

**ZOOCHEMICALS AND FUNCTIONAL ACTIVITIES OF SEA CUCUMBER
(*Holothuria leucospilota*) IN CASIGURAN, AURORA**

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ABSTRACT

CRUZ, JOB DANIEL NOAH G., Department of Biological Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, Central Luzon State University, Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija, Philippines, **MAY 2019, FUNCTIONAL ACTIVITIES OF SEA CUCUMBER (*Holothuria leucospilota*) IN CASIGURAN, AURORA**

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The functional activities of *Holothuria leucospilota* was assessed using different assay. Collection *Holothuria* Casiguran, Aurora yielded two species, *Holothuria leucospilota* and *Holohuria hilla* that belong to Order Aspidochirotida and Family Holothuriidae. *H. leucospilota* is the dominant species and was used in the study and in different functional activities. The body wall of *H. leucospilota* screened for different chemical components, and among the present compounds are Essential oil, Triterpene, Steroids, Phenols, Courmarines, Anthrones, Tannins and Flavonoids. It was also found out that *H. leucospilota* possess satisfactory level of antioxidant with 37.50% scavenging effect with phenolic content of 14.00 mg GAE/g of sample.

In addition, embryo toxicity and teratogenicity of *H. leucospilota* was observed in different concentration in Hot water and fresh body wall extract

In the toxicity to the embryo test, result shows that in hot water extract it showed non-toxic while fresh body wall extract in the highest concentration (10,000 ppm), it is toxic. Hot water extract do not have terratogenic effect but a delayed growth was monitored. In fresh body wall extract delayed growth was observed in all treatments and perverted tail in 1000 ppm concentration was seen.

Cam Irritation Inhibition Assay of *H. leucospilota* revealed that in 1000 ug/ml shows moderate inhibition. It concluded that *H. leucospilota* has potential functional activities.

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