

Parasitic trematode larvae in the turbinid gastropod *Turbo brunneus* (Röding, 1798) from Tuticorin, India

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The occurrence of trematode parasites in the turbinid gastropod *Turbo brunneus* was analysed from May 1998 to April 1999. The males showed higher rate of parasitic infection than the females. The percentage infection was high in the month of October. In both sexes the gonads were found to be the primary site of infection. The infection was highest in large-size gastropods. Histological studies showed that the gonadal tissues were completely destroyed and the developing sporocysts and cercariae occupied the whole gonad.

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