

**PEN CULTURE OF *BABYLONIA SPIRATA* (NEOGASTROPODA : BUCCINIDAE) IN  
VELLAR ESTUARY, PARANGIPETTAI, INDIA**

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**ABSTRACT**

Juvenile *B. spirata* with an average shell length of 2.75 cm and a weight of 6.42 g, were fed daily with bivalve flesh at a rate of 7% of the total body weight. The density was 38 snails m<sup>-2</sup>. After 90 days the overall increase in length and weight were 3.2 mm and 4.03 g, respectively. All animals were found dead on the 105th day. Major problems with culture of *B. spirata* are discussed in relation to the environment and design of the pen.