

Estimation of energy budget for gonadal development migration and spawning of *Anguilla anguilla* L. inhabiting the Egyptian Lagoons

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ABSTRACT. The total energy of European silver eel at the start of migration is sufficient to fulfill all biological activities which begin with active migrations. We used the model of Boetius and Boetius (1980) after our modification to become :

$$E_T = E_G + E_D + E_S + E_M$$

Material of the present work (100 alive samples of non-migrating yellow eels and migrating silver eels) were collected in lagoon Edku (Egypt) in the period from August 1986 to March 1987. Hormonal induction of gonad maturation was carried out on 30 samples. Contents of water, lipid, protein and ash in muscles, liver, skin, intestine, bones and gonads were determined.

Lipid and protein are the main components of eel body. Furthermore, lipid is considered as the principal source which supply most of required energy . Protein, on the other hand, represents the second source of energy.

Lipid energy in percent of total energy was calculated as 58.24 for male and 67.91 for female yellow eel. These two values were significantly smaller than those calculated for male (76.31) and female silver eel (80.07). In contrary to lipid energy, the protein energy higher for both male (41.28) and female (32.09) yellow eel than those of non injected male and female silver eel being calculated as 23.69 and 19.93 respectively.

Lipid energy of immature testes amounted to 2.53 %, while immature ovaries was found to be 1.90 %. Further gonadal development showed a significant increase in lipid energy up to the formation spermatozoa in ripe male (80.28 %) and 3.44 % at the time of appearance ripe ova in the female ovary.

About 25.08 % and 20.28 % from the total energy seemed to be utilized in oogenesis and spermatogenesis respectively. 17.07 % and 15.78 % being utilized for ovulation and spermiation respectively. To achieve migration and simultaneous routine metabolism, energy values of about 35.75 and 34.19% of the total energy seemed to be utilized by female and male silver eel (Table 1). The energy of routine metabolism (E_R) is considered as a part of the energy of migration was found to be higher in male 1.40×10^6 J/kg than that in female 0.97×10^6 J/kg.

Table 1- The determined values of energy of E_G , E_D , and E_M of ripe female and male European eel *Anguilla anguilla*

Sex	E_T J X 10^6	E_G		E_D		E_M	
		J X 10^6	% of E_T	J X 10^6	% of E_T	J X 10^6	% of E_T
Female	16.11	2.75	17.07	4.03	25.08	5.76	35.75
Male	14.45	2.28	15.78	2.93	20.28	4.94	34.19

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Induced maturation of female Silver Eel (*Anguilla anguilla* L.) leaving the brackish delta lakes for spawning

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ABSTRACT. The European silver eel (*Anguilla anguilla*) gave positive results when the females treated with a combination of (HCG) human chorionic gonadotropin hormone and (CP) carp pituitary or with carp pituitary only.

Migrating female were obtained from lake Edku (Egypt), in winter, from October 1986 to November 1987. Females were selected according to size and colour. After acclimatized in sea water the experiments was started under the previously described conditions (Amin, 1986).

Injected females with a combination of HCG and CP attained their ripe condition after 11 injections within a period of 40 days. Injection with CP only gave the same results but the period was extended to 54 days and number of injections increased to 16 times. In both conditions ripe ova could be detected.

Several external and internal changes took place with increasing the number of injections. Colour of the body became more dark, eye diameter changed from 10 mm in non-injected silver eel to 16 mm in injected ripe eels (Fig. 1). Urogenital opening became more wide and bulged over the body surface (Fig.2). GSI changed

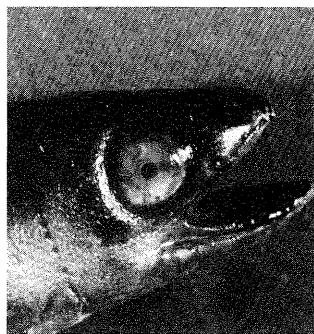


Fig. 1

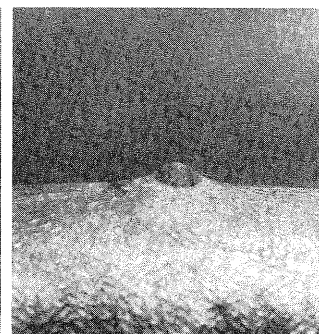


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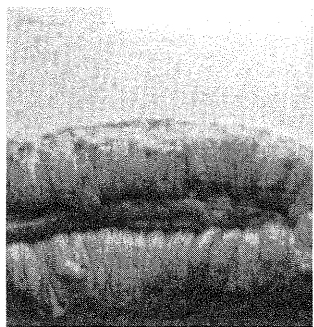


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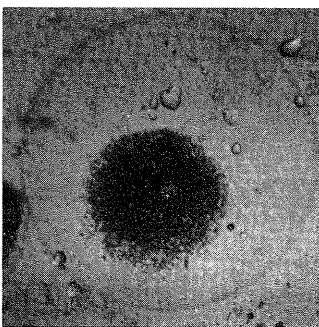


Fig. 4

from 1.66 when immaturated to 31.41 in ripe condition (Fig.3).

Mean egg diameter measured 1.12 ± 0.06 mm, eggs were small, spherical with centrally positioned oil droplet (Fig. 4), fecundity was found to be 1.46×10^6 .

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