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- Qadar Hasani (masqod)

### Messages

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<p>Dear Editor</p> <p>We previously submitted this manuscript to Biodiversitas on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and was declared declined because there was no response from reviewers.</p> <p>We re-send this manuscript to Biodiversitas with various improvements and enhancements which include: fixing / adding data in the form of graphics and images; repair and refinement of results and discussion; recent additions and references in the field of phytoremediation; and repair of citations using Mendeley.</p> <p>We also send a list of prospective reviewers who are competent in the field of water quality remediation, and already have a Scopus ID, who are willing to review our manuscript.</p> <p>They are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Piyush Kumar, Department of Zoology and Environmental Science, Agroecology and Pollution Research Laboratory, Gurukula Kangri Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar, Uttarakhand 249404, India. Email: <a href="mailto:piyushkumar@gkv.ac.in">piyushkumar@gkv.ac.in</a> and <a href="mailto:kumarpiyushgkv@gmail.com">kumarpiyushgkv@gmail.com</a></li><li>2. Nuning Vita Hidayati, Laboratory of Water Quality, Department of Fisheries and Marine Sciences, Universitas Jenderal Soedirman, Purwokerto. Indonesia. Email: <a href="mailto:nuningvh@gmail.com">nuningvh@gmail.com</a></li></ol>	<p>masqod 2020-11-13 06:54 AM</p>

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We hope the editors are willing to process and receive our manuscript.

Best Regards

Qadar Hasani

Author

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Our decision is: Revisions Required

Agustina Putri  
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Note: Kindly send your revised paper to professional proofreader prior to resubmission. A Certificate of Proofreading is needed.

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to Smujo

Dear Editor

Thank you for the information.

We are very excited about the decision of our manuscript from the Biodiversitas editor.

We will improve our manuscript according to the suggestions from reviewers, as soon as possible, and resend to the Biodiversitas.

Thank you for processing and considering our manuscript.

Best regards

Qadar Hasani  
Main Author

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## [biodiv] Editor Decision

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Reviewer I:

Manuscript title: The Phytoremediation of Iron (Fe) in Ex-sand Mining Waters by Water Hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes* (Mart.) Solms): Iron phythoremediation by *Eichhornia crassipes*

#### General comments:-

1. Proofreading need to be conducted for the whole manuscript. There are significant numbers of error in grammar and structure of sentence in the text.
2. Revise the format for in-text citation. There are some unnecessary additional parentheses.
3. Be synchronize for the usage of 'iron (Fe)' word in the whole text. Authors can just use 'Fe' throughout the manuscript after mentioning in it full for the first time in the abstract.
4. Be uniform in the usage of comma (,) and dot (.) for the numbering system. Usage of this symbols to represent decimals and thousand in the text are not consistent. Advised to use dot for decimal and comma for thousand.
5. There are a paragraph written in Indonesian. Need to be translated to English.

#### Specific comments:-

##### Abstract

- Please revise on the usage of word 'puddles'. Is it an appropriate representation? In materials and methods part, it was mentioned as lake (more suitable word).
- Please add explanation on authors research's objectives and themes (treating ex-sand mining water to acceptable limit for aquaculture usage) in early part of the abstract to orientate reader on the purpose of the research.

##### Introduction

- Line 43-46: Recommended to change the structure of whole sentence to 'Fe can be found in the forms of black colored magnetite ( $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ ) and ilmenite ( $\text{FeTiO}_3$ ), also red colored hematite and maghemite ( $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ) compounds.
- Line 69-70: Relocate and combine the statements on variety of heavy metals that can be treated by water hyacinth to the statement in line 62-63. Examples of recommended change is 'Water hyacinth has been proven to be effective and efficient in reducing variety of heavy metals such as Ca, Mg, Cl and  $\text{SO}_4$  and  $\text{PO}_4$  including Fe which will be focused in this study.

\*please provide full name for first-time mentioned metals

- Line 70-71: 'Based on several ... in the waters'. No need. It is a repetition of statement in line 62-63

## Materials and methods

- Line 86: '...clean water then dried using??'. Please state method of drying. Sun drying?
- Line 87-88: Recommended to delete statement 'Measurement of Fe ... beginning before treatment'. Enough with similar explanation in the section of *Water quality measurement*.
- Line 94: Please specify the average size of plants used
- Line 112-113: Delete repetition of statement 'Fe concentration measurements were done once a week'. Already mentioned in earlier subsection.
- Line 124-125: Please include brief explanation on the digestion method. Such as sample's weight, type and concentration of acid used.
- Line 124: '...concentration of Fe in roots, stems and leaves by the Atomic...'
- Line 127: The formula is not so clear. Please specifically indicate which concentration involved in the calculation such as 'final metal concentration in plant (which part? Addition of stem and leaves?)', 'final metal concentration in water'.

## Results and discussion

- Line 155: Should be 'Figure 2'
- Figure 1 and 2: Recommended to combine these two figures since it is basically same information. Figure 3 which involves data on Fe removal can also be combined in the same graph if it suits authors preference. Example of figures suggested can be found in below manuscript (Figure 3 and above).

Manuscript DOI: 10.1016/j.eti.2019.100502

- Figure 1: Change the x-axis label to clearer axis title. Example: Days of treatment/exposure.
- Figure 2: Error in axis labelling (treatment D was mistyped as C)
- Line 153: 'Graph of Fe removal in water from ex-sand mining lake? for 21 days of experiment'
- Line 157: More suitable to mention figure 3 at early explanation '...and 94.84%, respectively (Figure 3)' and delete it from line 169-170.
- Line 157-159: It is confusing to mention this statement ('Based on the ... differences ( $p>0.05$ )') here since there is no proper explanation on the significance and relationship of this analysis. I found similar statement was well explained in discussion section, so I suggest to remove this statement here.
- Line 159-161: 'This shows that the different treatment of water hyacinth cover area has an effect on decreasing Fe concentration in water. These results indicate that the different treatment of water hyacinth coverage has an effect on decreasing the concentration of Fe in water'. These two sentences are repetition of similar statement. Delete either one.
- Figure 3: What does small letter a,b,c, in each last bar means? Significant difference? Please mention in the caption
- Line 179: 'study by Rondonuwu (2014), that water hyacinth was able to reduce mercury (Hg) by 81.19%'. This study is on other metal. Please prioritize study of similar metal first. No need to put or place it in the end of the comparison.
- Table 1: Be uniform in numbering format for the decimals (comma/dot)
- Line 187-192: Please translate the text in Indonesian to English!

- Line 197-198: 'so that it is not available for absorption by plants'. Similar statement mentioned in earlier sentence (line 195-196). Consider combining the information in one sentence and don't repeat similar explanation.
- Line 199: Please include brief explanation on decrement/increment of nitrate/phosphate/ammonia concentration at the end of the section before being explained in discussion section as other water quality parameter.
- Line 200: suggested to change title to 'Uptake of Fe by water hyacinth'.
- Line 212-213: Recheck if this statement 'This condition occurs because the initial concentration of Fe in water is also the lowest' is valid. Because from my observation, percentage difference of initial metal concentration between the treatments is not that big as the difference for the final concentration.
- Table 2: Please specify detailed explanation on the letter notation in note below the table. State significance different between what and what.
- Line 227-228: 'Treatment C was not significantly different from treatment C because, in treatment D, Fe was only'. Recheck for mistyped letter for type of treatment.
- Line 237-238: Repetition of statement 'The low pH value occurs due to the influence of a high population of water hyacinth'.
- Line 238-240: So, in this study, is there any significance contribution of respected factors mentioned in the statement to the study results?
- Line 257-264: This paragraph only explains on nitrate and ammonia. What about increment in phosphate concentration in all treatment after 21 days? Is there any reason for that?
- Line 268-270: These two sentences mention similar thing. Delete either one.
- Line 293-295: Similar sentences found in next paragraph. Please delete this one.
- Line 302-303: Be uniform in bulleting format. Italic or Arabic number.

Line 298-308: Consider to make separate of 'Conclusion' for this statements.

Recommendation: Revisions Required

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Dear

Editor

We are delighted that our manuscript was accepted for publication at Biodiversity. We send a "corrected Proof" of our manuscript entitled "Phytoremediation of Iron (Fe) in Ex-sand Mining Waters by Water Hyacinth (Eichhornia crassipes (Mart.) Solms)". We have added some changes/improvements to the manuscript. We hereby send proof of payment for the manuscript publication. Thank you for agreeing to publish our manuscript.

Best regards

Qadar Hasani,  
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Our decision is to: Accept Submission

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