

REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY OF BLACK LIP PEARL OYSTER
PINCTADA MARGARITIFERA IN KHANH HOA PROVINCE,
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Samples of black lip pearl oyster *Pinctada margaritifera* were collected in Khanh Hoa province from April 1997 to March 1998. *P. margaritifera* spawned around the year. The main period of reproduction occurred from March to September. First spawning took place at a length of 5.3 cm and 24 g total weight. There was a relationship between sex ratio and size of oyster. The male frequency decreased in concert with increasing size of the pearl oysters. Fecundity of mature females varied from 15 to 103 million eggs.