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## **CRUSTACEAN FAUNA OF THE WATERS IN INDIAN DESERT AROUND BIKANER: A REVIEW**

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**ABSTRACT:** All classes of Arthropods are represented in the aquatic communities, chief being crustaceans and insects. They present striking features in periodicity of occurrence, life cycle and great adaptability to environmental stress. The present paper is an attempt to review the work done on crustaceans in the waters of the Indian desert around Bikaner. Seven species belonging to Anostraca, Cladocera, Copepoda and Ostracoda have been reported by various workers from the region which has been discussed in the light of literature available.

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