

STUDY OF MOLLUSCAN SHELL DIVERSITY ALONG KHAR DANDA BEACH

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ABSTRACT

Molluscs are dominant organisms in many marine communities. They were weapons and tools of early man. They help in maintaining ecosystem. They are excellent material for the study of early climatology. They are sensitive to change in their environment. Molluscs provide an early warning of habitat deterioration. The molluscan shell diversity was studied along Khar danda beach. Different gastropods and bivalves were observed. Maximum gastropods were recorded.

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