

**POLE CULTURE OF GREEN MUSSEL *PERNA VIRIDIS*
IN KOH KONG BAY, CAMBODIA**

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ABSTRACT

Size distribution and total yield of *Perna viridis* were recorded in the Peam Krasob estuary, Cambodia. At three of the farms 80% of the mussels achieved the marketable size of 5 cm or more after 8-9 months. The total production per pole ranged from 33-40 kg/7-8 months in 1996-97. It increased to 47-51 kg/8-9 months in 1997-98. In three other farms only 60% of the mussels had marketable size. In these farms the total production per pole ranged from 23-26 kg/7-8 months in 1996-97 and 32-35 kg/8-9 months in 1997-98.