

Table S1. Studies of heavy metals uptake by duckweeds

Duckweed species	Metal(s)	Initial concentration (mg/L)	Removal rate	Reference
<i>Lemna gibba</i>	Cu, Zn	0.001, 0.1	70-80%	[169]
	Cd		~90%	
	Pb	2, 4, 10, 15	91.0-96.4%	[118]
	Cr		86.2-94.8%	
	Pb	--- ^a	60%	[170]
	Ni		60%	
	Mn		62%	
	Cu		57%	
	Cr		up to 98.6%	[171]
	Cd	1-9	up to 94.6%	
	Cu		80%	[172]
		0.1	60%	
	Ni	0.1 0.3 0.5	15%	
			10%	
	Pb		10%	
		10	98.1	[122]
		2	60.1	
	Cd	10 2	41.6	
			84.8	
<i>Lemna minor</i>	Cu	0.5 Hg Pb Zn	99.8%	[173]
			99.53%	
			97.88%	
			94.37%	
	Pb	--- ^b	62%	[170]
	Ni		68%	
	Mn		77%	
	Cu		58%	
	As		70%	[154]
	Cd	0.5-3 0.038 0.054	42-78%	[119]
			95	
			94.5	
	Cu	0.062 0.032	94.7	[123]
			92.5	
	Pb	0.608	97.6	
		0.059 0.419	99.9	
			90	
	Cr	0.1	94	[116]
	Pb	0.25	36	
	Cd	1.5	33	
	Cu	0.05	29	
	Zn	1.25	51-82	
<i>Lemna minuta</i>	Cd	0.11	95	[174]
	Pb	0.21	93	
	Zn	0.065	81.2	
	Cu	0.064	86.5	
	Pb	10	99.99	[175]
	Ni		99.3	
	Pb	16 ^c	98.7	[176]
	Cu	12 ^c	99.8	
	Zn	43 ^c	72	
	Cd	5.1 ^c	99.6	
<i>Lemna trisulca</i>	Zn	1.47	83	[177]
	Pb	0.83	78	
	Fe	1.17	77	
	Cu	0.69	91	
	Ni	1.21	76	[178]
	Zn	1-20	40-83	
	Zn	1-20	35-89	

<i>Spirodela polyrhiza</i>	Zn	1-5	>90%	[179]
	Cu			
	Cr			
	Fe			
	Cd			
	Cd	0.5-3	52-75%	[119]
	Pb	1	53	[180]
	Cd	1	53	
	Cu	65	79	
	Pb	26	95	
	Zn	212	66	
	Cr	118	53	
	Co	7.2	28	
	Mn	8	20	
	Hg	23	45	
	Ni	19.3	9	
	Cu	63	74	[181] (waste water sample from India)
	Pb	34.4	91	
	Zn	301	62.4	
	Cr	121	49	
	Co	8	40	
	Mn	7.3	30.1	
	Hg	3.4	53	
	Ni	22.3	22	
	Fe	5.3	98.1	
	Cd	3	100	

a, waste water in circulation; b, waste water in circulation; c, concentration unit is $\mu\text{g/L}$

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