

Development of fouling organisms on pearl oyster *Pinctada fucata* during a period of 2 months

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Pinctada fucata is heavily fouled in Tuticorin waters. A two months experimental study showed that common fouling organisms were diatoms, coelenterates, bryozoans, crustaceans, tunicates, and polychaetes. The fouling pattern from the primary layer has been studied in detail and is discussed.

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