

BIO ACCUMULATION OF HEAVY METALS IN THREE FRESHWATER BIVALVE SPECIES FROM GIRNA RESERVOIR, NASIK (M.S.)

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ABSTRACT

The concentrations of heavy metals cadmium, zinc, copper and lead in surface water, sediments in three native freshwater bivalve species, *Lamellidens marginalis*, *Lamellidens corrianus* and *Parreysia cylindrica* were determined from Girna reservoir. The concentrations of all studied heavy metals were higher in the sediment than water. It was observed that the mean concentrations of lead (129.72¼g/g) was highest in *Lamellidens corrianus*, copper (134.27¼g/g) was highest in *Lamellidens marginalis*, while cadmium (24.72¼g/g) and zinc (443.26 ¼g/g) were highest in *Parreysia cylindrica*. The heavy metal concentrations in three species of bivalves were higher than those of the water and sediments. The bioaccumulated metal concentrations, BWAf and BSAf values indicate that *Lamellidens corrianus* have greater potential for lead bioaccumulation, and *Lamellidens marginalis* for copper, while *Parreysia cylindrica* have greater potential for cadmium and zinc bioaccumulation. Therefore, *Lamellidens corrianus* is proposed as sentinel animal for monitoring of lead and *Lamellidens marginalis* for copper, while *Parreysia cylindrica* for cadmium and zinc in freshwater reservoir

INTRODUCTION

Mollusc, specially the species from bivalve class is frequently used to assess the bioavailability of metals in water (Aysun et al., 2005; Abdullah et al., 2007; Idown et al., 2014). Molluscs are capable of achieving tissue concentrations of metals many times higher than those in water concentrations (Hartwig, 1995; Waykar and Shinde, 2011; Waykar and Deshmukh, 2012). Bivalves are filter-feeder, sedentary, widespread and having a long life span and ability to accumulate heavy metals in their body to elevated levels reaching concentrations that are much higher than those of ambient water concentrations makes these organisms useful for assessment purpose (Davies et al., 2006; Huang et al., 2007 and Casas et al., 2008). In wetlands bivalves have an especially close relationship with the sediments that comprises their habitat and feeding site. The natural aquatic systems are extensively contaminated with heavy metals released from anthropogenic activities (Dirilgen, 2001; Vutukuru, 2005). The term "heavy metals" refers to any metallic element that has a relatively high density and is toxic at low concentration (Lenntech, 2004). Heavy metals, pesticides find their path from the medium into the body of

animals and accumulate in different tissues (Himanshu Bhushan Mahananda et.al.,2013) Research has shown that metals have the ability to bio concentrate in organisms directly from the water and bio accumulated and biomagnified heavy metals within food chains, cause higher trophic organisms to become contaminated with higher concentrations of chemical contaminants than their prey (Hargrave et al., 2000 and Lee et al., 2000; Boran and Altinok, 2010; Shariati et al., 2011). The heavy metals received major attentions because of their persistent toxic effect and their ability to bio accumulate within compartments of environment (Sarabjeet and Dinesh, 2007 and Otitoloju and Don- Pedro, 2002a). Generally sediments can accumulate large amount of heavy metals and become their main reservoir in the wetlands (Svobodova et al., 2002). The capacity of sediment to accumulate pollutants makes them one of the most significant tools to assess environmental impact on aquatic ecosystems (Silva and Rezende, 2002). Heavy metals accumulated in sediments can affects concentration of heavy metals in the organisms that dwells in these sediments (Yap et al., 2002; Kim and Kim, 2006

Bioaccumulation of toxicants is one of the tools used in bio monitoring (Chapman, 1997) and is the only way to evaluate

the bioavailability of pollutants present in the water. Many species have been studied to determine their potential as a biomonitoring organism and bivalve have become a popular choice for metal monitoring (Kljakovic-Gaspic *et al.*, 2007) *Lamellidens corrianus*, *Lamellidens marginalis* and *Parreysia cylindrica* inhabiting the Girna reservoir. The bivalve's potential to accumulate metals from surface water/ sediments into its tissue can be determined using BWAf/BSAF values (Szefer *et al.*, 1999; Usero *et al.*, 2005) and these values are also used to find out most appropriate sentinel species to monitor heavy metal pollution in water and sediments. Therefore the aim of this study is to determine the concentrations of heavy metals zinc, copper, cadmium and lead in water, sediment and native freshwater bivalve species, *Lamellidens corrianus*, *Lamellidens marginalis* and *Parreysia cylindrica* inhabiting the Girna reservoirs and to determine BWAf/BSAF values to find out suitable bivalves species as sentinel animal for monitoring of metal pollution in the fresh water ecosystem.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study site - Girna reservoir

Girna reservoir is earthen dam constructed in 1969 on Girna river at Nandgaon in Nasik district of Maharashtra state, India. Geographically, reservoir is located at 20°29'16" N and 74°39'41" E. The reservoir water is used for irrigation, industrial as well as for drinking purpose. The location of the reservoir is shown in Fig. 1.

Sampling techniques

Water and sediments samples were collected from different places of Girna reservoir during the period of November 2010 to October 2011. Surface water samples were collected from different places of reservoir from 50cm depth in morning hours in triplicates and were mixed together for each location so as to portray the average condition in the area.

Determination of potential of heavy metal accumulation

The Biowater Accumulation Factor (BWAf) and Biosediment Accumulation Factor (BSAF) values of the metals in the tissues of the bivalve species were calculated by dividing the concentration in the surface water/ soil sediments in which the animals were exposed (Szefer *et al.*, 1999; Usero *et al.*, 2005).

$$BWAf = \frac{\text{Concentration of heavy metal in animal tissue}}{\text{Concentration of heavy metal in water}}$$

Results were expressed as mean ± standard deviation (SD). The paired sample student's 't' test were used in order to access whether heavy metal concentrations varied significantly between species. The probabilities less than 0.05 (p < 0.05) were considered statistically significant. All statistical calculations were performed with SPSS 21.0 version.

$$BSAF = \frac{\text{Concentration of heavy metal in animal tissue}}{\text{Concentration of heavy metal in soil sample}}$$

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The heavy metals Zn, Cu, Pb and Cd concentrations in surface water, sediments and whole soft body tissues of freshwater bivalve, *Lamellidnes corrianus*, *Lamellidens marginalis* and *Parreysiya cylindrica* sampled from Girna, reservoir of Nasik district were determined and obtained results are presented in Table 1. The concentrations of cadmium (0.007 mg/L) and lead (0.0250 mg/L) in surface water were higher than the WHO (1998) recommended limits for drinking water standards; where as those of zinc (0.1008mg/L) and copper (0.0193mg/l) were within the limits. The highest concentrations of heavy metals Zn, Cu, Pb and Cd were recorded in surface water sampled from Girna reservoir might be due to heavy input of various pollutants through Girna river. Girna river originate from the hilly ranges of Sahyadries and flows from mountain to plain, and weathering soil and rock have become sources of heavy metal (Nriagu, 1989; Kennish, 1992; Florea and Busselberg, 2006). The data in table 1 compares the mean values of heavy metal concentrations in whole soft body tissues of three native freshwater bivalve species collected from Girna reservoir (¼g/g dry tissue weight with ±SD). In the present investigation it was observed that different species of bivalves showed different capacities for accumulating different heavy metals. As mean lead (129.72 ¼g/g) concentrations appeared higher in *Lamellidens corrianus*, copper (134.27 ¼g/g) in *Lamellidens marginalis*, while cadmium (24.72 ¼g/g) and zinc (443.26 ¼g/g) in *Parreysia cylindrica*. The results of paired sample student't' test indicated that the differences between the mean values of heavy metal concentrations of the three bivalve species were statistically significant (p < 0.05) (Table 1). The metal concentrations measured reflect a clear influence of anthropogenic activities. It was also observed that the metal concentrations in three bivalve species were higher than the water and sediment.

The values of Bio water Accumulation Factor (BWAf) and Bio sediment Accumulation Factor (BSAF) were determined to evaluate the potential of metal bioaccumulation in bivalve species from surface water/sediments into their tissues. Table 1 showed the higher values of BWAf and BSAF for Pb in *Lamellidens corrianus*, for Cu in *Lamellidens marginalis*, while for Zn and Cd in *Parreysia cylindrica*. The results of paired sample student 't' test indicated that the differences between the mean values of BWAf and BSAF for the three bivalve species were statistically significant (p < 0.05) (Table 1). The high values of BWAf and BSAF indicate *Lamellidens corrianus* are able to accumulate higher quantity of Pb and *Lamellidens marginalis* able to accumulated higher quantity of copper, while *Parreysia cylindrica* are able to accumulate higher quantity of cadmium and zinc from water/ sediments into their tissues. The higher metal concentrations in water and soil sediments can be responsible for the highest metal accumulation in three bivalve species inhabiting at Girna reservoir. Shinde (2013) reported that metal concentrations in the soft body tissues of mollusc were related to metal levels in the water column. Deshmukh (2013) reported that metal concentrations in the soft body tissues of mollusc were related to metal levels in the environmental compartments (water, suspend particles and sediments). Thus, it can be concluded that the heavy metals are highly accumulated in sediments

Table 1: Metal concentrations, BWAf and BSAf values of surface water, soil sediments and bivalve species (tissue dry weight basis) of Girna reservoir, Nasik

Metal	WHO Standard mg/L	Conc. of Metals in water mg/L	Conc. of Metals in Sediments $\mu\text{g/g}$	Bivalve species	Conc. of metals in tissues $\mu\text{g/g}$	BWAf	BSAf
Zn	03	0.1008 ± 0.0005	167.32 ± 2.68	<i>L. corrianus</i>	432.08 ± 5.37	2996.39 ± 22.23	1.90 ± 0.12
				<i>L. marginalis</i>	437.21 ± 5.81	3031.97 ± 23.14	1.92 ± 0.18
				<i>P. cylindrica</i>	$443.26^* \pm 5.62$	$3073.93^* \pm 25.61$	$1.95^* \pm 0.20$
Cu	02	0.0193 ± 0.0005	48.54 ± 0.54	<i>L. corrianus</i>	112.26 ± 1.63	4301.15 ± 26.13	1.58 ± 0.14
				<i>L. marginalis</i>	$134.27^* \pm 1.56$	$5144.14^* \pm 32.68$	$1.89^* \pm 0.21$
				<i>P. cylindrica</i>	132.17 ± 1.92	5063.98 ± 32.17	1.86 ± 0.17
Pb	0.01	0.0250 ± 0.0002	14.92 ± 0.53	<i>L. corrianus</i>	$129.72^* \pm 2.24$	$3837.87^* \pm 20.26$	$5.35^* \pm 0.56$
				<i>L. marginalis</i>	110.72 ± 1.95	3275.74 ± 19.23	4.56 ± 0.49
				<i>P. cylindrica</i>	101.72 ± 2.63	3009.47 ± 18.20	4.19 ± 0.26
Cd	0.003	0.007 ± 0.0003	2.85 ± 0.27	<i>L. corrianus</i>	20.16 ± 0.78	2144.68 ± 13.24	4.57 ± 0.51
				<i>L. marginalis</i>	23.92 ± 0.95	2544.68 ± 24.27	5.42 ± 0.61
				<i>P. cylindrica</i>	$24.72^* \pm 1.23$	$2629.79^* \pm 621.46$	$5.61^* \pm 0.68$

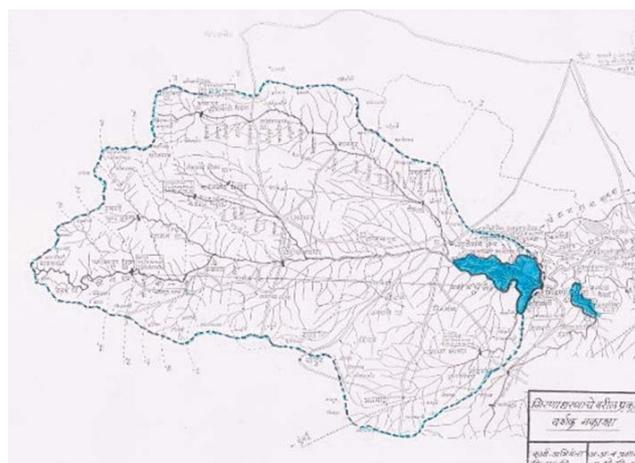
Values in (\pm) indicates the standard deviation; Permissible limit of drinking water (WHO standard, 1998); *Indicates significant variation as per Paired sample student 't' test at $p < 0.05$ in the bioaccumulation potential of mentioned species

than water, since the sediments act as reservoirs for all contaminants (Saeed and Shaker, 2008). Fitchko and Hutchinson (1975) reported that soil sediments act as indicators of the burden of heavy metals in an aquatic ecosystem, as they are the principal reservoir of heavy metals. The numerous investigators reported that the sediments accumulated more heavy metals than the water (Lau *et al.*, 1998; Besada *et al.*, 2001; Chindah and Braide 2003; Eja *et al.*, 2003). Qi *et al.* (2002); Zhang *et al.* (2002) and Ikem *et al.* (2003) also reported that the concentrations of heavy metals in soil sediments are much higher than those in the water. Casper *et al.* (2004) reported that aquatic sediments absorb constant and toxic chemicals to levels many times higher than the water column concentration. Many investigators also reported that sediment is the main sink for heavy metals in the aquatic ecosystems and also as source of pollutants (Burton and Scott, 1992; Caccia *et al.*, 2003; Cheung *et al.*, 2003; Ikem *et al.*, 2003; Audry *et al.*, 2004).

Abaychi and DouAbul (1985) reported that treated and untreated municipal, industrial wastes, agricultural run-off contribute to heavy metal Cu, Pb, Cd and Zn pollution source. Hutton *et al.* (1987) reported that sources of heavy metals Cd, Cu, Pb and Zn in surface water consist of leaching from Ni-Cd based batteries. The textile waste water is mixture of colorant (dyes and pigments). Large amount of chemically different dyes are employed for various industrial applications including textile dyeing (Pal and Brijmohan, 1990). The dyes used in these industries contain synthetic chemicals, which are generally metal based. Sharma *et al.* (1999) reported that waste water effluents from textile dyeing and printing industries contain dyes, bleaching agents, salts, acids and heavy metals like Cr, Cu, Pb and Zn. Chavan (2001) and Dubey *et al.* (2003) reported that major pollutant such as copper, lead, cadmium, zinc and chromium come mainly from the metal complex dyes. Aslam *et al.* (2004), Yusuff and Sonibare (2004) and Deepali and Gangwar (2010) reported that the textile industries effluent contains higher concentrations of Cu, Pb and Cd. Singh and Chandel (2006) conducted analytical study of heavy metals of industrial effluents at Jaipur, Rajasthan and concluded that textile industrial effluent contains Cu, Pb and Cd in higher

levels. Malarkodi *et al.* (2007) reported that higher levels of Cd, Pb and Cu in soil of textile industries. Lokhande *et al.* (2011) reported that dyes, paints, textile industries are the major industries contributing to the Cd, Pb and Cu pollution in the aquatic environment. Jaishree and Khan (2014) reported that waste water effluents from textile dyeing and printing industries contains dyes, bleaching agents, salts, acids and heavy metals like Cr, Cu, Pb, and Zn.

Three sugar mills are in basin of reservoir, discharge effluents into the river, this might be sources of heavy metal pollution in the reservoir. Numerous investigators reported that sugar mill effluent contains heavy metals like Cu, Zn, Pb and Fe (Fakayode, 2005; Vermeulen and Vawada, 2008; Deshmukh, 2014; Saranraj and Stella, 2014). The Girna river brings huge amount of domestic waste, textile, printing, dyeing industrial and other industrial effluents along with organic matter, run-off from agricultural field and traffic run-off, this might be reason for higher concentrations of heavy metals Zn, Cu, Pb and Cd in sediments collected from Girna reservoir. Halcrow *et al.* (1973) have reported that heavy metal concentrations in sediment increase of organic matter content. According to Presley *et al.*,

**Figure 1: Map of Girna reservoir**

(1980), the elemental concentration of sediments not only based on anthropogenic sources, but also upon the organic matter content, textural characteristic, mineralogical composition, and depositional environment of sediments. Harland *et al.* (2000) reported that the metal concentrations in the sediments depend on organic matter and particle size.

In the present study, it was observed that the magnitude of heavy metal accumulation depends upon type of heavy metal and the species of the bivalve. Waykar and Shinde (2011) and Waykar and Deshmukh (2012) reported that the element concentrations in molluscs differ between different species due to species-specific ability/capacity to regulate or accumulate trace metals. Therefore, two species that live in a same place can differ in the types and concentrations of metals they accumulate (Rainbow, 2002).

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