

INTERTIDAL FISHES OF A ROCKY POOL OF THE SANHSIENTAI, EASTERN TAIWAN¹

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Sin-Che Lee (1980) Intertidal fishes of a rocky pool of the Sanhsientai, eastern Taiwan. *Bull. Inst. Zool., Academia Sinica* 19(1): 19-26. The intertidal fish community from a rocky tidal pool of the Sanhsientai in the vicinity of Chengkong, Taiwan was studied. A total of 1105 specimens collected were both belonging to tropical or subtropical fishes. The 38 families, 124 species were recognized. Among them, *Spratelloides delicatulus*, *Belone persimilis*, *Tylosurus incisus*, *Andamia pacifica* and *Parenchelyurus hepburni* are the first record from Taiwan. The family Labridae was the most diversified group consisting of 13.7% (17 out of 124) of all species. The family Pomacentridae was the most abundant with 22.17% (245 out of 1105) of total individuals collected. The dominance (*c*), variety (*d*), evenness (*e*) and Shannon general diversity indices (\bar{H}) obtained from the collections I, II, III and IV, respectively were as follows: *c*=0.0393, 0.0435, 0.0819 and 0.0524; *d*=28.7097, 27.3648, 17.9195 and 25.2855; *e*=2.0687; 2.0129, 1.8771 and 1.9531; \bar{H} =3.804, 3.774, 2.986 and 3.486.

Since most of the coastal line in eastern Taiwan is very steep where the mountain range precipitously drop into the Pacific Ocean, it is difficult to find a suitable pool to elucidate the faunal characteristic of intertidal fishes. Sanhsientai, a small islet, separated by a 200 m wide channel from the coastal village of Paishoulien and about 4 Km east of Chengkong (Fig. 1), was chosen for this survey. Sanhsientai has a total area of 1.1 hectares and the hill at the centre of the islet is about 10 m in height. The islet is surrounded by reefs. The census pool covers an area of about 20 m × 20 m with 0.5 m-2 m in depth at low tide. The bottom of the pool is rocky with large boulders, coral colonies and patches of algae. Monthly mean sea surface temperatures of the Chengkong area for 1978 were ranged from 22.2°C (February, 1978) to 29.2°C (September, 1978).

Sanhsientai was chosen for the present survey simply that the islet has been undisturbed and

isolated which could obtain a more sufficient and accurate information on tropical fish fauna.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The intertidal fishes were sampled in May, July, October 1978 and February 1979 (designated as the collections I, II, III and IV, respectively). Sampling was undertaken at 1 hour after the lowest tide level for 2 successive days in each visit except October 1978 for 1 working day because of bad weather. Fishes were collected from the pool immediately after the application of 3 pounds ichthyocide NaCN on each sampling. Specimens were then fixed and preserved in 10% formalin and they are deposited in the Museum of the Institute of Zoology, Academia Sinica.

Dominance index (*c*) was calculated from

$$c = \sum \left(\frac{ni}{N} \right)^2. \text{ Variety index (d) was calculated}$$

from $d = \frac{S-1}{\log N}$. Evenness index (*e*) was

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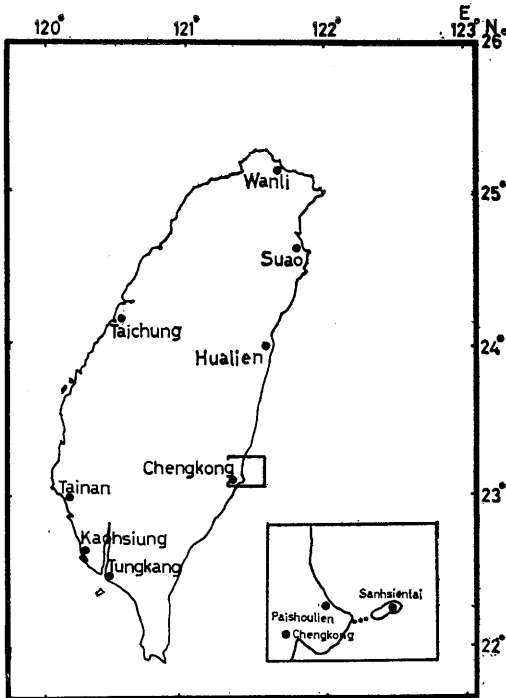


Fig. 1. Map of Taiwan showing the location of study site.

calculated from $e = \frac{\bar{H}}{\log S}$. Shannon general diversity index (\bar{H}) was calculated from $\bar{H} = -\sum \left(\frac{ni}{N}\right) \ln \left(\frac{ni}{N}\right)$. "ni" represents individual numbers of one particular species, "N" the total numbers of individual collected and "S" represents the numbers of species.

RESULTS

A total of 1105 specimens were collected, 124 species, 38 families were recognized (Table 1). Among them, *Spratelloides delicatulus*, *Belone persimilis*, *Tylosurus incisus*, *Andamia pacifica* and *Parenchelyurus hepburnii* are new records from Taiwan.

Species composition based on the percentage of 124 species, Labridae was the largest family which accounted for 13.7% of all species (17 species), and followed in the order of Blenniidae (10.48%, 13 species), Gobiidae (9.68%, 12 species), Muraenidae (8.06%, 10 species) and Pomacentridae (7.26%, 9 species). The 14 families, including Clupeidae, Atherinidae, Belonidae, Holocentridae, Scorpaenidae, Serranidae, Pseudochromidae,

TABLE 1
List of species and its number of individual collected and ranges of body length in mm (in parentheses) for each species

Family and species	Collections			
	I	II	III	IV
Moringuidae				
1. <i>Moringua abbreviata</i>	1(195)			2(163-260)
Muraenidae				
2. <i>Echidna nebulosa</i>		1(160)	2(138-170)	7(68-273)
3. <i>E. polyzona</i>	4(80-155)	1(355)		1(67)
4. <i>Gymnothorax fimbriatus</i>	1(245)	1(115)		
5. <i>G. flavimarginatus</i>	5(75-245)	7(182-417)	2(71-222)	2(265-353)
6. <i>G. meleagris</i>	1(305)			
7. <i>G. petelli</i>		1(90)		2(194-455)
8. <i>G. pictus</i>		1(135)		
9. <i>G. thyrsoideus</i>				3(196-360)
10. <i>G. undulatus</i>	9(170-275)	1(175)	4(46-79)	
11. <i>Uropterygius micropterus</i>		1(302)		
Congridae				
12. <i>Conger cinereus</i>		1(155)		3(57-709)

TABLE 1 (continued)

Family and species	Collections			
	I	II	III	IV
Ophichthidae				
13. <i>Myrichthys maculosus</i>	1(235)		1(160)	
Clupeidae				
14. <i>Herklotsichthys quadrimaculata</i>			1(100)	
*15. <i>Spratelloides delicatulus</i>		42(26-53.5)		
Engraulidae				
16. <i>Thryssa kammalensis</i>	1(101)			
Ophidiidae				
17. <i>Dinematchthys iluocoeteoides</i>		8(35-75)		1(48)
Atherinidae				
18. <i>Allanetta woodwardi</i>	1(29)	6(28-42)	6(44-75)	
19. <i>Atherion elymus</i>	4(20-25)	1(26)		
Belonidae				
*20. <i>Belone persimilis</i>	1(380)			
*21. <i>Tylosurus incisus</i>	1(163)			
Holocentridae				
22. <i>Adioryx ruber</i>				1(127)
23. <i>Flammeo sammara</i>			1(47)	
Fistulariidae				
24. <i>Fistularia petimba</i>		1(141)		
Syngnathidae				
25. <i>Choeroichthys sculpus</i>	1(62)			
Scorpaenidae				
26. <i>Pterois radiata</i>	1(85)			
27. <i>Scorpaena albobrunnea</i>				1(25.5)
28. <i>Scorpaenodes guamensis</i>	4(32-85)	7(24-86)	1(31)	1(53)
29. <i>Scorpaenopsis cirrhosa</i>	1(93)	2(85-103)		
30. <i>S. diapodus</i>				1(61)
Serranidae				
31. <i>Cephalopholis argus</i>				2(44-57)
32. <i>Epinephelus caeruleopunctatus</i>		8(28-202)	2(59-72)	1(106)
33. <i>E. hexagonatus</i>	1(121)	3(115-132)	1(61)	
34. <i>E. tawia</i>				1(102)
Grammistidae				
35. <i>Grammistes sexlineatus</i>	3(39-73)	10(29-92)	2(25-38)	2(20-55)
Pseudochromidae				
36. <i>Dampiera melanotaenia</i>	3(37-113)			
37. <i>Pseudochromis tapeinosoma</i>	1(37)			
Plesiopidae				
38. <i>Plesiops coeruleolineatus</i>		7(31-73)		1(33)
39. <i>P. melas</i>				2(28)
40. <i>P. nigricans</i>		2(113-116)		6(50-111)

TABLE 1 (continued)

Family and species	Collections			
	I	II	III	IV
Acanthoclinidae				
41. <i>Belonepterygion fasciolatum</i>	1(36)			
Apogonidae				
42. <i>Apogon angustatus</i>	1(92)	3(53-80)		7(50-70)
43. <i>A. coccineus</i>	3(33-47)	3(25-27)		3(36-45)
44. <i>A. nubilis</i>	2(20-24)			
45. <i>A. robustus</i>	23(33-83)	52(16-57)	18(27-69)	1(61)
46. <i>Fowleria isostigma</i>	1(17)			
Lutjanidae				
47. <i>Lutjanus monostigma</i>	1(105)	8(28-77)		1(76)
Nemipteridae				
48. <i>Scolopsis cancellatus</i>	3(32-41)			1(62)
Mullidae				
49. <i>Parupeneus barberinus</i>	2(35-37)			
50. <i>P. fraterculus</i>	2(38-42)			
Chaetodontidae				
51. <i>Chaetodon adierregastos</i>		1(21)		
52. <i>C. auriga</i>		3(24-42)		1(64.5)
53. <i>C. citrinellus</i>	1(91)	3(36-81)	1(55)	
54. <i>C. lunula</i>			1(48)	
55. <i>C. vagabundus</i>	1(23)		1(18)	
56. <i>Pomacanthus semicirculatus</i>	2(22-26)	10(12-48)	1(44)	1(38)
Pomacentridae				
57. <i>Abudefduf coelestinus</i>	2(26-27)			1(60)
58. <i>A. notatus</i>	2(19-21)			1(64)
59. <i>A. septemfasciatus</i>	1(19)	2(37-42)	1(68)	3(54-63)
60. <i>A. sordidus</i>		1(29)		1(25)
61. <i>A. vaigiensis</i>	16(20-62)	30(14-65)	21(15-56)	14(16-68)
62. <i>Glyphidodontops glaucus</i>	1(30)	12(27-79)	1(66)	11(27-68)
63. <i>G. leucopomus</i>	5(20-23)	42(14-47)	2(21-33)	6(21-46)
64. <i>G. unioellatus</i>		22(38-58)	4(37-41)	6(33.5-57)
65. <i>Plectroglyphidodon leucozona</i>	18(27-123)	5(26-82)		4(38-44)
Mugilidae				
66. <i>Liza macrolepis</i>		7(20-35)	19(79-99)	
Labridae				
67. <i>Anampses caeruleopunctatus</i>		1(43)		
68. <i>Cheilinus trilobatus</i>	3(85-122)			
69. <i>Halichoeres leparensis</i>	6(52-56)	1(31)	1(75)	2(41-42)
70. <i>H. margaritaceus</i>		12(36-60)		14(25-62)
71. <i>H. marginatus</i>	4(26-87)	9(20-45)	2(39-48)	5(32-70)
72. <i>H. miniatus</i>		3(65-77)		
73. <i>H. nebulosa</i>		1(85)	1(67)	

TABLE 1 (continued)

Family and species	Collections			
	I	II	III	IV
74. <i>H. centiquadrus</i>	2(24-82)			
75. <i>Hemigymnus melapterus</i>		1(47)		
76. <i>Labroides dimidiatus</i>		1(37)		
77. <i>Macropharyngodon meleagris</i>	4(65-104)			
78. <i>Stethojulis bandanensis</i>	5(40-90)	10(31-64)		
79. <i>S. trilineata</i>	1(28)	8(27-59)		1(94)
80. <i>Thalassoma amblycephalus</i>		1(33)		2(20.5-30.5)
81. <i>Th. hardwickei</i>	3(85-96)	1(79)	1(37)	
82. <i>Th. purpureum</i>		1(32)		
83. <i>Th. quinquevittata</i>				1(60)
Scaridae				
84. <i>Scarus lepidus</i>	1(24)			
Mugiloididae				
85. <i>Parapercis cephalopunctatus</i>	2(58-82)	2(80-84)		
Blenniidae				
*86. <i>Andamia pacifica</i>		1(35)		2(45-47)
87. <i>Cirripectes sebae</i>	2(27-44)	2(41-51)		
88. <i>Entomacrodus caudofasciatus</i>				1(52)
89. <i>E. decussatus</i>	1(82)	2(53-130)		5(37-89)
90. <i>E. striatus</i>	2(52-61)			
91. <i>Istiblennius bilitonensis</i>		1(71)		8(27-81)
92. <i>I. edentulus</i>	1(69)	22(40-106)	9(51-109)	38(32-88)
93. <i>I. lineatus</i>	16(31-90)	17(35-93)		3(56-78)
94. <i>I. periphthalmus</i>		3(39-59)		
95. <i>Istiblennius</i> sp.			1(23)	2(39-51)
*96. <i>Parenchelyurus hepburni</i>			1(30)	
97. <i>Praealticus tanegasimae</i>		2(62-65)		
98. <i>Salarias fasciatus</i>	1(89)	3(39-55)		
Tripterygiidae				
99. <i>Tripterygion fuscipectoris</i>	1(20)			1(28)
100. <i>T.</i> sp.		2(29-31)		
Clinidae				
101. <i>Springeratus xanthosoma</i>	1(34)			
Gobiidae				
102. <i>Acentrogobius ornatus</i>	13(44-84)	6(21-70)	1(73)	4(39.5-56)
103. <i>Asterropteryx semipunctatus</i>		3(22-31)	1(22)	2(34-38)
104. <i>Bathygobius fuscus</i>	7(15-54)	35(26-58)	6(22-33)	15(24-44)
105. <i>Callogobius sclateri</i>	8(36-51)	4(22-42)	1(43)	4(35-41)
106. <i>Eviota abax</i>		1(14)		1(20)
107. <i>Fusigobius neophytus</i>	2(31-51)	1(33)		1(46)
108. <i>Gnatholepis knighti</i>	1(37)	1(27)		
109. <i>Parioglossus dotui</i>			1(15)	
110. <i>Riukiuia</i> sp.			1(18)	
111. <i>Zonogobius eugenius</i>				1(33)

TABLE 1 (continued)

Family and species	Collections			
	I	II	III	IV
112. <i>Z. semidoliatus</i>	6(17-33)	9(14-31)	1(22)	4(18-21)
113. Gobiidae sp.	1(45)			
Acanthuridae				
114. <i>Acanthurus lineatus</i>	1(120)	1(56)		1(74)
115. <i>A. nigrofuscus</i>	1(102)		2(38-40)	
116. <i>A. triostegus</i>		11(22-63)	8(23-31)	4(56-84)
117. <i>A. xanthopterus</i>	1(42)			
118. <i>Ctenochaetus striatus</i>				1(112)
Siganidae				
119. <i>Siganus spinus</i>		7(59-67)		
Bothidae				
120. <i>Bothus mancus</i>				1(92)
Balistidae				
121. <i>Rhineacanthus verrucosus</i>		1(31)		
Tetraodontidae				
122. <i>Canthigaster benetti</i>		1(77)		
123. <i>Tetraodon hispidus</i>			1(15)	
Diodontidae				
124. <i>Diodon holacanthus</i>	1(120)	2(150-155)		
Total numbers of individual	231	506	132	236

Plesiopidae, Apogonidae, Mullidae, Chaetodontidae, Tripterygiidae, Acanthuridae and Tetraodontidae had 2 to 6 species. The remaining 19 families excluded from above had only single species.

Among 124 species collected, *Apogon robustus* (94 out of 1105 individuals), *Abudefduf vaigiensis* (81), *Istiblennius edentulus* (70), *Bathygobius fuscus* (63) and *Glyphidodontops leucopomus* (55) were considered to be dominant species in the tidal pool. Regarding the numbers of individual in each family, Pomacentridae was the most abundant (245 fishes, 22.17% of total individuals) and followed in the order of Blenniidae (13.21%, 146), Gobiidae (12.85%, 142), Apogonidae (10.59%, 117), and Labridae (9.77%, 108).

The fishes collected may be classified into three categories based on their littoral status⁽¹²⁾.

Primary residents including Blenniidae, Clinidae, Gobiidae and Tripterygiidae made up

22.58% of total species and 26.52% of total individuals. All of them complete their life cycle within the pool. Secondary residents including Moringuidae, Muraenidae, Congridae, Ophichthidae, Ophidiidae, Holocentridae, Fistulariidae, Syngnathidae, Scorpaenidae, Serranidae, Grammistidae, Pseudochromidae, Plesiopidae, Acanthoclinidae, Apogonidae, Lutjanidae, Nemipteridae, Chaetodontidae, Pomacentridae, Labridae, Scaridae, Mugiloididae, Acanthuridae, Siganidae, Bothidae, Balistidae, Tetraodontidae and Diodontidae made up 70.97% of total species and 65.34% of total individuals. Most of them were juveniles but some species including *Pseudochromis tapeinosoma*, *Apogon robustus*, *Halichoeres leparensis*, *H. marginatus*, *Macropharyngodon meleagris*, *Stethojulis bandanensis*, *Thalassoma hardwickei* and *Acanthurus nigrofuscus* were found to spawn in the deeper part of the pool. Transients including Clupeidae, Engrauli-

TABLE 2
Dominance (*c*), variety (*d*), evenness (*e*) and Shannon general diversity indices (\bar{H}) of the collections I, II, III and IV

Indices	Collections			
	I	II	III	IV
<i>c</i>	0.0393	0.0435	0.0819	0.0524
<i>d</i>	28.7697	27.3648	17.9195	25.2855
<i>e</i>	2.0687	2.0129	1.8771	1.9531
\bar{H}	3.8040	3.7743	2.9867	3.4868

dae, Atherinidae, Belonidae and Mugilidae made up 6.45% of total species and 8.14% of total individuals. They were entirely juveniles.

Diversity index ($\bar{H}=2.9867$), variety index ($d=17.9195$) and evenness index ($e=1.8771$) shown in Table 2 had lowest level in October and highest in May while the dominance index (*c*) had the highest level in October and lowest in May.

DISCUSSION

The tidal pool of Sanhsientai is a typical example of the habitat for tropical marine fishes mostly with small size and bright color. Generally, the species collected from Sanhsientai were also reported from other tidal pools of rocky shore at Maopitou⁽²⁾, Nanwan⁽¹³⁾, Liuchiu Island⁽¹⁴⁾, Wanli⁽⁶⁾ and other sea coasts in Taiwan⁽³⁾ except few newly recorded species. Regarding the species composition, Labridae has the highest numbers at Maopitou (23 species), Nanwan (18), Liuchiu Island (19), Chengkong (Sanhsientai, 17) and Wanli (20). Pomacentridae has the highest in abundance at all localities except which is replaced by Labridae at Wanli and Gobiidae at Maopitou. The slight difference in the occurrence of the dominant fish groups may be caused by different topography and range of collecting area at each locality.

Taiwan is situated within a range of tropics or subtropics with a narrow range in the temperature. Thus, differences in fish fauna were hardly observed among the above localities. Water temperatures at Chengkong range between

22–29°C, winterkill and summerkill are never occurred. Seasonal variations in the species composition and diversity are almost unnoticeable. The lower diversity index ($\bar{H}=2.9867$) appeared in October 1978 was simply a result of rough sea condition at the time of visit when strong waves diluted the ichthyocide too rapidly and interruption of the collection.

The intertidal fish fauna of eastern Taiwan from Taitung County to Ilan County is basically the Indo-west-Pacific affinities with slight variation. Among 124 species collected, 101 species (81.45%) were in common with those of Philippines⁽⁷⁾, 89 species (71.77%) with those of southern Japan⁽⁹⁾, 56 species (45.16%) with those of India-Ceylon^(10,4), 37 species (29.84%) with those of eastern Australia⁽¹¹⁾ and 36 species (29.03%) with those of Hawaii⁽⁶⁾. There are no common species with those of the Okhotsk Sea⁽¹¹⁾ and the New Zealand⁽⁵⁾.

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臺灣東部三仙臺之岩礁潮間帶魚類

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本報告係根據 1978 年 5 月、7 月、10 月及 1979 年 2 月等四次在臺灣東部成功附近之小島三仙臺之潮池所作之魚類相調查結果。所得 1105 尾之標本經分類為 38 科 124 種，其中依序以 *Apogon robustus*, *Abudefduf vaigiensis*, *Istiblennius edentulus*, *Bathygobius fuscus* 及 *Glyphidodontops leucopomus* 等五種較為常見，又 *Spratelloides delicatulus*, *Belone persimilis*, *Tylosurus incisus*, *Andamia pacifica* 及 *Parenchelyurus hepburni* 等五種則為臺灣新紀錄種。在 38 科魚類中，隆頭魚科所含之種類數最多 (17 種，佔 13.7%)，尾數則以雀鯛科 (245 尾，22.17%) 為最多。在上述之四次調查中，其潮間帶魚類羣聚中魚種結構之各種指數分別為優勢性指數 (c) 0.0393, 0.0435, 0.0819 及 0.0524；變異性指數 (d) 為 28.7097, 27.3648, 17.9195 及 25.2855；均衡性指數 (e) 為 2.0687, 2.0129, 1.8771 及 1.9531；一般歧異性指數 (\bar{H}) 則為 3.804, 3.7743, 2.9867 及 3.4868。