

**ECOLOGY, MORPHOLOGY AND THE USE OF KUP ANG,  
*MUSCULISTA* A SP. IN INDONESIA**

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**ABSTRACT**

The small bivalve *Musculista* sp. (kupang in Indonesian language) is normally found on muddy substrates close to the mouth of estuaries. Occasionally they also occur on muddy substrates near mangroves or on sandy bottoms. *Musculista* sp. are attached to each other with byssus. Local people collect this species, mainly to sell them in the market for feeding of cultured prawn. *Musculista* sp. has a culture potential either for human food or to feed fish and crustaceans.