

# Fishing Efficiency of LED Lamps for Fixed Lift Net Fisheries in Banten Bay Indonesia

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## Abstract

Fixed lift net fisheries in Banten Bay used compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) since the middle of 2000 for replacement the traditional pressured kerosene lantern. It was increased the light intensity, but this lamps consumed high energy and fuels. Application of light emitting diode (LED) is considered to energy saving and increased catches in lift net fisheries. The fishing trial was conducted on 22 May-16 June 2015 in Banten Bay Indonesia using 2 units of lift net with 6 units of CFL and LED respectively. The result shows both lamps did not have significant effect on total catches. Meanwhile, application of LED lamps has significant effect to main catch (anchovy). There were increasing catch weight of anchovy with mean 29.49%. LED also decreased of fuel consumption with mean saving 35.15%. It is evident enough to conclude that LED lamps have high efficiency and effectiveness for lift net fishing in Banten Bay.

Keywords: Anchovy, compact fluorescent lamp, light fishing, fuel consumption

## Introduction

Fishing with light is a successful of modern fishing technique that was used in Indonesia since 1950 in various fishing gears (Ben-Yami 1976). The light fishing gears in Indonesia dominated by lift net (bagan) and purse seine (Sudirman and Musbir, 2009). There are 2 types of bagan in Banten Bay Indonesia, fixed lift net as the small scale fisheries, and boat lift net as the thrive of light fishing activities. Bagan has used compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) as fishing lamps to attract photo taxis positive of fish schooling since 15 years ago. It replaced pressurized kerosene lanterns that were used by fishers before developing of gasoline generator as the electric power source. There are variety of light power (W), number of light units, and manufacture of CFL lamps used on bagan fisheries based on traditional knowledge and fishermen experience.

Fishing lamp is a key component for light fishing activities. The light sources of fishing lamps have developed from torch, acetylene, kerosene, incandescent, mercury, fluorescent, and halogen lamps to the metal halide (MH) lamps (Inada and Arimoto, 2007; Ben-Yami, 1976). Fishermen generally think that the catch of light fishing will increase with the rises of light power. However, there are many factors that affect fish attraction such as the quality of light (e.g. wavelength), quantity of light (e.g. power), and arrangement of fishing lights. In addition, underwater illuminance, irradiance level and distribution created by these factors are influenced by the optical characteristics of seawater and influence to the fish behaviour (Arakawa et al., 1998; Shikata et al., 2011).



41 The scientific basis evident for selecting the appropriate of light source and its power as fishing lamps still  
42 remains unverified. Information about the relationship between fishing lights and fish behavior is still limited  
43 and consequently fishermen determine the type, number and power of fishing lights based on their personal  
44 experience (Yamashita et al., 2012). Meanwhile, light source in fishing attraction by light, which mainly  
45 includes filament lamp, halogen tungsten lamp, mercury and metal halide, all belongs to thermal light source  
46 (Hua and Xing, 2013). The light from these lamps is omnidirectional and, therefore, most of it does not reach the  
47 target areas, such as the deck and the surrounding water (Lai et al., 2015). Although these sources have improved  
48 light intensity, their main handicap is that these lamps consumed a great amount of electric energy and fuel  
49 (Kehayias et al., 2016).

50 Compared with these conventional lamps, LED (light emitting diode) have many advantages, such as high  
51 efficiency, a long lifetime, fast response and together with climate resistance (Lai et al., 2015). Furthermore,  
52 LEDs, which do not contain mercury (as opposed to CFL), are tolerant of low voltages, very small and portable,  
53 and have high optical efficiency. LEDs are often submersible, and it can be compared favourably, technically  
54 and economically with all other forms of lighting for small-scale applications (McHenry et al., 2014). Thus,  
55 LEDs have been considered the most promising new lighting solution for a fishing fleet.

56 The objective of this research is to compare and to analyse the effectiveness of LED lamps application by using  
57 catches and fuel consumption indicators. The results from this research can be considered to replace the  
58 traditional CFL lamps with LED fishing lamps that was more efficient and environmental friendly to promote  
59 sustainable fisheries at Bagan fishing in Banten Bay Indonesia.

## 61 **Material and Methods**

62 Lift net fishing in Banten Bay used varies CFL lamps with ranged of output power between 24 W to 90 W per  
63 unit. In this research, we tried to introduce the new LED lamps and analysed the effectiveness of both lamps  
64 based on catch weight and fuel consumption. Light sources in this experiment are white LED lamps (Fujilight  
65 bulb 30 W, 2500 lumens) and white CFL lamps (Cahaya 4U model 90 W, 2400 lumens). These lamps were  
66 chosen based on several reasons. The CFL lamps are an existing light source that was used by local fishermen  
67 because low price, easy to be obtained, and bright enough to attract fish schooling. Meanwhile, LED lamps have  
68 very long operating life, small, low energy consumption (Shen et al., 2012; Matsushita and Yamashita, 2012;  
69 Hua and Xing, 2013) and they have similar lumens output with CFL lamps based on manufacture specification.

70 The CFL and LED lamps have different model and construction. They will affect to difference of light  
71 distribution of both lamps. To analyse the pattern of light distribution, we investigated the illuminance of both  
72 lamps in air and bottom of the sea water. Measurements of luminous intensity in air were performed in dark  
73 room at Fisheries Department Laboratory Sultan Ageng Tirtayasa University using digital lux meter (Lutron  
74 model LX-103 min scale 1 lx). The light intensity distributions were investigated by rotating sensor at every 10-  
75 degree with radius 1 m from the light source to the sensor (Wisudo et al., 2002).

76 Fishing operation was conducted at 2 fixed lift net in Banten Bay with coordinate of LED and CFL lamps at  
77 05°58'02"S; 106°09'40"E and 05°58'05"S; 106°09'58"E, respectively. The platform size of both bagan was 14 m  
78 length, 14 m breadth and 12 m depth. Its box-shaped net was 12 m length and 12 m breadth, with 3 mm mesh  
79 size of polyamide. Light illuminance of LED and CFL lamps at night in sea water was measured by underwater

80 lux meter (LUW 1000D) at sea surface to 10 m depth during fishing operation. The measurements were  
81 conducted at the centre, middle and corner of platform with 1 m interval (Figure 1).

82 The first lift net used 6 units of CFL (each lamps is 90 W) and the second bagan used 6 unit LED (each lamps is  
83 30 W) to attract fish schooling into catchable area. The fishing operations were conducted from 7:00 PM to  
84 05:00 AM and the lamps were turned on between 2-4 hours every setting process. The catch data were recorded  
85 soon after hauling by sorting the fish based on species, and then weight measured for each species. Fuel  
86 consumption of gasoline generator was investigated by adding new fuel using measuring glass every morning  
87 after finishing the fishing operation.

88 Light distribution of LED and CFL lamp in air presented and compared graphically as radar diagram. Luminous  
89 intensity of both lamps in sea water shown as graphic of light intensity distribution pattern and describe  
90 descriptively. Catch weight (kg) and fuel consumption (l) data were evaluated graphically and performed by *t*-  
91 test analysis ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ). The graphical comparisons of catch weight combined across with fishing trip using total  
92 catch, main catch and proportion of main catch that expressed as a percentage of main catch.

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## 95 Results

96 Distribution pattern of luminous intensity (lux) of the CFL and LED lamps in the air shows in Figure 2. The light  
97 distributions of CFL lamp have main area around the left and right side. Meanwhile the LED lamp has majority  
98 of illumination on the bottom of the bulb. The maximum intensity of CFL and LED lamps are 775 lx and 783 lx  
99 respectively.

100 Light illuminances in sea water from CFL and LED lamps have different distribution as shows in Figure 3. The  
101 LEDs have higher intensity in surface water until 5 m deep than CFLs, but the both light source have similar  
102 characteristics at 5 to 10 m deep. Light distribution of LED light is more effective and it has homogenous pattern  
103 on vertical and horizontal direction. Meanwhile the CFLs are slightly different on vertical, especially on the  
104 centre of lift net that have lower intensity than left and right side. The illumination zone for CFL lamps is narrow  
105 than LED lamps and it will affect to catchable area on fish capture process.

106 A total of 120 operations were conducted on 20 days fishing trip by 2 lift net during 22 May-16 June 2015.  
107 There was no fishing trips around the full moon (1-5 June) and fixed lift net located in shallow water of Banten  
108 Bay less than 15 m deep. The total catch from 2 lift net is 616.57 kg (mean  $15.41 \pm 0.15$  SD). The highest catches  
109 is 310.50 kg on lift net that using CFL lamps. The daily catch of CFLs ranged from 6 to 39 kg (mean  $15.53 \pm 8.94$   
110 SD) and LEDs have varied from 7 to 31 kg (mean  $15.30 \pm 6.10$  SD). Figure 4 shows the daily catch from each lift  
111 net during experiment. There are no significant different between the total catch of CFL and LED lamps.

112 Anchovy (*Stolephorus* sp.) is an economic commodity that becomes main target species of lift net fisheries.  
113 Figure 5 shows the daily catch of anchovy during experiment. There are a significant different of catches  
114 between LEDs and CFLs on trip 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 17 and 20, respectively. Lift net with CFL lamps get high  
115 catches on trip 8, 10 and 19, meanwhile LEDs have more catches on other fishing trip. The maximum catches of  
116 LEDs and CFLs were 15.4 kg (mean  $9.82 \pm 3.72$  SD) and 14.0 kg (mean  $8.09 \pm 3.11$  SD) respectively.

117 Catch composition during experiment shows the LEDs fixed lift net dominated by *Stolephorus* sp (61.77%),  
118 *Sardinella fimbriata* (14.70%), *Leiognathus* sp (14.20%), *Terapon* sp (3.96) and others species (5.29%). The

119 CFLs catches also dominated by *Stolephorus* sp (59.99%), followed by *Sardinella fimbriata* (22.60%),  
120 *Leiognathus* sp (8.18%), *Terapon* sp (5.61) and others species (3.61%). Meanwhile there was no significant  
121 difference between daily total catch of each lamp (p-value 0.2218). Figure 6 shows the proportion (%) of  
122 catches weight of LED and CFL during fishing operation. There are slightly different of catches between LED  
123 and CFL almost on every fishing trip. The application of LED lamps can get 25% to 90% of anchovy (mean  
124  $67 \pm 21$  SD), while CFL lamps produce 33% to 83% (mean  $58 \pm 14$  SD). The field experiment of the LED lamps  
125 presented no technical problems, especially for the maintenance and replacing the CFL lamps. Specifically,  
126 overall increase of main catches using LED lamps of 29%.

127 The lift net fishing used gasoline generator as a main source of electric power. The maximum output of the  
128 generator reaches 2,000 W. Duration for lighting in one day trip approximately 10 hours (07:00 AM to 05:00  
129 PM). Fuel consumption of CFL lamps is higher than LED lamps as shows in Figure 7. Fishing operation using  
130 LED lamps consumed 3.30 to 5.30 l/night (mean  $4.11 \pm 0.61$  SD), while CFL lamps consumed 5.20 to 7.00 l/night  
131 (mean  $6.33 \pm 0.54$  SD). Fuel consumption rate (l/h) under various lamps showed different tendencies. When all  
132 the lamps were turn on, lift net with LED lamps consumed 0.33-5.33 l/h for lighting output 180 W and lift net  
133 with CFL lamps consumed 0.52-0.70 l/h against 560 W output.

134 Figure 8 shows the reduction of fuel consumption (%) on lift net operation using LED lamps. Replacing CFL  
135 with LED lamps will decrease of fuel consumption during fishing experiment. Reduction of fuel consumption  
136 ranged from 18% to 45% (mean  $35.15 \pm 7.76$  SD). The LED is an appropriate lamp technology for the lift net  
137 fisheries especially to reduce fuel consumption and promote the environmental friendly of small scale fisheries  
138 in Banten Bay.

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## 140 Discussion

141 The number of fixed lift net in Banten Bay on 2015 reaches 62 units and most of them used CFL lamps to attract  
142 target fishes to the catchable area. Fishermen changed their pressurized kerosene lanterns with CFL lamps since  
143 2000 to increase the productivity of lift net fishing operation. The fishers select appropriate CFL lamps based on  
144 practical and economic reasons. In this case, low price, easy to used, easy to be obtained, and bright enough are  
145 the main consideration that were underlie by local fishermen to select varies of CFL lamps. Nevertheless,  
146 application of high output of CFL lamp (up to 90 W per unit) cause increasing of gasoline fuel consumption  
147 during fishing operation.

148 It is evident from Figure 2 that LED produced high intensity at the bottom of lamps (angle  $0^\circ$ - $40^\circ$  and  $320^\circ$ - $360^\circ$ ).  
149 Meanwhile the CFL transmitted high intensity at both side of lamps (angle  $60^\circ$ - $100^\circ$  and  $260^\circ$ - $310^\circ$ ). There are  
150 significant different of light distribution because each lamps have different shape and constructions. The CFL  
151 lamp has more surface area at the side (u-tube construction), so these sections have maximum light distribution.  
152 Light emitted from the bottom of CFL comes from the bottom side of u-tube that had limited surface area and  
153 causes the decreasing of light intensity from the lamp (Puspito et al., 2015). Moreover, light from LED lamp has  
154 straight direction especially to the bottom area. LED light sources are highly directional and highly efficient light  
155 emitters that can focus the light intensity (Shen et al., 2012). It causes maximum intensity at the bottom of lamps  
156 position. The spectrum, intensity and light distribution of lamps have specific characteristics depends on shape  
157 and purpose of lamps manufacture (Anongponyoskun et al., 2011).

158 Fishermen used iron lamp shade (350 mm diameter) to focus the light during fishing operation. The  
159 characteristic of light sources cause different light distribution pattern in sea water, even if it used same lamp  
160 shade. LED light distribution had deeper penetration and widely expanded than CFL light. The maximum  
161 intensity of LEDs and CFLs at the sea water surface was 2,244 lx and 758 lx respectively on the centre of lift net  
162 platform. There were different pattern of iso-lux contour from each lamps at more than 2 m depth. LED light  
163 presented U-shape and CFL light have W-shape that decreased with increasing of depth water. It is related to  
164 lamps design, construction and light characteristics from each lamp. Light from LED source have sharp  
165 distribution and arrives enough at 15 m depth and have no extreme change in spectrum from the surface to 15 m  
166 depth sea water (Okamoto et al., 2008). In this research, lift net fishing operation used the general lighting of  
167 LED and CFL lamps that was not designed specifically as fishing lamps. Moreover, the light intensity decrease  
168 rapidly related to the emergence angle and its distribution varied at target plane. The lens of LED source with  
169 novel design using double freeform surface is an effective method to improve uniformity of light illuminance  
170 from 67.20% to 86.43% (Wu et al., 2015).

171 The light illuminance and distribution from both lamps around fixed lift net platform have similar effectiveness  
172 to attract fish into catchable area. Mean catch per unit effort in squid jigging fishery using only 216 LED lamps  
173 lower than using 78 Metal Halide Lamps, because LED lamps irradiated only a limited area near of vessel  
174 (Shikata et al., 2012). Catch weight of boat lift net using flood LED lamps also lower than mercury lamps  
175 (Sulaiman et al., 2015). It was indicated the general lighting of LED lamp cannot used directly as effective  
176 fishing lamp on capture fisheries. Fish behaviour and response related to light emitted of LED were investigated  
177 to improve design and to obtain an appropriate specification of the new generation of fishing lamps in fishing  
178 activities (Mills et al., 2014). The new design of white LED lamps used multi-segmented freeform lens (MSFL)  
179 can perform better as fishing lamps, 3 times more efficient, than the traditional High Intensity Discharge (HID)  
180 lamp (Lai et al., 2015).

181 The anchovy as main target species of fixed lift net in Banten Bay has high economic value (Indonesia  
182 Rupiah/IDR 75,000 – 90,000 per kg/United State Dollar/USD 5.77-6.92 per kg). LED lamps application in this  
183 experiment had significant effect to catch weight of anchovy (p-value 0.0087). It is evident from Figure 5 and 6  
184 that catches weight and proportion of main catch using LED lamps is higher than CFL lamps. Previous  
185 researches show varied result of LED performance in fishing operation. Combination of LED panel with 24  
186 metal halide lamps presented highest catch of Japanese common squid (Yamashita et al. 2012). Light from white  
187 LED lamp could penetrate to deeper water and caught more white anchovy (*Stolephorus indicus*) than mercury  
188 lamps (Sulaiman et al., 2015a). Blue LED was recommended to gathering the squid and white LED was very  
189 useful to squid fishing (Jeong et al., 2013). Fishing experiment using LED and metal halide lamp in Korean  
190 squid jigging fisheries presented that catches of squids per the fishing vessel with 1 W LED fishing lamp were  
191 higher up to 135.5% than the fishing vessel with metal halide (An, 2014). Main catch (*Stolephorus* sp.) per unit  
192 energy of boat lift net in Sulawesi using LED and mercury lamp is 11.61 kg/W and 3.77 kg/W respectively  
193 (Sulaiman et al., 2015b).

194 White LED in this research have dominant wavelength at 450 nm and 590 nm. It is similar properties with Bae et  
195 al. (2011) that used the dominant wavelength of white LED at 450 nm and 550 nm to attract *Engraulis*  
196 *japonicus*. Characteristic of fishing lamps will have affected to catch weight and species composition. It is



197 related to behaviour and response of fish to light attractant. Each species has different maximum absorbance of  
198 light spectrum depend on structure and morphology of retinae. *Stolephorus indicus* have poly-cone type with  
199 cone density  $684 \times 10^4 \mu\text{m}^2$ . It is indicate that retinae of this species very adapted to light stimulant (Heb et al.,  
200 2006). *Engraulis japonicus* and *Engraulis encrasicolus* have triple cone with maximum absorbance wavelength  
201 approximately at 502 nm, while the short central components were more shortwave sensitive ( $\alpha_{\text{max}} = 475 \text{ nm}$ ).  
202 The  $\alpha_{\text{max}}$  of all long and short cones in the ventro-temporal zone was 492 nm, compared to 502 nm in other  
203 retinal regions (Kondrashev et al., 2012). The dominant catch of *Stolephorus* sp. during experiment indicated the  
204 transmitted wavelengths from LED lamps were appropriate enough to the maximum absorbance of anchovy. It  
205 schooling influenced, gathering and stay into catchable area for the long times as a response of light adaptation  
206 behaviour.

207 LED lamps had lower fuel consumption than CFL during fishing operation. It is evident from Figure 7 and 8 that  
208 LED is efficient light source with mean saving energy up to 35%. Application LED lamps in fixed lift net in  
209 Banten Bay had significant effect to reduce fuel consumption (p-value  $5.01 \times 10^{-14}$ ). LED fishing lamps in hair-  
210 tail angling at Korean fisheries had higher fishing performance, save 33% of fuel consumption, decreased the  
211 operation expenses and green house emission (An et al., 2012). Fishing experiment at purse seine and squid  
212 jigging fisheries showed LED lamps have high productivity and lower fuel consumption than metal halide  
213 lamps. LED lamps save 50% of fuel than metal halide (Hua and Xing 2013), more efficient up to 80% than high  
214 intensity discharge (Shen et al., 2012) and save 24% of fuel in Japanese squid jigging fisheries (Matshushita et  
215 al., 2012). Application LED lamps in Korean squid jigging industries also decreased 65,163 kl of fuel  
216 consumption in a year (Park et al., 2015). In small scale fisheries, replacing CFL lamps with LED lamps save  
217 37.5% of fuel consumption in fixed lift net at Lesung Cape Banten Province (Arif et al., 2015).

218 In conclusions, we found the light distribution of commercial LED lamps could penetrate wider and deeper to  
219 the catchable area than CFL lamps and were good enough to attract the target species of anchovy. Application of  
220 LED lamps had significant effect to the catch weight of anchovy and save fuel consumption. The LED lamps are  
221 the potential suitable light source for replacing CFL lamps and developing sustainable lift net fisheries in Banten  
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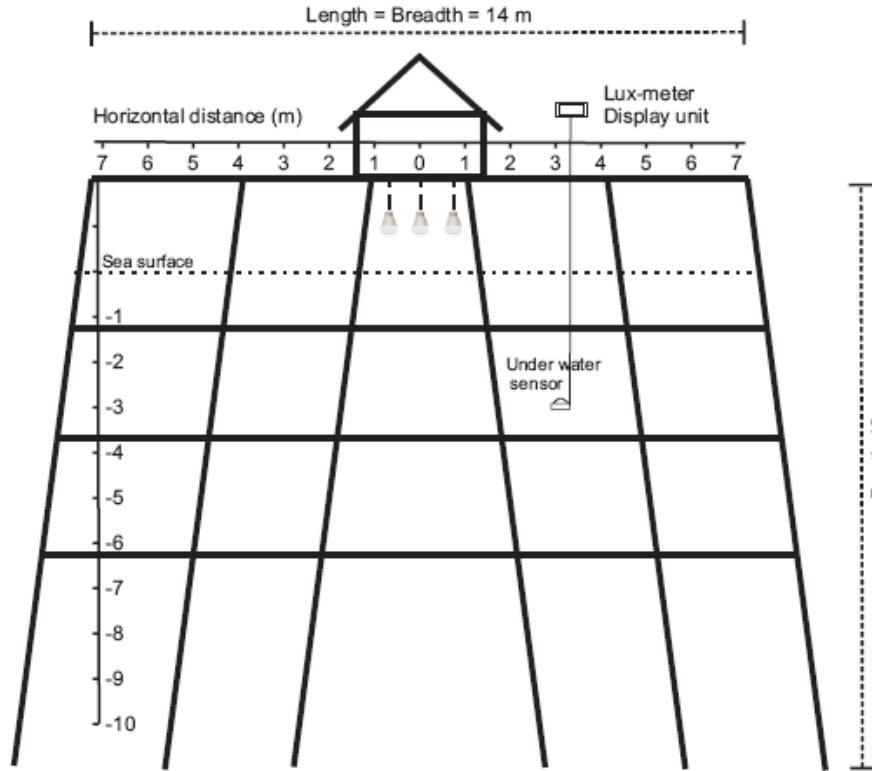
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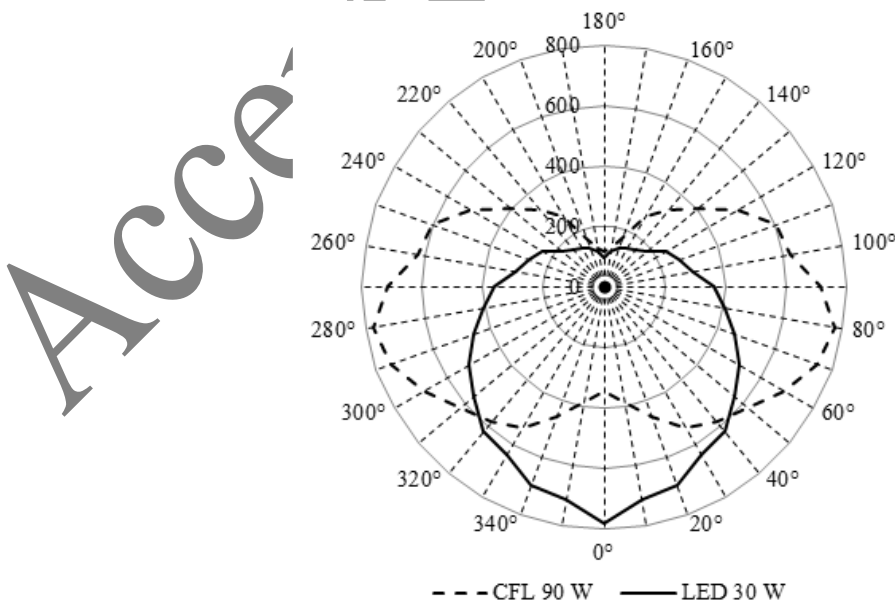


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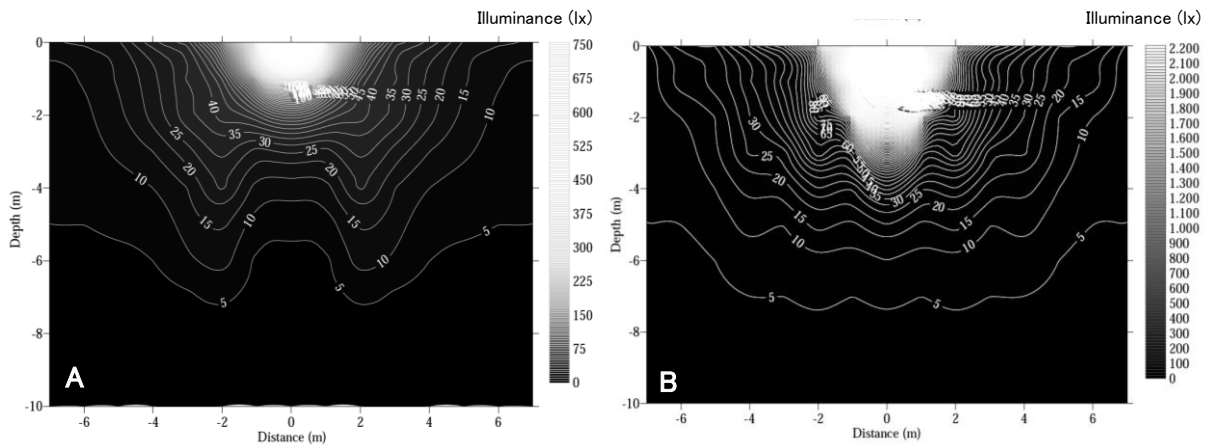


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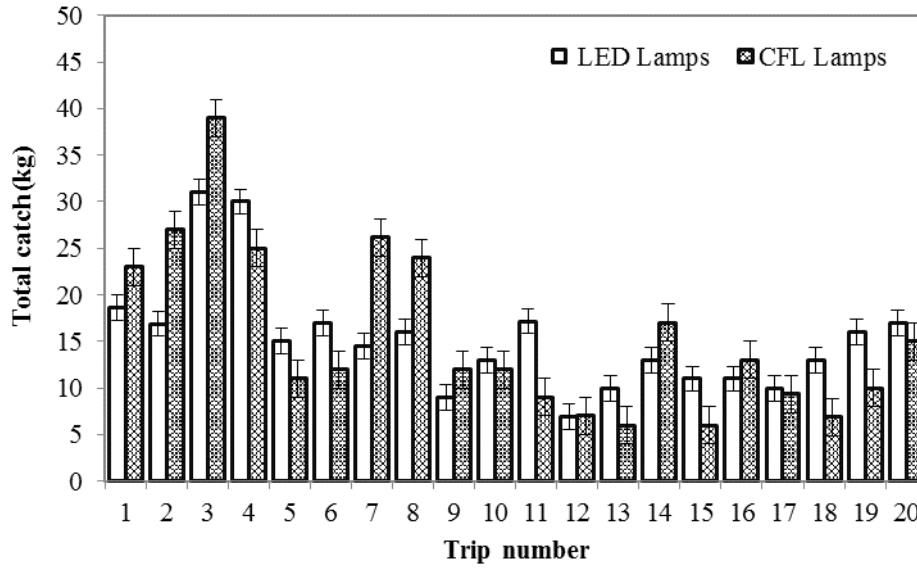


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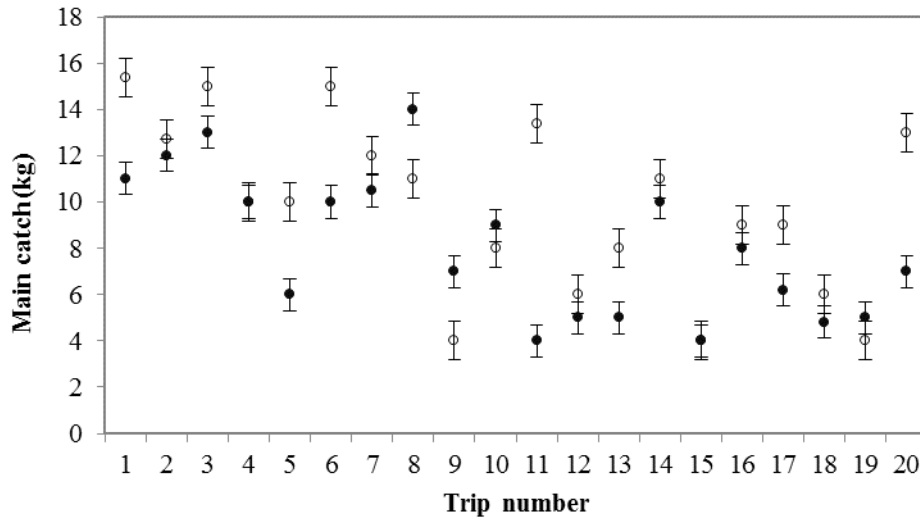




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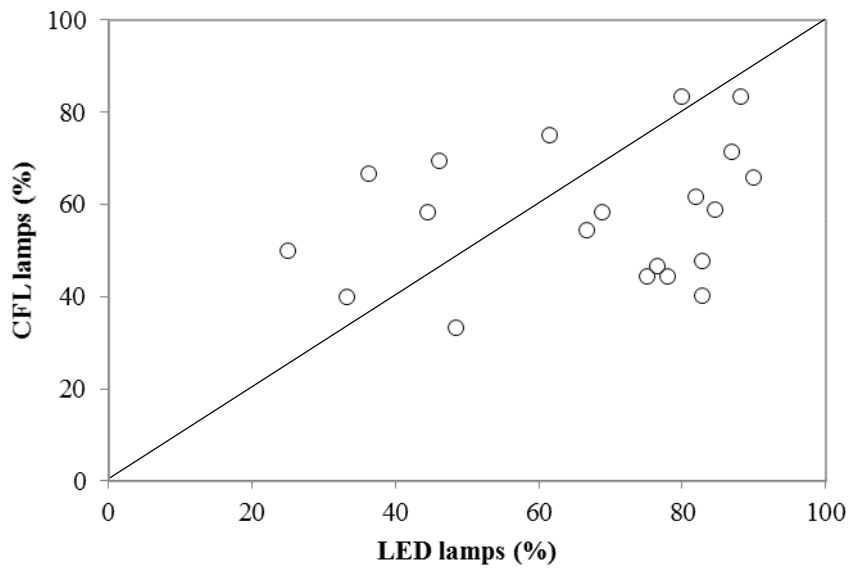
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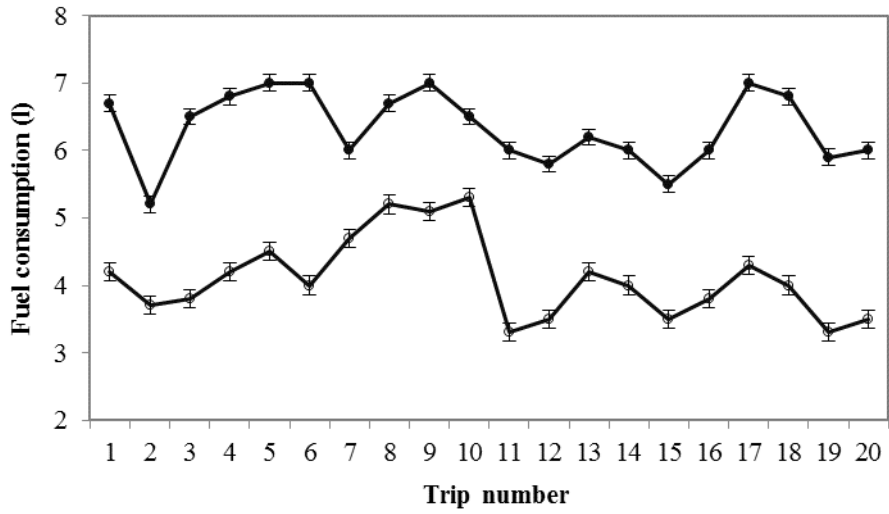
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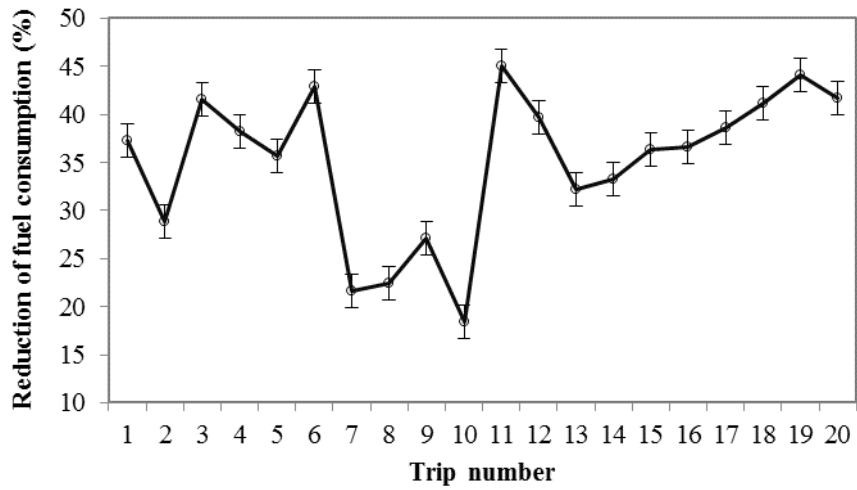
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332 **Figure 8.** Reduction of fuel consumption of fixed lift net using LED lamps (Vertical lines denote standard  
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