

# An Extensive Study on Physico-Chemical Parameters of Bay of Bengal and Central Indian Ocean Basin

## Abstract

The analyses of selected Physico-chemical parameters, such as sea surface temperature, sea atmospheric temperature, barometric pressure, pH, relative humidity, sea surface salinity, water salinity, precipitation, wind speed, dissolved oxygen, was conducted at 101 stations situated between 81°30'04"E and 13°10'59"N to 79°27'53"E and 5°57'07"N, located in the Bay of Bengal (BOB) and Central Indian Ocean Basin (CIOB). The results obtained indicate that both BOB and CIOB are congenial for growth, sustenance, development and distribution of biota.

**Keywords:** Physico chemical parameters; Bay of Bengal; Central Indian Ocean Basin

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**Abbreviations:** SAT: Surface Air Temperature; SSS: Sea Surface Salinity; SST: Sea Surface Temperature; RH: Relative Humidity; DO: Dissolved Oxygen; BOB: Bay of Bengal; IO: Indian Ocean

## Introduction

The aquatic bodies in general and marine waters in particular, are the largest repository of biota, in our living world. As this biota is always surrounded by aquatic media, the physico-chemical parameters of the surrounding waters play an important role on their life processes. The biota adapts to such variations in physico-chemical parameters, which tend to have impact on diversity and distribution of the biota too. Some of the important physico-chemical parameters such as, Surface Air Temperature (SAT), which is the temperature just above the sea surface is generally slightly higher temperature than sea surface temperature. The Sea Surface Salinity (SSS), known to be the salinity in the ocean, is considered as conceptually simple, but technically challenging to define and measure precisely. By and large, the salinity is recognized as, the quantity of dissolved salt like sodium chloride, magnesium sulfate, potassium nitrate, and sodium bicarbonate, dissolved into ions in the water. The Sea Surface Temperature (SST) is the water temperature close to the ocean's surface between 1mm and 20m, below the sea surface. Atmospheric pressure or barometric pressure is the pressure, exerted by the weight of air, in the atmosphere of the Earth. Low-pressure areas have less atmospheric mass, above their location and high-pressure areas have more atmospheric mass above their location. Barometric pressure has substantive effect on cloud formation, rain fall, as well on biota. The Precipitation is any product of the condensation of atmospheric water vapor that falls under gravity. It forms as smaller droplets coalesce via collision, with other rain drops. The Relative Humidity (RH) is an air-water mixture and is defined as the ratio of the partial pressure of water vapor in the mixture, to the equilibrium vapor pressure of water, over a flat surface of pure water, at a given temperature. The pH of seawater is generally of the range between 7.5 and 8.4. As it is evident that,

ongoing ocean acidification caused by carbon dioxide emissions of the world, pH plays an important role in the ocean's carbon cycle. Further, pH is known to exert an important role in physiological processes in the biota.

The Dissolved Oxygen (DO) referred to the level of free and non-compound oxygen presents in water or other liquids. It has profound influence on the organisms living within a body of water. Too high or too low dissolved oxygen, will affect the water quality and can harm many forms of life, including fish, invertebrates and bacteria, which need oxygen for their respiration, or to decompose organic material at the bottom of a body of water, which is an important contributor to nutrient recycling. The Wind speed, which is also known as wind flow velocity, is a fundamental atmospheric quantity. Wind speed is caused by the air moving from high pressure to low pressure, usually due to change in temperature and has countless other implications. Winds help in creating waves, which in turn help in mixing of the salts and other ions in the sea. Thus, it is beyond doubt that above mentioned parameters are of paramount importance for the biota in the marine waters.

The Bay of Bengal (BOB) is the world's largest bay. In the west, it is surrounded by India and Sri Lanka; Bangladesh to the west; Myanmar and Andaman Nicobar Islands to the east. The BOB occupies an area of 2,172,000 KM<sup>2</sup>. This water body is unique, as it is surrounded by land, on its three sides and opens to southern side to give rise to Central Indian Ocean Basin. To this bay, mighty He river Bramhaputra, 'life line of north India Ganges and several other rivers such as Meghna, Padma, Godavari, Mahanadi, Krishna, Kavery flow into it. Thus, the physico-chemical parameters in general and pH and salinity in particular vary widely from almost freshwater condition, where these rivers enter into the BOB, to marine conditions at deep BOB locations. On the contrary, The Indian Ocean (IO), which extends over 30% of the global ocean area and is rimmed by 36 littoral and 11 hinterland nations sustaining about 30% of the world's population, generally maintains its pH

and salinity. IO is located to the south of the Adam’s bridge and from southern extreme of Dondra Head (south point of Sri Lanka) to the North point of Poeloe Bras (5°44’N, 95°04’E). Though there are reports of recording physico-chemical parameters at BOB [1-5] and CIOB [6-12], they are scanty, scattered, sometimes in estuaries, tidal creeks or near shore, apart from limited number of sampling sites etc., To overcome this lacunae of information, the present investigations were carried out.

### Materials and Methods

101 stations located between 81°30’04”E 13°10’59”N to 79°27’53”E 5°57’07”N located in Bay of Bengal and Central Indian Ocean Basin have been analyzed for important physico-chemical parameters such as sea surface temperature, sea atmospheric temperature (by using digital thermometer, Make: Mextech, Model: Dt-8811 Digital) barometric pressure (by using barometer, Make: HTC, Model: AL-7010), pH (by using digital pH meter, Make: Lutron, Model: 0-14.00 pH Meter pH-201), relative humidity (by using hygrometer, Make: HTC: Model: 288Cth Thermo Hygrometer) sea surface salinity, water salinity (by using salinometer, Make: Autosal, Model: 8400B Laboratory Salinometer), precipitation (by using hydrometer, Make Amber Hydrometers, Model: Twaddle Hydrometers), wind speed (by using anemometer, Make: HTC, Model: AVM-06 Digital Anemometer with Temperature and Humidity), dissolved oxygen (by using DO meter Make: Lutron Model: DO-5510 Oxygen Meter with 0.4 mg/L DO Accuracy with electrochemical sensors). Further, all the readings were confirmed with Sutron Automatic weather station on board ORV Sagar Kanya. All experiments were conducted on board ORV Sagar Kanya during its cruise No SK-330 (May-June 2016), which had pre determined area of operation at BOB and CIOB.

### Results

(Table 1) provides data on all the parameters analyzed in the present study. 101 sites selected for recording the data was spread across Bay of Bengal and Central Indian Ocean Basin. Surface Air Temperature ranged between 26.0 to 32.6°C, which is convenient

for the biota for not only to sustain but also to propagate. Sea surface salinity ranged from 32.5 to 34.53ppt, which is within the range of tolerable seas surface salinity. Sea Surface Temperature was between 32.5 and 33.00C, proving to be suitable for marine biota for their biological activity and sustenance. Barometric pressure recorded in this study area ranged from 1004.5 to 1010.3, which is within the range of forbearance by the biota in the ocean. Precipitation recorded during the study period ranged from 0.0 to 77mm, which indicated the formation of clouds and rain thereof, thus making it as one of the important parameters for the studies. Relative humidity in the air was within the range of 62.9 and 81.2, demonstrating that, there was always humidity in the air above the study sites, which would benefit the airborne spores and other biological matters, for their sustenance. PH recorded from all the 101 sites ranged between 7.2 and 7.7, where the variation recorded was within acceptable limits. Dissolved oxygen was between 6.9 to 7.6ml/l proving to be an excellent condition for biota not only for their living, but also for maintaining healthy condition. Wind speed recorded in the present studies, was between 0.5 to 14.3M/sec shows that, at some places the water body under study was calm; while in some other places, where wind speed was high the sea was moderately rough due to windy conditions.

### Discussion

As 101 sites were studied in the present studies, one can say that the study is of extensive nature. As the sampling size was large, the results obtained will give fairly correct report and thus provide near truth results. AS BOB as it is surrounded by land mass on three sides the SST is greatly influenced [13] and remains warm (>28°C) [14], in the present studies, which was conducted during summer, that too mostly southern part of BOB, a large number of sites in BOB and northern part of CIOB showed a relatively higher temperature (28.0 to 33°C). Similarly, the SAT ranged from 28°C to 32.6°C. SAT and SST recorded in the present studies indicates that, it is quite favorable for the tropical biota for their natural biological activities.

**Table1:** Physico-chemical parameters of Bay of Bengal and Central Indian Ocean Basin.

Sl. No.	Date	Time (Hrs)	Location Longitude/ Latitude	SAT (°C)	SSS (ppt)	SST (°C)	Bar. Pressure (mbar/ hPa)	Preci- pitation (mm)	RH (%)	pH	DO (ml/l)	Wind Speed (M/sec)
1	10-5-16	0718	81°30’04”E 13°10’59”N	31.1	32.68	31.3	1009.0	01	75.0	7.3	7.1	4.3
2	10-5-16	1128	81°49’68”E 13°11’54”N	31.5	32.71	30.5	1008.9	02	72.2	7.4	7.1	4.4
3	10-5-16	1548	82°14’47”E 13°13’52”N	32.1	32.72	31.0	1006.3	06	67.6	7.4	7.1	4.0
4	10-5-16	1938	82°36’74”E 13°13’48”N	31.4	32.72	30.5	1008.6	08	69.0	7.3	7.2	4.0
5	11-5-16	0730	83°48’64”E 13°16’93”N	31.5	32.73	30.2	1009.1	01	66.2	7.3	7.1	3.7
6	11-5-16	1130	84°15’19”N 13°18’04”N	32.0	32.64	30.8	1007.5	01	65.6	7.2	7.1	1.0

7	11-5-'16	1543	84°15'17"E 13°18'04"N	31.5	32.65	30.6	1006.8	03	64.9	7.4	7.4	2.1
8	11-5-'16	1935	85°01'11"E 13°20'57"N	31.2	32.61	30.7	1008.2	05	64.5	7.2	7.0	1.3
9	12-5-'16	0748	86°35'16"E 13°24'08"N	31.4	33.33	30.4	1009.0	01	65.2	7.3	7.1	2.7
10	12-5-'16	1148	87°03'51"E 13°24'53"N	31.1	33.56	30.5	1008.1	02	65.0	7.3	6.9	3.2
11	12-5-'16	1608	87°35'03"E 13°24'70"N	31.2	32.85	30.6	1004.5	07	64.9	7.3	6.9	1.9
12	12-5-'16	1948	87°58'91"E 13°27'36"N	30.8	32.52	30.5	1005.6	10	67.5	7.4	7.4	1.5
13	13-5-'16	0728	88°59'38"E 13°29'70"N	32.2	32.92	31.0	1007.6	00	63.6	7.3	7.6	0.5
14	13-5-'16	1140	89°00'61"E 13°29'89"N	31.9	32.77	31.5	1006.6	04	62.9	7.4	6.9	2.2
15	13-5-'16	1538	89°00'12"E 13°29'16"N	32.6	32.78	33.0	1004.2	09	64.9	7.4	7.0	2.8
16	13-5-'16	1948	88°58'79"E 13°31'25"N	31.6	32.69	32.0	1006.3	12	64.7	7.2	6.8	3.0
17	14-5-'16	0830	80°90'37"E 13°25'45"N	31.8	32.80	31.5	1008.8	01	66.7	7.4	7.0	1.9
18	14-5-'16	1148	88°58'53"E 13°10'28"N	31.5	32.52	31.5	1008.1	05	70.0	7.4	7.0	1.5
19	14-5-'16	1536	88°54'89"E 12°51'00"N	31.9	32.66	32.0	1006.0	11	68.3	7.4	7.1	2.8
20	14-5-'16	1958	88°50'36"E 12°17'00"N	31.2	32.50	31.5	1008.0	14	71.6	7.3	7.2	3.3
21	15-5-'16	0758	88°42'80"E 11°25'90"N	31.7	33.05	31.5	1008.1	05	63.4	7.5	7.2	5.9
22	15-5-'16	1138	88°39'70"E 11°07'95"N	31.6	32.94	31.5	1007.6	09	71.4	7.4	7.0	6.3
23	15-5-'16	1528	88°37'06"E 10°47'32"N	30.5	32.92	31.5	1003.7	18	73.5	7.4	7.3	5.9
24	15-5-'16	1938	88°34'53"E 10°29'42"N	29.5	33.08	31.5	1006.9	28	79.0	7.4	7.2	4.6
25	16-5-'16	0818	89°13'09"E 10°31'88"N	28.1	32.70	31.0	1007.6	02	81.2	7.4	7.4	10.4
26	16-5-'16	1148	88°58'28"E 10°21'09"N	29.5	32.64	31.0	1005.3	05	77.6	7.5	7.3	10.2
27	16-5-'16	1528	88°42'46"E 10°09'16"N	29.2	32.63	30.5	1002.6	07	79.7	7.5	7.1	10.9
28	16-5-'16	1948	88°29'95"E 10°00'22"N	30.0	32.53	30.5	1004.3	12	73.7	7.2	7.4	13.5
29	17-5-'16	0748	88°30'28"E 9°59'72"N	31.2	32.82	31.0	1004.7	16	72.4	7.4	7.3	11.1
30	17-5-'16	1138	88°30'43"E 10°00'64"N	30.8	32.53	31.0	1004.7	25	74.2	7.3	7.3	8.6
31	17-5-'16	1528	88°30'28"E 10°03'61"N	31.6	32.88	31.0	1002.2	33	71.1	7.3	7.4	8.5
32	17-5-'16	1928	88°29'82"E 9°59'85"N	31.4	32.90	30.5	1004.5	38	71.5	7.5	7.5	11.0

33	18-5-'16	0808	88°33'79"E 9°17'19"N	31.0	32.76	31.3	1005.1	06	73.1	7.3	7.3	9.0
34	18-5-'16	1148	88°35'69"E 8°58'12"N	31.0	32.66	30.5	1005.3	11	78.6	7.3	7.5	9.3
35	18-5-'16	1548	88°37'24"E 8°36'69"N	31.0	32.63	30.0	1003.7	27	77.1	7.4	7.3	10.6
36	18-5-'16	1938	88°38'80"E 8°15'85"N	30.0	32.76	31.0	1005.2	35	74.8	7.4	7.4	12.0
37	19-5-'16	0758	88°43'65"E 8°11'39"N	30.0	33.17	31.0	1007.1	05	73.3	7.5	7.5	11.9
38	19-5-'16	1209	88°45'51"E 6°48'84"N	30.0	33.88	31.0	1006.1	08	74.5	7.4	7.2	9.1
39	19-5-'16	1521	88°46'23"E 5°89'33"N	30.5	33.40	31.0	1006.2	12	76.5	7.4	7.4	10.0
40	19-5-'16	1951	88°43'62"E 5°97'40"N	30.0	33.31	31.0	1006.4	16	77.1	7.4	7.2	11.5
41	20-5-'16	0748	88°43'58"E 6°14'96"N	30.5	33.51	30.7	1007.7	03	73.7	7.4	7.3	12.7
42	20-5-'16	1138	88°41'94"E 6°15'04"N	30.5	33.42	30.6	1007.4	20	72.6	7.4	7.2	9.1
43	20-5-'16	1558	88°43'89"E 6°15'82"N	30.5	33.48	30.9	1005.1	37	71.8	7.4	7.3	8.7
44	20-5-'16	1948	88°45'45"E 6°16'96"N	30.5	33.49	31.0	1007.5	55	69.6	7.4	7.4	9.7
45	21-5-'16	0748	89°24'30"E 5°38'74"N	30.0	33.26	30.8	1008.1	01	72.1	7.5	7.5	13.2
46	21-5-'16	1128	89°42'01"E 5°24'30"N	30.0	33.33	30.9	1008.4	26	70.5	7.5	7.4	13.7
47	21-5-'16	1528	90°00'95"E 5°09'32"N	30.2	33.78	30.8	1006.6	38	71.3	7.5	7.3	12.5
48	21-5-'16	1928	90°17'93"E 4°55'37"N	30.1	34.06	30.8	1009.2	53	69.9	7.4	7.3	12.4
49	22-5-'16	0748	91°11'02"E 4°12'89"N	30.0	34.03	30.7	1010.3	06	70.1	7.5	7.4	9.6
50	22-5-'16	1148	91°26'27"E 4°00'42"N	30.1	33.84	30.6	1010.3	14	70.6	7.5	7.3	9.9
51	22-5-'16	1548	91°41'65"E 3°48'27"N	30.2	33.89	30.3	1007.2	24	71.9	7.5	7.2	9.6
52	22-5-'16	1948	91°42'87"E 3°48'64"N	30.0	33.89	30.6	1010.2	40	72.2	7.5	7.3	8.5
53	23-5-'16	0748	91°41'79"E 3°48'10"N	30.0	34.08	30.8	1010.0	09	68.1	7.5	7.2	6.9
54	23-5-'16	1158	91°42'34"E 3°47'50"N	30.0	33.99	30.9	1010.1	17	71.0	7.6	7.2	10.7
55	23-5-'16	1538	91°41'80"E 3°50'40"N	30.1	34.04	28.3	1008.3	33	78.6	7.6	7.1	10.2
56	23-5-'16	1948	91°42'58"E 3°47'68"N	30.1	34.02	30.6	1009.9	55	75.6	7.6	7.1	10.3
57	24-5-'16	0748	91°23'58"E 4°13'99"N	30.1	34.21	30.3	1010.2	08	75.0	7.6	7.1	10.1
58	24-5-'16	1148	91°07'87"E 4°26'27"N	30.2	34.48	30.6	1008.8	14	71.5	7.6	7.1	10.9

59	24-5-'16	1558	90°53'66"E 4°37'52"N	30.2	34.53	28.5	1007.2	31	72.8	7.5	7.1	11.4
60	24-5-'16	1948	90°41'41"E 4°46'62"N	30.2	34.33	30.0	1008.4	34	73.3	7.6	7.1	22.4
61	25-5-'16	0748	90°06'89"E 5°14'11"N	30.0	33.95	30.6	1008.5	08	71.4	7.5	7.1	11.5
62	25-5-'16	1158	89°56'58"E 5°21'91"N	30.1	33.85	30.7	1007.1	24	72.4	7.5	7.3	14.3
63	25-5-'16	1838	89°48'69"E 5°29'02"N	30.1	33.87	30.5	1005.0	36	72.2	7.5	7.2	11.7
64	25-5-'16	1948	89°38'25"E 5°35'84"N	30.1	33.37	30.6	1007.7	51	73.7	7.5	6.9	11.4
65	26-5-'16	0748	89°04'24"E 6°01'88"N	30.1	33.43	30.6	1008.1	08	73.7	7.6	7.3	11.2
66	26-5-'16	1158	88°50'82"E 6°12'81"N	30.1	33.31	30.1	1007.3	19	76.2	7.6	7.3	12.2
67	26-5-'16	1548	88°49'09"E 6°15'08"N	30.1	33.56	30.1	1005.8	33	76.2	7.6	7.3	7.4
68	26-5-'16	1958	88°53'66"E 6°17'52"N	30.1	33.59	30.1	1008.1	48	76.3	7.6	7.4	11.5
69	27-5-'16	0738	88°46'74"E 6°14'51"N	30.1	33.24	30.1	1008.5	07	72.8	7.7	7.3	12.2
70	27-5-'16	1148	88°49'24"E 6°15'38"N	30.1	33.21	30.1	1008.4	17	72.5	7.6	7.5	6.7
71	27-5-'16	1548	88°49'62"E 6°16'26"N	30.1	33.40	30.1	1006.3	33	74.2	7.6	7.4	13.8
72	27-5-'16	1928	88°54'27"E 6°17'12"N	30.1	33.35	30.1	1008.4	45	74.3	7.6	7.3	8.5
73	28-5-'16	0758	88°51'97"E 6°16'00"N	30.0	33.58	30.0	1008.4	06	73.9	7.6	7.3	14.3
74	28-5-'16	1148	88°50'20"E 6°17'20"N	30.0	33.34	30.0	1007.6	14	73.9	7.6	7.4	8.7
75	28-5-'16	1558	88°48'76"E 6°17'07"N	30.0	33.39	30.0	1008.2	27	74.2	7.6	7.3	11.4
76	28-5-'16	1958	88°47'78"E 6°16'13"N	30.0	33.41	30.0	1007.1	39	73.2	7.7	7.2	12.5
77	29-5-'16	0748	88°10'94"E 6°12'27"N	29.6	33.46	29.6	1006.7	09	72.2	7.6	7.1	9.4
78	29-5-'16	1158	87°58'25"E 6°11'03"N	29.5	33.57	29.5	1006.1	28	70.2	7.5	7.1	8.9
79	29-5-'16	1528	87°44'04"E 6°07'55"N	29.5	33.59	29.5	1006.2	46	70.8	7.4	7.2	7.1
80	29-5-'16	1948	87°31'45"E 6°07'56"N	29.4	33.58	29.4	1008.2	55	74.8	7.4	7.4	9.4
81	30-5-'16	0748	86°43'47"E 6°02'29"N	29.3	34.02	29.3	1007.9	13	72.1	7.5	7.5	7.3
82	30-5-'16	1158	86°28'01"E 6°00'71"N	29.5	33.84	29.5	1008.0	31	72.2	7.7	7.5	7.2
83	30-5-'16	1548	86°13'72"E 5°58'13"N	29.5	33.91	29.5	1006.1	46	69.9	7.8	7.5	7.1
84	30-5-'16	1958	85°55'93"E 5°56'95"N	29.4	33.92	29.4	1007.6	67	75.0	7.8	7.5	9.2

85	31-5-'16	0758	85°06'80"E 5°51'25"N	29.3	33.79	29.3	1008.7	13	72.5	7.8	7.4	8.0
86	31-5-'16	1148	84°53'95"E 5°51'65"N	29.4	33.82	29.4	1008.3	31	78.1	7.8	7.5	9.8
87	31-5-'16	1548	84°40'57"E 5°52'35"N	29.4	33.76	29.4	1006.3	53	75.4	7.7	7.5	11.0
88	31-5-'16	1958	84°28'49"E 5°51'51"N	29.2	33.70	29.2	1008.6	72	76.2	7.6	7.6	8.5
89	1-6-'16	0738	83°53'7"E 5°48'79"N	29.5	33.77	29.1	1008.6	11	74.5	7.6	7.7	8.3
90	1-6-'16	1158	83°40'98"E 5°48'50"N	29.3	33.61	29.2	1008.6	31	73.3	7.6	7.8	8.2
91	1-6-'16	1558	83°30'07"E 5°47'63"N	29.6	33.52	29.5	1006.7	52	72.2	7.6	7.7	8.5
92	1-6-'16	1948	83°19'13"E 5°46'92"N	29.5	33.50	29.3	1008.4	72	74.3	7.6	7.6	11.4
93	2-6-'16	0748	83°41'30"E 5°44'88"N	29.0	33.50	29.6	1008.4	15	73.2	7.6	7.5	11.0
94	2-6-'16	1158	82°27'85"E 5°44'87"N	28.9	33.51	29.5	1008.5	38	73.5	7.6	7.6	11.5
95	2-6-'16	1548	82°14'93"E 5°41'44"N	28.0	33.41	29.0	1005.9	57	76.5	7.6	7.5	4.6
96	2-6-'16	1958	81°59'23"E 5°35'39"N	28.9	33.45	28.9	1008.1	77	79.1	7.6	7.6	11.9
97	3-6-'16	0758	81°05'68"E 5°40'71"N	28.0	34.22	28.0	1008.6	09	79.1	7.5	7.5	8.2
98	3-6-'16	1158	80°48'58"E 5°40'91"N	28.9	34.24	28.9	1008.9	15	78.3	7.5	7.4	5.0
99	3-6-'16	1548	80°32'71"E 5°34'59"N	28.6	34.20	28.6	1005.9	23	79.5	7.5	7.5	7.6
100	3-6-'16	1938	80°11'91"E 5°34'52"N	28.5	34.20	28.5	1008.0	33	78.7	7.5	7.4	6.1
101	4-6-'16	0758	79°27'53"E 5°57'07"N	29.0	34.22	29.0	1008.1	02	78.9	7.4	7.6	8.7

SAT: Surface Air temperature

SST: Sea Surface Temperature

SSS: Sea Surface Salinity (Average of three readings was taken and then calculated SSS).

Similarly, salinity range (32.5 -34.53ppt) is known to be congenial for physiological activities of the biota living in marine waters. Barometric pressure recorded, shows that, there no additional or extra pressure on the biota like the biota, living at abyssal depths, where coping up with the pressure is one of the major problems faced by them. As the cruise was undertaken during late summer, just before onset of monsoon, precipitation of 0-77mm indicates that, the weather conditions prevailing over the BOB and CIOB during summer, which was quite common. Whenever the precipitation increases, the size of the water molecule will also increase and later it falls on the ocean surface as rain. Humidity in the air is an important criterion, as it helps the airborne spores to be active. The pH recorded was between 7.2 and 7.7 shows that, there is not much influence of the freshwater rivers decanting into the BOB at the study sites, as those sites were

mostly located in the southern part of BOB and northern part of CIOB, where there is least impact of freshwater rivers flowing into the Bay. pH is an important parameters for all aquatic biota for their survival. In the present studies the pH ranged within the permissible level, mostly alkaline ranging from 7.2 to 7.7pH in the water column, very much suitable for living organisms. One of the best ecological conditions encountered in the present studies was Dissolved Oxygen. In all 101 sites the DO was between 6.9 and 7.6ml/l providing congenial environment for the biota's aerobic respiration process. Winds bring turbulence on the surface of the water, which will help mixing of the water column. This in turn will not only bring the nutrients from one place to another, but also helps in mixing of the nutrients. It also helps in the dispersal of plankton, thus providing food for zooplankton, which consumes phytoplankton in the first instance and later zooplankton as food



for fishes. The negative point is, these winds and rough sea is detrimental for fish eggs. Apart from the above, winds above the water surface, helps in dispersal of clouds, which will result in spreading of rains to a larger area. In Toto, the present studies indicated that, physico-chemical parameters analyzed at BOB and CIOB in the present studies are very much congenial for growth and sustenance of biota in BOB and CIOB.

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