

**NOTE ON BIOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND RESOURCES OF  
THE SCALLOP ( *CHLAMYS NOBILIS* ) IN THE COASTAL AREAS  
OF BINH THUAN PROVINCE**

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**ABSTRACT**

This paper has emphasis on data from 1985-86. The data have historical value because the scallop resource in recent time has been overexploited with severe consequences for the natural stocks. Data demonstrate that a rich resource of scallop (*Chlamys nobilis*) used to be widely distributed in Binh Thuan coastal area. *C. nobilis* could be exploited annually from August to October when scallops were over one year old and had a shell length of 6.5-7.6 cm. Exploited production varied annually but the potential production should be approximately 15,000 tons. Main landings came from four places within an area of about 100 km<sup>2</sup>. The paper summarizes ecological information available on *C. nobilis*.