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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

UMT	-	Universiti Malaysia Terengganu
SRM	-	Standard Reference Material
mm	-	millimeters
$\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$	-	microgram per gram
g	-	grams
HN	-	<i>Hemibagrus nemurus</i>
LC	-	<i>Lates calcarifer</i>
LA	-	<i>Lutjanus argentimaculatus</i>
CM	-	<i>Carangoides malabaricus</i>
MC	-	<i>Megalops cyprinoides</i>
CC	-	<i>Chanos chanos</i>
CS	-	<i>Channa striata</i>
OS	-	<i>Oreochromis sp.</i>
TJ	-	<i>Terapon jarbua</i>
AT	-	<i>Anabas testudineus</i>
GE	-	<i>Gerres erythrourus</i>
Cr	-	Chromium
Cu	-	Copper
Zn	-	Zinc
Cd	-	Cadmium
Pb	-	Lead

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ABSTRACT

A study was conducted to determine the concentration of selected heavy metals (Cr, Cu, Zn, Cd, Pb) in tissue of living organism in Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) creeks. Fish is use as biomonitor to access the pollution level in this area. The concentration of selected metals were determined in 11 fish species; *Hemibagrus nemurus*, *Carangoides malabaricus*, *Megalops cyprinoides*, *Gerres erythrourus*, *Channa striata*, *Anabas testudineus*, *Terapon jarbua*, *Oreochromis* sp., *Lates calcarifer*, *Lutjanus argentimaculatus* and *Chanos chanos*. The concentration was measured by Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS) by using dry sample of fish tissues (muscle, gills, liver, stomach) and the pollution were access by calculating the Pollution Load Index (PLI). Fish muscle has high Cr ($20.4 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) while gills has high Zn ($36.4 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$). Zn also high in fish liver ($40.80 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) and fish stomach has high Cr ($33.8 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$). *Chanos chanos* has high Pb ($2.12 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) and Cu ($26.0 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) in its stomach and liver respectively. *Oreochromis* sp. has high Cr ($33.8 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) and Zn ($36.4 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) in its stomach and gills respectively. *Anabas testudineus* has high Cd ($0.59 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) in its liver. The metals concentration in fish tissues has weak relationship with fish length. The pollution level of UMT creeks is considered as no pollution load with PLI value less than 0.193. The concentration of selected metals in fish tissues is in decending order $\text{Zn} > \text{Cr} > \text{Cu} > \text{Pb} > \text{Cd}$.

PENENTUAN LOGAM BERAT TERPILIH DALAM SPESIS IKAN DALAM ANAK SUNGAI DI UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA TERENGGANU (UMT)

ABSTRAK

Kajian dijalankan untuk menentukan kepekatan logam berat terpilih (Cr, Cu, Zn, Cd, Pb) di dalam tisu benda hidup di anak sungai di Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT). Ikan digunakan sebagai biopemantau untuk mengenalpasti tahap pencemaran di kawasan ini. Kepekatan logam berat yang terpilih ditentukan dalam 11 spesis ikan; *Hemibagrus nemurus*, *Carangoides malabaricus*, *Megalops cyprinoides*, *Gerres erythrourus*, *Channa striata*, *Anabas testudineus*, *Terapon jarbua*, *Oreochromis* sp., *Lates calcarifer*, *Lutjanus argentimaculatus* dan *Chanos chanos*. Kepekatan tersebut disukat menggunakan 'Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry' (ICP-MS) dengan menggunakan sampel kering bagi tisu-tisu ikan (otot, insang, hati, perut) dan tahap pencemaran dikira menggunakan 'Pollution Load Index' (PLI). Otot ikan terdapat tinggi kandungan Cr ($20.4 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) manakala insang mempunyai tinggi kandungan Zn ($36.4 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$). Zn juga tinggi dalam hati ikan ($40.80 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) dan perut ikan mempunyai tinggi Cr ($33.8 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$). *Chanos chanos* mempunyai tinggi kandungan Pb ($2.12 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) di dalam perut dan Cu ($26.0 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) di dalam hati. *Oreochromis* sp. mempunyai tinggi kandungan Cr ($33.8 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) di dalam perut dan Zn ($36.4 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) di dalam insang. *Anabas testudineus* mempunyai tinggi kandungan Cd ($0.59 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$) di dalam hati. Kepekatan logam di dalam tisu ikan mempunyai perkaitan yang lemah dengan panjang ikan. Tahap pencemaran di anak sungai UMT dianggap tiada beban pencemaran dengan nilai PLI kurang daripada 0.193. Kepekatan logam berat terpilih di dalam tisu ikan adalah dalam turutan menurun; $\text{Zn} > \text{Cr} > \text{Cu} > \text{Pb} > \text{Cd}$.