

## **BACTERIAL INFESTATION OF *CHICOREUS RAMOSUS***

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### **ABSTRACT**

Infested *Chicoreus ramosus* possessed diffused cell infiltration, increase in bacterial numbers, and tissue necrosis. Bacterial infestations (*Vibrio* sp., *Pseudomonas* sp. and *Aeromonas* sp.) were more prevalent in adults than in juveniles. Animals with higher bacterial counts had heavily bored or damaged shells. but severe infestations, or mortality caused by potential pathogenic strains, were not observed.