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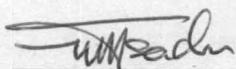
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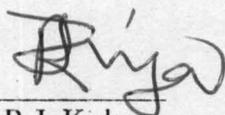
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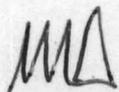
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ABSTRACT

This study was undertaken to investigate the effects of *Eustrongylides africanus* on *Clarias gariepinus* from some parts Niger state, Nigeria between November, 2004 and April, 2005.

Three hundred and sixty (360) samples of *Clarias gariepinus* of various sizes, sex and age were used for the study. The fish sampled were caught by fishermen fishing within Rivers and man-made dams. The sampling/landing sites were: Shiroro dam, Tagwai dam, Suleja dam, Wushishi dam, Kagara dam and Matandi dam, Kakakpangi, Wuya kede and Katcha. Morphometric measurement recorded for the fish sampled include: Total length (TL) standard length (SL) parasite count (pc) and liver weight (L.wt). The colour of the liver of both infected and uninfected fish sampled did not show any difference, it was observed to be reddish brown. The mean values recorded for body weight, standard length, liver weight and condition factor for the three geopolitical areas are as follows:- 181.2 \pm 100.8, 25.24 \pm 5.31, 1.86 \pm 1.10, 1.414; 182.5 \pm 98.6, 23.88 \pm 4.24, 1.73 \pm 1.03, 1.334; 173.3 \pm 3.10, 1.62 \pm 0.73, 1.289. Conditions factor for the three areas ranged between 1.289 – 1414. Mean values for body weight standard length and condition factor for the infected and uninfected fish sampled were 220 \pm 110g, 25.3 \pm 5.4cm, 2.8 and 169.8 \pm 83g, 23.5 \pm 3.5cm and 2.0 respectively.

The length –weight relationship between the uninfected and infected fish sample in the study area showed allometric and isometric growth represented by the formulae $Y=4.90+3.15$ and $Y=2.07+2.28$. *Eustrongylides africanus* found on the fish samples were quite few (1- 11) and did not have any adverse effect on the condition of the *Clarias gariepinus* sampled.

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CHAPTER ONE

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 FISH DISEASE CONCEPT

Fish disease is said to be an illness affecting fish population and it is a reflection of improper environmental management. The interaction between the host (fish), environments (water) and pathogen (parasites) cause disease (Sniesko, 1983). Meyer (1983) defined parasite as an organism that lives in or on another organism (the host) and depends on the host for its nutrition and is suspected of harming the host. Fish disease is caused by parasites, fungi, environmental (Paperna, 1996) or predatory (Hine, 1993). Mbuthia (1993) and Hine (1993) observed that like other animals, fish reproduction, growth, appearance and condition are affected by parasites as they are usually potential sources of discomfort.

Basically, fish is an important source of cheap animal protein to man. It is however, worthy to note that parasitic infection reduces the relative value and palatability of fish (Onusiriuka, 2001). French (1965) recognized that studies on the parasites of fish are very important as these parasites may effect fish production.

1.2 JUSTIFICATION

The physical presence of *Eustrongylides africanus* in *Clarias* species is of concern to fishermen and fish consumers in Niger state. According to Anthony (1982), *Clarias gariepinus* is one of the most resistant, widely

accepted and highly valued fish that could be cultivated apart from being harvested from the wild.

Fish production from the capture and recently from fish culture, fisheries in Niger state show there is the need to acquire knowledge about the nature and effect of fish parasites. Fish of the genus *Clarridae* are very common throughout the year in Niger state and they form important commercial catches. They are constantly disposed to infection by parasites particularly *Eustrongylides* species (Paperna, 1996). The reasons for their susceptibility could be as a result of their uncovered soft skin. *Clarias gariepinus* is a hardy fish, fast growing and widely acceptable. In spite of their relative importance as one of the major source of fish protein in the state, documented information on their conditions due to *Eustrongylide* infection is limited and scanty. The above reasons, therefore forms the basis for this investigation of pathological effects and conditions of the infected fish.

The importance of animal protein particularly fish to human beings cannot be over-emphasized as it provides the body with essential nutrients required for growth and other related functions. In order to investigate the effects of *Eustrongylides* parasite infected *Clarias gariepinus* three geopolitical areas of Niger state were used for this study.

Prevalence of *Eustrongylides africanus* infected *Clarias gariepinus* has been observed in the state and investigation has only been restricted to water bodies and fadama within Bida area.

1.3 OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

General objectives

1. To investigate the effects of *Eustrongylide africanus* on *Clarias gariepinus* in three geopolitical areas of Niger state

Specific Objectives

1. To identify the type of *Eustrongylides* that affect *Clarias gariepinus*
2. To determine body part mostly affected in the fish.
3. To determine the level of infection of *Eustrongylides africanus* on *Clarias gariepinus* in Niger state.
4. To Investigate the spread of *Eustrongylides africanus* in some water bodies from three geopolitical areas of Niger state.

1.4 SCOPE AND LIMITATION

The research is only limited to *Eustrongylides africanus* infection of *Clarias gariepinus* species from some water bodies in the three geopolitical areas of Niger state. The scope is only to investigate level of infection and effects on fish production from these areas.

Different parts of the fish body, both internal and external are known to harbour parasites, however, the parts which this study limited its investigation and examinations on are the skin, fins, gill region, abdominal cavity, liver and muscles. Live fish were examined individually for parasites according to the method described by Brent R. Dixon (2006).

CHAPTER TWO

2.0 LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 VULNERABILITY OF FISH TO PARASITES

Many phyla of the animal kingdom have representatives which are parasitic on fish. The number of species of fish parasites are in thousands and many more remained to be discovered. Very few are seriously harmful to fish. Most individual fish in the wild or cultivated populations are infested with parasites, but in the great majority of cases, no significant harm appears to be caused to the host fish. Although, there are surprisingly few reports of parasites causing mortality or serious damage to wild fish populations, such effects often go unnoticed. Catfish are vulnerable to fish parasites, because of favourable environmental factors, their soft and uncovered skin and as parasites form parts of the food consumed by them. Parasites in the wild fish are only remarked upon when they are so obvious as to lead to rejection of fish by fishermen or consumers (Paperna, 1980).

2.2 GEOGRAPHICAL SPREAD

Paperna (1996) reporting and quoting observation of other workers on geographical spread of nematodes in Africa listed the following occurrences: *Contracaecum* in Egypt, Mali, most large and small East African (Rift Valley) lakes (including lakes Kivu, Edward, and Albert –campana – Rouget 1961). Zaire, Mali (Niger), (Khalil, 1971) and South Africa, where it was reported from brackish water hosts (Boomker, 1982; Van As and Basson, 1984).

Infections of the pericardia in cichlid fish occur in lakes Victoria, George, Nakuru, Naivasha, Baringo and Magadi (Paperna, 1974a, Malvestuto and Ojambo Ongoma, 1978). *Amplcaecum* was reported from Sudan (Khalil, 1969) and *Diyardinascaris* from lakes Chad and Tangayika. *Eustrongylides* has, thus far, only been found in the East Africa lakes, including lake Tangayika (Campana-Rouget, 1961; Khalil, 1971; Paperna, 1974b) and freshwater Fadama around Bida, Niger state (Ibiwoye et al 1996).

2.3 OUTBREAK AND SIGNS OF FISH DISEASE

Disease outbreak according to Rogers and Plumb (1977) are more common during certain times of the year, due to various environmental factors or due to the life cycle of the causative agent. They observed that the peak times of the year for this outbreak are in spring, summer and fall when fishermen are most likely to be enjoying the sports. There is much overlap of clinical signs (symptoms) and outward manifestations of different diseases, but some disease can be readily identified.

In general, the most common signs of a disease include:- haemorrhage, lesions (scores, cysts or erroded fins) discoloration, fluid accumulation in the body cavity, popeyes, sliminess of the skin, irregular swimming or sluggishness and gasping near the surface. Many atimes, a combination of these signs could be present.

2.4 FISH DISEASE TRANSMISSION

Maar *et al* (1966) and Huet (1972), observed that it would be almost impossible for parasites found in infected fish flesh to infect man, except through raw, improperly cooked or partially sun dried fish and parasites such as tapeworms, but the thought of eating these parasites is most unlikely.

A lot of parasites are found abundantly in fish where water birds, the final host congregate. Nematodes and tapeworms are commonly found in the visceral organs of fish. One of the most common is a large nematode: *contracaecum*, often found coiled like a watch spring encysted in the mesenteries. Another nematode *philometra* usually found behind the eye may sometimes be located in the body cavity. Generally, reports have it that parasites infect fish through the fish's food or through the gills or via attachment of skin, before gaining entrance into the viscera of fish (Oniye, 2000).

2.5 PARASITES AND PARASITE LIFE CYCLE

Ahmed (1997) described parasitic diseases as diseases that are caused by organisms, which lived in or on other animals known as hosts. Fish parasites include: protozoans, worms and crustaceans. They could be internal or external and feed on the fluid or the tissues of their hosts. Ricker (1970) reported that fish may contain many parasites yet seem perfectly healthy. He also observed that under certain circumstances, any parasitic species may increase the number and directly or indirectly cause the death of a fish. In nature, majority of common parasitic species appear to have no serious effect on their host fish. He

further said that the experience of most parasitologist thus lead them to believe empirically that fish can harbour considerable numbers of most kinds of parasites without being adversely affected. He pointed out that the fish biologist on finding the gut of his fish full of worms may be equally convinced that such parasites must be harming the fish.

Dick and Harvey (1986) reported that fishes often find themselves acting as host to some very unwholesome guests. Most parasites feed on the mucus layer on the skin and gills, larger ones penetrate the tissues and feed on blood and tissue fluids. Similarly, Maar et al (1966) noted that under natural condition in the wild (rivers and lakes) most fish species have parasites and that fish however have "learnt to live" with them and consequently do not suffer greatly, if at all from the infection. Huet (1972) corroborated these statement and further said that fish are widely dispersed and diseases are often not noticed as the risk of contamination are fewer and the losses are low.

Petrushevski and Shulman (1970) reported that in freshwater environments severe infestation of fishes with nematodes- *Rhaphidascaris acus* (Bloch, 1779) leading to mass moartality occurred in lake Sudochye in the neighbourhood of Muynak, the Delta of the Amu-Daria (Osmanov, (1953) in Petrushevski and Shulman (1970). The worms were found in *Esox lucius*, *leuciscus idus*, *Scardinus erythrophthalmus*, *Aspius aspius*, *Tinca tinca*, *Carassius carassius*, *Lucioperca lucioperca* and *Cyprinus carpio*. The most severely infested fish was *Abramis brama* in which the intensity reached 1,035. The worms were localized in the intestinal walls and in the liver, which was

seriously damaged. All the functions of the liver, gut, the gonads and other organs were made totally impossible, it was also reported that among marine fishes, the disease due to nematode infestation are very common.

In another investigation, Okaeme (1991) quoting Hoffman and Bauer (1971) reported that the prevalence of parasites of freshwater fishes under natural conditions is usually low when compared to that of fish intensely managed because of the large expanse of water, rapid rate of water exchange and reduced risk of contact between parasites and fish under natural conditions. A number of factors, he observed have been found to be responsible for the prevalence of freshwater parasite in lakes and reservoirs. These include availability of intermediate hosts responsible for sustenance of parasites life cycle, host population changes and the ecology of the water body (Hoffman, 1976).

Ibiwoye et al (1996) reported that just like animals, fishes are subjected to parasites, diseases and predation, and these hampers their reproduction, growth, appearance and well being. In Africa, under culture system, fish are raised in extensive system at low stocking densities with reduced problems of parasites and pathogens, due to inadequate diagnostic facilities. Most of the early observations on diseases of tilapia were related to parasitic infection, often from the wild fish and at low levels. These have generally, shown no evidence of clinical effects on the fish. While in most wild populations of tilapia, it seems that parasitism is a normal occurrence of little consequence.

Ricker (1970) reported that many of the definitely serious fish parasites are not adult in fish and need to be eaten by a predator to complete their life cycle. Thus, it is to their advantage to weaken or even kill the fish. Thomas (1964); Richer (1970), gave a useful survey of the literature of harmful larval parasites of fishes and stated that the stage which are found in piscivorous vertebrate are apparently not pathogenic. He further reiterated that, it is useful to simply assume that all parasites deprive the fish host of its anabolic materials and thus the total parasitic burden is viewed as a measure of the degree to which the fish is weakened below its optimal condition. Paperna (1996) observed that the life histories of some parasites which (at the adult stage) infect African fish have so far not been studied and their first molluscan host and other invertebrate hosts remain unknown. Davies (1946); Hoffman (1967) and Schell (1970): in Paperna (1996) further remarked that investigations carried out could be summarized as: eggs of gut dwelling digeneans are released via defecation: while eggs of those living in the gall bladder are evacuated into the gut with bile. Eggs produced by digeneans in the kidney or gonads are evacuated from their host with the respective organs products. If they are located in the tissue or closed internal cavities they can only be liberated following death of the hosts or predator.

Work on fish parasites in Nigeria, especially those prevalent in Niger state includes: Awachie-(1966) Parasities of fish in the area of Kainji reservoir; Ukoli-(1966) Helminth infection of fish in the River Niger; Ibiwoye et al (1996) Prevalence of endoparasite in some commercially important freshwater fishes of

Bida area, Niger state, Nigeria. Ibiwoye et al (1996) Prevalence, intensity and abundance of *Eustrongylides africanus* larvae in *Clarias* species of freshwater fadama of Bida area, Nigeria; Okaeme (1991) Helminth fauna of tilapia of lake Kainji in the pre and post impoundment conditions.

2.6 DESCRIPTION OF NEMATODES

Nematodes are fairly frequent parasites and occurs worldwide in all animals (Reichenbach- Klinké's 1973). They are encased in a very tough and impermeable transparent or semi-transparent cuticle. The cuticle is not chitin like the cuticle of arthropoda since it is soluble in potassium hydroxide, but have true chitin in the egg shell. Paperna (1996) described all freshwater and brackish water fish as being infected. with heavier infection in predatory fish especially species also utilizing fish as intermediate or transient host.

Duijn (1973) reported that nematodes live in fish during their larval stage, whilst the adult form is produced when the fish is eaten by the definite host. The larvae, he said have a size of a few millimeter and live for a short period in the skin or in the internal organs then they encyst. Generally, the cyst are the size of a pinhead, although larger ones may occur. They are formed outside the intestine or in the peritoneum, pancreas, liver or other internal organs. If there are many cysts, serious inflammation of the internal organs of a fish may occur.

Kabata (1985) apparently observed that nematodes maintain their hold on their hosts by using buccal apparatus when not encysted in the tissues. They

also have well developed alimentary canals and that they can use fish either as intermediate or definitive hosts, living in them as encysted larvae or as lumen-dwelling adults.

Nematodes vary generally in body structure ranging from long, round, threadlike, flat, unsegmented smooth bodied. The cylindrical body tapers at both ends. The mouth is terminal anteriorly. The gut is clearly divided into oesophagus and an intestine. In the species parasitic on fish, at least one host is required. Since females are spindle-shaped or twisted when gravid, there are no appendages in the parasitic species. sexes are separate with females generally larger than the males.

A pseudocoel or false body cavity is present, the tail consists of that part of the body posterior to the anus. The anterior end of the body forms the head, the mouth is terminal and associated with it are various structures such as lips, pseudobucca, odontia, cephalic papillae, amphids, collarettes and cordons. The primitive number of lips is six (6) of which two (2) are dorsal two (2) lateral and two (2) ventral. One of these triangular lips are three sensory papillae. One at the tip near the opening of the mouth and two at the base. One on eachside, papillae at the tips of the lips form the inner circle and those at the base constitute the outer circle (Paperna 1996).

2.7 IDENTIFICATION OF LARVAL NEMATODES

Identification of larval nematodes, particularly to species level is not usually feasible, since the larvae lack genital systems and several other features

of adult stages which are used as taxonomic criteria. In recent years, a method of identification of larval stages of *Anisakidae* by biochemical (Isoenzyme) method utilizing multilocus electrophoresis analysis has been developed (Paperna 1996; Orechia et al, 1986).

Rhabdochona and *Spinitectus*. Paperna (1996) said are very small (<10mm in length) the former shows dentation in its mouth opening, while the cuticle of the latter bears circular rows of spines.

Eustrongylides are large long red worms, 18-70mm long. 0.3-0.8mm thick, with a long oesophagus merging with an indistinct ventriculum (Paperna, 1996).

2.8 LIFE CYCLE OF NEMATODES

Paperna (1996) reported that larval nematodes are potentially pronounced in all fresh and brackish water fish, with heavier infection occurring in fish occupying higher positions in the food-chain e.g predatory fish.

The life cycle of nematodes are of two basic types: direct or monogenous (i.e with only one host in the cycle) and indirect or heterogenous (ie with two or more host in the cycle). The basic pattern of development is similar whether the life cycle is direct or indirect. Larvae hatching from the eggs progress through a series of stages in their development. Beginning with the first stage, each one is separated by a molting of the cuticle (Paperna, 1974). There are four larval stages i.e 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th followed by the adult. The 3rd stage is infective to

the final host. The pattern of growth of the larvae (L) and occurrence of the successive molt (m) may be expressed as follows:-

$$\text{Egg} \rightarrow L_1+M_1 \rightarrow L_2+M_2 \rightarrow \boxed{L_3+M_3} \rightarrow L_4+M_4 \rightarrow \text{Adult}$$

In many parasitic nematodes (orders *Rhabditida strongylida*) with a direct life cycle, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd stages are free in the soil. The 2nd stage feed on organic material. The 3rd stage which retains the shed cuticle of the 2nd stage as enclosing sheath is unable to ingest food. In some species the 1st (*Ascaris*) and 2nd molts some hookworms, *strongyles* and *trichstrongyles* take place inside the egg shell. The 3rd stage larvae enter the final host when swallowed with food or by penetrating the skin, as in the case of hookworms. The 3rd and 4th molts are completed inside the final host.

Reichenbach Klinke's (1973) observed that in an intermediate host, parasites are present as larval or juvenile forms. Such life cycle are often necessary to ensure the dissemination of infective stages of parasites to the final host in which maturity will occur. Fish are utilized as intermediate hosts by parasites. Intermediate host often form part of the diet of the final host or the next intermediate host in the life cycle. In other cases, free living stages may be released from the intermediate host which actively invade, or are eaten by a further host. Many fish parasites spend atleast some part of their life cycle outside a host. The parasite species with a direct life cycle, infect other hosts or by means of free swimming larvae, which often actively invade the host or by spores or eggs which are ingested.

Paperna (1996) further disclosed that parasites with an indirect life cycle have the same stage, but reach the final host through the means of a vector or intermediate host, usually an arthropod, but other invertebrates are utilized. Vectors are transmitters of parasites, if the transmitter is essential in the life cycle of the parasite, it is a biological vector, if it is unessential, it is a mechanical vector.

In Oviparous forms with the indirect cycle, the eggs are embryonated, when laid and in most cases hatch only when ingested by the intermediate host in whose body the 3rd or infective larval stage is reached through the necessary molts. In some of the lungworms the egg hatch on the ground or in the faeces of the final host and the larvae penetrate land snails, which serve as the intermediate host. Infection of the final host occurs when the intermediaries containing the infective larvae are swallowed. The 3rd and 4th molt take place in the final host.

The knowledge of parasite life cycle is often essential. If successful preventive measures are to be achieved as it allows the parasite to be attacked at the most vulnerable point of its life cycle.

2.9 NEMATODE INFECTION

Nematode infection are common in predatory fishes, lesions and gonadal deformation occurs in cichlids of the genus *haplochromis*, larval nematodes (*Eustrongylides* and *contracaecum*) causes lesions in the dermis and deformation of gonads of *Bagrus docmac* and *Clarias species* (Oniye, and

Annune 1993). They observed that good example of nematodes that are found in wide range of fishes are *Procamallanus laevionchus*. Paperna (1996) described nematodes as being able to infect all organs of the host and particularly causing loss of function of the damaged area. Signs of nematodiasis, they said include:- anaemia, emaciation, unthriftiness and reduced vitality.

2.10 LARVAL NEMATODES

Most notorious larval nematodes, are representatives of the *anisakdae* (*Haeterocheilidae*): genera *Ampicaecum*, *contracaecum* and *perrocaecum*, *dioctophymidae*, the genus *Eustrongylides* and *Rhabdochonidae*, the genera *Rhabdochona* and *Spinitectus*. Furthermore, larval nematodes, occur either encysted in tissues or free in body cavity most often in the abdominal or pericardial cavity. Larvae of *contracaecum* and *Eustrongylides* tend to escape from their cyst and out of their host body after its death Paperna (1996).

Nematode eggs are released via defecation by definitive hosts e.g pelican, herons and cormorants. They are also released into water when whole nematodes are vomited from the stomach by regurgitation. Eggs are released from such discharged nematodes by oviposition or after death following their decomposition. Eggs hatch within 2-3 days at 24⁰C; 5 – 7 days at 21⁰C; hatching is not simultaneous and is further delayed in some eggs. Free living infective (second) stage larvae can survive in water for several months. Larvae

become firmly attached by their posterior end to a substrate in the aquatic habitat (Paperna 1996).

The intermediate hosts of *Eustrongylides*, Paperna (1996) reported are unknown, although Oligochaetes are the first intermediate hosts of a related dioctophymatoid from the genus *Hystrichia*. However, the later, he said do not develop via fish. In fish, larval infection passes from prey (Cichid fish, mainly *Haplochromis*) to predator, finally accumulating in the predatory catfish *Bagrus docmac*, *Clarias gariepinus* and also in the lung fish *Protopterus aethiopicus*. Numerous adult *Eustrongylides* species were found attached to the stomach of cormorants (*Phalacrocorax africanus*) obtained from the same habitat (in Entebbe, Lake Victoria) where fish were heavily infected. In conclusion he said herons, snake birds (*anhinya rufa*) and pelicans in the Sudan are host to *Eustrongylides africanus*.

2.11 EUSTRONGYLIDES LARVAE

Kabata (1985) reported that *Eustrongylides* are nematodes that uses fish as its intermediate host. The definitive host, they observed are the wadding bird, a common visitor to ponds and water bodies. The worm encysts in the peritoneum or muscle of the fish and appear to cause little damage. Because of the large size of the worms, infected fish may appear unsuitable for retail sales. Protecting fish from wading birds and eliminating the intermediate host Oligochaete or Tubiflex (soft bodied worm) are the best means to prevent infection.

The larvae of *Eustrongylides* species are found encysted within the body cavity, muscles and peritoneum of many freshwater species world wide. As the larvae are large upto 10cm in length and blood red in colour, they are rather unsightly (Paperna 1974). Paperna (1974) further observed that if encysted in the gonads particularly ovary they can cause severe damage. The first intermediate hosts according to Paperna (1974) are probably tubificid oligochaetes and the final hosts are piscivorous birds.

Rechenbach – Klinke's (1973) in his work, observed that the main characteristics of these species of nematodes is the sucker of the male at the caudal end of the body, forming a bursa copulatrix. The definitive hosts are the ducks. Invertebrates intermediate host has not yet been established. Juvenile form of *Eustrongylides ignotus* can also be found in perch and European catfish, while sexually matured worms are found in herons.

Aydoghu et al (2000) reported that larval stages of *Eustrongylides* species have been found, but infestation and prevalence in fish was very low. They also observed that *Eustrongylides* could not be identified to species level. Yamaguti (1961) in Aydoghu et al (2000) further reported that *Eustrongylides* species are found in birds, but their larval stages have been recorded in fish, frogs and reptiles living close to water.

2.12 EPIZOOTIOLOGY

Paperna (1996) reported that epizootiology of the pericardium inhibiting *contracaecum* is linked with migration of piscivorous birds particularly (or even

only) pelicans, between Europe and tropical East Africa. Infection of ponds in Israel occurred after they have been visited by pelicans during spring migration. Definitive hosts of the other forms of *Contracaecum* (piscivorous birds), *Amplicaecum* (aquatic reptiles) or *Eustrongylides* (cormorants) are apparently sedentary as infection is geographically localized.

Eustrongylides larvae, he said, if ingested by another fish, will re-encyst in its new hosts, this causes larvae to accumulate in predators at higher trophic levels. These usually large catfish and lungfish are beyond the reach of cormorants and are therefore a dead end for the parasites transmission cycles. Accumulation of nematode larvae in the large predator fish may have considerable ecological importance in moderating parasite populations in lake fish. Among *Haplochromis* species of Northern lake Victoria, incidence of infection ranged from 17 to 52% (mean 27%) with a mean burden of 5.1(SD=9.3) and up to 17 per fish. A quantitative study of *Bagrus docmac* from the same fishing area in the lake revealed a 77% prevalence of infection with a mean burden of 26 (SD=29 overdispersed) up to 125 worms per fish.

Castration resulting from invasion of the gonads with a prevalence of infection ranging from 5 to 17% was found in 6 out of 15 representatives of *Haplochromis* and *Haplochromis* related species from lake Victoria. Incidence of castration was more abundant in species demonstrating an overall higher prevalence of infection. Although, *Eustrongylides* infection occurred in *Haplochromis* from lake George, in none of these were gonads involved (Paperna 1996 quoting Paperna 1974b).

Petrushevski and Shulman (1970) reported that a severe epizootic caused by protozoan (*Myxobolus exiguus* Thelohan 1895) was recorded for *Mugil cephalus* of the black and Azor seas. The gill filaments of the infected fishes were seriously affected. Some of the cysts were situated along the course of the blood vessels and the tips of the affected filaments were swollen. In many instances, the entire filaments were filled with the cysts, which were also found in the organs of the fish (the base of the gill arches, the upper lip, the intestinal wall, the mysentary etc). These sites, however, showed no deflection from normal. Rapture of the cysts resulted in damage to the tissues, causing haemorrhages, which were sometimes quite extensive. Some fish were seen with blood literally pouring from under the opercula. Death can follow either asphyxia caused by damage to a large number of gill filament or from severe loss of blood.

2.13 TRANSMISSION TO INVERTEBRATES

The nematode eggs or larvae are passed into the water with the faeces of the fishes. These eggs or larvae actively or passively enter invertebrates which are their intermediate hosts and at the same time components of the diet of fish. Ingestion of infected invertebrates causes infestation of fish, which becomes the secondary intermediate host for many species of parasites (Paperna, 1974).

2.14 MODE OF TRANSMISSION OF PARASITES TO MAN

Reports have it that man and other animals become infected with parasites by eating raw, improperly cooked or partially sun dried fish. Fish are generally said to be intermediate host of parasites. However, Ibiwoye et al (1996) reported that no case of human disease had been documented from eating nematode infected fishes.

Oniye (2000) in Paperna (1980) reported that several trematodes, cestodes, nematodes and acanthocephalans that are naturally parasites of fish, amphibians, birds, marine and terrestrial mammals have been found in humans, who have accidentally ingested these worms or their larval stages through consumption of improperly cooked, sun dried or raw fish. Some symptoms, he observed in man associated with infection by these helminthes include abdominal discomfort, nausea, dysentery and lesions in the heart, liver, lungs, central nervous system and deficiency of certain vitamins. Control of these parasites, he concluded can be achieved by proper cooking (above 70%) and freezing (-18°C) of fish before consumption; though, these may have far reaching consequences on eating habits and economy of societies that consume raw fish.

2.15 SITE OF INFECTION

Eustrongylides larval, encysted in white cysts, 4-6mm diameter, were found predominantly in the mesenteries on the surface of the stomach and in the spleen of *Bagrus docmac*, *Clarias mossambicus* and *Haplochromis* species,

larvae were also encysted in the gonads of *Haplochromis* species (Paperna, 1974). Unencysted worms were found embedded in the somatic muscles and the connective tissue of the ventral abdominal wall of *Bagrus docmac*.

2.16 CONDITIONS AND EFFECTS

Bauer (1970) reported that by damaging the surface of the body and internal organs of fishes and producing various wounds and ulcerations, parasites favour the penetration of other pathogenic organisms mainly fungi and bacteria.

Quoting Petrushevski and Kogteva (1950) Petrushevski (1970) observed that the influence of parasites on the conditions of fish depend on the site of infestation, for example, larval tetracotyle when in the heart has a considerable influence on the condition of the host; no such influence is exerted by the parasite in the peritoneum. The infestation of the heart and liver, he said have stronger effects than from any other organ, gut in particular.

The pathogenic activity of parasites affects the growth rate and the condition of the host. Lechler (1935) quoted by Bauer (1970) described mass infestation of coregonids with *Ergasilus sieboldi*. He also observed during the five years of investigation that this infestation resulted in a marked lowering of the growth rate of the fish.

Quoting Paperna (1980); Okaeme (1989) reported that fish diseases are important because they can affect the productivity of fish in several ways, such as: lethargic effects by reducing food intake and thereby retardation and reduced

growth rate. Furthermore, they are said to cause pathological lesions ranging from the lesion of skin to those vital body organs. The pathological lesions cause some undesirable influence which affects the physiological performance of such organs, reduced immunity to infection and eventual mortality (Ribelin and Migaki, quoted by Okaeme, 1989).

Parasites and diseases affect fish production by decreasing their aesthetic value, marketability, palatability and reproductive potentials. Paperna (1996) observed that *Eustrongylides* larvae in Cichlids when encysted migrate under the skin and in the muscle causing extensive inflammation and necrosis. Encysted worms in the viscera, particularly liver, spleen and the gonads cause severe pathological changes in the adjoining tissue. In the spleen, the tissue is replaced by lipid cells. Infection in the testes and ovaries causes severe pressure necrosis, degeneration of the spermatogenous and follicular tissues being either replaced by lipid cells or undergoing complete necrosis, ultimately resulting in castration.

The incidence and the degree of damage to the gonads was positively correlated with the overall burden of infection in the fish.

In large catfish and lungfish, larvae are numerous (often over 100), but they encyst only in mesenteries. Even heavy infection induces localized inflammatory response, while essential visceral organs are unaffected. Only heavily infected *Bagrus docmac* was emaciated, but otherwise fish condition (determined using weight indices) did not seem to be affected (Paperna 1974b).

Robert (1978) reported that lesions renders the fish unsightly and the fish with even a single parasite feed poorly and loose weight. Oniye and Annune (1993) remarked that by virtue of the economic importance of fish to man, as the cheapest source of animal protein as an alternative source of income to farmers and fishermen, it's increased demand as population increases, fish has become a subject of study and information of fish parasites in particular has become important as these may affect the production of fish in culture or wild conditions.

2.17 CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Unlike disease diagnostic in other vertebrates, clinical symptoms in fish are not easily discernible at a glance with gross pathology. Dujin (1973) observed that the prospects of curing fish suffering from infection of the internal organ are poor. In most cases, too much damage has been caused to important organs before the disease is recognized.

Drugs and clinical treatment under tropical (Kabata, 1985) and temperate conditions (Paperna, 1980) have shown that the response to treatment when disease is established is limited and thus in general, preventive measure are recommended in the management of diseases. However, fish live in an aquatic environment that serves as an important vehicle for the transmission of pathogens. It is therefore necessary that preventive procedures are adopted in the production of fish.

Dick and Harvey (1986) recognized that microscopic parasites are easy to treat using remedies added to the water, although a few have a cyclical lifestyle and are resistant to treatment at some stages of the cycle. Most large adult parasites, he agreed could be removed with the hand.

In an effort to check this problem, Paperna (1996) reported that the best control of digenean trematodes is to break the life cycle of the parasite. Elimination of the first intermediate host, the freshwater snail is often recommended. Copper sulfate, they said has been used in ponds with limited success and is most effective against snails when applied at night due to their nocturnal feeding activity.

Kabata (1985) reported that in Russia, chlorofos has been used to eliminate copepods as a control measure against *philometra*. Masoten has been used to control nematodes in East Germany (one prolonged application for 10 days at 1-2ppm.)

Ibiwoye et al (1996) stated that the control of disease is of considerable importance as different fish farming situations may call for different approaches. Traditional method of disease control, they remarked are not always effective because it is not cost-effective and may cause environmental pollution. Many drugs and chemicals used as chemotherapy of fishes are the same as for higher animals. Drugs, they said should be inexpensive and not in competition with human and other valuable farmed animals.

“Prevention an old adage say is better than cure,” however, Paperna (1996) quoting Bejeramo (pers. Comm.) observed that prevention of larval

nematode infection by keeping away piscivorous birds is impracticable, not only in fishing areas in natural habitats or man-made impoundments but even in fish ponds.

In fish ponds, preventive treatment of *Contracaecum* by elimination of copepod (by insecticide such as masoten or Bromex). Bromex applied at a level of 2ppm, killed free living larvae in vitro, but such a dose is about or beyond tolerance limit of fish. Experiments with helminthicides (Levamisol, mebendazol or ivermectin) have not so far produced satisfactory results and it is not certain, if costs of treatment (by use of medicated feeds) will be economical. Kabata (1985) advised that in case involving nematodes pathogenic to man the effectiveness of fish product must be eliminated by cooking or other treatments (salting, drying, freezing etc) to kill nematodes encysted in the flesh.

General treatment for fungi, bacterial and parasitic infections as reported by Ahmed (1997) is presented in Table 1.

Table. 1 General treatment of fungi, bacterial and parasite infections.

Chemical	Dosage in Bath	Dosage in pond	Infection
Formalin	25ppm for 30min	5ppm	Worms
	250ppm for 5min.	15ppm	Protozoa
Malachite green	1.25ppm for 10-15min	0.5ppm	All types
Copper Sulphate	500ppm for 1-2min.	1ppm	Fungal an bacteria
Potassium Permanganate	10ppm	3ppm	Protozoa and general treatment of fish
Sodium Chloride	3,000-5,000ppm for 3-5min.		Protozoa and crustacean
Chloramphenicol	50ppm		Bacterial

Source: Ahmed H.U(1997)

CHAPTER THREE

3.0 MATERIALS AND METHODS

3.1 STUDY AREA

This study was conducted between November, 2004 and April, 2005 in the natural rivers and man-made dams spread across the three geopolitical areas represented as A, B and C (Niger South, Niger East and Niger North) of Niger state, Nigeria.

3.2 FISH SAMPLES

Niger state is blessed with abundant water bodies ranging from rivers, flood plains, natural and man-made dams. Fishing gears used by fishermen are baited long lines and traditionally made traps which are confirmed to be very active and efficient in harvesting *Clarias species*. *Clarias gariepinus* used for this study were purchased from fishermen, fishing on the water bodies mentioned above. The fish sample (*Clarias gariepinus*) was identified by methods described by Reed et al (1967). *C. gariepinus* are characterized by elongated smooth body, flattened head, which are rough and granular and wide mouth. They have strong, barbed spine in front of each of the pectoral fins, but none preceding the dorsal fin (Holden and Reed 1972). Landing sites from where *C. gariepinus* were purchased are shown on Fig. 1 (Hydrological map of Niger state, Nigeria).

3.3 LOCATION OF SAMPLING SITES

Using the existing three geopolitical areas (Niger South, Niger East and Niger North) of the state, three water bodies were earmarked for the collection

of fish samples from each area. The location (water bodies) from where the fish samples were collected are as follows:

Area	Location	Water body
A (Niger South)	Kakakpangi	River Gbako
	Katcha	River Niger
	Wuya	River Kaduna
B (Niger East)	Shiroro	River Kaduna/Shiroro dam
	Suleja	Suleja Dam
	Tagwai	Tagwai dam
C (Niger North)	Kagara	Kagara dam
	Matandi	Kontagora dam
	Wushishi	Tunga kawo dam

3.4 COLLECTION OF FISH SAMPLES

Clarias gariepinus is one of the commercial important fish species in most water bodies in Niger state. Irrespective of size, age and sex, forty (40) samples of *Clarias gariepinus* were randomly purchased from fishermen at landing sites and altogether one hundred and twenty (120) samples from each geopolitical area. Three hundred and sixty (360) fish samples were purchased from the three geopolitical areas.

Collection of the fish samples was done weekly i.e. three sites within each areas was visited. Rotationally, the three areas were visited and all the fish samples required were collected.

The fish samples were transported in a 60cm x 60cm flask to the fisheries laboratory, of the Federal University of Technology, Minna where morphometric parameters, dissection were carried out.

3.5 MEASUREMENT OF MORPHOMETRIC PARAMETERS

Total and standard length in grams of individual fish were taken from the snout to the tip of the caudal fin and peduncle respectively using measuring rule. Weights were measured by a portable kitchen weighing scale (Cap 5kg model). These parameters were measured using methods described by Olatunde (1977). Data collected and condition were used to determine length- weight relationship and conditions factors, (K) of the fish sample.

$$K = \frac{100w}{l^3}$$

where W = Weight of fish (kg)

L = Length of fish (cm)

As the fish sample were dissected, *Eustrongylides africanus* were visibly seen lodged in the muscles and abdominal cavity. However, none was found on the liver. The liver weights was determined with the aid of a laboratory sensitive weighing scale (Mettler P.M 2000).

3.6 PARTS OF BODY EXAMINED

Fish sample were examined individually, observation of the skin, gill region and fins were done with the aid of hand lens for presence of parasites. The fish samples were dissected and the skin, gill, abdominal cavity, muscles and liver were observed thoroughly for presence of parasite. Different portion of the above parts were separated and put in normal saline.

3.7 DATA ANALYSIS

Data obtained were subjected to:

T – test and analysis of variance (ANOVA) at 5% significance level, where there was a difference, Duncan multiple Range test for variance was used. They were also subjected to correlation regression analysis at 5% significance level.

3.8 ISOLATION OF PARASITES, IDENTIFICATION AND PRESERVATION

Parasites were isolated from the musculature and abdominal cavity of the fish sample manually according to procedure described by Brent R. Dixon (2006). All the *Eustrongylides africanus* isolated were observed to be alive as they exhibited movement. *Eustrongylides africanus* identified were characterized by reddish color, long, cylindrical and tapering at both ends confirming description made by Paperna (1996). They were counted and preserved in 40% ethanol.

3.9 CONDITION FACTOR

The condition factor is used to compare the condition which is an index of fitness or well being of the fish (Bagenal,1978) fultons condition factor K is calculated using the formula.

$$K = \frac{100w}{l^3} \quad \text{where } W = \text{Total weight (kg)}$$

$$L = \text{Total length (cm)}$$

CHAPTER FOUR

4.0 RESULTS

4.1 MORPHOMETRIC PARAMETERS

Morphometric parameters recorded as mean for the fish weight, liver weight and standard length in the three geopolitical areas A, B & C are presented in Tables 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3. In the same vein the parameters (fish weight, liver weight and standard length) recorded for the whole study area as an entity are presented in Table. 4.4. The result of mean of the parameters recorded in the tables listed above shows that there was no significant difference ($P>0.05$) in the fish weight, standard length, liver weight and condition factor within each geopolitical area and the entire study area.

The mean value recorded as fish weight, total length, standard length and liver weight for the uninfected and infected fish samples in area A and C did not show any significant difference ($P>0.05$) as presented in Table 4.5 & 4.6. Similarly, the same parameters recorded for the study area showed that there was significant difference ($P<0.05$) in the fish weight as shown in Table 4.7.

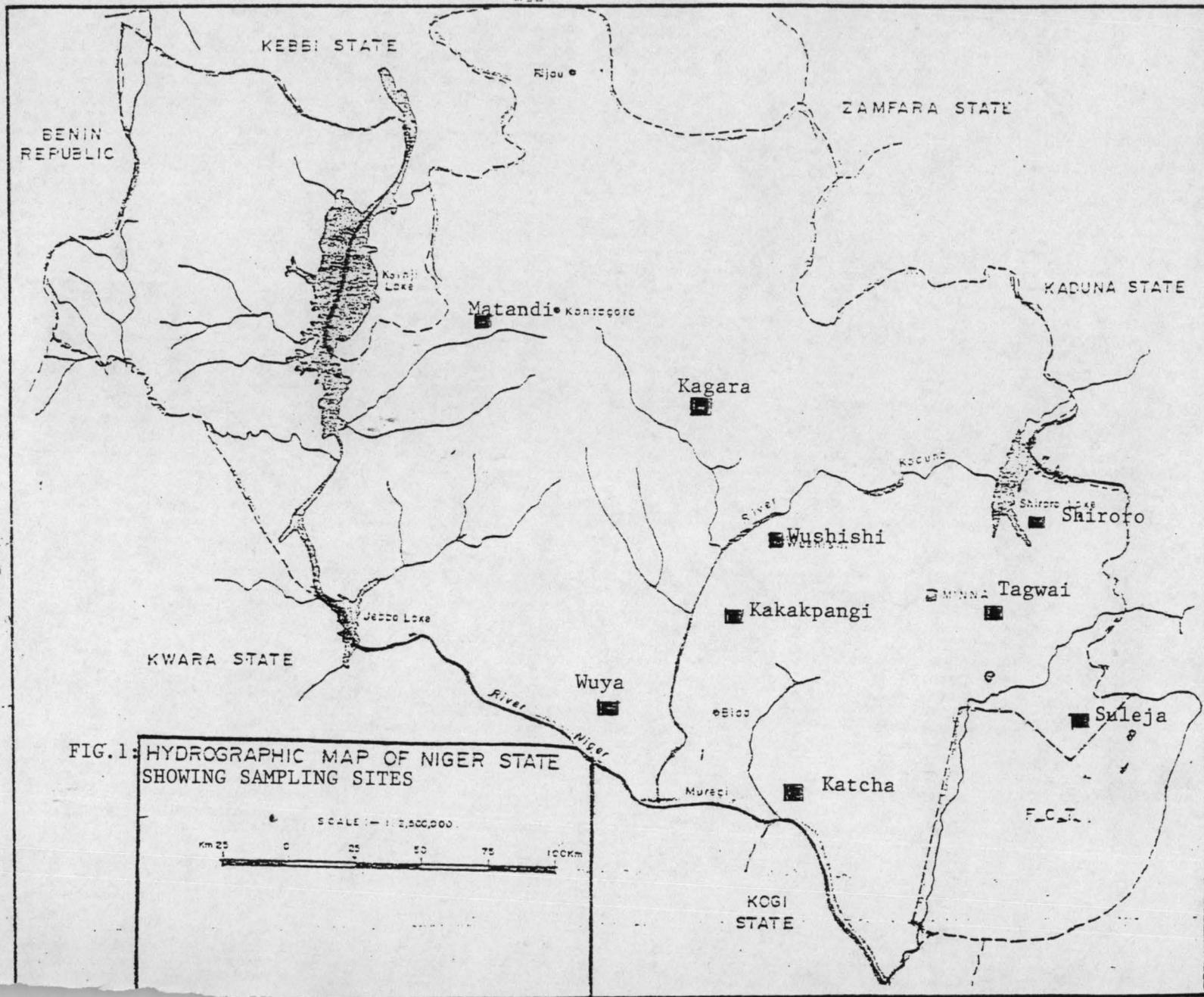


FIG. 1: HYDROGRAPHIC MAP OF NIGER STATE SHOWING SAMPLING SITES

Table 4.1 Mean values of fish weight, standard-length and-liver weight of fish samples in Area A'.

Parameter	Site i	Site ii	Site iii
Mean fish weight(g)	196.1± 147.1 ^c	187.1±62.5 ^c	158.8±69.6 ^b
Mean SL (cm)	23.63± 5.93 ^b	24.09±2.99 ^b	27.80± 25.82 ^c
Mean L.wt (g)	1.83 ±1.31 ^c	2.03±0.71 ^b	1.71±1.21 ^b

Row mean data carrying the same superscript do not differ significantly from each other (P>0.05).

Note: g= gram ; SL=standard length; cm=centimeter; L.wt=liver weight

Table 4.2 Mean values of fish weight, standard length and liver weight of fish sample in Area B

Parameter	Site i	Site ii	Site iii
Mean Weight (g)	198.63±105.17 ^b	164.88±92.64 ^a	185.00±95.5 ^b
Mean S L(cm)	24.54±4.42 ^c	23.28±3.34 ^b	23.89±4.74 ^b
Mean L.wt(g)	1.92±1.13 ^c	1.56±0.94 ^b	1.74±0.99 ^b

Row mean data carrying the same superscript do not differ significantly from each other (P>0.05).

Note: g= gram ; SL=standard length; cm=centimeter; L.wt=liver weight

Table 4.3 Means values of fish weight, standard length and liver weight of fish samples in Area C

Parameter	Site i	Site ii	Site iii
Mean fish Weight (g)	183.13 \pm 62.57 ^b	167.75 \pm 83.27 ^a	169.13 \pm 74.33 ^a
Mean SL (cm)	23.30 \pm 2.16 ^a	23.63 \pm 3.63 ^a	24.08 \pm 3.39 ^b
Mean L.wt (g)	1.73 \pm 0.64 ^a	1.57 \pm 0.80 ^a	1.55 \pm 0.75 ^a

Row mean data carrying the same superscript do not differ significantly from each (P>0.05)

Note: g= gram ; SL=standard length; cm=centimeter; L.wt=liver weight

Table 4.4 Mean values of fish weight, standard length and liver weight of fish samples in Area A,B,&C.(combined)

Mean of parameter	A	B	C
Mean fish weight (g)	181.2 \pm 100.8 ^a	182.5 \pm 98.6 ^a	173.3 \pm 73.3 ^a
Mean SL (cm)	25.24 \pm 5.31 ^a	23.88 \pm 4.24 ^a	23.66 \pm 3.10 ^a
Mean L. wt (g)	1.86 \pm 1.10 ^b	1.73 \pm 1.03 ^a	1.62 \pm 0.73 ^a
\bar{K}	1.414	1.334	1.289

Row mean data carrying-the same superscript do not differ significantly among the areas (P>0.05)

Note: g= gram ; SL=standard length; cm=centimeter; L.wt=liver weight:

K = condition factor

Table 4.5. Mean values of fish weight, total length, standard length and liver weight of uninfected infected fish samples in Area A

Parameter	Uninfected	Infected
Mean fish weight (g)	130.1 \pm 48.5	224 \pm 111
Mean Total length(cm)	25.31 \pm 2.22	29.40 \pm 6.2
Mean standard length(cm)	22.02 \pm 1.92	25.43 \pm 5.46
Mean liver weight (g)	1.3 \pm 0.42	2.4 \pm 1.23

Note: g= gram ; cm=centimeter;

Table 4.6 Mean values of weight, total length, standard length and liver weight of uninfected and fish sample in Area C

Parameter	Uninfected	Infected
Mean fish weight (g)	173 \pm 73	164 \pm 95.6
Mean total length(cm)	27.33 \pm 3.4	27 \pm 4.2.
Mean standard length(cm)	23.7 \pm 3.2	23.3 \pm 4
Mean liver weight (g)	1.60 \pm 0.7	1.84 \pm 1.2

Note: g= gram ; cm=centimeter;

Table 4.7 Mean values for uninfected and infected fish sample from the three Areas. (A, B & C)

Parameter	Uninfected	Infected
Mean fish weight (g)	169.8 \pm 83	220 \pm 110
Mean total length(cm)	27.1 \pm 3.9	29.2 \pm 6.1
Mean standard length(cm)	23.5 \pm 3.5	25.3 \pm 5.4
Mean parasite count (No)	0.00 \pm 0.0	2.31 \pm 1.2
\bar{K}	2.0	2.8

Note: g= gram ; cm=centimeter; \bar{K} = condition factor

4.2 PARTS OF THE BODY EXAMINED

The most infected fish samples were those obtained from area A i.e. Katcha, Kakakpangi and Wuya samplings areas (fig. 6). Seventy two (72) fish samples (20%) were infected with *Eustrongylides africanus* . Sixty eight (68) samples of *Clarias gariepinus* were discovered to have *Eustrongylides africanus* encysted in the musculature and four (4) in the abdominal cavity as presented in fig. 6.

Observation of a few sample shows undulation on the skin surface of the fish sampled. As the fish sampled were dissected *Eustrongylides africanus* were spotted underneath the skin sheath and at different depth of the muscles as shown in Plate 1, Plate 2 shows red coloured *Eustrongylides africanus* that emerged from a cyst under the muscle. The length of the *Eustrongylides africanus* found was in the range of 5cm – 14cm.

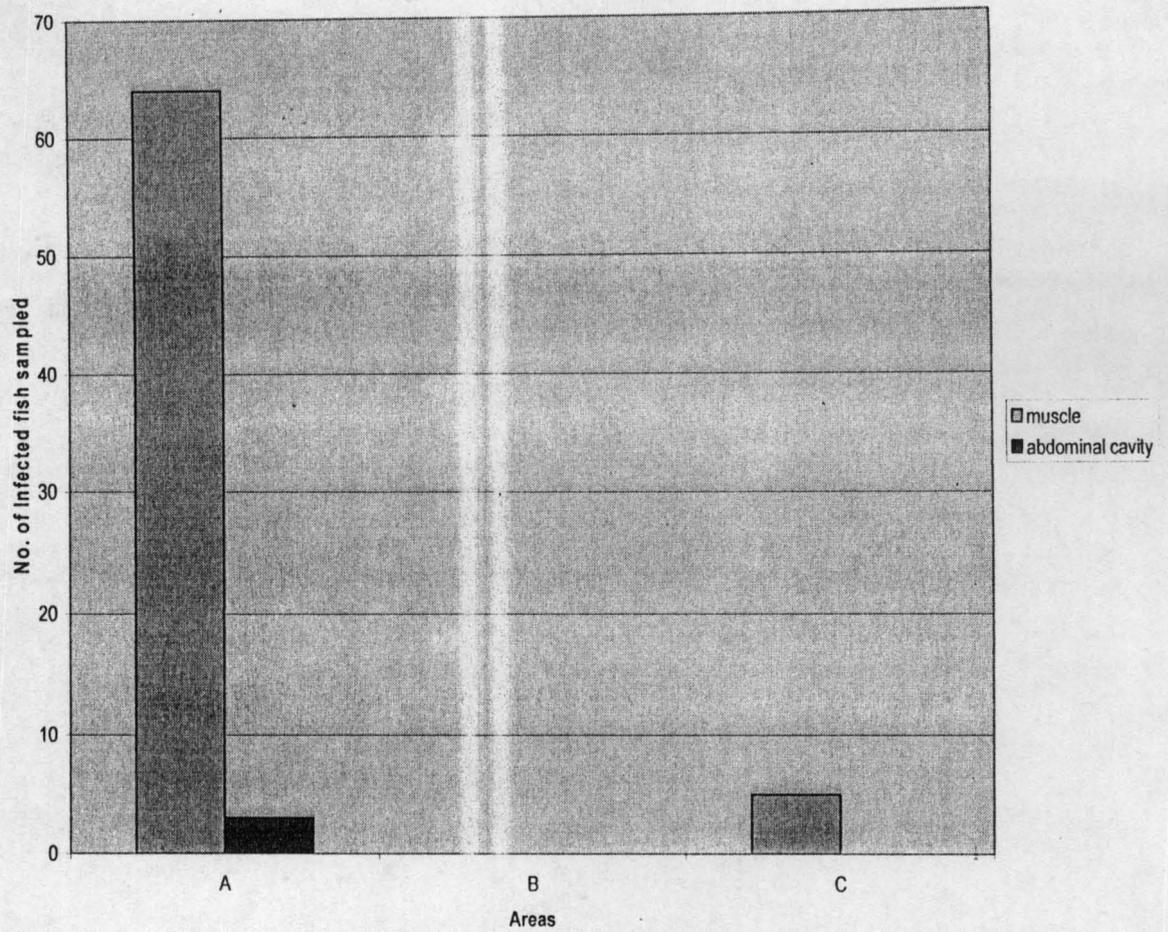


Fig. 6. *Eustrongylides africanus* infestation of *Clarias gariepinus* from three geopolitical Areas of Niger state.

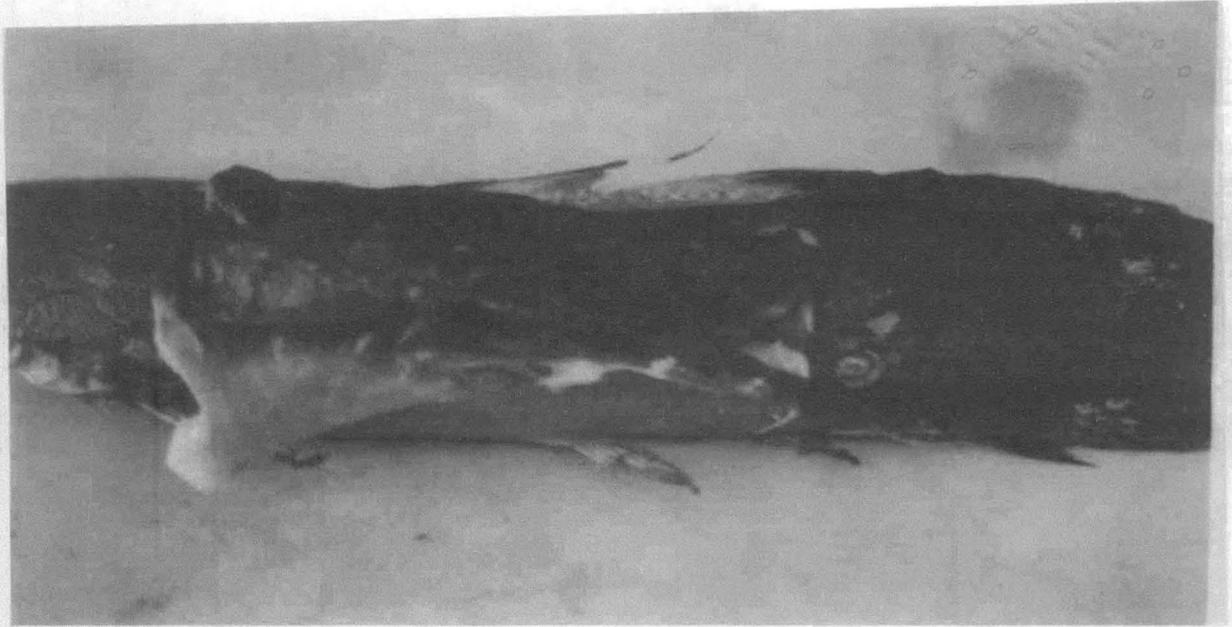


Plate 1: Photograph of sample *Clarias gariepinus* infested with *Eustrongylides*

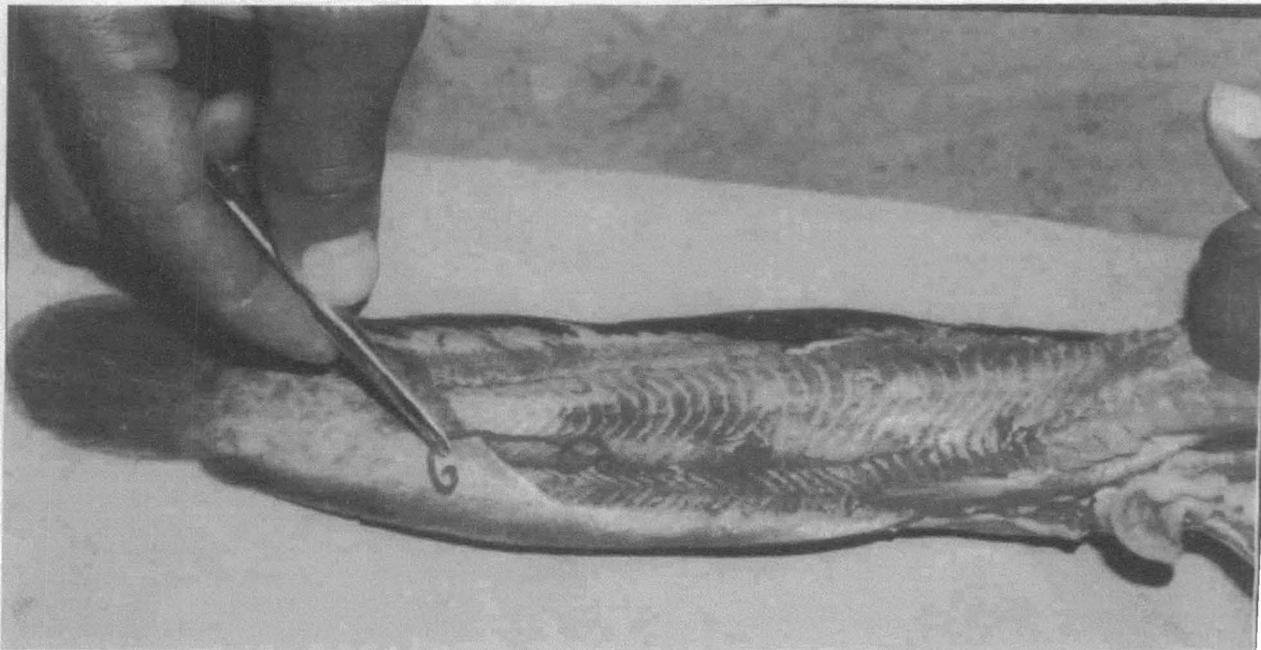


Plate 2: Photograph of sample *Clarias gariepinus* showing *Eustrongylides* that emerged from a sheath under the musculature.

Mean number of *Eustrongylides africanus* in the fish muscle, abdominal cavity and liver in Area A and C are presented in Tables 4.8 and 4.9. Amongst the Areas A, B & C the mean value shows a significant difference ($P < 0.05$) demonstrated in table 4.10

Table 4.8 Mean number of *Eustrongylides africanus* in fish muscle, abdominal cavity and liver of fish sample area A.

Site of infestation	Site i	Site ii	Site iii
Muscle	2.68 \pm 3.10 ^b	2.90 \pm 3.02 ^b	0.43 \pm 0.90 ^a
Abd. Cavity	0.10 \pm 0.39 ^a	0.00 \pm 0.00 ^b	0.00 \pm 0.00 ^a
Liver	0.00 \pm 0.00 ^a	0.00 \pm 0.00 ^a	0.00 \pm 0.00 ^a

Values in the same row carrying different superscript differ significantly ($P < 0.05$).

Table 4.9 Mean number of *Eustrongylides africanus* in fish muscle, abdominal cavity and liver of fish sample with in area C.

Site of infestation	Site i	Site ii	Site iii
Muscle	0.25±0.81 ^a	0.00±0.00 ^a	0.00±0.00 ^a
Abd. Cavity	0.00±0.00 ^a	0.00±0.00 ^a	0.00±0.00 ^a
Liver	0.00±0.00 ^a	0.00±0.00 ^a	0.00±0.00 ^a

Values in the same row carrying the same superscript do not differ significantly (P>0.05).

Table 4.10 Mean number of *Eustrongylides africanus* in fish muscle, abdominal cavity and liver of fish sample in areas A,B&C.

Site of infestation	Area A	Area B	Area C
Muscle	1.98 \pm 2.76 ^c	0.00 \pm 0.00 ^a	0.00 \pm 0.00 ^a
Abd. Cavity	0.033 \pm 0.22 ^b	0.00 \pm 0.00 ^a	0.00 \pm 0.00 ^a
Liver	0.00 \pm 0.00 ^a	0.00 \pm 0.00 ^a	0.00 \pm 0.00 ^a

Values in the same row carrying different superscript differs significant (P<0.05).

The length-weight relationship of the fish sample from area A are shown in a regression graph characterized by allometric growth pattern as shown in Fig. 2. In area B and C the growth exhibited was allometric and is presented in Fig. 3 and Fig. 4. The relationship however amongst the area A, B and C is isometric as shown in Fig.5.

T- test value = T<P is not significant (P<0.05) for uninfected and infected fish sample in geopolitical area A & C and the entire study area for total length, fish weight, standard length and liver weight respectively.

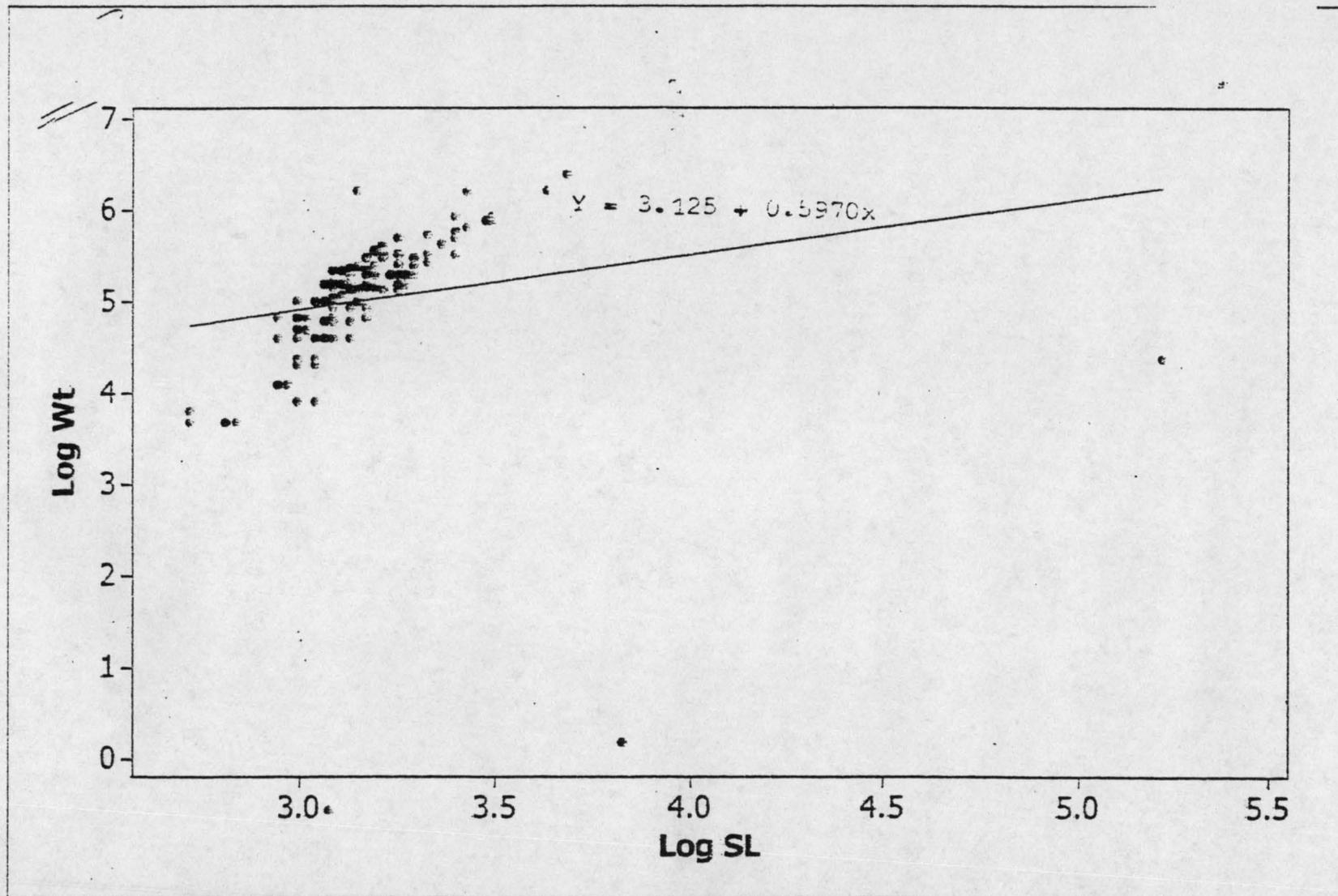
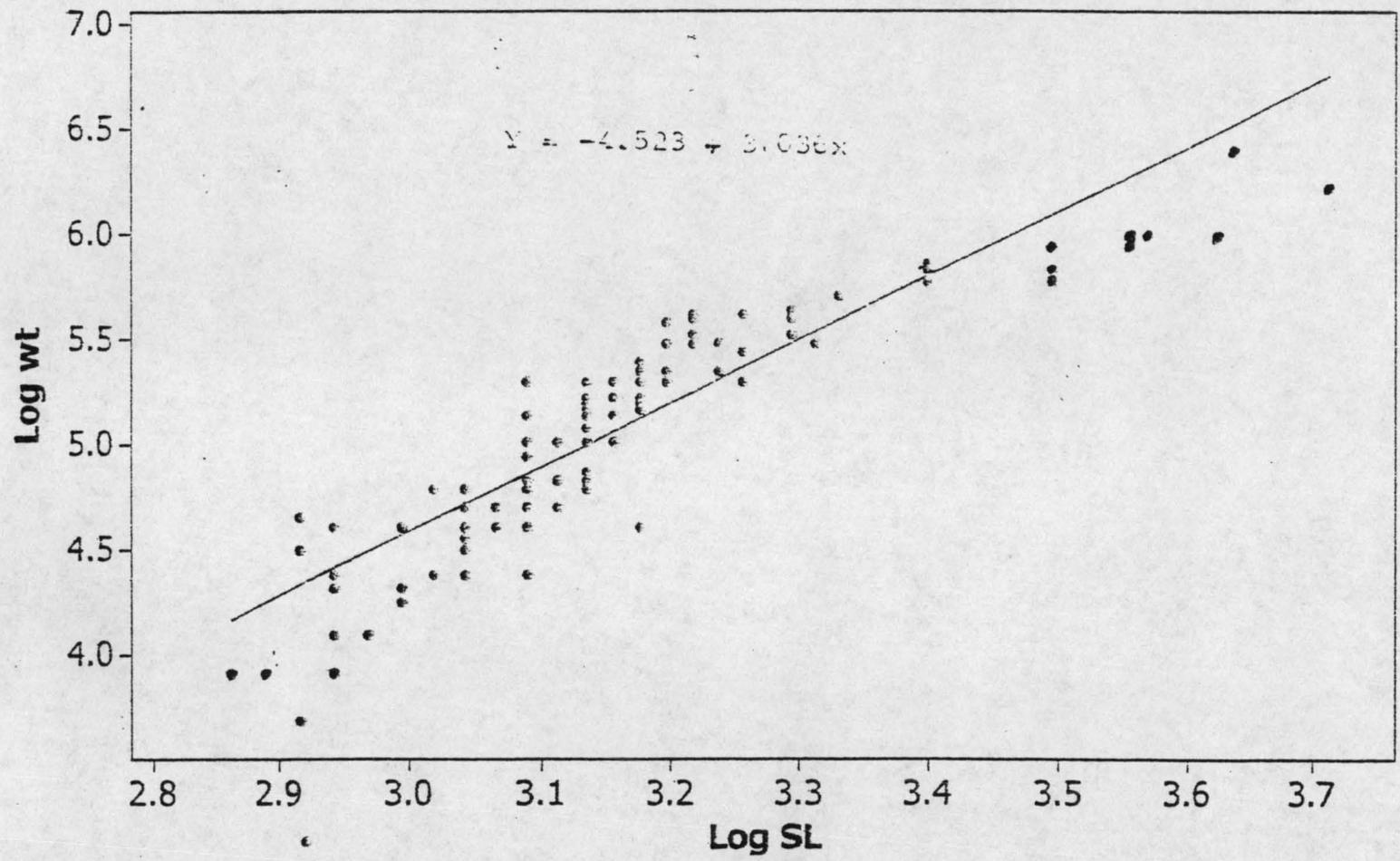


Fig. 2: Length-weight relationship of *Clarias gariepinus* from area A – Niger State



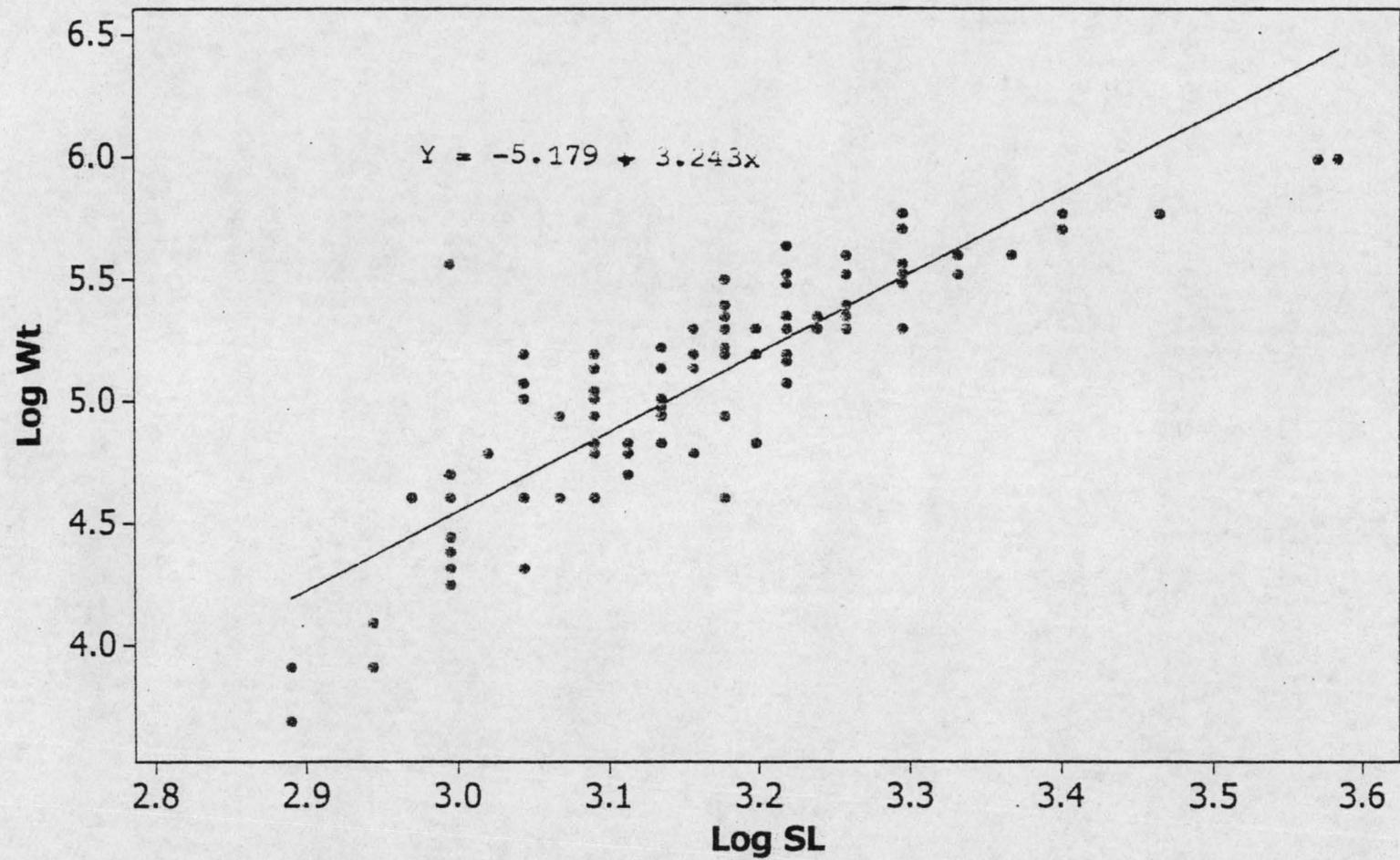


Fig. 4: Length-weight relationship of *Clarias gariepinus* from area C – Niger State

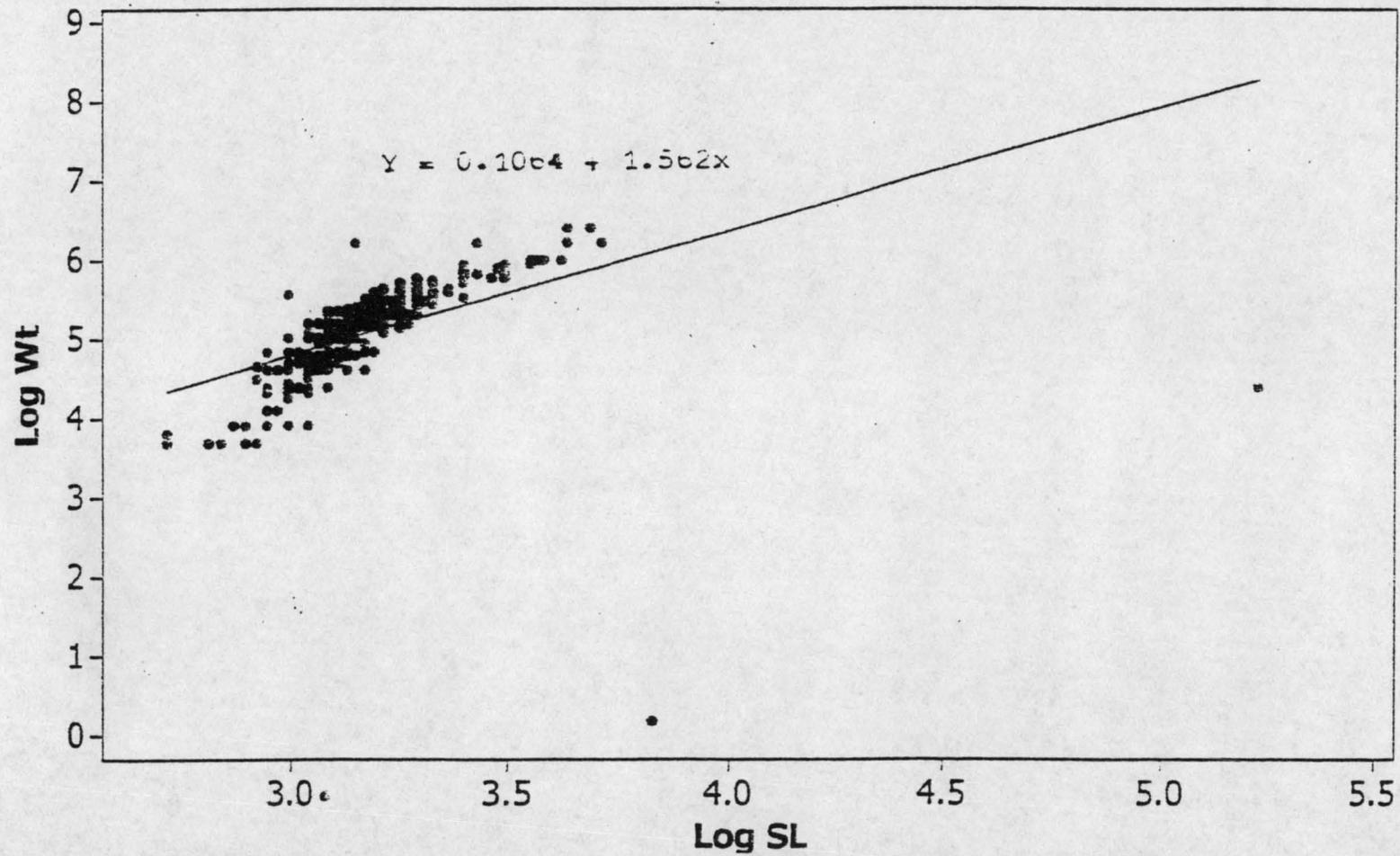


Fig. 5: Length-weight relationship of *Clarias gariepinus* three areas (A,B&C) – Niger State

The correlation of parameters in zone A correlated significantly ($p > 0.05$) between liver weight, fish weight, standard length and muscle as shown in Table 4.11. In Table 4.12 and 4.13, the correlation was significant ($p < 0.05$) between standard length, fish weight and liver weight in area B and C. However the correlation of parameters for the uninfected fish sample from the state was significant ($p < 0.05$) between the fish weight, total length, standard length and liver weight and likewise for the infected fish sample, it was significant ($p < 0.05$) between fish weight, total length, standard length and liver weight represented in Table 4.14

Table 4.11: Correlation Matrix of Parameters for Area A

	Wt(g)	SL	L.wt	Muscle	Abd. cavity
SL	0.112				
L.wt	0.699*	0.161*			
Muscle	0.259*	-0.040	0.255*		
Abd. Cavity	0.044	-0.007	0.072	-0.055	
Liver	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

- Significant difference ($p < 0.05$)

Note: g= gram ; SL=standard length; cm=centimeter; L.wt=liver weight:

Abd. cavity = Abdominal cavity

Table 4.12: Correlation Matrix of Parameters for Area B

	Wt (g)	SL	L.wt	Muscle	Abd. cavity
SL	0.942*				
L.wt	0.990*	0.942*			
Muscle	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Abd. Cavity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Liver	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

- Significant difference ($p < 0.05$)

Note: g= gram ; SL=standard length; cm=centimeter; L.wt=liver weight:

Abd. cavity = Abdominal cavity

Table 4.13: Correlation Matrix of Parameters for Area C

	Wt (g)	SL	L.wt	Muscle	Abd. Cavity
SL	0.896*				
L. wt	0.971*	0.868*			
Muscle	-0.061	-0.100	0.010		
Abd cavity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Liver	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

- Significant difference ($p < 0.05$)

Note: g= gram ; SL=standard length; cm=centimeter; L.wt=liver weight:

Abd. cavity = Abdominal cavity

Table 4.14 Correlation matrix of parameters for uninfected and infected fish samples from Niger state.

	Wt1	TL1	SL1	PC1	Lwt1	Wt2	TL2	SL2	PC2
TL1	0.926*								
SL1	0.923*	0.975*							
PC1	0.00	0.00	0.00						
Lwt1	0.969*	0.917*	0.915*	0.00					
Wt2	-0.052	-0.036	-0.047	0.00	-0.12				
TL2	0.146	0.177	0.172	0.00	0.141	0.751*			
SL2	0.126	0.161	0.155	0.00	0.119	0.755*	0.994*		
PC2	-0.103	-0.044	-0.041	0.00	-0.014	0.032	0.102	0.098*	
Lwt-2	0.102	0.145	0.153	0.00	0.107	0.688*	0.905*	0.897*	-0.074

• Significant ($p < 0.05$)

1. Uninfected fish sample
2. Infected fish sample

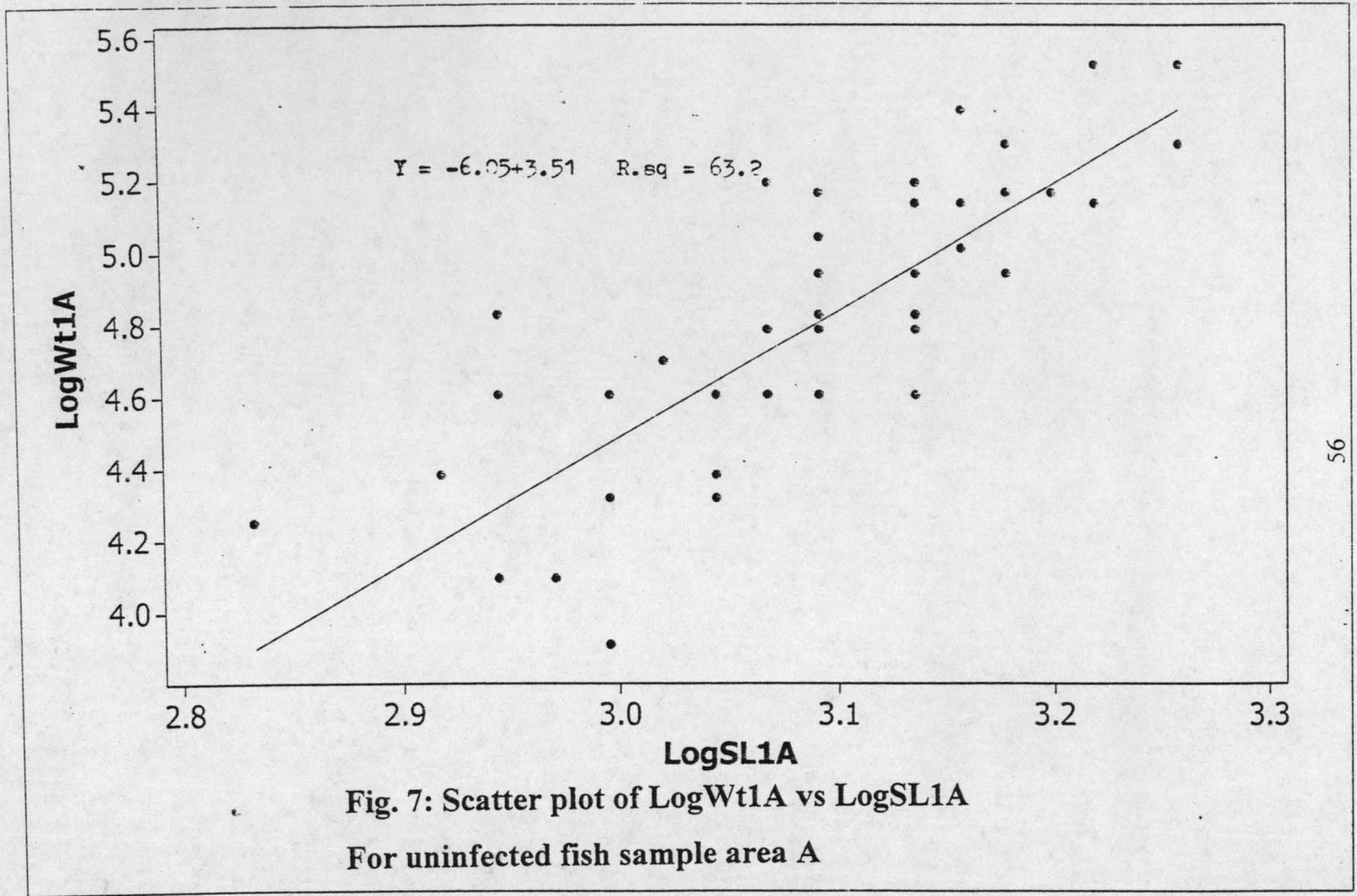
Note: g= gram ; SL=standard length; cm=centimeter; L.wt=liver weight:

Abd. cavity = Abdominal cavity

Regression analysis equations for fish weight and fish length relationship of uninfected and infected fish sample in the three geopolitical areas A, B & C and in the study area as an entity are presented in Table 4.15. The length-weight relationship connotes allometric and Isometric growth for the uninfected and infected fish samples in area A represented in Fig. 7 and Fig. 8. Uninfected in area B exhibited allometric growth shown in Fig. 9. Allometric growth was observed for the uninfected and infected in area C as is illustrated in Fig. 10 and Fig. 11. The relationship exhibited in Niger state for the uninfected and infected fish sample shows allometric and isometric growth respectively represented in Fig 12 and Fig. 13.

Table 4.15 Regression analysis equations for log wt and log SL relationship of uninfected and infected fish sample in area A, B and C (combined) .

Condition of fish Sample	Regression	R-sq.
Uninfected area A	$Y = -6.05 + 3.51$	63.2
Infected area A	$Y = -1.76 + 2.19$	63.3
Infected area B	---	----
Uninfected area B	$Y = -4.51 + 3.03$	79.0
Uninfected area C	$Y = -5.01 + 3.19$	78.6
Infected area C	$Y = -8.01 + 4.12$	94.6
Uninfected area A, B & C (combined)	$Y = -4.90 + 3.15$	77.7
Infected area A, B & C (combined)	$Y = -2.07 + 2.28$	64.5



**Fig. 7: Scatter plot of LogWt1A vs LogSL1A
For uninfected fish sample area A**

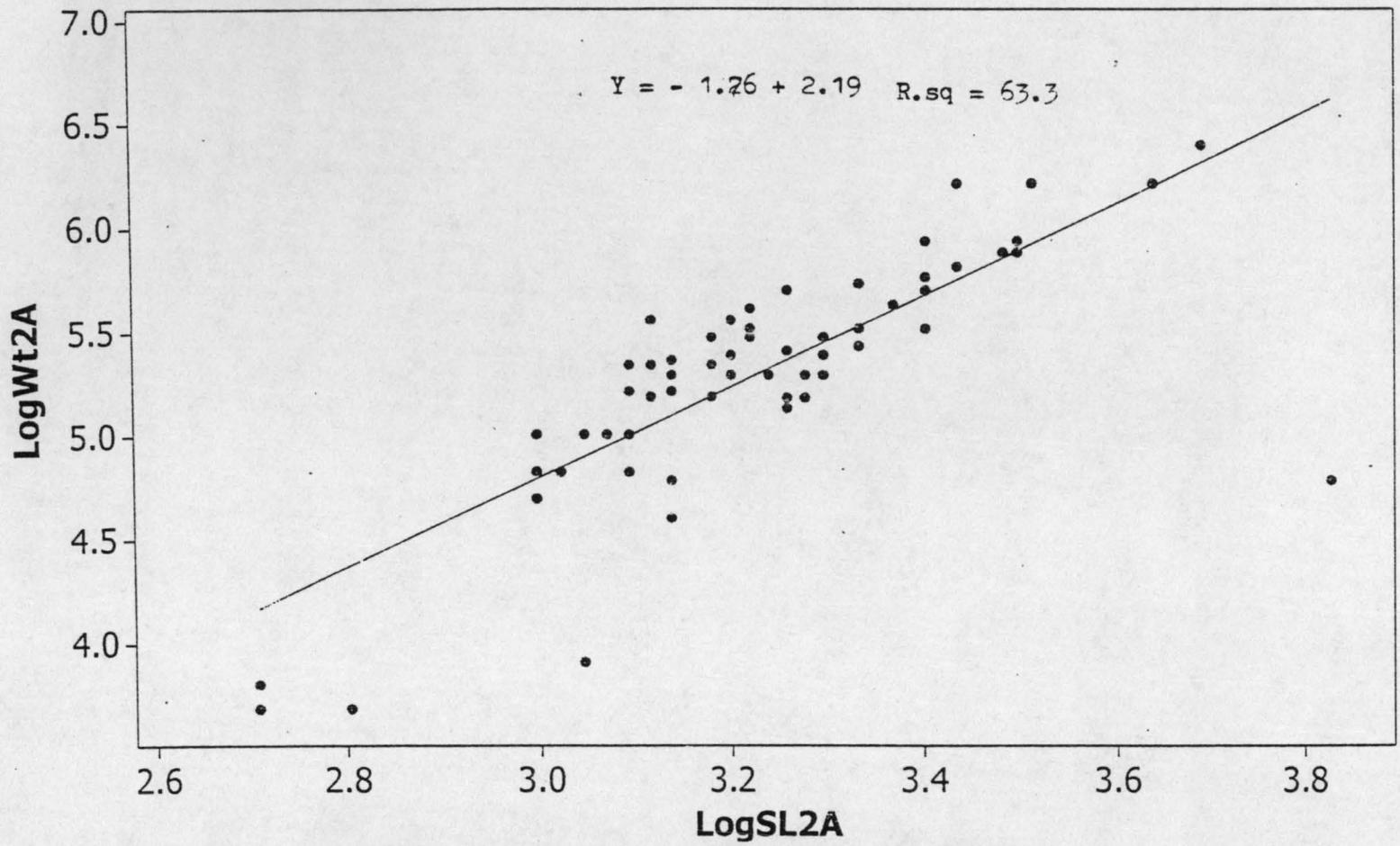
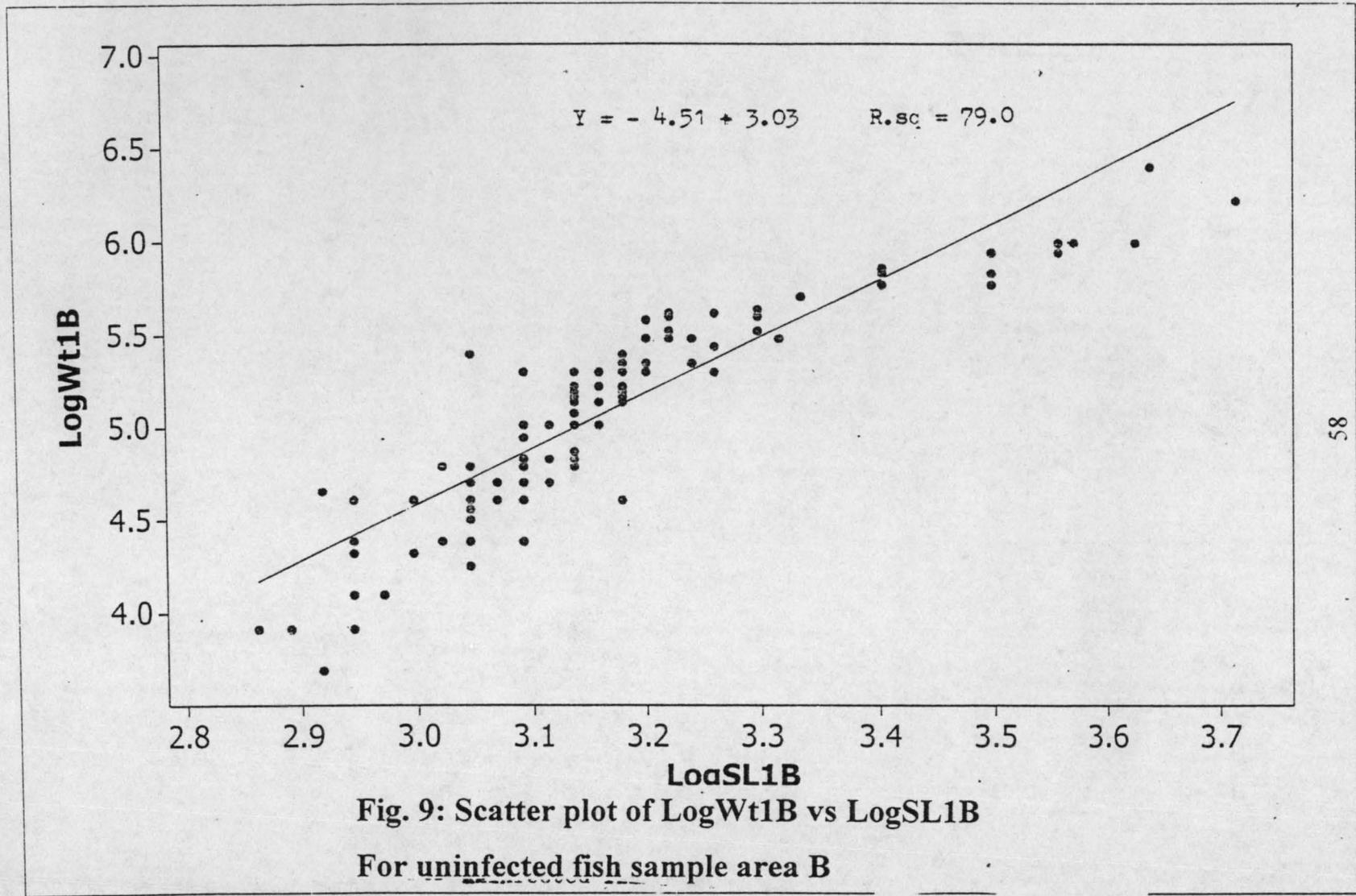


Fig. 8: Scatter plot of LogWt2A vs LogSL2A
For uninfected fish sample area A



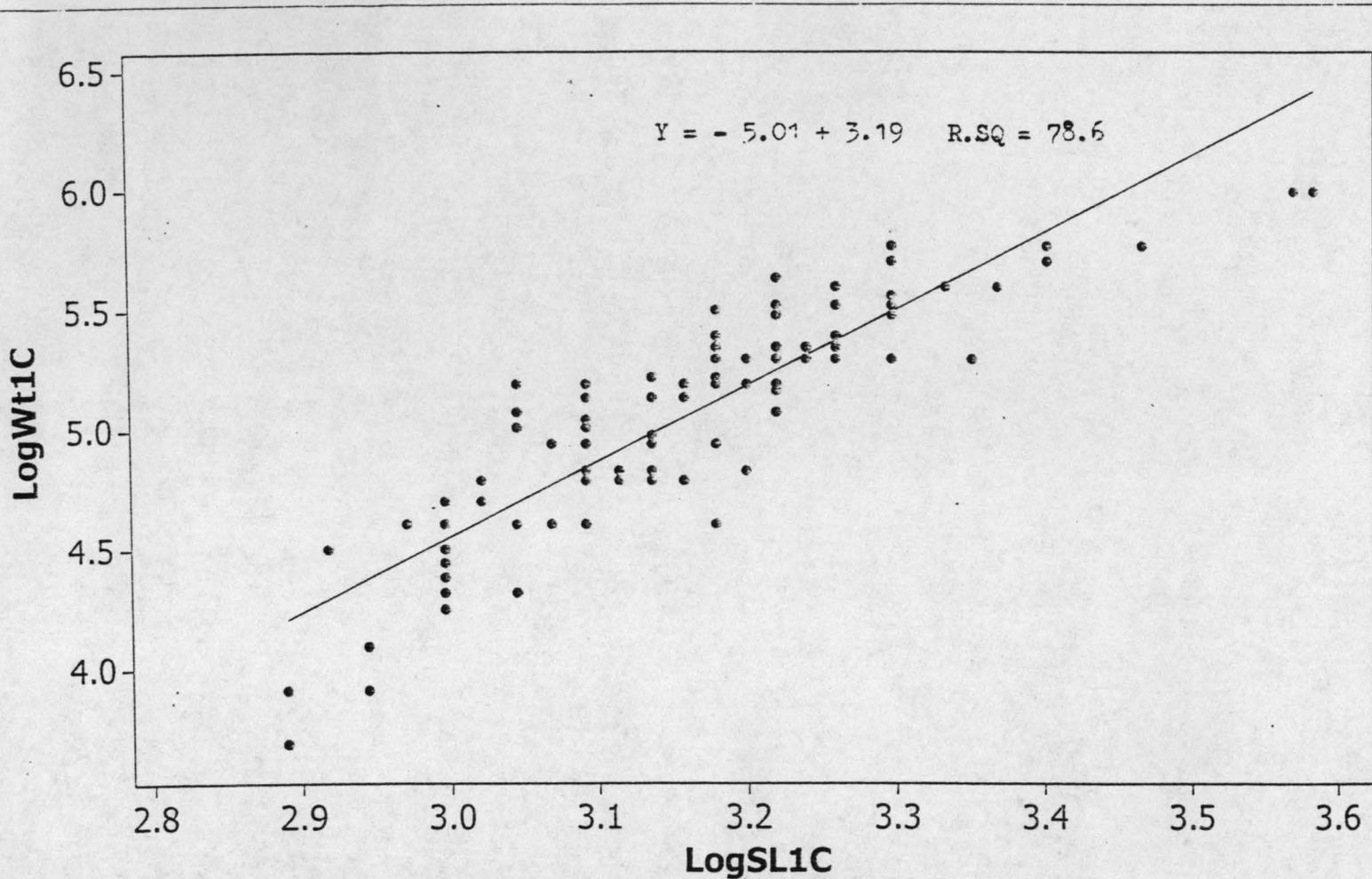
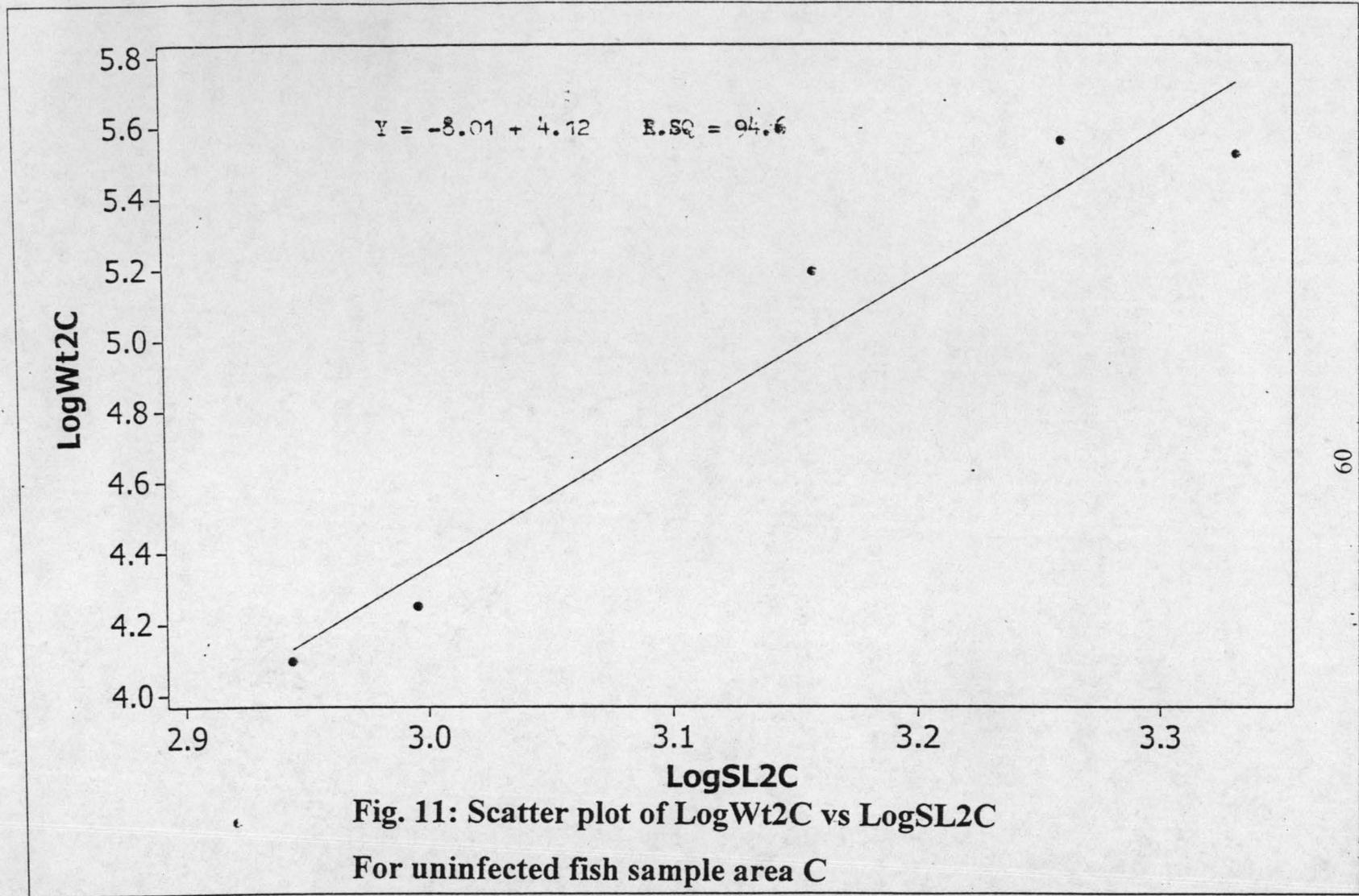
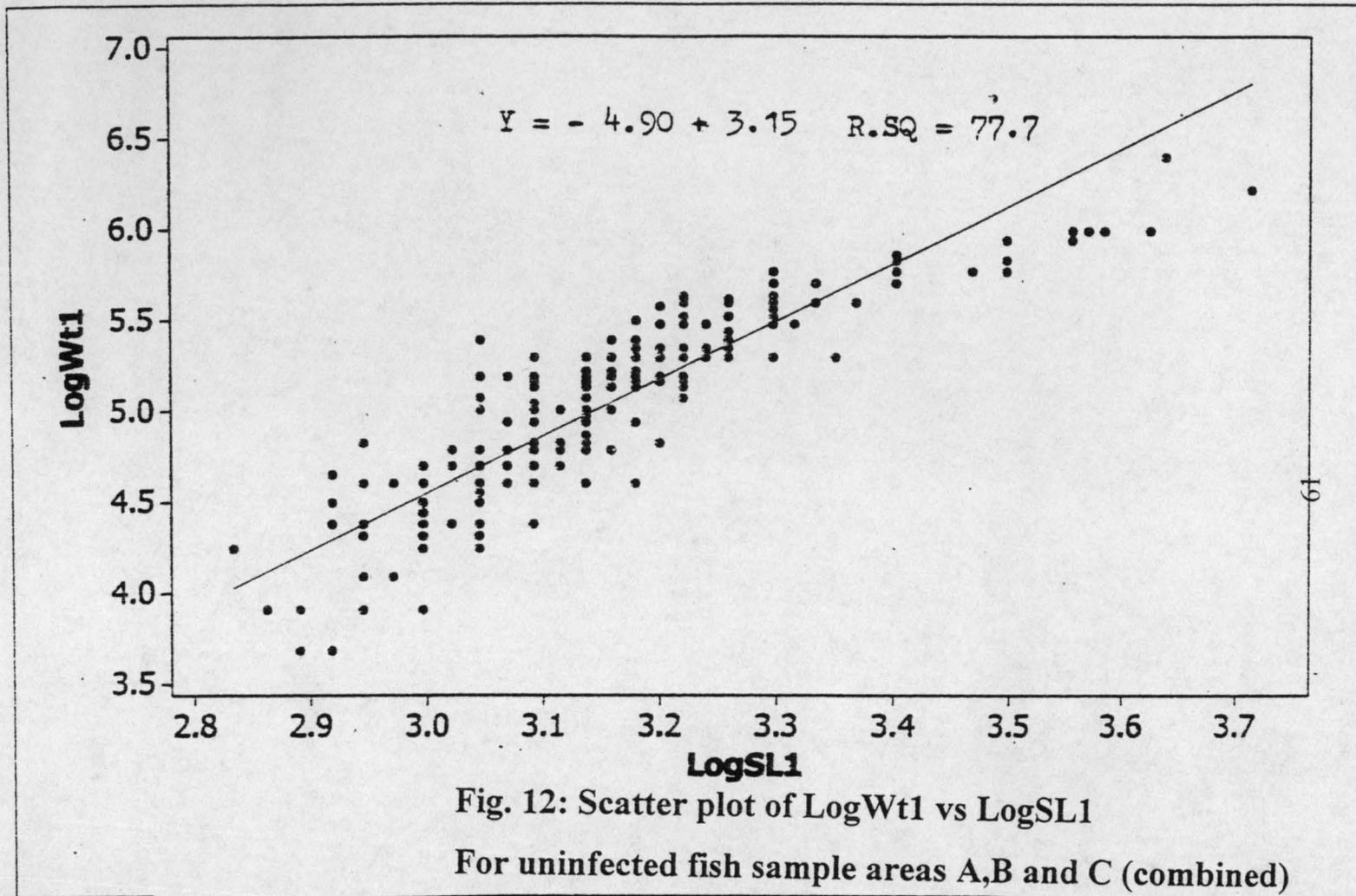
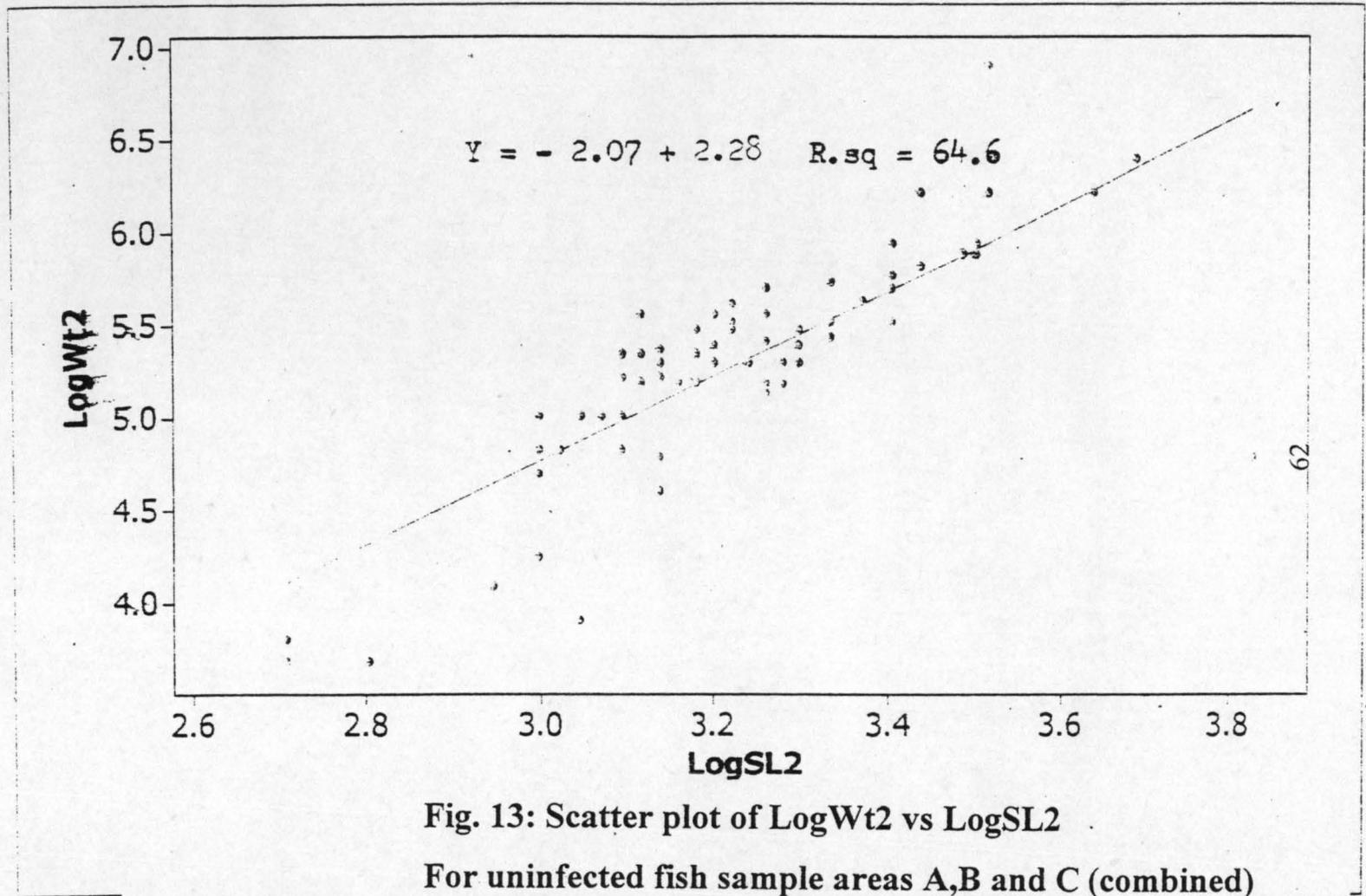


Fig. 10: Scatter plot of LogWt2B vs LogSL2B
 For uninfected fish sample area B







CHAPTER FIVE

5.0 DISCUSSION

5.1 INFESTATION LEVEL OF SAMPLES

Three hundred and sixty (360) samples of *Clarias gariepinus* were used for this study. Out of which 20% (72) were infested with *Eustrongylides africanus*. Out of the seventy two (72) infected samples, sixty seven (67) had the parasite located in the muscles and the remaining five (5) had the parasite located in the abdominal cavity. The total number of parasite (*Eustrongylides africanus*) isolated was two hundred and fifty one (251).

There was no size specificity in the infestation, as they were found in different size of the fish sampled, which confirms Ibiwoye et al (1996) report that *Clarias* species of not less than 5cm long, but of different sexes, weights and ages have been observed to develop natural infestation with *Eustrongylides africanus* larvae within the freshwater Fadama of Bida area.

A distinct external characteristic observed on the samples obtained from geopolitical area A and which was not found on the samples from the other geopolitical areas was undulation on the skin which is said to be a symptom of infection as reported by Paperna (1996). Out of the one hundred and twenty (120) *Clarias gariepinus* sampled from geopolitical area A, 67 (56%) were infected with *Eustrongylides africanus* while 53 (44%) were not infected. Sixty four (64) of the infected fish sampled had the parasite lodged in the muscles and three (3) in the abdominal cavity. The parasite was not found in samples

from geopolitical area B, however, in geopolitical area C five (5) were infected and localized in the muscles.

The geopolitical areas A and C where the *Eustrongylides africanus* were found in the fish sample was characterized by rivers which were during the sampling time static and cut-off from main water course and the water bottom contained clayish and loamy soils (muddy soils) and high organic debris, which is said to be favourable to the survival of snails and frogs that are intermediate hosts to these parasites (Paperna, 1974; Ibiwoye et al., 1996).

5.2 MORPHOMETRIC PARAMETERS

Observations made of the sampled fish from the recorded parameters within the sites in each area and amongst the areas were very similar, however, the difference observed was in the situation where the samples were grouped into uninfected or infected in geopolitical area A and in the study area as an entity where the mean fish weight for the infected differ significantly. The reasons for this could probably be due to the sizes that were randomly sampled.

5.3 PARTS OF THE BODY EXAMINED

The external part of some of the fish samples examined showed undulation, which depicts the presence of worms (plate 1.). As the fish samples were dissected and the skin, gill region, muscles, abdominal cavity and liver closely observed, the worms were found encysted in the muscles and abdominal cavity. The worms were seen coiled like a watch-spring in the cyst and located

at different depth of the fish muscle and body cavity which corroborate the work earlier done by Oniye, (2000).

Eustrongylides africanus found in the muscles and abdominal cavity of the *Clarias gariepinus* sampled appeared reddish in colour which suggest that they must have been feeding on the blood and other materials of their host as reported by Dicks and Harvey (1988).

This study has confirmed the prevalence of *Eustrongylides africanus* on *Clarias gariepinus* in Niger state however it is not widespread and the occurrence is quite low. The parasite load ranged between 1 – 11. No serious inflammation of the internal organs was observed as the *Eustrongylides africanus* found were only located in the muscles and abdominal cavity and not in vital internal organs of the fish that could have caused any considerable influence on the condition of the fish negatively. This corroborate the earlier work done by Petrushevski (1970).

5.4 CONDITION FACTOR

Begenal (1978) reported that condition factor is used to determine “Condition”, “fitness” or “well-being” of an organism. It is also said to be used in comparing difference related to season, sex or habitat of a species. The result obtained in this study indicated that the condition of the fish was good and that *Eustrongylides africanus* found did not in any way affect the condition of the fish as *Eustrongylides africanus* found on the effect was not adverse as revealed in the statistical analysis and work carried out by Ibiwoye et al (1996).

5.5 CONCLUSION

The finding of this study showed that *Clarias gariepinus* from Niger state are infested with *Eustrongylides africanus*, however, it is not widespread. The level of infestation is also very low, compared to other reports around the world.

The condition of the fish samples was not adversely affected by the infestation of *Eustrongylides africanus* based on the number found on the fish sample and part of the body where they were sited.

Studies have shown that eradicating the prevalence of *Eustrongylides africanus* sp in the wild could be a difficult task, however, certain measures to reduce their prevalence includes: eradication of the intermediate hosts, scaring away migratory birds etc.,

In conclusion, it is important to note that the following measures, if put in place could remedy the situation of transmission to human beings:-

- Properly examine catfish before buying. Those with swollen or undulated body surface should be avoided.
- Catfish bought and cut into pieces should be thoroughly examined and worms found be removed.
- Catfish bought must be thoroughly cooked before consumption.

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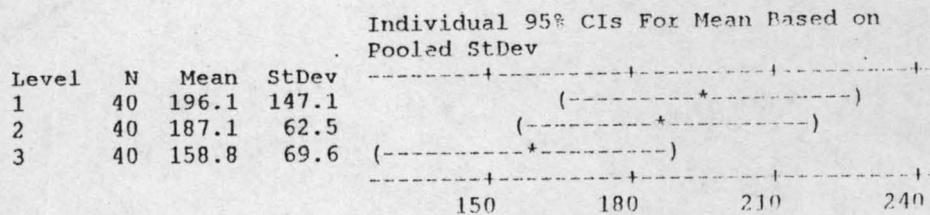
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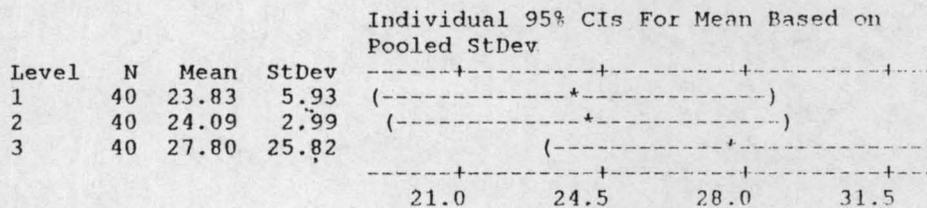


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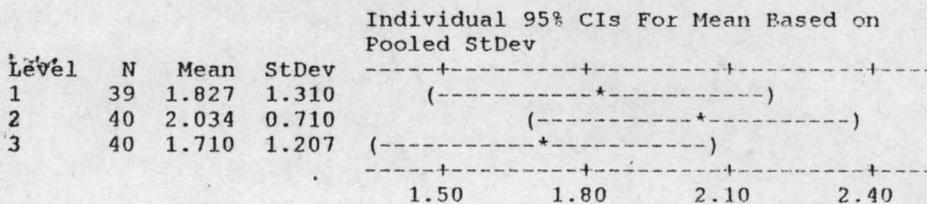


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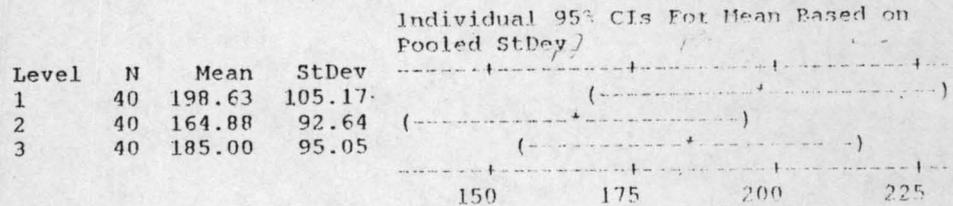


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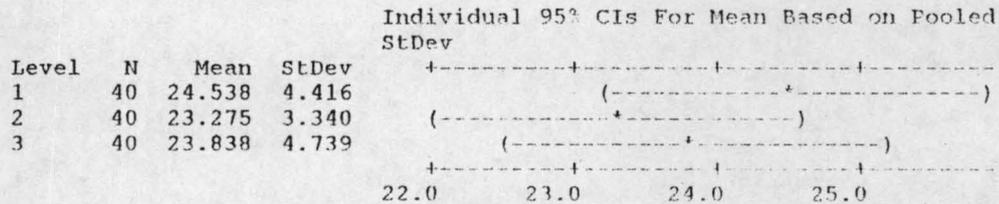


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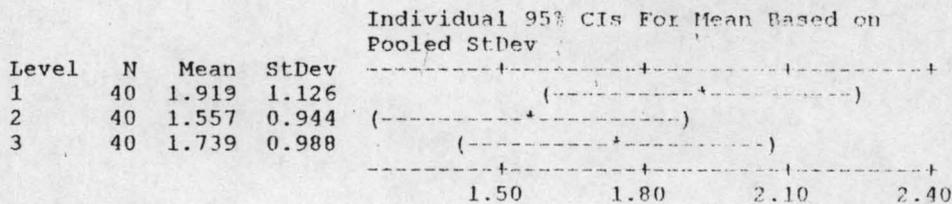


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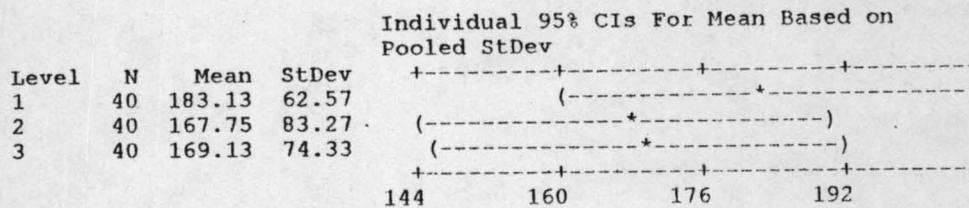


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Total	119	644317			

S = 73.87 R-Sq = 0.90% R-Sq(adj) = 0.00%

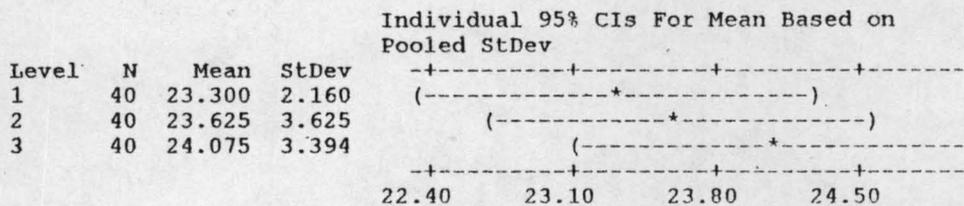


Pooled StDev = 73.87

One-way ANOVA: SL(cm) versus Des

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Des	2	12.12	6.06	0.62	0.540
Error	117	1143.55	9.77		
Total	119	1155.67			

S = 3.126 R-Sq = 1.05% R-Sq(adj) = 0.00%

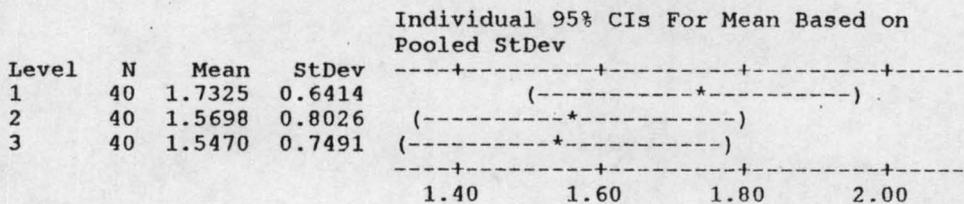


Pooled StDev = 3.126

One-way ANOVA: L.Wt(g) versus Des

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Des	2	0.819	0.409	0.76	0.470
Error	117	63.052	0.539		
Total	119	63.871			

S = 0.7341 R-Sq = 1.28% R-Sq(adj) = 0.00%

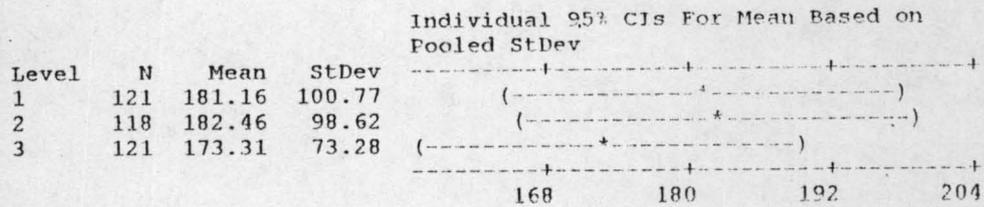


Pooled StDev = 0.7341

Results for: james4.MTW
One-way ANOVA: Wt(g) versus Des

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Des	2	5897	2948	0.35	0.704
Error	357	3000835	8406		
Total	359	3006732			

S = 91.68 R-Sq = 0.20% R-Sq(adj) = 0.00%

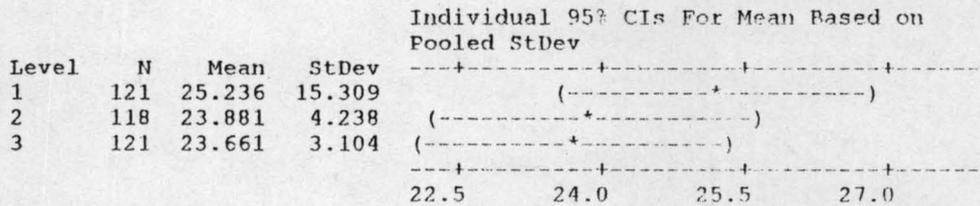


Pooled StDev = 91.68

One-way ANOVA: SL(cm) versus Des

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Des	2	175.5	87.7	1.00	0.370
Error	357	31381.0	87.9		
Total	359	31556.4			

S = 9.376 R-Sq = 0.56% R-Sq(adj) = 0.00%

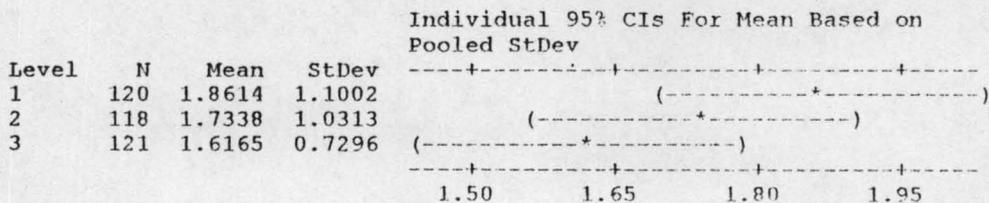


Pooled StDev = 9.376

One-way ANOVA: L.Wt(g) versus Des

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Des	2	3.615	1.807	1.94	0.146
Error	356	332.354	0.934		
Total	358	335.969			

S = 0.9662 R-Sq = 1.08% R-Sq(adj) = 0.52%



Pooled StDev = 0.9662

One-way ANOVA: Muscle versus Des

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Des	2	149.85	74.93	11.50	0.000
Error	117	762.15	6.51		
Total	119	912.00			

S = 2.552 R-Sq = 16.43% R-Sq(adj) = 15.00%

Level	N	Mean	StDev	Individual 95% CIs For Mean Based on Pooled StDev	
1	40	2.675	3.100	()
2	40	2.900	3.020	()
3	40	0.425	0.903	()

0.0 1.2 2.4 3.6

Pooled StDev = 2.552

One-way ANOVA: Abd Cavity versus Des

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Des	2	0.2667	0.1333	2.79	0.066
Error	117	5.6000	0.0479		
Total	119	5.8667			

S = 0.2188 R-Sq = 4.55% R-Sq(adj) = 2.91%

Level	N	Mean	StDev	Individual 95% CIs For Mean Based on Pooled StDev	
1	40	0.0000	0.0000	()
2	40	0.1000	0.3789	()
3	40	0.0000	0.0000	()

-0.060 0.000 0.060 0.120

Pooled StDev = 0.2188

One-way ANOVA: Liver versus Des

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Des	2	0.0000000	0.0000000	*	*
Error	117	0.0000000	0.0000000		
Total	119	0.0000000			

S = 0 R-Sq = *% R-Sq(adj) = *%

Level	N	Mean	StDev	Individual 95% CIs For Mean Based on Pooled StDev	
1	40	0.000000000	0.000000000	()
2	40	0.000000000	0.000000000	()
3	40	0.000000000	0.000000000	()

0.000000 0.000010 0.000020 0.000030

Pooled StDev = 0.000000000

One-way ANOVA: Muscle versus Des

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Des	2	0.0000000	0.0000000	*	*
Error	117	0.0000000	0.0000000		
Total	119	0.0000000			

S = 0 R-Sq = *% R-Sq(adj) = *%

Level	N	Mean	StDev	Individual 95% CIs For Mean Based on Pooled StDev
1	40	0.000000000	0.000000000	+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ *
2	40	0.000000000	0.000000000	+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ *
3	40	0.000000000	0.000000000	+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ *
				0.000000 0.000010 0.000020 0.000030

Pooled StDev = 0.000000000

One-way ANOVA: Abd. Cavity versus Des

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Des	2	0.0000000	0.0000000	*	*
Error	117	0.0000000	0.0000000		
Total	119	0.0000000			

S = 0 R-Sq = *% R-Sq(adj) = *%

Level	N	Mean	StDev	Individual 95% CIs For Mean Based on Pooled StDev
1	40	0.000000000	0.000000000	+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ *
2	40	0.000000000	0.000000000	+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ *
3	40	0.000000000	0.000000000	+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ *
				0.000000 0.000010 0.000020 0.000030

Pooled StDev = 0.000000000

One-way ANOVA: Liver versus Des

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Des	2	0.0000000	0.0000000	*	*
Error	117	0.0000000	0.0000000		
Total	119	0.0000000			

S = 0 R-Sq = *% R-Sq(adj) = *%

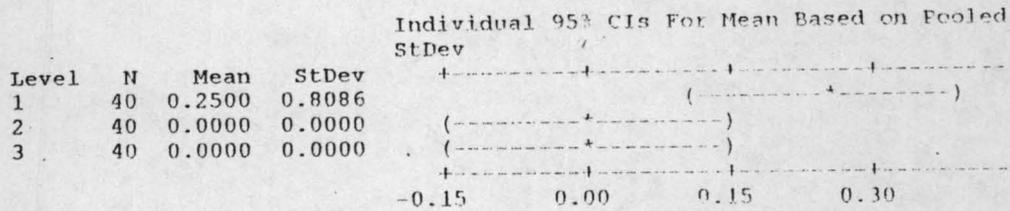
Level	N	Mean	StDev	Individual 95% CIs For Mean Based on Pooled StDev
1	40	0.000000000	0.000000000	+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ *
2	40	0.000000000	0.000000000	+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ *
3	40	0.000000000	0.000000000	+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+ *
				0.000000 0.000010 0.000020 0.000030

Pooled StDev = 0.000000000

One-way ANOVA: Muscle versus Des

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Des	2	1.667	0.833	3.82	0.025
Error	117	25.500	0.218		
Total	119	27.167			

S = 0.4668 R-Sq = 6.13% R-Sq(adj) = 4.53%

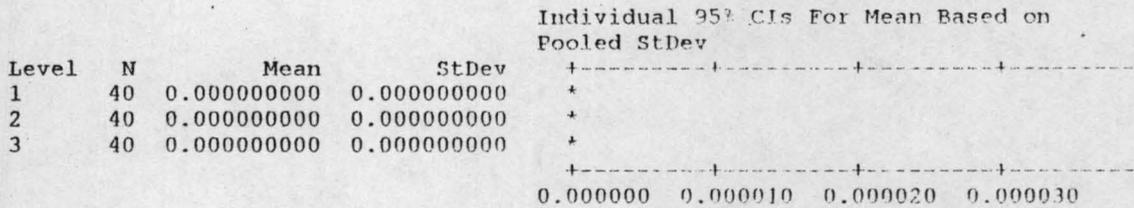


Pooled StDev = 0.4668

One-way ANOVA: Abd. Cavity versus Des

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Des	2	0.0000000	0.0000000	*	*
Error	117	0.0000000	0.0000000		
Total	119	0.0000000			

S = 0 R-Sq = *% R-Sq(adj) = *%

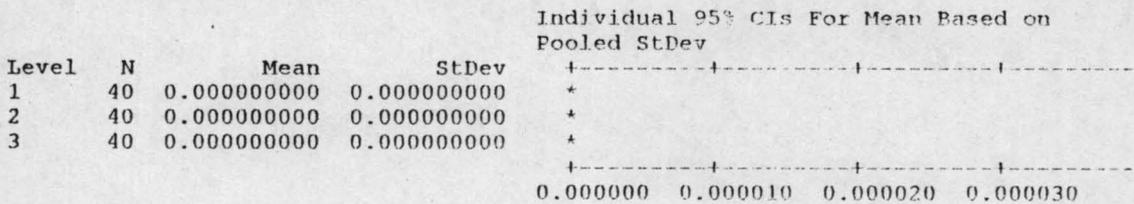


Pooled StDev = 0.000000000

One-way ANOVA: Liver versus Des

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Des	2	0.0000000	0.0000000	*	*
Error	117	0.0000000	0.0000000		
Total	119	0.0000000			

S = 0 R-Sq = *% R-Sq(adj) = *%



Pooled StDev = 0.000000000

One-way ANOVA: Muscle versus Des

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Des	2	303.25	151.62	57.39	0.000
Error	357	943.14	2.64		
Total	359	1246.39			

S = 1.625 R-Sq = 24.33% R-Sq(adj) = 23.91%

Individual 95% CIs For Mean Based on Pooled StDev

Level	N	Mean	StDev
1	121	1.983	2.763
2	118	0.000	0.000
3	121	0.083	0.476

0.00 0.70 1.40 2.10

Pooled StDev = 1.625

One-way ANOVA: Abd Cavity versus Des

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Des	2	0.0878	0.0439	2.67	0.071
Error	357	5.8678	0.0164		
Total	359	5.9556			

S = 0.1282 R-Sq = 1.47% R-Sq(adj) = 0.92%

Individual 95% CIs For Mean Based on Pooled StDev

Level	N	Mean	StDev
1	121	0.0331	0.2211
2	118	0.0000	0.0000
3	121	0.0000	0.0000

-0.020 0.000 0.020 0.040

Pooled StDev = 0.1282

One-way ANOVA: Liver versus Des

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Des	2	0.0000000	0.0000000	*	*
Error	357	0.0000000	0.0000000		
Total	359	0.0000000			

S = 0 R-Sq = *% R-Sq(adj) = *%

Level	N	Mean	StDev
1	121	0.000000000	0.000000000
2	118	0.000000000	0.000000000
3	121	0.000000000	0.000000000

Individual 95% CIs For Mean Based on Pooled StDev

Level	+	+	+	+
1	+			
2	+			
3	+			

0.000000 0.000010 0.000020 0.000030

Pooled StDev = 0.000000000

Results for: JAMES.MTW

Two-Sample T-Test and CI: Wt1A, Wt2A

Two-sample T for Wt1A vs Wt2A

	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean
Wt1A	53	130.1	48.5	6.7
Wt2A	67	224	111	14

Difference = mu (Wt1A) - mu (Wt2A)
Estimate for difference: -93.8460
95% CI for difference: (-123.7731, -63.9188)
T-Test of difference = 0 (vs not =): T-Value = -6.23 P-Value = 0.000 DF = 94

Two-Sample T-Test and CI: TL1A, TL2A

Two-sample T for TL1A vs TL2A

	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean
TL1A	53	25.31	2.22	0.30
TL2A	67	29.40	6.15	0.75

Difference = mu (TL1A) - mu (TL2A)
Estimate for difference: -4.08420
95% CI for difference: (-5.69585, -2.47255)
T-Test of difference = 0 (vs not =): T-Value = -5.04 P-Value = 0.000 DF = 86

Two-Sample T-Test and CI: SL1A, SL2A

Two-sample T for SL1A vs SL2A

	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean
SL1A	53	22.02	1.92	0.26
SL2A	67	25.43	5.46	0.67

Difference = mu (SL1A) - mu (SL2A)
Estimate for difference: -3.41397
95% CI for difference: (-4.84102, -1.98691)
T-Test of difference = 0 (vs not =): T-Value = -4.76 P-Value = 0.000 DF = 85

Two-Sample T-Test and CI: PC1A, PC2A

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Two-Sample T-Test and CI: LWt1A, LWt2A

Two-sample T for LWt1A vs LWt2A

	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean
LWt1A	53	1.262	0.421	0.058
LWt2A	67	2.35	1.23	0.15

Difference = mu (LWt1A) - mu (LWt2A)
Estimate for difference: -1.08811
95% CI for difference: (-1.40742, -0.76880)
T-Test of difference = 0 (vs not =): T-Value = -6.78 P-Value = 0.000 DF = 84

Two-Sample T-Test and CI: Wt1C, Wt2C

Two-sample T for Wt1C vs Wt2C

	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean
Wt1C	116	172.9	73.0	6.8
Wt2C	5	164.0	95.6	43

Difference = mu (Wt1C) - mu (Wt2C)

Estimate for difference: 8.93103

95% CI for difference: (-111.19446, 129.05652)

T-Test of difference = 0 (vs not =): T-Value = 0.21 P-Value = 0.847 DF = 4

Two-Sample T-Test and CI: TL1C, TL2C

Two-sample T for TL1C vs TL2C

	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean
TL1C	116	27.33	3.40	0.32
TL2C	5	26.90	4.22	1.9

Difference = mu (TL1C) - mu (TL2C)

Estimate for difference: 0.427586

95% CI for difference: (-4.883688, 5.738860)

T-Test of difference = 0 (vs not =): T-Value = 0.22 P-Value = 0.834 DF = 4

Two-Sample T-Test and CI: SL1C, SL2C

Two-sample T for SL1C vs SL2C

	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean
SL1C	116	23.72	3.16	0.29
SL2C	5	23.30	3.83	1.7

Difference = mu (SL1C) - mu (SL2C)

Estimate for difference: 0.415517

95% CI for difference: (-4.414183, 5.245217)

T-Test of difference = 0 (vs not =): T-Value = 0.24 P-Value = 0.823 DF = 4

Two-Sample T-Test and CI: PC1C, PC2C

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Two-Sample T-Test and CI: LWt1C, LWt2C

Two-sample T for LWt1C vs LWt2C

	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean
LWt1C	116	1.603	0.724	0.067
LWt2C	5	1.84	1.24	0.55

Difference = mu (LWt1C) - mu (LWt2C)

Estimate for difference: -0.232724

95% CI for difference: (-1.779424, 1.313975)

T-Test of difference = 0 (vs not =): T-Value = -0.42 P-Value = 0.698 DF = 4

Results for: JAMES1B.MTW

Two-Sample T-Test and CI: Wt1, Wt2

Two-sample T for Wt1 vs Wt2

	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean
Wt1	288	169.8	83.0	4.9
Wt2	72	220	110	13

Difference = μ (Wt1) - μ (Wt2)

Estimate for difference: -49.9687

95% CI for difference: (-77.5214, -22.4161)

T-Test of difference = 0 (vs not =): T-Value = -3.60 P-Value = 0.001 DF = 92

Two-Sample T-Test and CI: TL1, TL2

Two-sample T for TL1 vs TL2

	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean
TL1	288	27.07	3.96	0.23
TL2	72	29.22	6.05	0.71

Difference = μ (TL1) - μ (TL2)

Estimate for difference: -2.14931

95% CI for difference: (-3.63664, -0.66198)

T-Test of difference = 0 (vs not =): T-Value = -2.87 P-Value = 0.005 DF = 85

Two-Sample T-Test and CI: SL1, SL2

Two-sample T for SL1 vs SL2

	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean
SL1	288	23.50	3.52	0.21
SL2	72	25.28	5.37	0.63

Difference = μ (SL1) - μ (SL2)

Estimate for difference: -1.78299

95% CI for difference: (-3.10751, -0.45847)

T-Test of difference = 0 (vs not =): T-Value = -2.68 P-Value = 0.009 DF = 86

Two-Sample T-Test and CI: PC1, PC2

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Two-Sample T-Test and CI: LWt1, LWt2

Two-sample T for LWt1 vs LWt2

	N	Mean	StDev	SE Mean
LWt1	288	1.606	0.835	0.049
LWt2	72	2.31	1.23	0.14

Difference = μ (LWt1) - μ (LWt2)

Estimate for difference: -0.707951

95% CI for difference: (-1.011075, -0.404828)

T-Test of difference = 0 (vs not =): T-Value = -4.64 P-Value = 0.000 DF = 88

Regression Analysis: LogWt1A versus LogSL1A

The regression equation is
 $\text{LogWt1A} = -6.05 + 3.51 \text{ LogSL1A}$

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	F
Constant	-6.052	1.159	-5.22	0.000
LogSL1A	3.5130	0.3753	9.36	0.000

S = 0.239961 R-Sq = 63.2% R-Sq(adj) = 62.5%

Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Regression	1	5.0457	5.0457	87.63	0.000
Residual Error	51	2.9367	0.0576		
Total	52	7.9824			

Unusual Observations

Obs	LogSL1A	LogWt1A	Fit	SE Fit	Residual	St Resid
15	2.94	4.8283	4.2919	0.0632	0.5364	2.32R
17	3.00	3.9120	4.4721	0.0478	-0.5600	-2.38R
18	3.00	3.9120	4.4721	0.0478	-0.5600	-2.38R
21	2.83	4.2485	3.9011	0.1012	0.3474	1.60 X

R denotes an observation with a large standardized residual.
X denotes an observation whose X value gives it large influence.

Regression Analysis: LogWt2A versus LogSL2A

The regression equation is
 $\text{LogWt2A} = -1.76 + 2.19 \text{ LogSL2A}$

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P
Constant	-1.7633	0.6658	-2.65	0.010
LogSL2A	2.1895	0.2067	10.59	0.000

S = 0.350123 R-Sq = 63.3% R-Sq(adj) = 62.8%

Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Regression	1	13.757	13.757	112.22	0.000
Residual Error	65	7.968	0.123		
Total	66	21.725			

Unusual Observations

Obs	LogSL2A	LogWt2A	Fit	SE Fit	Residual	St Resid
23	2.71	3.6889	4.1659	0.1131	-0.4771	-1.44 X
36	3.69	6.3969	6.3135	0.1070	0.0835	0.25 X
40	2.80	3.6889	4.3746	0.0951	-0.6857	-2.04R
41	3.04	3.9120	4.9026	0.0553	-0.9906	-2.87R
47	2.71	3.8067	4.1659	0.1131	-0.3593	-1.08 X
54	2.71	3.6889	4.1659	0.1131	-0.4771	-1.44 X
58	3.83	4.7875	6.6195	0.1340	-1.8320	-5.66RX

R denotes an observation with a large standardized residual.
 X denotes an observation whose X value gives it large influence.

Regression Analysis: LogWt1B versus LogSL1B

The regression equation is
 $\text{LogWt1B} = -4.51 + 3.03 \text{ LogSL1B}$

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P
Constant	-4.5116	0.4583	-9.85	0.000
LogSL1B	3.0326	0.1447	20.96	0.000

S = 0.247491 R-Sq = 79.0% R-Sq(adj) = 78.8%

Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Regression	1	26.904	26.904	439.23	0.000
Residual Error	117	7.166	0.061		
Total	118	34.070			

Unusual Observations

Obs	LogSL1B	LogWt1B	Fit	SE Fit	Residual	St Resid
1	3.56	5.9402	6.2705	0.0611	-0.3304	-1.38 X
2	3.56	5.9915	6.2705	0.0611	-0.2791	-1.16 X
3	3.64	6.3969	6.5199	0.0723	-0.1230	-0.52 X
4	3.57	5.9915	6.3135	0.0630	-0.3221	-1.35 X
50	3.18	4.6052	5.1263	0.0228	-0.5212	-2.11R
61	2.94	3.9120	4.4179	0.0389	-0.5058	-2.07R
69	2.94	3.9120	4.4179	0.0389	-0.5058	-2.07R
81	3.71	6.2146	6.7504	0.0828	-0.5358	-2.30RX
82	3.62	5.9915	6.4798	0.0705	-0.4883	-2.06RX
105	2.92	3.6889	4.3370	0.0421	-0.6481	-2.66R
109	3.04	5.3936	4.7214	0.0284	0.6722	2.73R

R denotes an observation with a large standardized residual.
 X denotes an observation whose X value gives it large influence.

Regression Analysis: LogWt1C versus LogSL1C

The regression equation is
 $\text{LogWt1C} = -5.01 + 3.19 \text{ LogSL1C}$

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P
Constant	-5.0097	0.4928	-10.17	0.000
LogSL1C	3.1878	0.1559	20.44	0.000

S = 0.213669 R-Sq = 78.6% R-Sq(adj) = 78.4%

Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Regression	1	19.083	19.083	417.98	0.000
Residual Error	114	5.205	0.046		
Total	115	24.287			

Unusual Observations

Obs	LogSL1C	LogWt1C	Fit	SE Fit	Residual	St Resid
37	3.58	5.9915	6.4137	0.0693	-0.4222	-2.09RX
43	3.18	4.6052	5.1211	0.0201	-0.5160	-2.43R
45	2.89	3.6889	4.2041	0.0462	-0.5152	-2.47R
47	2.94	3.9120	4.3764	0.0387	-0.4644	-2.21R
50	2.94	3.9120	4.3764	0.0387	-0.4644	-2.21R
57	3.04	5.1930	4.6955	0.0266	0.4975	2.35R
105	3.57	5.9915	6.3691	0.0672	-0.3776	-1.86 X
106	3.47	5.7683	6.0382	0.0519	-0.2699	-1.30 X

R denotes an observation with a large standardized residual.
 X denotes an observation whose X value gives it large influence.

Regression Analysis: LogWt2C versus LogSL2C

The regression equation is
 $\text{LogWt2C} = -8.01 + 4.12 \text{ LogSL2C}$

5 cases used, 216 cases contain missing values

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P
Constant	-8.010	1.783	-4.49	0.021
LogSL2C	4.1223	0.5677	7.26	0.005

S = 0.188473 R-Sq = 94.6% R-Sq(adj) = 92.8%

Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Regression	1	1.8727	1.8727	52.72	0.005
Residual Error	3	0.1066	0.0355		
Total	4	1.9793			

Regression Analysis: LogWt1 versus LogSL1

The regression equation is
 $\text{LogWt1} = -4.90 + 3.15 \text{ LogSL1}$

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P
Constant	-4.9048	0.3143	-15.60	0.000
LogSL1	3.15318	0.09979	31.60	0.000

S = 0.232749 R-Sq = 77.7% R-Sq(adj) = 77.7%

Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Regression	1	54.090	54.090	998.48	0.000
Residual Error	286	15.493	0.054		
Total	287	69.583			

Regression Analysis: LogWt2 versus LogSL2

The regression equation is
 $\text{LogWt2} = -2.07 + 2.28 \text{ LogSL2}$

72 cases used, 216 cases contain missing values

Predictor	Coef	SE Coef	T	P
Constant	-2.0731	0.6505	-3.19	0.002
LogSL2	2.2821	0.2023	11.28	0.000

S = 0.350831 R-Sq = 64.5% R-Sq(adj) = 64.0%

Analysis of Variance

Source	DF	SS	MS	F	P
Regression	1	15.662	15.662	127.25	0.000
Residual Error	70	8.616	0.123		
Total	71	24.278			

Results for: james1a.MTW

Descriptive Statistics: PC1A, LWt1A

Variable	N	N*	Mean	SE Mean	StDev	Minimum
PC1A	53	0	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000
LWt1A	53	0	1.2619	0.0578	0.4211	0.4800

Variable	Q1	Median	Q3	Maximum
PC1A	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000
LWt1A	0.9600	1.3100	1.4050	2.5500

Descriptive Statistics: PC2A

Variable	N	N*	Mean	SE Mean	StDev	Minimum	Q1	Median	Q3	Maximum
PC2A	67	0	3.627	0.341	2.795	1.000	1.000	3.000	5.000	11.000

Descriptive Statistics: PC1C

Variable	N	N*	Mean	SE Mean	StDev	Minimum
PC1C	116	0	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000

Variable	Q1	Median	Q3	Maximum
PC1C	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000

Descriptive Statistics: PC2C

Variable	N	N*	Mean	SE Mean	StDev	Minimum	Q1	Median	Q3	Maximum
PC2C	5	216	2.000	0.632	1.414	1.000	1.000	1.000	3.500	4.000

Results for: James1b.mlw

Descriptive Statistics: PC2

Variable	N	N*	Mean	SE Mean	StDev	Minimum	Q1	Median	Q3
PC2	72	216	3.514	0.324	2.749	1.000	1.000	3.000	4.750
Variable	Maximum								
PC2	11.000								

Descriptive Statistics: PC1

Variable	N	N*	Mean	SE Mean	StDev	Minimum
PC1	288	0	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000
Variable	Q1					
PC1	0.000000000					
Variable	Median					
PC1	0.000000000					
Variable	Q3					
PC1	0.000000000					
Variable	Maximum					
PC1	0.000000000					