

1. Introduction to Biotechnology & Bioinformatics 2 (1+1)

Theory

Biotechnology: Introduction to Biotechnology –scope and importance in fisheries/aquaculture; Structural organization of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cell. Nucleic acids -structure, function and types, Concepts of gene and genetic code, transcription and translation, mutations and their implications. Post transcriptional modification and RNA processing. Gene regulation and expression in prokaryotes and eukaryotes; DNA sequencing, Operons. Genetic engineering- Restriction enzymes; Gene isolation; Cloning vectors; Probes; Recombinant DNA technology – vaccines. Transgenic fish and Gene transfer technology, Animal Cell Culture, Hybridoma technology. Molecular and immunological techniques – PCR; immunoblotting; ELISA; Principle of hybridization; Northern blotting; Western blotting; Southern blotting; DNA fingerprinting; Restriction fragment length polymorphism., Biosensors. Concept of bioremediation of water, bioprocess engineering and bioprospecting.

Bioinformatics: Introduction to Bioinformatics; Biological Databases and tools : Introduction; Types of biological databases; Primary and secondary databases; PDB, NCBI, formats and contents; Sequence retrieval, manipulation; Primer design; Restriction mapping; ORF finding; EMBOSS, Molecular visualization Sequence analysis.

Practicals

Study of structure of prokaryot and Eukaoryt Cells. Study on Model of protein Synthesis, Study of models rDNA Technology, Cell Culture, Isolation of Nucleic Acids, Restriction enzymes, Gel Electrophorus, ELISA, DNA sequence analysis and comparison.

2. Genetics and Breeding 2 (1+1)

Theory

Principles of genetics and breeding, Gene and chromosome as basis of inheritance, Mendel's law of inheritance – complete and incomplete dominance, monohybrid and dihybrid ratios. Gene interactions – dominant and recessive epistasis. Pleiotropism. Lethal genes. Mutation. Sex - linked genes, sex influenced and sex limited traits. Linkage and crossing over. Introduction to population genetics. Hardy- Weinberg law and its significance. Chromosomal structure and aberrations. Chromosome manipulation techniques- androgenesis, gynogenesis and polyploidy and identification of ploidy. Sex determination. Cross breeding (hybridization) – types of cross breeding, heterosis and design of cross breeding programmes, hybridization in different fishes. Quantitative genetics – quantitative traits, polygenic traits, heritability.

History and present status of selective breeding programs in aquaculture. Selection methods and mating designs. Design for selective breeding. Inbreeding and its consequences. Domestication methods. Seed certification and quarantine procedures. Cryopreservation of gametes.

Practicals

Problems on Mendelian inheritance (qualitative genetics) - monohybrid and dihybrid ratios and epistasis. Problems on quantitative traits, response to selection and heritability. Estimation of rate of inbreeding and heterosis. Mitotic and meiotic chromosome preparation. Demonstration of protocol of androgenesis, gynogenesis and polyploidy. Problems on gene and genotypic frequency. Gamete cryopreservation protocols and quality evaluation of fish milt.