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### **ABSTRAK**

Salah satu faktor utama pencemaran laut ialah minyak. Dalam setahun, setengah daripada jumlah kapal yang terdapat didunia akan melalui perairan Melaka dan seterusnya menghala ke laut China Selatan. Tambahan pula bahagian timur semenanjung Malaysia adalah salah satu tempat bagi penghasilan minyak yang aktif. Oleh itu, negeri Terengganu sangat peka kepada pencemaran minyak. Kajian in telah dijalankan di Setiu Lagoon, Terengganu yang terletak di Laut China Selatan. Terdapat 14 station yang dikaji pada monsoon yang berbeza. Kajian ini dijalankan ketika bukan (Ogos) monsoon timur laut, semasa (Disember) dan sebelum (Oktober) monsoon timur laut.

Jumlah hydrocarbon dalam sampel air dan sediment telah ditentukan. Selain itu, jumlah kealkalian dalam sample air juga dikaji. Julat kelakalian yang diperolehi ialah 8.00 ± 2.00 hingga 164.67 ± 4.51. Julat hidrokarbon yang diperolehi dalam sample air ialah 26.82 μg/L dan 432.18 μg/L, 58.05 μg/L dan 426.05 μg/L serta 74.39 μg/L dan 348.91 μg/L ketika persampelan pertama, kedua dan ketiga masing-masing. Julat jumlah hidrokarbon dalm sedimen yang diperolehi ketika persampelan pertama adalah 7.241mg/Kg dan18.391,17.32mg/Kg dan 808.05mg/Kg ketika persampelan kedua dan 8.08mg/Kg dan 690.04mg/Kg di persampelan ketiga.

Keputusan yang diperolehi membuktikan bahawa air dan sediment di Setiu lagun tercemar dengan hidrokarbon. Air dan sediment di station 7 adalah yang paling tercemar dengan hidrokarbon. Julat hidrokarbon yang dicatatkan bagi air dan sediment ialah 402.38 μg/L dan 838.83mg/Kg masing-masing.

Walaupun monsoon timur laut tidak sangat memberi kesan kepada bacaan hidrokarbon tetapi kandungan hydrokarbon berbeza antara stesen di lagun itu. Kandungan hidrokarbon dalam air ketika musim monsoon timur laut menurun manakala kandungan hidrokarbon dalam sediment meningkat ketika musim monsoon ini.

#### **ABSTRACT**

One of the major pollutants in this world is oil. More than half of the world's annual merchant fleet tonnage passes through the Straits of Malacca, with the majority continuing on into the South China Sea. In addition the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia is an active site for offshore oil production. Therefore, Terengganu is vulnerable to oil pollution. The study was conducted in Setiu Lagoon, Terengganu, South Chin Sea. .14 stations were established at different monsoon seasons. The samplings were carried out at Southwest monsoon(August), pre northeast monsoon (October) and during northeast monsoon (December).

Total hydrocarbon in water and sediment of Setiu Lagoon was studied. Besides this, total alkalinity in water was also determined. The range of total alkalinity was between  $8.00 \pm 2.00$  and  $164.67 \pm 4.51$ . Besides this, the mean value of total hydrocarbon in water during first sampling was range between  $26.82~\mu g/L$  and  $432.18~\mu g/L$ ,  $58.05~\mu g/L$  and  $426.05~\mu g/L$  during second sampling, and  $74.39~\mu g/L$  and  $348.91~\mu g/L$  during third sampling respectively. The mean total hydrocarbon content in sediment was in a range of 7.241 mg/Kg and 1018.391~mg/Kg during first sampling, 17.325~mg/Kg and 808.05~mg/Kg during second sampling and 8.08~mg/Kg and 690.04~mg/Kg in third sampling.

The results indicate that the water and sediment were polluted with hydrocarbon especially at station 7. The mean value of total hydrocarbon for water and sediment at station 7 was  $402.38 \,\mu\text{g/L}$  and  $838.83 \,\text{mg/Kg}$  respectively.

Although there was no significant effect of monsoon seasons on the sampling conducted (p<0.05) but there was significant different (p>0.005) on the hydrocarbon content between stations in the lagoon. The concentration of hydrocarbon in water during was lower than that found in the southwest monsoon and Intermonsoon. Where else, the hydrocarbon content in the sediment increases during northeast monsoon.