

Table 7 Microbial Quality (cfu/g) and pH of fresh fish samples

Types of fish	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	<i>Salmonella paratyphi+</i>	Staphylococcal count	<i>Escherichia coli</i> count	Total viable count	pH
Silver Catfish	1.9 x 10 ² _a	1.0 x 10 ² _a	5.4 x 10 ² _{ab}	1.3 x 10 ² _a	7.6 x 10 ⁸ _b	6.96 _{ab}
Spotted tilapia	1.7 x 10 ² _a	1.4 x 10 ² _a	4.7 x 10 ² _a	1.3 x 10 ² _a	9.2 x 10 ⁸ _b	7.03 _{bcdef}
Bonga shad	2.0 x 10 ² _a	1.5 x 10 ² _a	8.1 x 10 ² _c	1.3 x 10 ² _a	8.7 x 10 ⁸ _b	6.96 _{abcd}
Nig. tongue sole	2.1 x 10 ² _a	1.4 x 10 ² _a	7.1 x 10 ² _{bc}	1.3 x 10 ² _a	7.8 x 10 ⁸ _b	7.09 _{cdef}
G. barracuda	2.6 x 10 ² _{ab}	1.1 x 10 ² _a	6.3 x 10 ² _b	1.6 x 10 ² _a	8.4 x 10 ⁶ _a	7.21 _e

Note: Data are means of 3 replicates; Data with the same subscript are not significantly different at (p<0.05)