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## ABSTRACT

*The present study of "Study of Water Quality, Fish and Fishery of Mechi-River", was conducted from 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2006 A.D. to 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2007A.D. The study area was divided into station A, B and C. The water samples from each sampling sites were collected in the morning throughout the study period. The physical parameters such as temperature, depth, transparency, water colour, nature of the day were performed on the field itself. The analysis of chemical parameters such as pH, hardness, DO, CO<sub>2</sub>, alkalinity were examined on the same day.*

*The maximum DO 7.3ppm was observed on March, '07. The free CO<sub>2</sub> fluctuated from 8 - 15.3ppm. The alkalinity was found between 55 - 110ppm with an average of 92.5ppm. The value of total hardness recorded during the study ranged from 25 - 37ppm with an average of 31ppm. The various types of fishing gears used by the local fisherman included cast net, chhanki, Ganj, Sola, line fishing, gill net, scoop net, dip net, basket trap, Ghorlong etc. Fishing activities in Bhadrapur is not a solely subsistence occupation which depended for its prosperity on Market conditions. Fisherman conducts their transaction with much haggling and employ complicated methods of finance and credit. A total of 32 species of fishes belonging to 23 genera were recorded during the study period. The use of traditional fish preservations were not able to keep the storing life of fish for a long time.*

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