

## RESEARCH NOTE

# SEASONAL VARIATION OF METACERCARIAE IN CYPRINOID FISH FROM KWAE NOI BAMROONGDAN DAM, PHITSANULOK PROVINCE, NORTHERN THAILAND

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**Abstract.** A seasonal investigation of the occurrence of metacercariae in cyprinoid fish was conducted at the Kwaie Noi Bamroongdan Dam, Phitsanulok Province, northern Thailand during December 2008 - August 2009. A total 361 cyprinoid fish from 10 species were examined by artificial digestion method evaluating for metacercariae. The metacercariae determined were *Haplorchis taichui*, *Haplorchis pumilio*, *Haplorchoides* sp and *Centrocestus caninus*. The prevalence of metacercariae ranged from 76.5% to 82.6%, with an intensity of infection of 23.4 to 36.6. *H. taichui*, *Haplorchoides* sp and *C. caninus* had the highest prevalence in the cool season, while *H. pumilio* was more prevalent during the hot season. The highest infection prevalence (100%) was seen in *Rasbora metallica*, *Barbodes gonionotus* and *R. metallica*. No significant differences in the type of metacercariae were found between seasons, indicating year-round infestation of cyprinoid fish.

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