

PEARL OYSTER (*PINCTADA MARGARITIFERA*) KEPT IN NET BASKETS

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Pearl oyster spat of 15-33 mm initial shell length were obtained from wild populations and placed in individual compartments of iron-framed baskets covered with 1.5 cm net. Baskets contained 16 compartments (each 100 cm²), and were hung from a raft (6 x 4 m wooden frame) at 2-4 m depth of water. The oysters were kept for 226 days using this design which is suitable for growth studies in coastal water.