

DISTRIBUTION OF Zn, Mn, Fe AND Cu IN EDIBLE MARINE
GASTROPODS ALONG THE SOUTH EAST COAST OF INDIA

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ABSTRACT

Zn, Mn, Fe and Cu were measured in edible gastropods *Babylonia spirata*, *Hemifusus pugilinus*, *Rapana rapiformis*, *Xancus pyrum* and *Melo melo* sampled during October 1994 to September 1995 at 4 sites along the Southeast coast of India. The animals from heavily polluted sites showed high levels of metal. High concentrations of all metals were recorded during the rainy monsoon whereas concentrations were low during the dry summer.