

Predatory and plant parasitic nematodes from Hormozgan province

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ABSTRACT

Having an effective role in biological control of plant parasitic nematodes, the predatory species of suborder Mononchina have been collected from Hormozgan soils and studied. To perform an study of species complex, 61 soil samples were collected from rhizosphere of orchard trees and vegetables in 19 agricultural localities. Nematodes have been extracted by Jenkins (1964) and Killed and fixed by De. Gresse (1965), then counted by counting slide to determine their generic status. This study showed 3 out of 19 species encountered, belonging to a predatory genus which are as follow:

- 1- *Mylonchullus minor* (Cobb 1893), Cobb 1916 with a population of 10-50 in 500g. of soil.
- 2- *M. sigmaturus* (Cobb 1917) Altherr, 1953 with a population of 10-20 in 500g. of soil.
- 3- *M. signaturellus* (Mulvey, 1961) being a new species to nematode fauna of southern Iran.

This study revealed *M. minor* as the dominant species of the region. This species basically is found in tropical regions such as Brasil. In addition the population density per 500g of soil was shown low, while the density was higher in rhizospher of orange and tangerin trees which reached 450-500 per 500g. of soil. Related to species diversity and population density *Helicotylenchus* an first and *Psilenchus* was the last.

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