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Seasonal Variation of Periphyton Communities in the Upstreams of the Dam of Peace, Korea

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Flora and seasonal variation of the periphyton communities were studied at five sites in the mountainous streams of the Dam of Peace, Korea, from June to November 2003. The attached algal communities comprised totally 76 taxa belong to the 5 classes. In species composition, diatoms and green algae overwhelmingly dominated the community although their standing crops were low. During the survey period, the major dominant species were Navicula gregaria and Navicula pupla var. capitata, as 11.7% and 8.9% of total standing crop, respectively. Other subdominant species were Scenedesmus ecornis and Spirogyra weberii in green algae, Cymbella affinis, Cymbella minuta. Fragilaria capucina, Melosira varians, Navicula cryptocephala, Navicula exigua var. capitata, Navicula gregaria, Nitzschia sublineari in diatom. In their appearances, Scenedesmus and Oscillatoria were occurred in summer, Cymbella and Fragilaria in autumn, and Nitzschia, and species Spirogyra weberiiin winter, respectively. The water quality by species diversity indicated that the upstreams of the Dam of Peace were ranged from oligosaprobic to -mesosaprobic.