**Position of Charybdis in the Portunidae family based on the CO1 gen in C. helleri and C. lucifera**

**Abstract**
Crabs of the Charybdis genus are one of the most important group of the Portunidae family. But their position in the family has always been debated. In the present study, phylogenetic relationship of this family were examined based on CO1 gen. crab samples were collected from the coasts of Chabahar Bay in 2014. After morphological analysis of the samples, DNA was extracted by using the CTAB Method. Polymerase chain reaction was conducted and gene sequence of CO1 determined. Based on morphological and phylogenetic analysis C. helleri and C. lucifera were identified. Based on phylogeny tree the Portunidae family showed a monophyletic relationship and the position of the Charybdis genus in the family with a high boot strap was supported.

**Keywords:** Chabahar, Charybdis Portunidae, Oman Sea, CO1 gen, Crab.

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