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#### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ICPMS - Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry

cm - centimeter

g gram

μg - microgram

wt - weight

ml - milliliter

Cu - Copper

Cd - Cadmium

Zn - Zinc

H<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> nitric acid

H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> hydrogen peroxide

Ppm - part per thousand

P<0.05 - significant differences

P>0.05 - no significant differences

ANOVA - analysis of variance

df - degree of freedom

SS - sum of square

MS - mean of square

SD - standard deviation

μg/g - microgram per gram

Asian clam - Corbicula fluminea

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#### **ABSTRACT**

This study was conducted at Terengganu River were the specific location for sampling station is Pulau Manis River, Rengas River and Pulau Rusa River. The aim for this study is to determine and compare the concentration of heavy metal (Cu, Cd and Zinc) in Corbicula fluminea and sediment collected from three stations at Terengganu River and determines the concentration of Cu, Cd and Zinc in different of size of C.fluminea. C.fluminea was collected by hand while the sediment was collected using plastic spatula that it was rinse with 5% nitric acid. Samples were brought back to laboratory and store in refrigerator for further analysis. Three separation size were been done in C.fluminea (large, medium and small) to analysis their heavy metal concentration at different size. The samples were dried and digested to detect the heavy metal concentration (Cu, Cd and Zn), using Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry or ICPMS. The result showed that C.fluminea has high concentration of Zinc (19.0397  $\pm$  4.09  $\mu$ g/g to 22.1605  $\pm$  4.88  $\mu$ g/g) than other metals and higher concentration of Zinc also had been detected in the sediment. The concentration of Zinc in sediment is  $0.9204 \pm 4.09 \,\mu\text{g/g}$  to  $4.4090 \pm 6.98 \,\mu\text{g/g}$  depend the location of the station. From the ANOVA analysis, copper had been found to have significant differences between sizes. However, both samples (C.fluminea and sediment) showed low concentration of cadmium that accumulates.