

Review

STATUS OF THE IDENTIFICATION OF LARVAE OF BIVALVE MOLLUSCS
IN INDONESIA

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ABSTRACT

Proper identification of larvae of bivalve molluscs is important for biodiversity studies, and for the environmental studies in general. But, in Indonesia, the experience is limited. Studies on larval identification of bivalve species are very rare. Morphological characters of tropical bivalve larvae seem comparable to those of related species of temperate waters, though not always. Hence it is imperative to have work on the identification of tropical bivalve larvae initiated.