MAPPING HEAVY METALS POLLUTION IN URBAN AREA BY USING GIS TECHNIQUES IN DUHOK GOVERNORATE, KURDISTAN REGION OF IRAQ

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ABSTRACT

In the current century, urbanization is the main reason of the prompt growth in metropolitan areas. These rapid changes in urban form have serious negative consequences on environment quality. Moreover, the air pollution is considered amongst the most significant environmental problems in the world. Recently, GIS tool contribute efficiently in monitoring the spatiotemporal multi-scales. For the present study the inverse distance weight method of interpolation is followed. Therefore, the aim of this study is to find the rate of some detrimental heavy metals (Pb, Cd, and Cu) then, relying on GIS application the interpolation in different city categories were determined. The results showed control areas characterized by the lowest value of metals, followed by peri-urban areas, and then the highest value comes in highway and city center. Furthermore, the supreme values of heavy metal contamination were found in sites characterized by heavy traffic jam for the most part, by the roadsides. In conclusion, the utmost values of heavy metal contamination were found in sites characterized by the roadsides.

KEYWORDS: Kurdistan, Heavy metals, GIS application, Environment, spacial modeling, urban area, air pollution.

1. INTRODUCTION

The rapid growth of cities in the 21st century is the leading cause of urbanization worldwide (Patel and Burkle, 2012). The evidence of this rapid urbanization can be clearly seen in the incessant development of the systems transportation everywhere (Shinde&Karjinni, 2005). Conceptually, the urban transport system has been conceived to facilitate the citizen's mobility, and play a key role in the economic, social and cultural activities (Rodrigue et al., 2016). However, these rapid urban changes are having serious negative consequences on environment quality i.e. quality of soil, water, and air (Duh et al., 2008; Huff &Angeles, 2011; Cassidy et al., 2014). Therefore, the air pollution has become a growing problem in urbanized areas, and recently it's considered amongst the most significant environmental

problems in the world. In this context, the urban transportation system is documented as the foremost source of air pollution in various cities. For example, in developing countries the vehicular emission attributes in large measures (40–80%) to crisis resulted from air contamination (Mishra & Pandey, 2011).

Air Pollution is an atmospheric condition with predominant existence of hazardous the substances that are detrimental to human being and animals (Mishra et al., 2019). By way of illustration, the air-borne contaminants degrade the air quality and continuous exposure to unclean air certainly lead to major public human health problems such as wheezing, coughing, cardiopulmonary disease, asthma and bronchitis etc (Yerramilli et al, 2011). Among all air-borne contaminants, the heavy metals are considered of particular concern to urban environment (Sarkar &Webster, 2017, Rajé et al., 2018). Moreover, the high vehicle traffic was proven to be one of the important heavy metals emissions sources (Świetlik *et al*, 2013; Hu *et al*, 2018). Among these heavy metals, the lead, zinc and copper are the most common discharged by vehicle traffic, adding up at least 90% from the overall emitted quantity (Popescu, 2011). Correspondingly, vehicle traffic is in charge of the emission small quantities of some other metals, like cadmium and nickel (United States Office of Air Quality, 2007; Popescu, 2011).

In recent years, there has been an increasing interest in the installation devices / networks for monitoring the urban air quality (Kumar *et al.*, 2016).

This vigorous urban air quality networks often indicates significant temporal and spatial variations, and allow to implement an efficient policy of urban development (Gerdol et al., 2014; Kumar et al., 2016). In this circumstance, the contemporary development of spatial data management like the outline of geographic information systems (GISs) has generated a new era with respect to environmental modelling. Moreover, these GISs are often the contemporary prevailing tool that facilitates connecting nonspatial information to spatial data (Matejicek, 2005). Along with its embedded relational database component, the system contributes in storing, then mapping and analyzing georeferenced data in an organized form (Yerramilli et al, 2011).

In recent urban environment context, the GIS tools efficiently contribute on the monitoring of the spatiotemporal multi-scales which would play a crucial role in reducing the cost and the time of field surveys. Despite its productive success worldwide in term of urban modeling and management, however, far too little attention has been paid to the uses and application of GIS on Duhok urban environment issues. Furthermore,

most research studies have been carried out in small urban areas and/or tended to focus on urban water quality (Mustafa and Noori, 2013), land cover and land change (Mohammed, 2013) or spatial distribution planning of tree species in non-urbanized areas (Habeeb and Mustafa 2014). Concerning the GIS application on the air pollution approaches in Duhok urban areas, Hassan (2012) has evaluated the vehicle exhaust emission effects on the air quality of Duhok city. But, the research has analyzed only the CO₂ rate presented in air within 9 locations representing the entire study area. Therefore, the main aim of this study is to determine the rate of some serious heavy metals (Pb, Cd, and Cu) related to traffic within Duhok City. Moreover, relying on GIS application to show the interpolation in different city categories.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS 2.1. Study area

The current research study was carried out in urban areas throughout Duhok city in the north of Kurdistan Region of Iraq (latitudes: 36° 49' 30"N to 36° 52' 30"N; longitudes: 42° 54' 30"Eto 43° 3' 30"E). Duhok city is situated on approximately 585 m above sea level (asl) covering about 39.67 (Mohammed, 2013). Currently, km² the population of the city is about 1,133,627 inhabitants (NCCIRAQ, 2015) which consists multiethnic communities. Its strategic position at the junction of Iraqi, Syrian and Turkish borders places it at the heart of multi-intercultural interaction (Mustafa et al., 2012). From a climatologically standpoint, Duhok possess a Mediterranean microclimate that's cold and rainy in winter whereas, hot and dry in summer (Youssef et al., 2019). Temperature degrees start to elevate gradually until reaching its highest, up to (37.5 °C) during July. See Figure (1).



Fig. (1): Location of the Sample points in Duhok city.

2.2 Selected Tree species

For this research study, the samples were taken from eighteen locations in Duhok urban areas, from the leaves of three tree species (Pinus brutia, Cupressus sempervirens, and Melia azedarach). Moreover, the locations have been selected according to four categories: i) highway, ii) city center, iii) peri-urban and iv) controlled/ natural area (Albeyboni, 2019). Furthermore, the selected tree species are commonly cultivated in Duhok urban area like other Kurdish cities. These urban tree species were selected on the basis of their availability within all the selected location categories. Besides, the chosen tree species are proven to be of high effectively as bioindicator of pollution within residential areas (El-Hasan et al., 2002, Dogan, et al., 2010, Bozdogan, 2016). 2.3. Tree samples collection and laboratory

analysis for determination of heavy metals bioaccumulation

During the study eighteen locations has been determined on the Duhok map which represent all urban and Peri-urban areas of the city. They localized as following: four locations were on Shindukha highway, three on Malta highway, four at Peri-urban area, three from the centre of the city and four was taken from controlled areas. To meet the study objectives, leaves samples were taken from three tree species (Pinus brutia, Cupressus sempervirens, and Melia azedarach) at the end of April to the beginning of May. The tree leaves were taken from five branches for each tree species, moreover the selected leaves were from the side of the tree nearest the street.

Samples were kept in plastic bags, and field required information (collection date, location GPS, coordinates (longitude, latitude), habitat notes, etc.) were written on the bags. Then, all samples were taken to the laboratory of the Environment Directorate of Duhok city for analysis. All the samples were documented and numbered according to their environmental conditions as well as their locations. Knowing that for leaves preparation and analyses the protocol of Martens and Lindsay (1990) were followed. Leaves were washed with tap water then with distilled water. After washing, the leaves were placed in the oven at 60 °C for 48 hours. Thereafter, the dried leaves grinded with grinding machine to soft powder then all the samples were digested and filtered through Whitman No. 42 filter paper and the volume were brought to 50 ml by deionized water. Lead (Pb), Cadmium (Cd) and Copper (Cu) were determined by Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer (Martens & Lindsay, 1990). All the gotten data were organized in excel sheets, and the linear regression model was applied to forecast and illustrate the relationship between heavy metals concentrations and the level of traffic intensity.

2.4. GIS application

In this study, the data collected from Duhok city and coordinate points by GPS device at

Each location and the latitude and longitude readings were taken at Table (1). All data processing was carried out in ArcGIS version 10.2 ESRI (1999). Inverse Distance Weighting (IDW) interpolation method software used for the concentration of each three heavy metals (Pb, Cd and Cu). When the points are uniformly distributed and the number of elevation points in an area is large the IDW provide a satisfactory results. Also, sample points are implicitly known to be autonomous of each other (Yilmaz & Hocanli, 2006; Gouri *et al.*, 2018). Generally,

Category

interpolation helps to predict the cell values in a pattern format using a given number of sample data. It is a good tool for prediction of unknown values for a given geographic point data which in this study is the concentrations of the three heavy metals i.e. Pb, Cd and Cu.

 Table (1): coordinate of the sample points in Duhok City

 Abbreviation
 Longitude
 Latitude
 Samples
 Site description

 HW1
 N36 50' 48.390"
 E43 01' 47.26"
 3 tree sp.
 Barzan HW, near Parwar Hotel

 LW/2
 N36 50' 45 605"
 E043 50' 05 E35"
 2 tree sp.
 Barzan LW/ poor K

Highway	HW1	N36 50' 48.390"	E43 01' 47.26"	3 tree sp.	Barzan HW, near Parwar Hotel
Highway	HW2	N36 50' 45.605"	E042 59' 05.535"	3 tree sp.	Barzan HW near KIU station - traffic light
Highway	HW3	N36 51' 03.359"	E 042 57' 37.246"	3 tree sp.	Barzan HW Near Azadi Rest.
Highway	HW4	N36 50' 51.38"	E43 0' 56.79"	3 tree sp.	Zakho HW Median island, near Mazi mall
Highway	HW5	N36 51' 22.90"	E042 56' 11.01"	3 tree sp.	Zakho HW Viking Rest.
Highway	HW6	N36 51' 18.754"	E042 57' 06.320"	3 tree sp.	Zakho HW Automotive industrial area
Highway	HW7	N36 51' 30.97"	E042 58' 35.52"	3 tree sp.	Barzan HWCinar Rest. near traffic light
City Center	CC1	N36 51' 58.689"	E042 59' 41.529"	3 tree sp.	Near DHL and Fedex office
City Center	CC2	N36 51' 44.338"	E042 59' 44.276"	3 tree sp.	Over Nuhedra Bridge
City Center	CC3	N36 51' 49.529"	E042 59' 48.217"	3 tree sp.	Near Bourse
Peri-urban	Purb1	N36 50' 41.084"	E043 00' 15.90"	3 tree sp.	Barzani Park
Peri-urban	Purb2	N36 52' 48.69"	E042 56' 07.268"	3 tree sp.	Masika (Aram City)
Peri-urban	Purb3	N36 52'42. 305"	E042 57' 16.784"	3 tree sp.	Behind Davinci institute
Peri-urban	Purb4	N36 50' 44.078"	E042 59' 40.74"	3 tree sp.	HaylAskari (Reshavast.)
Control	Control1	N36 53' 52.864"	E43 8' 50.763"	P. brutia	Zawita

Control	Control2	N37 00' 06.248"	E043 13' 00.263"	P. brutia	Swaratoka
Control	Control3	N36 52' 19"	E43 7' 34.05"	P. brutia	Bablo
Control	Control4	N36 48' 27.56"	E47 59'37.05	C. sempervirens ,	Sharya
				M. azedarach	

3. RESULTS & DISCUSSION

This paper help to study the evaluation of air pollution within the help of advanced modern technology based study like GIS.ArcGIS spacial analysis model (Version 10.2) within inverse distance weight model was used to interpolate the air pollution mapping. It was used to interpolate the different pollutant concentration to a spatial air mapping. The (IDW) method of interpolation is the favourite geo-statistical technique in air pollution modelling (Jerrett et al., 2005).In the current study, the concentration of three metals (Cd, Pb and Cu) for the taken tree species (Pinus brutia, Cupressus sempervirens, and Melia azedarach). The spatial air mappings are clearly founded in the study area as shown in the Figures (2, 3 and 4).

There is a good match between the current and previous studies related to polluted

plants of roadsides with heavy metals, majorly with Pb and Cd (Singh *et al.*, 1997; Khan *et al.*,

2011). In the current study, the concentration of three metals (Cd, Pb and Cu) for the taken tree species (Pinus brutia, Cupressus sempervirens, and Melia azedarach), at chosen locations shown in Figures (2,3 and 4). The data in general demonstrated elevated levels in plant leaves with urbanization and increase in denseness. Moreover, the activities of industrial areas and the density of traffic in urban roadsides can be considered as major ins and outs of the heavy metals elevated levels (Celik et al., 2005; Naderizadeh et al., 2016). The values starts from control areas with the lowest value of metals, followed by peri-urban areas, and then the highest value comes which, was found in Highway and City center. Furthermore, the utmost values of heavy metal contamination were found in sites characterized by heavy traffic jam for the most part, by the roadsides. These findings are in agreement with those perceived in earlier studies (Ndiokwere, 1984; Rajéet al., 2018).



Fig. (2): The concentration of Lead



Fig. (3): The concentration of Cadmium



Fig.(4): The concentration of Copper

Lead is of the pollutants that taken up passively by trees, from contaminated air resources (Staszewski *et al.*, 2009). Pb for the most part added to the surrounding environment by reason of aerial deposition (Aksoy *et al.*, 2000; Celik *et al.*, 2005). The outcomes of Pb

concentrations for the selected tree species (*P. brutia, C. semprevirens,* and *M. azedarach*), in eighteen locations handing out four categories control, Purb, CC, and HW, are presented in Figures (5,6.7).



Fig. (5): The concentration of Pb in P. brutia



Fig.(6): The concentration of Pb in C. semprevirens



Fig.(7): The concentration of Pb in *M. azedarach*).

The overall measurement results demonstrate the value of Pb ranged between 2.65 and 120.75mg.kg⁻¹ d.wt. The value of Pb in *P. brutia* for HW, CC, and Purb started from 2.94 up to 120.733 mg.kg⁻¹, despite the fact the control ranged between 3.25 and 5.02 mg.kg⁻¹. Then again, the Pb in *M. azedarach* fluctuated between 2.65 and 58.95 mg.kg⁻¹, the control was 10.7 mg.kg⁻¹. Moreover, the *C. sempervirens* also displays elevated levels in specific sites, lies in the ranges 4.45 and 62.98 mg.kg⁻¹, and nonetheless for the control rate was 12.497 mg.kg⁻¹.



Fig. (8): The concentration of Cd in *P. brutia*



Fig.(9): The concentration of Cd in C. semprevirens



Fig.(10): The concentration of Cd in *M. azedarach*.

On the other hand, Cadmium values set between 0.46 and 17.49 mg.kg⁻¹. Besides, both the lowermost and uppermost values found in *C. sempervirens* leaves. Though, in controlled area the range was between 0.26 and 0.81 mg.kg⁻¹. Due to (Kabata-Pendias & Pendias, 2001), the level of Cd in nearly all the locations considered beyond the safe levels in addition, only in four selected points the rate is within the noxious limit. See Figure (8, 9 and 10). The maximum value of Cd is found in highway and nearly all the tested tree species are of same efficiency for capturing Cd. Furthermore, the highest value is presented in highway in the surrounding areas to roadside and traffic intensity followed by CC then the concentration drops substantially at Peri-urban. This decline in the levels of cadmium along with distance from the main roads show that motor vehicle emissions play a noteworthy role of variation in Cd levels (Bakirdere &Yaman, 2008).



Fig. (11): The concentration of Cu in *P. brutia*.



Fig. (12): The concentration of Cu in C. semprevirens



Fig. (13): The concentration of Cu in M. azedarach.

Cu outcomes indicated, the highest value of Cu buildup presented in M. azedarach with 28.567 mg.kg⁻¹; subsequent by *C. sempervirens* and *P. brutia* with 22.43 and 22.15 mg.kg⁻¹ respectively. Likewise, all of the listed high values site in Peri-urban such results are represented in Figures (11, 12 and 13). However, the findings of the current study do not support the previous research results of Onder *et al*, (2007); Kuklová *et al.*, (2019) who found the uppermost value of Cu along with Pb and Cd at urban roadsides.

CONCLUSION

The results presented here may facilitate improvements in better knowledge of air pollution situation in Duhok City. By using GIS technique with (IDW) interpolation, the city center and highway find to be the most polluted categories in the city, while the peri-urban followed by control area are characterized by low contamination rates. More samples in different areas and different timing for future researches are recommended.

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پەيڤێن ڤەكۆلينێ (گرنگ): كوردستان, كانزايێن قورس, ب كارئينانا سيستەمێ زانياريێن جوگرافی, ژينگەہ, نموونەيێن تايبەت, دەڤەرێن شارستانی, پيسبوونا ھەوای استخدام تقنيات نظم المعلومات الجغرافية في خريطة التلوث المعادن الثقيلة للمناطق الحضرية في محافظة دهوك

الخلاصة

في القرن الحالي ، يعد التوسع العمراني هو السبب الرئيسي للنمو السريع في المناطق الحضرية. هذه التغيرات السريعة في الشكل الحضري لها عواقب سلبية خطيرة على جودة البيئة. علاوة على ذلك ، يعتبر تلوث الهواء من بين أهم المشكلات البيئية في العالم. في الآونة الأخيرة ، تساهم أداة نظم المعلومات الجغرافية بكفاءة في رصد النطاقات الزمانية المكانية المتعددة. في هذه الدراسة ، يتم إتباع طريقة وزن المسافة العكسية للاستيفاء. وبالتالي ، فإن الهدف من هذه الدراسة هو العثور على معدل بعض المعادن الثقيلة الخطيرة dP و Cd و Dd و Dd و اعتمادًا على تطبيق GIS ، تم تحديد التداخلات في فئات المختلفة داخل المدينة. أظهرت النتائج أن مناطق الطبيعية تتميز بأقل قيمة للمعادن ، تليها المناطق المحيطة بالمدن ، ثم تأتي القيمة الأعلى في الطرق السريعة ووسط المدينة. علاوة على ذلك ، تم العثور على القيم العليا للتلوث بالمعادن الثقيلة في المواقع التي تتميز بالازدحام المروري في معظم الأحيان ، على جوانب الطرق.وفي الختام ، تم العثورعلى القيم القرص للتلوث بالمعادن الثقيلة في المواقع التي تتميز بالازدحام المروري في معظم الأحيان ، على جوانب الطرق.