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# EFFECTS OF SALT STRESS ON GERMINATION, GROWTH, YIELD AND IONS CONTENT OF MUSTARD

## ABSTRACT

A pot experiment was conducted at the greenhouse of Agro Environmental Chemistry Laboratory of the Department of Agricultural Chemistry, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Dhaka-1207. The experiment was carried out in pots during November, 2019 to February 2020 to observe the effects of salt stress on germination, growth, yield and ions content of mustard. The experiment was performed using two cultivars (SAU Sarisha-1 and BARI Sarisha 9) and five salinity levels (0, 3, 6, 9 and 12 dSm<sup>-1</sup>). The experiment was set in Completely Randomized Design (CRD) having two factors with three replications. The maximum germination percentage of seeds and plant population per pot was found in BARI Sarisha 9. The tallest plant was found in BARI Sarisha 9. BARI Sarisha 9 achieved maximum branches plant<sup>-1</sup>, total dry matter, siliqua plant<sup>-1</sup>, length of siliqua, number of seeds siliqua<sup>-1</sup>. Between the two varieties, the higher seed yield (4.69 g pot<sup>-1</sup>) was found in BARI Sarisha 9. In different salinity levels, highest growth and yield contributing characters were found at 0 dSm<sup>-1</sup>. The highest seed yield (6.13 g pot<sup>-1</sup>) was also recorded at control treatment. When combined effects of varieties and salinity levels were considered, highest seed yield (6.29 g pot<sup>-1</sup>) was found in BARI Sarisha 9 with 0 dSm<sup>-1</sup> level and at 3, 6, 9 and 12 dSm<sup>-1</sup> salinity levels, it performed better than SAU Sarisha-1. The K content was higher in BARI Sarisha 9 than SAU Sarisha-1. The K content decreased significantly with increasing the salinity level. Na content was higher in SAU Sarisha-1 than BARI Sarisha 9. Na content in the varieties increased significantly with the increasing salinity level. The variety BARI Sarisha 9 showed better morphological, yield and yield contributing characters than those of SAU Sarisha-1.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATION AND ACRONYMS

AEZ	=	Agro-Ecological Zone
BARI	=	Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute
HRC	=	Horticulture Research Centre
BBS	=	Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics
FAO	=	Food and Agricultural Organization
N	=	Nitrogen
<i>etal.</i>	=	And others
TSP	=	Triple Super Phosphate
MOP	=	Muriate of Potash
RCBD	=	Randomized Complete Block Design
DAT	=	Days after Transplanting
ha <sup>-1</sup>	=	Per hectare
g	=	gram(s)
kg	=	Kilogram
SAU	=	Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University
SRDI	=	Soil Resources and Development Institute
wt	=	Weight
LSD	=	Least Significant Difference
°C	=	Degree Celsius
NS	=	Not significant
Max	=	Maximum
Min	=	Minimum
%	=	Percent
NPK	=	Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium
CV%	=	Percentage of Coefficient of Variance



# Chapter 1

## Introduction

# CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

Mustard belongs to the family Cruciferae or Brassicaceae, is one of the most important oil crops of the world after soybean and groundnut (FAO, 2012). *Brassica napus*, *B. campestris* and *B. juncea* are the three species of mustard that produce edible oil. It is one of the most important and widely grown oilseed crops in Bangladesh which occupies 0.483 million hectares of land and in 2012 the total production was 0.525 million metric tons (AIS, 2013). Vegetable oils and fats (lipids) constitute an important component of human diet and oils of plant origin are nutritionally superior to that of animal origin (Singh, 2000). It is not only a high energy food but also a carrier of fat-soluble vitamins including vitamin A, D, E and K in the body. In Bangladesh it is an important source of cooking oil that meets the one-third of edible oil requirement of the country (Ahmed, 2008). Cumilla, Tangail, Jeshore, Faridpur, Pabna, Rajshahi, Dinajpur, Kushtia, Kishoregonj, Rangpur and Dhaka districts are the major mustard growing districts of Bangladesh (BBS, 2011). Bangladesh has been facing a acute shortage of edible oil for the last several decades. For that it needs to import oil and oilseed to meet up the deficit of edible oil. Our internal production can meet only about 21% of our consumption which can meet only a fraction of the cooking oil, requirement of the country and the rest 79% is needed to import (Begum *et al.*, 2012). Due to insufficient oil production, a huge amount of foreign exchange involving over 160 million US\$ is being spent every year for importing edible oils in Bangladesh (Rahman, 2002). Mustard seed contains about 40-45% oil and by increasing production of mustard we can meet up the shortage of edible oil. The average yield of mustard (1,087 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) in our country is alarmingly very poor compared to the advanced countries like Germany, France, UK and Canada. At present the world average yield of mustard is 1,575 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> (FAO, 2012). Brassica (genus of mustard) has three species that produce edible oil, they are *B. napus*, *B. campestris* and *B. juncea*. Among them, *B. napus* and *B. campestris* are of the greatest importance in the world's oilseed trade. In this subcontinent, *B. juncea* is also an important oilseed crop. Until recently, mustard varieties such as Tori-7, Sampad (*Brassica campestris*) and Doulat (*Brassica juncea*) were mainly grown in this country.

Recently several varieties of high yielding potential characteristics have been developed by Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI).

Seed yield and other yield contributing characters significantly varied among the varieties of rapeseed and mustard (BARI, 2001). Uddin *et al.* (1987) reported that there was a significant yield difference among the varieties of rapeseed and mustard with the same species. Singh *et al.* (1999) found oil content variation due to different varieties and different method. They estimated oil content of different varieties from different species and highest oil content (44.3%) from variety PYS841 (*B. campestris*) and lowest (40.8%) from Kranti (*B. juncea*) by Soxhlet method. In bold percolation method, they found highest oil content (44%) in the variety PYS841 (*B. campestris*) and lowest (40%) in PBC221 (*B. carinata*). Jahan and Zakaria (1997) observed the performance of seven local and three early varieties of rapeseed, mustard and canola. The varieties differed with respect to oil content of seeds. In general, local varieties had higher oil content compared to exotic varieties. The higher oil content of 41.85% was found in Sonalisarishaw which was identical to that found in Sampad. The lowest oil content of 30.90% was found in BLN-

900. It is well known that variety plays an important role in producing high yield of mustard because different varieties perform differently for their genotypic characters. Improved variety is the first and foremost requirement for initiation and accelerated crop production program. There are some HYV of mustard, which have been released by the Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University (SAU), Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI) and Bangladesh Institute of Nuclear Agriculture (BINA). Yield contributing characters and yield of different variety varied significantly (Mamun *et al.* 2014, BARI, 2001). The yield of mustard in Bangladesh has been increased obviously with the introduction of high yielding varieties and improvement of management practices.

Salinity is the process of accumulation of soluble salts, by which saline soils are produced. Soil salinity is a major concern to the agriculture in arid and semi-arid regions. According to an estimation one third of the world's land surface is arid or semi-arid ( $4.8 \times 10^9$  ha.), out of which one-half is estimated to be affected by salinity. High salt content in the soil affects the soil porosity and as a result decreases the soil water potential that results in physiological drought. The problems of salinization are increasing, either due to bad irrigation drainage or agriculture practices. Despite its relatively small area, irrigated land is estimated to produce one-third of the world food.



High salinity lowers water potential and induces ionic stress, and results in secondary oxidative stress. It severely limits growth and development of plants by affecting different metabolic processes such as CO<sub>2</sub> assimilation, oil and protein synthesis. The composition of salts in large amount is mostly sodium, calcium and magnesium chloride and sulfate ions and in relatively small amounts are potassium, carbonates, bicarbonates, borate and lithium salts. When plants are exposed to salt stress, they adapt their metabolism in order to cope with the changed environment.

Salinity is one of the major environmental stresses affecting plant growth and development and results in severe agricultural losses. It affects nutrient uptake (Varshney *et al.* 1998) and metabolic activities in plants (Singh *et al.*, 2001). Active osmotic adjustment causes positive effect on growth processes (Turner, 1981).

Osmotic adjustment helps in two ways under saline condition; i) to make plants capable to uptake water under saline condition and ii) to keep stomata open by maintaining turgidity of the plant cell. The magnitude of the effect of salinity varied with the plant species, type and level of salinity (Bishnoi *et al.*, 1987). So, plant species/ varieties tolerant to high level of salt are essential for the utilization of the highly salt affected soils.

In Bangladesh, over 30% of cultivated areas are in the coastal belt. Out of 2.85 million hectares of land only 0.88 million hectares are arable lands, which constitute about 52.8% of the cultivable areas. This area is affected by varying degree of soil salinity (Karim *et al.*, 1990). Moreover, the salt affected area is increasing day by day. But salinity affects growth and yield attributes of *Brassica species* (Javaid *et al.* 2002).

Therefore, there was a great opportunity to adopt the salt tolerant rapeseed and mustard varieties in the coastal belt. Among the oilseed crops *B. Juncea* and *B. napus* are the amphibia and diploid in origin. This experiment was conducted to identify the better varieties of rapeseed and mustard tolerant to different salinity levels considering yield and component characteristics.

Therefore, keeping the above points in view, the present work was undertaken:

- I. to observe the effect of salinity on germination and growth performance of mustard at different stages,
- II. to observe the bio-mass and seed yield of mustard,
- III. to study the ionic balance in plants and
- IV. to select comparatively more salt tolerant mustard variety.



## Chapter 2

# Review of literature

## CHAPTER II

### REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Mustard and rapeseed are important oil crops of Bangladesh which contribute to a large extent in the national economy. But the research works done on this crop with respect to agronomic practices are inadequate. Its growth and yield are determined by various factors of which salinity is one of the most important. A very limited work has been done involving the salinity with the mustard (rapeseed) varieties. Some of the work applicable to the present study has been reviewed below:

#### 2.1 Effect of variety on different crop characters

##### 2.1.1 Plant height

Ahmed *et al.* (1999) stated that the tallest plant (102.56 cm) was recorded on the variety Daulat. No significant difference was observed on plant height between Dhali and Nap-8509.

Zakaria and Jahan (1997) observed that Dhali gave the tallest plant height (142.5 cm) which was similar with Sonali (139.5 cm) and Japrai (138.6 cm). The shortest plant height was observed in Tori-7 (90.97 cm) which was significantly shorter than other varieties.

An experiment was conducted at the Regional Agricultural Research Station (RARS), Jeshore (AEZ-11, High Ganges River Floodplain) during 2003-2006 to evaluate the response of different varieties of mustard to boron application. Boron application was made at 0 and 1 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>. The varieties chosen from *B. campestris* were BARISarisha 6, BARISarisha 9 and BARISarisha 12. The *B. napus* varieties were BARISarisha 7, BARISarisha 8 and BARISarisha 13. Among the varieties, BARISarisha 10 and BARISarisha 11 were from the *B. juncea* group. The seed yield was positively and significantly correlated with the yield contributing characters viz. pods plant<sup>-1</sup>, seeds pod<sup>-1</sup>, and 1000-seed weight, but not with plant height and pod length (Hossain *et al.*, 2012).

Hossain *et al.* (1996) observed that the highest plant was in Narendra (175 cm), which was identical with AGA-95-21 (166 cm). The shortest variety was Tori-7.

Monda *et al.* (1992) reported that variety had significant effect on plant height. They found the highest plant height (134.4 cm) in the variety J-5004, which was identical with SS-75 and was significantly taller than JS-72 and Tori-7.

Yadav *et al.* (1994) suggested that the plant height was greater in cv. Vaibhav (167 cm) as compared to cv. Varuna (158 cm). In Jodhpur, India, Singh *et al.* (2001) observed that the local cultivar was taller as compared to cultivar T-59 (158 cm). Rana and Pachuari (2001) quoted that plant height was recorded significantly higher in cv. TERI(OE)M21 (177 cm) as compared to cv. TERI(OE)R15 (129 cm).

Shah and Rahman (2009) observed that significantly higher plant height in rapeseed genotype R M-159-2 (180.8 cm) as compared to genotype RM-152-2 (180.7 cm), Pak-Chen (177.1 cm) and RM-182 (176.0 cm). Lallu *et al.* (2010) at Kanpur (U.P) observed that among different mustard genotypes, plant height of genotype RGN-152 was significantly higher (184.7 cm) as compared to other genotypes in normal sowing and in late sown condition cv. RGN-145 exhibited significantly higher (118.5 cm) plant height.

Rashid *et al.* (2010) in a field experiment observed that the variety BARISarisha-15 was of the tall plant type and that others were of intermediate and short structure in plant height. Afroz *et al.* (2011) observed that cv. BARISarisha-6 exhibited significantly higher plant height (96.7 cm) as compared to cv. BARISarisha-9 (84.9 cm). Kumari *et al.* (2012) observed that hybrid DMH-1 recorded significantly higher plant height (212 cm) over cv. Kranti (203 cm) and hybrid NRCHB-506 (196 cm).

### **2.1.2 Branches plant<sup>-1</sup>**

The yield contributing characters such as number of primary, secondary and tertiary branches are important determinant of the seed yield of rapeseed and mustard. Varieties among Brassica species showed a marked variation in the arrangement of the branches and their number per plant.

Ali and Rahman (1998) found significant variation in plant height of different varieties of rapeseed and mustard.

BARI (2001) found that the number of primary branches per plant was higher (4.02) in the variety SS-75 and lower (2.1) in the variety BARISarisha-5 under poor

management under medium management, the higher number of primary branches plant<sup>-1</sup> was found in BARISarisha-6 (5.5) and lower in BARISarisha-8 under higher management. The highest number of primary branches plant<sup>-1</sup> was with BARISarisha-6 (5.9) and lower (3.0) with Nap-248.

Hossain *et al.* (1996) stated that the varieties were statistically different with respect to number of primary branches. The maximum number of primary branches was recorded in the Hyola-401 (5.0) and the minimum number was recorded in Semu-249/84.

Zakaria and Jahan (1997) found that the local varieties Tori-7 and Sampad produced the highest number of primary branches plant<sup>-1</sup> (4.07) which was at par with BLN-900. The minimum number of primary branches plant<sup>-1</sup> (2.90) was found in Jatarai which was identical to those found in Hhole-401 and BARISarisha-8 varieties.

Mamun *et al.* (2014) conducted a field experiment to evaluate the effect of variety and different plant densities on growth and yield of rapeseed mustard during Rabi 2011-12 under rain-fed conditions at Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Four varieties (BARISarisha-13, BARISarisha-15, BARISarisha-16 and SAUSarisha-3) and four plant densities. BARISarisha-13 produced the highest number of branches plant<sup>-1</sup> (6.14) which was 33.77% higher (4.59) than BARISarisha-15.

Sultana *et al.* (2009) carried out an experiment to evaluate the effect of irrigation and variety on yield and yield attributes of rapeseed. SAUSarisha-1 produced the highest number of branches per plant (5.43) which was significantly higher than Kollania (4.80) and Improved Tori-7 (4.40).

Mondal and Islam (1993) reported that variety had significant effect on plant height. They found the highest plant height (134.4 cm) on the variety J-5004, which was identical with SS-75 and was significantly taller than JS-72 and Tori-7.

Yadav *et al.* (1994) reported that the number of primary and secondary branches plant<sup>-1</sup> was recorded higher in cv. Vaibhav (5.9 and 13.7) as compared to cv. Varuna (5.3 and 13.0). Divya exhibited significantly higher number of primary branches (4.7 plant<sup>-1</sup>) over cv. Kunthi (4.0 plant<sup>-1</sup>).

Singh *et al.* (2001) observed that the number of primary branches plant<sup>-1</sup> were recorded higher

incv.PusaBold(5.63)compared

to local cultivar(4.67).Rana and Pachauri(2001)quoted that cv. TERI(OE)M21 recorded

highernumberofprimarybranches(6.8plant<sup>-1</sup>)ascomparedto cv.Bio-902(6.2plant<sup>-1</sup>).

Kumaretal.(2008)reportedthatthenumberofbranchesinBrassicaspecieswassignificantlygr eaterin*B.junceacv*.Kranti(14.8plant<sup>-1</sup>)ascomparedto*B.junceacv*.Urvarshi(14.6plant<sup>-1</sup>),*B.napuscv*.GSL-1(11.9plant<sup>-1</sup>),*B.napuscv*.Hyola-401(8.5plant<sup>-1</sup>),*B.carinatacv*.Kiran(5.42plant<sup>-1</sup>)and *B.campestriscv*.NDYS-2(5.2plant<sup>-1</sup>).

Afrozetal.(2011)observedthatcv.BARISarisha-9exhibitedsignificantlyhighernumberofbranches(3.30plant<sup>-1</sup>)ascomparedto cv.BARISarisha-6(1.59plant<sup>-1</sup>).

Kumarietal.(2012)observedthathybridDMH-1recordedsignificantlyhigherprimaryandsecondarybranches(7.6,18.5plant<sup>-1</sup>)overhybridNRCHB-506(7.2,17plant<sup>-1</sup>)andcv.Kranti(6.5,15.7plant<sup>-1</sup>).

### **2.1.3 Numberofsiliquaeplant<sup>-1</sup>**

Sultanaetal.(2009)showedthatKollaniaproducedthehighestnumberofsiliquaeplant<sup>-1</sup>(94.96)whichwas significantlyhigherthanSAUSarisha-1and ImprovedTori-7(89.97and78.28)respectively.

Mamunetal.(2014)conductedanexperimentandfoundthatmaximumsiliquaeplant<sup>-1</sup>(126.90)wasobtainedinBARISarisha-13whichwasmorethanthreetimeshigherthanthemimumnumberofsiliquaeplant<sup>-1</sup>(50.10)producedbySAUSarisha-3.

Hossainetal.(2012)foundthatBARI Sarisha11producedthehighestnumberofpodspant-1 followedbyBARISarisha10,BARISarisha7,BARISarisha8,andBARISarisha13produced statisticallysimilarnumberofpodspant-1inthecontrolplots.

JahanandZakaria(1997) reported thatin caseofnumberof siliquaeplant<sup>-1</sup>,thehighestnumberwasrecordedinBLN-900(130-9)whichwasidenticalwiththatobservedinDhali(126.3).Tori-7hadthelowest(46.3)numberofsiliquaeplant<sup>-1</sup>.

Mondaetal.(1992)statedthatmaximumnumberofsiliquaeplant<sup>-1</sup>wasinthevarietyJ-5004whichwasidenticalwiththevarietyTori-7.Thelowestnumberofsiliquaeplant<sup>-1</sup>(45.9)wasfoundinthevarietySS-75.

Sharma(1992)atGwalior(ModhaProdes,India)observedsignificantlyhighernumberofsili  
quaeincv.Kranti(281.9plant<sup>-1</sup>)ascomparedtocv.Varun(226.7plant<sup>-1</sup>).



Similarly Yadav *et al.* (1994) also quoted that number of siliquae plant<sup>-1</sup> was higher in cv. Vaibhav (363) as compared to cv. Varuna (257). Divya recorded significantly higher number of siliquae (132 plant<sup>-1</sup>) over cv. GM-2 (97 plant<sup>-1</sup>). Sharma *et al.* (1997) emphasized that mustard cv. RH-819 exhibited significantly higher number of siliquae (421.3 plant<sup>-1</sup>) over RH30 (348.9 plant<sup>-1</sup>).

Laxminarayana and Poornachand (2001) observed that cv. Kranti recorded significantly higher number of siliquae (260 plant<sup>-1</sup>) over cv. Divya (208 plant<sup>-1</sup>). Singh *et al.* (2001) observed that number of siliquae (plant<sup>-1</sup>) was significantly higher in cv. Pusa Bold (257) as compared to cv. TS9 (198). Rana and Pachauri (2001) quoted that number of siliquae plant<sup>-1</sup> were recorded significantly higher in cv. TERI (OE) R15 (285) as compared to cv. Bio902 (238).

Kumar *et al.* (2008) suggested that the number of siliquae plant<sup>-1</sup> in *Brassica* species were significantly higher in *B. carinata* cv. Kiran (277) as compared to *B. napus* cv. GSL-1 (219), *B. juncea* cv. Kranti (215), *B. juncea* cv. Urvarshi (206), *B. napus* cv. Hyola-401 (131), and *B. campestris* cv. NDYS-2 (66). In Mymensingh (Bangladesh), Afroz *et al.* (2011) observed significantly higher number of siliquae plant<sup>-1</sup> in cv. BARISarisha-9 (153.3) as compared to cv. BARISarisha-6 (138.8). Kumari *et al.* (2012) observed that hybrid DMH-1 recorded significantly higher number of siliquae (342 plant<sup>-1</sup>) over hybrid NRCHB-506 (286 plant<sup>-1</sup>) and cv. Kranti (235 plant<sup>-1</sup>).

#### 2.1.4 Siliqua length

The shortest pod length (4.62 cm) was found in the hybrid Semu-249/84 which was identical to those of Semu-DNK\_89/218, AGH-7 and Tori-7. The longest pod (8.07 cm) was found in BLN-900 and Hyola-401 (Jahan and Zakaria, 1997).

Masood *et al.* (1999) found significant genetic variation in pod length among seven genotypes of *B. campestris* and a cultivar of *B. napus*. Similar result for pod length was observed by Lebowitz (1989) and Olsson (1990).

Akhter (2005) reported that the variety BARISarisha-8 showed longest siliqua length (7.30 cm) with harvesting at 100 days which was similar with the same variety harvested at 90 days (7.13 cm).

Hossain *et al.* (1996) stated that the varieties of rapeseed differed significantly in respect of siliqua length. The longer siliqua was found in hybrid BGN-900 (7.75 cm) that was similar to Hyole-101, Sampad, Dhali and Hyola-51.

### 2.1.5 Number of seeds siliqua<sup>-1</sup>

Akhter (2005) reported that variations in number of seeds siliqua<sup>-1</sup> among the varieties were found statistically significant. The highest number of seeds siliqua<sup>-1</sup> (23.80) was found from BARISarisha-8 and the lowest was recorded as 10.78 from BARISarisha-11. The variety BARISarisha-10 and BARISarisha-7 showed the number of seeds siliqua<sup>-1</sup> as 12.64 and 22.03 respectively.

Mamun *et al.* (2014) found that the number of seeds siliqua<sup>-1</sup> contributes considerably towards the final seed yield. The number of seeds siliqua<sup>-1</sup> differed significantly among varieties but not for plant densities, while the interaction effect of variety × plant density was significant. Highest number of seeds siliqua<sup>-1</sup> (25.36) was obtained from BARISarisha-13 and BARISarisha-16 obtained the lowest (14.95).

Hossain *et al.* (2012) found that the number of seeds pod<sup>-1</sup> also varied significantly among the varieties due to boron (B) application. The average number of seeds pod<sup>-1</sup> ranged from 12.00 to 20.67 and 13.22 to 27.44 in the Buntreated and treated plots, respectively. The maximum number of seeds pod<sup>-1</sup> (27.44) was recorded in B treated BARISarisha-8.

Sharma (1992) observed that number of seeds siliqua<sup>-1</sup> recorded significantly higher in cv. Kranti (15.0) over cv. Krishna (11.8). Tyagi *et al.* (1995) reported that cv. Laxmi produced significantly higher number of seeds (12 siliqua<sup>-1</sup>) followed by cv. RH-30 and Varuna Yadav *et al.* (1994) revealed that number of seeds (siliqua<sup>-1</sup>) recorded significantly higher in cv. Rohini (14.6) compared to cv. Vardan (13.5). Sharma *et al.* (1997) observed that number of seeds siliqua<sup>-1</sup> recorded significantly higher in cv. RH819 (12.5) over RH30 (11.3). Singh *et al.* (2001) reported that among the cultivars tested, cv. Pusa Bold recorded higher number of seeds (14.0 siliqua<sup>-1</sup>) as compared to Local cultivar (11.2 siliqua<sup>-1</sup>).

Rana and Pachauri (2001) quoted that the cv. TERI (OE) R15 exhibited significantly higher number of seeds (18.0 siliqua<sup>-1</sup>) as compared to cv. Bio902 (13.7 siliqua<sup>-1</sup>). Singh

*etal.* (2002) reported that cv. Laxmi recorded significantly higher number of seeds (13 siliqua<sup>-1</sup>) over cv. BSH1 (11 siliqua<sup>-1</sup>).

Kumari *et al.* (2008) reported that the number of seeds siliqua<sup>-1</sup> in *Brassica* species were found significantly greater in *B. campestris* cv. NDYS-2 (24) as compared to *B. napus* cv. Hyola-401 (21), *B. napus* cv. GSL-1 (14), *B. carinata* cv. Kiran (12) and *B. juncea* cv. Kranti (11), *B. juncea* cv. Urvarshi (11). Afroz *et al.* (2011) conducted a field experiment and observed that significantly higher number of effective seeds siliqua<sup>-1</sup> were found in cv. BARISarisha-6 (20.6) as compared to cv. BARISarisha-9 (13.5). Kumari *et al.* (2012) observed that hybrid DMH-1 recorded significantly higher number of seeds (13.8 siliqua<sup>-1</sup>) over hybrid NRCHB-506 (13.6 siliqua<sup>-1</sup>) and cv. Kranti (11.7 siliqua<sup>-1</sup>).

### 2.1.6 1000-seed weight

Mondal and Wahab (2001) found that weight of 1000 seeds of rapeseed and mustard varied from variety to variety and species to species. They found thousand seed weight 2.50-2.65 g in case of improved Tori-7 (*B. campestris*) and 1.50-1.80 g in case of Rai5 (*B. napus*).

Yeasmin (2013) studied that the significantly highest yield was showed by BARISarisha-9 (1448.20 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>). The significantly lowest yield was with BARISarisha-15 (1270.10 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>).

Karim *et al.* (2000) reported that the varieties showed significant difference in weight of thousand seeds. They found higher weight of 1000 seeds in J-4008 (3.50 g), J-3023 (3.43 g), J-3018 (3.42 g).

Akhter (2005) reported that the highest weight of 1000 seeds (3.8 g) was recorded from BARISarisha-7 with harvesting the crop at 90 days. The lowest 1000 seed weight (2.63 g) was recorded from BARISarisha-10 with harvesting at 100 days, which was similar with the same variety harvesting at 90 and 110 days.

Sharma (1992) observed that 1000-seed weight was significantly higher in cv. Pusa Bold (6.31 g) over cv. Varuna (5.26 g). Yadav *et al.* (1994) quoted that 1000-seed weight recorded higher in cv. Rohini (4.9 g) compared to cv. Vaibhav (4.6 g). Tyagi *et al.* (1995) revealed that cv. RH-30 exhibited significantly higher 1000-seed weight

(6.5g) followed by cv. Varuna (5.6g) and Laxmi (5.3g). Sharma *et al.* (1997) concluded that 1000-seed weight recorded significantly higher in cv. RH30 (6.66g) over cv. RH-819 (4.70g). Rana and Pachauri (2001) suggested that cv. Bio 902 recorded higher 1000-seed weight (3.16g) compared to cv. TERI(OE)R15 (2.18g). Singh *et al.* (2001) observed that cv. Pusa Bold recorded higher 1000-seed weight (4.48g) as compared to local cultivar (3.55g). Similarly, Singh *et al.* (2002) recorded significantly higher 1000-seed weight in cv. RH30 (6.2g) over cv. Varuna (5.6g).

Kumar *et al.* (2008) reported that 1000-seed weight in *Brassica* species were found significantly greater in *B. juncea* cv. Urvarshi (4.57g) as compared to *B. carinata* cv. Karan (4.43g), *B. juncea* cv. Kranti (3.88g), *B. campestris* cv. N DYS-2 (3.78g), *B. napus* cv. Hyola-401 (3.36g) and *B. napus* cv. GSL-1 (2.91g). Afroz *et al.* (2011) observed significantly higher 1000-seed weight in cv. BARISarisha-9 (2.76g) as compared to cv. BARISarisha-6 (2.68g). Kumari *et al.* (2012) revealed that hybrid DMH-1 recorded significantly higher 1000-seed weight (4.11g) over hybrid NRCHB-506 (3.82g) and cv. Kranti (3.52g).

### **2.1.7 Seedyield**

Yadav *et al.* (2018) conducted during rabi season of 2014 on the topic titled "Effect of planting geometry on growth and yield of mustard [*Brassica juncea* (L.) Varieties] in sandy loam soil of N.D. University of Agriculture and Technology, Kumarganj, Faizabad (Uttar Pradesh, India). The experimental comprised of three planting geometry viz., 40×15cm, 40×20cm, 40×25cm and three varieties viz., Varuna, Vardan and NDR-8501. Results revealed that planting geometry of 40×15cm produced significantly higher yield.

Akhter (2005) conducted an experiment at the Agronomy Field, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Dhaka, from November 2004 to February 2005 to observe the effect of harvesting time on shattering, yield and oil content of rapeseed and mustard. The highest seedyield (1.78 t ha<sup>-1</sup>) was recorded from BARISarisha-7 with 100 days of harvesting that was similar (1.57 t ha<sup>-1</sup>) with BARISarisha-11 harvested on 110 days. The lowest yield (1.04 t ha<sup>-1</sup>) was shown by BARISarisha-8 that harvested earlier.

Rahman(2002)statedthatyieldvariationexistedamongthevarietieswhereasthehighestyield wasobservedinBARISarisha-7,BARISarisha-8andBARISarisha-11(2.00-2.50tha<sup>-1</sup>)andthelowestyieldinvarietyTori-7(0.95-1.10tha<sup>-1</sup>).

IslamandMahfuza(2012)conductedanexperimentattheresearchfieldofAgronomyDivision, BARI,Joydebpur,Gazipurduringrabiseasonof2010-2011.BARISarisha- 11producedthehighestseedyield(1472kg<sup>ha</sup><sup>-1</sup>)whileBARISarisha-14thelowest(1252 kg <sup>ha</sup><sup>-1</sup>).The highestseedyieldwasrecordedatmaturitystage (1480kg <sup>ha</sup><sup>-1</sup>)anddecreasedtowardsgreensiliquestage.

Mamun<sup>etal.</sup>(2014)conductedanexperimentandtheyindicatedtheresultthatvariety,plantden sityandtheirinteractionhadsignificanteffectonseedyield.Meanscomparisonshowedthatthe most(1.35tha<sup>-1</sup>)andtheleastseedyield(0.92tha<sup>-1</sup>)werebelongedtotheplothavingBARISarisha-13andBARISarisha-15,respectively.

Mendhamet <sup>al.</sup>(1990) showed that seedyield was variabledueto varietaldifferenceinspeciesof*B.napus*.SimilarfindingswerenoticedbyChayandThurling(1 989),andSharaanandGowad (1986).

Afroz<sup>etal.</sup> (2011)conductedanexperimentatthe AgronomyField,BangladeshAgriculturalUniversity,Mymensingh duringthe periodfromNovember2007toMarch2008tostudythe effect ofsowingdate and seedrateon theyieldandyield componentsoftwomustardvarieties.Thehighestseedyield(1.53tha<sup>-1</sup>)wasrecordedin10Novembersowingandthelowestonewasachievedin30Novembersowing .Seedratehadalsosignificanteffectonplantheight,branchesplant<sup>-1</sup>,podspant<sup>-1</sup>,effectivepodspant<sup>-1</sup>,podlength,numberofseedspod<sup>-1</sup>andseed yield.

## **2.2Saltstressinrelationtogrowth,yield andyieldattributes**

SharmaandSingh(1993)conductedafielddexperimenton*Brassicajuncea*andobservedthaton eirrigationattherossettstagegavesignificantlygreaterrelativegrowthrate,branchesandpods /plantandseedandstrawyiieldscomparedwithoneirrigationatpodformationstageandunirrigat edtreatments.

Ashraf<sup>etal.</sup>(2002) conducteda fieldexperimenton*Brassicajuncea*andobservedthatcultivarsSheiralle,Peelaraya,Chakwali rayaandRL-18producesignificantlygreater

plantheight,highernumberofpodsonthemainbranchandyieldperplotthanothercultivarsunderallsalinitytreatments.

KumarandRathore(2002)revealedthattheseedyield61.3%andtestweight22.6%reducedat10.5dSm<sup>-1</sup>salinitylevel.

Verma*et al.*(2003)conductedafielddexperimenttostudytheyieldandyieldcontributingcharactersofmustardcultivarsPusaBold,T-59,PCR-7,Kranti,Bio-902andRS-30underdifferentsalinitylevel(0.25,2.50,5.00,7.50and10.00dSm<sup>-1</sup>)ofirrigationwater.ThehighestseedyieldwasrecordedinKranti,T-59showedthehighestmeansalinityindexandhighelctricalconductivityvalueand50%yieldreduction.

Das*et al.*(2004)reportedthatathighersalinitylevel,germinationpercentage,plantheightandseedyieldperplantdecreased.Daystogermination,daystofloweringanddaystomaturityalsodecreased.Itwasfurtherobservedthattheeffectofsalinitywasmoreprominentuptothefloweringstage,butgraduallydecreased.

HumariaandRafiqAhmad(2004)observedthatplantheight,numberofleaves,numberofbranchesperplant,siliquaweight,numberandweightofseedperplantdecreasedbyincreasingsalinitylevelofirrigationwater.

Muhammad*et al.*(2004)observedthatplantheightandflowerinitiationweresignificantlydecreasedwithincreaseinsaltconcentration.

Ahuja*et al.* (1989) reportedthatoilcontentofmatureseeds decreasedsteadilywiththeincreaseinthelevelsofsalinityinallthe*Brassic*species.

Hasni*et al.*(1995)reportedthatthesalinityincreasedNa,Cl,KandMgcontentsbutdecreasedCaandPcontents.

Mishra*et al.*(1995)concludedpotexperimenton*B.juncea*andobservedthatproteincontentinseeddecreasedbysalinity.

Porcelli*et al.* (1995)reportedthatassoilsodiumabsorptionratioincreasedK:Na ratioin*B.napus*plantsdecreasedandplantscouldnotmaintaintheircalciumconcentrationathighsalinity.

Gundalia *et al.* (1995) observed that the plant height, straw and grain yield as well as Na and K content and Na/K ratio were severely affected by salinity levels. Low Na contents and Na/K ratio were associated with high salinity tolerance.

Thakra *et al.* (1998) evaluated that K:Na ratio decreased and protein content increased under salt stress compared to controls in *B. juncea*.

Garg *et al.* (1999) observed that genotypes sensitive to salt stress had higher concentrations of Na and low concentration K in Indian mustard.

Kwon *et al.*

(1999) concluded that salinity tolerance was associated with Na<sup>+</sup> exclusion, the selective uptake of K<sup>+</sup> over Na<sup>+</sup> and the maintenance of higher K:Na ratios in growing leaves and stems.

Jamil and Rha, (2013) conducted an experiment to seed germination and early seedling growth, photosynthesis and protein activity of mustard were investigated under salt stress. The NaCl concentrations in Hoagland solution were 0 (control), 50, 100 and 150 mM. Percentage of seed germination, germination rate, length, and fresh weight of these seedlings decreased significantly under salinity. Salt concentrations significantly reduced leaf area and number of leaves while salinity showed a non-significant effect on leaf water content. Chlorophyll content enhanced considerably with the increasing NaCl concentration. In contrast, non-photochemical quenching coefficient increased significantly with increasing NaCl concentration. Net CO<sub>2</sub> assimilation, stomatal conductance, transpiration rate, and intrinsic water-use efficiency decreased remarkably with increasing NaCl concentration while water use efficiency increased at 50 mM NaCl but then reduced. There was an increase in the concentration of total protein content with the corresponding increase in NaCl level up to 100 mM.

Sharma *et al.* (2013) carried out in order to test the effect of salinity on germination traits and seedling growth in 25 Indian mustard (*Brassica juncea*) genotypes. The results revealed statistically significant effects of salinity (EC 12 dS m<sup>-1</sup>) on germination traits as well as growth characteristics of seedlings. Genotypic responses were significant for germination percentage, speed of germination, germination index, and relative germination rate, which were all generally regarded by salt stress.

However, the mean germination time increased under saline conditions. Decline in root/shoot ratio and dry matter of seedlings was observed under salinity. Six mustard genotypes were

characterized by significantly higher tolerance index for root growth. Significant correlation existed between tolerance index and shoot length, dry matter and also salt tolerance efficiency. Based on the results, the genotypes RB-10 and PR-2004-2 were identified as highly tolerant and NDR-05-01, PBR-300, RK-05-01, NPJ-93, PDR-1188 and RGN-145 as moderately tolerant to salt stress.

Uddin *et al.* (2005) carried out at the Bangladesh Institute of Nuclear Agriculture (BINA), Mymensingh, to evaluate salinity tolerance of mustard/rape seed cultivars viz., Binasarisha-5, Binasarisha-6 and Safal during October 2003 to January 2004. Salinity levels were 4, 6, 8 and 10 dSm<sup>-1</sup> with a control (0.43 dSm<sup>-1</sup>). Plant height, leaf area, total dry matter, number of siliqua per plant, number of seeds per siliqua, 1000-seed weight and harvest index were decreased with the increase of salinity compared to control. Na<sup>+</sup> content in leaves increased but K<sup>+</sup> content decreased with the increase of salinity. Binasarisha-6 showed the highest number of siliqua, seed yield per plant, harvest index, higher Na<sup>+</sup> and medium K<sup>+</sup> content in leaves and Binasarisha-5 showed the highest number of seeds per siliqua, 1000-seed weight, lower Na<sup>+</sup> and higher K<sup>+</sup> content in leaves under the salinity levels. On the other hand, Safal showed the lowest number of seeds per siliqua, seed yield, higher Na<sup>+</sup> and the lowest K<sup>+</sup> content in leaves. Binasarisha-6 and Binasarisha-5 were found to be tolerant and Safal was less tolerant to imposed salinity.

Hossain *et al.* (2020) conducted an experiment to investigate the identification of salt tolerant mustard genotypes and better understanding the mechanism of salinity tolerance. Salt stress significantly reduced relative water content (RWC), chlorophyll (Chl) content, K<sup>+</sup> and K<sup>+</sup>/Na<sup>+</sup> ratio, photosynthetic rate (PN), transpiration rate (Tr), stomatal conductance (gs), intercellular CO<sub>2</sub> concentration (Ci) and increased the level of proline (Pro) and lipid peroxidation (MDA) contents, Na<sup>+</sup>, superoxide and hydrogen peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) in both tolerant and sensitive mustard genotypes. The tolerant genotypes maintained higher protein and lower lipid peroxidation content than the salt sensitive genotypes under stress condition. The activities of superoxide dismutase (SOD), catalase (CAT), peroxidase (POD), glutathione peroxidase (GPX), monodehydroascorbate reductase (MDHAR) and dehydroascorbate reductase (DHAR) were increased with increasing salinity in salt tolerant genotypes, BJ-1603, BARISarisha-



11 and BARISarisha-

16, but the activities were unchanged in salt sensitive genotype, BARISarisha-

14. Besides, the increment of ascorbate peroxidase (APX)

activity was higher in salt sensitive genotypes as compared to tolerant ones. However, the activities of glutathione reductase (GR) and glutathione S-transferase (GST) were increased sharply at stress conditions in tolerant genotypes as compared to sensitive genotype. Higher accumulation of protein along with improved physiological and biochemical parameters as well as reduced oxidative damage by up-regulation of antioxidant defense systems are the mechanisms of salt tolerance in selected mustard genotypes, BJ-1603 and BARISarisha-16.

Kumar *et al.* (2005) carried out with *Brassica juncea* cv. RH-30 to study the effect of salinity on various physiological characteristics and use of phosphatic and sulphur fertilizer to mitigate the salinity effects. Under saline irrigation, plant height and dry weight of leaves declined over non-saline control. Fertilizer applied in combined form ( $60 \text{ kg P ha}^{-1} + 30 \text{ kg S ha}^{-1}$ ) exhibited maximum alleviation of the adverse effects of salinity. Salt stress showed significant reduction in plant water status in terms of relative water content, water potential and osmotic potential. Application of both phosphorus and sulphur improved the water status but the higher level of sulphur ( $30 \text{ kg S ha}^{-1}$ ) showed poor response. Yield and its attributes adversely affected by salinity. Both phosphorus and sulphur improved the yield under salinity up to some extent however the combination of two fertilizers proved better in reviving the yield characters.



## Chapter 3

# Materials and Methods

## **Chapter III MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The experiment was undertaken in November, 2019 to February 2020 at the greenhouse of Agro Environmental Chemistry Laboratory of Agricultural Chemistry Department, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Dhaka, Bangladesh to study the effects of salt stress on germination, growth, yield and ions content of mustard. The materials and methods followed during the entire period of the experiment are described in this chapter.

### **3.1 Site of the experiment**

It is located at 90°22' E longitude and 23°41' N latitude at an altitude of 8.6 meters above the sea level. The land belongs to Agro-ecological zone of Modhupur Tract, AEZ-28 which is shown in Appendix I

### **3.2 Materials**

#### **3.2.1 Seed**

The high yielding varieties of mustard are SAU Sarisha-1 and BARI Sarisha-9 developed by Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Dhaka and the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI), Joydebpur, Gazipur, respectively and were used as an experimental planting material. The seeds were collected from Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University (SAU), Dhaka and Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI), Joydebpur, Gazipur.

#### **3.2.2 Fertilizers**

The recommended doses of urea as a source of Nitrogen (N), Triple superphosphate (TSP) as a source of phosphorus (P), Muriate of Potash (MoP) as a source of Potash (K), Gypsum as a source of Sulphur (S) and Boric acid as a source of Boron (B) were added to the soil of experimental pots.

### **3.3 Experimental design**

The experiment was set in Completely Randomized Design (CRD) having two factors with three replications.

Factor1: Varieties-2(V<sub>1</sub>-SAUSarisha-1and V<sub>2</sub>-

BARISarisha9)Factor2:Salinitylevels-5(0,3,6,9 and12dSm<sup>-1</sup>)

Replication:3

The two varieties

in combination with five salinity levels were randomly assigned to 30 experimental pots.

### 3.4 Salinity treatments

The five salinity treatments were 0 (control), 3, 6, 9 and 12 dSm<sup>-1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>. The different salinity levels were obtained by dissolving commercial salt (NaCl) at the rate of 640 mg per liter distilled water for 1 dSm<sup>-1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> salinity level. The control *i.e.* 0 was maintained using distilled water only.

### 3.5 Collection and preparation of soil

The soil of the experiment were collected from Sher-e-

Bangla Agricultural University (SAU) farm. The soil was non-

calcareous Red Brown Terraces soil with loamy texture belonging to the AEZ28 (Madhupur

Tract). The collected soil was pulverized and

inert materials, visible insect pest and plant propagules were removed. The soil was dried in the sun, crushed carefully and thoroughly mixed.

### 3.6 Pot preparation

An amount of 8 kg soil was taken in each pot. The required number of plastic pots having 24 cm top, 18 cm bottom diameter and 22 cm depth were collected from the local market and cleaned before use. There were altogether 30 pots comprising 5 salinity levels to two mustard cultivars with 3 replications. Fertilizer and NaCl salt application to soil was done before filling the pots. Water was added to the pot to bring the soil to saturation.

### 3.7 Sowing of seeds

The chemical fertilizers *i.e.*, 25 g Urea, 19 g Triple Super Phosphate (TSP), 19 g Muriate of Potash (MoP), 16 g Gypsum and 5 g Boric acid were added for N, P, K, S and B in each pot. The whole amount of TSP, MoP, Gypsum, Boric acid and 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of urea were applied before the final preparation of the pots. To develop 0, 3, 6, 9 and 12 dSm<sup>-1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> salinity 0 g, 1.92 g, 3.84 g, 5.76 g and 7.68 g NaCl dissolving per liter water were applied to every plot. Thereafter the pots containing soil were moistened with water.

Mustard seeds were sown on 08 November 2019 in pots. The electric conductivity (EC) of each pot was measured every day with an EC meter and necessary adjustments were made by adding water. The remaining 2/3<sup>rd</sup> urea were top dressed at two equal divisions after 20 and 45 days of seed sowing.

### **3.8 Irrigation**

Water given when necessary to maintain the soil moisture at zoe condition.

### **3.9 Cropsamplinganddatacollection**

Cropsamplinganddatacollectionweredonebeforeandafterharvestingtheplants

### **3.10 Harvestingandthreshing**

To analyze the yield and yield contributing characters, crop was harvested when 80% of the siliquae in terminal raceme turned creamy white in color. Harvesting was started on February 18 and completed on February 21, 2020. For yield calculation per pot was selected for harvesting. The harvested crops were tied into bundles and carried to the threshing floor. The crop bundles were sun-dried by spreading those on the threshing floor. These seeds were separated from the plants by beating the bundles with bamboo sticks.

### **3.11 Dryingandweighing**

Seeds and stoves thus collected were dried in the sun for a couple of days. Dried seeds and stoves of each pot were weighed.

### **3.12 Datacollection**

Some data were collected after growing seed, some data were collected at harvesting stage and final data collection was done after harvesting. The sample plants were uprooted prior to harvest and dried properly in the sun. These seed yield and stoves yield per pot were recorded after cleaning and drying those properly in the sun. Data were collected on the following parameters:

#### **3.12.1 Germinationpercentage**

Germination percentage was determined by the following formula: Germination percentage (G%) =  $n/N \times 100$ ,

Where n is the number of germinated seed at the fourth day; N is the number of total seeds

### **3.12.2 Population density**

The data on population density were collected from each pot. The number was counted population of mustard.

### **3.12.3 Plant height**

Plant height in cm was measured at harvest. The height of the plant was measured by scale considering the distance from the soil surface to the tip of the randomly ten selected plants and mean value was calculated for each treatment.

### **3.12.4 Branches plant<sup>-1</sup>**

Branches plant<sup>-1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> was counted at harvest of mustard plants. Mean value of data were recalculated and recorded.

### **3.12.5 Total dry matter**

Total dry matter of plant at harvest was calculated by aggregating the dry matter weight of leaves, stems, roots, siliqua cover and other immature reproductive parts.

### **3.12.6 siliqua plant<sup>-1</sup>**

Number of total siliqua **Cropsampling and data collection** of ten plants from each unit plot was noted and the mean number was expressed as per plant basis.

### **3.12.7 Length of siliqua**

The length of 10 siliqua from each sample was collected randomly and the mean number was expressed as per siliqua basis (cm).

### **3.12.8 Number of seeds siliqua<sup>-1</sup>**

Number of total seeds of ten randomly sampled siliqua from each plot was noted and the mean number was expressed as per siliqua basis.

### **3.12.9 Seed Yield**

After threshing, cleaning and drying, total seed from harvested pots were recorded as gm/pots.

## **3.13 Analysis of different chemical constituents of mustard plants samples**

### **i) Grinding: Oven-**

dried of plant samples were ground in a Wiley Hammer Mill, passed through 40 mesh screens, mixed well and stored in plastic vials.

### **ii. Digestion of plant samples with sulphuric acid for N**

For the determination of nitrogen an amount of 0.5 g oven-dry, ground sample were taken in a microkjeldahl flask. 1 g catalyst mixture (K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>:CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O:Se in the

ratio of 100:10: 1), and 10 mL conc.  $H_2SO_4$  were added. The flasks were heated at  $160^\circ C$  and added 2 mL  $H_2O_2$  then heating was continued at  $360^\circ C$  until the digest becomes clear and colorless. After cooling, the content was taken into a 100 mL volumetric flask and the volume was made up to the mark with de-ionized water. A reagent blank was prepared in a similar manner. Nitrogen in the digest was estimated by distilling the digest with 10 N NaOH followed by titration of the distillate trapped in  $H_3BO_3$  indicator solution with 0.01 N  $H_2SO_4$ .

The amount of N was calculated using the following formula:

$$\% N = (T - B) \times N \times 0.014 \times 100 / S$$

Where,

T = Sample titration (ml) value of standard  $H_2SO_4$  B = B

lank titration (ml) value of standard  $H_2SO_4$  N = Strength

of  $H_2SO_4$

S = Sample weight in gram

### iii) Determination of Na and K

1 g oven-dry, ground sample of mustard plant was analyzed to determine the amount of Na and K contents therein. Na and K contents analyses were conducted on Di-acid mixture (Conc.  $HNO_3$ : 60%  $HClO_4$  = 2:1) through wet oxidation method. Then the contents of Na and K were measured by Flame Photometer (JENWAY, PFP7).

### 3.14 Statistical analysis

The collected data were analyzed statistically following CRD design by MSTAT-C computer package programs developed by Gomez, K. A. and Gomez, A. A. (1986). The treatment means were compared by Duncan's Multiple Range Test (DMRT) and regression analysis were performed as and where necessary.





## Chapter 4

# Results and Discussion

## CHAPTER IV RESULTS

### AND DISCUSSION

Two mustard varieties (SAU Sarisha-1 and BARISarisha9) have been selected for present experiment in order to observe the effects of salt stress on germination, growth, yield and ions content of mustard. The levels of salinity 0, 3, 6, 9 and 12 dS m<sup>-1</sup> were chosen in order to get more frequency for having a precise effect of salinity levels.

#### 4.1 Germination percentage of seeds

There was significant difference among the varieties of mustard in the germination percentage of seeds. The germination percentage of seeds (86.80%) was found in varieties of mustard BARISarisha9 (V<sub>2</sub>) and the germination percentage of seedling (80.93%) was found in varieties of mustard SAU Sarisha-1 (V<sub>1</sub>) (Table 1).

There was significant variation in germination percentage of seeds due to different levels of salinity. The maximum germination percentage of seedlings (91.67%) was recorded from 0 dS m<sup>-1</sup>.

The minimum germination percentage of seedlings (77.33%) was recorded at 12 dS m<sup>-1</sup> (Table 1). Salinity prevents water imbibition, thereby inhibiting the initial process of seed germination (Othman 2005).

The combined effect of different varieties and levels of salinity on germination percentage of seedlings was found to be significant. Data in Table 1 show that, the germination percentage of seeds was a maximum (96.005) in BARISarisha9 with 0 dS m<sup>-1</sup>, while it was minimum (71.33%) in SAU Sarisha-1 with 12 dS m<sup>-1</sup> level of salinity.

#### 4.2 Population density

Significant variation was observed on population density throughout the growing period for different varietal treatments (Table 1). The highest plant population (14.67) was observed in BARISarisha 9. The lowest number of plant population (12) was observed in SAU Sarisha-1.

There was significant variation observed on population density per pot due to salinity levels (Table 1). The highest plant population (19.17) was recorded at 0 dS m<sup>-1</sup> and it gradually decreased with increasing the salinity level at 12 dS m<sup>-1</sup> and lowest plant population (6.45) was observed at 12 dS m<sup>-1</sup>.

**Table 1. Effect of mustard varieties and different salinity levels with their interaction on germination percentage and plant population of mustard**

Variety	Salinity levels (dSm <sup>-1</sup> )	Germination%	Plant population pot <sup>-1</sup>
Effect of variety			
SAUSarisha-1		80.93	12.00
BARISarisha9		86.80	14.67
CV(%)		9.75	5.82
Effect of salinity			
	0	91.67 a	19.17 a
	3	86.33 ab	17.39 ab
	6	82.67 bc	14.00 bc
	9	81.33 bc	9.67 cd
	12	77.33 c	6.45 d
Level of significance		*	*
LSD <sub>(0.05)</sub>		5.86	4.70
CV(%)		9.75	5.82
Interaction effect of variety and salinity			
SAUSarisha-1	0	87.33 ab	18.67 ab
	3	80.00 bc	16.67 abc
	6	86.00 ab	13.00 bcd
	9	80.00 bc	7.67 de
	12	71.33 c	4.00 e
BARISarisha9	0	96.00 a	19.67 a
	3	92.67 ab	18.11 ab
	6	79.33 bc	15.00 abc
	9	82.67 abc	11.67 cd
	12	83.33 abc	8.90 de
Level of significance		*	*
LSD <sub>(0.05)</sub>		13.92	5.86
CV(%)		9.75	5.82

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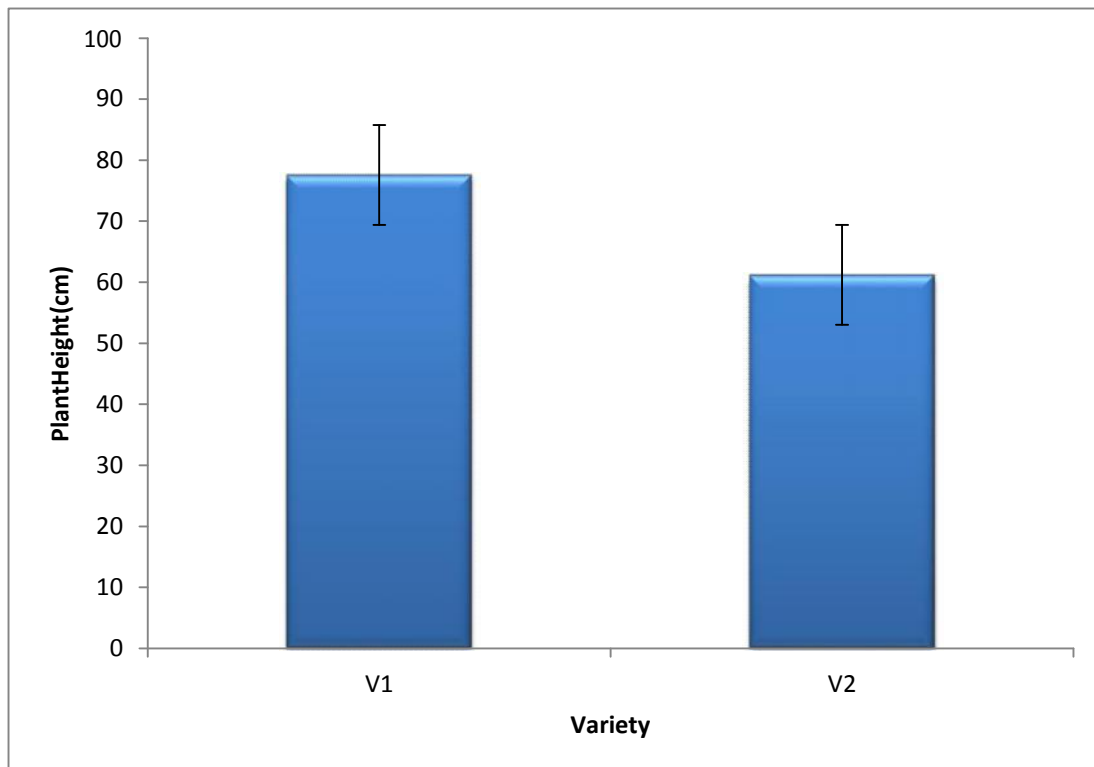
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The interaction effect of variety and salinity on number of plant population was statistically significant (Table 1). The maximum plant population (19.67) was found from BARISarisha9 with  $0\text{dSm}^{-1}$  level of salinity and minimum number of plant population (4.00) from SAUSarisha-1 with  $12\text{dSm}^{-1}$  level of salinity.

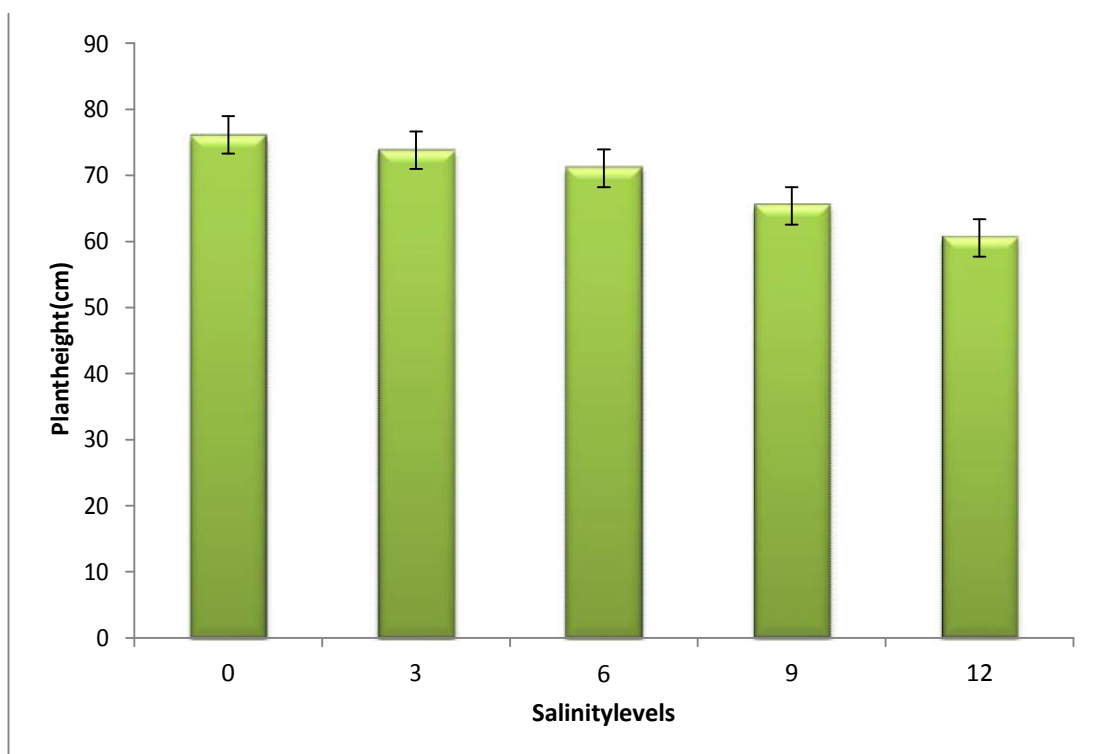
### 4.3 Plantheight

Plantheight was influenced by variety. The tallest plant (77.57 cm) was found in varieties SAUSarisha-1 and the shortest (61.19 cm) plant was in BARISarisha9 (Appendix-II for data). Probably the genetic makeup of varieties was responsible for the variation in plantheight. This confirms the reports of BINA (1992), Shamsuddin *et al.* (1988) was found that plantheight differed due to varietal variation. Ali and Rahman (1988) and Mondal *et al.* (1992) also observed that significant variation in plantheight of different varieties of rapeseed and mustard.

The plantheight of the mustard was significantly influenced by different salinity levels. The highest plantheight (76.13 cm) was observed at  $0\text{dSm}^{-1}$  and it gradually decreased with increasing the salinity level (Figure 2). The shortest plant (60.54) was found in  $12\text{dSm}^{-1}$  (Appendix-II for data). Salinity might be due to osmotic inhibition, toxic effect of ions and nutritional imbalance of elements by lowering down the uptake of essential nutrient elements and finally culminate in decreased growth (Levitt, 1992). The results are also in accordance with the findings of Strogonov (1964), Poljakoff-Mayber and Gale (1975), Ashraf and Rasul (1988).



**Figure1.Effectof varietiesontheplantheightofmustard**



**Figure2.Effectofdifferent salinitylevelsontheplantheightofmustard**

In combined effect of varieties and salinity levels was significantly influenced on plant height. The plant height of different mustard varieties significantly decreased with increasing the salinity levels (Table 2). The highest plant height (85.60 cm) was found in SAU Sarisha-1 with  $0 \text{ dSm}^{-1}$  and the lowest plant height (52.83 cm) was found in BARI Sarisha 9 with  $12 \text{ dSm}^{-1}$  levels of salinity. Reduced plant height under salinity might be due to inhibited cell division and cell enlargement. Javaid *et al.* (2002) reported that plant height of mustard genotypes was decreased by higher level of salinity. Choi *et al.* (2003) observed that the plant height decreased in the 0.5% saline water in the soil. Khan *et al.* (1997) conducting a pot experiment with three mustard varieties reported that plant height was seriously decreased by salinity. During vegetative period, the salinity effect was stunting of plant growth, whereas leaf withering was less apparent (Alam *et al.*, 2001).

#### 4.4 Number of branches plant<sup>-1</sup>

The number of branch plant<sup>-1</sup> was influenced by variety. Varietal effects on the formation of total number of branches are shown in Figure 3. BARI Sarisha 9 achieved maximum branch (1.98), whereas the minimum branch (1.45) production was observed in SAU Sarisha-1 (Appendix-II for data). Mamun *et al.* (2014) reported that BARI Sarisha-15 performed well in terms of branches plant<sup>-1</sup> (6.14).

Number of branch plant<sup>-1</sup> was significantly influenced by different salinity level (Figure 4). The maximum number of branch plant<sup>-1</sup> (3.78) was produced at  $0 \text{ dSm}^{-1}$  and the minimum number of branches plant<sup>-1</sup> (0.22) was produced at  $12 \text{ dSm}^{-1}$  salinity levels (Appendix-II for data). The number of branches plant<sup>-1</sup> gradually decreased with increasing the salinity level.

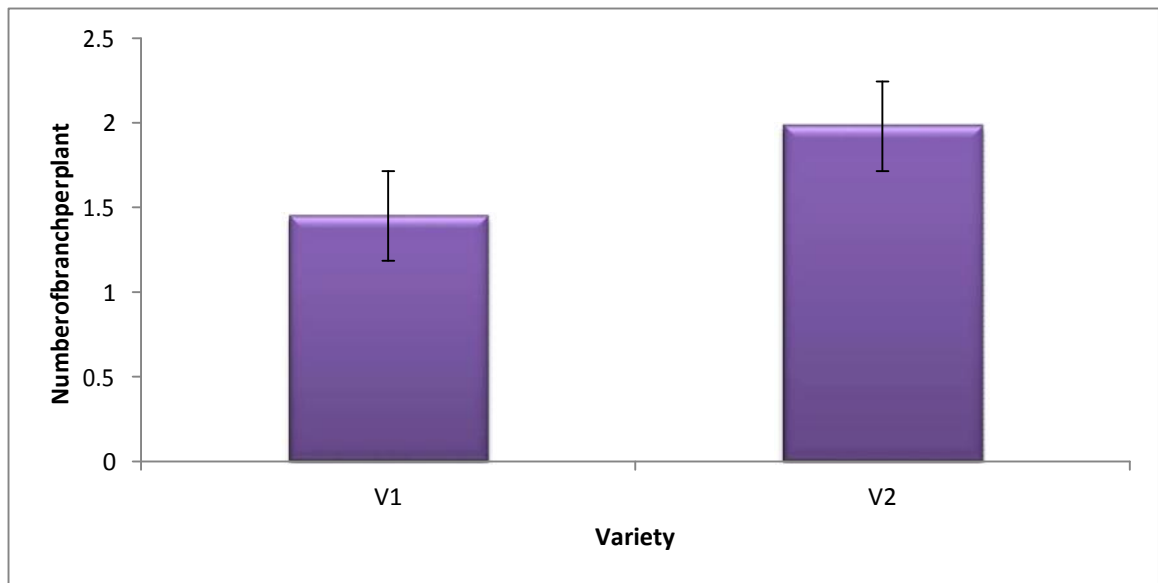
The combined effect of variety and different salinity levels were statistically significant at harvest (Table 2). The maximum total number of branches plant<sup>-1</sup> (3.78) was found from BARI Sarisha 9 at  $0 \text{ dSm}^{-1}$  and minimum total number of branches plant<sup>-1</sup> (0.33) from SAU Sarisha-1 at  $12 \text{ dSm}^{-1}$  salinity level.

**Table 2. Combined effect of mustard varieties and different salinity levels on plant height and number of branch and total dry matter of mustard**

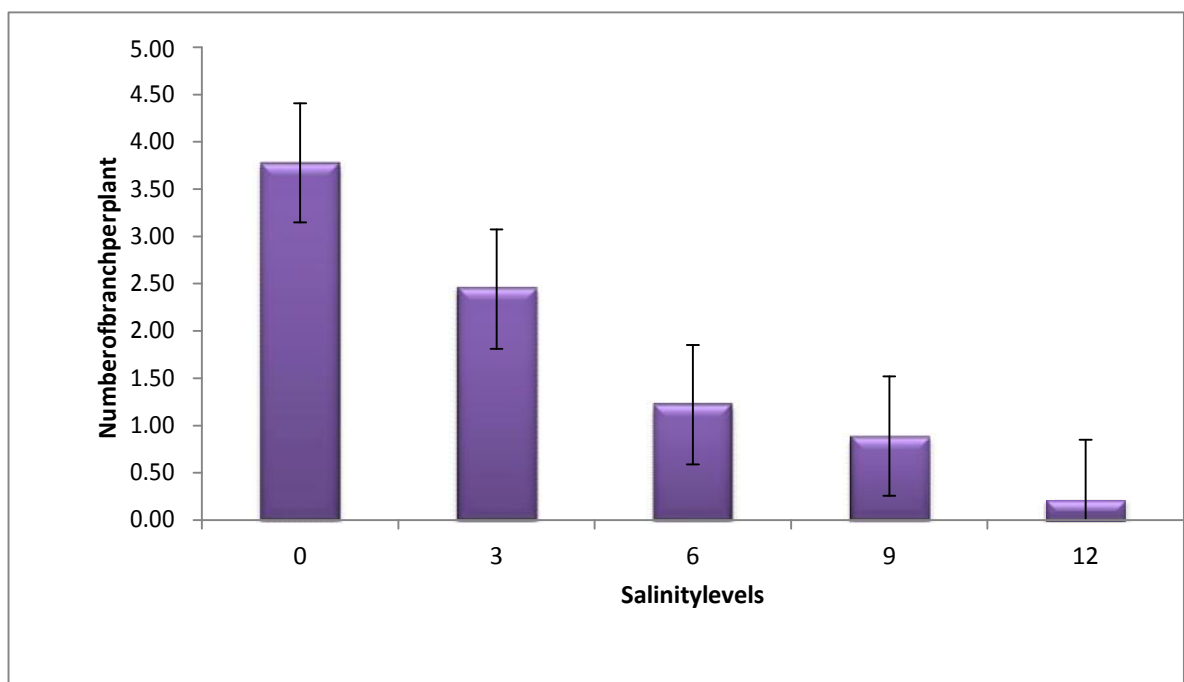
Variety	Salinity levels (dSm <sup>-1</sup> )	Plant height (cm)	Number of branch per plant	Total dry matter (g)
SAU Sarisha-1	0	85.60 a	3.75 a	18.67 ab
	3	82.25 b	2.11 bc	18.00 abc
	6	78.43 c	0.67 de	15.33 bcd
	9	73.33 d	0.67 de	13.33 bcd
	12	68.25 e	0.33 e	9.33 d
BARI Sarisha9	0	66.65 ef	3.78 a	24.00 a
	3	65.33 fg	2.78 ab	18.67 ab
	6	63.70 g	1.78 bc	17.33 abc
	9	57.42 h	1.11 cd	15.33 bcd
	12	52.83 i	0.44 de	11.33 cd
Level of significance LSD <sub>(0.05)</sub>		*	*	*
CV (%)		2.07	1.07	6.70
		6.75	6.62	5.38

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\*5% level of Significance



**Figure 3.** Effect of varieties on the number of branches per plant of mustard



**Figure 4.** Effect of different salinity levels on the number of branches of mustard



#### 4.5 Total Dry Matter plant<sup>-1</sup>

Total Dry matter (g) production was significantly influenced by variety throughout the life cycle (Fig. 5). The maximum total dry matter (17.33 g) was gained at BARI Sarisha 9 and minimum dry matter weight (14.93 g) was recorded at SAU Sarisha-1 (Appendix-II for data).

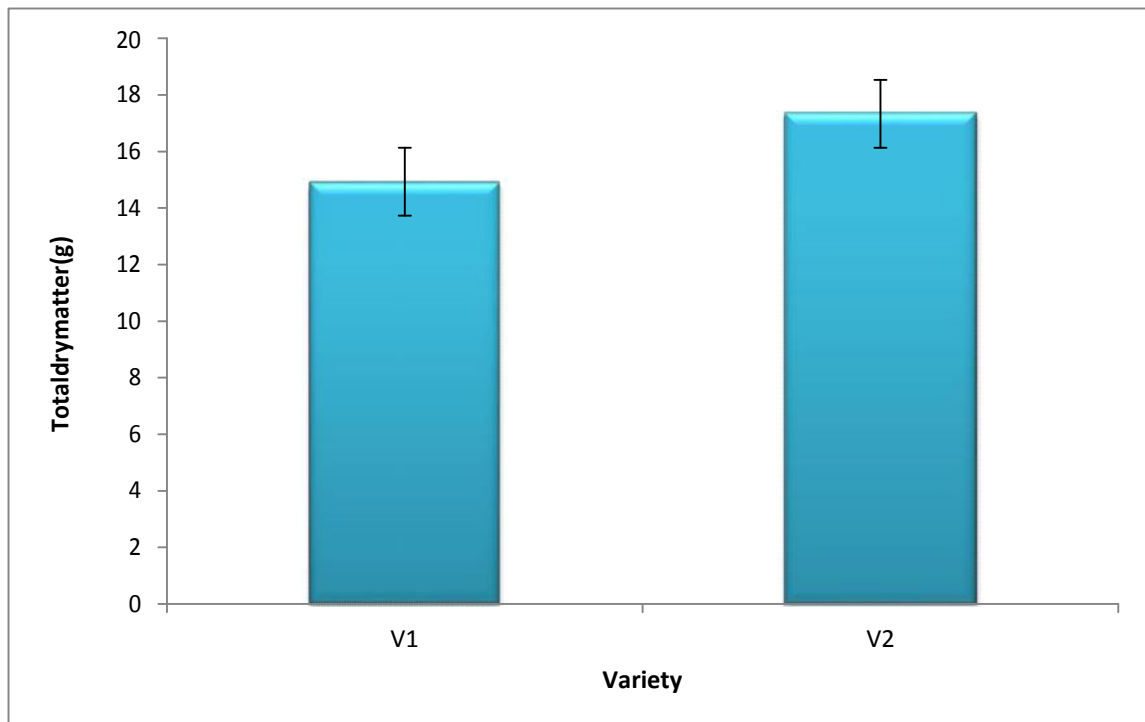
The result presented in figure 6 showed that total dry matter production significantly decreased with increasing the salinity levels. The highest total dry matter (21.33 g plant<sup>-1</sup>) was found at 0 dSm<sup>-1</sup> and the lowest (10.33 g plant<sup>-1</sup>) was at 12 dSm<sup>-1</sup> level of soil salinity (Appendix-II for data). Dry matter production in plants at low water potential induced by salinity stress is expected to decrease because of suppressing the net assimilation rates (Levitt, 1992).

Total Dry matter (g) was significantly influenced by the interaction of variety and salinity levels (Table 2). The maximum total dry matter (24.00 g) accumulation was recorded at the combination of BARI Sarisha 9 at 0 dSm<sup>-1</sup> level of soil salinity and minimum dry matter (9.33 g) accumulation was observed at the combination of SAU Sarisha-1 at 12 dSm<sup>-1</sup> level of soil salinity.

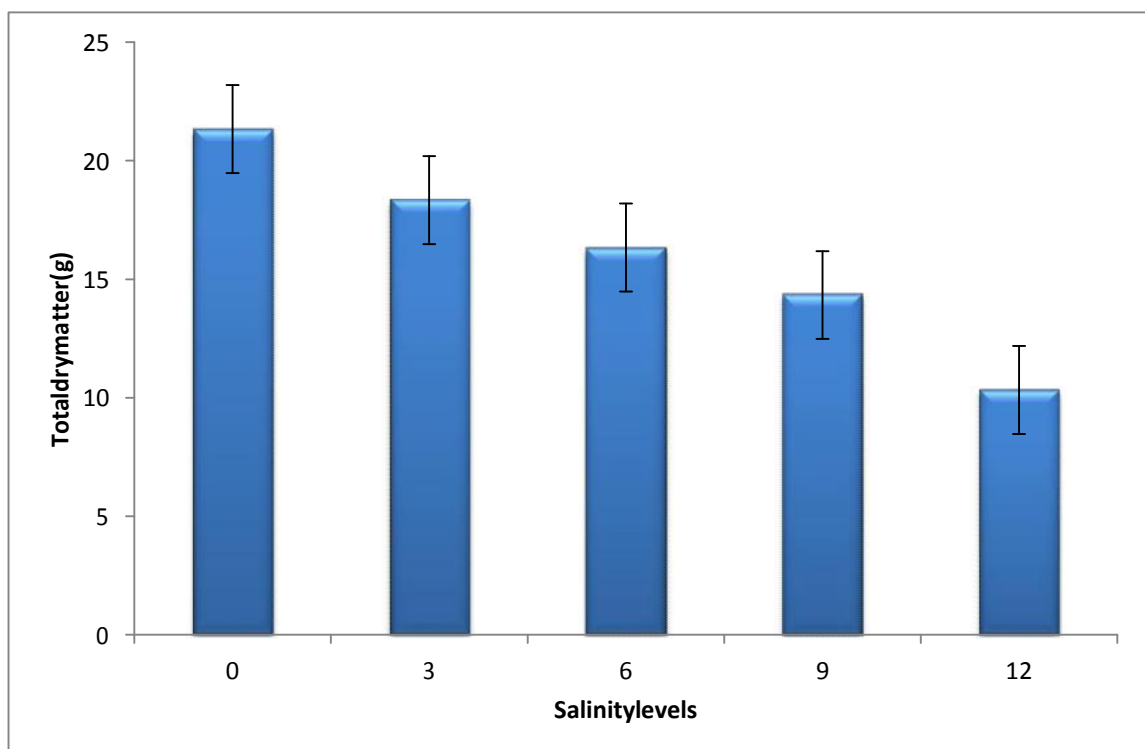
#### 4.6 Siliqua per plant<sup>-1</sup>

There was a significant difference among the variety in the number of siliqua per plant (Table 3). The maximum number of siliqua per plant (26.62) was produced in BARI Sarisha 9 and the minimum number of siliqua per plant (24.18) was produced in SAU Sarisha-1. Hossain *et al.* (1996) and Jahan and Zakaria (1997) also stated that there was marked statistical variation in number of siliqua per plant<sup>-1</sup>.

Number of siliqua per plant is one of the most important yield contributing characters in mustard. The effect of salinity showed significantly variation in the number of siliqua per plant (Table 3). The maximum number of siliqua per plant (35.55) was produced by 0 dSm<sup>-1</sup> level of soil salinity and 12 dSm<sup>-1</sup> level of soil salinity treatment produced the minimum number of siliqua per plant (18.44).



**Figure 5. Effect of varieties on the number of total dry matter of mustard**



**Figure 6. Effect of different salinity levels on the total dry matter of mustard**

**Table 3. Effect of mustard varieties and different salinity levels with interaction on yield and yield contributing characters of mustard**

Variety	Salinity levels (dSm <sup>-1</sup> )	Siliqua plant <sup>-1</sup>	Length of siliquae (cm)	Seed siliqua <sup>-1</sup>	Seed yield (g)
Effect of variety					
SAU Sarisha-1		24.18	3.51	15.58	3.84
BARI Sarisha9		26.62	3.94	16.07	4.69
CV(%)		5.27	6.72	5.24	5.82
Effect of salinity					
	0	35.55 a	4.21 a	20.83 a	6.13 a
	3	29.22 ab	3.85 ab	17.06 b	5.56 ab
	6	24.18 bc	3.71 ab	15.50 bc	4.48 bc
	9	19.61 c	3.53 b	13.39 cd	3.09 cd
	12	18.44 c	3.30 b	12.34 d	2.06 d
Level of significance		*	*	*	*
LSD <sub>(0.05)</sub>		7.58	0.61	2.99	1.51
CV(%)		5.27	6.72	5.24	5.82
Interaction effect of variety and salinity					
SAU Sarisha-1	0	35.38 a	4.04 abc	20.45 a	5.97 ab
	3	28.70 b	3.62 cde	16.11 bc	5.33 abc
	6	23.59 bc	3.55 de	15.67 bcd	4.16 bcd
	9	18.33 cd	3.32 ef	13.11 cd	2.45 de
	12	14.89 D	3.00 f	11.78 d	1.28 e
BARI Sarisha9	0	35.72 A	4.38 a	21.22 a	6.29 a
	3	29.74 ab	4.08 ab	18.00 ab	5.79 ab
	6	24.78 bc	3.87 bcd	15.33 bcd	4.80 abc
	9	20.89 cd	3.75 bcd	13.67 cd	3.73 cd
	12	22.00 C	3.61 de	12.89 cd	2.85 de
Level of significance		*	*	*	*
LSD <sub>(0.05)</sub>		6.61	0.43	4.11	1.88
CV(%)		5.27	6.72	5.24	5.82

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A significant variation was found in the treatment combination of variety and level of salinity on number of siliqua per plant (Table 10). The maximum number of siliqua per plant (35.72) was found in BARISarisha9 with  $0\text{dSm}^{-1}$  level of soil salinity, which was statistically similar with SAUSarisha-1 with  $0\text{dSm}^{-1}$  level of soil salinity, whereas the minimum number of siliqua per plant (14.89) was found in SAUSarisha-1 with  $12\text{dSm}^{-1}$  level of soil salinity. The results are in accordance with the finding of Ashraf *et al.* (1999) who found reduced yield parameters and yield in twelve varieties from *Brassica napus*, *B. carinata*, *B. campestris*, *B. juncea* and *Raphanus raphanistrum* with the severity of salinity.

#### 4.7 Length of siliqua

There was a significant difference among the variety in the length of siliqua (Table 3). The maximum length of siliqua (3.94 cm) was produced in BARISarisha9. The minimum length of siliqua (3.51 cm) was produced in SAUSarisha-1. Hussain *et al.* (2008) reported that BARISarisha-8 performed better in terms of siliqua length. Hossain *et al.* (1996) observed the longest siliqua (8.07 cm) in BLN-900 and the shortest (4.83 cm) in Hyola-401.

The level of salinity showed significant variation in the length of siliqua (Table 3). The maximum length of siliqua (4.12 cm) was produced by  $0\text{dSm}^{-1}$  level of soil salinity, whereas  $12\text{dSm}^{-1}$  level of soil salinity produced the minimum length of siliqua (3.30 cm), which was statistically similar with  $9\text{dSm}^{-1}$  level of soil salinity.

Length of siliqua indicated a significant variation among the treatment combinations of variety and level of salinity (Table 3). The maximum length of siliqua (4.38 cm) was found in BARISarisha9a at  $0\text{dSm}^{-1}$  level of soil salinity, whereas the minimum length of siliqua (3.00 cm) was found in SAUSarisha-1 at  $12\text{dSm}^{-1}$  level of soil salinity.

#### 4.8 Seed per siliqua<sup>-1</sup>

There was a significant difference among the variety in the number of seed per siliqua (Table 3). The maximum number of seed per siliqua (16.07) was produced in BARISarisha9. The minimum number of seed per siliqua (15.58) was produced in SAUSarisha-1. Mondal *et al.* (1992) and Hossain *et al.* (1996) also reported that there was a significant difference among the varieties with respect to number of seed per siliqua<sup>-1</sup>.

The level of salinity showed variation in the number of seed per siliqua (Table 3). The maximum number

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salinity, whereas 12 dSm<sup>-1</sup> level of soil salinity produced the minimum number of seeds per siliqua (12.34).

Number of seeds per siliqua indicated a significant variation among the treatment combinations of variety and level of salinity (Table 3). The maximum number of seeds per siliqua (21.22) was found in BARISarisha9 with 0 dSm<sup>-1</sup> level of soil salinity, which was statistically similar with SAUSarisha-1 with 0 dSm<sup>-1</sup> level of soil salinity whereas the minimum number of seeds per siliqua (11.78) was found in SAUSarisha-1 with 12 dSm<sup>-1</sup> level of soil salinity.

#### 4.9 Seedyield

Seedyield is a function of interplay of various yield components such as number of productive branches, seeds per siliqua<sup>-1</sup>. These seedyield pot<sup>-1</sup> of two selected mustard varieties differed due to the mean effect of different salinity treatments (Table 3). The highest seedyield pot<sup>-1</sup> (4.69 g pot<sup>-1</sup>) was found in cultivar BARISarisha9 and the lowest yield (3.84 g pot<sup>-1</sup>) was recorded in SAUSarisha-1. Seedyield differences due to varieties were reported by Hossain *et al.* (2012). Sarkees (2013) also reported that varieties had significant influence on seed yield.

A highly significant variation in seedyield pot<sup>-1</sup> of mustard varieties was observed due to the different salinity levels (Table 3). The highest seedyield (6.13 g pot<sup>-1</sup>) was recorded at control treatment and it was lowest (2.06 g pot<sup>-1</sup>) at 12 dSm<sup>-1</sup> level of salinity (Table 3). The sowing of seeds under saline conditions significantly decreased the number of siliqua per plant, number of seeds per siliqua, seedyield as compared to normal condition. The decrease in number of siliqua per plant, number of seeds per siliqua owing to less number of fruit in gnodes, flowers, comparatively poor setting and less decomposition of metabolites in seed. Similar, results have also been reported by Kumar and Rathore (2002) in Indian mustard and Murmukar and Chavan (1986).

It was evident from the table 3 that interaction of variety and different salinity levels significantly affected the seedyield. The highest seedyield (6.29 g pot<sup>-1</sup>) was found in BARISarisha9 at 0 dSm<sup>-1</sup> level of soil salinity, and the lowest yield (1.28 g pot<sup>-1</sup>) was obtained in SAUSarisha-1 at 12 dSm<sup>-1</sup> level of salinity. Seedyield is the function of number of siliqua plant<sup>-1</sup>, number of seeds per siliqua<sup>-1</sup>. All the yield contributing characters contributed for the yield reduction pot<sup>-1</sup> under saline conditions; contribution of the seriously affected number of seeds per siliqua<sup>-1</sup>

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with Sharma *et al.* (1997) who observed reduced seed yield of 9.2%, 26.08% and 50.4% in DIRA337, RYS80 and Varun genotypes (*Brassica juncea*), respectively, under different varied salinity levels (10 dSm<sup>-1</sup>, 15 dSm<sup>-1</sup>).

#### 4.10 Nitrogen concentration in mustard plant

The effect of variety showed variation in the N concentration in mustard plant (Table 4). The total N content of mustard plant varied from 0.42% to 0.46%. The highest total N content (0.422%) was observed in mustard cultivar of SAU Sarisha-

1. The lowest value of N (0.412%) was observed under BARI Sarisha 9.

The effect of different levels of salinity showed a statistically significant variation in the N concentration in mustard plant (Table 4). The total N content of the mustard plant varied from 0.351 to 0.520. Among the different levels of salinity, 12 dSm<sup>-1</sup> showed the highest N concentration (0.520) in plant. The lowest value (0.351) was under control treatment 0 dSm<sup>-1</sup> salinity level.

Interaction effect of different levels of salinity and variety on the N concentration was observed significant in mustard plant (Table 3). The highest concentration of N in mustard plant (0.520%) was recorded in SAU Sarisha-1 at 12 dSm<sup>-1</sup> salinity level, which was statistically similar with BARI Sarisha 9 with 12 dSm<sup>-1</sup> level of salinity. On the other hand, the lowest N concentration (0.338%) was found in BARI Sarisha 9 with 0 dSm<sup>-1</sup> level of salinity.



**Table 4. Effect of mustard varieties and different salinity levels with interaction on content of N, K, Na on plant of mustard**

Variety	Salinity levels (dSm <sup>-1</sup> )	N (%)	K (%)	Na (%)
Effect of variety				
SAU Sarisha-1		0.422	0.203	0.046
BARISarisha9		0.412	0.225	0.042
CV (%)		8.890	9.830	7.910
Effect of salinity				
	0	0.351 c	0.254 a	0.031 d
	3	0.376 bc	0.232 ab	0.039 c
	6	0.413 bc	0.216 b	0.045 bc
	9	0.432 b	0.192 c	0.050 ab
	12	0.520 a	0.174 c	0.054 a
Level of significant		*	*	*
LSD <sub>(0.05)</sub>		0.072	0.023	0.007
CV (%)		8.890	9.830	7.910
Interaction effect of variety and salinity				
SAU Sarisha-1	0	0.364 cd	0.244 b	0.034 bc
	3	0.366 cd	0.224 c	0.039 abc
	6	0.415 bc	0.201 d	0.047 abc
	9	0.446 b	0.184 d	0.053 ab
	12	0.520 a	0.161 e	0.057 a
BARISarisha9	0	0.338 d	0.264 a	0.028 c
	3	0.385 cd	0.241 bc	0.039 abc
	6	0.418 bc	0.231 bc	0.044 abc
	9	0.411 bc	0.201 d	0.047 abc
	12	0.510 a	0.187 d	0.050 ab
Level of significant		*	*	*
LSD <sub>(0.05)</sub>		0.054	0.017	0.017
CV (%)		8.890	9.830	7.910

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\*\*5% level of Significance

#### 4.11 Potassium(%)

It appears from the results presented in table 4 that there was a variation in potassium(%) content in two selected mustard varieties under the mean effect of different salinity levels. The highest K content (0.225%) in plant was found in BARISarisha9 and the lowest (0.203%) was observed in SAUSarisha-1.

The Potassium(K) contents in plant of mustard also significantly varied due to the effect of different salinity levels; where the K content decreased with the increasing level of salinity in plant (table 4). The highest K content in plant (0.254%) was recorded in  $0\text{dSm}^{-1}$  and it was lowest (0.174) in  $12\text{dSm}^{-1}$  salinity level, which was statistically similar with  $9\text{dSm}^{-1}$  salinity level.

The combined effect of salinity and variety on content of K(%) in plant were differed significantly. The content of K in plant of two selected varieties progressively decreased with increasing the salinity levels. The highest K content (0.264%) in plant was found in BARISarisha9 with  $0\text{dSm}^{-1}$  level of soil salinity and it was lowest (0.161%) for SAUSarisha-1 at  $12\text{dSm}^{-1}$  (Table 4). The results are in agreement with the finding of Tanveer *et al.* (2002) found high  $\text{K}^+$  in *B.napus* and low in *B.campestris*.

#### 4.12 Sodium(%)

The percent content of sodium (Na) in plant of the entire two selected mustard varieties varied grown at different levels of salinity. Its content in plant was highest (0.046%) in SAUSarisha-1 and lowest (0.042%) in BARISarisha9 (Table 4).

The sodium (Na) content in plant of mustard significantly varied due to the effect of different salinity levels; where the Na content in plant increased with the increasing level of salinity. The highest Na content (0.054%) in plant was recorded in  $12\text{dSm}^{-1}$  level of salinity and the lowest (0.031%) was in  $0\text{dSm}^{-1}$  (Table 4).

The combined effect of salinity and variety on content of Na(%) in plant was found significant. The Na content increased with the increasing level of salinity in both plant of all varieties (table 4). The highest Na content (0.057%) in plant was found in SAUSarisha-1 with  $12\text{dSm}^{-1}$  level of soil salinity and it was lowest (0.028%) in the cultivar BARISarisha9 at  $0\text{dSm}^{-1}$  salinity levels. Ashraf *et al.* (2004) found that applied NaCl enhanced  $\text{Na}^+$  concentration in tissues of our mustard varieties (two salt sensitive and two salt-tolerant).



## Chapter 5

# Summary and Conclusion

## CHAPTER V SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

A pot experiment was conducted at the greenhouse of Agro Environmental Chemistry Laboratory of the department of Agricultural Chemistry, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Dhaka-1207 under the experiment was conducted in pots during November, 2019 to February 2020 to effect of salt stress on germination, growth, yield and ion content of mustard. The experiment was conducted using two varieties (SAU Sarisha-1 and BARI Sarisha9) and five salinity levels (0, 3, 6, 9 and 12 dSm<sup>-1</sup>). The experiment was set in Completely Randomized Design (CRD) having two factors with three replications.

The results on the effect of characters indicated that germination percentage of seed, population density, plant height, branches plant<sup>-1</sup>, total dry matter, silique plant<sup>-1</sup>, length of silique, number of seeds silique<sup>-1</sup>, seed yield were influenced by the variety. The maximum germination percentage of seeds (86.80%) was found in varieties of mustard BARI Sarisha9. The highest plant population (14.67) was observed in BARI Sarisha9. The tallest plant (77.57 cm) was found in variety SAU Sarisha-1. BARI Sarisha9 achieved maximum branch (1.98). The maximum weight (17.33 g) was gained at BARI Sarisha9. The maximum number of silique per plant (26.62) was produced in BARI Sarisha9. The maximum length of silique (3.94 cm) and number of seeds per silique (16.07) were produced in BARI Sarisha9. The highest seed yield pot<sup>-1</sup> (4.69 g pot<sup>-1</sup>) was found in variety BARI Sarisha9 and the lowest yield (3.84 g pot<sup>-1</sup>) was recorded in SAU Sarisha-1.

There was a significant variation in potassium (%) content in two selected mustard varieties under different salinity levels. The highest total N content (0.422%) was observed in mustard variety of SAU Sarisha-1. The highest K content (0.225%) in plant was found in BARI Sarisha9. Its content in plant was highest (0.046%) in SAU Sarisha-1.

All parameters were statistically influenced by different salinity levels. The maximum germination percentage of seeds (91.67%) was recorded from 0 dSm<sup>-1</sup>. The highest plant

population (19.17) was recorded at  $0\text{dSm}^{-1}$

<sup>1</sup>. At a harvesting of mustard plant, the highest plant height (76.13 cm) was observed in  $0\text{dSm}^{-1}$ . The maximum number of branches  $\text{plant}^{-1}$  (3.78), total dry matter was highest (21.33 g  $\text{plant}^{-1}$ ), number of siliqua per plant (35.55), length of siliqua (4.12 cm), number of seeds per siliqua (20.83) were reproduced from  $0\text{dSm}^{-1}$ . The highest seed yield (6.13 g  $\text{pot}^{-1}$ ) was recorded at control treatment and it was lowest (2.06 g  $\text{plant}^{-1}$ ) at  $12\text{dSm}^{-1}$  level of salinity.  $12\text{dSm}^{-1}$  showed the highest N concentration (0.520%) in plant. The highest K content in plant (0.254%) was recorded in  $0\text{dSm}^{-1}$ . The highest Na content (0.054%) in plant was recorded in  $12\text{dSm}^{-1}$  level of salinity.

In combined effect of varieties and salinity levels, all parameters were significantly influenced. The germination percentage of seeds was maximum (96.01) in BARISarisha9 with  $0\text{dSm}^{-1}$ . The maximum total number of plant population (19.67) was found from BARISarisha9 at  $0\text{dSm}^{-1}$  level of salinity. The highest plant height (85.60 cm) was found in SAUSarisha-1 at  $0\text{dSm}^{-1}$ . The maximum total number of branch  $\text{plant}^{-1}$  (3.78), total dry matter (24.00 g), length of siliqua (4.38 cm), number of seeds per siliqua (16.07) were found from BARISarisha9 with  $0\text{dSm}^{-1}$ . The highest seed yield (6.29 g  $\text{pot}^{-1}$ ) was found in BARISarisha9 with  $0\text{dSm}^{-1}$  level of soil salinity, and the lowest yield (1.28 g  $\text{pot}^{-1}$ ) was obtained in SAUSarisha-1 at  $12\text{dSm}^{-1}$  level of salinity.

The highest concentration of N in mustard plant (0.520) was recorded in SAUSarisha-1 at  $12\text{dSm}^{-1}$  salinity level. The highest K content (0.264%) in plant was found in BARISarisha9 at  $0\text{dSm}^{-1}$  level of soil salinity. The highest Na content (0.057%) in plant was found in SAUSarisha-1 with  $12\text{dSm}^{-1}$  level of soil salinity

Based on the above results the following conclusions and recommendation may be made

The variety BARISarisha9 had better expression of morphological, yield and yield contributing characters than those of SAUSarisha-1 in all cases except plant height.

Salinity increased the content of  $\text{Na}^+$  and decreased  $\text{K}^+$  content in different plant tissues of the varieties.

The tolerant variety showed lower  $\text{Na}^+$  concentration reflecting the dilution effect, the tolerant mechanism.

Based on the above conclusions plant breeder may adapt the technique of selection or screening to the genotypes and develop salt tolerant mustard varieties.



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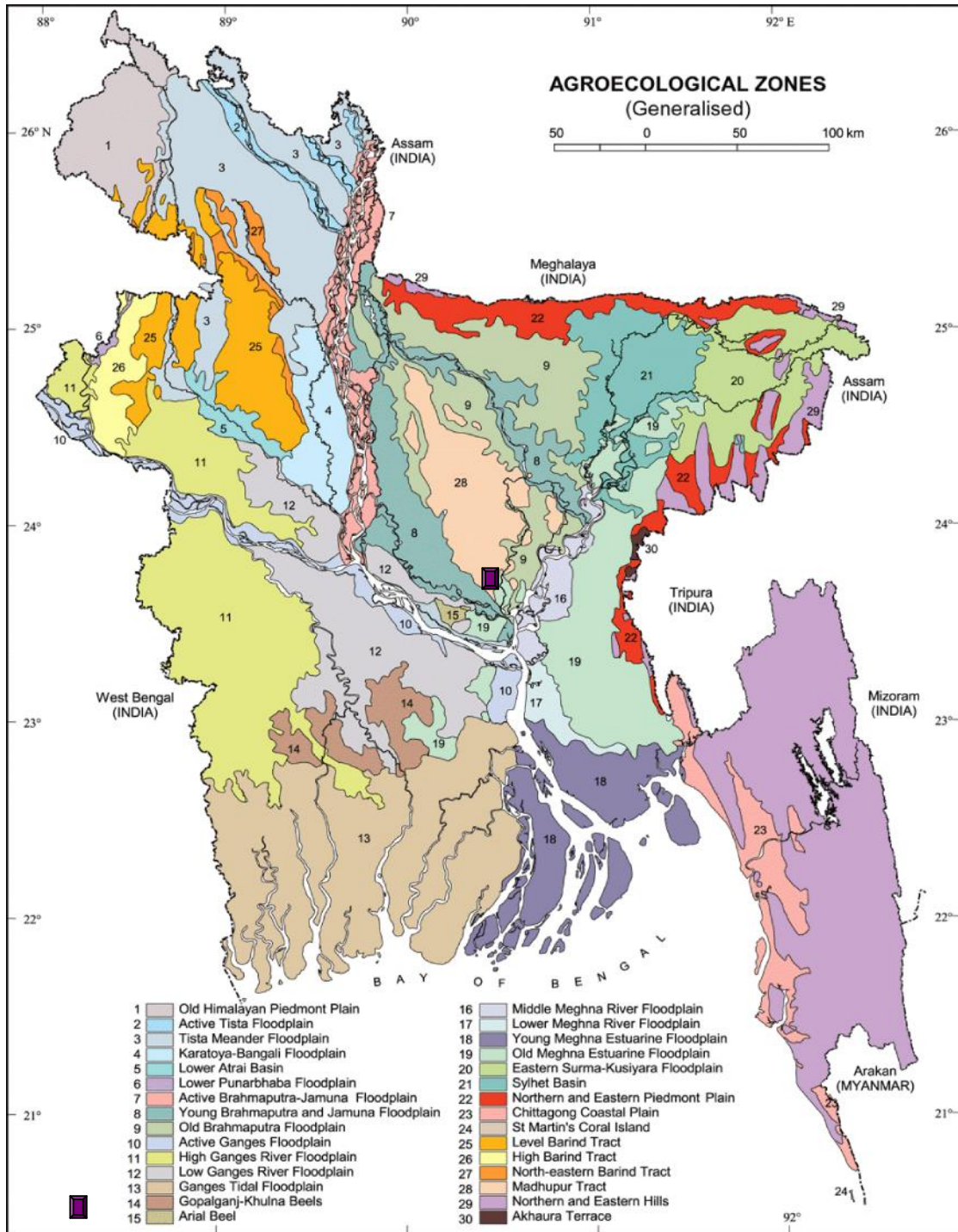


# Appendices



# APPENDICES

## Appendix I. Map showing the experimental sites under study



**Appendix II. Effect of mustard varieties and different salinity levels on plant height and number of branch and total dry matter of mustard**

Variety	Salinity levels (dSm <sup>-1</sup> )	Plant height (cm)	Number of branch per plant	Total dry matter (g)
Effect of variety				
V <sub>1</sub>		77.57	1.45	14.93
V <sub>2</sub>		61.19	1.98	17.33
CV(%)		6.75	6.62	5.38
Effect of salinity				
	0	76.13 a	3.78 a	21.33 a
	3	73.79 ab	2.44 b	18.33 ab
	6	71.07 b	1.22 c	16.33 b
	9	65.38 c	0.89 cd	14.33 bc
	12	60.54 d	0.22 d	10.33 c
Level of significant		*	*	*
LSD <sub>(0.05)</sub>		4.551	1.00	4.837
CV(%)		6.75	6.62	5.38