

OYSTER SPATFALL IN MLONGGO WATERS, JEPARA, INDONESIA

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ABSTRACT

Spatfall of oyster was estimated in the Sumber estuary, Mlonggo waters, Jepara, from March to December 1997. Spat collectors were made of strings of ten plates of asbestos, coconut shell, and tile with cemented oyster shells. There were four replicates. Settlement on collectors, salinity, and temperature of water were measured bi-weekly. The best collectors for oyster spat were asbestos and tile with cemented oyster shells. Peak spatfalls were measured in March and September-October in accordance with onset of shifting monsoons.