

**REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY OF THE ABALONE *HALIOTIS VARIA*
LINNE, 1758 IN CAM HANH BA Y, SOUTH CENTRAL VIETNAM**

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ABSTRACT

A total of 768 *Haliotis varia* Linne were examined to reveal the reproductive cycle, size at sexual maturity, sex ratio, and fecundity. The spawning season of this species extended all year round but the highest percentage of ripe gonads was observed between May and September. Sexual maturity was first attained at a size of 21.9 mm for males and 25.6 mm for females. The sex ratio of wild *H. varia* was 1:1. Fecundity varied from 35,800 to 222,200 eggs per female.