

Analysis of Environmental Health Risk Exposure to Heavy Metals in Communities that Consume the *BatissaViolaceacelebens* from Konaweha River, Indonesia

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Abstract. *Batissaviolaceacelebens* is an endemic species of shellfish on Sulawesi Island. This animal is one of the staple foods of the people living around the Konaweha River. Various researches have been conducted to find the contamination of Cadmium, Plumbum and Hydragryrum heavy metals on the Konaweha River. Heavy metals can cause bioaccumulation in *Batissaviolaceacelebens*. The objective of this study was to analyze the environmental health risks of heavy metals exposure in humans who consumed *Batissaviolaceacelebens* from the Konaweha River. The study employed quantitative research (Field Research and Research Laboratory). By using the Environmental Health Risk Analysis method adopted from USEPA. The results showed that the concentration of heavy metals in *Batissaviolaceacelebens* was 0.03345 mg/kg (Cd), 0.04505 mg/kg (Pb) and 0.001833 mg/kg (Hg). The value of human intakes is 0.0054235 mg/kg/day (Cd), 0.0073076 mg/kg/day (Pb) and 0.0002962 mg/kg/day (Hg). The duration of exposure for 30 years, the average intake rate of 68.09 grams/day, the average exposure frequency is 124 days/year. So that the Risk Quotient value <1 is obtained. Pollution in the Konaweha River has contaminated *Batissavoilecaelebens*. It is predicted that the risk of contamination will be felt by humans if they consume more than 30 years. It would be better if the Risk Quotient value was lowered by minimizing the intensity of exposure to consumption of *Batissaviolaceacelebens*.

Keywords: Environmental Health Risk Analysis, *Batissaviolaceacelebens*, Cadmium, Plumbum, Hydragryrum, Indonesia.

1. Introduction

Pollution almost happens in all over the world and elements, such as air pollution that harms people's health [1] and water pollution that implicates public health [2]. The contamination of heavy metals through aquatic ecosystem has become a problem in environmental health for several decades [3],[4]. The contamination of heavy metals in aquatic ecosystem intensively relates to the

loose of heavy metals by domestic waste [5], industry [6] and another human activities. The contamination of heavy metals can make deadly effect towards marine organisms and effects the imbalance of ecologic and diversity of marine organisms [7]. Heavy metals like Mercury (Hg) is a type of heavy metals that has the most dangerous toxic effect like Lead (Pb) and Cadmium (Cd), they are known as the big three heavy metal with the highest toxicity level in human's health [8].

There is a Konawehea river in Southeast Sulawesi, this river is one of the supply of clean water source of the community and there is also typical food such as endemic biota namely 'pokea' (*Batissaviolaceacelebensis* Martens, 1897) [9],[10]. Based on the result of research in 2017, Konewaha river became light polluted category [11]. The existence of heavy metals in the environment causes accumulation in aquatic biota [12]. The more higher the heavy metals in neighborhood of shellfish, therefore shells body will accumulate heavy metals in high amount [13].

The exposure of heavy metals to animals and human can give acute toxic, sub acute, and chronic [14]. Chronic toxic effect happens if chemical materials accumulate in biological systems (absorption exceeds biotransformation excretion) or if it produces toxic effect that is not recovered or if it is not enough from the biological system to do the recovery from the damage of exposure frequency interval, or the exposure happens repeatedly [15]. Based on fact and theory, this study aims to know how big the impact to the health risk because the consumption of *Batissaviolaceacelebensis* Martens, 1897 that exposed heavy metals in Konawehea river.

2. Method

This study was as type of quantitative research (Field Research and Research Laboratory). This type of research was an observational analytic study with the design of Environmental Health Risk Analysis (ARKL) [16],[17] due to exposure to Cadmium (Cd), Plumbum (Pb) and Hydrargyrum (Hg). The population of this study were people who live around Konawehea river that consume *Batissaviolaceacelebensis* Martens, 1897. The samples of this study were people with minium age (40 years). The sample *Batissaviolaceacelebensis* Martens, 1897 was taken from three locations in Konawehea river.

1st Location : 03°56'07.47"S and 122°25'55.54"E

2nd Location : 03°56'26.48"S and 122°25'42.92"E

3rd Location : 03°56'10.58"S and 122°25'48.68"E

Then, those samples were tested to know heavy metals content in Forensic Biology Laboratory, Faculty of Mathematic and Sciences, Halu Oleo University by using destruction method and Atomic Absorption Spectrofotometer (AAS). The respondent's intake data were collected by using questionnaire and antropometry of respondent and they were measured by using height and weight measuring instruments with SNI standard.

3. Result

The result of concentration measurement of heavy metals Cadmium (Cd), Plumbum, and Hydrargyrum (Hg) in 'pokea' (*Batissaviolacecelebensis* Martens, 1897) can be seen in Table 1.

Table 1. Concentration of Heavy Metals *Batissaviolacecelebensis* Martens, 1897 from Konaweha river.

No.	Location	Cd (mg/kg)	Pb (mg/kg)	Hg (mg/kg)
1	1st Location	0.0387	0.0473	0.0014
2	1st Location	0.0317	0.0473	0.0014
3	2nd Location	0.0282	0.0473	0.0027
4	2nd Location	0.0387	0.0541	0.0014
5	3rd Location	0.0282	0.0405	0.0027
6	3rd Location	0.0352	0.0338	0.0014
Average		0.03345	0.04505	0.001833

Source : Forensic Biology Laboratory, Faculty of Mathematic and Sciences, Halu Oleo University

Based on the results of the calculation of similarities of Louvar & Louvar (1998) as follows :

$$I_1 \quad (I) = \frac{C \times R \times fE \times Dt}{Wb \times T_a}$$

And Risk Level (RQ)

$$R = \frac{I}{Rfd \text{ or } RFC}$$

The exposure of heavy metals Cd, Pb and Hg on 97 respondents that consume 'pokea' (*Batissaviolacecelebensis* Martens, 1897) from Konaweha river Morosi sub-district Konawe district can be seen in table 5.11, it shows that the respondents or communities who consume 'pokea' from Konaweha river do not have any health risks for at least 30 years later because RQ value for each heavy metals (Cd, Pb and Hb) are under 1 or <1. It can be assumed that heavy metals content (Cd, Pb and Hg) only focus on 'pokea' and the concentration value and other variables value are not change for 30 years later. Meanwhile, population calculation can be used variable distribution in table 2.

Table 2. Distribution of variable analysis of the risks of *Batissaviolacecelebensis* Martens, 1897.

Value	Heavy Metals Concentration (C)			R (gr/day)	fE (day/year)	Wb (kg)	(Dt)	Tavg
	Cd	Pb	Hg					
Mean	0.01720	0.02317	0.00094	68.09	124	49.84		
Median	0.01282	0.01727	0.00070	74	104	50	30	10950
SD	0.01427	0.01921	0.00078	23.58	71.82	11.45		

Min	0.00256	0.00345	0.00014	29.6	52	20	
Max	0.07714	0.10389	0.00423	129.5	364	79	
CoV	82.94	82.94	82.95	34.63	57.91	22.97	

Source : Primary Data, 2018

Based on the results of risk calculation, it shows that RQ value from three heavy metals (Cd, Pb and Hg) are < 1. Therefore, it can be assumed that nowadays and 30 years later, communities who consume 'pokea' from Konawe river, Morosi sub-district, Konawe district are still safe and it does not give any risk through heavy metals content (Cd, Pb, and Hg) in 'pokea' (*Batissaviolaceacelebensis* Martens, 1897).

4. Discussion

The level of heavy metals pollution really determine the concentration of heavy metals in aquatic biota. Several researches show the level of heavy metals accumulation in aquatic biota. In Calang beach, it is found that several contents such as Lead (Pb), Mercury (Hg) and Cadmium (Cd) in first station are 6.93; 0.71; 2.54 mg/kg [18]. Another research showed that there were 29 fish species in South China Sea, they are ; 51–115.81 ng/g (Cd), 0.54–27.31 ng/g (Pb), 0.02–1.26 µg/g (Cr), 8.32–57.48 ng/g (Ni), 0.12–1.13 µg/g (Cu), 2.34–6.88 µg/g (Zn), 2.51–22.99 µg/g (Fe), and 0.04–0.81 µg/g (Mn) [7]. Moreover, heavy metals are also identified in river, Pb, Cr and Zn concentration in many fish samples exceed consumption limits [19], and it is contaminated by heavy metals in shrimp (*Macrobrachium rosenbergii* and *Penaeus monodon*) that are collected from Khulna-Satkhira area in Bangladesh with concentration; Pb that is (0.52-1.16 mg/kg) and Cd that is (0.05-0.13 mg/kg) [20].

This study showed that there were heavy metals contents such as Cd, Pb and Hg in *Batissaviolaceacelebensis* Martens, 1897 Konawe river. Those heavy metals concentration were Cd 0.03345 mg/L, Pb 0.04505 mg/L dan Hg 0.001833 mg/L. Heavy metals can be concentrated through food chain and accumulated in organism that benthic such as bivalvia type. Bivalva group has been known that it can accumulate the types of pollutant until the most dangerous level for customers. It related to the feeder filter properties owned and the way they live their life that mostly settle, therefore, the possibility was small to eschew from the change of aquatic environmental which was dangerous. The result of risk analysis calculation of environmental health shows that RQ value was < 1. Although, RQ value was < 1, but by having concentration and bioaccumulation of heavy metals of Cd, Pb and Hg in 'pokea' shells body, it is possible that in the future it will impact human health. It is because of industry development, people activities etc, that leads to the enhancement of water river pollution and shells (pokea). As mentioned before, heavy metals (Cd, Pb and Hg) are heavy metals with high toxicity.

Indonesian National Standardization Agency and USEPA has stipulate the standard/maximum value of shells consumption which is not more than 1.0 mg/kg, Pb less than 1.5 mg/kg and Hg less than 1.0 mg/kg. If heavy metals contents in those 'pokea' exist in shells with the concentration more than pre-termined value, it will give negative impact to the communities health who consume it.

Risk management is a follow-up that must be done if the result of characterization shows that it is not safe risk level or unacceptable. Management or control of health risk is done by 3 approaches, they are technology approach, socio-economic approach and institutional approach. Control can be done by determining safety limit/low risk that happens by reducing contact from exposure such as minimize the consumption of *Batissaviolaceacelebensis* Martens, 1897 from Konawehea river.

5. Conclusion

The conclusions of this research areas follow :

1. Heavy metals concentration such as Cadmium (Cd), Plumbum (Pb) and Hydrargyrum (Hg) in 'pokea' respectively are 0.03345 mg/kg, 0.04505 mg/kg and 0.001833 mg/kg.
2. The amount of respondent 'sintake' or average intake in consuming 'pokea' for heavy metals Cadmium (Cd) is 0.0054235 mg/kg/day, Plumbum (Pb) is 0.0073076 mg/kg/day and Hydrargyrum (Hg) is 0.0002962 mg/kg/day.
3. The level of respondent's risk and population is based on RQ calculation that is < 1 . It means that communities that consume 'pokea' from Konawehea river does not have risk of health problems for nowadays and 30 years later.

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