tomentosum</i>	Auctorum	+		+	+	+
<i>Codium</i> sp. (flattened)				+		
<i>Halimeda tuna</i>	(Ellis & Salander) Lamouroux	+	+	+	+	+
<i>Halimeda papyracea</i>	Zanardini		+	+	+	
<i>Halimeda</i> cf. <i>renschii</i>	Hauck	+			+	
<i>Udotea indica</i>	A. Gepp & E. S. Gepp		+	+	+	
<i>Udotea palmetta</i>	DeCaisne			+		
<i>Struvea anastomosans</i>	(Harvey) Piccone & Grumour in Piccone			+		
<i>Struvea</i> sp.				+		
<i>Siphonocladus tropicus</i>	(P. & H. Crouan in Schramm & Maze) J. Agardh			+		
<i>Chlorodesmis hildebrandtii</i>	A. Gepp & E. S. Gepp	+				
Phaeophyta						
<i>Dictyopteris delicatula</i>	Lamouroux		+	+	+	
<i>Dictyota ceylanica</i>	Kützing			+		
<i>Dictyota divaricata</i>	Lamouroux		+	+	+	
<i>Dictyota dichotoma</i>	(Hudson) Lamouroux				+	
<i>Padinia gymnospora</i>	(Kützing) Sonder		+	+	+	
<i>Padina tetrastrumatica</i>	Hauck		+	+	+	
<i>Padina pavonica</i>	(Linnaeus) Thivy		+	+	+	
<i>Padina</i> sp. 1 (4 cell thick)			+			
<i>Padina</i> sp. 2 (6 cell thick)					+	
<i>Padina</i> sp. 3 (5 cell thick)					+	
<i>Spatoglossum asperum</i>	J. Agardh	+	+	+	+	
<i>Spatoglossum variabile</i>	Figari & De Notaris		+	+		
<i>Stoechospermum marginatum</i>	(C. Agardh) Kützing		+	+	+	
<i>Colpomenia sinuosa</i>	(Mertens ex Roth) Derbies & Solier	+				
<i>Myriogloi sciurus</i>	(Harvey) Kuckuck	+				+
<i>Jolyna laminarioides</i>	Guimaraes in Guimaraes et al.	+				+
<i>Cystoseira trinodis</i>	(Forsskål) C. Agardh		+	+	+	
<i>Cystoseira myrica</i>	(Gmelin) C. Agardh		+	+	+	
<i>Sargassum binderi</i>	Sonder		+	+	+	
<i>Sargassum asperifolium</i>	Hering et Martens ex J. Agardh			+		
<i>Sargassum boveanum</i>	J. Agardh		+	+	+	
<i>Sargassum duplicatum</i>	J. Agardh	+				
<i>Sargassum ilicifolium</i>	(Turner) C. Agardh		+	+	+	
<i>Sargassum latifolium</i>	(Turner) C. Agardh		+	+	+	
<i>Sargassum</i> sp. 1				+	+	
<i>Sargassum</i> sp. 2				+		
<i>Sargassum</i> sp. 3				+		
<i>Sargassum</i> sp. 4				+		
<i>Sargassopsis zanardinii</i>	(Schiffner) Nizamuddin et al.	+				+

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Rhodophyta						
<i>Porphyra vietnamensis</i>	(Linnaeus) J. Agardh	+				+
<i>Porphyra</i> cf. <i>denticulata</i>	Leuring	+				+
<i>Palmaria palmata</i>	(Linnaeus) Kuntze		+	+	+	
<i>Palmaria</i> sp.			+	+	+	
<i>Dermonema frappieri</i>	(Montagne & Millardet) Borgesen	+				+
<i>Galaxaura marginata</i>	(Ellis & Solander) Lamouroux		+	+	+	
<i>Galaxaura obtusata</i>	(Ellis & Solander) Lamouroux		+	+		
<i>Scinaia fascicularis</i>	(Turner) Buiouia		+	+	+	
<i>Scinaia hatei</i>	Borgesen			+		
<i>Scinaia indica</i>	Borgesen		+	+	+	
<i>Gelidiella acerosa</i>	(Forsskål) Feldmann & Hamel			+	+	
<i>Gelidium pusillum</i>	(Stackhouse) Le Jolis	+				
<i>Pterocladia nana</i>	Okamura		+	+	+	
<i>Pterocladia</i> cf. <i>capillacea</i>	(S. G. Gmelin) Bornet	+				
<i>Grateloupia filicina</i>	(Lamouroux) C. Agardh		+	+	+	
<i>Halymenia floresia</i>	(Clemente y Rubio)		+	+	+	
<i>Halymenia venusta</i>	Borgesen		+	+	+	
<i>Halymenia durvillaei</i>	Bory de Saint-Vincent			+		
<i>Amphiroa anceps</i>	(Lamarck) DeCaisne		+	+	+	
<i>Jania capillacea</i>	Harvey		+			
<i>Portieria hornemannii</i>	(Lyngbye) P. C. Silva		+	+	+	
<i>Gracilaria canaliculata</i>	Sonder	+		+	+	
<i>Gracilaria corticata</i>	J. Agardh		+	+	+	
<i>Gracilaria dentata</i>	J. Agardh		+			
<i>Gracilaria foliifera</i>	(Forsskål) Borgesen		+	+	+	
<i>Gracilaria foliifera</i> f. <i>aeruginosa</i>	(Turner) Borgesen		+	+	+	
<i>Gracilaria</i> cf. <i>millardetii</i>	(J. Agardh) Montagne			+		
<i>Gracilaria textorii</i>	(Suringar) DeToni		+	+		
<i>Gracilaria verrucosa</i>	(Hudson) Papenfuss		+	+	+	
<i>Gracilaria</i> sp. 1			+			
<i>Gracilaria</i> sp. 2				+		
<i>Gracilariopsis lemaneiformis</i>	(Bory) Dawson		+	+		
<i>Polycavernosa debilis</i>	(Forsskål) Freedericq & Norris		+			
<i>Meristotheca papulosa</i>	(Montagne) J. Agardh	+		+	+	
<i>Sarconema filiforme</i>	(Sonder)	+	+	+	+	
<i>Sarconema scinaoides</i>	Borgesen		+	+		
<i>Solieria dura</i>	(Zanardini) Schmitz		+	+		
<i>Solieria robusta</i>	(Greville) Kylin		+	+	+	
<i>Agardhiella</i> sp.			+			
<i>Hypnea musiformis</i>	(Wulfen) Lamouroux		+	+	+	
<i>Hypnea pannosa</i>	J. Agardh	+				
<i>Hypnea valentiaea</i>	(Turner) Montagne		+	+	+	
<i>Botryocladia leptopoda</i>	(J. Agardh) Kylin		+	+	+	
<i>Botryocladia leptopoda</i> f. <i>luxurians</i>	(J. Agardh) Kylin Borgesen			+		
<i>Coelarthrum muelleri</i>	(Sonder) Borgesen			+	+	
<i>Coelarthrum opuntia</i>	(J. Agardh) Borgesen	+	+	+	+	
<i>Rhodymenia</i> cf. <i>dissecta</i>	Borgesen		+	+	+	
<i>Rhodymenia</i> cf. <i>australis</i>	Borgesen		+	+	+	
<i>Lomentaria squarrosa</i>	(Kützing) Le Jolis	+				
<i>Champia globulifera</i>	Borgesen			+		
<i>Champia parvula</i>	(C. Agardh) Harvey		+	+	+	
<i>Champia plumosa</i>	Anand		+			
<i>Champia somalensis</i>	Hauck		+	+	+	
<i>Gastroclonium iyengarii</i>	Srinivasan		+			
<i>Callithamnion</i> cf. <i>cordatum</i>	Borgesen	+				
<i>Callithamnion</i> sp. 1		+				
<i>Centroceras clavulatum</i>	(C. Agardh) Montagne	+	+	+	+	+
<i>Ceramium flaccidum</i>	(Kützing) Ardissonne			+	+	

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<i>Ceramium strictum</i>	Harvey		+			
<i>Ceramium taylorii</i>	Dawson			+	+	
<i>Ceramium transversale</i>	Collin & Harvey		+	+	+	
<i>Ceramium cf. tenuissimum</i>	(Roth) Areschong			+		
<i>Ceramium sp.</i>				+		
<i>Spyridia filamentosa</i>	(Wulfen) Harvey		+			
<i>Crouania sp.</i>		+				
<i>Griffithsia cf. globifera</i>	Harvey ex Kützing			+		
<i>Wrangelia sceptrifera</i>	J. Agardh			+		
<i>Wrangelia cf. bicuspidata</i>	Borgesen			+		
<i>Dasya elongata</i>	Sonder		+	+	+	
<i>Dasya baillouviana</i>	(S. G. Gmelin) Montagne		+	+	+	
<i>Heterosiphonia crispella</i>	(C. Agardh) Wynne	+				
<i>Acanthophora muscoides</i>	(Linnaeus) Bory		+	+	+	
<i>Acanthophora spicifera</i>	(Vahl) Borgesen		+	+		
<i>Chondria dasyphylla</i>	(Woodward) C. Agardh		+	+	+	
<i>Chondria sedifolia</i>	Harvey		+			
<i>Herposiphonia cf. secunda</i>	(C. Agardh) Falkenberg	+				
<i>Laurencia cf. elata</i>	(C. Agardh) Harvey	+				
<i>Laurencia obtusa</i>	(Hudson) Lamouroux	+				+
<i>Laurencia papillosa</i>	(C. Agardh) Greville		+	+	+	
<i>Laurencia parvipapillata</i>	Tseng	+				
<i>Laurencia pinnatifida</i>	(Hudson) Lamouroux	+				+
<i>Laurencia cf. patentiramea</i>	(Montagne) Kützing	+				
<i>Laurencia sp. 1</i>		+				
<i>Laurencia sp. 2</i>		+				
<i>Melnothamnus somalensis</i>	Bornet & Falkenberg	+				+
<i>Polysiphonia crassicolis</i>	Borgesen	+	+	+	+	
<i>Polysiphonia variegata</i>	(C. Agardh) Zanardini				+	
<i>Polysiphonia sp.</i>					+	

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