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**Mikrofauna dna stawów rybnych w Gołysz —  
Microfauna of the bottom of fish ponds in Gołysz**

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The present work is connected with joint investigations on the influence of fertilization upon communities of organisms in carp ponds. These investigations were organised in the Laboratory of Water Biology of the Polish Academy of Sciences by Professor Karol Starmach. The aim of this work was the study of *Ciliata* microfauna on the bottom of fertilized ponds.

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**Characteristics of the investigated terrain and description  
of the method employed**

The material was collected from April till September 1962 inclusive, from four rearing ponds at the Gołysz Fishery Farm (Cieszyn district). The layers of slime and primary soils of this farm are silt-clay formations and the majority of its ponds have fairly thick layers of slime. The differences in the mechanical composition of slime in particular ponds are exceedingly small. The mineral composition of the bottom is as follows: the soil material contains an average amount of slime substances, the slime strata have an abundant or average amount of organic substances, a small amount of carbonates, an average amount of  $P_2O_5$  and  $K_2O$  and acid reaction (Pasternak, 1959).

The external appearance of the ponds is as follows (Table I): Wyszni II — a pond slightly overgrown. The vegetation above the surface of the water covered the banks of the pond and a small shallow place in its south-western part.

Wyszni III — the pond is divided by three old partly damaged dykes on which shrubs grow. The last sector of the pond forms a large and shallow place, densely overgrown.

Wyszni V — the pond is divided by an old dyke into two parts, of which the larger one in exploitation is deep and slightly overgrown, while the smaller part, on the southern side, is very shallow and densely overgrown.

Detailed data concerning investigated ponds

Table I

Name of pond	Area		Mean depth of pond in cm	Depth of stands		Fertilizers used in kg per the whole pond			Fish stock	
	unflooded	flooded		A	B		P	N		
Wyszni II	8.3	8.3	110	115-160	40-60	acid phosphate ammonia ammoniates	234	775	K <sub>1</sub> 2000/ha fedded	120 kg N/ha
Wyszni III	6.9	6.7	110	120-160	40-65	acid phosphate ammonia	265	630	K <sub>1</sub> 2000/ha fedded	120 kg N/ha 40 P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> /ha
Wyszni V	5.7	5.5	120	150-170	25-50	acid phosphate ammonium sulphate	250	672	K <sub>1</sub> 2000/ha	120 kg N/ha 40 kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> /ha
Wyszni VI	6.2	6.0	70	90-120	20-50	unfertilized	-	-	K <sub>1</sub> 2000/ha unfedded	

Wyszni VI — in the southern part of the pond there is a large area densely overgrown in its upper part mostly with carex and in the lower one with manna which is sparsely disseminated in the remaining part of the pond.

Two permanent stands were determined in each pond for collecting samples: point A, situated in the the deep (usually over 1 m) part of the pond, not overgrown and deprived of vegetation at a distance of several metres from the outlet box and point B in the shallow (usually under 50 cm) and overgrown part.

The Starmach's slime sucker was used for collecting material. Samples were collected every two weeks. Qualitative and quantitative analysis (evaluation) was carried out on live material. For estimation the Grospietsch (1958) 6 degree scale was used.

Samples of slime from both stands differed decisively in appearance. Samples from the deep stands contained fine slime of a greyish-brown colour. The slime from shallow stands was brownish-black with a considerable amount of vegetal remains and its upper thin layer acquired during the summer period a greenish-yellow colouring owing to a profuse development of algae. The lower stratum, however, was characterised by a distinctly putrescent odour.

### Characteristics of the Ciliata fauna from particular ponds

During the initial period the character of the microbenthos was very similar in all the ponds. The generally poor samples collected in the first weeks after the flooding of the ponds were characterised by



a numerical prevalence of microflora in relation to the microfauna. At that time the *Ciliata* were not numerous. Their numbers increased rapidly from the month of May onwards. Individual species reached their greatest quantities in different months.

Wyszni II — *Navicula* sp. appeared in the middle of May in masses at stand A, while there were still very few *Ciliata*. At stand B, however, *Vorticella* sp. appeared in great numbers. The distinctiveness of stand B then became evident, for here the amount and number of *Ciliata* species increased much more rapidly than at stand A. In the beginning of June *Cyclidium citrullus* (assembling near agglomerations of bacteria), *Paramecium caudatum* and *Spirostomum minus* appeared in great numbers at stand B. From July onwards a mass development of algae was observed, in which green algae and flagellates prevailed, their presence causing a distinctly green colouring of the upper stratum of slime in the sample and giving a yellowish-green colour to the water. The samples had a distinctly putrid odour and the colour of the slime was brownish-black. In July *Coleps hirtus* and *Coleps amphacanthus* appeared in masses and *Cyclidium citrullus*, *Halteria grandinella*, and *Lacrymaria elegans* were numerous. The first specimens of saprophelic *Ciliata*, characteristic for rotting slime, were already present. Their number increased towards the end of July. As for algae, species of the genus *Scenedesmus* achieved a mass development. In the first half of August fish began to die in masses in this pond. The water became turbid and acquired a distinctly green colouring. At both stands a considerable number of algae appeared, mostly green algae and flagellates, among which *Trachelomonas* sp. dominated. Agglomerations of thread-like blue-green algae were fairly numerous. The number of saprophelic *Ciliata* of the genus *Metopus* distinctly increased, among which *Metopus spiralis* was the most frequent. They also appeared at stand A. The *Ciliata* which feed on algae were abundantly filled with food. *Amoeba* sp. appeared in numbers and their endoplasm was also abundantly filled with food. Large numbers of shells of crustaceans, mostly of the *Bosmina* and *Cyclops* genera, were observed especially at stand A. In connection with the dying of fish, the pond was limed, besides other processes, and the water rapidly recovered its transparency. A distinct decrease in the number of *Ciliata* took place at the end of August. Saprophelic *Ciliata* disappeared almost completely, while algae with a distinct prevalence of green algae of the *Scenedesmus* genus at stand A and flagellates of the *Phacus* genus at stand B continued to appear in considerable numbers. At the beginning of September the number of *Ciliata* did not alter to any great degree. Several saprophelic species appeared again. Only *Coleps hirtus* and *Cyclidium libellus* were numerous. The number of *Ciliata* decreased distinctly at the end of September.

Pond Wyszni III — in the middle of May the ciliate *Nassula* sp. appeared abundantly at stand A and in mass numbers at stand B. Towards the end of June a mass appearance of *Cinetochilum margaritaceum* and of *Stylonychia mytilus* took place at stand B. No losses in fish rearing were noted in this pond. At the end of July and in August several saprophelic species were noted at stand B, but this was not especially important for the association of *Ciliata* fauna as the specimens appeared only sporadically. In the summer months the thin upper stratum of slime at stand B also acquired a greenish colouring from the algae developing in masses with a predominance of green algae. *Cyclidium citrullus* and *Vorticella* sp. appeared in considerable numbers at stand A in the middle of August. *Vorticella* sp. was present at that time in great masses at stand B. At both stands the number of species was at its maximum *Coleps hirtus* occurring the most numerously. In September the number of *Ciliata* distinctly decreased.

Wyszni V — towards the middle of May the number of *Ciliata* was three times greater at stand B than at stand A. Saprophelic *Ciliata* already then appeared sporadically at stand B, while *Coleps hirtus* and *Coleps incurvus* were very numerous. At stand A green algae, with a mass development of *Closterium* and diatoms prevailed decidedly. The period from July to August, inclusive, was distinguished by the most abundant numerical development of *Ciliata* with a distinct dominance of the number of species at stand B. Particular species attained successively the peak of their development. At the beginning of July *Coleps incurvus* and *Cyclidium libellus* were numerous at stand B. Towards the end of July, *Coleps hirtus* and *Cyclidium citrullus* were very numerous, and *Chilodonella uncinata* and *Cinetochilum margaritaceum* fairly numerous. In August this last species appeared in masses beside very numerous *Aspidisca costata*, *Coleps incurvus*, *Cyclidium libellus*, and *Loxodes striatus*. In September the amount of *Ciliata* diminished considerably. Only a mass appearance of *Vorticella* sp., a great number of *Coleps hirtus* and numerous *Coleps amphacanthus* and *Cyclidium libellus* were observed at stand B.

Wyszni VI — *Aspidisca sulcata* and *Halteria grandinella* were numerous at the end of April at stand A. Saprophelic species appeared already at the beginning of June and continued to be present during the whole season though always in exceedingly small quantities. Towards the end of June *Flagellata* were very numerous at stand B, as for *Ciliata*, there was a mass appearance of *Loxodes striatus* and *Spirostomum minus*. The most abundant development of *Ciliata* at stand B was noted in August. At stand A, however, the number of *Ciliata* was very small. At stand B there was a mass appearance of *Cyclidium citrullus*, while *Coleps amphacanthus*, *Coleps hirtus*, and *Loxodes striatus*



were numerous. The greatest amount of algae was observed at stand B, where many *Ciliata* feeding on them were also present. In September the quantity of *Ciliata* diminished. Very numerous *Aspidisca costata* and *Cinetochilum margaritaceum* and numerous *Stylonychia mytilus* were also present at that time at stand B.

### Discussion of results

In the sediment accumulating on the bottom of the pond metabolic processes constantly take place. Detritus of vegetal origin (remnants of dying plants and animals), mineral particles and very fine grains of sand are the components of slime. The organic matter contained in the sand is the main source of food for organisms living there.

When analysing the *Ciliata* fauna of the investigated ponds, a distinct difference between its qualitative and quantitative composition at the two stands was noted in the first place, to the advantage of the shallow stand. This difference was evident in all the ponds at the beginning of the season, becoming more and more apparent in the process of time. The phenomenon was chiefly conditioned by the fact that the amount of organic substance on the bottom of the pond is different in different parts and alters during the season of vegetation. The highest content of organic substance was observed in the shallowest parts of the pond and inversely. This is caused in the shallowest part of the pond by the presence of an abundant rooted vegetation which, on dying, considerably enriches the bottom with this component (Wróbel, 1960).

In decomposition processes the principal role falls to the bacteria. A greater content of organic matter in the slime of shallow and overgrown parts of a pond makes possible the abundant formation of bacterial flora on which the majority of *Ciliata* feed. Besides, a better insolation of the bottom in these places favoured a profuse development of algae in the upper stratum of slime which, on the one hand, enriched the bottom with organic matter and, on the other, made possible the development of the *Ciliata* feeding on algae. These last were always more numerous at shallow stands than at deep ones.

The quantity of *Ciliata* showed changes during the season. In the first weeks after the pond had been flooded the number of these organisms was not very great. In general, the number of species and their quantity gradually increased until the month of July. But the rate was not the same at the two stands, the increase being more rapid at shallow ones. In the majority of ponds *Ciliata* appeared most abundantly from the end of July until August, inclusive. A slow decrease in quantity began in September. Individual species, however, attained their independent maximum development in different months. This is undoubtedly connected with the course of the processes of accumulation and decom-

position of organic matter. After the flooding of ponds organic substances already existing on the bottom are subject to decomposition. A new enrichment of the bottom with organic matter as a result of the preponderance of accumulative processes over the processes of decomposition begins only in July (Wróbel 1960). Bombóna (1957) also observed maximum amounts of sediment towards the end of summer and at the beginning of autumn.

The total number of *Ciliata* in a given pond can be divided into three groups: species found exclusively at stand B form a decided majority, species found at stand A constitute a very small part, and the remainder is formed of species found at both stands. The relation is similar in nearly all the ponds (fig. 1). However, this distribution of species on

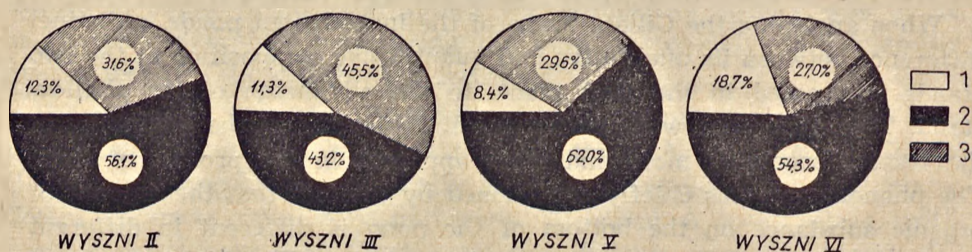


Fig. 1. Distribution number of *Ciliata* species at individual stands. 1 — species found exclusively at stand A in ponds, 2 — species found exclusively at stand B in ponds, 3 — species found in both stands in ponds

the bottom of the pond does not signify that territorial ranges of appearance of particular species exist, only that there are on the bottom of ponds two somewhat different associations of conditions for the development of *Ciliata*. It must be stressed that the quantity of species appearing at one type of stand in all ponds is very small.

Among the *Ciliata* from the investigated ponds species feeding on bacteria distinctly prevailed. The bacterial flora of the bottom, in the opinion of Rodina (1958), quoted after Wróbel (1960), is 10 to 100 times more abundant than the bacterial flora of water, while the fertilizing of ponds in itself has a favourable influence on the quantity of microorganisms and on the increase of their activity. The influence of fertilization on the protozoan fauna is therefore probably intermediary through the intensifying of the rate of bacterial processes in the slime of the bottom, thus accelerating the circulation of matter in the pond and contributing to a higher output of the pond.

The *Ciliata* of the control pond demonstrated a slightly lower quantitative development with a more regular course than in fertilized ponds. Stand B, when compared with analogical stands in fertilized ponds, showed a very slight difference. The greatest number of *Ciliata* appeared



there in the month of August. The saprophelic group was not numerous and represented only by specimens appearing sporadically. It must be remembered, however, that this pond receives water from a fertilized pond (Wyszni VII) and has, moreover, transparent water which makes possible an additional enrichment of the bottom in organic matter by means of the photosynthesis of lower plants, especially at a stand that is shallow and occupies a fairly large surface area.

Saprophelic *Ciliata*, differentiated by Lauterborn (1915) and Wetzel (1928), are species characteristic for rotting slime producing sulphurated hydrogen. Species belonging to this group were present in all ponds, mostly at stand B, most frequently during the summer period. They always formed a minority in the total number of *Ciliata* species at this stand. In these places the slime, lying under a thin green layer of algae, was of a brownish-black colour and had a distinctly putrescent odour. The number of saprophelic species increased in the ponds when fish were dying. At that time the *Ciliata* were observed in the pond Wyszni II also at stand A, which might indicate a considerable pollution of the bottom and an extension of the anaerobic milieu. Saprophelic *Ciliata* were always found in the deeper parts of the slime. However, these *Ciliata* characteristic for decaying slime are a positive indication of an alteration in the oxygen conditions and of the appearance of putrescent processes on the bottom of the pond — these processes were accompanied by the dying fish in the pond Wyszni II. The *Ciliata* can therefore be an important indication of changes in the circulation of matter at the bottom of the ponds, especially where processes of reduction begin to prevail over those of oxydation.

### Notes on some species

A list of determined species and their appearance in particular ponds is presented in the tables (Tables II—V). During the investigation of material, measurements of the length of *Ciliata* specimens were carried out. Measurements of length which differ from the dimensions presented in Kahl's key (1935) are listed below.

For *Aspidisca costata* Ehrbg. — 20  $\mu$ , *Dileptus monilatus* Stokes — the range of dimensions amounted from 400 to 720  $\mu$ , for *Epalxis striata* Kahl — 40  $\mu$ , *Lembadion lucens* Maskell — 60  $\mu$ , *Loxophyllum helus* Stokes — this species demonstrated a great variability of size within the range 80—200  $\mu$ , *Metopus laminarius* Kahl fo. *minor* Kahl — 80  $\mu$ , *Metopus spiralis* Smith also showed a great variability from 60 to 140  $\mu$ , in *Pleuronema crassum* Dujardin — 55  $\mu$ , *Spirostomum filum* (Ehrbg.) Penard — a great variability of size within

the range of 340—800  $\mu$ , in *Spirostomum minus* Roux there is also a great variability of size within the range of 600—1020  $\mu$ .

Table II

The development of Ciliata in a deep (A) stand and a shallow one (B) in the WISZNI II pond

No.	Species	Date of collecting samples											
		27	9	18	4	3	31	14	28	11	26		
		IV	V	V	VI	VII	VII	VIII	VIII	IX	IX		
A		B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	
stands													
A	1. <i>Aspidisca sulcata</i> Kahl				0					0			
	2. <i>Aspidisca</i> sp.		0										
	3. <i>Coleps hirtus</i> var. <i>minor</i> Kahl							0	0				
	4. <i>Mesodinium acarus</i> Stein		0										
	5. <i>Spathidium</i> sp.							1					
	6. <i>Stentor roseali</i> Ehrbg.							0					
	7. <i>Uroleptus</i> sp.				0								
A + B	8. <i>Aspidisca costata</i> Dujardin	0	1	0		0				2	0	1	
	9. <i>Aspidisca lynceus</i> Ehrbg.		0	0						0	0		
	10. <i>Cinetochilum margaritaceum</i> Perty					0				0	0		
	11. <i>Coleps hirtus</i> Nitzsch			1	1	4	3	3	1	3	2	0	0
	12. <i>Halteria grandinella</i> O.F.Müller			0		2				1			0
	13. <i>Lacrymaria elegans</i> Engelmann						2						0
	14. <i>Lionotus</i> sp.		0			0			0	0		0	
	15. <i>Oxytricha</i> sp.		0	0	0	0			0	0		2	1
	16. <i>Paramecium caudatum</i> Ehrbg.				2				0				1
	17. <i>Prorodon</i> sp.			0		0		2	2	2	1	0	1
	18. <i>Stentor coeruleus</i> Ehrbg.	0						0	0	1	0	0	
	19. <i>Uroticha</i> sp.					1			0	0	2	1	0
	20. <i>Vorticella</i> sp.		0	3		0			0	2	0	0	0
	* 21. <i>Epalxis</i> sp.					0			1	0	0	0	0
	* 22. <i>Metopus</i> es O.F.Müller					0			0	0	0	0	0
	* 23. <i>Metopus undulans</i> Stokes								1	0	0	0	0
	* 24. <i>Metopus</i> sp.								0	0	0	0	0
	* 25. <i>Plagiopyla ovata</i> Kahl								0	1		0	0
B	* 26. <i>Caenomorpha lauterborni</i> Kahl								0				
	* 27. <i>Caenomorpha medusula</i> Perty								1				
	* 28. <i>Epalxis exquia</i> Penard						0						
	* 29. <i>Epalxis striata</i> Kahl											0	1
	* 30. <i>Ludic parvulus</i> Penard								1				1
	* 31. <i>Metopus bacillatus</i> Lavander				0								
	* 32. <i>Metopus caducus</i> Kahl								0				
	* 33. <i>Metopus extepsus</i> Kahl					0							
	* 34. <i>Metopus</i> es var. <i>rectus</i> Kahl					0							
	* 35. <i>Metopus fuscus</i> Kahl									0			
	* 36. <i>Metopus laminarius</i> f. <i>minor</i> Kahl							2	0	0			
	* 37. <i>Metopus minimus</i> Kahl							0	0				
	* 38. <i>Metopus nassutus</i> Da Cunha							0	0				
	* 39. <i>Metopus pulcher</i> Kahl								0				
	* 40. <i>Metopus spinosus</i> Kahl											0	0
	* 41. <i>Metopus spiralis</i> Smith									2	0	0	
	* 42. <i>Metopus striatus</i> McMurrich									0			
	43. <i>Aspidisca herbiicola</i> Kahl				1					0			
	44. <i>Chilodonella uncinata</i> Ehrbg.				0								
	45. <i>Coleps amphacanthus</i> Ehrbg.						3	0	0		2	1	
	46. <i>Coleps hirtus</i> var. <i>lacustris</i> Fauré-Fr.					0	2	0	0	0			
	47. <i>Cyclidium citrullus</i> Cohn					2	0		0	0			
	48. <i>Cyclidium libellus</i> Kahl						0		0			2	
49. <i>Cyclidium</i> sp.					0								
50. <i>Lacrymaria pupula</i> O.F.Müller					0			2	1	0			
51. <i>Lembadion magnum</i> Stokes					0				0				
52. <i>Loxophyllum</i> sp.					0						0		
53. <i>Phascolodon vorticella</i> Stein					0							0	
54. <i>Spirostomum minus</i> Roux					2	0			0	2	0		
55. <i>Stentor</i> sp.					0				0				
56. <i>Strobilidium gyrans</i> Stokes						1							
57. <i>Vorticella similis</i> Stokes					0								

The six-grade scale given by Groszpietsch 1958

- 0 - very rare 1 indiv. under the cover glass
- 1 - rare 1-2 indiv. under the cover glass
- 2 - sporadic 2-10 indiv. under the cover glass
- 3 - mean 10-20 indiv. under the cover glass
- 4 - frequent 20-30 indiv. under the cover glass
- 5 - mass above 30 indiv. under the cover glass

In horizontal lines the distribution of species is given as in fig. 1. Saprohellic Ciliata are marked with an asterisk.



Table III

The development of Ciliata in a deep (A) stand and a shallow one (B) in the WYSZNI III pond

	No.	Species	Date of collecting samples											
			27	9	18	4	22	3	31	14	28	11	26	
			IV	V	V	VI	VI	VII	VII	VIII	VIII	IX	IX	
			A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
			t a r d s											
A	1.	<i>Aspidisca turrata</i> Ehrbg.												0
	2.	<i>Dileptus anser</i> O.F.Müller		0							0			
	3.	<i>Dileptus monilatus</i> Stokes									0			
	4.	<i>Metopus es</i> var. <i>pinguis</i> Kahl									0			
	5.	<i>Metopus nasutus</i> Da Cunha									0			
A +	6.	<i>Aspidisca costata</i> Dujardin	1	0		1			1			0	1	1
	7.	<i>Aspidisca lynceus</i> Ehrbg.		1	0		0		1			1		
	8.	<i>Chilodonella uncinata</i> Ehrbg.			1	0								
	9.	<i>Chilodonella</i> sp.											0	1
	10.	<i>Cinetochilum margaritaceum</i> Perty					5					1	1	1
	11.	<i>Coleps amphacanthus</i> Ehrbg.									0	2		
	12.	<i>Coleps hirtus</i> Hitzsch				1			1		2	3		
	13.	<i>Cyclidium citrullus</i> Cohn							0	2		0		
	14.	<i>Euploes</i> sp.	1						0					0
	15.	<i>Halteria grandinella</i> O.F.Müller							0			0		0
	16.	<i>Lembadion lucens</i> Maskell		0								0		0
	17.	<i>Lionotus</i> sp.		0								0		0
	18.	<i>Loxophyllum hellus</i> Stokes							0			0		0
	19.	<i>Mesodinium acarus</i> Stein				1			1					
	20.	<i>Nassula</i> sp.			3	4								
21.	<i>Oxytricha</i> sp.	0	0	0				2			1			
22.	<i>Paramecium caudatum</i> Ehrbg.							0			0	0	1	
23.	<i>Prorodon</i> sp.				1						1	1		
24.	<i>Spirostomum minus</i> Roux							0		0	0	1	1	
25.	<i>Vorticella</i> sp.							0	1		2	4		
B	26.	<i>Caenomorpha medusula</i> Perty									1			
	27.	<i>Epaxia</i> sp.									0			0
	28.	<i>Ludio parvulus</i> Penard										0		
	29.	<i>Metopus contractus</i> Penard										0		
	30.	<i>Saprodinium dentatum</i> Lauterborn										0		
	31.	<i>Aspidisca herbicola</i> Kahl				0								
	32.	<i>Cyclidium</i> sp.					0		0					
	33.	<i>Cyclotrichium</i> sp.							0					
	34.	<i>Didinium</i> sp.			0									
	35.	<i>Euploes patella</i> Müller-Ehrbg.							0			0		
	36.	<i>Lionotus fasciola</i> Ehrbg.-Wrzesniowski										0		
	37.	<i>Loxodes striatus</i>												0
	38.	<i>Paruroleptus musculus</i> var. <i>simplex</i> Kahl												
	39.	<i>Spirostomum filum</i> (Ehrbg.) Penard										0		1
	40.	<i>Stentor coeruleus</i> Ehrbg.										2		0
41.	<i>Stentor roessli</i> Ehrbg.							1					0	
42.	<i>Stylonychia mytilus</i> Ehrbg.						4							
43.	<i>Stylonychia</i> sp.												0	
44.	<i>Urostyla</i> sp.							0					0	

Table IV

The development of Ciliata in a deep (A) stand and a shallow one (B) in the WYSZNI V pond

No.	Species	Date of collecting samples															
		27	9	18	22	3	31	14	28	11	26						
		IV	V	V	VI	VII	VII	VIII	VIII	IX	IX	A	B	A	B	A	B
stands																	
A	1. <i>Aspidisca herbicola</i> Kahl	0	1		0				0								
	2. <i>Aspidisca lynceus</i> Ehrbg.		0														
	3. <i>Chilodonella cucullulus</i> O.F.Müller								0								
	4. <i>Chilodonella</i> sp.								0								
	5. <i>Uroleptus dispar</i> Stokes									0							
	6. <i>Uroleptus rattulus</i> Stein						0										
A +	7. <i>Aspidisca costata</i> Dujardin	0	0	1	2	0	1		0	2	2	0	1				
	8. <i>Aspidisca sulcata</i> Kahl		0	1	0		0										
	9. <i>Chilodonella uncinata</i> Ehrbg.		0	1	1				2	2	4	1					
	10. <i>Cinetochilum margaritaceum</i> Party								2	2	0	3					
	11. <i>Coleps amphacanthus</i> Ehrbg.			0	0	0	0		2	4	3	0	1	1	2	0	2
	12. <i>Coleps hirtus</i> Nitzsch			0	3	0	0		3	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	1
	13. <i>Coleps incurvus</i> Ehrbg.			0	3	0	2		0	3	0	0	2	0	2		
	14. <i>Cyclidium citrullus</i> Cohn								3	0					2		
	15. <i>Halteria grandinella</i> O.F.Müller			0	1	0	0		0								
	16. <i>Lacrymaria pupula</i> O.F.Müller	0		0	0	0	0										
	17. <i>Lacrymaria</i> sp.		0														
	18. <i>Lionotus fasciola</i> Ehrbg.-Wrześniowski			0													
	19. <i>Lionotus</i> sp.			0					0	0	0	0					
	20. <i>Mesodinium</i> sp.																
	21. <i>Prorodon</i> sp.	1		0	0			0									
	22. <i>Spirostomum minus</i> Roux			0	0												
	23. <i>Stentor caeruleus</i> Ehrbg.			0	1	2					1	1	1	0	0	0	0
	24. <i>Stentor</i> sp.			0							0	0	0				
	25. <i>Uroleptus</i> sp.						0				1	0					0
	26. <i>Urotricha</i> sp.				0						0	0					
	27. <i>Vorticella</i> sp.			0	0		0	1	0	1					4		
B	28. <i>Caenomorpha lauterborni</i> Kahl					0											
	29. <i>Caenomorpha medusula</i> Party						0	0					0		0	0	
	30. <i>Caenomorpha medusula</i> var. <i>trinucleata</i> Kahl							0	0								
	31. <i>Epalxis</i> sp.									1	0					1	0
	32. <i>Ludic parvulus</i> Penard									0	0					0	
	33. <i>Metopus ea</i> O.F.Müller			0	0												
	34. <i>Metopus ea</i> var. <i>rectus</i> Kahl						0										
	35. <i>Metopus intercedens</i> Kahl												0				
	36. <i>Metopus minimus</i> Kahl							0									
	37. <i>Metopus nasutus</i> Da Cunha												0				
	38. <i>Metopus pullus</i> Kahl					0							0				
	39. <i>Metopus spinosus</i> Kahl										0	0	0				
	40. <i>Metopus spiralis</i> Smith								1							0	
	41. <i>Metopus undulans</i> Stokes						0	0							0		
	42. <i>Metopus</i> sp.			0	0												
	43. <i>Flagiopyla nasuta</i> Stein										0	0					
	44. <i>Flagiopyla ovata</i> Kahl										0				0		
	45. <i>Flagiopyla</i> sp.			1							0						
	46. <i>Aspidioa</i> sp.						0	0									
	47. <i>Balonema biceps</i> Penard						0	0									
	48. <i>Campanella umbellaria</i> Linna																
	49. <i>Coleps hirtus</i> var. <i>lacustris</i> Fauré-Fr.															1	
	50. <i>Coleps hirtus</i> var. <i>minor</i> Kahl											0					
	51. <i>Cyclidium libellus</i> Kahl								2		0	0		2			
	52. <i>Cyclidium</i> sp.										0	0					
	53. <i>Dileptus cygnus</i> Clap. et L.			0													
	54. <i>Euplotes patella</i> f. <i>typicus</i> Kahl			0													
	55. <i>Frontonia leucas</i> Ehrbg.			0											0		
	56. <i>Glaucoma</i> sp.											0					
	57. <i>Holophrya simplex</i> Schewiakoff			0										0			
	58. <i>Holophrya</i> sp.																
59. <i>Lacrymaria elegans</i> Engelmänn						1		0							0		
60. <i>Lembadion luens</i> Maakell					0												
61. <i>Loxodes striatus</i> Engelmänn							0		1		2	0					
62. <i>Oxytricha</i> sp.							0		0						0		
63. <i>Paramecium caudatum</i> Ehrbg.																	
64. <i>Phascododon vorticella</i> Stein						0										0	
65. <i>Saprophilus muscorum</i> Kahl										0	0						
66. <i>Spathidium</i> sp.									0				0				
67. <i>Spirostomum intermedium</i> Kahl														0			
68. <i>Stentor rosseli</i> Ehrbg.				1													
69. <i>Stylonychia muscorum</i> Kahl										1							
70. <i>Trachelophyllum pusillum</i> Party Clap. et L.											0						
71. <i>Urocentrum turbo</i> O.F.Müller											1						



Table V

The development of Ciliata in a deep (A) stand and a shallow one (B)  
in the WYSZNI VI pond

No.	Species	Date of collecting samples												
		27 IV	9 V	18 V	4 VI	22 VI	3 VII	31 VII	14 VIII	28 VIII	11 IX	26 IX		
		A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	
stands														
A	1. <i>Aspidisca herbicola</i> Kahl			0										
	2. <i>Aspidisca lynceus</i> Ehrbg.		1		0									
	3. <i>Aspidisca sulcata</i> Kahl	3		0										
	4. <i>Coleps hirtus</i> var. <i>minor</i> Kahl		0											
	5. <i>Dileptus monilatus</i> Stokes								1					
	6. <i>Lembadion lucens</i> Maskell		0											
	7. <i>Pleuronema crassum</i> Dujardin		0											
	8. <i>Saprophilus</i> sp.		0											
	9. <i>Strobilidium gyrans</i> Stokes	4							2					
	10. <i>Urotricha agilis</i> Stokes		0					0		0				
	11. <i>Vorticella similis</i> Stokes		0											
A +	12. <i>Aspidisca costata</i> Dujardin	1	0			0	0	1	0		0	3		
	13. <i>Aspidisca</i> sp.				0	0							0	3
	14. <i>Cinetochilum margaritaceum</i> Perty						0							
	15. <i>Cyclidium</i> sp.	0				1	0	0	1	1	0	0		
	16. <i>Halteria grandinella</i> O.F.Müller			2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		
	17. <i>Holophrya</i> sp.	0			1					0		0		
	18. <i>Lionotus</i> sp.													
	19. <i>Mesodinium acarus</i> Stein		1		0	1								
	20. <i>Mesodinium</i> sp.								0	0				
	21. <i>Oxytricha</i> sp.				0	1	0		1					0
	22. <i>Pleuronema coronatum</i> Kent				0	0								
	23. <i>Prorodon</i> sp.	0	0		0	0					1	2		
	24. <i>Stylonychia mytilus</i> Ehrbg.		0										0	2
	25. <i>Stylonychia</i> sp.									0			0	0
26. <i>Uroleptus</i> sp.									0				0	
27. <i>Vorticella</i> sp.			0		1	0								
B	28. <i>Caenomorpha medusula</i> Perty					0					0			
	29. <i>Epaxlis</i> sp.										0			0
	30. <i>Metopus</i> es O.F.Müller					0	0							
	31. <i>Metopus</i> es var. <i>receptus</i> Kahl							0						
	32. <i>Metopus spinosus</i> Kahl									0	0			
	33. <i>Metopus spiralis</i> Smith									0	0			
	34. <i>Metopus striatus</i> McMurrich									0	0			
	35. <i>Metopus</i> sp.								0					
	36. <i>Plagiopyla ovata</i> Kahl									1				
	37. <i>Saprodinium dentatum</i> Lauterborn												1	0
	38. <i>Coleps amphacanthus</i> Ehrbg.							0		2	0	0	0	0
	39. <i>Coleps hirtus</i> Nitzsch					0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
	40. <i>Coleps incurvus</i> Ehrbg.					0	1	2	0		1	0	0	2
	41. <i>Cyclidium citrullus</i> Cohn									4				
	42. <i>Cyclidium libellus</i> Kahl										0			
	43. <i>Euplotes patella</i> f. <i>latus</i> Kahl					0	0							
	44. <i>Euplotes patella</i> f. <i>typicus</i> Kahl					0	0							
	45. <i>Euplotes</i> sp.													0
	46. <i>Frontonia leucas</i> Ehrbg.									0				
	47. <i>Lacrymaria olor</i> O.F.Müller									1	0			
	48. <i>Loxodes magnus</i> Stokes									1				
	49. <i>Loxodes rostrum</i> O.F.Müller									0				
	50. <i>Loxodes striatus</i> Engelmann						4			2	0	0	0	
	51. <i>Loxophyllum helus</i> Stokes										0		0	
	52. <i>Paruroleptus lacteus</i> Kahl										0			
	53. <i>Prorodon teres</i> Ehrbg.				0	0						0	0	
	54. <i>Spirostomum filum</i> (Ehrbg.) Penard							0			0			0
	55. <i>Spirostomum intermedium</i> Kahl						2		1		0			
	56. <i>Spirostomum minus</i> Roux						5	3	1	1				0
	57. <i>Urocentrum turbo</i> O.F.Müller						0							
	58. <i>Uroleptus dispar</i> Stokes										0		0	
	59. <i>Uroleptus limnetis</i> Stokes					0						0		

## STRESZCZENIE

Badano rozwój orzęsków w mule dennym nawożonych stawów rybnych. Materiał zbierano z czterech stawów odrostowych Gospodarstwa Doświadczalnego PAN w Gołyszach, przez cały sezon wegetacyjny w roku 1962. W każdym stawie wyznaczono dwa stanowiska zbioru prób: w głębokiej części stawu w pobliżu odpływu oraz w płytkiej części stawu, gęsto zarośniętej roślinnością wynurzoną.

W badanym materiale znaleziono 113 gatunków orzęsków. Stwierdzono wyraźną różnicę w ilości orzęsków na obu stanowiskach na korzyść stanowiska płytkiego. Zjawisko to wiąże się niewątpliwie z większą zawartością materii organicznej w mule płytkich i zarosłych części stawów. Ogólną liczbę gatunków orzęsków danego stawu można podzielić na trzy grupy: zdecydowana większość to gatunki znajdujące wyłącznie na stanowisku płytkim, bardzo niewielka część to gatunki znajdujące wyłącznie na stanowisku głębokim, ostatnia grupa to gatunki występujące na obu stanowiskach.

Liczebność orzęsków wykazywała zmiany w ciągu sezonu. W pierwszych tygodniach po zalaniu stawów ilości tych organizmów były niewielkie. W większości stawów występowały one najobficiej od końca lipca do sierpnia włącznie. Powolny spadek zaczynał się we wrześniu. Niezależnie od tego poszczególne gatunki osiągały w różnych miesiącach maksymalne rozwoje.

Wśród orzęsków badanych stawów przeważały gatunki odżywiające się bakteriami. Nawożenie stawów wpływa korzystnie na liczebność drobnoustrojów i wzmoczenie ich działalności. Wpływ nawożenia na faunę pierwotniakową jest więc przypuszczalnie pośredni poprzez wzmoczenie tempa procesów bakteryjnych w mule dennym, co z kolei przyspiesza obrót materii w stawie.

W miesiącach letnich znajdowano gatunki sapropelowe, które w stawach nawożonych występowały w większych ilościach niż w kontrolnym. Pojawiły się one głównie na stanowiskach płytkich, a w okresie śnięcia ryb w jednym ze stawów, gdy był on silniej zanieczyszczony, pewne gatunki znaleziono również na stanowisku głębokim. Gatunki te mogą być wskazówką zmiany warunków tlenowych i pojawienia się procesów gnilnych na dnie stawu.

Orzęski stawu kontrolnego wykazały nieco słabszy rozwój ilościowy zwłaszcza na stanowisku głębokim. Stanowisko płytkie różniło się niewiele od analogicznych stanowisk w stawach nawożonych.

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