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## ABSTRAK

Kandungan dan jenis Hidrokarbon Alifatik (AH) dan Hidrocarbon Polisiklik Aromatik (PAH) dalam sampel sedimen dari Pulau Perhentian ditentukan secara kuantitatif dan kualitatif dengan menggunakan GC-FID. 12 buah stesen telah dipilih.

Keseluruhannya, min kandungan hidrokarbon berjulat di antara  $0.07 - 16.266 \mu\text{g.g}^{-1}$  dan  $0.262 - 11.218 \mu\text{g.g}^{-1}$  berat sedimen kering untuk penyampelan kali pertama dan kedua. Bagi kandungan AH spesis, sebanyak  $0.06 - 16.136 \mu\text{g.g}^{-1}$  dan  $0.162 - 10.979 \mu\text{g.g}^{-1}$  berat kering sedimen dikesan dalam sedimen untuk penyampelan kali pertama dan kedua masing-masing. Manakala bagi kandungan PAH spesis dalam sedimen berjulat dari tidak dapat dikesan hingga  $0.656 \mu\text{g.g}^{-1}$  dan dari  $0.0535$  hingga  $0.919 \mu\text{g.g}^{-1}$  berat kering sedimen untuk penyampelan kali pertama dan kedua. Spesis dominan bagi AH yang C<sub>18</sub> dan C<sub>24</sub>. Manakala untuk PAH ialah Acenaphthene dan Phenantrene.

Kandungan organik karbon dalam sedimen berjulat dari  $0.34 - 1.34 \%$  dan  $0.85 - 2.34 \%$  bagi penyampelan kali pertama dan kedua. Korelasi ditunjuk antara kandungan organik karbon dan hidrokarbon dalam sedimen (dengan pekali korelasi,  $r = 0.5186$  dan  $0.6219$ ).

Kandungan jumlah lipid diekstrak dalam sedimen berjulat dari  $89.99 - 379.62 \mu\text{g.g}^{-1}$  dan  $209.87 - 919.62 \mu\text{g.g}^{-1}$  bagi penyampelan kali pertama dan kedua dengan korelasi bersama kandungan hidrokarbon (pekali korelasi,  $r = 0.4945$  dan  $0.6761$ ).

## ABSTRACT

The amounts and types of AH and PAH compounds in sediment samples from Pulau Perhentian were determined quantitatively and qualitatively by using Gas Chromatography with Flame Ionization Detector (GC-FID). 12 sampling sites were being established.

The mean total hydrocarbon contents in sediments ranged between 0.07 – 16.266  $\mu\text{g.g}^{-1}$  and 0.262 – 11.218  $\mu\text{g.g}^{-1}$  dry sediment weight respectively. For the AH contents, 0.06 – 16.136  $\mu\text{g.g}^{-1}$  and 0.162 – 10.979  $\mu\text{g.g}^{-1}$  dry sediment weight were detected in sediments for first and second sampling. Meanwhile, PAH contents in sediments varied from undetectable to 0.656  $\mu\text{g.g}^{-1}$  and from 0.0535 to 0.919  $\mu\text{g.g}^{-1}$  dry sediment weight. The dominant AH compounds detected in sediments were C<sub>18</sub> and C<sub>24</sub> while for PAH compounds were Acenaphthene and Phenanthrene.

The organic carbon contents in sediments range from 0.34 – 1.34 % for first sampling and 0.85 – 2.34 % for second sampling. A significant correlation of organic carbon and hydrocarbon contents in sediment was shown with coefficient correlation ( $r = 0.5186$  and  $0.6219$ ).

The Total Extractable Lipids in sediments varied from 89.99 to 379.62  $\mu\text{g.g}^{-1}$  and from 209.87 to 919.65  $\mu\text{g.g}^{-1}$  dry sediment weight for first and second sampling, with significant correlation with hydrocarbon content in sediment ( $r = 0.4945$  and  $0.6761$ )