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Abstract	Southeast Maluku is the leading supplier of Indonesian trepang, but lately, the production has been decreased significantly. The effort to increase the trepang population through sexual reproductive techniques still requires a long time. Therefore, another method which faster, more productive, and more accessible are needed to be applied by coastal communities, namely inducing asexual reproduction of fission using a rubber band. This research using experimental methods in the field and analyzed descriptively. Fission induction conducted by rubber binding at 1/3 of the anterior body part of trepang. This study induces asexual reproduction in two trepang species found on Matakus Island, Tanimbar Archipelago, Maluku, Holothuria scabra, and Bohadschia marmorata. The results showed that H. scabra (98%) and B. marmorata (100%) rubber binding could induce individual fission of the trepang and divide into two new individuals. The posterior part has a higher regeneration and a better survival rate than the anterior part. The survival rate of B. Marmorata is higher than that of H. scabra.
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