

WATER HYACINTH IS A NATURAL WATER PURIFIER

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Due to the increasing anthropogenic load on the supply of natural water, special attention is paid to its methods of purification. Known technical methods of cleaning do not cope with this task. In addition, they themselves sometimes make additional pollution. These issues are of concern to the regions rich in natural water resources. Recently, much attention is paid to the natural possibilities of water purification, in particular, various plants that can perform the role of natural cleaners. One of the types of Eichhornia – water hyacinth (*Eichhorniacrassipes*) is acknowledged, as one of the most promising natural cleaners.

The aim of this work is to assess the possibility of using Eichornia as a wastewater treatment plant and to study the dynamics of this process.

The result of the study of eichornia natural abilities for water purification determined the evolution of the most common organic pollutants concentration such as oil, washing powder, and also acetone, phenol and formaldehyde.

The presented results are in good agreement with the known scientific data and clarify the features of the purification process in different conditions.

Based on the results of these studies, the ability of water hyacinth to perform cleaning even at impurity concentrations of 50 mg/dm³ was revealed, which significantly exceeds the concentrations proposed by other authors. The change in mass fraction of impurities in the purification process depends significantly on the type of impurities was shown.

The obtained results can be used for this process introduction in the works on the natural water reserves purification from man-made effects.

Key words: natural waters, pollution by organic substances, cleaning by natural water purifiers, eichornia (water hyacinth), chromatographic analysis.

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