

## The Cladocera of the Inner Bay of Izmir

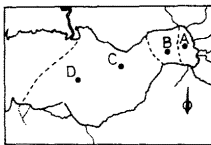
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The Gulf of Izmir can be divided into two parts topographically and hydrographically: an inner bay and an outer bay. The inner bay is situated in the eastern part of the Gulf of Izmir around the city and is connected with the outer bay through a channel (580 m wide and 18.6 m deep). This lagoon-like bay is shallow and the depth reaches 5 m to about 20 m; the area is 65.5 km<sup>2</sup>. Large quantities of organic matter and industrial wastes of this densely populated settlement are transported by several outfalls and small rivers. So, inner bay waters are less transparent and the quantities of seston and nutrients are very high.

A WP-2 nylon net with a mesh size of 200 µm was used. Zooplankton samples were collected by means of surface hauls for 5 min, at an approximate speed of 1.5-2 knots/h. 4 stations were investigated (Fig. 1).

The eutrophicated and very polluted inner bay may be divided into three parts: very polluted area (A), polluted area (B) and semipolluted area (C, D) (Kocataş, 1980). All six mediterranean Cladoceran species: *Penilia avirostris* Dana, *Evadne spinifera* P.E. Müller, *Evadne tergestina* Claus, *E. nordmanni* Lovén, *Podon intermedius* Lilljeborg and *P. polyphemoides* Leuckart have been found. Distribution and abundance of these species show conformity to the dividing mentioned above and vary significantly in the investigated stations, and also depend on the various environmental factors (Tab. 1).



Stations	Temp. (°C)		Sal.(‰)		Sec.disc.(m)	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
A	11.5	26.0	34.9	37.6	0.80	1.75
B	10.0	25.5	35.2	37.9	1.00	3.20
C	9.8	26.5	35.2	38.0	1.30	4.00
D	9.5	27.0	35.1	38.6	1.50	4.70

*Penilia avirostris* is an euryhaline and neritic species. It is found most abundantly in July and November. Its quantity increases from the inner part to the channel. The presence of this species in the inner bay may be explained by the existence of detritus.

*Evadne spinifera* is a thermophilic species. It is found during the warm period, maximum in July and disappears in winter. It prefers clear waters, so it is absent in the inner parts (A, B), in relation with the decreasing of water transparency.

*Evadne tergestina* is also a thermophilic species and is found in all stations in the warm period, from June to December, maximum in July.

*Evadne nordmanni* is found occasionally in all stations, only in March and April (only in May in the outer bay).

*Podon intermedius* is a typically psychrophilic species and is encountered in the whole inner bay (except in its innermost part) during the cold period, maximum in January.

*Podon polyphemoides* is the indicator of both diluted waters and pollution. It is the most common and abundant Cladoceran species of the inner bay. Although a thermophilic species (Patrity, 1973), it is found in great numbers in the whole inner bay in all months, maximum in May (Fig. 2).

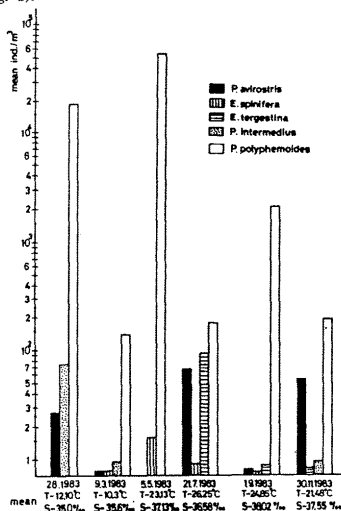


Fig.2.- Quantitative variations of Cladocera in the Inner Bay of Izmir.

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