

**INTERTIDAL ABALONES ON THE COAST OF NORTH SULAWESI: A SURVEY  
OF THE DISTRIBUTION AND ABUNDANCE OF *HALIOTIS VARIA* AND  
*H. ASININA***

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**ABSTRACT**

Abalones were studied in intertidal areas on the coast of North Sulawesi. Populations were sampled along transects. Two species amounting to 51 7 specimens were collected from 6 localities. The most abundant abalone was *Haliotis varia* L., 1758 (n = 497) with a length range from 1.0 to 6.0 cm and widths from 1.5 to 4.5 cm. *H. asinina* L., 1758 (n = 20) had a length range from 2.8 to 6.4 cm and widths from 2.0 to 3.7 cm. Abalones were encountered at densities from 1 to 8 ind/m<sup>2</sup>.