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## IMMOBILIZATION OF Ni, Cu, Pb AND Cr IN SOIL BY IMPROVED BIOCHAR MODIFICATION

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Any man-made activity, including mining, has a negative impact on the environment. This is especially evident in the accumulation of toxic metals in the soil, such as nickel, copper, lead and chromium [1-3]. Excessive accumulation of these metals in the soil, in terms of impact on the population, through the food chain contributes primarily to the development of anaemia, as well as damage to the kidneys and nervous system [4, 5]. In terms of impact on plants, excess heavy metals interfere with ecosystem processes, contribute to stress conditions of vegetable plants and reduce the efficiency of agricultural activities [6]. Violations of the physiological and biochemical aspects of plants due to poisoning with toxic metals makes these plants dangerous for consumption, which contradicts the principles of industrial safety [7].

Researchers from different countries around the world are interested in studying the methods and possibilities of remediation of the negative impact of mining activities in the form of the spread and accumulation of toxic metals in the environment, and much attention from researchers in this problem is attracted by the study of the role of biochar for soil restoration [8]. The use of MgO-modified biochars has been mainly studied for the treatment of water bodies and wastewater

[9, 10], and has not been sufficiently studied for the restoration of metals from soil [11]. At the same time, the properties of biochar and, accordingly, its effectiveness depend on the raw materials for its creation.

A group of authors in [12] investigated the efficiency of different MgO-modified biochars in immobilizing Ni, Cu, Pb and Cr in soil contaminated by rock crushing and mining, as this has not been properly studied.

The main objective of the study was to investigate MgO-modified biochars at 0.5 and 1% concentrations for the immobilization of Ni, Cu, Pb and Cr in rock crush contaminated soil, mining contaminated soil, and the reduction of the uptake of these metals by pearl millet. The biochars used were:

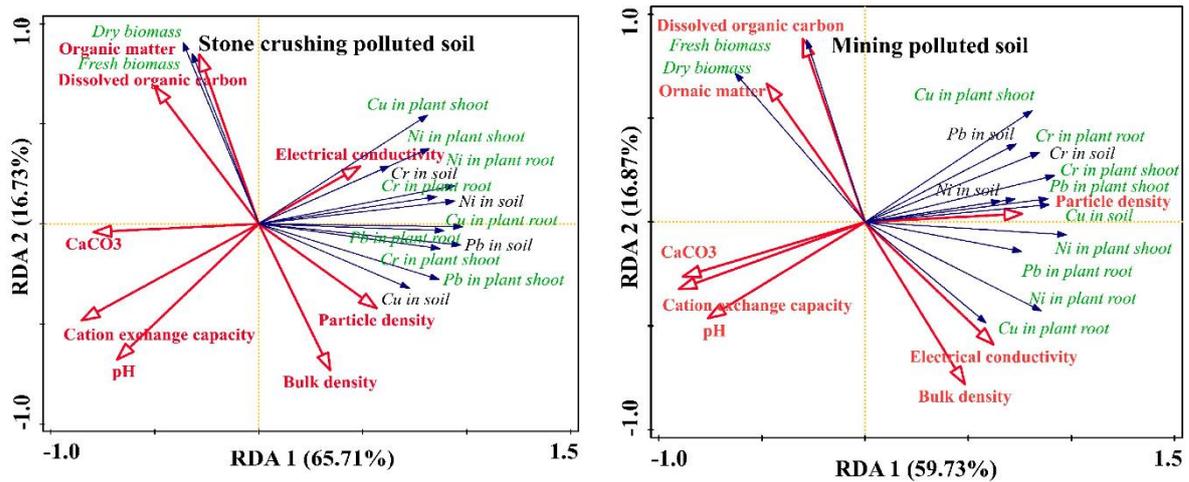
- from tea waste;
- from wood waste;
- from water lily peel;
- from pomegranate peel.

In addition, an attempt was made to evaluate the effect of the above mentioned biochars on soil EC, pH, CaCO<sub>3</sub>, CEC, OM, PD, BD, and DOC.

Soil samples were collected from different locations in the contaminated areas from a depth of 0–20 cm to determine the physicochemical properties and contamination levels. Sample preparation for analysis and experimental determination of the studied parameters were carried out in accordance with traditional practices.

The most effective for reducing the mobility of Ni and Pb in soil contaminated by mining activities was wood waste MgO-modified biochar (1%), which provided 70.71 and 76.67% for Ni and 76.78 and 74.21% for Pb, although the stabilization of Cu was recorded at 59.73%, while the use of water chestnut peel MgO-modified biochar provided 73.45%. Water chestnut peel MgO-modified biochar (1%) was the most effective for stabilizing Cr, which provided the result of 76.78 and 74.21%.

According to the Redundancy analysis, the soil pH, cation exchange capacity and calcium carbonate were negatively correlated with the soil Cu, Pb and Cr, and the shoot and root biomass of switchgrass in the mining-disturbed soil; it was found that the soil pH, cation exchange capacity and calcium carbonate were negatively correlated with the soil Cu, Pb and Cr, and the shoot and root biomass of switchgrass in the mining-contaminated soil.



**Figure 2. Results of the redundancy analysis among the studied parameters after the addition of biochar modified with MgO [12]**

The study demonstrates the positive effect of MgO-modified biochar as an additive for immobilization of Ni, Cu, Pb and Cr in contaminated soil. At the same time, different types of MgO-modified biochar show high potential for different purposes, such as: from tea waste at a concentration of 1% – to increase fresh and dry biomass of millet; from wood chips at a concentration of 1% and from water chestnut at a concentration of 1% – for immobilization of Ni, Cu, Pb and Cr in the soil of the mining industry. This study provides original findings that are practically important for farming activities, as well as for researchers and scientists in the field of environmental science and technology.

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