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Abstract

Green algae in the Family Desmidiaceae together with the water quality in the upper part of the northern Thailand were investigated at 13 sites, 11 of which were still water and 2 were running water, between August 1998 to December 1999. It was found that the water quality would be classified into 4 trophic levels i.e. oligotrophic at Chiang Saen lake, the reservoir of Mae Ngud Soomboonchon dam and Mae Sa stream; mesotrophic at Huay Mae Yen reservoir, Nong Bua Phrajaoluang reservoir, the reservoir of Mae Kuang Udomtara dam, Rachamangkla Park reservoir, Ang Kaew reservoir and Huay Lan reservoir; eutrophic at Huay Tung Tao reservoir and Kwan Pha Yao reservoir and hypereutrophic at Mae Kha canal. Desmids could be found in all of the reservoirs studied except hypereutrophic status. The dominant species found in Chiang Saen lake was *Staurastrum manfeldtii* var. *fluminense* Schumacher, the reservoir of Mae Ngud Soomboonchon dam as *Cosmarium moniliforme* (Turp.) Ralfs and in Mae Sa stream was found *Closterium ehrenbergii* Menegh. ex Ralfs. These species could be used to indicate oligotrophic conditions. At other reservoirs, desmids which are known to prefer meso-eutrophic conditions were found, for example, *Cosmarium* spp., *Staurastrum* spp., *Staurodesmus* spp.